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1 some extent in that I have not seen in any of the
2 documents any change in the position of Curragh in what
3 they were seeking from the Federal Government in support
4 until the very last when they finally began to agree to
5 the reductions that the Federal Government was proposing
6 to them. And it seemed to corroborate his evidence that
7 they were intransigent [sic] for quite some period of
8 time.

9 A. I don't think that, in fact, there was a lot of
10 negotiation going on. I think what was going on was the
11 argument over what was in this paper here. Arguments
12 like, "If you're going to displace 300,000 tonnes of coal
13 at Trenton, of DEVCO's coal, it's going to cost \$290
14 million and you, Feds, you're going to have to come up
15 with \$150 million of cash to make up for part of that
16 loss."

17 And we were saying, "Please be fair now. We're
18 going to displace 300,000 tonnes, but you know that we
19 made a commitment of a half a billion dollars to build
20 the plant and it's under construction. The planning is
21 underway and it's going to -- it will purchase 500,000
22 tonnes of DEVCO coal. And we're doing it because we
23 realize that it's very difficult to do anything with the
24 coal from the Prince Mine. It's very high in sulphur and
25 you can't wash it to improve it. And to give DEVCO a