

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 paragraph, "When it comes time to start negotiating take
2 or pay, however, Donald Cameron's staff advise him again,
3 in writing, that his Department has no legal authority to
4 enter take or pay and that they will not do the necessary
5 drafting..." et cetera.

6 So my question to you is: Did you have Cabinet
7 approval to commit the take-or-pay agreement in September
8 of 1988?

9 A. I would not put it in the letter without having
10 Cabinet approval. Absolutely not.

11 Q. Well, you tell me: Did you take it to Cabinet and
12 did Cabinet approve committing to a take-or-pay agreement
13 in September of '88?

14 A. I would not write a letter saying that we -- you
15 have a take-or-pay agreement without going to Cabinet and
16 having approval.

17 Q. Your staff is saying here you didn't have it, that
18 Cabinet had refused to give you that authority.

19 A. Maybe at that time. But I would not write that
20 letter if I didn't get permission from Cabinet to do it.

21 Q. They're saying you did not have approval prior to
22 1989, July --

23 A. What they --

24 Q. -- sorry, '90.

25 A. What they may be saying is that we didn't have the