

member's question. There is no finder's fee involved at all: Mr. Campbell made that very clear to the committee.

He also made it very clear to the committee in his testimony that fees for the service part of that contract would very likely not be payable. One particular invoice was submitted to him in April, 1976, well before the committee started to examine this question. He rejected that invoice, and no further invoices have been submitted to AECL. I think Mr. Campbell has done a first-rate job.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Clarke:** Mr. Speaker, I am referring to paragraphs 5 and 71 of the report tabled yesterday. I realize it has only been 24 hours and perhaps the minister has not had a chance to study those words. I believe my paraphrasing to be accurate. I ask the minister to look at those paragraphs. Is it the opinion of the minister and the government that Mr. Campbell was the most able negotiator to be found to renegotiate this contract? What was the purpose of the government in sending only one man?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is referring to renegotiation of the agency arrangement with regard to Korea, the answer is to be found in the decision of the board of directors of the corporation at that time.

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[Translation]

#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

##### INQUIRY WHETHER MINISTER HAS STUDIED RECORD OF FLQ CRISIS

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Solicitor General.

In view of the fact that on January 9 his predecessor stated that in 1971 the RCMP had issued a communiqué in the name of the FLQ, and also that in 1970, during the all too famous October crisis, similar releases had been issued which, as was established in court, did not come from the FLQ, would the minister tell the House whether he has had the opportunity, now that he is settled in his department, to look fully into the record of the 1970 October crisis and whether he is aware of this fact, in order to inform the House to what extent the special anti-terrorist RCMP committee had infiltrated into the FLQ?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I have not yet had time to look fully into the record of the 1970 October crisis, as the hon. member has suggested.

**Mr. Matte:** Mr. Speaker, the minister answers my question as if he had never read the questions I have been putting in this House for a long, long time now. To my mind, it is time the truth were known in that regard. I therefore ask the Solicitor General, as a supplementary, whether he agrees that it is part of the RCMP's normal functions to infiltrate groups of criminals—

#### Oral Questions

**An hon. Member:** Terrorists!

**Mr. Matte:**—of terrorists, yes, to stimulate their activities: does he at least agree with that principle?

**Mr. Blais:** Mr. Speaker, if I remember correctly, two weeks ago the hon. member expressed his opinion on this matter, and I believe that, in his speech, he recognized that we agree it was our responsibility to infiltrate terrorist, subversive groups, which fall within the definition of section 16(2) of the Official Secrets Act.

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[English]

#### ENERGY

##### MINISTERS INVOLVED IN FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF SALE OF CANDU REACTORS

**Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Was the president of the Export Development Corporation telling the truth when he told the public accounts committee on November 29 at least four or five senior cabinet ministers were involved in financing decisions concerning both the Korean and Argentinian Candu reactor sales?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is raising a question which was properly raised before the committee. I am not familiar with the particular testimony to which the hon. member is referring. I will be pleased to read the report to determine whether there are allegations of that kind in it, and provide the hon. member with an answer at a later date.

**Mr. Huntington:** I would advise the minister that the testimony I am speaking of was given on November 29 after the committee had finished the hearings concerning AECL. We were advised then that four or five ministers were involved in these decisions. Does the minister, as part of the cabinet committee on these matters, accept responsibility for the terms and conditions of these reactor deals with Korea and Argentina, both of which deals were subjected to strong criticism in the report tabled yesterday?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member referred to the Export Development Corporation in his first question. I agreed to take that matter under advisement and provide an answer at a later date. As to the question of the Argentinian renegotiation, as the hon. member knows, that was the reason Mr. Campbell was brought back from Japan, where he was serving as ambassador, to renegotiate the fiscal terms of the contract. The successful result of those negotiations was a saving in the order of \$80 million. That is the report I have been given. I have to say that Mr. Campbell did a first-rate job in renegotiation of the Argentinian contract as well.