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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 Robertson Hall  
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04 DATE: Tuesday, April 17, 2001  
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05 TIME: 7:05 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.  
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06 PRESENTATION  
06 GIVEN BY: Ron Nesbit  
07 Project Manager  
07 US Army Corps of Engineers  
08 Charleston District  
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09 BOARD MEMBERS  
09 PRESENT:  
10 Joseph L. Crissinger  
10 Gary Hayes  
11 W. Brownlee Lowry  
11 David Mullinax  
12 George D. Mullinax  
12 Gerard Perry  
13 Robert W. Powell, Jr.  
13 Clary H. Smith, Chair  
14 Stonewall J. Stewart, Jr.  
14 Sherry Wheeler  
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15 BOARD MEMBERS  
16 NOT PRESENT  
16 William B. Littlejohn, Jr.  
17 Sanford N. Smith  
17 Darwin J. Wilson  
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18 ALSO PRESENT: Suzy McKinney  
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01 BY MR. SMITH:  
02 Our meeting will come to order. We're just a  
03 little late. Sorry, but we appreciate you coming out  
04 tonight, and we just -- just don't have the crowd we  
05 usually have tonight, but we appreciate those that  
06 have come tonight, and we'll just turn it over to Suzy  
07 now and let her ---

08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

09 Thank you, Clary.

10 Good evening and welcome, again. We're a couple  
11 of weeks late, but getting back on track with our  
12 quarterly meetings. And before we get started, I'd  
13 like to introduce Ron Nesbit from the Corps of  
14 Engineers, Charleston District, and he has some guests  
15 with us this evening, and then we'll proceed with our  
16 agenda.

17 BY MR. NESBIT:

18 Good evening.

19 I'm glad to see those of you here tonight that  
20 did have the opportunity to make it with us, and I  
21 want to, shall I say, make good on a promise that I  
22 made at the last meeting, and that was I had mentioned  
23 that I was going to try my darrest to get our DE,  
24 District Engineer, from Charleston to come to our next  
25 RAB meeting, and, fortunately, he's here with us

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01 today.

02 Also, with him is chief civilian employee, Elmer  
03 Schwingen, who happens to be our DEPM, my supervisor,  
04 and he's with us tonight, as well.

05 Colonel Held, who happened to be our DE, has  
06 been with us nearly two years, and he's about to  
07 rotate to another duty assignment in about three or  
08 four months -- three months, more -- more accurately,  
09 and he's not been able to come to one of our meetings  
10 prior to because other people have sort of occupied  
11 his time at other locations and other projects and so  
12 on, so with great pleasure on my behalf to introduce  
13 Colonel Held and ask him to say a few a words, if he  
14 will.

15 BY COLONEL HELD:

16 Thank you very much.

17 Well, thank you for having me tonight, and I  
18 didn't bring the cold weather with me, but I'll be  
19 brief tonight. I'm Lieutenant Colonel Mark Held. I'm  
20 the Commander District Engineer of the Charleston  
21 District, US Army Corps of Engineers, and it's my  
22 honor to represent a great work force throughout the  
23 lowcountry and throughout South Carolina, and I want  
24 to thank you all for having me here tonight; and I  
25 just want to -- the one thing I want to emphasize on

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01 behalf of my boss, Major General Anderson, who is the  
02 Division Engineer for the Corps of Engineers for the  
03 Southeast, is the importance of these RAB meetings and  
04 the Army, and US Army Corps of Engineers' commitment  
05 to continuing these programs.

06 When you look at the historical monies and  
07 expenditures throughout the years, it appears that  
08 Charleston's continuing presence at Camp Croft will  
09 continue well into the next five or more years and  
10 that the monies that are available today will only  
11 continue to grow, as in last year's approximately 1.1  
12 to this year's 1.5 million. It appears that those  
13 monies will continue to be available and will continue  
14 to grow.

15 I will also tell you that your Congressman from  
16 this area and I have spent some time up here together  
17 at Camp Croft. We've toured the facility together,  
18 and we've discussed on the phone several times about  
19 the initiatives here at Camp Croft; and so your  
20 elected officials are very aware of the situation, and

21 they continue to support and to press the issue for  
22 cleanup.

23 So with that, I'll be here tonight, and I'll be  
24 available after the meeting if anyone has any  
25 questions; and I just want you to understand that what

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01 the Corps of Engineers tries to do. We are  
02 facilitators of the process, and we are the US Army  
03 Corps of Engineers, and so my chain of command is kind  
04 of dual hatted. I work through the military side all  
05 the way to the Chief Staff of the Army, Secretary of  
06 the Army; and on the other side, the elected side, I  
07 work through the Assistant Secretary of the Army, and  
08 I don't answer directly to your congressmen and  
09 senators, but they think I do, and so in defacto I  
10 probably do. So I have those two chains of command  
11 where I work for the Army and I also work for the  
12 elected officials for the State -- the great State of  
13 South Carolina.

14 So I'm pleased to be here tonight, and if you  
15 have any questions after the meeting, I'll be glad to  
16 talk to any of you.

17 And, once again, I appreciate the opportunity to  
18 come up tonight. Thank you.

19 BY MR. NESBIT:

20 Thank you, Colonel Held.

21 I just want to mention one other thing that has  
22 happened since we last met, and that was about two  
23 weeks ago we had a media day at Dr. Lowry's property  
24 where we mentioned earlier on that we were trying a  
25 new bit of technology in an effort to try and be more

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01 judicious and yet more economical in terms of making  
02 certain that our dollars go further with the idea of  
03 clearing and removal of ordnance in that area.

04 We invited the press to come out. One person  
05 from Channel 7 did, in fact, come out and took  
06 considerable amount of footage, gathered quite a bit  
07 of information and had the opportunity to actually  
08 speak with the technical crew onsite. And although it  
09 was a wet, muddy situation on that -- that particular  
10 day, they still were able to demonstrate how the  
11 equipment operates and explain what the process that  
12 we'll be utilizing in that area.

13 So from everything I've heard, the event was  
14 very positive. The press provided some information  
15 later on that night in the news, and most of you may  
16 have seen it or heard it, but they did, in fact, see  
17 that work is continuing to go up to this -- is  
18 continuing to happen here in the Camp Croft area.

19 Some of the Board members were able to come and  
20 firsthand see what was being done and gather some  
21 personal information themselves. So we're very happy  
22 that that happened, and Zapata later on tonight will  
23 show some of the footage or some pictures of some of  
24 the activity that's going on up in that area.

25 One other thing I might mention is that we

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01 mentioned that since Zapata has come on as the basic  
02 contract -- contractor that we are in the process of  
03 issuing additional tasking to them to do other things  
04 that we are planning for later on this year. That  
05 involves the remaining sites of that Wedgewood that we  
06 still -- two lots that need to be completely taken  
07 care of. There is work that's also projected at the

08 golf course, and possibly, depending on funding, one  
09 of the additional areas up in Area 12, and I believe  
10 14, that, according to our EE/CA, is the next priority  
11 after we finish the other portions that we've already  
12 started.

