

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Refused? On what issue?

2 Q. Refused to commit, refused to allow you to give a
3 commitment for a take-or-pay agreement?

4 A. Well, I would have to go back to some -- some
5 Cabinet records, if I can get them. The fact is that
6 Cabinet approved the take-or-pay project.

7 Q. We know, ultimately, they did.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. That's not the point.

10 A. Well, the point is that lots of time Cabinet -- I've
11 seen the issues rest on the Cabinet book for a month
12 before it was approved because they wanted more
13 information. Why would it be different this time, if
14 they didn't approve it the first day?

15 Q. Well, let's take a look and just close off the point
16 as to when Cabinet finally did approve.

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Can you turn to page 36? This is December 14th,
19 '89, a year and four to five months after you had made
20 the commitments to de Cotret and to Westray.

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. A memorandum from Mr. Merriam to Elizabeth Cuddihy.
23 It says, "In keeping with the Minister's wish to process
24 a Cabinet minute to seek authority for him to sign a
25 letter of undertaking with Westray for a take-or-pay