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1 all. But there's one complaint we did get from the  
2 companies around here was that they were very, very tough  
3 to deal with and expected very, very good prices.

4 I, myself, have made it very clear at the start that  
5 we wanted -- and my Department made it very clear, that  
6 we wanted this company to give local suppliers an  
7 opportunity. We didn't ask them to pay a premium. We  
8 were afraid that this was a company coming in from  
9 Ontario that would deal with the friends they were used  
10 to dealing with. So we wanted local suppliers and local  
11 engineering firms, et cetera, et cetera, to have an  
12 opportunity to big on an equal basis. And that was the  
13 only requirement that we've ever asked them to do.

14 Q. And was that in writing anywhere or was that just  
15 discussions?

16 A. Well, it was in -- it's clearly in discussions. In  
17 fact, back some time ago I'm sure Gerald wrote me a  
18 letter outlining this concern because there was so many  
19 allegations that we were interfering. And --

20 Q. Sorry, he wrote you a letter when?

21 A. Back some time ago.

22 Q. Since the explosion, you mean?

23 A. No, no, no. I don't think so. There was  
24 allegations long before that. The Fifth Estate decided  
25 they would do a story and there simply wasn't anything to