

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. They say, "We refer to letter dated October the 31st
3 requesting confirmation of the 12 million loan, a take-
4 or-pay contract, and leasing arrangement from the
5 Department of Mines. We have drafted the attached
6 response for your signature for the following reasons."
7 Then they say, "The only authority we have to extend any
8 matter relating to the Pictou coal mine project relates
9 to the 12 million loan agreement. You will recall that
10 the Cabinet did not approve the execution by the
11 Department of any arrangement relating to take or pay,
12 and if such were to be granted at any time, a specific
13 Cabinet authority would be required." And they didn't
14 want to respond to Westray's letter that was reflecting a
15 commitment for a take-or-pay contract --

16 A. Um-hmm.

17 Q. -- for that reason. Do you see that?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. Let me take you to one other document while we're
20 there. Can you turn to page 66? That's the Nancy
21 Ripley-Hood memo of July the 15th, '70 [sic]. And if you
22 can turn over to page 68, this is Nancy Ripley-Hood's
23 recitation as relayed to her by Mr. Merriam, your Deputy
24 Minister. And on page 68 she's been going over the last
25 series of transactions, and then she says in the middle