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01 CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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03 PLACE: SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
03 Robertson Hall

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05 TIME: 7:05 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

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06 PRESENTATIONS

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12 PRESENT:

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George Mullinax
Kathy Burrell
Gary Hayes
Gerald T. Thurmond
Sherry Wheeler
Clary H. Smith
William Littlejohn, Jr.
David Mullinax
Sanford N. Smith
Fritz Hamer
Gerard Perry
Dot Sloan
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James B. Thompson
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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

02 Good evening. Welcome to the Restoration
03 Advisory Board Meeting tonight. My name is Suzy
04 McKinney, and I would like to go ahead and call this

05 meeting to order.

06 Before we get started, I'd like to run through
07 this evening's agenda. The Board members have copies,
08 and there were copies available at the front.

09 First on the agenda, we will walk through the
10 resolution that was submitted the end of February and
11 see if anyone has any responses to that resolution.

12 Mr. Smith will briefly discuss the 1945 news
13 accounts that he was able to get copies of.

14 Wayne is going to present the Supplemental
15 Archive Search Report, the first of a series of
16 briefings, and then we will move on to new business,
17 review agenda items for the April meeting, and we'll
18 hopefully adjourn between 8:30 and 9:00 this evening.

19 For your information, the Board members do have
20 copies of a summary of the February meeting
21 transcripts. There's two copies of the full
22 transcript out front, if you would like to flip
23 through those.

24 We also have a copy of a trip report from the
25 Park tour. We had about 12 members attending a few

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01 Saturdays ago, if anyone would like to flip through
02 that.

03 As you all are aware, the resolution is
04 finalized based upon input from all of the Board
05 members and sent out on February 29th, and I would
06 like for Mr. Mullinax and Mr. Thompson, and any other
07 Board members who have happened to receive any
08 response to date on the resolution or just any other
09 correspondence regarding requests for funds, if they
10 would like to go ahead and briefly let us know what
11 they've heard.

12 Mr. Mullinax, you had ---

13 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

14 Well, the only one is just a phone call from
15 Thurmond's office that the money was available and
16 that we should be hearing something in two or three
17 weeks, so that time is about up, so I need to call
18 them or hope they call me, but he said they was right
19 on top of it, and we should be hearing something soon.

20 BY MR. THOMPSON:

21 Bob Inglis said basically the same thing. I
22 talked with him personally on Friday, and he had
23 reported that they had been working with the Assistant
24 Secretary of Defense on this.

25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 Right.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 That there were monies available in two places,
04 Wayne. One from the Corps of Engineers general budget
05 and another one from the FUD budget.

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 Okay.

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 And that that money was what they were hoping
10 they would come from. I -- I told him that we needed
11 \$10,400,000 right now, I believe is the figure that we
12 had to go on.

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 Right.

15 BY MR. THOMPSON:

16 And this is the figure that hopefully we will be
17 able to get. But then the same thing -- about two

18 weeks is what he told me.

19 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

20 David, didn't you get a letter from Hollings?

21 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

22 Yeah, Dr. Keith's got it.

23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

24 Dr. Keith has got one, too.

25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 He has. Okay.

02 BY DR. KEITH:

03 Well, I just -- the bottom line is just that
04 Hollings said that -- that right now funds have been
05 appropriated for FY-96. Do you know what that FY-96
06 means?

07 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

08 It would be October of '95 through September of
09 '96 is how are Fiscal Years run.

10 BY DR. THOMPSON:

11 Okay. And funds have been programmed for FY-97.

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 It's been appropriated for '96.

14 BY DR. THOMPSON:

15 And then he said, "However, overall funding for
16 FY-97 will not be appropriated until action this
17 summer on FY-97 Defense Appropriation Bill."

18 So, FY-97, which is next year, apparently,
19 action will be taken this summer, but he said that
20 they've been programmed. Now what does the word
21 "program" mean? Does that mean that it's ready to go
22 or are they thinking about it or what?

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 The best way I can describe the process the way
25 to get money is -- let me start with FY-97, Fiscal

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01 Year '97 and how that we do that.

02 When he's talking about for FY-97, he says, "We
03 have the money programmed for FY-97." What we do is
04 we have to divide it nationwide for the FUDS program
05 for the Former Used Defense Sites. We'll go into the
06 data base and insert how much money we think we're
07 going to need for that year to do our work.

08 So when he tells you that money has been
09 programmed for Fiscal Year '97 for Camp Croft, what he
10 is telling you is that we have gone in, put money in,
11 requested money in the data base to continue work for
12 Fiscal Year '97.

13 What he means by appropriated money for FY-96 is
14 Congress comes in right around October of the Fiscal
15 Year and divvies out all the money to all the
16 different agencies.

17 So the money for this Fiscal Year, which ends
18 September 30th of '96, was given out in October.
19 That's what I was telling you that Huntsville this
20 year has a pot of money to set aside for one of those
21 projects, and we're going to tag some money to do that
22 -- do work on Camp Croft. Some of that money can be
23 shifted to Croft and taken from other projects and
24 moved around.

25 With a high interest in this project, there's a

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01 good chance that a lot of the money is going to be
02 shifted to Camp Croft.

03 BY MR. THOMPSON:

04 Would that be the Assistant Defense Secretary?

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 It comes from the -- the acronym is DASA, Deputy
07 Assistant Secretary of the Army. They're -- that's
08 the permanent office that I think Ms. Fretwell asked
09 the question at the last meeting who would be the
10 person that controls the money. From the DASA office,
11 they will be the ones who will give the money to the
12 Corps of Engineers to do this work.

13 So, yeah, we've got some money already set aside
14 to start on Camp Croft if we can get the contractor on
15 site in May. We already have the money programmed and
16 what we think it's going to take to continue on with
17 our actions for Fiscal Year '97.

18 The problem we run into ---

19 BY MR. THOMPSON:

20 In other words, you say you can start work in
21 July, then?

22 BY MR. BOGAN:

23 We're hoping to get a contractor on site May to
24 June to actually start cleanup activities.

25 BY MR. THOMPSON:

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01 Unless we get money earlier?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 We won't be able to get it any earlier, just for
04 the safety plans that the contractor has to submit,
05 there's work plans -- those type of submittals.

06 BY DR. LOWRY:

07 60 days.

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 And you're looking at 60 days. The contract has
10 already been given to the contractor. They're looking
11 at coming up the 18th of ---

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 That's fine, yeah.

14 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

15 That's all they can do.

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 Yeah. The 18th I think is Monday, and I think I
18 mentioned it to Gerry on the phone the other day, the
19 contractor is actually looking to come out then to
20 look at the site and see what he can do to prepare any
21 safety plans, the scope of work, the work plan that he
22 needs to actually work on the site.

23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

24 Well, one thing that was done, and I think was
25 really nice, and that was to have that whole county

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01 delegation. They got a copy of the letters, and they
02 wrote letters also to Ernest Hollings and Thurmond and
03 I know Bob Inglis got a letter from Laney Littlejohn.
04 It's in his district here.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Right.

07 BY MR. THOMPSON:

08 And Laney sent me a copy of the same letter, and
09 they referred to that.

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 Right.

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 They were glad -- they're State people now ---

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 Right.

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 --- involved in that.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 Right. And to kind of address the Congressional
20 interest where Senator Thurmond and Hollings and those
21 that said they were requesting the money and that they
22 have been doing that.

23 Just some background, from what I understand,
24 Senator Thurmond's office, whether it's Senator
25 Thurmond himself or someone else, is calling on a

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01 weekly basis to our headquarters wanting to know how
02 we're doing on the project.

03 BY MR. THOMPSON:

04 I know Bob said the same thing to that.

05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

06 The next step then, and Wayne has requested that
07 -- or has let me know that the Corps of Engineers is
08 requesting a written statement from the Board.

09 We describe in that Resolution, or you the
10 Board, actually, is to describe that the proposed
11 remedy would be clearance to depth in all areas. And
12 Wayne has asked, on behalf of the Corps, that we
13 submit in writing the justification for clearance to
14 depth for all areas as opposed to the EE/CA remedy
15 alternatives, which some of those areas are
16 recommended to just be surface clearance.

17 And Wayne and I have spoken and we feel that the
18 best use of time and energy is maybe to have a
19 subcommittee to be developed to pull that statement
20 together.

21 Wayne can you give a little bit more information
22 on what we're seeking.

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 All right. Essentially, we've provided you with
25 the EE/CA, the Engineering Evaluation and Cost

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01 Analysis and said these are the alternatives we want
02 to do. This is how much it's essentially going to
03 cost.

04 A resolution that went up, as to various
05 comments that you provided to Suzy in preparing the
06 resolution, you all requested that we do a clearance
07 to depth on all of the areas. That's fine. We wanted
08 your input and you gave it to us.

09 Now what I need you to do, in two of the areas
10 where we suggested or proposed a clearance for surface
11 only and you've suggested a clearance to depth, we
12 need to know some specific reasons.

13 And I -- I don't need major detail, but I need
14 you to come in and say, "We believe that because of
15 the community interest or because of the" ---

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 Are you talking about the 40 acres and the whole
18 thing?

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 I think it's Area 2, which was off of
21 Henningston Road. We've proposed surface clearance.
22 The resolution requires a clearance to depth, a
23 request for clearance to depth.

24 It was on another area, Area 1B, which is north
25 of Twin Oaks picnic shelter. We proposed a clearance

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01 for surface only, and the resolution requests a
02 clearance to depth.

03 Before I come back and say, "No, we're only
04 going to do clearance for the surface only," if you

05 can give me some -- some ideas of why you want to go
06 to clearance to depth, kind of a justification of why
07 you feel that we need to go to clearance to depth,
08 then I can come back with a formal recommendation,
09 after taking your thoughts, and say, "Yeah, we agree
10 with your recommendations to go to clearance to depth,
11 and we'll change our scope of work to do that," or
12 "No, because of these reasons, we believe we still
13 only need to do a surface clearance."

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Is that the \$10,400,000?

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 The \$10,400,000 deals with clearance to depth on
18 all of them.

19 BY MR. THOMPSON:

20 Okay.

21 BY MR. BOGAN:

22 If you change back the surface clearance for
23 Area 2 and for Area 1B, I believe it drops the cost to
24 a little over \$8 Million, right around \$9 Million.

25 BY DR. LOWRY:

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01 Would you be there to guide us or will somebody
02 from the Corps be there? I've got pretty good data on
03 this because of my involvement, but will somebody from
04 the Corps meet with us to kind of -- I mean, none of
05 us are really ordnance people.

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 Right. I can sit down with the subcommittee at
08 anytime that you want to, if that's what you want to
09 do, and I can kind of give you some more outlines of
10 what we're looking for.

11 I can't write it for you, because that goes
12 against what I've already recommended, but I will give
13 you any help that you need and any ordnance technical
14 assistance.

15 If you need an ordnance technician to come in,
16 Greg Bayuga from Huntsville or someone else, to give
17 you more input, then we can arrange that.

