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01 CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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02 PLACE: SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
03 Swearingen Conference Center
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04 DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 1997
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05 TIME: 7:05 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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06 PRESENTATIONS
06 GIVEN BY: Wayne Bogan
07 Project Manager
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08 Charleston District
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14 Gerard Perry
14 Robert W. Powell, Jr.
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16 Gerald T. Thurmond
16 Sherry Wheeler
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01 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
02 I like to welcome everybody to the March meeting
03 of the Camp Croft Restoration Advisory Board. I

04 remind everybody, again, we'd like you to hold your
05 questions until the end of the presentation, and at
06 that time the presenter will ask the questions from
07 the audience and the Board.

08 At this time we'll move on the agenda to Mr.
09 Wayne Bogan on the status of the removal activities.
10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 Good evening. Thanks for coming back. The
12 first item on the agenda is the sampling on Mr.
13 Coleman's property.

14 We've actually done an additional sampling grid
15 since we sent out the last status report. The first
16 sampling where we put in the only thing that we found
17 was the tea kettle, some barbwire and I think a power
18 blade, but afterwards, Mr. Coleman wasn't totally sure
19 that we put the grid in.

20 Now we put it where he wanted it, but he wasn't
21 totally sure that that was exactly where the potential
22 site was. We've actually gone back in this morning
23 put in another grid, sampled again, and they didn't
24 run into anything. The only thing they came close to
25 was a 16 inch water main or a pipe going through that

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01 area.

02 So even we put in two grids 100 foot by 100
03 foot, they didn't find anything related to munitions,
04 chemicals, etcetera on his property. Mr. and Ms.
05 Coleman were quite pleased to find that out.

06 The second item is reimbursement for local
07 businesses. As we mentioned in the status reports,
08 what we've done is we've sent a letter up to our
09 headquarters, which then went up to the Department of
10 Army level requesting that if we have to shut down
11 somebody's business, that we have the authority to pay
12 them the operating expenses and also looking at a
13 potential profit that they might lose. The primary
14 example was when we're on Dr. Lowry's property, a lot
15 of the areas we needed to work in were right next to
16 his landfill.

17 Based on our safety distances, there's a
18 potential that we'd have to shut down his landfill.
19 It might be for a couple of days or it might be for
20 some six months, and it would be unfair for him to
21 come in and shut down his landfill and lose all that
22 money for his operating expenses, for his employees,
23 etcetera and losing that profit.

24 To this date we have not received any
25 information back as to whether or not the Department

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01 of Defense is going to approve that authority for us
02 to be able to do that, so we're trying to work around
03 it at the moment.

04 The areas cleared. I'm going to start first
05 with Area 2, 00U2 with inside the State Park. To
06 date, they've found 55 mortars on the surface within
07 sampling grids.

08 We added some additional work in there on some
09 proposed horse trails for the State Park. Initially,
10 the plan called for us to clean up 5,000 feet of horse
11 trails that we thought was inside of the area.

12 Come to find out that only about 500 feet of
13 horse trails were actually within the area. The State
14 Park had some proposed horse trails they wanted to put
15 through there, so we've taken the additional footage
16 that we didn't use and applied that to the future

17 horse trails, and they've gone through and started
18 cleaning those. So when the Park starts the trails,
19 then they won't have any problems.

20 Along the horse trails, which is a subsurface
21 clearance, they're going down to two -- down to two
22 feet, out to ten feet on either side. They have found
23 six 60 millimeter mortars and two 81 millimeter
24 mortars below the surface.

25 BY MR. POWELL:

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01 Live?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 Yes, sir, everything is live, so they're getting
04 those and getting them out of the way; and, of course,
05 this is an area that we've already surface cleared,
06 and they found some mortars near that, not necessarily
07 on the trail.

08 Of course, during the surface clearance, they
09 don't do any digging, so they didn't know what was
10 underneath the trail.

11 The next one is Area 3, which we've just started
12 in Wedgewood. This is a follow-up to the sampling did
13 as part of the Engineering Evaluation. During the
14 sampling, they didn't find anything, but they found
15 two practice grenades and one portion of a rocket tail
16 fin.

17 During the removal, which is under HFA's
18 contract, where they've been working in the State
19 Park, they found 15 practice grenades; and in the past
20 couple of days they've found five live grenades, which
21 was a surprise to us.

22 That will end up, and I will address this in a
23 minute, probably changing some of our policy of how
24 we're going to look at the Wedgewood area.

25 If all they were finding was practice grenades

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01 during the sampling and on Ms. Pike's property, then
02 there wasn't a great need for us to come back in and
03 do a total removal for the whole area.

04 Now that we've found live grenades, we're
05 looking at coming in and talking with the property
06 owners and seeing about doing a clearance for all the
07 property on there just to make sure. All right.

08 All right. So we didn't expect it, and so if we
09 didn't expect it there, there's a chance, always, that
10 we might find it someplace else, so we're going to try
11 and address that.

12 On Area 6, 00U6, which is primarily Dr. Lowry's
13 property and several other adjacent properties, we've
14 had Parsons Engineering doing the sampling on Dr.
15 Lowry's property.

16 A few of the landowners didn't give us right of
17 entry. Milliken did not give us right of entry. Not
18 to point out any of those, but just saying that some
19 of the others did not want to.

20 While they were there and doing the sampling
21 grids, they found 14 105 millimeter illumination
22 canisters, canisters that had gone up and a flare came
23 out and the metal just fell to the ground.

24 But in one area, which is adjacent to the
25 proposed pond that Dr. Lowry's building, they found a

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01 live 105 millimeter howitzer shell -- howitzer round.

02 Excuse me.

03 What we're trying to do in response to that is

04 Dr. Lowry has progress -- work in progress on the
05 pond, so we're going to do what we call construction
06 support for his pond.

07 It took us a little work, but I finally got it
08 set up, and I don't have the contract awarded yet, but
09 we're going to watch -- we're going to come in and do
10 probably a four foot clearance on the fish pond area
11 and have somebody there standing by to do any
12 potential clearance afterwards as this construction
13 equipment comes in and does the work to build the
14 pond.

15 This is one of those where we've said that if
16 people are building or doing construction and run up
17 on to an ordnance siting, then we'll try to get
18 somebody in there to do the cleanup. We had a little
19 difficulty, initially, when I started talking to
20 people about this contract, but we turned it around
21 and got it set up so they're working on a contract now
22 to get FHA to extend the work they're doing at the
23 moment, and then we run over to Area 6 for the
24 property there.

25 I believe that's probably it. Now we'll cover,

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01 also, the current work efforts. Parsons Engineering
02 has already finished their sampling on Area 6. ESC,
03 which is the contractor doing the Engineering
04 Evaluation Cost Analysis, is looking to finish up
05 around the 20th of this month, and FHA, on their
06 current contract, is going to finish up around the
07 15th of this month clearing OOU3, Ms. Pike's property,
08 and Area 2 within the State Park.

