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WEDGEWOOD COMMUNITY MEETING

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PLACE: SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
Swearingen Conference Center

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TIME: 7:05 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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PRESENTATIONS

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BY MS. MCKINNEY:

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We'll go ahead and get started. Good evening.

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I'm glad to see all of you were able to make it this
afternoon, and we'll try to get out of here before the
storms roll through.

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For those of you who not know, Ron Nesbit is the
project manager from the US Army Corps of Engineers in
Charleston, and John Hinely is with the Corps of
Engineers real estate office out of Savannah. I think
everyone has met both of these gentlemen.

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What we want to do this evening is bring you up
to date on the status of the removal actions in
Wedgewood, and we should all have a handout. And this

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14 map depicts essentially all the lots except Lot 40,
15 which is the vacant lot next to the Holts, and Lot 17,
16 which is the Geigers' residence. All other lots have
17 been cleared, and you should be receiving letters of
18 clearance in the mail within the next month.

19 Those two lots actually contain some burial pits
20 that to go in and dig by hand is extremely labor
21 intensive. They spent several weeks, UXB, the
22 contractor spent several weeks in Lot 40 hand digging
23 through just metal debris and trash and it was
24 extremely tedious. The same thing had occurred with
25 the Geigers.

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01 So the game plan is after the first of the
02 fiscal year when additional funds become available is
03 for the Corps to have their contractor go back to
04 these last two properties to complete them, but all
05 the other properties have been completed and you will
06 have your letters within the next month from the Corps
07 of Engineers.

08 The hatched areas on the map indicate properties
09 or parcels where no evidence of ordnance or ordnance
10 related materials were found out of the scrap that was
11 removed. All of the remaining properties have some
12 evidence of ordnance, mostly scrap, and that's just
13 for clarification so you can kind of get a gauge on
14 how maybe the usage was back in the area in the time
15 when they were training.

16 Just for informational purposes, to give you a
17 gauge on and to help you understand why it was so
18 labor intensive and did take so long to complete this
19 effort, on the average each property had between 50
20 and 250 metal anomalies items under the ground that
21 were detected by the geophysical equipment that were
22 dug by hand, one by one. Ms. Pike actually had over
23 1,000 in her yard. You win the award. A lot of that
24 was rock, magnetic rock that you can't tell it until
25 you dig it up.

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01 So, again, why it took four or five or six days
02 on some of these properties was just one by one
03 digging within that metal unit, and then for the Corps
04 of Engineers to come back in and do the quality
05 assurance checks to make sure what was dug matched the
06 data and that everything was removed.

07 For information purposes, 1,700 pounds of
08 ordnance related scrap, practice grenades, pieces of
09 metal were found in the neighborhood; almost 1,600
10 pounds of non-ordnance related household scrap. 1,500
11 pounds were found. So over 3,000 pounds of scrap was
12 pulled out of the neighborhood. So, again, the level
13 of effort to hand dig all of that.

14 We want to thank you and emphasize our
15 appreciation and all of your cooperation for being
16 available to be out of the neighborhood when the crews
17 were in there. It was a long and tedious summer, as
18 you all know, that your attitude and cooperation made
19 an extremely tedious and difficult effort even easier
20 than would normally have been with this many people
21 that were impacted. Again, we greatly appreciate
22 that.

23 John Hinely and I visited everyone in February
24 and provided forms for reimbursement. If you have any
25 questions, comments, concerns, he's here. You can

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01 talk to him about those forms.
02 BY MR. BARNES:
03 I've got my form.
04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
05 You've got your form? He's here to ---
06 BY MR. BARNES:
07 No, it's finished. I've got it complete.
08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
09 Great.
10 BY MR. BARNES:
11 Who do I give it to? If he's not with you,
12 I'll take it back.
13 BY MR. HINELY:
14 I'll take it.
15 BY MR. BARNES:
16 I see you, and I'll be with you after awhile.
17 BY MR. HINELY:
18 All right.
19 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
20 To back track, as far as this ordnance related
21 scrap, over 50 practice grenades were found scattered
22 across the properties; 12 white phosphorous grenades,
23 which are extremely dangerous, were found in one pit,
24 and those were disposed of accordingly.
25 BY MR. HOLT:

