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WEDNESDAY, April 29, 1964.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I see a quorum.

The witness this morning is Mr. Larratt Higgins who in 1949 graduated from the University of Toronto in political science and economics. In 1951 he graduated from the University of Cambridge in economics. Perhaps it would be useful for you to indicate your degrees, Mr. Higgins.

Mr. LARRATT HIGGINS: I have a B.A. from Toronto and a B.A. and M.A. from Cambridge.

The CHAIRMAN: In 1951 Mr. Higgins joined the Ontario hydro treasury operations. His relevant experience included working out operating procedures to permit maximum power production within the terms of the Niagara river treaty, 1950. This treaty gave rise to difficult operating problems not foreseen at the time of signing.

In 1958 Mr. Higgins was on loan to the Department of Trade and Commerce from the Imperial Tobacco Company as technical adviser and worked on an interdepartmental committee on the Columbia river. In 1958 he became economist with the Ontario hydro and has remained so until 1964.

Mr. Higgins is a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Canadian Political Science Association, the Toronto area research conference and the business economists group of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

I read a letter to the committee I received from the Ontario hydro indicating that Mr. Higgins is here today on his own authority and will present his own views. I think I am accurate in stating that to be the substance of that letter.

Mr. HIGGINS: That is correct.

Mr. LEBOE: Mr. Chairman, I should like to make a suggestion at this point in an endeavour to save the time of the committee, and I assure the members of this committee that is the only reason I make these remarks.

Perhaps when Mr. Higgins goes through his statement he will indicate the points it contains which are opposed to General McNaughton's view as well as the points of view presented by other individuals. Many sides of this problem have been thoroughly aired in this committee and in an attempt to save time perhaps during Mr. Higgins' summary he could outline those points in his brief which have not been presented or which are in opposition to the presentations we have received to date. I only make this suggestion with the hope that we will save some time.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Mr. Leboe.

Mr. CAMERON (*Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands*): Mr. Chairman, I should like to refer to one matter and I fully realize that I am in a poor position to do so at this time. Most of us have read this brief prepared by Mr. Higgins and agree that it is perhaps the clearest and most lucid presentation for his side of the questions that we have received to date.

I consulted Miss Ballantine this morning and she informed me that the brief presented by the Montreal Engineering Company has not been included as part of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence. I think that brief is perhaps the most lucid and coherent argumentation in support of the other side. I should like to suggest that both these briefs be included in the permanent record of the proceedings of this committee.