09 Of course, they will extend on if we should have
10 a contract set up, hopefully by tomorrow, for them to
11 go over to Dr. Lowry's property to the fish pond.

12 I'm still trying to work it -- work it out so
13 that we can go ahead and do some work in Grid 87 on --
14 in Area 6. Grid 87 was a previously sampled site. We
15 know we found contamination. There was no shrapnel,
16 but there were some other items. The problem we ran
17 into, and this is where we come into the potential
18 shutdown for Dr. Lowry's landfill, was that it's right
19 adjacent to the landfills and covers at least part of
20 the road going into the landfill.

21 It's going to be kind of difficult to do some
22 work there without impacting the landfill, which is
23 one of the reasons we're trying to reimbursements for
24 any of the money they lose for the landfill being shut
25 down.

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01 Once the contractors finish up the work for --
02 or -- since Parsons has moved out, ESC has finished
03 the sampling for the Engineering Evaluation, and
04 they've got their reports due around June and July,
05 we'll take those reports. I'll have to have a public
06 meeting for the Engineering Evaluation of what they
07 found, and I'll tell you just briefly what they found
08 during that, and then we'll come forward with the
09 areas where we have found ammunition and do the
10 cleanup on those additional areas.

11 When ESC has been out doing the sampling on the
12 various sites, and these are all the yellow dots and
13 red polygons on the Supplemental Archive Search Report
14 map, they have found 28 items so far. All those items
15 have been around Danger Area 1, Area A32, which is on
16 the edge of Dairy Ridge Road next to 295.

17 There have been some other small items,
18 primarily just scrap, here and there that's been found
19 on other sites that we've sampled. The sites that
20 we're looking at at the moment are those on the very
21 south end of what was the former Camp Croft.
22 They've been finding things there, such as small
23 arms, bullets here and there, clips or pieces of
24 clips, etcetera, but no -- no other live ordnance on
25 any of the other grids.

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01 If they don't find anything else on those
02 others, they'll come in with their recommendation and
03 report if there are any additional areas or sites in
04 Danger Area 1 where we need to come back and award
05 another contract to do the removal on those.

06 I think that covers all the current work and
07 briefly touches on the schedule. When the Engineering
08 Evaluation Report is completed, like I said, then
09 we'll award the next contractor any removal actions
10 they need to do.

11 BY MR. THOMPSON:

12 Wayne, how's the money holding up?

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 I haven't had any problems so far. For example,
15 we're -- we're having to request additional monies to
16 do this construction support. We're still fairly in
17 an -- early into our fiscal year, so that there's
18 money that has been set aside for a project, and we
19 set aside somewhere around \$2 million, just to place
20 over in the budget for doing additional removal work
21 on Camp Croft, so we're digging into that now.

22 I haven't heard any problems to this point on
23 getting funding on the project.

24 Any other questions?

25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 Wayne.

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 Yes.

04 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

05 Was it you sampling down at where the Cedar
06 Springs is at on Carolina Country Club Road?

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 Oh, yes, that's one I forgot to mention.

09 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

10 Okay, because they told me that's what was in
11 there.

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 All right. About two or three weeks ago --
14 probably about three weeks ago now, I had a resident
15 approach me that lives near Cedar Springs Fire saying
16 that as a kid that she remembered finding ammunition
17 that they had dug up and her father had carried some
18 stuff off and collected a lot of information.

19 Based on that, I talked to the contractor and
20 got it set up so that we would place additional grids
21 on the three sites that she showed me. There's two --
22 probably two sites with three landowners, so we had
23 the contractor go out look at those areas.

24 When they initially showed up to look at the
25 areas, there was a group from the homeowners'

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01 association that said -- someone from the homeowners'
02 association showed up and said they didn't want us
03 there.

04 The contractor left, called me immediately. I
05 was out of town doing some coordination. And after
06 they called, I came back and told them that, you know,
07 I checked with the landowners. "Do you still want us
08 to do the sampling?"

09 "Yes."

10 I called to check about the concerns for the
11 homeowners group. I got some information on that, but
12 I went ahead Monday and sampled. Monday and a little
13 bit yesterday -- that was Monday. A little bit today,
14 finished up all those grids, and on the properties
15 that they sampled, they didn't find any additional
16 information.

17 So what I've just been trying to do is new
18 information has been coming up, and I'm trying to
19 respond to that and get that added on to the work
20 before the contractor works in the next two or three
21 weeks.

22 I've got another resident who has called, and
23 I've got to give her a call tomorrow. She wants her
24 property checked also.

25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 Well, how about now, have you had anybody in the
02 old dump area, the Camp Croft dump, you know, around
03 the sewer pumping station back in there. I've seen
04 trucks. Now I don't know whose they are.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Is that down towards the current land, the
07 County landfill or ---

08 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

09 No.

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 Which area? I get the -- tell me which road
12 it's off of?

13 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

14 It's between Dairy Ridge and Croft's ---

15 BY MR. POWELL:

16 Do you know where the pumping station is?

17 BY MR. BOGAN:

18 No, sir.

19 BY MR. POWELL:

20 Well, it's right next to the sewage district.

21 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

22 Well, you know where you were just talking about
23 the sampling?

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 Right.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:

02 You go down Dairy Ridge. When you go to the
03 hill, you've got to ---

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 That way and you'll face that area down there
06 where you guys are speeding in and out with their
07 vehicles.

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 They're using the sewer line as an access,
10 because they're trying to take the gators off of and
11 not have them on the road for safety reasons. And the
12 sewer being -- the sewer area being a public property,
13 they can go down through there to get back to some of
14 the others.

15 I know that I had a gentleman show up yesterday.
16 He told me that he knew of some information where some

17 various items were found, so I went out walking
18 yesterday with a couple of contractors and walked
19 through an area to see if we found stuff that he said.
20 We didn't see anything.
21 Unless it's on one of the areas already
22 identified by the Supplemental Archive Search Report
23 or a few sites that I've had somebody come up and
24 we've added on, it should be just on those sites.
25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 Well, I thought it was in your plans, though, to
02 check the dump area there where they dumped all their
03 stuff at Camp Croft?
04 BY MR. BOGAN:
05 If it was on the list, the Supplemental, then
06 they've gone ahead and looked at it. Yes, sir. I
07 don't know specifically what the number is for the
08 site.
09 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
10 Okay. Another question.
11 Have you found any buried ammunition? You know,
12 people said they know where something is buried. Have
13 your people found anything?
14 BY MR. BOGAN:
15 No, sir, not of any extent.
16 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
17 Right.
18 BY MR. BOGAN:
19 I mean, a few rounds here and there.
20 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
21 Yeah, I meant these are the boxes and
22 everything.
23 BY MR. BOGAN:
24 No, sir.
25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 Okay. How about radioactive material?
02 BY MR. BOGAN:
03 No, sir.
04 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
05 I hear people still looking for that. They say
06 that they brought it from Oak Ridge and buried it here
07 at Camp Croft. People is trying to find it, you know.
08 BY MR. BOGAN:
09 Right.
10 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
11 And say it's here.
12 BY MR. BOGAN:
13 I had a gentleman stopped by yesterday who
14 mentioned that stuff before, and he told me where he
15 thought some of that was located, but when it comes to
16 radioactive materials: One, I don't have anything
17 other than a rumor that somebody has said, and they
18 apparently don't have any proof; and two, the
19 contractor that we've got now can only look for
20 ordnance. They won't do any hazardous waste type
21 searching.
22 So if there's a site related to chemical wastes
23 or radioactive wastes, etcetera, and somebody has some
24 indication of where it is, then I look at that and
25 follow on hazardous waste type project.

