

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Mr. Merrick, you have continued, through this whole
2 inquiry, to deal with political allegations. You have.

3 Q. That's the way you see it?

4 A. Yes, absolutely. And if you wish I'll make -- I'll
5 document it for you. So to make the statement now that
6 somehow I'm supposed to be the statesman above all this
7 when all this is swirling around, and every political
8 allegation that was made, you looked into it.

9 And, you know, I would think you'd want to know the
10 fact that everyone is saying that we did this in 1988
11 because it was an election campaign, and it was done to
12 get me elected, and you heard that over and over and over
13 and over again. And you certainly have inquired with
14 your questions with that tone in mind because I've read
15 them.

16 I would think you'd like to know that, in fact, the
17 project started long before '88. In fact, I didn't even
18 know the company. I think that would be important.
19 After all the questions asked, you know, I read this
20 testimony and there's hardly a time you don't try to link
21 me in some way or other. "Well, did you talk to Don
22 Cameron or did he put any political pressure on you?" I
23 think politics is a major component of this whole issue,
24 and anyone that believes it's not, then there's nothing I
25 can do.