

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 would almost beg them -- beg them to say, "Yeah, I felt
2 political pressure." All those people come up here,
3 whether it was the inspectors or the regulators, and they
4 put their hand on the Bible and they promised to tell the
5 truth. The easiest thing in the world for them to do --
6 they would have been heroes. All they had to do was say,
7 "Yeah, I felt..." they wouldn't have to say, "Don Cameron
8 called me." All they'd have to say is, "Yeah, I felt
9 political pressure." But they put their hand on the
10 Bible and they told the truth, and they were crucified
11 and criticized for it.

12 You know, we have to be willing to listen to what
13 the truth really is. And I know that because of the
14 political aura this has taken, that people are not
15 willing. They enjoy the comfort of opinion, and we don't
16 want to have the discomfort of thought.

17 And that's the troubling thing about this whole
18 issue. To spend 20 years of your life, in public life,
19 and to have someone say that about you with not one ounce
20 of shred of evidence by anyone. And everyone has stood
21 here and they said, "No, we were not interfered in any
22 way at all." You know, I'm troubled by a political
23 system that does that.

24 Commissioner, I want to make a good example of this,
25 because I think it's a really important point, and I