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01 BY MR. HAYES:
02 Is this -- is this all part of the second EE/CA
03 -- I mean, over the first EE/CA? The first EE/CA or

04 the second EE/CA?

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Phase II of the first EE/CA. What it is is the
07 first EE/CA report came in and the first sampling done
08 on the EE/CA was based on the initial Archive Search
09 Report. During that, that's when we started finding
10 lots more information.

11 We found the rounds on Dr. Lowry's property and
12 then Mr. Ramantanin's property and some of the others
13 popped up with information. That's when we did a
14 Supplemental Archive Search Report, which was the map
15 with all the red polygons and yellow dots where people
16 told us things were located, so we what we call Phase
17 II of the EE/CA, Engineering Evaluation, and that's
18 the sampling that we're finishing up now.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 Now on the Coleman property, you said you did
21 one grid and then you did another grid?

22 BY MR. BOGAN:

23 Right.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 You did two grids. What size were those grids?

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 100 foot by 100 foot. They were both adjacent
03 to each other.

04 Mr. Coleman, when he was placing the first grid,
05 came back a little bit later on and said, "well,
06 maybe," kind of remembered that it was about 30 feet
07 more to the left of that grid, so we had to notify and
08 let the contractors -- and our contracting officer, he
09 had to contract to do that additional grid on the
10 property.

11 BY MR. MCBAIN:

12 How deep did you search on that Coleman
13 property, Wayne, do you know?

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 They set the magnetometers at a calibration of
16 four feet.

17 BY MR. MCBAIN:

18 Four feet?

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. MCBAIN:

22 Okay.

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 And understand that the calibration is set up
25 for -- I believe they had it for a 75 millimeter

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01 mortar at four feet. If, however, there was a large
02 cash of, say, ammunition or something even larger,
03 then they would pick something up at a deeper depth.
04 It doesn't mean that it will only go down -- it's just
05 that it makes it easier to identify.

06 BY MR. MCBAIN:

07 Where exactly do you run your grids down there,
08 if you don't mind me asking? From the tree in the
09 corner -- the cedar tree in the corner up to the oak
10 trees, how far up through there did you go?

11 BY MR. BOGAN:

12 The first grid went to -- from the far oak tree
13 -- do you know where that one is?

14 BY MR. MCBAIN:

15 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 Back towards the middle oak tree. The second
18 grid went from the middle oak tree to the cedar tree
19 right along the fence. So it went over that whole
20 area. It's about 200 feet long.

21 BY MR. MCBAIN:

22 So you stayed pretty much parallel to the line
23 fence then where that was?

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 Fairly close. Yes, sir.

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01 Yes, sir.

02 BY MR. OSBORNE:

03 Tell them about Ellis Environmental out of
04 Florida?

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Ellis is a subcontractor for Environmental
07 Science and Engineering doing surveying work for the
08 grids.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Then why are they over there on the road going
11 down to the lake as of last week? Is that part of the
12 same thing?

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 Which lake?

15 BY MR. OSBORNE:

16 Lake Zimmerman or not Lake Zimmerman. Lake
17 Johnson.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 Lake Johnson?

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 Uh-huh (affirmative response). From Whitestone,
22 you take a right there, and you go down where you had
23 it closed up there for awhile, and they were over
24 there doing ---

25 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

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01 He must be talking about OOU2.

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 Right adjacent to OOU2, we have Area A27, which
04 is one of the sites where we're supposed to ---

05 BY MR. OSBORNE:

06 Well, right on -- right on the side of the road.

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 Yes, sir. If you look at the map, A27 is
09 immediately adjacent to the area.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 The first time I run into them was down on Cedar
12 Springs Road when they were doing something on private
13 property down there.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 And that's the whole purpose of Ellis
16 Environmental, is they're to come in and do the
17 surveying work and reports and do the sampling.

18 So we've got A27. Is that in that area? Near
19 the radio tower, it's not too far from Areas A26,
20 interview 78, 85, 45, 44, 43, 86, 20, A24, 34 and 72.
21 So there's about 10 or 15 sites off that road.

22 BY MR. OSBORNE:

23 Okay. Since I was the one that was sort of
24 responsible for the one on Nottingham, can I get up
25 and explain to you what happened?

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 On Nottingham?

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 Yes, sir.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Yes, sir.

07 BY MR. OSBORNE:

08 On February 26th, about 10:00 n the morning, I
09 went over -- I had a hamburger or I went over for
10 coffee at Hardee's, and I come back on Nottingham and
11 there was a crew from HFA out there.

12 And since this was a little bit odd that they
13 were in a cantonment area, I stopped and went over
14 there and just asked them what they were doing. I
15 identified myself, and at that point he automatically
16 got on the walkie-talkie and talked to somebody and
17 said they had orders to clean it up by the Corps of
18 Engineers.

19 I said, "It's fine. It sounds like a good idea
20 to me."

21 I got in the car and left and went over on Cedar
22 Springs Road. Here's another group up there in
23 another area. I went up there and asked them what
24 they're doing. Same type of thing. "We're cleaning
25 it up and doing some checking up here."

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01 I said, "That's a good idea," so I went on home.
02 I got to thinking about it. So I grabbed my camera,
03 and I took off back down. I went to Nottingham, and I
04 started taking pictures, and I do have the pictures,
05 and they have about six or seven guys down there on
06 Nottingham, and they had got into one place where they
07 were digging a hole and got out the big metal
08 cantonment deal that they get where they dig, so if it
09 explodes, that they're covered up, but they had
10 complete grids on out there.

11 When I got there and started taking the
12 pictures, he grabbed the walkie-talkie. The next
13 thing he did, he ran over to one of the -- what do you
14 call those little vehicles, the four wheel drive
15 vehicles?

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 Gators.

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:

19 Those gators and grabbed a mobile telephone.
20 And at that point, he said, "All right, guys." He
21 said, "Let's wrap it up. I want you to cover up the
22 holes. Grab that stuff and let's get out of here in a
23 hurry."

24 And I mean they really picked up stuff, threw it
25 in the vehicles, got in them, took off, went down by

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01 the creek, and down -- like you said, down that area
02 heading back over to Dairy Ridge Road.

