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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, December 9, 1997

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05 TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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06 PRESENTATION

06 GIVEN BY: Karl E. Blankinship, PE

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07 Huntsville Division

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08 BOARD MEMBERS

09 PRESENT: Norma Borkowski

09 Kathy Burrell

10 Gary Hayes

10 John E. Keith

11 W. Brownlee Lowry

11 George Mullinax

12 Gerard Perry

12 Robert W. Powell, Jr.

13 Clary H. Smith

13 Sanford N. Smith

14 Sherry Wheeler

14 Darwin J. Wilson

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15 NOT PRESENT: David Mullinax

16 Fritz Hamer

16 William Littlejohn, Jr.

17 Dot Sloan

17 James B. Thompson

18 Gerald T. Thurmond

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19 ALSO PRESENT: Jim Truelove and

19 Robert A. Rowlette, Jr.

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

02 Good evening. I'm Suzy McKinney. I'm with
03 Zapata Engineering, and our chair this evening, David
04 Mullinax, is not able to be with us, so I'll stand in
05 his behalf for this evening's meeting.
06 I'd like to welcome you all to our Restoration
07 Advisory Board meeting and call the meeting to order.
08 I'd like to introduce a few individuals this
09 evening who are in attendance, really, for the first
10 time to our board meetings. We have project manager
11 Karl Blankinship. He is out of the Corp of Engineers
12 office in Huntsville, Alabama. And we have our
13 project manager from Charleston, Jim Truelove, and he
14 has replaced Wayne Bogan, who worked so hard to get us
15 to where we are now. And we're honored to have this
16 evening Colonel Rowlette, also from Charleston. He's
17 the district engineer through the Corps of Engineers
18 in Charleston, and I'd like to welcome you this
19 evening.

20 Has everyone have an agenda? Okay. We have
21 those up front.

22 First, I would like to turn the meeting over to
23 Karl Blankinship. He is going to review the Phase II
24 EE/CA report. We had a public meeting in October that
25 reviewed the findings of this document. This document

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01 is now going to be available for public review and
02 comment, and I'll let him review that document and
03 give you some more details on the public comment
04 period.

05 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

06 Okay. Thanks, Suzy. As Suzy said, my name is
07 Karl Blankinship. I work for the Corps of Engineers
08 Engineering and Design Center in Huntsville, and she
09 said that this was my first time with the RAB.
10 Actually, I'm probably the only one who has been
11 working on Camp Croft in some capacity from the very
12 start.

13 When we -- when the Corps of Engineers first
14 came over here to look at doing the first EE/CA, I was
15 the project manager at that time, and I have been in
16 some capacity working on Croft or the people working
17 for me have been on it since we've started. So, I
18 don't know all the specifics, but at least I've been
19 involved for quite awhile.

20 I know this is probably hard for you all to see.

21 Okay. So I'm going to move this back the other way.

22 Just to give a little history and to start us
23 off, I'm sure most of you are familiar, we did the
24 first EE/CA in 1995 and '96, identified some areas
25 that we wanted to clean, did a Supplemental Archive
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01 Search to gather additional information that you
02 provided for us to help us locate other areas that we
03 needed to investigate in '95 and '96. And then in
04 '96, also did the Supplemental Engineering Report on
05 OOU6 mostly or primarily on Dr. Lowry's to define the
06 limits of what we really need to clean there.
07 Then tonight, of course, we're talking about the
08 second EE/CA that we just finished and presented
09 during the public presentation last month.

10 Just a quick summary of what was involved in
11 that EE/CA or what we did as far as field activities.
12 We originally knew of 183 areas where we wanted to
13 place grids to -- to do a statistical sampling to
14 determine what needed to be cleaned or what areas we
15 needed to focus on.

16 During the process of doing the EE/CA and doing
17 the field work, we added 11 more grids in areas that
18 were identified by the public or places that people
19 talked to Wayne and asked that he add grids there
20 because of what they had heard or what they had seen
21 or remembered from the past.

22 The total was at 194 grids. Of those, we got
23 rights of entry for 130 of the area -- or we got
24 rights of entry to do grids, 130 grids scattered
25 across the entire area.

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01 And if you remember, most of this -- most of
02 this study was outside the park. We had done a pretty
03 good inside the park in the first phase. We went back
04 and did a little bit more in the park, but the
05 majority of this work was around the outside of the
06 Camp Croft boundary itself.

07 As I go through this, if I use an acronym you
08 don't understand or you don't understand something or
09 have a question, please stop me. I'm -- I'm trying to
10 re-create the briefing that Mr. Monberger did in the
11 public meeting last month. So don't let me skip
12 anything or don't let me confuse you with any of what
13 I cover here.

14 We found small arms in a number of areas out
15 here, and for small arms, to put it in perspective,
16 small arms are something you could go to Wal-Mart and
17 buy, essentially, a 30, 30.06, small, you know, small
18 rifle ammunition, and we did find those in 27 grids.
19 Primarily it was the 30 caliber casing and M1-clips,
20 and I'll show you a picture of those as we go through
21 here.

22 We found a good deal of ordnance related scrap,
23 which would be expected. We would go into areas where

24 we thought that there were activities where we knew
25 that at one time there were either grenade ranges or
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01 mortar ranges, so the type of scrap we found was
02 consistent with what we were looking for in the areas
03 that we went to.

04 A good bit of the Mk II grenade, hand grenade
05 like John Wayne that you'd see, the pineapple looking
06 grenade, we found a good bit of scrap from those.
07 Actually, we found some of those intact. Most of them
08 were inert, didn't have filler or didn't have
09 explosives, but we did find some of those.

10 60 millimeter mortars, just the fragments where
11 the round had exploded and in some cases practice
12 rounds that are just solid pieces of metal.

13 Live and practice hand grenade fragment. That
14 would be when the grenade it explodes, it breaks into
15 little small squares, usually the Mk II does, and
16 those were shrapnel. So anytime those have actually
17 been detonated, you can go out and find a large amount
18 of that if it's in one of the hand grenade practice
19 areas that we went to and looked -- to look at.

20 2.36 inch rocket frag. We found some of the
21 remains of a couple of those rockets in some of the
22 grids, which -- which we did expect and we were
23 looking for.

24 Rifle grenade scrap, of course, and down at the
25 bottom, this 37 millimeter, that's an armor piercing
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01 type round that is essentially a piece of metal. It's
02 a round that's made to penetrate metal and detonate
03 and blow into a cavity after it penetrates the metal.
04 We did find one of those.

05 The actual ordnance that we found, there were 27
06 pieces that we found and destroyed. The majority of
07 those, you'll see, were rifle grenades. The majority
08 of them were up -- well, let me get my bearings here.
09 On Dairy Ridge Road up near -- is it this highway?

10 295 right up in that corner. So what we had
11 found through the history as we -- as we looked back,
12 there were grenade practice areas or training areas up
13 here, and we went into those areas where we found them
14 on the old historical maps and did find scrap and
15 shrapnel to confirm that that's what was done there,
16 and most of those, 21 were found up in that area. We
17 found one 2.36 inch rocket, three Mk II hand grenades,
18 the pineapple grenade, and one practice rifle grenade
19 with no explosives.

20 Just to give you a quick idea of what some of
21 these things look like, and I don't know if you'll be
22 able to see them very well from here, but I'll leave
23 them out for you.

24 Up at the top, it's very, very hard to see.
25 These are -- it look like the remains of a rifle

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01 grenade. These are on the bottom are mortars,
02 practice mortars. Like I said, I'll leave these
03 laying out. It will be a whole lot easier to see them
04 up here.

05 Just other examples of scrap and pieces on the
06 bottom. I want you to be able to see that all of
07 those just 30.30 rounds or 30.06, whatever.

08 In this picture it shows one of the things that
09 some of you may have seen as we were over here doing
10 some of the work. Down at the bottom, these are metal
11 boxes that have been fabricated. They're made out of
12 aluminum plate. What we do is use those in areas
13 where we're working close to houses or close to people
14 that contain any fragments. If we should accidentally
15 detonate an item, those are designed to contain the
16 metal or the fragments that would result from it.

17 Let's skip through some of these pictures. As
18 I'm sure most of you are aware, from looking at the
19 first EE/CA and looking through this second one, the
20 process that we use when we -- after we finish our
21 sampling, we take a look at the areas where we worked,
22 what we expected to find and try to find the common
23 ground, the areas with things in common. The bottom,
24 the group criteria at the bottom, geography,
25 diplography, whether it's wood and whether it's

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01 residential. What type of contamination we find and
02 whether it's grenades or mortars, because there's a
03 big difference in the size area that you would -- that
04 you would see from a mortar range as opposed to a
05 grenade range, where mortars are fired and grenades
06 are just thrown by hand. So it helps you define your
07 area better.

08 The similar past use would be this same thing.
09 What they actually used it for. The ownership would
10 like to try to make sure that we keep a consistent
11 block of land together so that we don't divide one
12 owner of the property between a couple of different
13 operable units and the current plan use because that
14 is -- the land use is what we use in the analysis to
15 help us better understand what cleanup levels that we
16 need to apply to the individual areas.

