

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 paragraph, you say, "Departmental officials have learned
2 that Minister Cameron may seek a meeting with the Prime
3 Minister specifically to pursue his dissatisfaction with
4 the way this Department has managed this project. He has
5 consistently stated that public servants within the
6 Department whose loyalties are to Devco, are giving an
7 unfair evaluation of the Westray project." You had been
8 tipped off, I take it, or -- well, "tipped off" would be
9 a good word, by officials here in Halifax that there
10 might be a personal delegation go to the Prime Minister
11 to see if they could overcome your resistance?

12 A. I'm not even sure, I may -- my memory may fail me,
13 but I'm not even sure that I was told this directly by
14 Minister Cameron. I mean, he made his feelings on our
15 handling of this case, by this time including myself,
16 quite clear to the press.

17 Q. Now the one question I've got for you is that this a
18 memo dated December the 8th, just at the same time that
19 we've got Premier Buchanan's and Mr. Comeau's letter --
20 well, just before --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- their letter to you accepting the deal.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Was this a last attempt to get you to change?

25 A. I -- it's hard to -- I wouldn't regard it as