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1 proceed with finalizing the deal with Westray and the
2 Province."

3 A. I -- there's a number of things that come to my mind
4 about this issue. If you look at that Cabinet document I
5 gave you this morning outlining the whole concern, they
6 were very concerned, and they said that -- at one point
7 they said, "We really should be involved in this because
8 we wouldn't have any control at all over DEVCO, and so we
9 really should be involved some way in this deal."

10 So at one point I said, "Well, you know, if they're
11 just going to keep putting it off and putting it off and
12 putting it off, why don't we structure a deal without
13 them? Let's put their feet to the fire and see if
14 they're really serious about this business of their
15 saying, 'We don't want to be left out of this because we
16 want to make sure that we have control and that we can
17 force the Power Corporation to pay \$20 a tonne more for
18 the coal than they should, and we want that kind of
19 control.'" So this may be some of that.

20 We looked at the possibility of -- you know, when
21 you look at Point Tupper and you know that they're over
22 the pollution levels lots of times during the year, it
23 would have been very, very inexpensive to burn some low
24 sulphur coal there.

25 And some of DEVCO's coal could have been burnt at