

1 I founded the company from a mortgaged home in
2 1987, and built the company, from that mortgaged home, from
3 nothing to where today I employ 2,300 people in the most
4 depressed areas of America, and I'm very proud of that.

5 Q. Separate and independent of that, what do you
6 attribute your success to?

7 A. I have a decision tree, Mr. Bennett, that I use
8 in life for all my decisions. And the first step on that
9 decision tree is My God, is it right by God; the second
10 decision, is it right by my family.

11 I've had impeccable integrity and credibility
12 throughout my life, never been subjected to anything like
13 this before. My success has been due to My God and my
14 family and my impeccable reputation for integrity and
15 credibility, which has gotten me money from lenders when I
16 started the business and still, because you need that for
17 reclamation bonds, which are almost impossible to get
18 today. You have to have the bonds to get the permits to
19 have a mining operation. I have to personally sign on all
20 those bonds, and it isn't because I'm wealthy, it's because
21 of my credibility for performance --

22 Q. Let -- I'm sorry, I didn't mean to cut you off.

23 A. That's all.

24 Q. Let me turn your attention to a different
25 subject. Describe your physical condition on the date of