13 Okay. So, as you can see, work is still  
14 programmed to take place to clear the properties that  
15 we have already reviewed, that we've already looked at  
16 and have already set the priority chain as to how  
17 we're going to proceed in making certain that we do as  
18 much as we can to reduce the risk factor in the public  
19 area.

20 Okay. Suzy.

21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

22 Okay.

23 BY MR. NESBIT:

24 I'll just close here and let Suzy continue on  
25 from there.

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

02 And Dr. Lowry and Dr. Powell, I might ask you  
03 all to move. We'll see if we can wake this up. Let's  
04 see if we can cut some of the light. Chris, do you  
05 want to see if you can get some of the lights?

06 As we mentioned at the RAB last meeting, the  
07 costs and the fair amount of time describing --  
08 describing the approach that's being taken at 00U6,  
09 there's approximately four and a half acres left that  
10 was heavily impacted by frag, and past contractors out  
11 there spent an inordinate amount of time trying to,  
12 for lack of a better word, remediate that site to get  
13 through the frag and to try to find the items that  
14 present the greatest risk, and it was just taking a  
15 lot of time and a lot of money to go through all of  
16 that effort.

17 So what has been proposed and what is now --  
18 what is now under way is utilization of some remotely  
19 operated equipment that's being operated by the Air  
20 Force, Tindall Air Force Base. You have an excavator  
21 and a bulldozer out there and a small bobcat and a  
22 sifter, and the objective is to safely -- again, using  
23 a remotely operated equipment so there's no people  
24 within the safety zone -- is to safely remove the top  
25 layers of soil, to push that down the hill to process

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01 that fast through a sifter -- and we'll show that here  
02 in a minute -- and then to be able to go back with the  
03 magnetometer, the Schoenstedts, and detect the  
04 remaining items that are in the subsurface and to  
05 manually dig those and remove those from the ground  
06 those presenting what potentially is the greatest  
07 risk, and it increases productivity. And, again,  
08 we're doing it safely because we're moving a lot of  
09 dirt, processing a lot of material without having  
10 people right there in the grids.

11 Let's get ourselves loaded up so we can walk  
12 through some of those photos.

13 (TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES)

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Clary, do you want to go ahead and -- while we  
16 address our technical difficulties, ---

17 BY MR. SMITH:

18 Okay.

19 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

20 --- do you want to move on to the next topic,

21 and that way we can keep ---  
22 BY MR. SMITH:  
23 That would be our old business.  
24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
25 --- keep moving on.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:  
02 Do we have any old business?  
03 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
04 I don't.  
05 BY MR. SMITH:  
06 I don't remember any old business.  
07 We'll take up new business.  
08 BY MR. OSBORNE:  
09 Let's go back to the old business. I'm Harold  
10 Osborne. I brought up some things last time which  
11 should be classified as old business, and what is the  
12 report from the Corps of Engineers on what I said?  
13 And I'd like to hear it from you guys individually,  
14 and also from you, Colonel.  
15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
16 Would you like to go ahead and restate that for  
17 the benefit of the individuals that were not present  
18 at the last meeting.  
19 BY MR. OSBORNE:  
20 It's in the Board meeting -- the summary here.  
21 Statement for the record. I asked for the resignation  
22 of all Board members that have served for more than  
23 four years stating that they were aware of sites that  
24 have not been reported. I also stated that the  
25 By-Laws were not followed when he was removed from the

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01 Board. I still say the same thing. The By-Laws were  
02 not done right, and I was taken off illegally, and  
03 I have asked over the period of the years why, how  
04 come, from, and even talking to a Colonel down at  
05 Charleston Corps of Engineers and get the run around,  
06 and all the information that I turned in to Mr. Wayne  
07 Bogan has never been acted upon and nobody has  
08 contacted me whatsoever on any of this potent stuff,  
09 even to the point of the park down at Union, which is  
10 highly -- with bombs and everything else that's buried  
11 down there. And I reported all of this and I was  
12 asked to go around and check on places over at Camp  
13 Croft for the removal of the gas tanks, which I did  
14 and reported, and nothing has been done.  
15 Now what in the heck are you guys doing down  
16 there in Charleston or were you doing anything at all?  
17 I -- you're talking about bringing the Air Force in.  
18 I even reported a couple of years ago or three years  
19 ago that I stopped in Kentucky and talked to the  
20 United States Army up there that does clean up this  
21 type of stuff. They said that the Corps of Engineers  
22 has never contacted them. That they would use it as  
23 training to bring their guys down and clean up all  
24 this area. Nothing was done.  
25 Is it the underhanded money that's going on or

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01 what? And I'm a little irked. And I'm -- it's just  
02 like I told the Colonel earlier, I am irked on the  
03 whole deal. I know of areas that highly loaded with  
04 ammunition and so forth that kids are playing in every  
05 day and something is not done, and I reported it to  
06 you guys and nothing has been done. One hand grenade  
07 in a -- and a water deal and a creek and you took me

08 off the Board. The other stuff has not been done.  
09 I sit and I read all the reports down at the  
10 library, and here lately I've been doing an awful lot  
11 of research down at the archives down in Atlanta,  
12 Georgia. We're getting on a little more questions.  
13 How about the black deeds for some of this property  
14 along here? Have you got any answers for that?  
15 Probably not. You guys don't want to ask for anything  
16 black deeded.

17 Let's ask them another deal. Who authorized the  
18 landfill to be put in the middle of an impact range?  
19 You know the one I'm talking about? The one you're  
20 cleaning up now. Why are the taxpayers being lied to  
21 and having to pay for to clean this up? The city,  
22 there was a little conniving and a landfill was put  
23 down there. Why?

24 BY DR. LOWRY:

25 Harold, that's absolutely BS.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:

02 That's right.

03 BY DR. LOWRY:

04 And I'll be glad to take you outside and talk to  
05 you about it. DHEC approved that and had three public  
06 hearings. If you want to go outside and talk about  
07 it, I'll do it, but I don't think you ought to take up  
08 these people's time. As far as black deeds go, ---

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 We're back to the same thing.

11 BY DR. LOWRY:

12 I've got ---

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 Why is everything done on your property, Dr.  
15 Lowry?

16 BY DR. LOWRY:

17 I've got real good private insurance.

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:

19 Why is everything done on your property and some  
20 of the other stuff is being ignored?

21 BY DR. LOWRY:

22 It's ---

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 You're going back there and doing it again  
25 because you want to put some townhouses down there.

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01 You're also being paid, from what I understand through  
02 the grapevine, that the State is paying you money.

