

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 that point. Are you able to comment on that?

2 A. No, I would -- what I would say is that I wanted to
3 get rid of the take-or-pay agreement. And I knew it would
4 become a political issue, that no one would understand
5 it. It was just an issue we didn't need because they
6 knew they could sell the coal anyway. And I was trying
7 to find a way to get rid of it so it wouldn't become this
8 political nonsense that it has. And so it wasn't a
9 matter of people not agreeing with the take-or-pay. I
10 wanted it out. I didn't want it. I wanted to look for a
11 way to get it out. Because you can see from the
12 discussion, I mean, no one understands it.

13 Q. My difficulty -- don't underestimate a lot of the
14 people that read that agreement. My concern is this, Mr.
15 Cameron: You have stated that you had Cabinet approval
16 to give the commitment you did in September of 1988.

17 A. Absolutely.

18 Q. This document appears to put that in some doubt.
19 Can you comment on that aspect of it?

20 A. No, I just finished telling you. I was looking for
21 a way to take the take-or-pay agreement out of the
22 agreement, take it out of the agreement. It was already
23 there. When I read this, it was an effort to try to
24 remove it so it wouldn't be part of the final deal.

25 Q. All right, well, we will read the document and maybe