

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 point where there was apparently an attempt to link a new
2 contract with DEVCO to this Federal financing --

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. -- which might have caused a further delay?

5 A. It's not really a new contract, though.

6 Q. Well, an amended contract or a changed contract.

7 A. Well, that's not quite right either.

8 Q. All right, that's not the point I want to pursue.

9 DEVCO was looking for another document to be signed. My
10 question to you is did you in fact request of Mr.

11 Boutilier that he write to his Minister telling him that
12 DEVCO did not need the two issues to be linked?

13 A. Absolutely. I had a long chat with Mr. Boutilier,
14 and I tried to convince him that it was unproductive to
15 have this fight between a coal industry in Cape Breton
16 and a coal industry in Pictou County, that what we were
17 doing in Pictou County would not at all harm DEVCO in any
18 way, pointed out they were actually going to increase
19 tonnage, and that we should be looking forward to
20 blending coal. In fact, that may get them additional
21 contracts it wouldn't normally get with the Prince coal
22 which is very difficult to change by washing it and
23 improve the quality. So we had a long chat about the
24 importance of trying to work together.

25 Q. Now DEVCO was the responsibility of the Federal