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01 Where was that?
02 BY MS. HOLT:
03 Where?
04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
05 It was Geigers. In the backyard of Geigers'
06 property. So that's why they need to go back in and
07 finish that, but they were found all together like
08 they were intentionally buried.
09 There was no evidence in all of the scrap that
10 was found in the neighborhood, the pieces of metal
11 that were dug, no evidence that any of those were from
12 grenades, and the indication of that leads us to
13 believe is that none of the grenades were live
14 grenades that were used in the area. They were all
15 practice because they did not -- the one that did
16 explode -- there were none that exploded. There was
17 no fragment found. So they were either found intact
18 as a hollow inner grenade or it was just other pieces
19 of scrap that were found.
20 Let's see, the plans for the upcoming year right
21 now, funds are short to finish the remaining two
22 properties and to go back out on to the golf course to
23 complete the efforts out there.
24 After the first of the fiscal year, the
25 contractor will revise the work plans; or if it's a

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01 new contractor, prepare the work plans to go out to
02 finish those remaining properties. And what's being
03 thought of now, since they are pits that do have a lot
04 of metallic debris in it, is to go in there with a
05 mechanical, a bulldozer or some type of mechanical
06 device to do it quick and get in and get out instead
07 of having someone dig it up by hand. What that might
08 mean, especially since white phosphorous grenades were
09 found on the one pit, is that for one or two days we
10 might ask the entire neighborhood to be gone in case
11 something does go wrong. When you're not manually
12 digging, you lose some of that control.
13 Again, we would work directly with you on what's

14 the best day where most of the people are going to be
15 at work or at school and minimize your disruption.
16 That's not going to happen until well after October.
17 So, again, only on those two remaining properties.

18 Any questions?

19 BY MR. BARBEE:

20 If you evacuate like the whole neighborhood,
21 could we all like go to Hilton Head?

22 BY MR. HINELY:

23 If we don't contract the hotel, you can stay
24 anywhere you want, but you are limited to the per diem
25 rate in Spartanburg. So if you want to go to Hilton

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01 Head, you can get you a hotel, but you might not get
02 100 percent reimbursement for it.

03 BY AUDIENCE MEMBER:

04 That means we'll all go to Croft State Park.

05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

06 With a tent.

07 BY AUDIENCE MEMBER:

08 Plus the tent.

09 BY AUDIENCE MEMBER:

10 Really that's the Croft State Park Motel, isn't
11 it?

12 BY AUDIENCE MEMBER:

13 Yeah. Pitching tents.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Again, the hopes would be that would be one to
16 two days where they can get in there with the
17 bulldozers, scoop it all out, contain it and take it
18 off site to sift through it and address it accordingly
19 just to get it physically out of the neighborhood.

20 BY MR. HOLT:

21 But you said that would be after October?

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 Right, the contractor has -- is gone. UXB is no
24 longer onsite. The trailer is closed down. Our 800
25 number is still operational, so any questions come up,

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01 any concerns, you can call us and we can get you the
02 answers that you need. We want to make sure that any
03 grievances or concerns you might have had with
04 shrubberies, your yard, all of that has been taken
05 care of. If anyone still has any outstanding issues
06 or concerns, and also if you have any feedback just on
07 the process and the coordination and the interaction,
08 anything that can help us do our job better next go
09 around will be greatly appreciated.

10 John, Ron, any questions, any comments?

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 I just want to make a couple of comments.

13 I haven't been where you have seen me on the
14 sites during the course of the work or any of the time
15 when folks made visits around the site, but I have
16 been up here a number of times when the contractor was
17 on site. You know, of course, because of the safety
18 requirements, it's relatively difficult at best to
19 even get close to the area while work is actually
20 ongoing. So, a lot of my observation has been by
21 binoculars off on the side.

22 Talking with Karl, he is the representative from
23 Huntsville, he's been very pleased with the
24 cooperation that he has received from the community
25 for many reasons: One, because if you had any

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01 concerns, you brought them directly to people that we
02 addressed earlier on so that we can get whatever the
03 problem was taken care of as quickly as possible;
04 secondly, you've been very cooperative in moving from
05 your homes or making certain that you're away during
06 certain times of the day while work was going on in
07 your property or in an adjacent property or something
08 like that. Especially this time of the year I know
09 that it was somewhat of a burden for you, and I want
10 you to know from our -- from my commander, Colonel
11 Held at Charleston District, he sends his deepest
12 appreciation for what you've actually -- the way
13 you've worked with us this past summer as well as the
14 springtime.

