

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 COMMISSIONER I will check with my wife.

2 MR. MERRICK Let me get us back on track here for just
3 a moment. Accepting that the evidence is that there was
4 no political interference in the regulatory function
5 here. What I'm working on now, though, is whether
6 something we might learn from this -- and in order to
7 avoid that kind of allegation in the future, do you think
8 that it would be a prudent thing for political leaders
9 who have been involved in supporting a project like this
10 very strongly might take some sort of neutralizing action
11 to ensure that there's no perceived specialness about the
12 project? For example, making sure that the Department
13 officials are instructed, "Look, Westray is open
14 territory. You are completely free to do as you want.
15 The fact that you may see me riding on a jeep with Mr.
16 Phillips or that Mr. Phillips and I may attend social
17 functions has got nothing to do with it. Go do your
18 job."

19 A. Well, I think you're entering a dangerous area
20 again. If you -- if you're going to have to make a
21 statement every time. That -- if I was an inspector, I
22 would say, "Well, okay, in this case he's telling that
23 it's open territory. I wonder what he means about all
24 these other cases." I guess the bottom line is just ask
25 people to do their jobs, and I think people try to do