17 For the second EE/CA, this one that we're
18 discussing tonight, we expanded on one of the operable
19 units from the first EE/CA. OOU3 up in the
20 residential area, we had looked at that before and
21 gone in and done some investigation, and we actually
22 went back and done some removal during the first
23 removal action with HFA. But in the process of doing
24 that and while we were doing this study, we expanded
25 that area out to include more of the residential area,

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01 as well as some of the golf course area up in the

02 Wedgewood Subdivision.

03 OOU9, that's the areas that we determine that
04 mostly or almost primarily everything in there was
05 small arms. It was training with rifles, either 30
06 caliber or 30.06 rifles. So those were all grouped
07 together.

08 There's one group OOU9A, B, C, D and E are
09 inside the park. F, G and H are outside the park. We
10 divided those intentionally because of the land
11 ownership.

12 The property within the park we can -- we have
13 better control, better access control and are able to
14 do more institutional type controls in there because
15 people are limited to some extent on what they can do
16 and where they can do it within the park.

17 OOU10A through D, those are what we call frag
18 areas within the park. We didn't find any -- any live
19 ordnance, but we did find fragments that would lead us
20 to believe that live ordnance was used there. So we
21 grouped all those together.

22 OOU11, same situation except those were outside
23 the park.

24 And OOU12A and B are also ordnance areas outside
25 the park.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:

02 Could you point out on here where 10 and 11. I
03 don't see it on mine.

04 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

05 What have you got, sir?

06 BY MR. SMITH:

07 10 and 11.

08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

09 Let's see, we've got two different maps. Let me
10 use this one over here, if I could, and I'm going to
11 move it out here so we can look at it a little better.

12 It's going to be hard to see, I'm afraid, no
13 matter where we put it, but let's try right here.

14 Let's see if we could -- if we could sort of step
15 through over here. Well, I'm going to be in someone's
16 way no matter where I am.

17 11, OOU11, this is C, a small area up in
18 Wedgewood. D is on the golf course. B is right over
19 in here. A is down on State Road, it looks like, 681;
20 is that right? 681 is down here. Okay. That's 11.

21 OOU3 is all up in Wedgewood where we expanded
22 there.

23 OOU9, the red blocks down here, the larger ones,
24 here's one OOU9 here and here. And like I said,
25 they're scattered, but we call them the same operable

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01 unit because we did similar things here. We found
02 that they did small arms training over areas that were
03 scattered all over the place. So to address them

04 consistently, we just grouped them together with one
05 number.

06 Let's see, we looked at 11. OOU10, here's one
07 piece over here, plus the entrance to the park here
08 and here. They're in the -- the blue. And OOU12, 12B
09 is down here. 12A is right up here.

10 Is that -- did that help any to get a little bit
11 better idea of where they are?

12 BY MR. MCBAIN:

13 The area ---

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 Yes, sir.

16 BY MR. MCBAIN:

17 --- one which the area two down in the lower --
18 that's it. Is that where Cowford Bridge Road Company?

19 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

20 I'm not sure, sir.

21 BY MR. MCBAIN:

22 Is it on Cowford Bridge Road?

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 It's -- what is has here is State Road 681. It
25 doesn't have another name. I'm not that familiar with

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01 the road system here to be able tell you, but I can
02 find out for you.

03 BY MR. MCBAIN:

04 It looks like it here that the road loops in and
05 around through the lower edge of the State Park and
06 comes out down around 150?

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 Yes, sir. This is ---

09 BY MR. MCBAIN:

10 On Shiloh Church Road.

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 This is the boundary of the State Park here, so
13 it actually -- it actually runs parallel to the
14 boundary for a short distance there.

15 BY MR. OSBORNE:

16 Where was Croft landfill?

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 I don't know the exact location, but it was
19 somewhere over in this area, if I'm not mistaken.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 Anything ever been checked there?

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 It was, but I believe it's been checked for --
24 not for ordnance but as a landfill, checked for HRW or
25 for waste to determine what's put in it. I don't have

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01 the particulars on that study.

02 After we defined our areas that we wanted t look
03 at, we -- we did the similar thing to what we did in
04 the first EE/CA. We looked at a range of alternatives
05 that were available to us or for consideration to each

06 of these areas, starting with the no further action,
07 and area that we determined through the study that
08 there was not sufficient risk to the public to warrant
09 actually going in and doing any kind of removal or
10 being no further action.

11 Institutional controls, probably the best
12 example there is within the State Park where they have
13 the horse trails through certain areas, and
14 essentially, the use of that area is really restricted
15 to horse trails and riding and major type things where
16 you're not digging into the ground or making any
17 excavation or building any houses. So you can sort
18 of control what goes on.

19 Surface clearance is an option that we -- that
20 we always like to consider if there are restrictions
21 that keep people from doing any excavation or doing
22 any digging in an area.

23 And then, of course, clearance for use, which is
24 -- is clearance to some given depth based on what we
25 found and how deep we found it or how -- how deep you
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01 could expect an ordnance item to penetrate given the
02 use that we see for it here.

03 We went through our analysis, our risk analysis,
04 and a study of what we found in each of these areas,
05 and starting with OOU3, the expanded area, our
06 recommendation was clearance for use. That includes
07 all the expanded areas that we identified in the
08 EE/CA. We -- we would propose to go back there and do
09 a removal action there to a depth that's consistent
10 with what's being done on that property. If there's
11 already a house there and we're looking for grenades,
12 it may be a foot to two feet, depending on the exact
13 circumstance.

14 If it's mortars, it would probably be deeper.
15 If there are areas where we know that there is
16 construction done, we would propose it would be to a
17 deeper depth than that. So clearance for use was the
18 recommendation there.

19 We did find ordnance items within that area,
20 including five hand grenades. Those grenades were
21 found on one property by HFA. In an area that we
22 identified in the first EE/CA where we knew there was
23 a problem and we needed to go back and do a removal
24 action, we did go back and find out -- in fact, find
25 grenades at various depths within that property.

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01 The cost to do this work on OOU3 is somewhere in
02 the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

03 Ordnance Operable Unit 9 was what we defined as
04 the small arms area. If you'll remember, there's some
05 of the larger blocks scattered around down in the
06 south park. Area A though H, we -- what we found
07 there was like some of the pictures I showed you. 30

08 caliber ammunition, some 30.06, M1-clips, but nothing
09 that you can essentially go to Wal-Mart and buy. So,
10 our recommendation there was for no further action,
11 because we didn't find anything that creates or would
12 create a substantial risk to the public in what we
13 found here in the study. And, of course, that would
14 be a no cost alternative.

15 Operable Unit 10, A through D, that's the area
16 that we identified as grenade and mortar areas within
17 the park. Our recommendation there was for surface
18 clearance. We did find a significant amount of scrap,
19 which we expected to. We went to the areas that we
20 thought were grenade ranges and areas that we were
21 pretty sure were mortar ranges. We found scrap that
22 verified what we thought, and we didn't find any live
23 items. But our recommendation here for surface
24 clearance, rather than just some regular depth, was
25 based on the fact that activities were fairly well

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01 controlled within the park. There shouldn't be anyone
02 out there digging around, just going out randomly and
03 start digging holes or building anything. So our
04 recommendation there was for surface clearance at a
05 cost of approximately \$700,000.

06 BY MR. HENDERSON:

07 Will you point that out on this map, please?

08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

09 Yes, sir. 10A, B, D and C. The blue ones here.
10 The sort of darker blue.

11 Operable Unit 11, A through D, and just to show
12 you a little bit. B, D, C and A, so there are outside
13 the park. Two in Wedgewood and one over close to 95
14 and the one down south here.

15 We recommended clearance for use in those --
16 those areas. We found very similar -- similar things
17 to what we found in 10. The only -- the primary
18 difference is that all this is privately owned land
19 that we have no influence or no control over what can
20 be done there. So our recommendation was to do a
21 complete clearance or clearance to depth. The cost is
22 also in this case approximately \$700,000. But the one
23 thing that at least made us feel pretty good, we
24 didn't find any live ordnance while we were doing the
25 sampling. So that's at least a good sign there that

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01 there wasn't anything very obvious on top of the
02 ground or close to the top of the ground, and we
03 didn't find anything when we excavated the items that
04 we investigated.

05 Operable Unit 12A and B are both also outside
06 the park. 12B is down here. 12A is the one up by
07 Dairy Ridge Road, the grenade range. We did find
08 ordnance items there, and we did find indications that
09 -- that there had been things used there, the grenades

10 primarily, that had been detonated. It's private
11 property. We have no control over intrusive
12 activities on those properties. So we recommended
13 clearance for use to a cost of, round numbers,
14 \$2,500,000.

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Do you have a price for each? Are you looking
17 at B?

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 No, sir. I don't have it broken out. I can get
20 it for you. Essentially, it's pretty well based on
21 the acreage would be the split. As you can see, B is
22 very small. A is pretty large, so my -- my guess
23 would be the \$2,000,000 would be up here, and the
24 \$600,000 or less down here.

25 And that's just -- just based on kind of looking

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01 at the size in estimating it.

02 Just as a quick summary. The clearance for use
03 up in Wedgewood, about \$3,000,000. No further action,
04 OOU9, the small arms area inside the park. Surface
05 clearance on the other areas within the park, about
06 \$700,000. Clearance for use on the ordnance areas
07 outside the park, \$700,000. And clearance for use on
08 12, the grenade areas, about \$2,500,000. For a total,
09 in round numbers, of \$7,000,000.