03 The guy said, "Don't think I'm closing it up
04 just because you're taking pictures. We had a deal
05 that -- we had a disagreement between Huntsville and
06 Charleston, so we're stopping work."

07 All right. So I -- so I drove back over to
08 Cedar Springs. I walked up on the hill. I said, "How
09 are you guys doing?"

10 When I started taking pictures, they started
11 throwing stuff in the things, and I mean flat dab got
12 out of there.

13 It got me sort of wondering, and, as you know, I
14 called you and I talked to you on it. But, anyway,
15 going back to -- that was on the 26th. On March the
16 4th, about 10:00 going over on Dairy Ridge Road there

17 at -- I think it's Willow Creek or Willow whatever it
18 is there, which is, I think, Ramantanin's property.
19 There's a slug of pickups, vans, and I can't see
20 anybody around, so I go over.

21 I park and go over there with my camera, and,
22 again, when they come up with the two little gators,
23 one of them went to one pickup and one to another, and
24 when I started taking pictures, all hell broke loose.
25 Excuse the expression. But one guy jumped out of it

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01 and jumped in a pickup and one guy jumped out of the
02 other gator and jumped in a pickup, and the gators
03 took off back down into the woods like you can't
04 believe.

05 At that time, two vehicles, the two pickups
06 left, and, I mean, they took off. Well, I was sort of
07 wondering what's going on.

08 So, anyway, a few minutes later, another guy
09 drives up. He's got on fatigues. I says, "What's
10 going on down there?"

11 He says, "I don't know, but I'm going down to
12 find out."

13 At a quarter after 12:00, the two little
14 vehicles come back up and they parked them down there,
15 and four guys, two in each one, they went up and they
16 got into one of the vans. I said, "Where are you
17 going?"

18 "Going to lunch."

19 I said, "That's fine." I said, "What about the
20 other guy down there?"

21 "He's down there checking over some things."

22 I said, "Who was he?"

23 He was a safety inspector for the Corps of
24 Engineers.

25 I said, "That's fine."

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01 So I stood around. I waited for him to come
02 back up. When he come back up, I said, "Well, what's
03 going on down there?"

04 "I don't know. I didn't see anybody down
05 there."

06 I said, "They told me that they talked to you."

07 "Well, I don't know nothing about that."

08 I says, "I was told you're the safety inspector
09 for the Corps of Engineers."

10 "No, I don't have nothing to do with that."

11 And he walked over to his car, and I said, "Then
12 you don't mind me taking your picture," and I took his
13 picture, which I have, plus I have his license plate
14 number, etcetera. He took off and off he went.

15 Being lunchtime, I said, "Well, nobody around,"
16 so I took off.

17 I went back over at 3:30. We still had some
18 more pickups back up there again. This safety
19 officer, supposedly a safety officer, and one other
20 gentleman in the pickup was standing up there. I
21 said, "What's going on?"

22 "We don't know."

23 At 3:40, listening to the radio, "Fire in the
24 hole," and so help me, there was an explosion that
25 shook the road, and I mean it shook it. I mean, it

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01 was a dandy.

02 I looked over, and I said, "Nothing going on?"

03 And they didn't say a word.

04 At 4:02, "Fire in the hole," and another one
05 went off, and I tell you the same type of deal. It
06 knocked -- it just shook you. It was that bad.
07 At that point the safety inspector jumped in his
08 car and left. The other guy jumped in the pickup and
09 left.

10 Now it seemed to me that if he's the safety
11 inspector for the Corps of Engineers, then he should
12 have been around checking what's going on down there
13 and seeing what's going on. But like I said, at that
14 point, they left and I left.

15 Now I have asked you in the past what we know
16 about bunkers buried on Camp Croft, and so far we
17 don't have any information on bunkers buried on Camp
18 Croft, right?

19 Just sort of more or less this is what's going
20 on and so forth.

21 Well, last week I was able to get a picture of a
22 bunker, and I'm going to give it out here, but I want
23 to explain to you one thing on this bunker. Munitions
24 igloo completed at Croft. Nine igloos, 1941, \$1
25 million.

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01 It had to be one heck of an igloo for ammunition
02 and arms, what it was quoted for in the paper. You'll
03 see it there. Done by Southeastern Construction in
04 Charlotte, North Carolina. There is a Southeastern,
05 but it's not the same one, supposedly, that -- so I --
06 because I called at Charlotte, and that is what they
07 told me. I have some more up here if somebody wants
08 them. (Referring to copies of article).

09 Now we're talking a million dollars for nine
10 bunkers. It means that these things are big.

11 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

12 Hold on just a minute. It says that this is a
13 million dollar supplemental building program. "One
14 form of construction that has neared completion is the
15 work of nine ordnance igloos.

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 For \$1 million?

18 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

19 It doesn't -- it -- no, sir. It says that this
20 is one form of that million dollar structure. It
21 doesn't say that they're spending a million dollars on
22 nine igloos.

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 All right. We'll just let it go at that.

25 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

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01 Okay. The other thing ---

02 BY MR. OSBORNE:

03 You can read it what it says.

04 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

05 --- you need to understand is also included in
06 this is weapons, not just ammunition.

07 BY MR. OSBORNE:

08 I said ---

09 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

10 "For the storage of weapons."

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12 That's right.

13 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

14 Okay. So these are also weapons rooms which the
15 military had certain guidelines in the storage of
16 weapons and the way they had to be handled.

17 The other thing is, Mr. Osborne, is what is your
18 point about these people that you ran into?

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 If everything is legal and above board, why
21 should they run?

22 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

23 Well, let me ---

24 BY MR. OSBORNE:

25 Why should they do anything? I'd say it's my

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01 job. I'm here on my business, and I did what I did.

02 I didn't go on no private property.

03 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

04 The first thing ---

05 BY MR. OSBORNE:

06 I took my pictures and everything from the road.

07 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

08 You were interfering with the government
09 contractor.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 That's your opinion.

12 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

13 The second ---

14 BY MR. OSBORNE:

15 I can ask questions from the road.

16 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

17 The second thing is my understanding Willow
18 Creek is private property. Did you have permission?

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 I didn't go off the road.

21 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

22 Okay. There are certain things that, whether
23 it's a government contractor or the military, that
24 require a certain amount of safety and security.

25 If everybody in Spartanburg County knew they

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01 were fixing to blow up some 105 millimeter shells, how
02 many people do you think would be down there? It
03 would be no different than when they imploded one of
04 the buildings downtown, and it's important that these
05 people have to operate with the safety guidelines set
06 forth by the Corps of Engineers. And you may not like
07 it and I may not like it, but it's there for our
08 protection and for the protection of the general
09 public.

