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1 making solid streamers and things like that. So we looked
2 at the number of different areas. This was one of them.

3 **Q.** And I think you told Mr. Gilman that others before
4 you had looked at ways to move streamers laterally; is
5 that right?

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6 **A.** Of course, because the streamers are moved laterally
7 by monowings, They existed before. In fact, the first
8 time people started to move cables sideways like this was
9 the second world war for minesweepers. So you know, the
10 history of devices that pull cables sideways is a very
11 long history.

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12 **Q.** So any statement that you invented lateral steering
13 is just wrong?

14 **A.** Yes. I am not the inventor of laterally steering.
15 I'm an inventor of a global control system.

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16 **Q.** And the global control system is software in a
17 computer, isn't it?

18 **A.** It's rather more than that. There's many components
19 of what I call an overall control system. It's the
20 methods by which you're going to do it. It's the
21 measurements you're going to need to do it and the other
22 devices. But it depends on your terminology, I think, and
23 how you -- what you encompass in that statement.

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24 **Q.** All right. Well, one of the -- and the reason I
25 asked that is because, in response to one of Mr. Gilman's

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