18 BY DR. LOWRY:

19 So do you want volunteers?

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 Well, I think what we would like to do is ---

22 BY MR. THOMPSON:

23 I'd like to ask the committee, why wouldn't we
24 want a surface clearance?

25 BY MR. HAMER:

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01 Why would we?

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 Uh-huh (affirmative response). Why wouldn't we
04 want to go there?

05 BY MR. HAMER:

06 Well, I think we -- I think we ought to go as
07 far down as we can go. I'm not in the military
08 service and never have been, but I've got some friends
09 who have been in ordnance in Vietnam and know about
10 ordnance in World War II, and they say that,
11 categorically, that going less than four to six feet,
12 then you're taking a big risk, and ---

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 Well, this is only 24 inches, I think.

15 BY MR. HAMER:

16 That's -- I know and that's a problem I have.

17 And I've talked to other veterans here and elsewhere,

18 and if you look at this base that's been -- that was
19 here, the training facility for five years and the
20 amount of stuff that they played with here and
21 different climatic conditions, two -- two feet,
22 I don't think is safe -- is adequate, and I -- and I
23 -- and I think -- and I think I know the reason why
24 that two feet is recommended is because of cost, but
25 if we're -- we're taking a risk, I feel, not going as

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01 far down as -- as -- as all of the evidence shows that
02 this -- this ordnance is going.

03 BY DR. LOWRY:

04 The Department of Defense Safety Ordnance,
05 Safety Explosive Ordnance, and your own EE/CA summary
06 had recommendations in there that the Department of
07 Defense Safety Ordnance, Safety Explosive Ordnance,
08 recommends 12 inches of clearance for grazing of
09 cattle.

10 It recommends four feet for any residential --
11 10 feet for residential, but for any kind of public
12 use it's a minimum of four feet, and that's why you
13 said last time that if you went to 24 inches and there
14 was something down there still that you would go to
15 four feet.

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 Right.

18 BY DR. LOWRY:

19 But in areas of the Park that -- that are --
20 that are way over on the side that can be clearly
21 marked that are used for hunting only and really
22 nobody ever goes there, that's what kind of
23 recommendation that you all are hunting for rather
24 than a clearance to four feet?

25 If they cleared my land to four feet, they would

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01 kill every tree on it, just about.

02 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

03 That's a question. How are you going to clear
04 it where you've got all of them trees?

05 BY DR. LOWRY:

06 Well, that's -- that's just -- well, that's the
07 problem I had, but when they cleared the part that
08 they cleared, they dug a hole every six inches, and
09 there are areas that -- that I would not feel safe
10 with for less than four feet myself, having dealt with
11 ordnance people now for two years, but in some other
12 areas that are not as utilized by humans that can be
13 clearly marked, fine, two feet would be different, but
14 then you've got other things, like erosion. You've
15 got frost heave. You've got all these other things
16 that tend to make it migrate to the top that it's in
17 your writing. I would think I'd be glad to serve on a
18 subcommittee if you all want one.

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 Let me address two things in there. First, the
21 difference between a surface clearance and a clearance
22 to depth.

23 Surface clearance is purely that, surface.

24 Okay. When they come in and do a surface clearance,
25 if they see something sticking out of the ground or

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01 they can scrape away the first inch or two of soil and
02 find something, then they'll clear that. That's what
03 recommended now for Areas 1B and Area 2.

04 The reason the rationale behind that is, one,

05 the low use. They're in areas where, the majority of
06 the area, there's not a horse trail. There's no
07 recreation going on and there's no planned activities
08 in the future.

09 Since there is no planned activities and nothing
10 being used for the sites, other than maybe somebody
11 walking over on the site now, why do you need to go
12 any deeper than maybe 6 to 12 inches in that area?

13 A clearance to depth, as recommended in Area 7,
14 the recreation area, the campground, whatever, the
15 recommendation is two feet, 24 inches, because of the
16 -- what we know we've already found on the property.

17 All right. The clearance to depth can vary
18 based on what we know, and since we've already done
19 sampling, we know that the ordnance is located within
20 22 inches of the surface. They've recommended just a
21 blanket two feet on the Area 7.

22 Okay. So if they -- the way it's set up now,
23 based on lack of use, lack of future constructions in
24 Areas 1B and Area 2, then it's just a surface only,
25 probably within six inches of the surface. We won't

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01 actually go down to two feet.

02 The clearance to depth in Area 7 and Area 3,
03 when they look at those areas and go down, that will
04 be down to 24 inches. If we find anything deeper than
05 that, they will go down to the four feet.

06 And, hopefully, that will clarify the difference
07 between surface and ---

08 BY MR. DUBEAU:

09 Can I ask you a question, please?

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 Yes, sir.

12 BY MR. DUBEAU:

13 You're talking about two feet. If you're going
14 to go down further, how are you going to find out
15 what's down there if you don't test it?

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 What they're expecting with the magnetometer
18 when they get a reading that they don't expect it to
19 be deeper than two feet. Okay. If I'm walking over
20 this area and I get a beep from the metal detector,
21 and I find it, they'll dig down and they don't expect
22 it to be more than two feet. However, if they haven't
23 found it at two feet, they will continue down to dig
24 for it.

25 BY MR. DUBEAU:

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01 Is that done every time that they test?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 It's supposed to be, yes, sir.

04 BY MR. DUBEAU:

05 Oh, suppose. Yeah, that's a big thing.

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 I'm not -- the reason I say "supposed to" is
08 because I'm not there with the crews. I don't ever go
09 there. As a manager, I sit back and we have those
10 safety ordnance technicians.

11 BY MR. DUBEAU:

12 I understand your end of it, but there's a lot
13 of stuff a lot deeper than three feet or four.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 Potentially, yes, sir.

16 BY MR. DUBEAU:

17 Yeah, you better believe it.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 But the sampling indicates right now, we've only
20 found it down to two feet, and so that's the
21 recommendation.

22 If they dig down to two feet and the
23 magnetometer really doesn't read anything after that,
24 then they'll stop, but that's a call for the safety
25 technician or the safety guy that we've got on the

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01 site at that time.

02 BY MR. DUBEAU:

03 Thank you.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 Yes, sir. Dr. Powell.

06 BY DR. POWELL:

07 I'm concerned about what it takes to get down
08 there. Do we clear the Park to do this or do we just
09 dig where the ping hits?

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 We'll dig where the ping hits, and I'm working
12 on getting a video that will show you the crew
13 actually walking the area.

14 BY DR. POWELL:

15 How much clearing has got to be done to do that?

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 The area just has to be cleared enough for the
18 person to walk through. If there's any major brush,
19 like kudzu, then we'll have to clear the kudzu out so
20 that they can walk through and have a clear area that
21 they can use the metal detectors.

22 They'll walk through and they'll sweep and
23 usually have about four or five people on line, and
24 they go up side by side through an area until they set
25 up and clear lanes one at a time.

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01 If they get a beep, an anomaly from the
02 magnetometer, then they stop and they'll put a flag
03 there and they'll go on. Then they'll come back, and
04 each one of those flags they can come back and
05 investigate and dig that one hole.

06 BY DR. POWELL:

07 Would this be a 100 percent search or just a
08 random sampling?

09 BY MR. BOGAN:

10 We've already done a sampling. The clearance in
11 like in Area 7 will be a 100 percent clearance of that
12 area.

13 BY DR. POWELL:

14 Okay.

15 BY MR. BOGAN:

16 Yes, sir.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 What's the depth of the magnetometer will pick
19 up?

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 They are calibrated to go to four feet for a 105
22 millimeter artillery shell, so ---

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 So they won't go deeper than four?

25 BY MR. BOGAN:

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01 You might, depending on how they're set up, but
02 the way they ---

03 BY MR. HAYES:

04 When you dig deeper, will it make it less ---

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 The deeper it is, the harder it will be to pick
07 it up with a magnetometer.

08 BY DR. LOWRY:

09 It has a lot to do with the size of the object.
10 A 105 is about like this. If you had a piece of
11 shrapnel that big, it wouldn't ---

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 Point it out.

14 BY DR. LOWRY:

15 But it will pick it up quite well, I mean, from
16 four feet.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Will it pick up a mortar, a small mortar?

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 The mortars -- and I don't -- not being the
21 ordnance technician, down to two feet to three feet it
22 picks up the mortars real well.

23 As you get deeper down, you get less of a
24 reading. That's why if they get just a small reading,
25 they'll start digging; and as they get a bigger

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01 reading as they dig down, as they remove that surface,
02 then they know that there is something there and they
03 can continue on.

04 Mr. Osborne.

05 BY MR. OSBORNE:

06 Yeah, on the work that was done between 8/8/94
07 and January 17th of '95, and I was one of the only
08 three of us that checked out the items that it's in
09 the library, and I was the third one, but going over
10 00 or the one 7 Area, and just reading from the
11 reports that I read from it, Area 8, "Unexploded 60
12 millimeter 18 mortar fuse fins, M-1 cups everywhere."

13 "Area B, picnic, playground, bleachers, parking
14 lots, large quantities of mortar pins found."

15 "Area C, 15 to 25 subsurface contacts."

16 "Area D, 10 subsurface contacts located but not
17 investigated."

18 "Area E, covered with vines and vegetation,
19 would require cleaning so was not searched."

20 "Area F, it extends to the lake. Subsurface
21 range, 10 to 15 contacts per grid," and each grid is a
22 10 by 10 feet, and going on to that, "the grids were
23 not checked inside the horse arena."

24 If we're going to do it, how come it wasn't done
25 last time to a certain point of getting rid of some of

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01 this and checked right? Are we going to run into the
02 same problem if we put out a contract again? It would
03 -- we're having all those problems on the other one.

04 I'll give you a couple more things I read out of
05 it. "On 3/15 on '95, large number of contacts,
06 estimated mortars within one feet of the surface -- of
07 the surface in the opened recreation area. Map used
08 not accurate." So it makes me stop and wonder on 1.2
09 -- 1.2 and 1.1, 00U1A, only a small portion, less than
10 one percent of the 00U sample, all right, ordnance may
11 be present but some level of risk greater than zero
12 exists.

13 Why wasn't it checked?

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 Okay. You've got me at a little bit of a
16 disadvantage in that I don't have the report in front
17 of me, and I've read it, but that's been several

18 months ago.

19 In some of the areas where they went through and
20 they just got magnetometer hits, all right, they were
21 either directed by the ordnance tech, safety
22 technician to dig or not to dig.

23 The purpose of the original area in some of them
24 was to go down and get the surface clearance because
25 that was a time critical.

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 Okay.

03 BY MR. BOGAN:

04 Okay. Now are you talking about the surface
05 clearance for Area 7 or Area 6?

06 BY MR. OSBORNE:

07 7.

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 Okay.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 This is what was all that where it's came out,
12 Area 8B, C, D, E, F.