10 BY MR. MCBAIN:

11 Could I ask a question on that point?

12 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

13 Sure.

14 BY MR. MCBAIN:

15 Why do they do most of the explosions sometime
16 between the hours of midnight and 2:00 in the morning.

17 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

18 I don't know that any of that has been
19 documented. Could you tell me the dates and times
20 that that happened?

21 BY MR. MCBAIN:

22 I don't have it here.

23 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

24 Okay. So you can't tell me?

25 BY MR. MCBAIN:

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01 But it's ---

02 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

03 Well, that's what we asked you before last month

04 to do that at the last meeting.
05 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
06 See, we're dealing with rumors and innuendos.
07 You ---
08 BY MR. MCBAIN:
09 No, I'm dealing with ---
10 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
11 No, you don't have a fact.
12 BY MR. MCBAIN:
13 Okay.
14 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
15 I've got a fact right here with Mr. Osborne.
16 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
17 See, this was in the afternoon. This was not at
18 midnight.
19 BY MR. MCBAIN:
20 That's right.
21 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
22 So that's what we want to know. That's what
23 we're here for.
24 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
25 We have to deal with facts.

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01 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
02 Yeah.
03 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
04 And the Corps has got to make decisions of
05 facts.
06 BY MR. MCBAIN:
07 But presumably the Corps has no knowledge of any
08 explosions that would run between the hours of
09 midnight and, say, 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning?
10 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
11 Right.
12 BY MR. MCBAIN:
13 Then we would have to assume from that that it
14 wouldn't be Corps' contractors that were doing the
15 explosions; is that correct?
16 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
17 That's correct. Now can you give me dates and
18 times that those explosions took place?
19 BY MR. MCBAIN:
20 When the time comes, yes.
21 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
22 Sir?
23 BY MR. MCBAIN:
24 When the time comes, yes.
25 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

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01 When will that time come?
02 BY MR. MCBAIN:
03 Well, I don't know. Whenever we find out who is
04 doing it. Let's put it that way. Who and where.
05 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
06 Well, I think if you would share what you knew,
07 we might could find out now.
08 BY MR. MCBAIN:
09 I don't think so, because ---
10 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
11 Okay. Well, then why bring it up? What's your
12 point?
13 BY MR. MCBAIN:
14 I'm just curious as to why -- from what you said
15 about the fact that you know who is doing this.
16 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

17 You don't ---
18 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
19 Wayne, let me just ask one question on this
20 picture. Is this the ammunition dump where your
21 people are working out of? That's what it looks like.
22 Yeah.
23 BY MR. BOGAN:
24 It looks like it, but I can't say for sure.
25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 No.
02 BY MR. BOGAN:
03 As you walk around, Mr. Osborne, you see ---
04 BY MR. SMITH:
05 That's the only ones that they had.
06 BY MR. THOMPSON:
07 That's 50 years ago, though.
08 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
09 This was just started and they covered it up.
10 It looks it to me. I mean, you know, I don't know. I
11 don't know if they had dirt. I don't know enough.
12 BY MR. THOMPSON:
13 They put dirt on top of it.
14 BY MR. POWELL:
15 Exactly that.
16 BY MR. BOGAN:
17 Mr. Osborne, I assume that you want me to answer
18 questions to these allegations or are these just
19 comments or ---
20 BY MR. OSBORNE:
21 Well, we're back to -- we've had a lot of
22 allegations over the period of time that I've been
23 here, but these happened in my presence, and this is
24 the first time that I can talk about something that I
25 know about.

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01 The innuendos and the other things, I have no
02 ideas on.
03 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
04 What is the allegation that you're making?
05 BY MR. OSBORNE:
06 I'm not really making an allegation except I
07 think something is going on that I don't really know
08 what, and, personally, I talked to Bob Inglis' office,
09 and I have asked for an investigation. I have talked
10 to Bob Inglis personally last night and ---
11 BY MR. THOMPSON:
12 As an individual, I hope.
13 BY MR. OSBORNE:
14 As an individual, because it was stated in the
15 deals that I can do it as an individual board member.
16 BY MR. THOMPSON:
17 As an individual.
18 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
19 Well, let me tell you what's going on. They're
20 cleaning up Camp Croft and blowing this stuff up just
21 like they told us they were going to do two years ago,
22 and that's what's going on.
23 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
24 And that's why we're here.
25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 Then we shouldn't have no problems, should we?
02 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
03 I don't.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 Okay. Let me address a couple of things, Mr.
06 Osborne.

07 The day that you showed up was February 26th,
08 and the crews were working in an area that you didn't
09 know about. All right. So you thought it was unusual
10 they were working there.

11 I was explaining awhile ago why they were there
12 based on the residents in ---

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 I have no problem with that.

15 BY MR. BOGAN:

16 Let me finish, please.

17 They had gone through and they were working in
18 that area. You walked up and you saw them, you left,
19 you came back and took pictures, etcetera. At some
20 point in there, and I don't -- I haven't sitten -- or
21 sat down, excuse me, with the contractor to work out
22 the times and schedules. At one point in there, as I
23 mentioned earlier, someone coming up as a homeowners'
24 association group said, "We don't want the Corps here.
25 Get out."

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01 All right. They don't -- I don't know if they
02 said, "Get out." I don't know exactly what they said,
03 but they -- they gave the impression that we don't
04 want you there. Leave.

05 BY MR. OSBORNE:

06 I was by myself when I was down there taking
07 pictures.

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 I understand. Okay. I don't know whether they
10 came before you, after you, between times or whatever,
11 but I know that they showed up. In the process of
12 them showing up, the contractor, even though we had
13 every legal right to stay on that property and
14 continue working, decided to try and avoid any
15 potential public problems.

16 All right. They said it's better if we just
17 step back, leave, pull up stakes, call Huntsville,
18 call Charleston and figure out what's going on, which
19 they did, because I was in Conway driving around in
20 the middle of the woods looking for a site when I got
21 the message. I was looking for a bombing range down
22 there. All right.

23 When they came in and they pulled up stakes and
24 they left, they said they called me and let me know.
25 All right. When they -- they didn't want to get into

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01 a fight or an argument. They've been told that any
02 information that deals with the public goes through my
03 office.

04 As I've said before and as I told you on the
05 phone the other day, if you want to know where
06 somebody is working at that moment, if you want to
07 know what they're doing and why they're doing it, call
08 me. All right.

09 I don't always know exactly what site they're
10 working on, because I'm not going to get in their way.
11 All right. They've got a list of sites. It's up to
12 them to schedule their work to get through the sites
13 as best as possible.

14 Now I asked them questions. I said, "Okay. Now
15 why did you all run from Mr. Osborne?"

16 All right. "Well, we didn't. We were already

17 packing up stakes when he showed up."

18 You weren't the only one that showed up in
19 Nottingham and the woods area, and I won't name names,
20 but there were at least four other individuals that
21 showed up. All right.

22 Information came in. People were taking
23 pictures. All right. And so they just thought it was
24 best to leave. So that's why I told them that I
25 wanted them to do the work this Monday when I was

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01 here, and I drove around this Monday to see if anybody
02 was going to show up and wanted any questions.

