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1 comments are apparently doing it for other reasons.

2 And I provided you, Mr. Merrick, with a note from
3 Wilkie Taylor, one of the correspondents at that press
4 conference, and he says there was no press conference.
5 There was no indication in my story, nor, indeed, in the
6 notes that there was a press conference. So, clearly,
7 there was no press conference. But we've heard it,
8 hadn't we?

9 Now the opposition started to this project all of a
10 sudden in 1987. Before that, it was no secret, the
11 drilling -- it was in the news, there was no opposition
12 to this by DEVCO or anyone else. But in late 1987, the
13 opposition started to this project.

14 And officials at the Federal Department invited
15 management of DEVCO to a meeting in Halifax in December
16 '87. And they told them the whole details of the whole
17 project. I think it was kind of rather unprofessional,
18 really, to speak about details of another project to
19 someone else, but they did it.

20 Results, the results of that was DEVCO produced a
21 confidential paper that was delivered to the Provincial
22 and Federal Governments in March '88. And I know that
23 you have that, too, Mr. Merrick.

24 It was about 13 pages long, and I think there was
25 about seven lines about concerns for safety. But the