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 Okay. I'm just making sure, because the dates
15 you've got in there for August whatever, I've got to
16 make sure that the copy in the library is ---

17 BY MR. OSBORNE:

18 Well, the work that was in that book is 8/8/94
19 through 1/17 of '95.

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 Okay. The contractor may have misprinted the
22 dates on there. The actual work for Area 7 was taken
23 place from, I believe it was, January of '95 through
24 March of '95.

25 BY DR. LOWRY:

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01 That's on my land.

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 All right.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 That's on yours. I'm talking about the Area 7.

06 BY DR. LOWRY:

07 Area 7.

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 Okay. I'll have to go through and look at each
10 one of those areas, if you want me to address the
11 specific ones.

12 If they were going through and they did a
13 surface sweep of an area and they were trying to clear
14 the surface and they got an anomaly that hit on the
15 magnetometer, if the safety technician and ordnance
16 guys didn't believe that it was a large enough anomaly
17 to actually be a mortar, if it was just a pin or a
18 piece of shrapnel, then they probably would not have
19 dug on it.

20 If they thought that it was deep enough, then
21 that's when they went down and dug any of the pieces
22 of mortars down to the one foot clearance in that
23 area.

24 Does that help you to understand why in some
25 areas they didn't dig?

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 I see what you're saying, but let's go back to
03 -- there were two or three others that was here on
04 Friday's meeting with the other outfit and watching

05 and looking at the maps and trying to coordinate from
06 1944 up to the map of 1989, I think it was.

07 BY MR. THOMPSON:

08 '89.

09 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

10 By satellite.

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12 By satellite, etcetera, and the way that they
13 have it set up that mortars were fired, artillery was
14 fired is a little bit different than what was checked.

15 Now is this guy going back to 00U1A, which is
16 the area down by the entrance to the Park and all down
17 in there, and only a small portion, less than one
18 percent was sampled, and they said they don't even
19 know if it exists. It could be at higher risk, but it
20 wasn't sampled.

21 Now reading some of the -- into some of the
22 reports that we got Friday, now you can't maybe go to
23 all of them as 100 percent accurate, but if we only
24 used 25 percent of what was said, there is some
25 problems out there.

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 Again, I'm at a ---

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 Really bad problems.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 I'm at a disadvantage in that I wasn't at the
07 meeting Friday and don't know what was presented to
08 you. Now if you want me to address what we sampled in
09 what areas and Area 1A, I can do that. I prefer that
10 we do that in the new business.

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12 Okay.

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 So that we can get on with the resolution and
15 get on the rest of the meeting. So if you want me to
16 address that in the new business, I can do that.

17 BY MR. OSBORNE:

18 That will be fine.

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 Okay. Any other questions related to the
21 resolution and putting together a subcommittee.

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 Is there a motion then to refer the matter of
24 presenting this response in writing to the Corps of
25 Engineers? Is there a motion set forth?

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 I'll make a motion it be accepted and printed.

03 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

04 I'll second it.

05 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

06 And we'd like this to be a small workable
07 committee. How many members do you feel would be
08 accurate or adequate to serve on the committee?

09 BY MR. BOGAN:

10 I was going to recommend four.

11 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

12 I was about to say what's your recommendation?

13 How many do you want to work with?

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 I don't -- you know, we could have everybody
16 there, but then we might as well have it on a regular
17 -- you know, another Board meeting a different night,

18 but I figured if we get four, then we can get a couple
19 people together and I can work with you in getting
20 recommendations.

21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

22 Since we do not have a chair to nominate
23 members, if the Board would like to nominate four
24 individuals to serve on the committee to seek those
25 nominations ---

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01 BY MR. THOMPSON:

02 Repeat again what this committee ---

03 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

04 Or volunteers.

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 Repeat again what this committee will do.

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 The purpose of the committee is to look at the
09 resolution and provide some written justification to
10 the Corps of Engineers as to why in Areas 1B and Area
11 2 you think that we need to do a clearance to depth
12 versus a surface clearance, as we've proposed.

13 We have -- Dr. Lowry has volunteered. Do we
14 have any other volunteers or someone else that would
15 like to be a part of it?

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 It's just for 1B and 2?

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 Right, and, hopefully, it won't take long to sit
20 down maybe one afternoon. I can come up and do it on
21 an afternoon when we get everybody together or
22 something that would be better for anyone who would
23 want to volunteer.

24 BY MR. OSBORNE:

25 I'll volunteer.

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 Mr. Osborne. We have two. I'll try and get a
03 room that we can just sit down in hopefully a half an
04 hour, maybe an hour, however long, how many questions
05 you have related to that.

06 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

07 When do you think it will be? I'll be gone the
08 month of April. I -- I can do it before the first of
09 April.

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 We should be able to do it before the first of
12 April. I'm tied up next week. I can't do it then,
13 but after that, I'm open until the first of May. I'm
14 free to do it.

15 BY MR. PERRY:

16 I'll volunteer.

17 BY MR. BOGAN:

18 Mr. Perry. Anyone else would like to sit down
19 for about a half an hour or an hour?

20 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

21 Put my name down there.

22 BY MR. BOGAN:

23 All right.

24 BY DR. KEITH:

25 And after they sit down and discuss this thing,

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01 then that's going to be brought back to this Board to
02 hear the recommendation, right?

03 BY MR. BOGAN:

04 Correct.

05 BY DR. KEITH:

06 Before we send anything out?

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 The committee will come back before the Board,
09 present its recommendations, vote, and then I'll take
10 that, and by the next meeting hopefully have
11 definitive answer when our fellows research your
12 recommendations, your justifications for clearance to
13 depth.

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Are they going to hold up money until we get
16 this recommendation?

17 BY MR. BOGAN:

18 No, sir. We're going -- we're going to continue
19 with what we've got right now, but it may mean that we
20 have to do some extra work.

21 And Area 1B is not much of a problem. You're
22 looking at a small increase, comparatively, for the
23 increase going from a surface clearance to clearance
24 to depth.

25 Area 2 is a good bit of a difference. We're

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01 talking about a 1.5 Million dollars increase in costs.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 Over the \$10,400,000?

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 No, sir. Oh, over the EE/CA recommends at the
06 moment.

07 BY DR. LOWRY:

08 So it is over the \$10,400,000.

09 BY MR. THOMPSON:

10 Huh?

11 BY DR. LOWRY:

12 That is over the \$10,400,000.

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 It's in the \$10,400,000.

15 BY DR. LOWRY:

16 No, sir, it's over the \$10,400,000.

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 The \$10,400,000 was for all areas to be cleared
19 to depth, so surface clearance then would decrease
20 that total.

21 BY MR. THOMPSON:

22 Okay.

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 Okay. No further volunteers, requests? I guess
25 we can put it to a vote -- put it a vote to the Board

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01 that this committee go forward and take action before
02 the next meeting. All those in favor say "I."

03 (SEVERAL RESPOND)

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 Oppose, "Nay."

06 (NO RESPONSE)

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 I'll get -- if you'll get with me briefly
09 afterwards, we'll try to set up a date to determine
10 that.

11 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

12 Mr. Sanford Smith has some items he'd like to
13 bring forth this evening.

14 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

15 The last meeting we had talked considerably
16 about accidents and injuries that had been caused by
17 the duds that were left at Camp Croft by the Army.

18 Several people mentioned that they could
19 remember one that they knew of, and knowing some --
20 having some knowledge of it, we went ahead and did
21 some checking.

22 I knew the -- two of the ladies that their
23 fathers were involved in the area where the death
24 occurred. I talked to Ms. Albert Jones, Albert Murph
25 Jones, and she referred me to her sister, Ms. Marion

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01 Murph, that -- whose fathers had been involved in the
02 area that -- in the work that was being done to where
03 the people were killed.

04 So I called Marion and talked with her and she
05 gave me the name of a gentleman who was killed, one of
06 them, and also the name of his son, and I called his
07 son and talked with him and he gave me the dates.
08 That was the thing that we couldn't tie down. We
09 thought -- everybody thought it was after the military
10 had left, but in talking with Mr. Jessie Johnson,
11 whose father had been killed, why we found out that it
12 was actually when the military was still here.

13 And I invited Mr. Johnson and his family here,
14 and we're honored to have him with us tonight.

15 BY MR. JOHNSON:

16 Thank you.

17 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

18 And all -- all the Board members had received
19 copies of these comments and I have given them to
20 them.

21 On the first page, you'll see where the two were
22 killed in the explosion at Croft -- at Croft, and on
23 the second page it's concerning the inquest and the
24 investigation that was held there.

25 The date of the accident was July the 11th, 1941

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01 -- excuse me -- 1945, so the military was still here
02 at the time; and as the report states, the range in
03 the area that the people were in had been used that
04 afternoon, and Mr. Murph and those had had clearance
05 to go into the peach orchards and pick the peaches and
06 all and this was where the area was.

07 As close as I can tell, it was off of
08 Henningston Road, what is now Henningston Road there
09 from White Stone, and there was mortar range along
10 that area, and it had been used that afternoon.

11 So they went in. They had found a dud. They
12 had instructed the people to bypass it, leave it
13 alone, had showed it and one of the gentlemen went
14 over and picked up the dud and looked at it and laid
15 it back down.

16 The second person went over and picked it up and
17 laid it under one of the peach trees, assumed out of
18 the way of the trucks and the things that would be
19 going through; and then the third person went over and
20 picked it up, put it in his pocket and went back onto
21 the vehicle they were riding in and that's when it
22 blew up, and Mr. Johnson's father was killed, and he
23 was not -- from the reports, it indicated here, he was
24 not involved in the handling of it.

25 And to the best of all the knowledge that I can

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01 find and talking with people is -- all that we've been
02 able to find, as far as fatalities are concerned, and
03 there were two killed in that explosion, there's been
04 one remembrance of someone who had -- a child had

05 found something and had carried it home and it went
06 off and it blew up and injured his hand.

07 But I've been -- not been able to put any kind
08 of dates or anything or any information to that at
09 all. Two people -- I said one remembrance. Two
10 people had remembered the incident, but one said it
11 was a person from over in the Hill -- Hillbrook area,
12 the eastside of Spartanburg. The other person said
13 they thought it was a child from Pacolet, so I -- I
14 don't know. If anybody has any information on that,
15 we'll pursue that further.

16 BY DR. LOWRY:

17 If you'll call Neal Robinette, I think it was
18 his brother.

19 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

20 Okay.

21 BY DR. LOWRY:

22 And there were some boyscout called Ludington
23 who built a fire on a live clip, a .30 caliber, and
24 this was told to me by Milo Wilson. It was in the
25 '60s, and he had to have his face stitched up, but it

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01 wasn't a fatality or a serious injury. That's all
02 that I can find with those two.

03 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

04 And that was Neal Robinette?

05 BY DR. LOWRY:

06 Neal Robinette.

07 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

08 Okay. I'll call Neal and talk to him.

09 BY MR. THOMPSON:

10 Do you know Neal?

11 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

12 Yeah. Okay. The other thing I did, I didn't
13 get -- have time to get a copy to Suzy to put out with
14 the agenda, but I wrote a letter to the Office of the
15 Chief of Ordnance in Aberdeen Proving Grounds in
16 Maryland.