10 And that was -- that's all the results that we
11 had and the recommendations that we presented last --
12 last month.

13 I would like to open it now to any general
14 questions or any input that you might like to provide
15 at this time on the EE/CA itself. And before I do
16 that, to encourage you to please check it out from the
17 library or go down and look at it, review through it.
18 If there are other areas that you know of that we've
19 missed, please let us know. Either write us, call us.
20 You can call Suzy and let her know, but our intent is
21 to try to make sure that we cover everything that's
22 here. That we find everything that we can find and we
23 address it. Hopefully, through the first two rounds
24 of EE/CA we should have gotten all the areas. If we
25 missed some, we very much want to know about them and

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01 we very much want to take care of them at this time.

02 Any general questions or comments?

03 BY DR. KEITH:

04 What percentage of the properties, when you say
05 you don't have control or no access, will you speak
06 about that? I mean, we're not spending any money on
07 private land if you have no access; is that correct?

08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

09 Oh, no, sir. No, sir. The intent of the access
10 control is we tried to be more prudent with what we
11 did on the park because we can control access there.

12 And in saying that we recommended surface clearance on
13 several areas within the park, and exactly like areas
14 that were outside in the private land, we recommended
15 clearance for use or clearance to depth. Because in
16 the park we do -- the park does have some control in
17 activities there. On private property, we don't have
18 any. So we're doing a greater amount of clearance
19 outside on the private property.

20 BY DR. KEITH:

21 Well, my question is really what percentage of
22 the private owners are not allowing this to be done?

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I don't have that
25 number.

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01 BY DR. KEITH:

02 Is it high or low or just ---

03 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

04 It was -- it was quite a few. Let me -- let me
05 go back and get that.

06 BY DR. KEITH:

07 Well, I don't need it, you know, in detail. I
08 was just curious.

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 Yes, sir. I must be living right. I flipped it
11 open exactly to the right slide.

12 We had, just to give you an idea, out of 194
13 grids or -- and this wouldn't be properties, because
14 there would be multiple grids on a property, but out
15 of 194, we didn't get approval to go to 64 of those.
16 So a pretty -- pretty high percentage, I would say.

17 BY DR. KEITH:

18 A third or -- at least a third or more?

19 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

20 Yes, sir.

21 And a lot of those -- if I'm not mistaken, a lot
22 of those were on some of the -- a lot of these grids
23 were on some of the larger properties. I know some of
24 them were, and so that may skew the number a little
25 bit.

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01 BY DR. KEITH:

02 May we assume therefore that the private
03 property owners that doesn't allow inspection would be
04 responsible for anything that happens on his land or
05 is that -- or is that an assumption that you can't
06 make?

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 I'm -- I'm not sure that we can make that
09 assumption.

10 Yes, sir.

11 BY MR. RENNA:

12 I can probably shed some light on that. We had
13 several complaints brought into the Sheriff's office

14 about sometimes when you're doing the EE/CA, it's
15 during hunting season, and the complaints are that
16 you're messing up the hunting grounds in some places,
17 and they don't want anybody on their property.

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 Yes, sir. We -- we've added the work that
20 we're going to start in January, we've actually added
21 the ability to go back and do some more sampling grids
22 if we need to to that contract. So if there are areas
23 like that that people wouldn't let us in, if they
24 will, when we start back in January, we'll go and
25 investigate those as well. And the way that contract

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01 is set up, we can add additional sampling as we go
02 along if we need to.

03 BY MR. HENDERSON:

04 When will you begin in January?

05 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

06 We plan to mobilize January the 5th.

07 BY MR. HENDERSON:

08 Where?

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 To OOU6. I'm not sure if it's on either one of
11 these. Yes, it is. OOU6, right here.

12 BY MR. HENDERSON:

13 How long do you think it will take to do the
14 entire study in this EE/CA?

15 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

16 Now, the EE/CA study itself has been ---

17 BY MR. HENDERSON:

18 No. No. I know. To do the work.

19 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

20 Oh, to do the removals?

21 BY MR. HENDERSON:

22 Yeah.

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 Just off the top of my head, I would say
25 probably in the neighborhood of three years, and

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01 that's based on doing -- what we normally try to do is
02 about \$2,000,000 worth a year of work on a site.
03 Because of the limitations of the people who are
04 available to do this work, they're -- they're
05 scattered all over the United States and they're
06 scattered very thin. Everyone who -- who actually
07 digs a piece of ordnance out here will be a military
08 trained ex-EOD person who is trained in EOD and has a
09 substantial amount of experience in that field, and
10 those people are pretty hard to come by right now.

11 Yes, sir.

12 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

13 Is there any activity now going on in this area
14 cleaning this up?

15 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

16 No, sir.

17 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

18 None at all? I had a situation where they -- I
19 live on Wedgewood Drive. My home is out there.

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 Your name, sir?

22 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

23 And 10 or 12 months ago they came and said they
24 were coming in there to check it and got our
25 permission and all that. They went to one home and
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01 found something, dug it up and never came back. I
02 haven't heard a word from them since that day, and I
03 was wondering if they just gave up out there, quit or
04 what?

05 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

06 No, sir.

07 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

08 Just the other day, a fellow was out there
09 playing golf on the golf course right behind my house,
10 and he got out on the rough and he hit the ball and he
11 dug up a little turf and here comes a grenade right up
12 across the top of it.

13 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

14 Yes, sir.

15 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

16 That was two weeks ago.

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 Could we get your name, please, for the record?

19 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

20 Charlie Williams.

21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

22 Yes, sir. Mr. Williams, we knew about the
23 grenade. It was a practice grenade that was drilled
24 out of the bottom and had no filler and no explosives,
25 but in the removal action that will take place
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01 following this EE/CA, we're going into this area of
02 Wedgewood back in there, and we'll do removals in a
03 substantial amount of that area, as well as on the
04 golf course.

05 I think right now the area we had defined was
06 holes six through nine, and I believe the grenade
07 you're talking about was somewhere on hole number
08 eleven, which is fairly close.

09 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

10 Well, really, what I would like to know is can
11 you give me any reason why ten months ago they
12 started, did one house and quit after they got some
13 permission from the people to come in?

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 Yes, sir, I sure can.

16 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

17 And if you have anybody on that street that

18 hasn't given you permission, I think I might be able
19 to help you some.

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 Okay. The reason that we didn't go -- didn't go
22 to everyone's house, what we do in an EE/CA, when
23 we're doing a study, is we're trying to define a
24 boundary or an area that we need to go and do a
25 cleanup in. So we essentially lay a statistical

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01 layout of grids over a map, and that helps us
02 determine where to go and do our sampling to help
03 define what's -- what the problem is in that entire
04 area.

05 So we had rights of entry from a number of
06 people in that area that we didn't need at that time.
07 We will need to extend them when we come back to do
08 the removal action.

09 So that was the rational. To get as many rights
10 of entries as could, so that if we had to move grids
11 or shift them around, we would have the ability to go
12 to those -- those properties or those landowners and
13 do a sampling.

14 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Well, will you be giving any notification to the
16 homeowners when you're going to start in on Wedgewood
17 Drive over there?

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 Yes, sir. Yes, sir. We sure will.

20 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

21 Thank you.

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 Yes, sir.

24 BY MR. PHILLIPS:

25 The proposed removal action. That work, have
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01 contracts already been awarded to do that work, and,
02 if not, how can we bid?

03 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

04 No, they haven't been awarded. The way that the
05 ordnance work is done nationwide, we in Huntsville
06 Center provide a contracting vehicle for all the local
07 geographic districts to place task orders against
08 contracts that are in place.

09 We have three contracts right now that are very
10 large and cover the entire United States. We would
11 essentially repeat the requirement for these removals
12 among those three contractors and use one of those on
13 the task order type contract.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Please state your name for the record.

16 BY DR. MCCLURE:

17 My name is Donald McClure. Where we can find
18 out the results of the EE/CA studies that you have
19 done already? I am a landowner down in that area. We

20 have received no, you know, notification of what you
21 all have done on our property.

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 Yes, sir. The EE/CA will be -- tomorrow it will
24 be in the Spartanburg Library, at least one copy.

25 We're hoping to get additional copies there so it will
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01 be much easier for people to get in there and look at
02 it, but if you would give us your name and address,
03 I'll be glad to pull the information out, if we did
04 any sampling on your property, and send it to you.

05 If you would, after the meeting, if you'll step
06 by, I'll get your address, and we'll see if there were
07 any grids there and get you a copy of it.

08 Yes, sir.

09 BY MR. MCBAIN:

10 She knows my name.

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 Okay.

13 BY MR. MCBAIN:

14 Is -- did I understand or did I misunderstand
15 the fact that there's no operable units in the Camp
16 Croft, the original camp area at this time?

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 No, sir. There are -- there are some in there.
19 They -- they are small arms. This 9, OOU9, the large
20 one, was a small arms area inside Croft. There are
21 several of them that are in the park. Mostly Operable
22 Unit 9.

23 BY MR. MCBAIN:

24 So they all would be in the southwest quadrant?

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 Other than this large one here.

02 BY MR. MCBAIN:

03 Do you happen to know whether or not they have
04 exploded any high ordnances, something above 37
05 millimeter in the last two weeks?

