

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 A. Well, I suppose if you -- if they're subsidized,
2 like I showed you yesterday, by the Federal Government,
3 maybe it could have been. But they weren't supposed to
4 subsidize coal at all, so --

5 Q. Do you know if they looked into the option that you
6 told us about yesterday that Esso was thinking of
7 bringing in South American coal cheaper?

8 A. Well, I would -- these questions would be very
9 useful to ask the Power Corporation, and I think you
10 would -- I think you would find there was a lot done at
11 looking at how this pollution problem would be dealt with
12 in Trenton.

13 Q. Are you able to tell me anything more as to what
14 efforts were made to assess those options or any others?

15 A. I've certainly had conversations with them and
16 looked at notes from time to time. And they drew the
17 conclusion that the right thing to do was to burn low-
18 sulphur coal.

19 Q. Let me ask you one quick point before our break for
20 the morning. We know that Premier Buchanan wanted or was
21 concerned at one point whether Curragh or Mr. Frame was
22 intending merely to flip this mine once it was
23 established. Do you know anything about that?

24 A. No, I do not.

25 Q. Were you aware that there were any discussions