17 My military experience was in ordnance, and I
18 felt like I could find some information out, so I got
19 an address there and wrote them concerning the type of
20 ammunition that the 57 millimeter antitank gun used
21 and what type they had actually manufactured.

22 That was what we were particularly interested
23 in, and hopefully being able to determine possibly
24 what type of projectiles were down in the Camp Croft
25 area. And the Office of the Chief of Ordnance

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01 forwarded the letter to the US Army Ordnance Museum,
02 which the -- William Atwater indicated if we had any
03 further questions, this would -- he would be glad to
04 work with us and help us out with any information, so
05 that might be a good contact, Wayne, to get some
06 history.

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 Sure.

09 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

10 They may even have some history of what was
11 utilized here. But, anyway, the two rounds of
12 ammunition had been authorized to be manufactured for
13 this gun.

14 The first shot was armor piercing, 57
15 millimeter, M-70, substitute standard. The warhead
16 for this particular round was a solid shot of hardened
17 steel with a tracer cavity in its base. The shot

18 itself is 6.81 inches long and weighs 6.28 pounds, and
19 it gives a little bit more details.

20 The second shot was a projectile, armor-piercing
21 capped, 57 millimeter, M-86, standard, and the M-86
22 had a base detonating fuse and it was developed to
23 meet the demands for an APC round containing a
24 high-explosive charge. It weighed -- the projectile
25 weighed 7.27 pounds, and then somewhere it says -- I

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01 thought it said the length, but, anyway ---

02 BY DR. POWELL:

03 7.27. Oh, that's long.

04 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

05 Yeah, that's -- that's ---

06 BY DR. POWELL:

07 That's the total.

08 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

09 That's the whole -- that's not just the
10 projectile. That's the whole round, I think, but
11 anyway, that's -- we had the two types. Those are the
12 only two types of ammunition that were developed for
13 this. There were no incendiaries, no illuminating or
14 anything like that.

15 My knowledge of Camp Croft and the 57 millimeter
16 firing range up until, I'm going to say early '44, the
17 only thing they had there was moving paper targets
18 that went across on a track. They had no
19 armor-piercing or anything like that at that point to
20 shoot at, so I -- I don't really remember any of them
21 exploding when they hit when we were watching, anyway,
22 but then in '44 or somewhere along there, they did
23 bring in three pieces of tanks that they used as
24 targets, stationary targets, and here again, they shot
25 at those, but I don't ever remember seeing anything

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01 explode when it hit.

02 Extra copies of this and all are out on the
03 table.

04 BY MR. THOMPSON:

05 Sanford.

06 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

07 Yes, sir.

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 On Friday night the three of us attended a
10 meeting here by the World Armament Research officials,
11 WAR for short, and this gentleman told us, and they
12 have everything they had in World War II out here.

13 I believe you, what you're saying. I'm just
14 wondering where our stories come from now, because
15 they had shells there they showed us and the types of
16 shells they had, and it was really something to see.
17 I wish more of this committee had been there. George
18 was there.

19 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

20 I'm sorry I wasn't. I was out of town at the
21 time, but my opinion and feeling along that line,
22 those people are, again, working on the scare tactics,
23 and they want us ---

24 BY MR. THOMPSON:

25 Well, they had us all scared.

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01 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

02 Yeah, and they want us to believe that that
03 place is going to blow up tomorrow.

04 BY MR. THOMPSON:

05 They were ---

06 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

07 I've wandered -- I've wandered over that place
08 for 50 years now, and, you know, I ---

09 BY MR. THOMPSON:

10 Well, see, I'm concerned about this, though,
11 Sanford. He had maps that -- what was it, the '89
12 map?

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 Right. Uh-huh (affirmative response).

15 BY MR. THOMPSON:

16 I mean it showed actually where the gunnaries
17 were and everything. He had the '44 map, which I
18 believe George has a copy of that I think everybody on
19 the panel ought to look at sometime, but he -- I mean,
20 he actually showed the ranges out there that were
21 fired, where they were fired and all this stuff and
22 what shells were fired, and I'm curious as to how this
23 guy got all this information.

24 He said he got from the Archives. Well, I did
25 look at one piece from the Archives that he had and it

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01 had been altered, but I really would like to know
02 where he got all his information come, because he --
03 I'd like to have him come before us.

04 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

05 I think that would be a good idea.

06 BY MR. THOMPSON:

07 He -- he said he spent \$15,000 out there
08 already, and I said, "Well, when are you going to stop
09 spending?" And he said, "I don't know. If anybody
10 wants me to go on their property, I'll go," but he's
11 not going to bid to clean it up.

12 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

13 Jim, let me tell you, I talked to a guy that --
14 where they exploded this ammunition, and he said he
15 believed him until they showed him some pictures of
16 the ammunition, and they had put new black caps on
17 them.

18 He said, "Now wait a minute." He said, "That's
19 new." He said, "That was a dud originally," and they
20 put these little caps on them. That's what he said.

21 He said, "I was believing them until I saw the
22 pictures of it, and the shell was rusty and
23 everything, but they had put a little black nose
24 something on it.

25 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

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01 The fuse. That's the fuse. That's the fuse,
02 yeah.

03 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

04 Yeah, right. That's what I'm saying, but he
05 said this was new. This was shiny, you know. He
06 said, "Something ain't right here." He said, "I ain't
07 -- you people can leave. I don't believe you." I
08 don't know.

09 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

10 I think -- here again, I think this guy -- I
11 haven't talked to him, and I wish I had been here, but
12 I kind of feel like they're trying to use the scare
13 tactics and just get everybody so upset that they
14 panic and do whatever they want on the land and do it.

15 BY MR. HAMER:

16 I have to, sir, disagree with you in a sense of
17 calling it scare tactics just to scare people, because

18 you've got a huge amount of land there, and you don't
19 have a lot of folks that go into that area, generally.
20 You go in there and you've gone in there through your
21 lifetime and -- but you don't cover the whole area.

22 But as this -- as this country, this area grows,
23 more and more people get into these areas, there's a
24 bigger chance of somebody finding something that none
25 of us and none of you people here -- I don't live

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01 here, but none of you have confronted that all of a
02 sudden that it could suddenly appear, and it could be
03 a very dangerous thing.

04 That it seems harmless or almost harmless
05 because of the fact that people don't get into the
06 areas, but we have -- I think we have the ultimate job
07 of this, you know, committee and the removal is we've
08 got to try to -- try to eliminate as many possible
09 future dangerous situations as possible, and to say
10 that this is scare tactics just to be scared, I think
11 it's a matter that can be dangerous in itself. I
12 don't think it can be -- I don't think it's frivolous.

13 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

14 What I would like to do, in the interest of
15 time, is to discuss -- if you want to discuss Friday's
16 meeting in a little bit more detail, go back into it
17 during the new business so that we can move on with
18 the Supplemental Archive Search. We're trying to keep
19 this meeting a little bit shorter than our past
20 meetings. We tend to run a little over, so if that
21 would be okay to discuss that a little bit later, let
22 Wayne go on in the Supplemental Archive Search.

23 BY MR. DUBEAU:

24 Mr. Bogan, have you got a minute?

25 BY MR. BOGAN:

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01 Yes, sir.

02 BY MR. DUBEAU:

03 I don't think it's scare tactics at all, and I
04 think that it is a very, very serious thing that has
05 happened out here. And if you have families that's
06 living out here and you have children and
07 grandchildren, I think that this has to be answered.

08 I'm not blaming anybody on the committee or
09 anything like that. I'm not even interested in that,
10 but I think you have to face the facts. There is
11 stuff out there, and if anybody sitting here thinks it
12 isn't dangerous, then he doesn't know what's out
13 there.

14 Now I was there. I don't have to read a book or
15 nothing else, and I know what they did and how
16 careless they were with it, but, please, recognize
17 this for the good of your families and anybody
18 concerned in this. Okay? That's all I want.

19 BY MR. BOGAN:

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. DUBEAU:

22 It's not a scare tactic, and I'm tired of
23 hearing about what the newspapers are saying.

24 BY MR. JOHNSON:

25 The first thing I would like to say to you is

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01 good evening, everybody. I'm the son of David C.
02 Johnson, and I'd like to tell you all the contacts
03 that I've had with these bombs or whatever it is these
04 things are.

05 Back in my early years, well, since I'm the
06 oldest boy, I had to quit school and go to work, so I
07 went to work for mother. I was a little bitty boy
08 sitting up on a big whole tractor driving a tractor.

09 If you come down Pine Street over to your left,
10 I had -- in plowing up a field that was a wheat field,
11 I have plowed up many little beds of these little
12 things with the little knots and they'll shape off
13 with the little pins back there.

14 Well, they would call somebody from somewhere,
15 then they would come and shoot these things out there
16 in the field.

17 Now you all are saying, well, early '70s, back
18 in the '70s. Well, my early years I had to form a
19 band to help mama raise the rest of them, and I also
20 worked, too, so we had a booking in Alabama. Well,
21 our guy said, "Well, I'm not going to Alabama. I
22 don't want to get bombed." Okay. That was one
23 Thursday night.

24 Sunday morning my grandmother was cooking
25 breakfast and the stove -- the flume, something caught
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01 fire there. Well, we got the house put out. Now this
02 is near the Camp Croft area. Well, while I was up in
03 the attic, I said, "Well, I've never been up in the
04 attic," and I had did my room. I had put this ceil
05 tex. I had beat up there, everything, but -- with a
06 hammer, nails and everything.

07 Well, I said, "Well, I just look out in the
08 attic to see what can I find. You know, I lived in
09 the old house, and I had no" -- and believe it or not,
10 right over my head, right where my bed laid, when I
11 got in this corner, there was five more of those bombs
12 up in the attic in this little house that we had moved
13 in.

14 Three of them was alive. They called a bomb
15 squad from Maysville. They were scared to test them,
16 so they finally got some bomb squad out of Georgia,
17 and they come taking these things, and this was back
18 in like the '70s, somewhere back there, but -- and --
19 but, see, these bombs are everywhere. You don't know
20 where they're at.

21 And on top of that, if five bombs was took --
22 taken to the field to be shot, whoever was in charge
23 of this should have had known where these bombs was,
24 because now like the Cola company, now that's been
25 filled up. That's been leveled off. These things

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01 could be ten foot under the ground. It could --
02 there's got to be some more of them out there.

03 And then last but not least, we was talking to
04 some Army people in the plant there, so I was telling
05 about this fatality here. So they said, "Well, did
06 they give you all anything?"

07 I said, "No, they didn't give us anything," and
08 here we all sitting here taxpayers, pay tax, all of us
09 work, so they give me a number to call, so I called
10 the number. I forgot who it was. At that time it
11 didn't really matter too much.