06 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

07 No, sir, we haven't been.

08 BY MR. MCBAIN:

09 No, you don't know, or they have not?

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 They have not. Actually, we have not. We
12 haven't been here since ---

13 BY MR. MCBAIN:

14 Sheriff's representative, would you have any
15 knowledge of that whether or not there have been
16 people exploding anything within the two weeks?

17 BY MR. RENNA:

18 We haven't, and I would be the one doing it.

19 BY MR. MCBAIN:

20 You would be the one doing it. Well, somebody
21 hasn't been able to do it, either.

22 BY MR. RENNA:

23 The only thing they've done is pick up that hand
24 grenade in the golf course.

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 Yes, sir. Anything that's found out here when
02 we're not here, the Sheriff's Department would be the
03 appropriate people to handle that, or either they
04 would handle it or they would call active duty Army
05 EOD to come in and take care of it.

06 BY MS. PORTER:

07 Rita Johnson Porter. Have you got any further
08 than the Camp Croft area?

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 Yes, ma'am.

11 BY MS. PORTER:

12 Or are you just going back and forth over the
13 areas you've been over?

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 Oh, no, ma'am. We -- this EE/CA expanded
16 outside the park, if I'm understanding right.

17 BY MS. PORTER:

18 Now, Camp Croft consisted of more than the park
19 now.

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 Yes, ma'am.

22 BY MS. PORTER:

23 You know, it's a big area.

24 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

25 Yes, ma'am. If you'll -- if you can -- I know

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01 this is hard to see. Let me try with this one. The
02 green line here, this green line is the boundary of
03 the park.

04 What we did in this second EE/CA was go outside
05 that boundary all the way within this purple boundary.
06 These -- this is the area that we looked all outside
07 the park with this EE/CA.

08 BY MS. PORTER:

09 Okay. The purple boundary consists of what?

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 Everything that ---

12 BY MS. PORTER:

13 How far down?

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 This is -- this is the boundary that the
16 government actually owned when Camp Croft was in
17 operation, and it goes down to State Highway 391,
18 which is right here. I'm not sure what this is.
19 Highway 150 is here.

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

22 Do you have any other areas in South Carolina
23 that you're involved with cleaning up?

24 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

25 Not at this time. There are a number of other
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01 areas that are on the FUDS work plan, and let me --
02 let me back up and describe that a little bit.

03 The government has gone through all the states
04 and looked at all the areas that the military used
05 during World War I and II, essentially, and identified
06 those areas, and they're going back to the ones that
07 we used to own to make sure that there is not ordnance
08 left there or building debris left that needs to be
09 cleaned up, or HTW, hazardous or toxic wastes. Any
10 waste that was left there, we've done an inventory,
11 and we have a list of those sites, and there are
12 others in South Carolina.

13 Yes, sir.

14 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Well, is this type cleaning up at Camp Croft,
16 does this have any specific priority over -- with all
17 the other stuff? What kind of priority does it have
18 on this?

19 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

20 All of our ongoing work has the highest priority
21 that we can give it, because we started it, and if
22 we're already under contract or we're already doing
23 work on a site, those sites generally get the highest
24 priority.

25 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

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01 One more question. What -- what has the highest
02 priority? Individual homeowner's property or the
03 State Park property? Is there any priority over the
04 two?

05 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

06 I'm not sure how to answer that. To -- to be
07 very honest with you, we try to look at everything.

08 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

09 What I want to know, I'm living on that
10 property, and there's a bunch of deer over there on
11 the park. I mean, who has got priority? The human or
12 the deer? Let's put it that way.

13 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

14 Okay. For the cleanup, when we -- when we get
15 ready to come back in and do the removals, it would --
16 it would be smart to me to start up at the residential
17 area and do that first.

18 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

19 Thank you.

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 Yes, sir.

22 BY MR. MCBAIN:

23 Well, that leads to another question. Do you
24 have any -- you're out of Huntsville. Do you control
25 North Carolina?

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01 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

02 We don't control it. We do have a list of sites
03 in North Carolina.

04 BY MR. MCBAIN:

05 Do you have any ongoing operation in North
06 Carolina?

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 Yes, sir.

09 BY MR. MCBAIN:

10 At Butler?

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 I'm not sure about that one. I know we do at
13 Duc, but that's the only one that comes to mind.

14 BY MR. MCBAIN:

15 Do you have any in Georgia?

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Yes, sir.

18 BY MR. MCBAIN:

19 Where?

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 I can't name them all. We have -- there are
22 somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 FUD sites,
23 Formerly Used Defense sites, that we suspect have
24 ordnance contamination all scattered across the United
25 States.

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01 BY MR. MCBAIN:

02 Do you have any ongoing in Georgia? Contract
03 crews working in Georgia?

04 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

05 I'm not sure. I can't answer that.

06 BY MR. MCBAIN:

07 Do you have any in North Carolina?

08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

09 We don't have anyone working at Duc, and I'm not
10 sure if we have anyone any place else to tell you the
11 truth. I personally don't manage projects that are --
12 I don't have any projects in those two states.

13 BY MR. MCBAIN:

14 Do you have other project managers in
15 Huntsville?

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

18 BY MR. MCBAIN:

19 How many?

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 It varies somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 to
22 20.

23 Yes, sir.

24 BY MR. OSBORNE:

25 Harold Osborne. On the phase III EE/CA study

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01 done quite awhile ago and was given out and reported a

02 ravine with several pieces of ordnance, including
03 machine guns, a windshield survey revealed a gully
04 overgrown with kudzu would require considerable amount
05 of vegetation clearance for area access.

06 Now, going through this, there's a lot of
07 windshield survey?

08 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

09 Yes, sir.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 But some of this stuff is pretty potent. We've
12 got another one here, large amount of ordnance items
13 found in an undeveloped area. Windshield survey,
14 again. Repair, the pasture fenced off with sign
15 posted saying, Petroleum Pipeline. It's also close to
16 residential housing.

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 Yes, sir.

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 Now, does this mean anything? Did they do
21 anything to get in there and check them out?

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 Yes, sir. It certainly does. I did part of
24 them myself.

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 By driving along and looking at them?

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 No, sir. A windshield survey is not just
04 driving by and looking. I'm sorry that we put that
05 terminology in there, because it is confusing. What
06 we try to do when we go out to establish grid
07 locations, we try to put them in a smart place. We
08 try to look and make sure that the equipment we're
09 using to try to detect the ordnance will actually
10 detect what we're looking at here. In one case the
11 gas pipeline, I think you had mentioned at one time.
12 With a large pipeline, when they put that in there,
13 they did a great deal of excavation and laid open a
14 very large gully to put that pipe in. They also
15 buried, more than likely, a large metallic pipe.

16 If you try to go there with a magnetometer to do
17 an investigation, the only thing you're going to find
18 is that pipe, or that's going to skew the results of
19 anything you do.

20 So what we try to do is look at those and say
21 there's a feature there that makes it not feasible for
22 us to do a sampling grid there at that time.

23 So what we would try to do is go back to the
24 pipeline company or go to any records that we could
25 find and see if when they laid that pipe they found

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01 any ordnance. And, essentially, what that does -- if
02 you think about it, the pipeline company did a lot
03 better job of sampling that area than we could ever do

04 because they laid opened a huge hole and carried it
05 for miles across the site. If they didn't find any
06 ordnance there doing that, I would almost assure you
07 that if we lay out a 50 by 50 foot grid by that
08 pipeline, we're probably not going to find anything
09 either.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 All right. When you did the park cleanup, you
12 had one in here, reported a gully with 105s buried in
13 it. Windshield survey, again, revealed thick
14 overgrown kudzu. Access difficult. Required
15 considerable amount of vegetation clearance near a
16 residential area. What was done on that one?

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 We probably didn't put a sampling grid there,
19 because if we already knew there was a problem, we
20 knew that we were going to include that as part of our
21 removal action.

22 Remember when we're doing this EE/CA, we're
23 strictly doing sampling to define the limits of the
24 problem. We -- we didn't try to go to every single
25 piece of property. We didn't dig every place where we
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01 could have dug or put a grid and actually dug
02 anomalies. What we tried to do was define our
03 problem. Figure out what we thought the limits of the
04 area that we needed to clean up were and put those
05 down on paper so that we have a starting point for our
06 work.

07 We know when we come here that this is the area
08 we need to go to and we need to clean until we get to
09 a point where we don't find anything else.

10 Yes, ma'am.

11 BY MS. PORTER:

12 Let me ask you one more question. He said you
13 came to his property and got clearance to check it and
14 you all only checked one house in the neighborhood and
15 then you all pulled out.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 That's not exactly correct. I can't give you
18 the exact number of houses we did in Wedgewood, but we
19 did several -- several properties in there.

20 BY MS. PORTER:

21 But then you've got to go back and do some more,
22 right?

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 Yes, ma'am.

25 BY MS. PORTER:

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01 Well, won't that be additional costs to the
02 program if you go back when you could have finished it
03 while you were there?

04 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

05 It -- no, ma'am, it won't, and I -- let me --

06 let me sort of back up and explain a little bit about
07 what we did and the theory behind the EE/CAs.
08 If you remember when we started, I'm not sure
09 how many of you all were involved, but when we first
10 started on Camp Croft, the -- the impression was and
11 the thought was and the number that actually went out
12 was like 80 to \$100,000,000 to clean up this site.
13 What that amounted to was sending crews of ordnance
14 people, like the ones I talked about, the ex-EOD
15 people in here, starting from one end and going all
16 the way to the other and clearing every square inch of
17 it with a crew and make -- you know, going over the
18 whole thing.

