

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 reported to have come on board.

2 A. Well, individual Ministers are, as our senior  
3 bureaucrats, accessible to most people who want to talk  
4 about most things. There's no doubt that he met with the  
5 proponents on this case and probably would not leave them  
6 with the impression that he was turning them down cold,  
7 that it was a proposition that was under consideration  
8 and that he was interested in hearing from them about.  
9 So he would probably not be declarative to them in favour  
10 or opposed.

11 If he was represented to you as being favourably  
12 disposed, that would not be something I knew.

13 Q. At no time did he express to you his views that he  
14 wanted the project to go or not to go?

15 A. No, but he would be clear that he did not want to  
16 make a unilateral decision, that he wanted this  
17 proposition discussed extensively with his Cabinet  
18 colleagues, and they would collectively make the  
19 decision.

20 Q. All right. Let's follow through in time sequence.  
21 We go from July now to October. The next document at  
22 page 24 is a letter from the Nova Scotia Power  
23 Corporation to Mr. Peter White, the Principal Assistant  
24 to the Prime Minister. These aren't the only documents  
25 that exist. There are quite a number. These are the