03 BY DR. LOWRY:

04 Well, Harold.

05 BY MR. OSBORNE:

06 Is this true or not?

07 BY DR. LOWRY:

08 No, it's not.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Then we won't have any problem that me going and  
11 having a ---

12 BY DR. LOWRY:

13 Harold, do you believe everything?

14 BY MR. OSBORNE:

15 --- Freedom of Information Act to get all this  
16 required.

17 BY DR. LOWRY:

18 Harold, let's you and me go outside just a  
19 minute.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 No. I'm talking. I don't want to go outside  
22 with you.

23 Back in the old days you and me talked about  
24 doing certain things on this deal that you changed  
25 your whole mind on and wasn't done anymore.

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01 BY DR. LOWRY:

02 What now? What?

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 The cleanup. We sat over there in your -- your  
05 living room, you and another guy. We said what we  
06 were going to do. Nothing has ever been done on it.

07 BY DR. LOWRY:

08 What did we say?

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 If you can't remember, why should I worry about  
11 it?

12 Most of -- everything I've talked about has been  
13 in a report. I have not heard anything from the Corps  
14 of Engineers, and what I am doing now, I want to know  
15 within the next two weeks, and I'm asking for a  
16 congressional investigation on the whole works, and  
17 I have the authority to do it and I have the stuff  
18 that we need to substantiate it, too.

19 BY MR. SMITH:

20 Harold, that's your prerogative. You have that  
21 privilege. If you ---

22 BY MR. OSBORNE:

23 I understand that.

24 BY MR. SMITH:

25 If you want to do it, do it.

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 I'd like to have some of the answers that I have  
03 asked.

04 BY MR. SMITH:

05 Half of these things you bring up has nothing to  
06 do with the Board here at all. Nothing to do with it  
07 at all.

08 BY MR. OSBORNE:

09 So if you sit here on the Board, you bring up  
10 something, it don't mean anything?

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 Wait a minute.

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 So why are you here?

15 BY MR. SMITH:

16 Wait a minute. The sanitary -- the landfill has  
17 nothing to do with this Board. We have nothing to do  
18 with it.

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 All right. Let's go back to the time of the  
21 other stuff, then, that I brought up and a whole list  
22 of it and all presented on the Board, to the Board.

23 BY MR. SMITH:

24 I can't answer that question.

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 Why not?

02 BY MR. SMITH:

03 There's lots of questions you can't answer.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 That's just like going down to the library. If  
06 you go down and see how many Board members go down  
07 there and reads all the information that comes down

08 there, it's not very many.

09 BY MR. NESBIT:

10 Let me address one other issue here.

11 At the very beginning when I came on board for  
12 this project some of the same questions you're asking  
13 right now were asked at that time.

14 BY MR. OSBORNE:

15 That's right, and I haven't gotten an answer  
16 yet.

17 BY MR. NESBIT:

18 At the very time when you asked those questions,  
19 I pointed a procedure how we would deal with the  
20 issues. One was that it would be in writing.

21 Things that happened before me I am not  
22 accountable for. Things that we're trying to deal  
23 with now, we are.

24 If you provide this information in writing to  
25 the Board and it gets to us, then we have something

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01 physical that we can follow up on and adjust.

02 However, based upon the information that we have  
03 gathered prior to folks have and met, come to the  
04 site, followed up on questions, followed up on -- on  
05 information provided and nothing has come about.

06 So after about three meetings ago, even beyond  
07 then, I stood up in the same meeting and said,  
08 "Whatever questions you have that are out there,  
09 concerns, the procedure is submit it in writing so  
10 they can be officially dealt with." To date that has  
11 not happened.

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 Officially, have you ever read the reports and  
14 sat down and read them?

15 BY MR. NESBIT:

16 Yes, sir.

17 BY MR. OSBORNE:

18 They're all in there. You didn't think that was  
19 suffice for the information you need.

20 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

21 Harold, what reports are you talking about?

22 BY MR. OSBORNE:

23 All of them that I gave to Mr. Bogan and  
24 submitted through the Board.

25 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

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01 You didn't give us any reports.

02 BY MR. OSBORNE:

03 I sat and read them.

04 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

05 You read all the reports?

06 BY MR. OSBORNE:

07 That went into the official record.

08 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

09 What dates?

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 This has been before I was taken off the Board.

12 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

13 What dates?

14 BY MR. OSBORNE:

15 I didn't bring my briefcase today.

16 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

17 You didn't bring it?

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:

19 Right, because I brought it this week. Last  
20 time nobody would even come and talk to me.

21 Let's go back to one other thing I want to bring  
22 up to you, Colonel. You. What are you going to do  
23 about the German graves that's over here, the big  
24 Germans that's buried over there? Um? Tell me about  
25 it. I can give you the locations of them.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:

02 Harold, this has nothing to do with this.

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 No, I'm trying to ask him to say something.

05 BY MR. SMITH:

06 It has nothing to do with it whatsoever.

07 BY DR. LOWRY:

08 We've got graves over there close to my farm.

09 BY COLONEL HELD:

10 Well, let me -- the two things that I want to  
11 comment on, number one, I don't have jurisdiction over  
12 the Board. So if the Board makes decisions, that's --  
13 that's up to the Board, not me.

14 The other thing is if -- if you feel such that  
15 there is a -- for lack of a better term -- some kind  
16 of type of conspiracy, etcetera, Congressman DeMint  
17 from this area -- it's a very simple process to do a  
18 congressional inquiry, and that is to put it in a  
19 letter to the Congressman and ask him to query the US  
20 Corps of Engineers, and I usually get to those and  
21 have those responded to within a four day period; and  
22 I would encourage any public citizen to do that if  
23 they feel like that they cannot get the answers they  
24 need from whatever public forum to do that, to write  
25 your congressman or his staffer, and I will respond to

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01 it in an official congressional inquiry in a format  
02 that will answer all of your questions to the best of  
03 our ability. That's what I recommend you do.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 I wouldn't go through Jim DeMint trying to get  
06 the information, number one, because we're back to the  
07 same thing that you're going to phony it up just like  
08 you've been phoning everything else up.

09 BY COLONEL HELD:

10 Well, sir, that ---

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12 I don't like that.

13 BY COLONEL HELD:

14 That is the only process that I have to ---

15 BY MR. OSBORNE:

16 And, sir, I have ---

17 BY COLONEL HELD:

18 --- address this.

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 --- contacted Washington, D.C.

21 BY COLONEL HELD:

22 Well, I ---

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 And they're waiting on my remarks to what I'm  
25 going to do, and I mean we're going to go big time.