12 They told me, "Well, if you had been Japanese,
13 well, you would have been entitled to something," but
14 here's a woman here, I saw my mother standing out on
15 boards. It was too cold for her to wash, and she was
16 standing on boards and washed for a dollar a day, and
17 we would go back the next day and iron those clothes

18 for a dollar, and then these people have got the nerve
19 to tell us if we were Japanese -- we don't look like
20 Japanese, but we're all taxpayers.

21 We're not beggars, and we're not homeless, and
22 but we're -- my part -- well, we just want to be
23 recognized, and I thank the gentleman for calling us
24 and that make us feel a little bit better, but every
25 Father's Day I don't have no father to go to.

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01 If it had never been for H.C. Whitten and Dr.
02 Gault and a few other of those men around town, I
03 wouldn't have had a father, but I imagine I wouldn't
04 have been what I am today. Those people are the ones
05 that made me, and then we were living and raised here
06 and worked all of our lives, and then they tell us,
07 "If you were Japanese." Well, we're not Japanese. My
08 father wasn't no Japanese.

09 BY MR. BOGAN:

10 Thank you, sir. Again, I want to thank all of
11 you for coming tonight that you're here. I'm sorry it
12 was your father that was killed, and I wish that
13 nobody had ever gotten killed, and that's kind of what
14 we're trying to prevent now -- not kind of, that is
15 what we're trying to prevent.

16 The only reason we're here is because we know
17 that ordnance is dangerous. We know these bombs are
18 dangerous, and that's why we're spending millions of
19 dollars to clean it up.

20 We've asked the Board to come together and give
21 us some input from the public, as you and your family
22 and anyone else who wants to come and give us input.
23 We appreciate your being here and helping out, and I'm
24 going to try to work with anybody I can to find out
25 anything about the Camp.

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01 BY MR. JOHNSON:

02 Well, these things are everywhere.

03 BY MR. BOGAN:

04 All right. As I said, we're looking at -- what
05 I'm going to address in my presentation are some of
06 the areas that we have found. You missed some of my
07 presentation before where we -- I've showed some of
08 those areas, and I'm going to show some more they've
09 found recently.

10 Anybody knows of anything, you know of any
11 family members or friends who know where it's buried
12 or where it might be dumped, let us know so that we
13 can look at it. That's what we want to do.

14 Again, thank you for being here. I appreciate
15 your talking with us.

16 A couple of issues I want to cover just real
17 quickly before I start on my presentation on the
18 Supplemental Archive Search Report.

19 First, one of the questions that came up in the
20 last meeting was about the National Guard and Reserve
21 Units doing work on this project.

22 I've gotten some clarification on that. I
23 talked this morning with a Sergeant of Alabama, who is
24 kind of heading up the National Guard troops that
25 would be able to do some of this type of work and

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01 would be able to come in.

02 Okay. It is possible to bring in National Guard
03 troops to do this type of work. However, the annual
04 training times, the two when National Guard does all

05 their training, period is already set for the Fiscal
06 Year '96, which goes through September 30th.

07 So I've asked them to see what we can do and sit
08 down with me and schedule stuff for '97, '98 and '99.
09 Anytime you want to bring the National Guard in to
10 help with the cleanup, it's at a much less cost
11 compared to bringing in a contractor. They have 60
12 people that they can bring in. That's all the
13 National Guard soldiers that are available to do this
14 type of work. They have 8 Ad men, that gives you
15 about 68 people total. Ad men meaning administration
16 staff.

17 BY MR. THOMPSON:

18 Is this thing serious enough to maybe change
19 their training schedules?

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 Sir, you would have to go through the National
22 Guard Bureau in Washington to do that. Right now
23 they're already scheduled to do -- to do cleanup on a
24 site for us in Utah, as I found out from them today.

25 The problem that you run into is all of these

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01 soldiers have a 9:00 to 5:00 job or a regular job that
02 they do all year long. They do it on the weekends,
03 and then just once a year they go up there two weeks.

04 Trying to get them to turn around right now and
05 come in here in May or come in right now and start
06 working on this messes up their plan and it also --
07 they have to do their regular jobs and get their
08 employers to let them go at a different time.

09 What we're going to try to do to help out with
10 that is that they -- he recommended to us that
11 something they will do is bring in two or three
12 soldiers at a time.

13 When we find an area that we need to have
14 sampled to see if anything is there, then they're
15 willing to send somebody for a week or two here and
16 there, in addition to the normal annual training, to
17 come in and sample these sites.

18 So at least through September, we're probably
19 not going to be able to get the National Guard units
20 in here. We might able to in Fiscal Year '97,
21 depending on when they can schedule their annual
22 training.

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 What about the regular Army? We sent a whole
25 bunch over to clean up ammunition and so forth in

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01 Bosnia, and I understood that they're sort of rotating
02 them back now and sending others over. Is there any
03 chance we can use regular Army troops to do it.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 Not that I know of at the moment. I'll double
06 check with that. When I asked -- when I sent a letter
07 to Huntsville regarding contact with the National
08 Guard.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Does that include the Reserves, too, or just the
11 Guard?

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 I sent a letter regarding Reserves and one was
14 sent regarding National Guard, so I don't know if the
15 Reserves are included in there.

16 The Sergeant that I'm dealing with coordinates
17 for all the units that do this in trying to do some of

18 that work. So it's possible to bring them in, but I
19 don't know that they're going to be able to change
20 their schedules and the other thing is getting here
21 quick enough to start on some of the work.

22 We might be able to use them on a recurring
23 basis as we do find things from the samplings. It
24 would greatly speed up having somebody on the site. It
25 would cut a lot of costs and give them some gut

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01 training.

02 I think I've already mentioned this. I'll
03 mention it again. The Deputy -- Deputy Assistant
04 Secretary of the Army has joined the funding mechanism
05 in each of these projects.

06 When the actual memorandum was signed in the
07 Senate to our headquarters, it was then passed on to
08 their Secretary of the Army's office for final
09 approval on this project. That was one, Ms. Fretwell,
10 you had in one of your questions last month that you
11 wanted to know who to specifically contact with
12 questions related funding provided.

13 Again, an Congressional interest, there is a
14 lot, especially since a letter has gone out. It
15 greatly keeps me busy having to answer questions from
16 the Congressmen, but I'd rather it be busy and get
17 something done than not doing anything. I appreciate
18 that.

19 I just quickly about the Work Armament Research
20 Associates and the meeting Friday night, I really,
21 other than talking to them on the phone several months
22 back about some of the work they were doing and
23 getting our press release that went out in the
24 Spartanburg paper saying that they were not associated
25 with us, we haven't had much dealings with them other

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01 than we know they have some information they said it
02 was different from ours.

03 We've asked them informally, and if you know
04 where something is that's dangerous, we want to get
05 rid of it. Please tell us. They don't want to tell
06 us, so I'm going to write a letter to them requesting
07 that information. I don't have -- I can't force them
08 to give me that information, but if anybody has
09 information, like I said, let us know so we can go and
10 find what's there.

11 BY MR. THOMPSON:

12 Who exploded the four shells that were there
13 last week?

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 That was the next thing I was coming to. The
16 agency that exploded those shells last week was the
17 State Law Enforcement Division, SLED, out of Columbia.

18 I've got a name of the officer who was in charge
19 of that, and I've hadn't had a chance to talk with him
20 yet, and I wanted to talk with him to see if they
21 actually had doctored rounds or it was an old mortar
22 that hadn't been on the surface and was dug up and get
23 their professional opinion of what was it they got rid
24 of.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

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01 They wouldn't tell you where they found them?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 I know it's off of Henningston Road. I just
04 haven't talked to anybody.

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 They said it was on Henningston Road.

07 BY MR. OSBORNE:

08 About 10 feet off the road itself.

09 BY MR. THOMPSON:

10 Yeah, about 10 feet off the road.

11 BY DR. LOWRY:

12 That was the one about Thursday night. They had
13 the bomb squad up on my land also.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 And Dr. Lowry told me about finding the 105 on
16 his land also. If anybody finds anything, what I've
17 requested is the Sheriff's Department and SLED is that
18 they let me know anytime they find something so that I
19 can plot their new findings on the map so we'll have a
20 better idea of what's been done.

21 BY MR. DUBEAU:

22 Mr. Bogan, I want to ask you something. If
23 these people are so interested in wanting to clear a
24 lot of this -- this problem that is still existing,
25 there's been a great amount of money spent already

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01 with the Engineers; am I correct?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 Yes, sir.

04 BY MR. DUBEAU:

05 Now these men are supposed to know what they're
06 doing. Now they're not going to come out here free,
07 and I don't think you ought to expect that or the
08 Army. They've got a business like anybody else,
09 anybody in here that owns a business. And an offer
10 should be made or something. If they know what
11 they're doing, hell, let them in here.

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 Sir, as soon as they send in the paperwork,
14 we'll ---

15 BY MR. DUBEAU:

16 Well, I mean, hell, I know, but let's use a
17 little common sense in this deal. I've been to three
18 meetings, and all the money that's been spent, there's
19 no -- there's nobody showing anything. If you argue
20 about something, hell, they don't want to hear you. I
21 think it's time to get a hold of this thing and get it
22 cleared.

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 Well, hopefully, in my presentation tonight, in
25 other words, you'll see some of the stuff that we've

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01 looked at.

02 BY MR. DUBEAU:

03 Let me out.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 I can't go -- if somebody goes out and has that
06 business, I can't go every place and force them to
07 give me the information. At the same point, it's part
08 of the government regulations, the laws are written
09 and I have no control over -- I can't go in and
10 provide somebody with information that they've went
11 and researched themselves not having a contract for
12 them.

13 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:

14 Has anybody checked to see how big that World
15 Armament is? I talked to a guy, and he said they
16 can't do any of the work because they don't have
17 insurance to do the clearing.

18 BY MR. THOMPSON:
19 They don't have any what?
20 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:
21 Insurance.
22 BY MR. THOMPSON:
23 That's the reason they're not bidding on this
24 job.
25 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:

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01 That's right, exactly right.
02 BY MR. OSBORNE:
03 They made the point at the meeting Friday night
04 that they were not wanting to bid on it, that they
05 would be available as sub-contractors, and that was
06 the extent of it.
07 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:
08 Now one of them told me they didn't have
09 insurance available through the commission. That's
10 what he told me.
11 BY MR. BOGAN:
12 I don't know how large organization, but we know
13 that there's at least three members. If they want to
14 work on contract -- contractor -- all they've got to
15 do is submit the paperwork, and I'm going to put out
16 the project for a bid, and they can bid on the project
17 with the other contractors. They don't have other
18 insurance or other requirements, then the contractor
19 in the office won't hire them.
20 BY MR. HAYES:
21 Has he been given permission to enter
22 Henningston Road to search for what they said they
23 found?
24 BY MR. BOGAN:
25 I haven't talked to the landowner there.