03 Nobody showed up. Nobody had any questions this time.
04 In the meantime, before they went up there on
05 Monday, I got another phone call from a resident who
06 said, "We still don't want you there."

07 I've got the landowner who says, "Hey, I think I
08 might have something on my property."

09 I've got another resident who said, "We found
10 stuff as a kid. It's my responsibility to the public,
11 in general, to go and look at those areas and see if
12 there is anything there."

13 As I reported, we didn't find anything yesterday
14 when we were looking around.

15 When I asked the question, "Did you all run?"
16 They said, "No." They said, "We were packing up gear
17 and we were leaving."

18 And I'll address the Dairy Ridge area. All
19 right. Yes, you showed up and you asked the
20 contractor what was going on. They told me they told
21 you to call me. Does that make sense?

22 The contractor said that he said -- he said,
23 "The gentleman visited. We told him to call Wayne
24 Bogan at the Corps of Engineers."

25 The safety officer, I talked to him, and he

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01 didn't know who you were at first. All he knew was
02 you were a gentleman showing up asking questions, so
03 he didn't want to give you any information, because we
04 have had problems in the past of government trailers
05 being broken into and information being stolen.

06 We've got people running around right now
07 digging up ordnance and ammunition on sites before we
08 even get there in some cases and sometimes afterwards.
09 All right.

10 So there has to be a certain amount of ---

11 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

12 Security.

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 --- security. Thank you. That we have to
15 enforce because we've got people running around.

16 All right. So when you showed up and they were
17 going out to the trailer and then they go back to the
18 woods, I mean, they've got to go back in the woods to
19 do their work.

20 All right. The safety officer told me that he
21 told you to call me, and I never got a phone call.
22 Maybe they did and maybe they didn't, but they both
23 told me they did because that's what I've told them
24 they're to tell anybody that comes in.

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 He said he was not -- he told me he was not the
02 safety officer.

03 BY MR. BOGAN:

04 Initially, yes. The second time he did because
05 the first time he didn't know who you were. You were
06 in an area standing on the side of the road watching.

07 I'll tell you one of the other reasons we have
08 problems and one of the other reasons they're doing
09 it, there was a group -- well, I don't know if it was
10 a group, but there's somebody out there who is going
11 around, other than yourself, taking pictures.

12 There's somebody who has been out there with a
13 listening device of some type pointing it toward the
14 contractor trying to listen what they're saying and
15 what they're doing while they're doing our work.

16 So do you have any questions to find their
17 uneasy about somebody coming up and taking pictures
18 and standing there?

19 All right. All I can tell is what you've told
20 me and what they've told me, because I'm not here the
21 whole time to answer questions.

22 They said one of the times when they left and
23 you were coming up there they were going to lunch
24 after they had already gone down. When you hear the
25 command, "Fire in the hole," that is a standard

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01 command in the military practice for blowing and doing
02 any kind of demolition operations. Correct? You
03 spent time in the military, right?

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 I understand.

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 So they called "Fire in the hole," they were
08 doing that. Now the safety officer usually shows up
09 for all demolition operation. However, he has another
10 function. He's working with a contractor who is here
11 from Parsons. He's working with a contractor for ESC.
12 He's working for the contractor HFA. He cannot be at
13 every grid for each of the crews that's working.

14 His other job is to go behind the contractor and
15 do a quality assurance, a safety check, to make sure
16 the contractor has done their job properly. In other
17 words, after they've already gone through and searched
18 an area, he comes back and searches it again to see if
19 they made a mistake.

20 If they made a mistake, he gives it a fail. You
21 get a pass or fail, he fails it and they have to go
22 back and redo the work at their own cost.

23 All right. So you can understand why we've --
24 we've got yourself taking pictures and somebody else,
25 I don't know who it is, taking pictures and using

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01 listening devices as to why the contractor is uneasy.

02 Does that help any?

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 You'd have to be there to know what went on.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Yes, sir, maybe I would.

07 BY MR. OSBORNE:

08 Like I said, it was the most weirdest thing,
09 because they would not talk to me.

10 BY MR. THOMPSON:

11 Did you identify yourself, Harold?

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 Yes, I did.

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 That you were on RAB?

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 I told -- I showed them my identification, the
18 whole bit.

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 And like I said, I've told the contractor has
21 been told in their contract, all public affairs, which
22 means talking to anybody in the public, between and
23 including the RAB is to go through the Charleston
24 District to either my public affairs officer or
25 myself.

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01 I don't know anybody who has ever gone and
02 called me who has ever had a problem with me calling
03 back. Sometimes I'm slow. All right. I admit that,
04 especially when I'm out on the road, for like the next
05 six weeks I'm on the road, and then in the office for
06 like six days, but I do check my voice mail on a
07 regular basis.

08 Now let me mention, if you don't know what
09 somebody is doing, call me, and I'll call the
10 contractor. If I have to, I'll drive up here and
11 figure out what's going on.

12 BY MR. RAMANTANIN:

13 Maybe you've answered this and I couldn't hear
14 you.

15 BY MR. BOGAN:

16 Yes, sir.

17 BY MR. RAMANTANIN:

18 I'm Ramantanin. I've been told by my tenants
19 down there, and I don't have it first hand, my tenants
20 told me that they had three different explosions down
21 there.

22 BY MR. BOGAN:

23 Okay.

24 BY MR. RAMANTANIN:

25 People down there doing it. Is that your

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01 information or not?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 I don't know how many they had, sir. I know
04 that in your general area and around your property and
05 some that's not on your property, that's those 28
06 items that they have found in what's called Danger
07 Area 1, and I can show you on the map.

08 A good portion of those have been rifle
09 grenades. They found a booster cap, rockets, a
10 practice rocket, so it's possible that one of those
11 items that they found, they -- they demolished it when
12 they found it.

13 Yes, sir.

14 And if you want -- if you want specific dates
15 and times when everything was going on.

16 BY MR. RAMANTANIN:

17 I don't care about that. No. Just let them get
18 them.

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. THOMPSON:

22 Make sure they get them.

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 So the contractor keeps a date and time for
25 everything that's blown.

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01 I understand your concern, Mr. Osborne, and if
02 the contractor is doing anything wrong, I want to know
03 about it, as I mentioned to you on the phone the other

04 day. The contractor has somebody out there watching
05 them. All right.

06 We do have somebody who is out there digging up
07 stuff right now. Whether it's somebody else going on
08 in the middle night or what, I don't know. All right.

09 We've got the rumors about the stuff blowing up
10 in the middle of the night. We've got the rumors of
11 gold. We've got rumors of motorcycles and radioactive
12 material, etcetera. Until somebody gives me some
13 facts, I don't know what to look for. All right.

14 BY DR. LOWRY:

15 If I find that gold, it's mine, though. Right?

16 BY DR. KEITH:

17 The gold is on mine.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 Now a question -- if -- if the Pentagon -- or
20 excuse me -- if the President comes down and says,
21 "No, it's mine," then I can't do anything, but that
22 goes back to a question we had asked about all these
23 boxes of rifles before.

