- 1 not involved in this.
- Q. But if this is a negotiating ploy vis-a-vis the
- 3 Feds, Phillips is certainly getting misled by it because
- 4 he's beginning to get his eyes sparkling here.
- 5 A. No, if --
- 6 O. Here's my question: We know that you told the Feds
- 7 at one point that "If you guys don't do the deal, we
- 8 will."
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. But the only evidence is that's all you ever said to
- 11 them.
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- 13 Q. There was never any indication that they knew that
- 14 you were dealing with Westray in this amount of detail at
- this point in time. Were you keeping them informed as to
- the details of these discussions?
- 17 A. Oh, I think our officials would be talking to their
- 18 officials. It's pretty hard to keep secrets within the
- 19 Civil Service.
- 20 O. Because if the Feds weren't being told the details,
- 21 the only assumption, I suppose, you could draw is that
- 22 there maybe was some merit, and that you really were
- 23 pursuing a Provincial deal.
- 24 A. I think had the Feds absolutely said "No, we're just
- 25 absolutely not going to do it, " I think there would have