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1 from him later, described your role in interesting terms.
2 He said something to the effect that you may have started
3 out negatively disposed to it, but eventually came around
4 and decided that you would try to do the best deal that
5 you could. How would you react to that description of
6 your position?

7 A. Yeah, that was what I was charged to do. That's
8 accurate.

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 A. I was charged to see whether a deal could be done or
11 not that was acceptable to Cabinet. It wasn't my deal,
12 but it was where was the point at which the project
13 proponents would accept a minimum level of financial
14 support that would represent the maximum that Cabinet was
15 likely to entertain.

16 Q. Help me with this. We all know in the world that
17 there are some proposals that come in that -- whose fate
18 is legitimately up in the air and has yet to be decided.

19 There are other proposals that come in that are
20 pretty well in the bag and may go through unscathed.
21 There are others that come in that are pretty well in the
22 bag, but have to go through the test of fire while
23 everybody does what they can to negotiate the best deal
24 possible or possibly to kill it if possible.

25 When I look at the convolute -- not convoluted, but