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01 BY COLONEL HELD:

02 If you would like a quick response to your  
03 questions, the way to handle it is in an congressional  
04 inquiry through Congressman DeMint. Congressman  
05 DeMint is the elected representative for this  
06 district, not someone in the US Army Corps of  
07 Engineers and Washington, D.C., and that is what I

08 recommend you to do is write your congressmen or your  
09 senators. If you feel that Congressman DeMint cannot  
10 get the answers you want, please feel free to write  
11 Senator Hollings or Senator Thurmond, and I will  
12 respond the same format to them.

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 Thank you for your answers. It was very  
15 enlightening.

16 BY MR. SMITH:

17 Suzy, do you ---

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:

19 Also, one other thing I'd like to bring up for  
20 old business is I asked for the remainder or the Board  
21 to be redone. Okay. We do have people sitting on  
22 this Board that are sitting on it illegally according  
23 to the laws of South Carolina, and they know who they  
24 are and I want them removed or they can resign and --  
25 or I'm going to file deals through the Department of  
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01 State down in South Carolina on it.

02 BY MR. SMITH:

03 That's your prerogative, Harold, to do what you  
04 want to.

05 BY MR. OSBORNE:

06 Okay.

07 BY MR. SMITH:

08 All right. Suzy.

09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 I think we have another question. Sir?

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 Oh, excuse me.

13 BY MR. HOSKYNS:

14 It wasn't a question. I was just going to  
15 interject in deferences to our representative here  
16 from the Corps of Engineers. If conceivably a  
17 committee of one or two might address this  
18 individual's grievances as he would lay out in some  
19 kind of a format, it could be adhered to and a  
20 procedure followed that -- that he could follow. It  
21 would be in accordance and it would be resolved, and  
22 we wouldn't have to go back into the rest of the  
23 history that's involved and what the Corps is trying  
24 to do right now for the rest of us in the immediate  
25 area.

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01 And that past history is all well and good, and  
02 I'm a great believer in tradition and all of that.  
03 With the limited area that I'm involved in and all of  
04 that, I'd rather hear from the Corps than Veterans and  
05 everything else and German prisoners buried and all of  
06 that. I'll say Amen, God bless them, and let's get on  
07 with the business that's more coherent and present in  
08 this meeting.

09 BY MR. HINSON:

10 Okay. Maybe while the slide and our technology  
11 is working we can walk through some slides. For those  
12 who have not been out to the site where we're working  
13 now, as we talked about earlier, we've got the slides  
14 up. We have three pieces of moving equipment and one  
15 piece of stationary equipment, all of which are  
16 remotely operated from a safe distance outside the  
17 exclusion zone.

18 What you see here is, as Mr. Nesbit referred to  
19 at the last meeting as our cutting edge technology,  
20 it's a remotely -- remotely operated tract hoe or

21 excavator with a 60 foot boom on it, which right now  
22 we're using a third yard bucket because at the end of  
23 that 60 yard boom, that excavator does not have a lot  
24 of umph left in it to pick up a lot. It also gives a  
25 safe distance between whatever its picking off the

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01 ground and the actual excavator itself because we --  
02 we certainly don't want to lose the whole hammer  
03 equipment and the robotics on that excavator.

04 The next is another -- another shot. It's  
05 deceiving there how long that boom is, but I think the  
06 first shot showed it better. You can see the camera  
07 that's mounted just above the cab, and that is what  
08 the operators are looking through. There's also a  
09 camera -- let me walk across. Excuse me for walking  
10 in front of you. There is also a camera that's  
11 mounted on the end of this boom, which is down here,  
12 so when it reaches out, the operator from inside the  
13 control van has several views he can see -- to see  
14 what he is doing.

15 The other piece of safe piece of second piece of  
16 rolling equipment is a remote -- remotely operated V9  
17 high tract dozer, which we're using as -- as -- as we  
18 said last time, to remove the top layer or layers of  
19 soil, which seem to be the most highly concentrated  
20 with frag. And in past removal operations what has  
21 happened is we end up -- and you'll see a picture in  
22 just a minute. I think we've got the picture with all  
23 the flags in it or we'll just talk about these others.  
24 Remotely operated. It's up armored so it can actually  
25 be operated from inside the cab. It has thick glass,

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01 heavy plated under the bottom. It's the same thing  
02 that they used -- well, it's potentially the same  
03 thing they used in Bosnia when they were looking for  
04 land mines that were left behind in that operation.

05 This is removing the top layers of the soil.  
06 When we get to the flags, I'll go over that in a  
07 little more detail. Again, cameras are mounted all  
08 over. This is the control van where they operate all  
09 four pieces of equipment. There are two or three.  
10 Currently there are three operators that will sit in  
11 the back of this Air Force blue van with the line of  
12 sight from the camera and radio antennas and pretty  
13 much move all over the nine grids that we're doing the  
14 removal operations on right now. This is just a  
15 photograph of the inside the van and the control  
16 panels and the total station.

17 Once we got the equipment onsite and operational  
18 -- Chris jump in if I start to stutter here. We  
19 surveyed the ground because we wanted to do by  
20 contract was remove up to 12 inches of soil off the  
21 top of the grids, so we had to get a baseline survey  
22 started so we knew what we were shooting. You can  
23 imagine trying -- trying to operate a dozer from the  
24 inside the back of that van that's at least 270 feet  
25 away. It is a little hard to judge when you've gotten

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01 12 inches off the top, so we just surveyed the whole  
02 property and progressively, through this operation,  
03 we'll resurvey it to make sure that we're down to the  
04 level we need to be.

05 This is where the removal operation where  
06 they're photographed from the bottom of the hill.  
07 It's quite a bit different than it is when you first

08 walk down on the site.

09 This is -- okay. I told you there were three  
10 pieces of moving equipment. Now you get a fairly  
11 decent view of just how long the arm on that -- on the  
12 excavator is, the 60 foot boom. This is a little  
13 piece of equipment called an ARTS. It's a bobcat.  
14 Again, it's remote controlled, remotely operated,  
15 developed right after Kohler Towers was asked for it  
16 over in -- involved in -- or in Saudi Arabia.

17 They originally used it to check vehicles coming  
18 out of the gates, and we realized that terrorists had  
19 figured a way to get in to it, but we've progressed  
20 now. We're using those in the states for removal  
21 operations.

22 What it's doing right now, this is the sifter.  
23 As we push the dirt off of the hill, the 8 to 12,  
24 maybe 16 to 18 inches of soil, we're not sure, and we  
25 can't with the cameras, we can't see what's in that

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01 soil as it's removed. What we do is push it down to  
02 the bottom of the hill. The excavator loads it in the  
03 top of this sifter and it has two screens that shake  
04 and, by design, the dirt will fall through. Any roots  
05 or tree stumps or ordnance will hit the top screen and  
06 either stay in that screen or it will roll off the  
07 back. And, again, no one is within 270 feet of this  
08 operation. It's all done remotely, and to date no  
09 accidents, I think is fair to say.

