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1 Now the date December 2nd, 1987, is the one I want
2 you to remember because remember, I was not Minister of
3 Economic Development until April 22nd, 1988. So all of
4 this, the purchase of the project, all the background,
5 took place prior to me even being Minister, and, quite
6 frankly, I really didn't have very much to do with it,
7 because I really wasn't in all that good terms with my
8 Party during that period of time. So I really didn't
9 know what was going on unless someone locally would clue
10 me in. So I wasn't involved at all until April 22nd,
11 1988.

12 In fact, when I was asked by the Premier to join
13 Cabinet at that time, I was standing outside the door of
14 the Legislature with notes in my hand to give a speech in
15 reply to the Speech from the Throne. And in those notes
16 I was about to tell my colleagues that, in fact, I would
17 be not running for re-election in that '88 election that
18 everyone knew was coming. And I reflected on the last 15
19 years with some sadness, but especially because I was not
20 able to change the political system more.

21 So you can see those people that continue to say
22 that this project was conceived and built and carried out
23 in 1988 just to get me elected, you have to have quite an
24 imagination when you look at the facts.

25 How would I know when Suncor signed that letter with