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01 BY MR. THOMPSON:
02 They said they went to the landowner. There are
03 four or five landowners down that road, and they
04 mentioned several that they had permission from to go
05 on their property.
06 BY MR. BOGAN:
07 That's something I mentioned in one of the
08 previous meetings. If the landowner wants to bring
09 somebody else in to clean the property prior to us
10 coming in, they're welcome to do that. It's their
11 property, and they can do what they want to.
12 BY MR. HAYES:
13 So that was private property? It wasn't the
14 State Park?
15 BY MR. PERRY:
16 No, it's private.
17 BY MR. BOGAN:
18 It was private property.
19 BY MR. PERRY:
20 Right.
21 BY MR. THOMPSON:
22 Now they said they have not been in the State
23 Park.
24 BY MR. BOGAN:
25 At the same time, the landowners can tell us

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01 that they don't want us on their property. In which
02 case, the only thing we can do is tell them, send them
03 a letter saying it would be prudent for you to let us
04 on. However, be cautious that you're assuming some

05 of the liability by not letting us on the property.

06 BY DR. LOWRY:

07 If you let somebody on your property that
08 doesn't have insurance and they get blown up, I
09 believe you would be held liable by someone in that
10 family.

11 BY MR. BOGAN:

12 And we're coming out, and if people will let us
13 work on their property, we'll -- we know where it is
14 or somebody can show where it is, then we can come in
15 and clean it up.

16 If they don't let us on, or as you'll see in
17 some the areas we dig down on some of the property, we
18 can't do anything with it. And if we are given the
19 right of entry, as I mentioned before, to a particular
20 landowner, they want us to leave that day, then we
21 have to pack up and leave.

22 BY MR. THOMPSON:

23 When we get into the session on Friday, if we
24 do, Sanford, remind me to talk about Aberdeen, because
25 they brought Aberdeen up Friday night.

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 Okay. All right. Essentially, I'm going to
03 give you a quick briefing on tonight is the additional
04 research that's been done. This is a recorded
05 historical documents. It's called the Supplemental
06 Archive Search Report. This is Volume I, which has a
07 lot of historical information.

08 I mentioned to you once before the -- you can
09 pass that around if you want to. I mentioned that we
10 had crews out last September, October and November
11 searching some of the sites, and this is a result of
12 that. I'm getting copies sent to me. This is the
13 only one that I've got, only complete copy I have at
14 the moment. I'm requesting another copy to be sent to
15 me, and I'm going to place it in the library as soon
16 as I get it, so if anybody wants to look at that.

17 This engineering report, which is the Supplement
18 Archive Search Report, it simply shows a picture and a
19 sketch of every piece of property that we had access
20 to, they went to and tells what they found.

21 Now this in addition to the original Archive
22 Search Report, and this was the original Archive
23 Search Report which, until recently, was in the
24 library about, I'd say, about three or four months
25 ago. Somebody stole a copy out of there, so this is a

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01 copy I'm taking to replace that, and it will stay in
02 there. They're going to get a little bit more control
03 on them.

04 Okay. I've handed out to the Board members a
05 couple of copies of the reports or what I'm going to
06 talk on tonight.

07 First, you have slides that I've given you.
08 Essentially, pre-slides that people have summarized,
09 and then out of the engineering report for each of the
10 sites and visits, I've essentially given you the
11 executive summary of what was there.

12 The second piece I've given you is the Tables
13 out of the engineering report that shows each of the
14 sites, which ones are high priority, medium priority
15 and low priorities. The executive summary explains
16 what the different priorities are, and I'll look at
17 those right quick, and it shows you where we got some

18 of the information from, what we were expecting to
19 find at different sites, and I'll try to explain what
20 we did find and what we did not find.

21 Now the table -- or there's one more piece of
22 information. Excuse me. I also gave you a complete
23 article. This was something that was out of an
24 Environmental Update, which is a newsletter that goes
25 through the Army, and there was this article in there

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01 about new technology for finding ordnance. I got that
02 for your information.

03 Only two things. I'm going to put some slides
04 to try and give you a larger picture of the areas that
05 I'm talking about, and I'll also point to them on the
06 map, and you're welcome to come up afterwards and look
07 at the map, and I'll answer any questions that I can
08 related to these two different areas.

09 Let's see if I can do this without losing all of
10 my slides.

11 And all those that don't know me, my name is
12 Wayne Bogan. I'm the project manager for the U.S.
13 Army Corps of Engineers. My job is to come in and to
14 manage the cleanup of all the ordnance activities that
15 is going to take place in this project.

16 One of the questions that someone wanted me to
17 clarify was that someone thought I was going to get
18 rich on this project. Let me assure you that I get
19 paid one salary and that's all I get paid, and quite
20 often I'm working a lot of extra hours that I don't
21 even get paid for working on this project, unlike the
22 contractors who get paid on the -- for however much
23 work they do. I get paid certain amount by hour and
24 that's it.

25 In the Supplemental Archive Search Report, what

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01 they did is, in addition to the initial Archive Search
02 Report, they came in and did some more historical
03 research.

04 Once it gets in the library, you're able to go
05 through and it actually lists in the National Archives
06 in Washington D.C., College of Maryland -- College
07 Park, Maryland; East Point, Georgia; the State Museum
08 in Columbia and the County Library here, the
09 information that they went in and tried to find, where
10 boxes were located and that type of stuff, so that if
11 anybody wants to come back in, it makes it easier for
12 them to find some of that information also.

13 We went through and tried to find some
14 additional information than what we had in there, such
15 as a chemical site that was found on the site and
16 anything else related to how -- the thing you have to
17 be careful about with these Archive Search Reports is
18 that it does not include every piece of historical
19 information that was found on Camp Croft. It only
20 includes historical information that relates to what
21 might help us find the ordnance.

22 They essentially did three things when they were
23 doing this Supplemental Archive Search Report. They
24 conducted interviews with local residents in August of
25 1995.

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01 All right. And you'll see it on the map that
02 we've got all these little yellow circles all over the
03 top of the map. Everytime somebody came in and said,
04 "We think something was here," we place a circle on

05 the map, and if we could get access to that property,
06 we went and looked at that.

07 They went in from these interviews and looked at
08 any of the areas we had a Right of Entry. The other
09 is one that I've mentioned before is the computer
10 analysis. They took the 1944 aerial photos and said,
11 "Okay. Where do you think ordnance might be," and the
12 computer gave it those and we've got all these red
13 circles all over the map. I'll address the
14 combination of those two when we get into those.

15 The site work was divided into three elements.
16 I mentioned the interviews, computer mapping. There
17 were two areas that they found in this historical
18 documentation. One is called Danger Area 1 and Danger
19 Area 2, and that's exactly what it's referenced to in
20 the historical information.

21 The Archive Search Report has plots from the
22 deeds of those areas, and we've plotted those on the
23 map to show where those two are. I haven't read every
24 bit of the information, but essentially it's an area
25 that was not cleared the way it should have been, so

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01 we really expect there to be ordnance on those sites
02 as we go in and look.

03 Essentially on the map you see all these little
04 yellow pieces of paper. These are the areas that
05 are going to be the high priority that I'm going to
06 talk about tonight.

07 Danger Area 1 was here -- excuse me -- 2 was
08 here and Danger Area 1 was here, so we are finding
09 ordnance that's located right next to those areas or
10 around those areas.

11 BY MR. ROBERT MCBAIN:

12 What type of ordnance? Can I ask here?

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 Yes, sir, we're finding a combination of small
15 arms. We're finding 60 millimeter, 81 millimeter,
16 mortar rounds and a fragmentation left over from a lot
17 of fins, and I'll try and quickly address the piece of
18 sites that I'll point on the map, I've got them
19 listed, and I'll tell you what they found in each one
20 of those areas and how many they found in each area.

21 I mentioned the divided areas that were looked
22 in after they had gone through and done all the site
23 visits that they could, divide them into high, medium
24 and low priorities and the sites that we didn't
25 request further searching on.

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01 They looked at essentially 134 areas. Of those
02 134, 88 required further reconnaissance. 27 are high
03 priority, 29 are medium priority and 32 were low.

04 High priority sites, what we're going to talk
05 about tonight, or where they either found live
06 fragments of ordnance here on the site, abundant or
07 large magnetic anomalies.

08 In other words, walking along with the metal
09 detector, and they get a large number of beeps from a
10 metal detector, which leads them to believe that there
11 is something buried there under the ground.

12 Documentation such as in Danger Area 1 and 2,
13 high population use, along with ordnance in the area.
14 All those pieces of information provide a high
15 priority area.

16 Medium priority are the sites that cannot be
17 completely investigated, either because we couldn't

18 get a right of entry from a landowner or we couldn't
19 get one back quick enough while the team was out.

20 Scattered or deep magnetic anomalies which we
21 might have found one on this side. There could be
22 another one on the other side. It would have a
23 medium priority. All right. And some population
24 exists on the site.

25 Low priority. They didn't find any evidence of

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01 the actual fins or the mortar rounds or anything.
02 Only a few scatter magnetic anomalies with the
03 magnetometer, the metal detector. They found, again,
04 one here and there.

05 All right. The site could not be completely
06 investigated, but there's still historical information
07 that leads us to believe there is something might be
08 there.

09 All of these 88 sites were recommended for the
10 next engineering evaluation. We just finished the one
11 that I presented to you at the last meeting. We're
12 going to another one -- and we expect to get that one
13 started up in the fall where they'll come in in these
14 areas, these 88 areas, and they hit the high
15 priorities first, hopefully, and then go in, depending
16 on the crews and how they get it set up -- they'll get
17 all 88 of these areas and sample those areas for any
18 ordnance contamination.

19 If there's contamination there, we'll do, as in
20 this last engineering report, recommends the cleanup
21 alternatives for those areas.

22 A bunch of these 27 will seem to overlap with
23 each other, but I'm going to ahead and address each
24 one separate.

25 Essentially, from the report, this is the way

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01 they describe and they have it laid out high priority,
02 and it has the sites listed, medium, low and the ones
03 that required no further work.

04 All right. I know this is a little hard to
05 read, and I apologize, but I'll try my best to point
06 out everything to you.

07 Looking at this map, you've got the main park,
08 State Park Road coming down. This is from the
09 engineering evaluation in Area 7 that we talked about.
10 The campground is here, campground over there, and the
11 ranger station.

12 We have reports from Number 3 and Number 8A with
13 yellow circles that there was something located in
14 these areas. They came back and found in Number 3, a
15 60 millimeter tail fin. In Number 8A, they didn't
16 find anything, but we know this -- again, we have in
17 Area 7 where we know we're going to clean up.

18 A38, anytime you see an A in the number, it
19 comes from the computer analysis. It showed the
20 hilltop here and you'll be able to see it better on
21 the map. It shows a red circle on the hilltop. We
22 already know that that site is contaminated, so we
23 have to overlap those three areas.

24 The next set of areas -- again, I'm not going
25 straight down the list where you have it there. I'm

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01 just going by where they are on the map.

