

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. All right.

2 A. -- not just that.

3 Q. Do you dispute that outside counsel also supported
4 the opinion that you didn't have authority to do the
5 take-or-pay?

6 A. That's what it's saying here, but I'm not aware of
7 that.

8 Q. Do you dispute it?

9 A. I don't know. I can't dispute something I'm not
10 sure of.

11 Q. All right.

12 A. But the fact that we did it with Novaco would seem
13 to me to be evidence that we didn't have the legal
14 authority to do it in our department and, again, that's
15 not unusual at all. You have your legislation that each
16 department comes under. And from time to time you will
17 say that doesn't fit in the legislation. We will have to
18 do it over here through this legislation. I don't think
19 you would be trying to make something out of this that
20 simply isn't there. This is the way it operates.

21 Q. Do you recall if one of the concerns about your
22 legal authority was not just whether you had the
23 legislative mandate in your department, but also whether
24 Cabinet had refused to give that kind of a commitment
25 when you first went to them in '88?