24 I did some checking on that, and I said who does
25 it own -- who does it belong to? Excuse me.

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01 The rifles, which are not a hazard, are not a
02 safety hazard, belong to a landowner. If you find a
03 motorcycle, it's yours. If you find ammunition, we
04 take it. We blow it up because it's a safety hazard.

05 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

06 Well, let me just ask one question. You don't
07 have any people working after dark?

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 No, sir.

10 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

11 Okay.

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 The contractor for HFA works four days a week
14 ten hours a day. ESC works five days a week eight
15 hours a day, and Parsons works on Dr. Lowry's
16 property, I believe, five days a week and eight hours
17 a day with some exceptions.

18 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

19 All right.

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 Occasionally on Saturdays.

22 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

23 If anything happens at night, I -- I've heard
24 that they are hauling out ammunition, rifles at night.
25 Now where they found it, I don't know.

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 Yes, sir. I've heard the same story.

03 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

04 I don't know.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 There was the story going around that the Army
07 had two, either five ton or deuce and a half trucks
08 with two FBI agents, two majors from the Army.

09 I called Fort Jackson EOD. I hadn't heard of
10 the guys. I called the FBI. They don't have anybody
11 in the State of South Carolina with that name. I
12 called SLED. I didn't get an answer so I didn't even
13 worry about that, and I even called a couple of other
14 people. Nobody knew anything about it. All right.

15 I'll try to track them down if somebody has got
16 some evidence, but I can only chase so many rumors.

17 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

18 What would M1 rifles and VARs what are they
19 worth to anybody if they want them?

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 If you sell them as antiques, you can make some
22 money off of them.

23 BY MS. WHEELER:

24 Has anybody seen these people?

25 BY MR. BOGAN:

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01 Nobody has told me.

02 BY MS. WHEELER:

03 That's what I would like to know. Everybody is
04 saying, "Well, I've heard this and I've heard that."
05 Who has actually seen the removal of whatever they say
06 they're moving?

07 I mean, rumors ---

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 I've asked the same question.

10 BY MS. WHEELER:

11 --- are rampant everyday about everything.

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 Yes, ma'am.

14 BY MR. RAMANTANIN:

15 There's some engineering companies that think
16 there is something down there, and they're sure
17 hunting for it.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 You know, I've heard a rumor that there was,
20 what was it, 500 or so crates of gold with 110 pound
21 gold bars in each one of those. Do you know how much
22 money that would be? How long do they think that
23 would stay there?

24 BY MR. MCBAIN:

25 Yeah, \$26 million by current count.

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01 BY MR. RAMANTANIN:

02 I wish you hadn't of told this people that now.

03 BY MS. WHEELER:

04 I started to say, I just moved up there in May,
05 and I can't go back.

06 BY MR. THOMPSON:

07 You need the -- you need the land cleared off.

08 BY MR. MCBAIN:

09 I will tell you one thing. I have a fact or a
10 E-Mail from Berlin that described this, and I have
11 talked with a person whose relative saw the train from
12 in here and we know about where they were unloading.

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 And the train had what on it?

15 BY MR. MCBAIN:

16 The train had two boxcars guarded by
17 multi-national troops, probably from Belgium. The
18 Belgium gold has never been found.

19 BY MR. THOMPSON:

20 It belongs to Southern Railway, too.

21 BY MR. MCBAIN:

22 Uh? I was unloaded off the railroad right down
23 there where the square used to be.

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 Can I get a copy of that E-Mail and the name and

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01 phone number of the person?

02 BY MR. MCBAIN:

03 You can get a copy of the fax.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:
05 And anything that you give me I'll check up on.
06 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
07 That's what I say, we need the information.
08 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
09 Sure.
10 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
11 Time, dates, everything.
12 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
13 When was this supposed to have happened?
14 BY MR. MCBAIN:
15 1946.
16 BY MR. THOMPSON:
17 And it happened in '46?
18 BY MR. MCBAIN:
19 1946.
20 BY DR. KEITH:
21 And what did they unload?
22 BY MR. MCBAIN:
23 110 boxes.
24 BY DR. KEITH:
25 Of what? Ammunition?

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01 BY MR. MCBAIN:
02 We don't know what was in the boxes, but it was
03 -- okay. This -- this goes back to a lot of history,
04 and I don't know whether you people were involved in
05 it.
06 I was behind the Russian lines at the end of
07 World War II, but I came back very early, so I don't
08 know all the details, but my sidekick that was with me
09 all the way through stayed on, and we have in this
10 area the chap who was the top non-commissioned officer
11 in the third army which found all the stuff in
12 America's mind along with this other stuff. I took
13 out some souvenirs and came back.
14 But I don't if you remember reading about the
15 Durands. There was a Colonel and he was married in
16 Poland, and they took over the Thornburg castle, and
17 among other things, over \$15 million in all kinds of
18 good stuff disappeared out of there.
19 They were court-martialed. He was sentenced to
20 15 years and served about five months and they got him
21 out -- the hell out of sight. She was sentenced to
22 five years, but never did a day. They've had her hid
23 down in -- below Houston, Texas. Things were getting
24 pretty tight down there, so they moved her to Omaha,
25 and now she's in Nome, Alaska.

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01 There are all kinds of interesting things which
02 it's very difficult to establish these things when you
03 drive up with something, you've got a black and white
04 in front of it. You've got a black and white in back
05 of it and somebody tells you, "Get the hell out of
06 here or you'll get shot."
07 This has happened within this locale. There are
08 people who don't like to move around this area at
09 night. I'm a little cautious, but ---
10 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
11 Has this happened to you? Does it happen to
12 you?
13 BY MR. MCBAIN:
14 Yes, I've been warned not to be out at night.
15 BY MR. THOMPSON:
16 By the Sheriff's Department?

17 BY MR. MCBAIN:
18 Yeah.
19 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
20 What were the -- what were the license plates on
21 the cars? What were the markings on the cars?
22 BY MR. MCBAIN:
23 Well, that's why I asked you about Bomb One.
24 Have you ever seen the trucks that usually lunch at
25 the Fast Fare across from Kohler?