10 What -- what the little ARTS does is we fill up  
11 the base of the sifter fairly quickly, so we use that  
12 with the bucket on the front to move the clean soil  
13 out of the way. And right now, to be honest, that's  
14 -- that's the limiting factor. That's -- that's what  
15 on the critical path. Right now completion is -- is  
16 how quickly we can get the soil out from under that  
17 sifter. So we're still looking at different options  
18 on what we can do there. Here's a second sifter,  
19 another ARTS. It's a little early in the process for  
20 that. Another shot of the ARTS bobcat.

21 Okay. Chris, I think this was the first shot,  
22 right?

23 BY MR. ROSE:

24 That's the first shot, and one thing, just so  
25 that everyone knows, that this is working. We went

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01 back today, and we're learning as we go along. The  
02 operators are. There is a depth perception problem,  
03 but we're getting down to where we're learning on how  
04 much to take off as far as where we're actually at  
05 that 12-inch level, and we went back and checked over  
06 things today in areas where we've gotten better at it,  
07 and it's reduced areas that were like that or heavier,  
08 as far as the magnetic anomalies, down to about 20 a  
09 lane.

10 BY MR. HINSON:

11 Between 400 and 500 flags set up initially, and  
12 what it looked like initially, we were really just  
13 moving the dirt. We weren't stripping it and getting  
14 it to the bottom of the hill. We were just removing a  
15 lot of soil around up there and we weren't removing a  
16 lot of frag off the top. So this is what the -- the  
17 Schoenstedts and magnetometers turned up on the first  
18 mag and flag operation. We brought the ARTS back. We  
19 brought the dozer back. We took off what we think now  
20 is 12 inches of the top soil and got that -- the

21 number of flags you see there -- down to about 20.

22 BY MR. ROSE:

23 About 20 a lane.

24 BY MR. HINSON:

25 Per lane.

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01 BY MR. ROSE:

02 And in the concentration that is set up there it  
03 takes about a good -- it takes a day to get rid of  
04 about a lane to a lane and a half of the concentration  
05 there, so you can see that's really going to speed us  
06 up now that we're getting a feel for what we're doing.

07 BY MR. POWELL:

08 What did the flag, again, represent?

09 BY MR. HINSON:

10 The number of anomalies

11 BY MR. ROSE:

12 Those are areas that we have ---

13 BY MR. POWELL:

14 What's the difference between yellow and red.

15 BY MR. ROSE:

16 One is yellow and one is red. There's really no  
17 difference, sir.

18 BY MR. HINSON:

19 Okay. After the flagging is complete, then it's  
20 -- it's labor intensive. You go in by hand and slowly  
21 and safely dig each one of those anomalies, and I  
22 think we have another picture of continuing to dig  
23 using the Schoenstedt to locate exactly, but once --  
24 once the whole lane is cleared, we're going to be  
25 close to turning over a grid this week. Then the

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01 Corps safety folks will come in. They'll take their  
02 own equipment over and either pass or fail that grid,  
03 depending on how many read offs they'll get.  
04 Hopefully they'll get none and we'll pass, but you'll  
05 see that its sort of labor intensive, but it's not  
06 something that I don't think anyone would want to rush  
07 out there and start digging up 105s. It would  
08 certainly ruin your day if you found it live.

09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 There's a question right here.

11 BY MR. HINSON:

12 I'm sorry.

13 BY MR. JOHNSON:

14 Well, with this type of equipment that you have  
15 now at the property that you all have gone over, will  
16 this equipment here be used back over that property,  
17 too, since you've got more modern type stuff or  
18 whatever it is?

19 BY MR. HINSON:

20 Right now this is the only site that we're going  
21 to use the robotic remote controlled equipment. It's  
22 the only site we have planned, and we're certainly not  
23 going to run it into the golf course with a plough.

24 BY MR. HOSKYNS:

25 I was about to raise my hand to see if you

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01 changed your procedures.

02 BY MR. HINSON:

03 But the Corps of Engineers, you know, do removal  
04 operations literally around the world.

05 BY MR. JOHNSON:

06 There are bombs all over the place down there,  
07 so, I mean, you know.

08 BY MR. HINSON:

09 And as sites come up where this is applicable,  
10 again, it works great on 00U6. It won't work very  
11 well on the golf course because it wasn't intended for  
12 the fairways.

13 BY MR. JOHNSON:

14 I'm not talking about the golf course.

15 BY MR. HINSON:

16 But as we move through Camp Croft, I think you  
17 can expect to see this again.

18 BY MR. JOHNSON:

19 I saw it.

20 BY MR. HINSON:

21 It does work.

22 BY MR. HAYES:

23 Out of those 20 in that one grid have you found  
24 105s yet?

25 BY MR. ROSE:

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01 No, sir, we haven't. We haven't found anything  
02 -- no explosives yet. We have found, like in the  
03 picture here, that's a -- those are pieces of  
04 fragmentation that we dug up. The round on the  
05 lefthand side is a 105 millimeter ejection round,  
06 probably a smoke round, but it's empty, and yet it's  
07 fit to smoke cannisters out and the only thing that's  
08 left is the metal.

09 BY MR. HINSON:

10 What you mean is its functioned as designed.

11 BY MR. ROSE:

12 It's functioned as designed. It's just a hull,  
13 and we found 15 of those. We have run across some  
14 white phosphorous. We picked some smoke up today. We  
15 ran across -- the bulldozer knocked over what we  
16 believe to have been a 81 millimeter mortar round that  
17 was filled with white phosphorous.

18 It burns on contact with air. When the dirt was  
19 pushed over it, it started to burn. We let it burn  
20 out. One thing that we did do is we used the small  
21 bobcat to go up and do a visual on it so we were able  
22 to keep people from looking at it while it was  
23 burning. We were able to bring that up and keep  
24 people out of any possible danger, and we also used  
25 it, once we realized there was no round but just

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01 pieces of white phosphorous, we used that to spread it  
02 out so it would burn quicker and we were able to move  
03 on quicker.

04 And those are just -- those are the empty 105  
05 ejection rounds, and then the tail bones are the 81  
06 millimeter mortars, but that's all -- all that is is  
07 just metal.

08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

09 Chris, do you want to mention about certifying  
10 the scrap or the process to ---

11 BY MR. ROSE:

12 Yeah. When we -- when we collect this, we have  
13 -- myself, Bob Reisman, who is a senior X0 supervisor  
14 and a team leader, we all check every piece scrap that  
15 goes in there to ensure that there is no explosives in  
16 it, so it's not just one person checking it out, and  
17 then Mr. Reisman will sign a Certificate stating  
18 there's no explosives and then that will be sent to a  
19 scrap dealer.

20 BY MR. SMITH:

21 Okay.  
22 BY MR. ROSE:  
23 That's just more of the fragmentation.  
24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
25 That's it.

