

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 everybody up the chain of command --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. To take reasonable efforts to know what was going on
4 and to be satisfied that it was proper.

5 A. Yes, reasonable efforts.

6 Q. Now I don't want to be too argumentative here, but
7 I've thought very hard about how we could sum up your
8 evidence, and it seemed to me that what you've told us in
9 the last two days essentially is summed up in three
10 propositions. And please hear me out on all three of
11 them, and then I'll ask you to comment if I've got them
12 incorrectly.

13 Number one, this project was caught up in the swirl
14 of politics played by everyone but yourself.

15 Number two, the explosion was caused by whatever the
16 events of that morning were, involving only certain
17 miners themselves, and no significance should be given to
18 (a) what safety mentality was generally displayed in the
19 workplace; (b) whether the company had acted responsibly
20 in the discharge of its responsibilities; (c) whether the
21 regulators had acted properly and competently to
22 discharge their responsibilities; (d) whether our senior
23 bureaucratic and political leaders acted properly and
24 competently to discharge their responsibilities.

25 And the third point, the fact that an operator came