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01 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
02 No.
03 BY MR. MCBAIN:
04 Okay. I'll give you something else to think
05 about, if you want. Your contractors, they're driving
06 these leased vehicles.
07 BY MR. BOGAN:
08 Yes, sir.
09 BY MR. MCBAIN:
10 Why are they carrying a Benson tag, a dealers
11 tag if they are leased vehicles? Shouldn't they be
12 licensed under the State of South Carolina?
13 BY MR. BOGAN:
14 Unless the -- unless the car is new.
15 BY MR. THOMPSON:
16 Benson is a local dealer. I mean, Benson cars
17 is a dealer.
18 BY MR. MCBAIN:
19 But can you -- can you carry your tag on a
20 leased car? It seems to me one of the leased
21 companies just got paid something like \$71,000 because
22 they had ---
23 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
24 That's the contractor's problem.
25 BY MR. MCBAIN:

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01 That's the contractor's problem.
02 BY MR. BOGAN:
03 Let me just say this for the record. If there
04 is gold, I don't care. All right. If there is other
05 stuff that's buried, unless it's ammunition, I don't
06 care.
07 My job is the safety of this public community,
08 and if I can get the ammunition gone, destroyed,
09 disappeared, as long as it's safety done by our crews,
10 that's -- that's my goal.
11 Now if there is hazardous waste related to
12 former activities at Camp Croft, unrelated to somebody
13 dumping something now, then we'll come in and do a
14 project on those.
15 Okay. But this other stuff, I'm not worried
16 about. Now if you find it, do what you want to. I
17 know a lot of people would love to have that kind of
18 gold, \$26 million worth, but one thing I have found
19 out in life, there is no get rich quick schemes. Only
20 hard work gets you there.
21 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
22 Wayne.
23 BY MR. BOGAN:
24 Yes, sir.
25 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:

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01 Can you give me the name of that person in Nome,
02 Alaska.
03 BY MR. MCBAIN:

04 Her name is Katherine Durand.
05 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
06 Because they have a reporter in Nome right now
07 covering the Iditarod, and I can call her up.
08 BY DR. KEITH:
09 You've got every reporter in the Herald-Journal
10 up there right now.
11 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
12 What's her name?
13 BY MR. MCBAIN:
14 Katherine Durand. D-u-r-a-n-d.
15 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
16 I'll call him tomorrow.
17 BY MR. MCBAIN:
18 She is using the name Allen. Her maiden name is
19 Allen.
20 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
21 Okay.
22 BY MR. MCBAIN:
23 She was first enlisted under the name of Allen.
24 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
25 I'll call Chase tomorrow and see ---

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01 BY MR. MCBAIN:
02 And if she -- if she has -- if she has a federal
03 agent with her, then she's been under the witness
04 protection program ever since 1947 when she came back.
05 BY MR. GARY HENDERSON:
06 Okay.
07 BY MS. WHEELER:
08 If they arrested her and she never served any
09 time, why would she be in the witness protection
10 program?
11 BY MR. MCBAIN:
12 They never recovered some of the \$15 million,
13 and at the time there was a big investigation about
14 the General named Lucian Clay.
15 BY MR. THOMPSON:
16 Lucius Clay.
17 BY MR. MCBAIN:
18 Who was the ---
19 BY MR. THOMPSON:
20 Be careful talking about him. He's from my home
21 town.
22 BY MR. MCBAIN:
23 Well, there are some interesting things floating
24 around about the General, as many of you have
25 followed, from the Kirk Oaks scandal, if you will, the

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01 fact that his private "fare playmate," it's a matter
02 of record in the Okinawa -- with the -- with the
03 people down in Miami, they finally -- the customs
04 wouldn't let him fly his plane through there and take
05 -- that's where some of this gold came up from down
06 there.
07 BY MR. BOGAN:
08 Any -- any other questions?
09 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:
10 Let's get back on track.
11 BY DR. KEITH:
12 Let's get back on track.
13 BY MR. POWELL:
14 Right.
15 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
16 Do we have anymore questions of Mr. Bogan here?

17 BY MR. BOGAN:
18 Mr. Osborne, have I answered your questions
19 related to ---
20 BY MR. OSBORNE:
21 All I did was telling you what I saw because I
22 don't go on rumors either.
23 BY MR. BOGAN:
24 Thank you, sir.
25 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

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01 I've got an item on the new business. I've got
02 a letter here from this is the Congressional
03 Coordinator, Congressional Inquiry Division, and this
04 comes out of the Chief of Legislative Liaison's office
05 with the Department of Army, and I'll read that now.
06 It says, "Dear Congressman Inglis: This replies
07 to your inquiry on behalf of Mr. George Mullinax
08 concerning the 1945 deaths of two men caused by
09 unexploded ordnance at Camp Croft, South Carolina.
10 Please extend our sympathies to the families of
11 Mr. Aubrey Moore and Mr. C. Davis Johnson, as well as
12 to the community of Spartanburg.
13 The 1945 accident at Camp Croft was truly
14 unfortunate. The US Army Corps of Engineers is aware
15 of the unexploded munitions which remain on the former
16 Army training facility.
17 Mr. Mullinax has requested a head stone for one
18 of the graves. Unfortunately, we cannot find any
19 provision that will allow the Army to support this
20 request. I am sorry that this response could not be
21 more favorable. Sincerely, Colonel O'Donnell, US
22 Army, Congressional Inquiry Division."
23 With this response, I might ask the -- anybody
24 else to maybe write them back and ask them to
25 reconsider or contact Bob Inglis' office and see what

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01 he might be able to do through some other act.
02 BY MR. THOMPSON:
03 David, let me have the letter?
04 BY DR. LOWRY:
05 I'd like a copy.
06 BY MR. THOMPSON:
07 Okay. In fact, I'll have a copy made for the
08 whole committee.
09 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
10 Okay. Do we have any other new and/or old
11 business?
12 BY MR. JOHNSON:
13 Before you move on, I would just like to say
14 that whatever you all did, we thank you, but we'll
15 still be -- because we've lived there all lives, and
16 we are concerned of what's going on in that area
17 around there, because, I mean, we're not going
18 anywhere.
19 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
20 Well, let me just tell you, we're not through.
21 We'll go see if we can't get them to pass a bill or
22 something to do something. See, they're just saying
23 that the Army regulations, there's nothing they can do
24 as far as the Army is concerned; but now we can as a
25 committee and through Gary here, the Herald-Journal,

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01 get Bob Inglis to do something.
02 BY MR. JOHNSON:
03 Okay.

04 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
 05 Ask some kind of ruling, you know, so we'll go
 06 that end of it.
 07 BY MR. JOHNSON:
 08 All right. I appreciate whatever.
 09 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
 10 Do we have anything else?
 11 Do I hear a motion from the board?
 12 BY MR. POWELL:
 13 So move.
 14 BY MR. SMITH:
 15 Second.
 16 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
 17 All those in favor?
 18 (ALL RESPOND)
 19 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
 20 Opposed?
 21 (NO RESPONSE)
 22 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
 23 The next meeting is June ---
 24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
 25 June 10th or 11th.

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01 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:
 02 It will be the 10th. Thank you for coming and
 03 thank you for your cooperation.
 04 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:00 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
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 07 That the foregoing is an accurate transcript of
 08 the meeting;
 09 That copies of all exhibits, if any, entered
 10 herein are made a part of this record;
 11 That the undersigned court reporter, a Notary
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 13 employee or relative of any of the parties, counsel or
 14 witness and is in no manner interested in the outcome
 15 of this action.
 16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand
 17 and Seal at Spartanburg, South Carolina, this 30th day
 18 of March, 1997.

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