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01 BY MR. HINSON:  
02 That's it. That's the current status.  
03 BY MR. SMITH:  
04 All right. Thank you. I feel we can come to  
05 new business now. Bob, do you want to make your  
06 presentation?  
07 BY MR. POWELL:  
08 I don't have a presentation, but the Chair asked  
09 me to move that we develop a procedural -- procedure  
10 for new guidelines.  
11 BY MR. SMITH:  
12 To we had a committee on looking at the changing  
13 our guidance. We moved from a By-Law into a guidance  
14 procedure, and this committee -- I'll let you make it,  
15 not me. I can't make the recommendation as the Chair.  
16 BY MR. POWELL:  
17 Well, I move that we develop these new  
18 guidelines.  
19 BY MR. SMITH:  
20 That we move from the By-Laws into the  
21 guidelines.  
22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
23 And the objective is to more efficiently operate  
24 the RAB.  
25 BY MR. SMITH:

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01 It would be more freely. We can operate more  
02 freely without all the By-Laws and things we have to  
03 go through. It's a guidance procedure.  
04 BY MR. POWELL:  
05 And these will be drafted by Zapata and mailed  
06 out to each Board member.  
07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
08 Well, I will provide the guidance, and as this  
09 committee had discussed, what is anticipated is each  
10 of you mark up the current the By-Laws under the  
11 revisions that you would like to see, then I can  
12 revise those per your input and submit them for  
13 approval.  
14 BY MR. SMITH:  
15 What we'd like to do is make -- get the motion  
16 and change it, then she will send the information  
17 within the next weeks.  
18 BY MR. CRISSINGER:  
19 I move that we make the transition from the  
20 By-Laws.  
21 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:  
22 Second.  
23 BY MR. STEWART:  
24 I don't understand. Are these going to be some  
25 draft of that and sent to the Board members?

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01 BY MR. SMITH:  
02 Yeah. You'll get a copy to see what we're  
03 proposing.  
04 BY MR. STEWART:  
05 Who is going to propose?  
06 BY MR. SMITH:  
07 Suzy will send us a copy of them.

08 BY MR. HINSON:  
09 And a copy of the existing By-Laws to mark up.  
10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
11 And the guidance.  
12 BY MR. HINSON:  
13 And the guidance for the new ones.  
14 BY MR. STEWART:  
15 Okay.  
16 BY MR. SMITH:  
17 Any other discussion?  
18 BY MR. POWELL:  
19 When will those be voted on for the documents?  
20 BY MR. SMITH:  
21 Well, we'll ---  
22 BY MR. POWELL:  
23 Next meeting?  
24 BY MR. SMITH:  
25 Whenever we -- we'll get the changes being we

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01 voted, and we'll vote to change now.  
02 BY MR. POWELL:  
03 Right.  
04 BY MR. SMITH:  
05 But then we'll -- by next meeting we'll all have  
06 a copy of them for final approval.  
07 BY MR. HAYES:  
08 Well, we got a motion. I think David seconded  
09 it.  
10 BY MR. SMITH:  
11 Okay. Motion and second. Any other discussion?  
12 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)  
13 BY MR. SMITH:  
14 Those in favor say aye.  
15 (ALL BOARD MEMBERS RESPOND)  
16 BY MR. SMITH:  
17 Is there any other new business? Suzy, do you  
18 have anything?  
19 BY DR. LOWRY:  
20 Could I?  
21 BY MR. SMITH:  
22 Okay. Yes, Dr. Lowry.  
23 BY DR. LOWRY:  
24 There is a piece of property that has been sold  
25 recently, 430 acres, that had been some mortars found

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01 on it. Possibly it might be appropriate at this time  
02 to suggest that monies be thought of for another EE/CA  
03 for anyone who has bought this property who would like  
04 their land searched. Let's put it on the list is what  
05 I'm asking for.  
06 BY MR. NESBIT:  
07 Okay. We'll -- we'll investigate it and get  
08 back with you on what can or can't be done. I do know  
09 that I think you know that the property that we're  
10 talking about is property that we had hoped to be a  
11 part of the initial EE/CA, but based on the ownership  
12 we were not allowed on that site.  
13 BY MR. HAYES:  
14 Is it the Fretwell property?  
15 BY DR. LOWRY:  
16 That's the one.  
17 BY MR. NESBIT:  
18 So now that it's under new ownership, we might  
19 re-look at that now as far as review and check and see  
20 what's there. We know that there is ordnance there,

21 but we will have to go through the process that we did  
22 before, and the priority of it will be adjusted  
23 accordingly, but the current site what we have got  
24 identified already, we'll have to go through those  
25 still based on priority.

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01 BY DR. LOWRY:

02 I'm just asking that it be put on the list.

03 BY MR. NESBIT:

04 I understand, and we'll -- we'll be looking that  
05 as well.

06 BY DR. LOWRY:

07 Okay.

08 BY MR. HAYES:

09 Should the landowners submit it or call saying  
10 that they want it on the list or how does that work?

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 Well, we have heard from one of the landowners  
13 already indicating that they have found ordnance on  
14 the site. We've gotten word from the Sheriff's  
15 Department that they have actually gone out and had  
16 some detonation, I believe, on the site because of  
17 what they found.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 Were they live ordnance?

20 BY MR. NESBIT:

21 Yes.

22 BY DR. LOWRY:

23 And mortars.

24 BY MR. NESBIT:

25 Okay. So we're in the process of dealing with

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01 that issue, you know, in terms of the proper thing  
02 that we must do and notifications and so on.

03 So, we are aware of that.

04 BY MR. SMITH:

05 Any other?

06 BY MR. HAYES:

07 I have a question about the equipment. Are we  
08 renting the equipment or is that on loan or -- the  
09 equipment. How is that working through our -- is it  
10 coming out of our budget for the year?

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 Well, nothing is for free is true.

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Yeah.

15 BY MR. NESBIT:

16 The equipment is owned by the Air Force. it's  
17 an opportunity for the Air Force to actually exercise  
18 the equipment to see what it can or can't do, what  
19 type of terrain and so on. We are paying for the  
20 transportation of the equipment. However, the actual  
21 use of the equipment cost-wise is actually being  
22 awarded by the Air Force, their special research team.

23 BY COLONEL HELD:

24 That's a bargain.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

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01 Yeah.

02 BY MR. NESBIT:

03 A major bargain in this case, and I will say  
04 that based on what we have done at the site thus far,  
05 in terms of publicity and so on, the equipment is  
06 getting a lot of reviews as to its efficiency. And as  
07 you can tell, it's getting better and better in terms

08 of operation, for our use especially, and there will  
09 be more and more folks interested in utilizing that  
10 equipment down the road I'm sure.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Or buying more equipment like it?

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 Exactly. And there are quite a few -- talking  
15 with the folks from Air Force, they are in the  
16 production of trying to develop more as they go along  
17 already.

