

1 your invitation to participate in these hearings.

2 You remember the Institute was the body which
3 awarded Westray the John T. Ryan trophy for mine safety a
4 few weeks before the mine blew up. On the basis of the
5 evidence heard here, including evidence of falsification
6 of accident reports by Westray, we submit the Institute
7 should withdraw that award.

8 It's also wrong, Mr. Commissioner, to suggest that
9 Gerald Phillips and Roger Parry were off on their own in
10 Nova Scotia, doing what they were doing without the
11 knowledge and support of the parent company, Curragh
12 Resources. The evidence is that Clifford Frame and
13 Marvin Pelley were very much involved in the critical
14 decisions about the Westray mine. They should also be
15 accountable for what happened here, and we urge you to
16 continue your efforts to bring them to the Inquiry.

17 Now it's clear that the conditions for the explosion
18 were not created by the men who were underground on the
19 morning of May 9. They were not responsible for the
20 excessive coal dust or the excessive gas.

21 And while we will never be able to determine with
22 certainty where the ignition occurred, we submit the
23 evidence suggests the bolting machine next to the
24 continuous miner on the Southwest 2 Road was the most
25 likely cause of a spark that ignited methane in the