19 What we did in the process of doing these EE/CAs
20 and the studies that we've done is, like I mentioned,
21 we did enough statistical sampling to try to look at
22 those areas that we found a historical reason or we
23 found from anyone in the community what we thought
24 there was truly an ordnance problem. We concentrate
25 on them, tried to define the limits of them, and in
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01 doing that, we -- we reduced the cost to you to the
02 taxpayer to probably about a fourth of what it would
03 have cost to start with.

04 So that's the reason behind the studies, and
05 that's really the results. We -- we -- you know, we
06 look at the areas that really need to be looked at,
07 and areas of Camp Croft where there was nothing done
08 that were woods in the '40s and are woods today and no
09 one did any training or fired any ammunition in there,
10 there's no reason to go to the great expense of
11 sending crews in there to do a clearance.

12 Yes, sir.

13 BY MR. COLEMAN:

14 I think there was training all over Camp Croft.
15 Just not in a certain spot.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Yes, sir.

18 BY MR. COLEMAN:

19 The whole area.

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 Yes, sir.

22 BY MR. COLEMAN:

23 At one time or another.

24 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

25 Yes, sir. But if you remember, most of the time
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01 what they were doing was small arms training, and
02 where they set up and actually did mortars or large
03 ordnance type training was pretty well concentrated,
04 so they had at least some control over it, and that's
05 speaking just from the history, of course. I don't
06 have, you know, personal knowledge of Croft or what
07 they did, but, you know, in most areas they controlled

08 pretty well the training with the larger ordnance.

09 Yes, sir.

10 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

11 Do you run into any obstacles that's hindering

12 you to do this work or slowing you up or people?

13 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

14 No, sir.

15 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

16 I talked to several people today. They have

17 very little knowledge about what's going on. Is there

18 any way through the media that you could get a little

19 more clearer of what's going on and what the danger is

20 to these people.

21 BY MR. POWELL:

22 Turn left. He's sitting right beside you, sir.

23 BY MR. MULLINAX:

24 He writes every week about it.

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 Yes, sir.

02 BY MR. MULLINAX:

03 I mean, it's out to the public.

04 BY MR. SMITH:

05 The man right behind you writes about it.

06 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

07 Well, I believe that's not my job. I would have

08 thought it was their job.

09 BY MR. MULLINAX:

10 Well, it's his. He covers it locally.

11 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

12 I know, but they have to inform him of what

13 they're doing and what the danger -- I don't know what

14 danger the danger is compared to him, because that's

15 his forte, not mine.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Yes, sir.

18 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

19 I mean, if I knew, I'd be glad to see, but I

20 don't know what's out there. He does. I don't, and

21 the danger of them exploding, I don't know. They may

22 never explode as far as I know.

23 BY MR. MULLINAX:

24 This man writes how dangerous it is. He has

25 wrote many articles. It's been in the paper. That's

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01 what I can't understand. It's been out to the public

02 continuously.

03 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

04 Because I read the paper pretty good, and it ---

05 BY MR. MULLINAX:

06 Well, you haven't read his articles, and I've

07 got them right here. I can show you. I've got every

08 one of them right there and how dangerous it is. Gary

09 Henderson.

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 Yes, sir.

12 BY MR. MULLINAX:

13 That's what I don't understand when people come
14 to these meetings, they ---

15 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

16 I don't ever remember seeing any in the paper.

17 BY MR. MULLINAX:

18 Well, it's right there, and if you want to,
19 after this, sit down and look at it all.

20 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

21 I didn't go to make you mad now.

22 BY MR. MULLINAX:

23 Oh, no, you're not making me mad. I just don't
24 understand.

25 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

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01 And fighting, I mean. I just asked a question.

02 I'll leave if you want me to.

03 BY MR. MULLINAX:

04 No. No. No. It ain't that. I'll lay all
05 these articles out and let you read them and show you
06 how dangerous they say it is, but it's in the paper.

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 Yes, sir. I would say that this is probably --
09 Camp Croft is one of the two or three highest
10 publicized sites in the United States as far as
11 ordnance goes. There are a couple that recently have
12 gotten a little bit more coverage and more attention,
13 but this one I think consistently over the last three
14 years has been covered very well. Mr. Henderson has
15 done a great job and has been very helpful for us
16 trying to help get the message out to the public and
17 the RAB as well. Having them involved is very good
18 for this project and for the community, because they
19 bring -- essentially bring the community into the work
20 we're doing, and that also helps us. The more help we
21 can get, the better.

22 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

23 Really, the only thing that's really holding you
24 up is waiting for the money; is that correct?

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 No, sir, not even that. We're -- we're doing --
02 we do our work in phases, and the EE/CA was the phase
03 that we do to find where we need to do removals. So
04 when it gets finished, then the next month or so we'll
05 start planning and heading towards doing removals next
06 year and put -- and trying to get money programmed to
07 do those removals starting next fiscal year.

08 But we do -- we work essentially on a fiscal
09 year basis, and for the next -- we try to program five
10 years out and program money for each site five years
11 out, and Croft has been in that five year plan for as

12 long as I can remember. There's been money every year
13 in that plan.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Do you have anymore questions on the Phase II
16 EE/CA?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

19 As Karl mentioned, tomorrow there will be at
20 least one copy of the EE/CA in the library. All
21 documents are maintained at the library in the
22 reference department. I believe it's the Kennedy Room
23 as the Camp Croft archives, as well as many of the
24 documents, the work plans, past EE/CAs, past removal
25 action reports are all in the vault, and any of the

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01 individuals in the reference department can help you
02 access those documents for review.

03 The Phase II EE/CA will undergo a 30 day public
04 review and comment period. We're starting that today.

05 Actually, I guess, officially tomorrow. If we can
06 have any of your comments that you might have, they
07 can be submitted to me, or we prefer them to be
08 submitted to Jim Truelove at the Corps of Engineers in
09 Charleston and we'll make sure everyone has the
10 address. We've issued public notices in the
11 newspaper. There should have been one Sunday. There
12 will be another on Wednesday and another on Saturday
13 announcing this public comment period and the address
14 to submit comments for that document, and that period
15 will close on January 9th.

16 Well, Karl, you're up again. Do you want to
17 talk about the engineering designing report for OOU6?

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 I almost covered it, but I didn't quite. I
20 don't have anything formal for OOU6. I think all of
21 you got a copy of the design report that we did in
22 draft form. It primarily covers Dr. Lowry's property
23 within OOU6. It helped us to define the boundaries of
24 what we need to clean up within his property and your
25 comment that you sent forward to clean all the areas

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01 of interest to four feet was accepted and
02 incorporated.

03 That the final version of that report should be
04 published -- I hope that it will be published this
05 week. It's finished. The AE firm that's working on
06 it is in the process of getting the drawings stamped
07 by a professional engineer, and as soon as those are
08 stamped, the report will be published and sent out.

09 The work there, as I mentioned before, is
10 scheduled to start the 5th of January. We hope to
11 finish it within three months. The -- it will just
12 depend on what we find.

13 The density of ordnance in some areas there is

14 thought to be very high. If it truly is high, that
15 may extend the length of time we're there. It could
16 as much as double the length of time, but that's --
17 our plan is pretty optimistic now. I -- I have the
18 contractor scheduled to work seven days a week.
19 They'll be rotating shifts and actually work four days
20 on and four days off.

21 We have a potential problem with the highway,
22 Highway 176 bypass where it gets close to that
23 property. We just worked on that this week. I -- I
24 have a document going to the explosive safety board in
25 Washington, which essentially revises the way that we
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01 do ordnance work or could revise the way that we do
02 ordnance work nationwide. This -- this presented a
03 great opportunity to look at the exclusion zones and
04 the areas that we use around the people doing the work
05 and the separation that we keep between highways and
06 people and look and see if we were reasonable with
07 those distances that we were using and actually go
08 back and do some calculations. To look at the
09 probability of an accidental detonation when we're
10 digging a piece of ordnance and the probability of
11 fragments from that ordnance going a given distance
12 out in large enough fragments to -- to hurt or kill
13 someone actually if we accidentally detonate an item.
14 And what it amounted to is we were able to drastically
15 reduce that distance based on the way that we do our
16 excavations for accidental detonations. And by the
17 way, we never had one. In the approximately ten years
18 that we've been doing this work all over the United
19 States, we've never had an accidental detonation. So
20 that helped a lot, and it helped this -- not only this
21 project, but it helped us look at a better approach to
22 doing our work. So, I was -- I was tickled to death
23 to get a chance to present that and try to get it
24 through the board and get approval on it.

25 We still got the board in Washington who will
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01 look at it, but we think the ground work is laid for
02 them to actually approve it. So we're impacting a lot
03 of jobs by the things we're doing over here at Croft,
04 and I appreciate that opportunity myself.

05 But that's, essentially, that's the summary of
06 where we are.

07 Yes, sir.

08 BY MR. MCBAIN:

09 That raises an interesting question, because, as
10 I recall, going down 176 back when one of the groups
11 was working in there, there were a whole series of
12 orange flags, which from my limited experience
13 indicates they found something there to look at it,
14 and then some of them were on the -- were actually on
15 the right-of-way.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Yes, sir.

