

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have read part of it, but I have not given it a comprehensive study. You are quite right.

Mr. TURNER: Throughout the brief which you prepared you have made disparaging references to the competency of the professional advisers of the government.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No, I have not. I have referred to their adequacy, but I have not made any reflection on their competency.

Mr. TURNER: Let us look at page one of the brief when you refer to the seeming inadequacy of the Canadian technical advisers.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. TURNER: Is that not a reference to their competence?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No.

Mr. TURNER: To what does it refer then?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: It refers to the fact that they did not have a staff nearly large enough and adequately experienced to tackle this job; that is inadequate, is it not?

Mr. TURNER: On page 4, you say that different results could have been retained and you use the words "if experienced and competent...advisers" had been on the job. What do you mean by that?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Where are you now, please?

Mr. TURNER: On page 4.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes.

Mr. BREWIN: Line 13.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Yes, I am just reading it, "just as had been done by the United States army engineers". We did not have a team that compared with the United States army engineers.

Mr. TURNER: Yes, but in 1-13, the second sentence you say:

They would have demanded that if dams were to built, then they should be paid for by the United States and such a team, if experienced and competent, would have insisted upon terms for the utilization of the water in Canada which did not tie her hands and prejudice her optimum development.

I take it that you are referring to our team, our engineers, and you refer to them as "if experienced and competent". You must have meant that they were inexperienced and incompetent.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: It is my feeling that we never set to work a team of experience and competence to study this whole problem before we started negotiations on the treaty. Actually years of work should have been undertaken studying the whole northwest, both United States and Canadian, out in the country, studying transmission and generation for at least two years; and I say even in that time they could not have done the same justice to the problem that the United States army engineers have done. Then we could have had a better start at negotiating.

Mr. TURNER: Just for the record, at 28(a), at about the tenth line from the top, you say:

There are a number of discrepancies, contradictions and errors... when errors and discrepancies appear of the nature referred to, one becomes seriously aware of the inadequacy of the government's technical adviser.