

MR. ROGERS, EXAM. BY MR. ROBERTS

1 Officials," I think is the heading?

2 A. I don't recall that.

3 Q. You don't recall him performing in --

4 A. I don't --

5 Q. -- the role as --

6 A. I don't recall it being listed as such in the  
7 documents.

8 Q. Well, we can -- I don't want to -- you don't recall  
9 him performing any role as a government representative?

10 A. No.

11 Q. On the issue of the take-or-pay agreement that was  
12 eventually negotiated, there have been suggestions  
13 elsewhere in the evidence here that this was something  
14 that was demanded by the banks as a precondition for  
15 their financing of this project.

16 But I, listening to you yesterday, it sounded more  
17 as if this was something that was being required by the  
18 Federal Government in the way of an actual production  
19 guarantee before the Federal Government would be  
20 involved. Is that fair?

21 A. My memory of the documentation on this was that in a  
22 meeting with Minister de Cotret, he suggested that the  
23 proposition was unattractive because the volumes of coal  
24 were insufficient to make it a viable proposition and, as  
25 a first step, I think he suggested, "Why don't you see if