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1 I certainly wanted to point out to Mr. Mulroney, and
2 I didn't trouble him very much, but I certainly wanted to
3 point out that his Department was putting a lot of
4 information to the Cabinet that simply was false. It
5 wasn't right, it wasn't correct, and I thought that was
6 inappropriate to do. That Cabinet should make up their
7 mind based on material that was factual.

8 And so -- but in terms of an impression that the
9 Prime Minister had this file in his office, you know, I
10 certainly never got that impression; I wouldn't expect
11 that.

12 Q. I accept the comments that you made about the role
13 of his office in this type of thing, and I think those
14 are valid points. All I'm looking for from you is if you
15 can give me some definition, in a few words, if possible,
16 as to his role? For example, Mr. Rogers explained that
17 it was basically a sort of monitoring role taking pains
18 to ensure that he didn't say no to anybody because that's
19 what Prime Ministers try very hard to do.

20 A. Well, they --

21 Q. What words would you use to describe his role?

22 A. A very normal role that you would exercise as
23 Premier or Prime Minister. You have Members coming to
24 you. You would have community groups coming to you and
25 with concerns. And they're saying, "Look, this is not