15 We still have a little more work to do to finish
16 up your immediate area. We will do that as early as
17 we can once the fiscal year and we have additional
18 funds in hand. I know when I say it that way it
19 sounds as though we're having funding problems and/or
20 will we, in fact, be coming back. Well, I can
21 guarantee you one thing, we will be coming back. I
22 can guarantee you that we will be taking care of this
23 problem as soon as we possibly can because it's a
24 still high priority for us to get this area cleaned
25 up. Okay. So that's not to worry.

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01 BY MS. HOLT:

02 Is the new fiscal year October?

03 BY MR. NESBIT:

04 It begins October 1. Now that does not mean we
05 get the money October 1.

06 BY MS. HOLT:

07 Yeah.

08 BY MR. NESBIT:

09 But that's the time frame when we start
10 expecting the funds to come in within that month or
11 the following month thereafter. Okay.

12 This is one of the years for the FUDS program
13 when funding was going to be shorter than it ever has
14 been in the past for a number of different reasons.
15 We are still hopeful that that might change because of
16 some other cuts in government, other places in funding
17 be re-diverted to us because we do have a definite
18 need.

19 When you look at all the properties in the State
20 of South Carolina that we are responsible to either
21 investigate or clean up, the amount of money that we
22 are being appropriated falls far short from what we
23 really need. To complete this area we are very short.
24 So that's one of the reasons why you see the work
25 that's being done is being done incrementally in terms

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01 of aggressively trying to take care of the problems as
02 we go along; and, of course, land use of that property
03 dictates a lot of what we do, and that's how we really
04 go about trying to make certain things happen.

05 One thing I might mention, John is here tonight.
06 Take advantage of him.

07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

08 He writes the checks.

09 BY MR. NESBIT:

10 Especially from the standpoint of submitting
11 your forms, and if you have any questions about how or
12 some information you might need to add or questions,
13 whatever, make certain you get that from him tonight

14 if you can. We would like for you to get your forms
15 submitted as soon as possible because the sooner you
16 get it done, the sooner we can get reimbursement back
17 to you and the sooner we can close out the books prior
18 to the end of the fiscal year. Because September 30th
19 is the end of the fiscal year, and there about a month
20 or so prior to that, if we feel that we've received
21 all of the forms in, what little money that was left
22 may be extracted and sent elsewhere, and I don't want
23 that to happen here. I want to be certain that we
24 have you taken care of as soon as we possibly can.
25 BY MS. HOLT:

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01 So that would mean that you're bringing in
02 bigger equipment like the bulldozers and such that's
03 faster and cheaper.

04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

05 That's the objective for the next ---

06 BY MS. HOLT:

07 Bottom line?

08 BY MR. NESBIT:

09 That's the bottom line.

10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

11 Especially since they're pits.

12 BY MR. NESBIT:

13 Yeah.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 They're not individuals scattered anomalies.

16 BY MR. NESBIT:

17 Let's see, we've got -- it's situated in such a
18 way where engineeringly it makes it the more
19 appropriate thing to do.

20 BY MS. HOLT:

21 Okay.

22 BY MS. PIKE:

23 How deep are they?

24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

25 That I'm not sure of. That's a good question.

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01 BY MR. NESBIT:

02 Well, it's hard to tell from the mechanical -- I
03 mean, from the equipment when we take over, and I'll
04 tell you this -- the reason why. There are over --
05 you know, they were dumped together, and you may have
06 a reading up high that shows it about two feet or
07 three feet when, in fact, you may have a six or eight
08 as well, because you can't really get a depth of where
09 it stands by the way they're stacked in the hole
10 together.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 The ones that are ---

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 So you might have one reading on top of the
15 other.

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 Yeah. The ones that were ---

18 BY MR. NESBIT:

19 It might give a false reading.

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 --- removed, I'm not sure how deep they were,
22 and I can go through some status reports I brought
23 with me and see if that was ---

24 BY MS. PIKE:

25 They have already removed it from my property?

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

02 Yes. Yes. So anything else that was remaining
03 is either scrap or possibly some additional well below
04 the surface.

05 BY MR. NESBIT:

06 Yes.

07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

08 They back filled and secured that area so that,
09 you know, it's not -- someone is not going to trip
10 over, they did it at a great depth, and it's been back
11 filled.

