

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. HEBERT

1 Q. -- whether or not the government could have --

2 A. You got my answer.

3 COMMISSIONER I think he answered it.

4 MR. HEBERT All right. The next -- my final question
5 is you have indicated that you were not aware of any
6 pressure from the P.M.O.'s office or the Prime Minister's
7 office. But can you state with any certainty that the
8 Prime Minister was not involved with respect to this
9 project; that, number one, that he did not support it;
10 and, number two, that he did not lobby on behalf of the
11 company with certain Ministers? Can you state that he
12 didn't do those two things?

13 A. On -- from my knowledge, being very close to this
14 project, the answer is he did not.

15 Q. Right.

16 A. And I explained that yesterday --

17 Q. All right. But it is --

18 Q. -- that he does not intervene on the side, for or
19 against, propositions that would come at him day by day
20 to support this or that special interest or this or that
21 project.

22 Q. Was it not common knowledge that Elmer MacKay had
23 given up his seat for the Prime Minister to run and that
24 the Prime Minister might have owed him a political
25 favour?