

MR. CAMERON - OPENING ADDRESS

1 After the 1988 election campaign -- I want to give
2 you an example of how this works. After the 1988
3 election campaign, there was a correspondent for Thompson
4 newspaper that wrote every word -- made a story on every
5 word that Mr. Boudreau would utter. So every day you'd
6 have a press release in the paper. And, of course, if
7 you do that, people think, "Well, there must be something
8 wrong with this project."

9 You know, it became a joke around the press gallery
10 in Province House that she was a personal press secretary
11 for Mr. Boudreau. Other members of the press gallery
12 would joke about it. They would joke about it to us.

13 Right after the 1980 -- 1993 election, a funny thing
14 happened. Of all the press people that could have been
15 hired, this particular correspondent was plucked out that
16 and given a contract in a position that an interview
17 process would be normal. So I guess we could call this a
18 political decision.

19 You know, we had other journalists that were able to
20 find an old bus in Pine Tree in the woods and somehow
21 write a story about it and how it was connected with the
22 project.

23 But when I told a journalist that a few hours before
24 the mine blew up that Arnie Smith changed the methane
25 meter on the continuous miner, from written testimony,