18 BY MR. MCBAIN:

19 The fenced area right-of-way, which is the US
20 Highway.

21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

22 Yes, sir.

23 BY MR. MCBAIN:

24 How do you get to handle that?

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 Okay. What they did they went in and actually
02 mapped those areas with the magnetometer and put the
03 flags, but they didn't dig the anomalies. What they
04 were trying to do is try to get an idea of the number
05 of magnetic items there, but there weren't any
06 anomalies excavated.

07 If we have to go in there and do a -- if we have
08 to get that close to the highway and do a removal
09 action, we would have to look at alternatives, like
10 closing the highway or re-routing traffic or something
11 like that if the exclusion zone extended into the
12 highway.

13 BY MR. MCBAIN:

14 It will be interesting to see when -- perhaps
15 Mr. Henderson will publicize it when you go back in
16 there, because, as I recall, that place was
17 practically covered with orange flags.

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 Yes, sir.

20 BY MR. MCBAIN:

21 Right along the highway, within 100, 150 to 200
22 feet of highway.

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 Yes, sir.

25 BY MR. MCBAIN:

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01 Of course, you can't get back in there.

02 BY MR. HAYES:

03 Can you tell us how many acres are in OOU6 that
04 are going to be tested and how much it's going to cost
05 and all the money been allocated?

06 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

07 The money is not -- not actually settled yet.
08 It will be less than \$1,000,000. Probably in the
09 range of \$500,000. The acreage is -- right now, the
10 scope work actually says 26 acres, but I've added
11 additional areas around what we call Grid 87 that will
12 amount to, I think, in round numbers, about 50 to 55
13 acres that will be cleared, and that's the -- keep in
14 mind, that's our going in assumption to the contract.
15 We define a block of land. If we get to the edge and
16 we're still finding ordnance, we'll keep going outside
17 that boundary. So -- so we make an assumption on

18 where we best think the limits are, but it could be
19 larger than that. So, round numbers, 50, 55 acres,
20 somewhere in there.

21 Okay. Anything else on the design?

22 Thank you.

23 BY MR. STEWART:

24 I'm a little bit confused. Perhaps you can
25 clear me up. Once the investigation or the inspection

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01 that's been done on Dr. Lowry's land, this will assure
02 him that there's no more explosive on this land?

03 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

04 After we've done the clearance. Yes, sir. To
05 the best of our ability, we will give him a statement
06 that says we went, and we looked and we cleared
07 everything that we think needs to be cleared.

08 Yes, sir.

09 BY MR. MCBAIN:

10 Carrying on from that. You keep talking about
11 30 caliber, and, of course, 50 caliber and 37s, and we
12 know that there was a lot of stuff much larger than
13 that around here.

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

16 BY MR. MCBAIN:

17 Have any of your people, your research people,
18 gone to, for example, Letter Kinney and found out
19 exactly what was shipped in here at the end of the
20 war?

21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

22 We've looked in all the archives that are
23 available, and the records from Letter Kinney or any
24 of the depots would be stored in one of the archives,
25 either the regional or national. We've been to those

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01 at least twice with the archive search teams out of
02 Rock Island and St. Louis. We also sent ESE, our
03 contractor, back to those archives to make sure that
04 we had found everything in the supplemental archive
05 search that was done in '95 and '96, I believe is the
06 time frame.

07 BY MR. MCBAIN:

08 ESE being Parsons out of Atlanta?

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 No, sir. ESE was -- I can't remember their
11 acronym now. Environmental Science and Engineering
12 out of Gainesville, Georgia.

13 BY MR. MCBAIN:

14 They were the last crew in. Your people from
15 Parsons, have they been down to McPherson and pulled
16 any of the old deeds?

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 No, sir.

19 BY MR. MCBAIN:

20 They haven't.
21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:
22 No, sir. Parsons was hired to do just an
23 engineering design on Dr. Lowry's property. That was
24 the extent of their contract. What we did there was
25 a, essentially, a design. In a lot of cases we will
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01 use the results of an EE/CA and just write a scope of
02 work for a contractor to do the removal.
03 In the case of Dr. Lowry's property, we knew
04 that there was a problem there, but we didn't know the
05 extent of it from the EE/CA, because we really didn't
06 do that much sampling. We found a very contaminated
07 area, and we backed off of it and removed that piece
08 from the EE/CA and just said we need to do further
09 study. So we followed behind the first EE/CA and did
10 a study on that property to try to define the limits,
11 because there was potential for such a large -- a
12 large removal. His entire property, if it were all
13 contaminated, would be extremely expensive to do a
14 removal action to a four foot depth.

15 BY MR. MCBAIN:

16 Do you know whether or not Parsons did the
17 property search, deed search back on this requesting
18 some of the deeds in the archives of McPherson?

19 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

20 No, sir, they did not.

21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

22 Any other questions or comments?

23 BY MR. STEWART:

24 I have one.

25 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

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01 Yes, sir.

02 BY MR. STEWART:

03 You made a statement I didn't clearly understand
04 the reference to public comment, that it was open for
05 public comment up until a certain date. Were you
06 referring to the pros and cons of the project, or
07 could this public comment be in reference to anything
08 pertaining to it?

09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 The public comment period is specifically for
11 that document, that Phase II EE/CA that Mr.
12 Blankinship just reviewed, and that report will be in
13 the library as of tomorrow. So that comment period is
14 specific to that report.

15 BY MR. STEWART:

16 Why couldn't it go beyond that?

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 Let me -- if you don't mind, let me add a little
19 to it.

20 If you look at the report and you realize that
21 we haven't looked at some place that you have

22 knowledge that we need to look or that from anyone
23 that you know that activities went on someplace else
24 that we haven't investigated, those comments are
25 appropriate as well now or during that comment period
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01 or during anytime to tell you the truth.

02 BY MR. STEWART:

03 Thank you.

04 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

05 Yes, sir.

06 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

07 Okay. I'd like to, again, welcome Colonel
08 Rowlette. I'll let you take the podium for a few
09 minutes.

10 BY COLONEL ROWLETTE:

11 Well, thanks. I am Colonel Bob Rowlette. I'm
12 the new DE down in Charleston, and one of the great
13 things about this job you get the opportunity to come
14 around and thank and recognize people who do great
15 work and service to their community and the nation,
16 and that's really what I'm here to do tonight.

17 And the Restoration Board, this is inaugural
18 board the first two years. They done great work.
19 It's been hard and challenging and a lot of tough
20 times. We value their partnership and their
21 involvement with the district, and with Huntsville,
22 I'm sure, feels exactly the same way, and we would
23 like to take this opportunity to thank you and
24 publicly commend your efforts.

25 And I'd like to begin by just reading a
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01 certificate of appreciation, which, by the way, is
02 only a token of our sincere appreciation for
03 everything you've done.

04 US Army Corps of Engineers extends appreciation
05 for your participation on the 1996-1997 Camp Croft
06 Restoration Advisory Board. Your efforts are
07 recognized by both the community of Spartanburg and
08 the US Army Corps of Engineers, and I'd like to take
09 just a moment and actually go down the list, so to
10 speak, and even those members that aren't present, I'm
11 going to publicly recognize them as well.

12 Ms. Norma Borkowski. If I mispronounce it, just
13 smack me around. Everyone mispronounces my name as
14 well.

15 Kathy Burrell. Fritz Hamer. Too fast for you?

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 No.

18 BY COLONEL ROWLETTE:

19 Gary Hayes. Dr. John Keith. William
20 Littlejohn. Gerard Perry. Robert Powell. Dot Sloan.
21 Clary Smith. Sanford Smith. James Thompson. Dr.
22 Lowry. David Mullinax. George Mullinax. Harold
23 Osborne. Gerald Thurmond. Sherry Wheeler. And then

24 Darwin Wilson.

25 Again, we would like to thank you for your help

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01 in your partnership in this effort and looking forward

02 to your continued involvement in one form or another

03 whether you're going to continue to participate in the

04 future or no on the board itself.

05 I'm really be happy to be here. I regret not

06 having been here earlier. It's busy times, but this

07 is a -- this is an important effort by the Corps of

08 Engineers, and we want to make it a priority, and

09 thanks again, and I just -- again, for those present,

10 I'd like to give a round of applause for the board

11 members in the effort they've provided.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 Well, this current board is -- tonight is your

14 last meeting for two long years of hard work. Some of

15 you may be back on the next board. Several of you

16 have reapplied for consideration for the upcoming

17 board.

18 I'd like to review the status of the selection

19 for the new RAB. We met with a selection panel in

20 this early November, four individuals representing

21 diverse community interests. They reviewed community

22 interest forms that had been submitted by several

23 individuals from the community, as well as several of

24 you, and have set forth a recommendation to the Corps

25 of Engineers.

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01 We formally prepared a letter for the selection

02 panel signature to go forth to the Corps for their

03 approval of those members for those individuals of the

04 next RAB. I'm awaiting two signatures before we can

05 get that letter to the Corps of Engineers. Once that

06 letter is submitted with the recommendations for the

07 next board, the Corps of Engineers will review and

08 provide feedback or approve that list, and then we

09 will announce the new board after the first of the

10 year and our next RAB meeting with the new Restoration

11 Advisory Board will be in February.

12 So that's where we are with the next go around

13 with board activities. We'll call and notify everyone

14 that's been selected, as well as publish it in the

15 newspaper so everyone is aware of who our new members

16 are.

