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1 a set amount. And they wouldn't accept the fact that the
2 company actually had to ante up money to guarantee the
3 rest of that loan that the Federal Government wasn't
4 guaranteeing. There was an argument there. You know,
5 that's when they went out and got the consultants too.
6 So --

7 Q. All right, let me try it from that angle then. What
8 did you understand the company had offered to try to
9 satisfy this requirement for equity? When you say that
10 they were going to have to ante up money, explain that to
11 me.

12 A. Well, they had to have the resources to actually
13 guarantee completion, and they had to have the resources
14 to guarantee the remaining part of that loan that the
15 Federal Government was guaranteeing.

16 Q. This wasn't money that was going to have to be
17 expended up front; this was an obligation that the
18 company might have?

19 A. It was an obligation the company had to have, and it
20 couldn't use that -- those dollars out in the Yukon,
21 where they were desperately trying to strip more
22 territory to continue that operation. So, I mean, it was
23 assets that they had to tie up. That's the way they put
24 it.

25 Q. Well, what commitment --