02 Notice we have Pacolet up here. Here's the --
03 what was the former facility boundary. Highway 176
04 and Highway 176 here. On this Area Number 18, they

05 went and had a reported incident there was something
06 there. They didn't find -- find any live ordnance, but
07 they found a bunch of magnetometer readings and
08 recommended further sampling in that area.

09 One of the things that I wanted to mention is
10 each of these areas that we've identified of those 88,
11 I've asked my real estate office to provide me a list
12 for -- say, for Area 18, Area 82, which is down here.
13 The real estate office is going to tell me whoever
14 owns that piece of property, and I'm going to try to
15 send a letter to them explaining what we found and
16 what we expect to do.

17 The areas that we've got here, a lot of them
18 we've already got a right of entry from the landowner,
19 so they know that we've been there before and
20 hopefully the crew was there and told them what we
21 found. And if they didn't, I'm going to try and let
22 them know in writing.

23 Again, it's going to take me a little while,
24 because there's 88 sites, and I may write something
25 around 40 to 50 letters.

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01 In addition to Area 18, right here, Number 82
02 and 81 -- and 81 and 82 -- need to put that back up
03 -- I think they just found fins and mortars on those
04 two. I didn't xerox that copy of that report.

05 Then I'm at A60 right here. This is from the
06 computer mapping, and they determined that there was a
07 large number of anomalies from those three areas, and
08 so we'll come in and recommend those, and that's
09 adjacent to 00U6, Area 6 in the EE/CA report that was
10 in this area.

11 Here we have Henningston Road. There's 295
12 that's up on this end, which is one down through White
13 Stone, and down at the end of Henningston, this is
14 what we refer to as Area 2 already in the EE/CA.
15 Inside of Area 2 they did some additional sampling or
16 checking.

17 A28 was in the computer, and they found some
18 fragmentation and shrapnel. We knew that this area
19 was -- already had exploded mortar rounds just laying
20 around on top of surface anyway.

21 In Area 22, they found, again, mortar fins,
22 fragmentation.

23 Number 75, the found mortar fins and
24 fragmentation.

25 On Number 86 here, which was away from the

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01 property, they didn't find any live ordnance on the
02 surface, but they did find a lot of magnetometer
03 readings, so they recommended to further look in those
04 areas.

05 Okay. One I wanted to mention is Number 33
06 here. They didn't actually have a right of entry to
07 go to that property, but based on some other
08 information, they saw the site. They just drove by
09 and did what they call a windshield survey from the
10 car, just went off the side and took some pictures and
11 recommended that, since we know there's ordnance in
12 these areas, there's potential that there is ordnance
13 on this site and recommended further sampling.

14 Okay. Again, here is the 295 or the top portion
15 of the Henningston Road. We were just looking at this
16 area down here. We're looking back up at this area
17 here, residents -- residential area.

18 We have A33 located in this area. They found in
19 the magnetometer readings no live ordnance.
20 74, they found a 2.36 inch rocket at this site.
21 36, another 2.36 inch rocket.
22 56, they found a rifle grenade.
23 68, magnetometer readings.
24 A30, referring back to these sites, since this
25 is adjacent to those. You can't see well it on the

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01 map, but this is also Danger Area 1 identified in that
02 historical research in this area off of Dairy Ridge,
03 295 and Henningston.

04 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

05 The houses you're showing up there, that must be
06 where Patch Drive is?

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 I would think so. This should be off of Dairy
09 Ridge, yes, sir, and that should be -- yeah, that's
10 Patch Drive right there.

11 BY MR. MCBAIN:

12 Patch Drive is at A33, isn't it?

13 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

14 Right.

15 BY MR. MCBAIN:

16 That's the area where they put the circular tire
17 and the old swimming pool, right?

18 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

19 That's Patch Drive.

20 BY MR. MCBAIN:

21 I know who owns that.

22 BY MR. BOGAN:

23 Here is the School for the Deaf and Blind.
24 Highway 56 runs up and there's a side road here, and
25 Area 32, which is on that back side and there's a

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01 residential here. They found no high ordnance, but
02 they did hit some metal detector readings.

03 Number 50 is right here. This the Dairy Ridge
04 Road. It comes out 56 and come up and the Number 50,
05 they didn't find any live ordnance on the ground.
06 They found a hit on the magnetometer or the metal
07 detector readings and recommended further ---

08 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

09 Is that in the vicinity of the forestry?

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 Just to the south of the forestry just in that
12 area. It's hard to tell from here. Those are the
13 high priority areas that we hit.

14 Those areas where we think that there is a high
15 probability that there's ordnance located on the
16 surface. In some cases they found live ordnance or
17 parts of it on top of the surface, and other cases all
18 we've gotten is the magnetometer readings, and they
19 still recommended we go in and do further cleanup of
20 these areas.

21 Any question on high priority?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 What I hope to do next month is cover quickly
25 the medium and the low priority sites and show those

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01 to you. I don't want to go too detail tonight and go
02 piece after piece, and hopefully by that point you
03 will have a chance to go to the library and see the
04 actual Archive Search Report and engineering in the

05 library and look at the colored pictures and a much
06 better map of where all this is located.
07 BY DR. LOWRY:
08 What is the little pieces of paper?
09 BY MR. BOGAN:
10 The little pieces of paper were just a way for
11 me to point out quickly, if somebody came up to me,
12 and they ask me where was site number, for example,
13 site A33, and it's easier for me to find, and it also
14 helps show you where we find regarding the
15 contamination is right here next to Henningston Road
16 and right off Dairy Ridge right here. This is more in
17 Area 7.
18 BY DR. LOWRY:
19 This is new areas?
20 BY MR. BOGAN:
21 This is all new areas. Now some of them do
22 overlap. Like this one overlaps Area 7. This
23 overlaps Area 2 that we're already looking at.
24 BY MR. PERRY:
25 How many people did not give you the right of

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01 way?
02 BY MR. BOGAN:
03 I want to say five landowners did not give us
04 right of entry, and I don't know -- if you'll go
05 through the report, you'll see that probably 15 or 20
06 sites we weren't able to look at and there was no
07 right of entry.
08 There are a couple of sites we didn't look at,
09 excuse me, because the historical documentation
10 doesn't show anything, and it's showing -- and I think
11 a couple of those are way off on the side somewhere
12 where we don't think there is anything buried.
13 There was a report way down here on the southern
14 end of the chemical viles, and the guys went out and
15 looked and walked in the area and never found
16 anything.
17 BY MR. HAYES:
18 Which area? Whereabouts in this area?
19 BY MR. BOGAN:
20 It's a just off of Highway 150 way down to the
21 side.
22 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:
23 Is that up close to White Stone Springs and
24 Mount Lebanon Cemetery?
25 BY MR. HAYES:

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01 That wouldn't be 150.
02 BY MR. BOGAN:
03 The closest thing I can see is I think Shiloh
04 Church.
05 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:
06 Okay, and Bird Pond.
07 BY MR. BOGAN:
08 Bird Pond is over here. Shiloh Church is right
09 here and this is right in between the two.
10 BY MR. THOMPSON:
11 Is that where we said sometimes they were
12 shooting back into the Camp?
13 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:
14 That and then they had a lot of maneuvers down
15 in the Bird Pond area. There was -- there was just a
16 lot of debris lost and thrown in there.
17 BY MR. BOGAN:

18 I've had people tell me they found buttons and
19 other things down there but no ordnance at this point.

20 Yes, sir.

21 BY MR. JOHNSON:

22 I live on White Stone and Glendale Road. You
23 all -- I don't know whether the bullets and things
24 were, but you all are perfectly welcome there. I
25 mean, if you think there was bullets. I'm just at the

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01 edge of the drill field there, and you all are
02 perfectly welcome if you think something you can find,
03 you are more than welcome to come look.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 I appreciate it, and if you'll, before you
06 leave, if you write down your address and phone number
07 and get it to me, and if we find anything that makes
08 us think that you got something there, we'll probably
09 send you a document asking you to let us go on your
10 property.

11 BY MR. JOHNSON:

12 Well, sir, I'm telling you right now you're
13 welcome to come. I work day and night.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 When you get all those right of entries when we
16 send them to you, it scares a lot of people because
17 it's a big form that says, we -- it allows the
18 government to do just about anything on your property.

19 If you don't like something in the right of
20 entry, mark through it, make changes the way you want
21 it, send it back in, we'll retype it and send it to
22 you and sign it the way you want it.

23 If you want us only to be on there for 30 days,
24 10 days, which doesn't do us much good, but the
25 landowner down at this site agreed we could be on the

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01 property for 30 days, and I went to her house and she
02 signed it all, and we looked. We didn't find
03 anything. I called her and said we didn't find
04 anything.

05 BY MR. JOHNSON:

06 Anything that belongs to you, you're welcome to
07 it.

08 BY DR. KEITH:

09 When you go and get refused and somebody won't
10 let you come on to the property, what -- not being
11 inconsiderate -- what's the main reason? Even if you
12 were on the property and you found something, you're
13 not going to pull down or bull doze the whole property
14 down. What -- what main reason that they don't want
15 you on there?

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 A lot of times I'm not the one dealing with the
18 property owners trying to get the right of entry. Our
19 real estate -- I've heard that there's gold buried on
20 the property, and they don't want us to come down and
21 digging it up.

22 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

23 I was going to ask about the gold mine.

24 BY DR. KEITH:

25 I was just wondering if they had a still down

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01 there?

02 BY MR. JOHNSON:

03 I think one of the reasons is, well, like
04 they've told me, if someone walked across the yard,

05 even if I had given them permission, if I plant a
06 flower and I laid a hoe down, and they -- I have to
07 run in the house to answer the telephone, somebody
08 comes by and falls over and breaks their leg, then I
09 can be sued. That's what the Farm Administration told
10 me that.

11 BY MR. BOGAN:

12 Okay.

13 BY MR. JOHNSON:

14 I had to get insurance before I did any work at
15 all on a piece of property right after I got it.

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 Right. Our contractors already have their own
18 insurance policy when they walk on those sites to
19 cover if something happens, and they get covered under
20 workman's compensation and government regulations for
21 that.

22 BY MR. JOHNSON:

23 Thank you.

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 I'm just saying, sir, the answer to that, we

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01 have that. Some other people don't want us on there
02 because of the hunting seasons. We could be outside
03 deer season but not there during deer season and other
04 people just don't trust the government. So if they
05 don't us there, then we go on their property.

06 Yes, sir.

07 BY MR. MCBAIN:

08 What was said was a lot of people don't know
09 what the magnitude is. The basic regular camp is some
10 19,000 acres. What percent of that now is the
11 property of the State of South Carolina as opposed to
12 being in private hands?

13 BY MR. BOGAN:

14 Of the original 19,000, right around there,
15 7,088 is State Park property. The other close to
16 12,000 is private property or commercial property.

17 BY MR. MCBAIN:

18 Is this all that was distributed through the War
19 Access Act of '44?

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 Yes, sir, through that Act and through the, if I
22 remember the name of it, the Farmers' Trade
23 Administration, or there was an administration that
24 was set up that dealt with it, and if you look through
25 some of the deeds and the Supplemental Archive Search

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01 Report, it labels the companies.