17 Jim, would you like to, as the new project

18 manager, say a few words or ---

19 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

20 Nothing other than I welcome the opportunity to

21 work with you. We appreciate the board members. I

22 didn't get a chance to know you, but we welcome your

23 involvement whether you are going to be members of the

24 board or been submitted or if you're just going to be

25 participants at the meeting. We welcome your

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01 involvement.

02 If you have items that are not directly related
03 to the EE/CA, further items that you wish us to
04 investigate, follow up on, all I ask is that if you
05 would submit those in writing, at least then I can
06 have that to try to document that we looked at it and
07 tried to close up, and there won't be any
08 miscommunications about items where someone meets me
09 in the hallway, and I don't want to drop anything
10 that's an item of concern to you.

11 So the address will be made public. We'll have
12 it out to you all over the place. If you'll write to
13 me and tell me what those interests are and give me
14 specifics as to how to contact whoever it is that
15 knows the specifics of your issue, I'll be glad to try
16 to follow up on that. Thank you.

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 Now, I like to take this opportunity to open the
19 floor and to the board any new business.

20 Mr. Osborne.

21 BY MR. OSBORNE:

22 I made mention at the last meeting, if I could
23 use the podium, when the board wasn't here, and I have
24 a few things that I'd like to say. And going back to
25 the last meeting, I was removed from the board without

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01 a hearing or a chance to respond. I now want to
02 respond to this board.

03 BY MR. SMITH:

04 Point of order. At the meeting, when the vote
05 was taken, there was a period of discussion as to any
06 comments. Everybody was given a chance to say. Mr.
07 Osborne sat there and did not respond. He was given a
08 chance.

09 I just wanted to make that clear that at the
10 meeting before that he was given a chance to respond,
11 and I question now whether he has a chance to respond
12 without the board giving the okay to respond.

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 I don't think that's in the ---

15 BY MR. SMITH:

16 As part of the procedure.

17 BY MR. OSBORNE:

18 I don't think that's in the bylaws that I read.

19 BY MR. SMITH:

20 That's in Robert's Rules of Order.

21 BY MR. OSBORNE:

22 May I continue, Madam Chairman?

23 BY MR. SMITH:

24 I believe that's in Robert's Rules of Order that
25 if an item has been voted on, it cannot be brought up

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01 for re-discussion or revote unless the governing panel

02 agrees to it.

03 I'm not an expert on Robert's Rules of Order,

04 but that's the way I remember it.

05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

06 Um.

07 BY MR. SMITH:

08 Somebody else that has more experience may

09 verify that or whatever.

10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

11 Anyone on the board want to ---

12 BY DR. LOWRY:

13 Suzy, do you want to research that, and let's,

14 whatever the conclusion is, allow whatever is going to

15 happen the next time?

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 We can do that. We can research that. We do

18 have transcripts available from that last meeting for

19 review for the board to review the discussion that

20 took place at the September meeting.

21 Jim, would you like to hold this off until the

22 next meeting?

23 BY DR. LOWRY:

24 Can I make that a motion, then?

25 I'd like to make that a motion. If I could hear

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01 a second?

02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

03 And the motion being to research the issue and

04 bring it forth at the next RAB meeting.

05 BY DR. LOWRY:

06 Research whether Mr. Osborne had a chance to

07 respond and whether he now has the chance to respond

08 without -- what's the Rules?

09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 Okay.

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 I believe the Rules say unanimous. It has to

13 have a unanimous.

14 BY DR. LOWRY:

15 I'm just trying to take you off the spot.

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 Thank you.

18 BY DR. LOWRY:

19 Anyway, I make that motion.

20 BY MR. POWELL:

21 Second.

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 Is there any discussion? Then we will research

24 the Rules.

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 That's fine.

02 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

03 Okay. And all in favor?

04 (ALL RESPOND)

05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

06 All opposed?

07 (NO RESPONSE)

08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

09 And we have a motion. We will discuss the Rules
10 and be able to be better prepared.

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12 All right. Let me continue some more points of
13 interest to the Corps of Engineers.

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Under new business?

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 Yes.

18 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

19 Okay.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 All right. Number one, I reported to Mr. Bogan,
22 there was a former park worker who would show where
23 certain bunkers were in the park. As to this date, no
24 action.

25 I reported to Mr. Bogan that a deputy sheriff

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01 would show him where certain things was found in the
02 cantonment area. To date, no action.

03 Reported to Mr. Bogan a tunnel that existed and
04 had debris in it. To date, no action.

05 Mr. Bogan told the board that if anyone knew of
06 old gas tanks to report them to him. I reported two.
07 Croft Drilling Company and Union Camp. To this date,
08 no action.

09 Reported to Mr. Bogan digging of explosives on
10 Nottingham Street and on Cedar Springs Road, and when
11 asking the crew what they were doing there, they
12 packed up and ran. Pictures were taken on both
13 instances.

14 Also, another area on Ramantanin's property a
15 few months ago, they can back this, on Dairy Ridge
16 where items were brought out, loaded on a truck and
17 left in a hurry. Pictures were also taken and the
18 safety man got mad. To this date, no action.

19 An area on Wedgewood where I had people ready to
20 have properties inspected at that time. No action.

21 Report to Mr. Bogan that a state representative.

22 BY MR. SMITH:

23 Point of order.

24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

25 Yes, sir.

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01 BY MR. SMITH:

02 What has this got to do with the RAB meeting and
03 information? If he wants to cover this with the Corps
04 of Engineers, he can cover it with the Corps of
05 Engineers. It doesn't require us to sit through this

06 again. We've got a transcript on it here. I don't
07 understand the continuation, and ---

08 BY MR. OSBORNE:

09 You're sure having a problem with it, aren't
10 you, sir?

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 Yes, sir, I am.

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 I figured that.

15 BY MR. SMITH:

16 I am. We've got a transcript of everything
17 you've said and reading it, we have asked it be
18 researched.

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 All right. Let me just make one final deal then
21 at this point.

22 BY MR. SMITH:

23 No, I question -- I question -- what I am saying
24 is what is the point that you're trying to make other
25 than the fact that you are expelled from the board and
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01 that you have reported all these things and the Corps
02 of Engineers have had no action on it.

03 I mean that point has been made.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 It works one way for a lot of people, but if it
06 don't go your way, that's it.

07 BY MR. SMITH:

08 No.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 All right. Well, let's get back to the same
11 point. Since I made this deal and you have a copy of
12 it, and I hope you do, the Corps of Engineers has not
13 contacted me at all.

14 BY MR. SMITH:

15 Well, that's between you and the Corps of
16 Engineers.

17 BY MR. MULLINAX:

18 Well, there they are right there. Talk to them,
19 Harold, and tell them. He wants in writing, hand him
20 your article and let him take care of it.

21 BY MR. OSBORNE:

22 I'll make you a copy of it. Have you got a copy
23 of that last report? I'll make sure you get it.

24 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

25 Just -- since I do represent the contractors who
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01 are working out here, I will make the same offer once
02 again. Anyone who will present something to us that
03 shows us in writing, or preferably on a map, where
04 they think something was done out here, we will go and
05 investigate. We can't go and investigate, "I think I
06 know someone down the road who knew something at one
07 time." We can go investigate specific things, and

08 we'll be glad to and we'll be out here to do that.
09 That's our intent from when we started and we'll
10 continue to do that when we have specific areas to
11 look at. Thank you.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 Any other new business?

14 BY MR. MULLINAX:

15 Let me just make one comment. Wayne Bogan at
16 just about every meeting he said that if anybody finds
17 any ammunition or anything, call the Corps of
18 Engineers, call Suzy. If you can't get in contact
19 with them, call 911 and the fire department.

20 Now, the last grenade they found they called
21 911. The fire department showed up right away. Our
22 man here was not in town, so they called SLED, and
23 they picked it up.

24 So, like I say, he's put this out at every
25 meeting. If you find anything, call the Corps, call
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01 Suzy, call 911 or the Croft Fire Department, and they
02 will respond.

03 I just wanted to put that out again to the
04 public.

05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

06 I would like to take this opportunity now to
07 thank Mr. Jim Thompson, who is not here this evening,
08 and ---

09 BY MR. SMITH:

10 He called me and said he had to be called out.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 Okay. All right. Well, in his absence, I still
13 want to thank him and all of the members of the board
14 who worked so hard over the last several months and
15 working with Congressman Inglis for the presentation
16 of the headstones. It was a very nice ceremony on
17 Friday. Several of you were able to attend to unveil
18 headstones for Mr. Moore and Mr. Johnson who lost
19 their lives in the 1940s, and I know the families
20 were very appreciative. It was a very nice ceremony.
21 So I want to thank Mr. Jim Thompson for all his
22 efforts and all of you that also helped.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 I want to say something, too.

25 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

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01 Yes, sir.

