

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 releases I read to you this morning? Who was making this  
2 a campaign? This started before the election in 1988,  
3 though, Mr. Merrick. All I'm telling you is that I think  
4 what happened was, they took DEVCO in and said, "Look,  
5 we'd better stop this." DEVCO went to the politicians,  
6 which is normal. That's exactly what you do. Companies  
7 come to me all the time if they hear something. They use  
8 their elected people. They elect them; they expect  
9 results. Then it becomes an issue outside the House.  
10 After the '88 election it just became a non -- ongoing  
11 issue and it just kept building. It was just politics,  
12 politics, politics. And it hurts. It hurts a project.

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. People get afraid of it.

15 Q. That we've learned, haven't we? The injection of  
16 politics in so it begins to distort a project really  
17 hurts?

18 A. Yes, it does, but you can do that with any project.

19 Q. Yes, I accept that.

20 A. I could do that with DEVCO --

21 Q. But that --

22 A. -- today, couldn't I?

23 Q. This has been a very tragic, graphic demonstration  
24 of that, hasn't it?

25 A. Yes. And I've always said we're far, far too