12 BY MR. NESBIT:

13 Right. It's not a depth where nothing, quote
14 unquote, can happen from a standpoint of someone
15 driving over it or digging at it with a shovel or ---

16 BY MS. HOLT:

17 They have children there.

18 BY MR. NESBIT:

19 Pardon me?

20 BY MS. HOLT:

21 They have children, the Geigers.

22 BY MR. NESBIT:

23 Oh, yes, and what they have done they have made
24 certain that it's a safe situation, okay, until we go
25 back in to take it out. We've been assured of that.

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01 Okay. But that's -- I just wanted to bring
02 those things to you and give you an opportunity to ask
03 any questions of me if you have any. Hopefully not,
04 but if you do, I'm here to try to answer whatever I
05 can.

06 BY MR. HOLT:

07 So you say you're going to come back and do Lot
08 17 and Lot 40 with the bulldozers?

09 BY MR. NESBIT:

10 Those are the two.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 That's the objective.

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 That's the objective.

15 BY MS. HOLT:

16 Is that next to us?

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 Yes.

19 BY MR. NESBIT:

20 Yes.

21 BY MS. HOLT:

22 What happened to that refrigerator they dug up
23 next to us?

24 BY MR. HOLT:

25 Let me tell you, Lot 40 was a liquor store.

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01 There was nothing down in that hole but liquor bottles
02 and beer cans. There must have been ---

03 BY MS. HOLT:

04 And a refrigerator.

05 BY MR. HOLT:

06 Yeah, it must have been the bar, though, the O
07 Club or the NCO Club.

08 BY MS. PIKE:

09 Was it a refrigerator or an old timey ice box?

10 BY MS. HOLT:

11 Just a refrigerator.

12 BY MR. NESBIT:

13 That might have been where they had all the

14 parties. I don't know.
15 BY MS. PIKE:
16 Was it a refrigerator or an old timey ice box?
17 BY MR. HOLT:
18 It might have been ---
19 BY MR. NESBIT:
20 I know they -- they take all the scrap, and then
21 they dispose of it in a special way, but I don't know
22 where it is.
23 Any other questions?
24 BY MR. MATHIS:
25 In other words, the solid blue had something on

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01 it?
02 BY MR. NESBIT:
03 Yes.
04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
05 No, the solid blue indicates that those areas
06 the ordnance -- the removal is complete.
07 BY MR. NESBIT:
08 Oh, I'm sorry.
09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
10 Oh, yeah, and then the hatched area is the ---
11 BY MR. NESBIT:
12 The solid blue.
13 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
14 You're right. The plain solid blue. Right.
15 BY MR. MATHIS:
16 Had something on it?
17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
18 Had some form of scrap or ordnance related.
19 BY MR. MATHIS:
20 Are you going to tell us what that is?
21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
22 All -- the only properties where actually
23 practice grenades were found that I have in my records
24 from Ms. Pike's property on -- and the Geigers'
25 property, the white phosphorus grenades and on

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01 Teasters' property.
02 BY MR. MATHIS:
03 I'm on Lot 23, and you said there was something
04 found in my yard?
05 BY MR. BARNES:
06 Yeah, you had a lot of rocks.
07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
08 Lot 23, all I have ---
09 BY MR. MATHIS:
10 And my television cable is about the only thing
11 I think they found. They found it on ---
12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
13 There was one pound of -- well, I think
14 everybody kind of went through that.
15 BY MS. HOLT:
16 It was always on a Friday.
17 BY MR. MATHIS:
18 Yeah, it was.
19 BY MS. HOLT:
20 So you would get up and it would have to be over
21 the weekend.
22 BY MR. MATHIS:
23 Yeah, it was. That's right.
24 BY MS. HOLT:
25 That's just wrong.

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
02 You had one pound of ordnance related scrap.
03 BY MR. NESBIT:
04 That's just scrap.
05 BY MR. MATHIS:
06 Scrap.
07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
08 That's just scrap, and you had 13 pounds of
09 household debris, rocks.
10 BY MR. MATHIS:
11 That sounds more like it, because we -- we knew
12 that.
13 BY MR. NESBIT:
14 Yeah.
15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
16 You had 13 pounds of non OE.
17 BY MR. MATHIS:
18 We filled it in eight foot, so I just figured,
19 you know, if we did, we'd haul it in the truck.
20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
21 Does anybody else want to know their poundage?
22 BY MR. HOLT:
23 Do you know by lot?
24 BY MR. MCCALLISTER:
25 Lot 30.

