

capacity as engineer of the company by any of the witnesses?

MR. SMITH: I object to that as plainly in-

competent and hearsay.

THE EXAMINER: The witness would be the best

testimony on that point, Mr. Whitely. That is what this

witness would have from them would be hearsay.

BY MR. WHITELY:

Q Have you any personal knowledge that any such negotiations

were made or arrangements were made for such negotiations?

MR. SMITH: I object to that for the same reason.

MR. WHITELY: Well, he can answer that if he

has personal knowledge.

MR. SMITH: No, he cannot.

THE WITNESS: I have no personal knowledge on that

point.

BY MR. WHITELY:

Q When did you discontinue your negotiations for the

acquisition of private lands in British and Dutch Guiana

for the United States?

MR. SMITH: I object to that for the same reason.

THE EXAMINER: I will let you answer.

MR. SMITH: Will you allow me an exception?

THE EXAMINER: Surely.

A I received a telegram from Mr. Hildes in December, 1934,

that he was disposing of his holdings there.

BY MR. WHITELY: