MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

- 1 the mine and got to know him, you know. Saw him lots of
- times at the site under construction. During the
- 3 negotiations, clearly, he was calling me, trying to put
- 4 pressure on me to get our officials to ease up a bit and
- 5 which was normal and natural in any negotiations. People
- 6 have made all kinds of statements that -- they simply
- 7 aren't true, so if you want to delve in any of them, I
- 8 would be very happy to answer them.
- 9 Q. Well, I will ask you the obvious question and you
- 10 can give me a response. Did you, at any time, exercise -
- 11 attempt to interfere in any way with the exercise of
- the regulatory function by the Province?
- 13 A. No, absolutely not. And, in fact, Gerald Phillips
- 14 never, ever, ever once said, "Don, you call the Labour
- inspectors and tell them to get off my back, " or "You
- 16 call Pat Phelan or Don Jones and tell them get off my
- 17 back, " never once. I didn't know that these
- 18 disagreements were going on between Natural Resources or
- 19 Department of Mines and Gerald from -- after reading some
- 20 of the newspaper articles. Never once did he ever, ever
- 21 ask me to do it and never once did I do it.
- 22 And, in fact, I would suggest that all evidence
- would point to that. Everyone came in here, took an oath
- and, you know, and from my view, some of them are almost
- 25 begged to do it. And it would have been the easiest