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01 BY MS. PIKE:
02 Do you know the poundage that came from each
03 lot?
04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
05 Yes.
06 BY MS. PIKE:
07 Okay. Thank you.
08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
09 Well, Ms. Pike, I'll have to add yours up.
10 Yours is what? Hang on.
11 Lot 30, you had four pounds of OE related scrap
12 and 21 pounds of non OE.
13 BY MS. BARBEE:
14 What's OE?
15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
16 Ordnance.
17 BY MR. NESBIT:
18 Ordnance.
19 BY MR. PETTY:
20 How about 32 and 33?
21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
22 32 had 3 pounds that was ordnance related and 15
23 pounds non-ordnance.
24 BY MR. HOLT:
25 How about 39?

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
02 Ms. Pike, see, I can't do the math that fast.
03 Hang on. I'll get to you, Ms. Pike.
04 Lot 39, 1 1/2 pounds OE related and 25 pounds
05 non-ordnance related scrap.
06 BY MS. BARBEE:
07 Well, while you're there, look at 38.
08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
09 One pound ordnance related, 36 pounds non.
10 So if you added up nails and bottle caps and
11 whatever else they're digging, 36 pounds is a fair
12 amount of hand digging. Okay.
13 Ms. Pike, let me add up yours. 39 pounds of

14 ordnance related, the practice grenades.
15 BY MS. PIKE:
16 All three lots?
17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
18 I was adding up all yours, right, and then about
19 44 pounds of non-ordnance related pieces of metal.
20 BY MS. PIKE:
21 Not for that much work.
22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
23 Well, that doesn't count all the rocks. The
24 rocks aren't included on here.
25 BY MR. HOLT:

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01 Lot 40.
02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
03 Lot 40 so far as 988 pounds of ordnance related
04 scrap and 300 pounds of non-ordnance.
05 BY MS. PIKE:
06 Is that one lot?
07 BY MR. HOLT:
08 We're just living next to the powder keg.
09 (INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG AUDIENCE MEMBERS)
10 BY MR. HINELY:
11 None of that was live on 40, was it?
12 BY MR. NESBIT:
13 No.
14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
15 Lot 40 was no practice grenades -- no. None of
16 it was live OE.
17 BY MR. HOLT:
18 Until they cleaned it off, that was the bathroom
19 for the golfers.
20 BY MR. NESBIT:
21 Yes, sir.
22 BY MR. BARNES:
23 This is not really directly related to this, I
24 don't think, but I just want to -- I know when they
25 closed Camp Croft, what, in '44, everybody was wanting

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01 to go home when World War II was over with, but when
02 they close Army posts now, do they do a little better
03 job of disposing of this stuff?
04 BY MR. NESBIT:
05 Yes, sir.
06 BY MR. BARNES:
07 Knowing that there might be some residential
08 sections coming in?
09 BY MR. NESBIT:
10 Yes, sir. It's a requirement now.
11 BY MR. BARNES:
12 They ---
13 BY MR. NESBIT:
14 It's the law.
15 BY MR. BARNES:
16 That wasn't a requirement then?
17 BY MR. NESBIT:
18 Well, look at it this way, during that time they
19 tried and they made an effort to track what and how
20 they disposed of things back then as well, but, of
21 course, the requirement wasn't adhered to as strongly
22 as they are now. You have agencies that actually
23 participate with the government and absolutely
24 determine the type and methodology they are going to
25 use of disposing of ordnance and other type of debris.

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01 BY MR. BARNES:

02 So this is not likely to happen as bad?

03 BY MR. NESBIT:

04 No, sir.

05 BY MR. BARNES:

06 Wouldn't be quite as bad.

07 BY MR. NESBIT:

08 We wouldn't think so. I'll put it that way. We
09 don't think so.

10 BY MR. BARNES:

11 Shouldn't. Okay.

12 BY MR. NESBIT:

13 So.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 In general, from the archives that you read on
16 some of these old sites, they did routinely conduct
17 surface clearances. Any -- you know, they would do a
18 sweep, and anything they would see laying on the
19 ground, they would go ahead and collect; but if you
20 look at a pit, they're not going out with the
21 equipment and trying to find pits. Chances are they
22 tried to bury it to not have to account for it, and
23 any artillery or grenades, anything that might have
24 been covered over by leaf litter and subsequently
25 filled over those couple of years where the camp was

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01 used, there was probably minimal to no effort to go
02 investigate and find those. It was just what they
03 could see, pick up and move on. That's why the
04 geophysical subsurface data collection. What's -- you
05 know, what's the most concern now is what's below the
06 surface, because there's little that's left, if any,
07 on the surface.

