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1 Corporation. And they really forgot to tell the
2 government that we had already a 33-year deal, a contract
3 that went to year 2010. But they kept saying, "We need
4 this ten-year deal." What they wanted to do was lock in
5 the artificially high prices for another ten years so
6 that every business and every person in Nova Scotia could
7 be at a disadvantage vis-a-vis other provinces.

8 These are the kinds of things that a few of these
9 people put in the document to the Federal Cabinet to try
10 to make a decision.

11 They said that we were going to start a trade war.
12 If there was one pound of this coal shipped from Pictou
13 County outside the province, it would start a trade war.
14 We'd have trouble with the GATT. We'd have trouble with
15 the Free Trade. And they just simply forgot the fact
16 that DEVCO is subsidized on every issue, and yet they
17 ship out more than two million tonnes a year, and we
18 didn't start a trade war with that. But somehow this
19 little mine was going to start a trade war.

20 They said that there's no benefit could be
21 quantified for the reduction of sulphur. Just think
22 about this: they told the Federal Cabinet, "No benefit
23 could be quantified for the reduction in sulphur." By
24 burning Pictou County coal, we would reduce the sulphur
25 emissions by 30,000 tonnes a year in an area that we know