

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1       approvals, et cetera, et cetera, have been received. I  
2       am sure that's in here.

3       Q.     All right, well, without -- the lawyers can read  
4       that document later in their leisure. But you, I take  
5       it, have no recollection of any efforts being made to  
6       have evidence of or proof of the actual granting of  
7       Provincial regulatory approval?

8       A.     No.

9       Q.     Once -- following the May 9th explosion and prior to  
10       the Federal Government anteing up and paying the tab  
11       under the financial guarantees, do you know if it  
12       considered examining whether the banks had exercised due  
13       diligence?

14       A.     Caught up in the tragedy, I think the Federal  
15       Government was readying itself to pursue an examination  
16       of the very ground that this Commission is established to  
17       cover. And since that occurred within a matter of days  
18       after the tragedy, the effort was focused on, then,  
19       examining the Federal Government's role through the  
20       documentation that was prepared and submitted to this  
21       group, believing that the truth will come out here as to  
22       the roles and responsibilities of all the players.

23       Q.     Do I take it from your answer that some  
24       consideration had been given by the Federal Government to  
25       itself setting up an Inquiry?