08 BY MR. BARNES:

09 Well, from my standpoint I appreciate what you
10 all did.

11 BY MR. HOLT:

12 I've been very happy with all of it. They've
13 been very courteous and very polite.

14 BY MR. NESBIT:

15 We appreciate it. I'll pass that on up the
16 channel. They need to hear it.

17 Are there any other questions?

18 BY MS. BARBEE:

19 And they were also very patient with all the
20 neighborhood dogs.

21 BY AUDIENCE MEMBER:

22 Yeah, I think the neighborhood dogs miss them
23 real bad.

24 (INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG AUDIENCE MEMBERS)

25 BY MS. PIKE:

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01 Will the same ones come back or the other one
02 come back?

03 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

04 Right now I do not think UXB is slated to be the
05 ordnance contractor for the next fiscal year.

06 BY MS. NESBIT:

07 We're in the process of awarding a new contract,
08 and nine times out of ten it will be a different
09 contractor. However, the requirements are going to be
10 the same. I don't anticipate anything any
11 differently.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 As far as safety requirements.

14 BY MR. NESBIT:
15 As far as safety or anything else.
16 BY MS. HOLT:
17 So don't we get T-shirts that say something like
18 we survived this?
19 BY MR. HOLT:
20 We survived. We survived.
21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
22 Well, first of all, let's get the clearance
23 letters out to you first, and then we'll see.
24 BY MR. PETTY:
25 Well, send one to the newspaper about it. Put

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01 something positive in there.
02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
03 The paper has been fairly quiet. Gary Henderson
04 usually writes ---
05 BY AUDIENCE MEMBER:
06 They'll get it wrong some way or another.
07 BY MR. PETTY:
08 But they're pretty negative about the cleanup.
09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
10 Cleanup early on.
11 BY MR. PETTY:
12 They really have.
13 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
14 What can we do is work -- and we had talked
15 about it, actually at the end of the removal action,
16 for us, Zapata, to write a public relations piece
17 about the effort and the cooperation and how well it
18 went. That's a good idea.
19 BY MR. BARBEE:
20 Put it in the Stroller, then it will get read.
21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
22 Pardon me?
23 BY MR. BARBEE:
24 Put it in the Stroller so people will read it.
25 BY MS. HOLT:

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01 Yeah, that's true.
02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
03 Okay.
04 BY MS. BARBEE:
05 Are you saying that you all won't be the
06 engineering company that comes back?
07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
08 We'll still be the community relations company.
09 BY MR. NESBIT:
10 Yeah, Zapata will still be with us.
11 BY MS. BARBEE:
12 Okay.
13 BY MR. NESBIT:
14 Her contract -- I mean, their contract has not
15 changed and she'll be here for a while longer.
16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
17 Job security.
18 BY MS. PETTY:
19 Are you going anywhere else in Spartanburg?
20 BY MR. NESBIT:
21 We still have other sites in Spartanburg that we
22 still have to investigate and make determination what
23 we're going to do.
24 Some sites have already been determined that
25 there is some type of cleanup required, and as funds

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01 become available, we'll begin moving into those areas.
02 What we try to do is to get to the areas that
03 have the highest priority in terms of property use,
04 safety to the public, and we couldn't think of anybody
05 or any place anymore needing to have it done than
06 Wedgewood since we've got a whole populous of people
07 living in there.

08 So that's one of the reasons why we were working
09 in that area first. Once we get mostly the high, high
10 areas taken care of, then we'll begin to gear down to
11 the lesser high potential of property damage or people
12 problems and so on. That's typically the way it
13 works.

