

MR. CAMERON - OPENING ADDRESS

1 head I don't know what the level would be." So I think  
2 that's pretty important.

3 I also said well, what else has happened there?  
4 What else happened in that mine that night? We had  
5 testimony from Harvey Martin and -- no, from Mike Franks  
6 -- Mick Franks and Harvey Martin that was done by the  
7 Inquiry, and they were talking about the test buttons and  
8 they told us that the test buttons were pushed over and  
9 over and over and over again so often that they would  
10 blow the breaker switch. And all I'm asking people is  
11 that it seems to me that these would be pretty important  
12 items of why that explosion took place on that night.  
13 What would the combination be if this was taking place?  
14 The machine adjusted up; the operator didn't know, and if  
15 some of these other things were going on?

16 COMMISSIONER And all of that's in evidence.

17 A. Well, Commissioner, I guess my problem with that is  
18 that I called two or three people last night to ask them,  
19 just to do a little sampling, if they ever heard this,  
20 and they said no. And my concern with this issue is that  
21 we don't want to look at the truth. It's much more fun  
22 blaming someone else and then, especially, it's a much  
23 better story saying, "Well, the reason we're blaming  
24 other people is that the political people interfered, and  
25 that's why they didn't do their job."