18 BY MR. POWELL:

19 There is a fairly recent trailer that's been put  
20 on the old ammunition dump in the park. Is that  
21 supporting Dr. Lowry's efforts, the work out there or  
22 somewhere else?

23 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

24 The office trailer.

25 BY MR. NESBIT:

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01 Oh, the office trailer.

02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

03 Their office there.

04 BY MR. POWELL:

05 For Dr. Lowry's property?

06 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

07 That's Zapata's office trailer to manage and  
08 oversee all of the site work at Dr. Lowry's and any  
09 other subsequent type work.

10 BY MR. POWELL:

11 Okay.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 That's our field office.

14 BY MR. SMITH:

15 Let me ask you one question. When do you think  
16 you get back on Wedgewood?

17 BY MR. NESBIT:

18 Our hope is it will definitely be after we  
19 complete the four and a half acres. We hope by fall  
20 timeframe. Funding, of course, being a factor, we're  
21 looking to begin work in that area so that the time of  
22 the year when it's not going to be impacted by  
23 families or as little as possible. Summer is not  
24 necessarily a good time because the kids are out of  
25 school and so on. That's why we looking more in the

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01 fall and the wintertime, so I would suspect it would  
02 be further down that time period.

03 BY MR. SMITH:

04 Let me ask you another question. Is there any  
05 way you can send letters of clearance to the property  
06 owners that ---

07 BY MR. NESBIT:

08 Of those that have already been done?

09 BY MR. SMITH:

10 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 We're in the process of doing that, and I think  
13 the only thing that is holding that up is completion  
14 of the letters themselves with some -- with the  
15 wording and so on, so Huntsville is working that  
16 issue, and I'll check to find out where we really  
17 stand on it. By the next meeting I'll let you know.

18 BY MR. SMITH:

19 My next comment is that they will -- they would  
20 -- those that have been cleared would like a letter.

21 BY MR. NESBIT:  
22 We know. We're in the process of doing that.  
23 We'll -- we'll -- I'll get a status by the next  
24 meeting and let you know.  
25 BY MR. HAYES:

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01 Have there been some live munitions found out  
02 there?  
03 BY MR. NESBIT:  
04 Pardon me.  
05 BY MR. HAYES:  
06 Have there been some live munitions found on  
07 Wedgewood?  
08 BY MR. NESBIT:  
09 We haven't been back to Wedgewood since we left  
10 last fall or last year. When was it?  
11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:  
12 They found a grenade last year.  
13 BY MR. NESBIT:  
14 Yeah, that's what ---  
15 BY MR. SMITH:  
16 Live grenades.  
17 BY MR. NESBIT:  
18 Grenades and stuff, and along with some of  
19 the ---  
20 BY MR. SMITH:  
21 Practice grenades.  
22 BY MR. NESBIT:  
23 Yeah, the practice grenades.  
24 BY MR. HAYES:  
25 Write them a letter.

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01 BY MR. NESBIT:  
02 Right.  
03 BY MR. OSBORNE:  
04 How about the explosion a couple weeks ago?  
05 BY MR. NESBIT:  
06 The explosion a couple weeks ago? Oh, yes, sir.  
07 Do you want to talk about that?  
08 BY MR. ROSE:  
09 Oh, that was a -- apparently someone had found a  
10 60 millimeter mortar across the road -- across Dairy  
11 Ridge from where our trailer is, and I guess down  
12 maybe a half a mile, the park people had come across  
13 it. We called Rick Renna from the Sheriff's  
14 Department, and he came out and handled it.  
15 BY MR. NESBIT:  
16 So there was ---  
17 BY MR. ROSE:  
18 It was a -- it was a -- it was an HE round. It  
19 was -- he used a perforator on it and it caused a high  
20 order denotation.  
21 BY MR. OSBORNE:  
22 Only one item?  
23 BY MR. ROSE:  
24 As far as I know.  
25 BY MR. NESBIT:

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01 As far as we know.  
02 BY MR. OSBORNE:  
03 We were told four, weren't we?  
04 BY MR. LANCASTER:  
05 I'm the one that turned it in to them. I was  
06 the one that found it and gave it to the park people  
07 that came up here that had a meeting with them, and

08 I've got a question on that for the Corps, if I can.

09 What are you all intending to do with the  
10 property on Henningston Road designated a time  
11 earlier?

12 BY MR. NESBIT:

13 What are we intending to do with it?

14 BY MR. LANCASTER:

15 Yeah.

16 BY MR. NESBIT:

17 I can't answer that. It's fenced in and  
18 actually marked as an explosive area?

19 BY MR. LANCASTER:

20 Yeah.

21 BY MR. NESBIT:

22 And a highly explosive areas ---

23 BY MR. LANCASTER:

24 Yeah.

25 BY MR. NESBIT:

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01 And so on. Well, I can't answer that. I don't  
02 know.

03 BY MR. LANCASTER:

04 Okay. The property that Dr. Lowry owns is that  
05 property there. In the military records it's deeded a  
06 black deed.

07 BY MR. OSBORNE:

08 Right.

09 BY MR. LANCASTER:

10 It says in the military record that it's not  
11 supposed to be used for further use. I got it out of  
12 the Corps records. And why -- as far as I can't  
13 understand why they're not cleaning that up over there  
14 and they're cleaning the other up that wasn't never  
15 supposed to be used.

16 Why is the Corps spending all this money on that  
17 when the military had it fenced and wasn't never  
18 supposed to use it and now you're cleaning it up and  
19 spending all this money, and you're leaving the State  
20 Park and it's not being cleaned. This is the  
21 military's doing, not mine. I just want to know what  
22 anchored this.

23 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

24 Gerry, is that the State Park property?

25 BY MR. PERRY:

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01 No.

02 BY MR. LANCASTER:

03 It's still the same.

04 BY MR. POWELL:

05 I know, but that's not the State Park property.

06 BY MR. LANCASTER:

07 Well, that wasn't never supposed to be used for  
08 surface use it states in the government deed.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 That's right.

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 Let me -- let me address it this way. Okay.

13 State Park property ---

14 BY MR. LANCASTER:

15 I'm not talking about the State Park. I'm  
16 talking about Dr. Lowry's.

17 BY MR. NESBIT:

18 Properties are cleared based upon the land use  
19 respectfully. Okay. What they are intending for it  
20 to be used for and what it's currently being used for.

21 Okay.

22 BY MR. LANCASTER:

23 It wasn't never supposed to be used.

24 BY MR. NESBIT:

25 Well, I can't deal with what never supposed to

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01 have been and what it is being used for.

02 BY MR. LANCASTER:

03 That's what I want to know where do I get my  
04 answer to my question.

05 BY MR. NESBIT:

06 I can't answer you on that at all.

07 BY MR. LANCASTER:

08 Who do I get it from? The military?

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Colonel?