14 BY MS. PETTY:

15 Are you through with Croft State Park?

16 BY MR. NESBIT:

17 There are still sites on the State Park area
18 that require some effort, be it removal or fencing or
19 education, and we're still working with the park,
20 State Park service folks and helping them or at least
21 providing them with information to help them determine
22 how they are planning to continue to use the park.
23 For example, whether or not there are certain trails
24 that they might want to reopen to the public and what
25 is required to do so. I mean one of the sites or

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01 trails that they would like to reopen or open may not
02 have been one of those that have been cleared or
03 investigated by us, and with our participation with
04 them, hopefully, they'll be able to develop a master
05 plan on how they really want to develop the park a
06 little more. In fact, ---

07 BY MS. PIKE:

08 What about ---

09 BY MR. NESBIT:

10 Pardon me?

11 BY MS. PIKE:

12 What about the golf course?

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 We do have some cleanup work that's required
15 with the golf course, and we'll be working with them
16 this fall as well.

17 BY MS. HOLT:

18 Is it expensive?

19 BY MR. NESBIT:

20 To try to take care of that situation as soon as
21 we possibly can.

22 BY MR. BARNES:

23 Does that mean we may have to leave if we're on
24 near the golf course again?

25 BY MR. NESBIT:

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01 It depends on how it's going to be done and how
02 close you are within the safety zone. Depending upon
03 what time of day it's being done as well.

04 There are a lot of things that have to be
05 considered with the golf course, and we're trying to
06 do it in such a way where it's going to be minimal
07 impact to the families that are surrounding the golf
08 course itself.

09 Now, I'm not saying that you may not have to,
10 but we're going to definitely try to do it in such a
11 way where it will be minimal if you do.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 And that was one reason, too, why they were

14 tracking so closely where the ordnance scrap was found
15 versus not, because if there's an indication that
16 there was not ordnance in that area, some of those
17 safety zones might be able to be reduced.

18 BY MR. NESBIT:

19 Exactly.

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 Again, to minimize the impact, so trying to
22 figure out what was found versus what kinds of
23 engineering controls or barriers could be put in place
24 to again minimize the disruption to the houses that
25 front the golf course, and all of that will be

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01 re-evaluated under this next work plan.

02 BY MR. NESBIT:

03 Exactly, and in fact try to minimize the amount
04 of time that we'll be tying up the golf course as
05 well, because we realize that's an important entity as
06 far as a community is concerned, as well.

07 BY MR. BARNES:

08 Are you talking about it's probably going to be
09 the perimeter of the course? It's not going to be
10 right on it, directly on the course, is it? I mean,
11 you won't be out in the fairways of the course because
12 it's been green or will you?

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 I'm uncertain. Okay. I know that there is some
15 that's on the bridges of the golf course some of the
16 areas that has to be cleared. Okay. But potentially
17 there might be something in the fairway as well. I
18 just don't know at this point in time.

19 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

20 Any other questions?

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 Any other questions?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

25 Just a quick note on our next RAB meeting. We

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01 were scheduled to meet in August, and due to funding
02 limitations and some other scheduling constraints,
03 that meeting is going to be postponed until after
04 October 1st, as well.

05 So, we'll have that posted on our website.

06 We'll also send out fliers next week to let folks know
07 that we were anticipating to come in August, but it's
08 been postponed. And then as the meeting is confirmed,
09 we'll let everyone know that.

10 So if any other neighbors or residents want
11 copies of the maps, want any information, just have
12 them give us a call, and we'll get back to them and
13 thank them for us, as well, and we'll be back in town
14 after October.

15 BY MR. HINELY:

16 Does everyone still have their forms? If not, I
17 have plenty of extras.

18 BY MR. NESBIT:

19 Thank you for coming out tonight.

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 Thanks.

22 BY MR. NESBIT:

23 We really appreciate it.

24 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:30 P.M.)

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01 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

01) CERTIFICATE
 02 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

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05 This is to certify that the within meeting was
 06 taken on the 27th day of July, 2000;

07 That the foregoing is an accurate transcript of
 08 the meeting;

09 That copies of all exhibits, if any, entered
 10 herein are attached hereto and made a part of this
 11 record;

12 That the undersigned court reporter, a Notary
 13 Public for the State of South Carolina, is not an
 14 employee or relative of any of the parties, counsel or
 15 witness and is in no manner interested in the outcome
 16 of this action.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand
 18 and Seal at Spartanburg, South Carolina, this 31st day
 19 of July, 2000.

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