

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 Q. And as result of that, what was the conclusion?

2 What came of this issue?

3 A. This one went away as well.

4 Q. All right. Let me come back on sequence. If you
5 turn to page 77, it's another memorandum from Mr. Russell
6 to you. I don't have a date on this, but I assume that
7 it must be somewhere in this time frame of late '89, very
8 early 1990. And I see there under the background
9 paragraph, "DEVCO, through it's president, Mr. E.A.
10 Boutilier, sent a signed contract incorporating the
11 contents of Premier Buchanan's letter of December 14, '89
12 to N.S.P.C." That was the memo that we had looked at --
13 or the letter from the Premier that we looked at a few
14 minutes ago. "Tom Merriam, Deputy Minister of the Nova
15 Scotia Department of Industry, Trade, and Technology has
16 advised us that N.S.P.C. is dissatisfied with this
17 document and that he feels that N.S.P.C. will raise the
18 issue through political channels." I take it that this
19 was now another issue beginning to surface, as to the
20 timing of negotiating a new deal with DEVCO. Can you
21 give me the background on that?

22 A. Well, this was at the initiative, entirely, of
23 DEVCO, and was really quite an intriguing and astute
24 attempt. They took Buchanan's letter and said, "Oh,
25 well, now that that's clear, we will now incorporate it