11 BY MR. NESBIT:

12 That's the same issue really. We ---

13 BY COLONEL HELD:

14 And it's a legal question.

15 BY MR. NESBIT:

16 Exactly. Probably ---

17 BY COLONEL HELD:

18 I guess, you know, I'm the person to ask; and so  
19 if you'll put it in writing, I'll answer it.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 This gets better and better.

22 BY COLONEL HELD:

23 Well, you know, let me be very clear. I can't  
24 sit here and speculate what you're even talking about  
25 and neither can my lawyers. You have to clearly write

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01 out for me what you want me to answer, and then I am  
02 more than willing to do the research to answer that  
03 question, but ---

04 BY MR. LANCASTER:

05 All right.

06 BY COLONEL HELD:

07 We could be here all night.

08 BY MR. LANCASTER:

09 Okay.

10 BY COLONEL HELD:

11 Because I can't speculate on what you want me to  
12 answer.

13 BY MR. LANCASTER:

14 Okay.

15 BY COLONEL HELD:

16 But if you'll put it in a clear concise letter,  
17 I'll be more than willing to do the research and have  
18 my legal folks track down the answers for you, and  
19 that's -- that's what I do for a living. I'm more  
20 than willing to do that, but I just can't speculate on  
21 what you want me to do tonight. It's not clear to me  
22 what you're asking me, to be honest.

23 BY MR. LANCASTER:

24 Okay. I'll make it.

25 BY MR. JOHNSON:

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01 May I say something, please?

02 BY COLONEL HELD:

03 Yes.

04 BY MR. JOHNSON:

05 I would like for you all to understand some of  
06 us just got off our jobs to come over here to hear  
07 these meetings. Now it's not for anybody in this room

08 here. I have lost more than anybody, and that's why I  
09 come over here is because I'm concerned about somebody  
10 else. I don't want something to happen to somebody  
11 else what happened to us, and that's why we come over  
12 here to hear what we need to hear, not only I lost  
13 some, I found five bombs in my house, and so that's  
14 why we come over here to know what's going on. I have  
15 worked all over that place down there. Not one inch  
16 of that place, I guess, that I have never been on, and  
17 I know there's bombs all over that place down there.

18 BY MR. LANCASTER:

19 What I am -- what I want understood I'm not  
20 trying to chop nobody's head off or nothing like that.

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 No.

23 BY MR. LANCASTER:

24 I just want a simple answer how. I know the  
25 military is not responsible. I'm not trying to blame

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01 nobody or something, but SC DHEC puts a landfill in  
02 the middle of a artillery field and I don't see how  
03 that could be done, but it's done and it's done  
04 already in place, and now this stuff in the State Park  
05 there is what I'm concerned about.

06 Based on that ordnance there and they've got  
07 horse trails there and people riding and kids and  
08 things could not stay on them. I'm on Dairy Ridge  
09 Road and I seen two come across the road in it.  
10 Anybody in here knows if one of them horseshoes hits  
11 one of them 60 millimeter mortars, something is going  
12 to happen, and it's just a matter of time. Everybody  
13 is telling me nobody has never been hurt. There have  
14 been people killed in that camp.

15 BY MR. JOHNSON:

16 Yes, sir, they have.

17 BY MR. LANCASTER:

18 I know your people. A lot of things has  
19 happened, and I'm not -- I mean, that's the way I'm  
20 concerned about is just that, and I'll put that in  
21 writing and I'll have it then. I'll mail it to you.  
22 That's the only thing I want to know.

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 Can I ask one more question real fast? You said  
25 you had a committee on changing the By-Laws and going

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01 to something else. Who were the committee?

02 BY MR. SMITH:

03 Bob Powell, Gerry Perry.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 Gerry who?

06 BY MR. SMITH:

07 Perry.

08 BY MR. OSBORNE:

09 Okay. And you?

10 BY MR. SMITH:

11 Sanford Smith and myself, Clary Smith.

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 Okay. Now has this, the meeting that you guys  
14 had, has all this information been sent to the other  
15 members of the Board?

16 BY MR. SMITH:

17 It has not. She will be handing it to them next  
18 week.

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 No, I said has this been contacted other Board

21 members and talked to already?

22 BY MR. SMITH:

23 No.

24 BY MR. OSBORNE:

25 Well, I'm wondering how you've taken a vote on

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01 something that they don't even know what they're

02 voting on.

03 BY MR. SMITH:

04 Well, they took us at our word, I guess, Harold.

05 They trust us. How about that?

06 BY MR. OSBORNE:

07 It sounds like it's a deal that you're getting  
08 rid of the By-Laws so you can do what you darn well  
09 please.

10 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

11 Mr. Osborne, have you got a question that you  
12 want addressed?

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 Could I get a -- no, could I get a -- could I  
15 get a copy of these changes, please?

16 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

17 Mr. Chairman, I believe Mr. Osborne is out of  
18 order.

19 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

20 When the By-Laws are approved.

21 BY MR. SMITH:

22 You won't get a copy of them until they arrive.

23 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

24 They're not approved yet, Harold. They're in  
25 working order now. They'll be approved later. We'll

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01 -- the Board will approve them once we receive them  
02 and read them and make changes.

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 That's not what you said awhile ago. You said  
05 you ---

06 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

07 Yes. No.

08 BY MR. OSBORNE:

09 You voted to approve them already.

10 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

11 No.

12 BY MR. SMITH:

13 No, to change them.

14 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

15 To change them, not approve them. We said to be  
16 changed and we'll get them and review them and make  
17 changes to them.

18 Harold, man, you're tearing me up. Now that's  
19 all I do -- we need to take you outside like the old  
20 Army did.

21 BY MR. SMITH:

22 Amen.

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 Are you threatening me?

25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 No, I'm not threatening you.

02 BY MR. OSBORNE:

03 Put this on the record.

04 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

05 We'll put it wherever you want to put it.

06 BY MR. ROSE:

07 Real quick. Excuse me. If I could bring up the

08 safety issue, please.

09 BY MR. SMITH:

10 Yes.

11 BY MR. ROSE:

12 Just -- and this is just for safety and for  
13 quick response. If someone does happen to run across  
14 any suspected piece of ordnance and it's not in our  
15 area and so -- and since no one is allowed in our  
16 area, it will be something outside of our area, please  
17 call the Spartanburg Sheriff's Department. We're not  
18 allowed to respond. Okay. And if you call us, that  
19 just makes it that much longer for the Sheriff's  
20 Department can make it out there to handle it, and  
21 Rick Renna will handle it. He'll take care of  
22 everything. He responded very quickly on the last  
23 one. We talked with him, and he'll take care of  
24 anything that you need, but don't -- please don't call  
25 us because that just extends the time that that's out

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01 there. Thank you.

02 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:05 P.M.)

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