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1 development of the mine and the safety within. It may  
2 have been there from the very beginning, but it was not  
3 apparent to me.

4 Assuming they had enough money, you would turn your  
5 attention to why did the operators not proceed in the  
6 fashion that was expected of them by everybody who had  
7 been involved with them? And I think that is the way I  
8 would phrase that question. And I don't have an answer  
9 to it. But it's quite clear that when they referred to  
10 yards and yards of geological and engineering work with  
11 all sorts of documentation on monitoring equipment,  
12 environmental monitoring equipment, air systems,  
13 everything that had and would be done, if you read those  
14 reports, or needed to be done, you got no sense of unease  
15 that they would proceed in a fashion that that described.

16 And, in point of fact, what everything I have read  
17 says is that none of that occurred or none of what was  
18 important to do was done on time or done well.

19 So I don't think the financing is where I would  
20 focus. Maybe a -- it may be a focus, but I would focus  
21 on the roles of the people who ran the place and how they  
22 ran the place.

23 Q. There was a commitment by Curragh to fund any cash  
24 requirements that this mine might require. We know that  
25 in the latter part of '91, certainly in the early part of