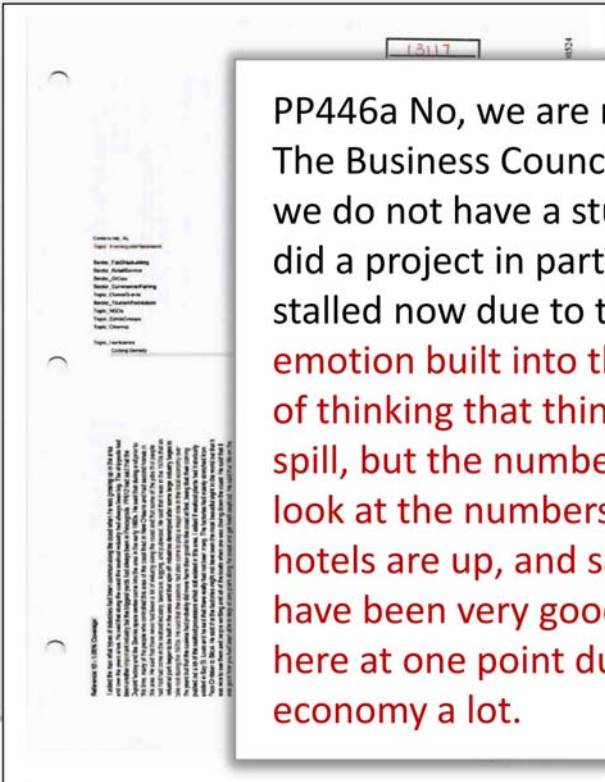


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PP446a No, we are not working on any particular studies. The Business Council will continue to report as always but we do not have a study specific to the spill. USM recently did a project in partnership with us but this has been stalled now due to the bureaucracy. **There is a lot of emotion built into the issue of the oil spill and there is a lot of thinking that things must have gotten worse since the spill, but the numbers say the exact opposite. When you look at the numbers you see that the casinos are up, the hotels are up, and sales are up. These last two months have been very good. There were 5000 people from BP here at one point during the summer and this helped the economy a lot.**