

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 file to be transferred there and that Mr. Rogers, who is
2 responsible for the Department that finally made the
3 deal, certainly didn't indicate that, I don't believe.
4 So that wouldn't be my understanding.

5 Q. All right. What was your understanding?

6 A. My understanding, that we were dealing with the
7 Department of Industry -- or -- and a number of people in
8 that Department.

9 Q. Can you describe for me what you understood to have
10 been the role that the Prime Minister or the P.M.O. took
11 in relation to assisting in getting the package put
12 together?

13 A. I don't think it would be unreasonable to --
14 especially the fact that he, at one time, was Member for
15 the area, that he would be interested in this. I guess
16 it's much like that comment I read to you yesterday, in
17 the paper last Saturday, where the current Premier of the
18 Province of Nova Scotia said, "I called the Prime
19 Minister twice on the issue of DEVCO." This is the usual
20 practice. There's nothing nasty or illegal or strange
21 about those kind of calls and -- so I would see his role
22 the same way the current Prime Minister will get calls
23 from his Members, the Members in the area, Premier of the
24 Province, all over Canada, for certain projects. I would
25 see this in the same light.