02 BY MR. JOHNSON:

03 Because I never -- I don't know you people.
04 This is the first time I've met you folks. I like to
05 say, Gary here, and I know some of you on the board
06 have worked with us, after 52 years I think somebody
07 thought enough of us to make us very happy last
08 Friday. Now who those people are and who all were
09 involved in it, we don't know, but we've got a couple

10 of tombstones out there. And I want to thank all of
11 you people for coming that came and whoever paid for
12 the tombstones, we want to thank them, and I want to
13 thank Gary, again. Now, the Army -- now that was for
14 my dad. Now, here are four of his children with
15 nothing. Now we're paying into every bit of this
16 stuff here that we've heard here. We all work. We're
17 all taxpayers. We're all paying into the whole system
18 Here was a lady around White Stone with five
19 kids at the time with not even "I'm sorry," or not
20 even a thank you. What was he doing out there? My
21 dad was working. He wasn't on welfare. He wasn't
22 looking for a handout, but he was doing what he was
23 supposed to do.

24 That morning that area was roped off. They
25 needed 150 more bushels of peaches. They allowed
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01 these people to go into this danger zone, and not long
02 after they got out there, they discovered this hand
03 grenade.

04 But like I said, 52 years, somebody was killed,
05 but that should have been you all's job. They're not
06 coming to us now. We're coming to you all.

07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

08 Any other comments, questions, discussions for
09 this evening?

10 BY MR. SMITH:

11 Suzy, I'd like to say, I wasn't able to attend
12 the ceremony Friday afternoon. I was out of town,
13 but I just wanted to express my thoughts to the
14 Johnson family that I was very proud over what had
15 transpired, and that I'm glad that we're able to do
16 it.

17 BY MR. JOHNSON:

18 Thank you.

19 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. STEWART:

22 I want to say also as a citizen, an individual
23 in a community, it seems to me, I know we are dealing
24 with the Restoration. It bothers me and as a
25 Christian and a citizen in the community, I'm just
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01 wondering why we as a board cannot submit a letter
02 asking for some compensation. I must get it off my
03 chest. If we're turned down. We're turned down, but
04 this happened, and for a -- no reflection, because I
05 think we should come together in brotherly love, but
06 the man was told by -- told by perhaps now is better
07 than at the time. We don't get paid for your kind.
08 Had he been a foreigner -- am I right?

09 BY MR. JOHNSON:

10 That's right.

11 BY MR. STEWART:

12 Had you been a foreigner, some consideration
13 could have been given to you. I mean, you know, that
14 -- that really hurts. I mean, that's something that
15 you'll never live down, and it seems that we have --
16 if we don't have the authority or the power, we should
17 submit a letter asking the Department of Army, can
18 something be done. If they say no, they say no, but
19 we have done all we can do to that extent. But I
20 don't think it should go -- the tombstone and the
21 memorial headstone is fine, but that will not replace
22 a life, and you and I know that.
23 Thank you, and this is the way I felt, and
24 there's no animosity here at all. I just wanted to
25 get it off my chest.

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01 BY MR. MULLINAX:

02 Suzy, can I answer that for him?

03 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

04 Yes, sir.

05 BY MR. MULLINAX:

06 I wrote a personal letter myself, and I got it
07 right here and got it back from the Army.

08 BY MR. STEWART:

09 Okay.

10 BY MR. MULLINAX:

11 And you made this statement, and it's in these
12 letters, if you'd like to read them, that they had a
13 year to apply, and that's their rules and regulations,
14 and that's how they turned it down. It's right here.

15 BY MR. STEWART:

16 Well, thank you. I didn't know.

17 BY MR. MULLINAX:

18 No, I started this off myself personally,
19 and this is as far as I got with it, and we got with
20 Bob Inglis, and he took this on his self and gave them
21 this article that he made up, and he's going to read
22 it in Congress, you know, and be in the records, but I
23 have right here where mine was turned down.

24 BY MR. STEWART:

25 Thank you.

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01 BY MR. PORTER:

02 Well, let me ask you. You say a year to apply
03 from when?

04 BY MR. MULLINAX:

05 From the time that the accident happened. I
06 mean, that's the Army's regulation.

07 BY MR. JOHNSON:

08 Who were we going to apply to?

09 BY MS. PORTER:

10 Yeah, who were we going to apply to?

11 BY MR. MULLINAX:

12 That I couldn't -- I don't have that
13 information.

14 BY MS. PORTER:

15 We didn't bring this thing up. We were
16 contacted, you know, by somebody to come to the
17 meetings, then this is what this all about.

18 BY MR. MULLINAX:

19 Right.

20 BY MS. PORTER:

21 But you say we had a year to apply. In 1945 you
22 couldn't apply for anything.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 You couldn't even apply for a hamburger at a
25 hamburger joint.

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01 BY MR. MULLINAX:

02 I agree with you, but like I say, that's just
03 their statement in here.

04 BY MR. JOHNSON:

05 Well, why are you all taking our tax money
06 hidden with all this other stuff? We don't mind you
07 -- we don't mind you taking our tax money. We're glad
08 to see these people, because we don't want to see
09 nobody's family get blown to pieces like our dad. And
10 not only that, there's five bombs in the house I
11 stayed in. Five of them, and then we were allowed to
12 go back on that property and dig bullets trying to
13 make a living to keep from asking for welfare. Now,
14 no one told us it was dangerous out there. Now, if I
15 go out there and hit your car, I'm supposed to come
16 and tell you, not you follow me over to the house.
17 I'm supposed to tell you.

18 Now if these people wanted a response, they're
19 supposed to come to us. Who are we going to?

20 BY MR. MULLINAX:

21 Well, no, I agree with you.

22 BY MR. JOHNSON:

23 We couldn't ride the bus. We had no car. We
24 had no mule and wagon. Now, are we going to get
25 somewhere?

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01 BY MR. MULLINAX:

02 I just wrote the letter to ---

03 BY MR. JOHNSON:

04 I thank you. I thank you, but, see, I'm right.

05 I served on a board myself, and I know how boards
06 work. And I've been asked to serve on this board, but
07 what we do if I'm coming to a hearing, we need to hear
08 what people got to say, because you don't know what
09 nobody knows.

10 But it seems like here now from what I sat here
11 and listened, we only want to hear what we want to
12 hear. But, see, we lived in this area. We have
13 played all over Camp Croft area, and there ain't too
14 many areas that you can tell us that we haven't been
15 on.

16 BY MR. MULLINAX:

17 Well, I understand.

18 BY MR. JOHNSON:

19 I thank you for what you've done. Thank you.

20 BY MR. MULLINAX:

21 I mean, that's as far as I could go with it

22 because they turned it down.

23 BY MR. JOHNSON:

24 Thank you, and we appreciate it.

25 BY MR. STEWART:

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01 Thank you.

02 BY MR. JOHNSON:

03 But I hope you understand how we felt.

04 BY MR. MULLINAX:

05 Well, I understand how -- I mean, I understand

06 how you felt all along.

07 BY MR. JOHNSON:

08 We don't have a right to tell them, but don't

09 take our tax money and put it in. We don't have that

10 right. Now, I mean, we ain't got no right to pay.

11 How do we have -- I'm 70 years old.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 Mr. McBain.

14 BY MR. MCBAIN:

15 Suzy, I have another -- listening to the

16 Restoration project on here and talking about

17 tombstones, I have another suggestion that I would

18 like those people to consider. It's one of the more

19 peaceful ones that I'll propose, and the Colonel may

20 be interested in this.

21 There is a cemetery within the original camp.

22 It's a block from where I happen to reside, and all

23 the tombstones in that cemetery were bulldozed over by

24 a quote "developer" end quote. Perhaps the board

25 would like to undertake the project of refurbishing

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01 that cemetery. At one time it was fenced and taken

02 care of.

03 We know where the tombstones are buried. If you

04 would like to take that as a project, I'd be happy to

05 meet with you or anybody wants to finance it or

06 anything else, but that's my suggestion for

07 Restoration.

08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

09 Thank you.

10 BY MR. SMITH:

11 Do you know where the graves are? Do you know

12 where the caskets are?

13 BY MR. MCBAIN:

14 After he finally got done with his coffee

15 breaks, and was an hour and a half late, he proceeded

16 to tell us that the State of South Carolina has

17 absolutely no legal definition of cemeteries, and,

18 yes, we know where some of the graves are, and as a
19 result of that, we probably can get ground penetrating
20 radar in. I know the chap who bulldozed over the
21 tombstones, and he's volunteered to point out what he
22 knows about it.

23 BY MR. MULLINAX:

24 Sanford, I know where one of the tombstones at,
25 but that's private property now. I mean, I checked on
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01 this myself.

02 BY MR. MCBAIN:

03 Well, I know where one of the tombstones at.
04 It's in my backyard. It was given to me by a resident
05 who has been in that community ever since they quote
06 "started developing" end quote that community. But I
07 have it under -- behind the fence, and I'll be happy
08 to surrender it for the sweet little old lady that was
09 buried there. Well, she wasn't so old come to think
10 of it. She was a domestic from North Carolina.

11 But if you folks would like to take over a
12 restoration project, here's one for you to consider.

13 BY DR. LOWRY:

14 Motion to adjourn.

15 BY MR. POWELL:

16 Second.

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 Meeting adjourned.

19 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:30 P.M.)

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01 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

01) CERTIFICATE

02 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

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05 This is to certify that the within meeting was
06 taken on the 9th day of December, 1997;

07 That the within and that the foregoing is an
08 accurate transcript of 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
12 Public for the State of South Carolina, is not an
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 1st day
18 of January, 1998.

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21 Notary Public for South Carolina
22 Commission Expires: 3/24/07
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