02 Yes, sir.

03 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:

04 Didn't we county have a foundation on the Camp
05 at one time? I'm pretty sure they did.

06 BY MR. THOMPSON:

07 The foundation bought it for a Million Dollars
08 -- a \$1.5 Million -- \$40,000 -- \$1,040,000 is what
09 they bought it for.

10 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:

11 But that was all the cantonment area and all
12 along the adjacent roads?

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 They sold it -- they sold the State -- they sold
15 the State the 7,000 for \$40,000 worth, I believe.

16 BY MR. HENDERSON:

17 \$35,000.

18 BY MR. THOMPSON:

19 \$35,000 and the rest of it has been subdivided,
20 as you know.

21 BY MR. BOGAN:

22 Okay. No questions on this. There's one other
23 thing that I did want to point out is another site on
24 high priority. I was going to mention this earlier.

25 A recommendation during the tour site the other

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01 day was that we go out and put more signs up, some
02 permanent signs. While essentially there are no signs
03 that have been developed for this type of work for
04 Danger, Do Not Enter, Potential Ordnance in This Area,
05 other than the ones that the normal impact ranges
06 would have around them that's an active post, so this
07 is an example of a sign that I've designed.

08 It's going to be a white background. It's going
09 to have in red up at the top "Danger" with white
10 letters. I'm getting this developed by the company.
11 We're going to have Do Not Enter and that kind of
12 information. There's another one that says, "Danger,"
13 and it has Explosive, a symbol for explosive and it
14 has the word "Explosive" on the side so that we can
15 use them on some of these sites.

16 Okay. I'm work with the Park to see what is
17 acceptable in different areas that they want to put
18 up, and then we'll order some of these signs. I've
19 already gone through getting prices and ordering parts
20 of it to put in any of the areas that we find
21 something to warn people to stay out.

22 The signs will be approximately 9 1/2 by 13
23 inches, metal or we'll use some plastic, I guess, to
24 tighten them or something to attach them around the
25 trees, so we won't have to nail them all to the trees.

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01 You can order this and once I get this set up
02 with the company, I can tell you, it's Lab Safety that
03 I'm getting these from. The signs are about -- well,
04 this one is going to cost about \$33 a sign to get
05 these, just because I had them design it. The other
06 one they already have designed, and one says,
07 "Danger," and the explosive symbol with the word
08 "Explosive" is about \$15 or \$16 per sign.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 What's the cooperation with the State Park?

11 BY MR. BOGAN:

12 As in?

13 BY MR. PERRY:

14 Do what now?

15 BY MR. OSBORNE:

16 What is the cooperation with the State?

17 BY MR. PERRY:

18 We've been putting up the signs up that have
19 been supplied to us. As far as that one, that will
20 have to be decided by our central office.

21 BY MR. BOGAN:

22 Right.

23 BY MR. PERRY:

24 Because I haven't seen that.

25 BY MR. BOGAN:

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01 What I do is I send off some of the signs to the
02 central office, and, say, you know, is this okay with
03 you all? Is it a strong enough warning for you and
04 that kind of stuff, and then I'll purchase the signs

05 and give it -- I'll either have someone from our
06 office put them up or Mr. Perry, and he can put them
07 up in different areas.

08 BY DR. LOWRY:

09 Is there a No Dig sign being put up?

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 I don't have one that says No Dig, but what I'm
12 working on into that area is we can get some pamphlets
13 specifically for Camp Croft, and they can be picked up
14 at the ranger station and various other areas are
15 being set up.

16 I'm also putting together, initially, just a one
17 page and a couple of others, and we're just putting
18 together a one page summary just very quickly talking
19 about the RAB and what we're doing here and we want to
20 mail them to all of the landowners that we have
21 addresses for to make sure people know what we're
22 doing and try on a regular basis, as quick as I can,
23 without wearing myself working on it, I developed a
24 new one page summary every so often to tell landowners
25 what we're doing.

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 Is there going to be a large sign at the
03 entrance of the Park?

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 I have someone that was going to look at that
06 and they haven't designed one for me yet. I haven't
07 mentioned that to the Park post in Columbia to see if
08 I can the authorization to put up at front or maybe
09 down in Area 7, as we mentioned, since that's the area
10 where we're most likely to get people to stop and they
11 can read it.

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 Well, I went down -- I spent an hour driving
14 down there the other day to see if there was any new
15 signs. There isn't any, and on the local bulletin
16 boards it really doesn't state what is going on,
17 really, except there is some explosives being looked
18 for, notify the Corps of Engineers, and which you
19 leaves to the point of a little bit of nothing.

20 But there is nothing potent to say, "Hey,
21 there's some danger." I went down by the lake. There
22 was one guy down there in a boat. I had five other
23 cars that I could not find the people that belonged to
24 the cars. I don't know whether they were walking
25 around or whatever they were doing. I went up there

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01 by the no -- or the area that's supposed to be off
02 limits, and a truck was parked there. I could not
03 find him. I walked around in the parking lot trying
04 to find him. What kind of protection do we have down
05 there for these people so they have the knowledge of
06 what's going on?

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 I've gotten pamphlets, and hopefully very
09 shortly I can get these printed and sent to the Park
10 so we can get those put up so nobody can do that.

11 BY MR. THOMPSON:

12 Are you one going to put one of these signs at
13 the 40 acres? That's what he's talking about.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 Like the ---

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 Like the one you just showed.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:
19 At Area 7 or ---
20 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:
21 Yeah, 7.
22 BY MR. THOMPSON:
23 Yeah.
24 BY MR. OSBORNE:
25 Area 7. That's just like I was reading to you a

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01 little bit earlier. All of this is so potential, and
02 then there's no sign.

03 BY MR. BOGAN:

04 Well, we can do is take a combination of those
05 two signs, the one that I showed you, like this, plus
06 the other one that I just explained to you, and do a
07 combination of those signs around the hilltop we've
08 already been and replace those signs, the paper signs
09 that are there, and see about getting those in other
10 areas that there are potential.

11 Any other questions about the Supplemental
12 Archive Search Report before we go onto new business?
13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Do you want to take a 10 minute break?

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 Let's take a quick break, and we'll come back
18 and finish here and take care of any other issues that
19 you have.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 Let me ask you one fast question on the Archive.
22 On the private meeting that they said that they
23 weren't available. Are they available? Were they
24 destroyed or what on the former Camp?

25 BY MR. BOGAN:

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01 Looking at the Volume 1 of the Archive Search
02 Report it lists all the things that are available in
03 the National Archives.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 Are those going to be put in the library?

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 Yes, sir. They'll be there for to review
08 whenever you want.

09 We'll take a quick 10 minute break, and we'll
10 come back and we'll finish up our meeting.

11 (BRIEF BREAK IN MEETING)

12 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

13 As we said, we'll go ahead for a few minutes at
14 this point and discuss any new business, any
15 additional comments or questions that, in general, the
16 Board might have. Anymore discussion on the meeting
17 this past Friday night, we'll talk about that briefly;
18 and any comments or questions from the audience, we'll
19 be happy to address those, and then we'll review the
20 April meeting.

21 So let me turn it over to the Board to see if
22 there is any business that you would like to discuss,
23 anything that we can follow up and provide next month.
24 All right. Comments on the Friday meeting.

25 BY MR. THOMPSON:

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01 I was just curious as to what the Corps does
02 know about this group called WAR?

03 BY MR. BOGAN:

04 Essentially, the only dealings we've had with

05 WAR at this point, initially, when they first started
06 coming into the area or that I knew of them coming
07 into the area, they sent out right of entries to
08 several of the landowners.

09 Somehow or another I got one through a fax, and
10 in one of the paragraphs of the right of entry it
11 indicated that it was up to the landowner to back
12 against the government to get reimbursed for the work
13 being done on the property.

14 It said that, "Well, we're not charging the
15 landowner," but then it was up to the landowner to go
16 and get the government to get the payment, and so our
17 attorneys talked with them and said this is -- you
18 can't obligate the government to do something. You
19 know, we can obligate ourselves, but you can't
20 obligate us, and so that was taken out of their
21 statement.

22 And we had some information faxed in from them.
23 We talked with them on the phone, and that's -- other
24 than talking with Mr. Johnson at the last meeting and
25 the phone call with Mr. Shook that one time, that's

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01 the only dealings that I've had with them.

02 BY MR. HAMER:

03 Was this group organized specifically to examine
04 Camp Croft, or are they a national ---

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 Oh, no. No, they're an international.

07 BY MR. HAMER:

08 They're national.

09 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

10 They'll do anything you want them to do.

11 BY MR. THOMPSON:

12 You just -- you just ---

13 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

14 Name it.

15 BY MR. THOMPSON:

16 --- name it, they'll do it.

17 BY MR. HAMER:

18 How long have they been in business, do you
19 know?

20 BY MR. THOMPSON:

21 Did you get that information, Gary? I don't
22 know if they even stated it that night, but they have
23 a box in -- they have a box in Tryon, North Carolina.
24 They have an office in Asheboro, North Carolina, and
25 one here in Spartanburg.

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01 BY MR. HAMER:

02 That's the first I've heard of this group.

03 BY MR. THOMPSON:

04 Yeah, well, that's the first we heard of them,
05 too, and that's the reason that we went to the meeting
06 last week just to see what was going to happen, and
07 Suzy was even there, which surprised me, coming down
08 from Charlotte for the meeting, but they recognized
09 her right off the bat.

10 They didn't know who Harold and I and George
11 were, but they -- they brought some things that were
12 real interesting. In fact, if the guy is accurate in
13 what he's talking about, he knows a hell of a lot
14 about this project out here, and I'm just wondering if
15 he really does.

16 He talks about Aberdeen, Sanford. He had
17 contacted Aberdeen and had gotten all of this

18 information from them. And he contacted Archive, and
19 he had all this information from the Archives on the
20 Camp. The 1989 map, I'd love to see a copy of that
21 myself, because it had all the ranges on it and where
22 they would find different things. Do you have a copy
23 of it?

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 Actually, I don't have a copy of theirs. In the

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01 original Archive Search Report there is a map in here
02 that details maps.

03 BY MR. THOMPSON:

04 Well, the one he has is as big as the screen
05 here.

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 Right.

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 And ---

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 And we've got maps in here that identifies where
12 we believe the ranges were located. Based on some
13 historical information, you'll find that information
14 in the Supplemental Archives Search Report old maps
15 that actually pinpoint Number 17, Number 16 and Number
16 15.

17 BY MR. THOMPSON:

18 Well, these were actually satellite photographs,
19 weren't they?

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 It was a satellite fly over type.

22 BY MR. THOMPSON:

23 This is what -- I mean, when you saw something
24 like that, George, it made you think a little bit,
25 didn't it, but we're just wondering where he got all

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01 his information that we can't get it?

02 BY MR. BOGAN:

03 Maybe -- I'm not saying he may or may not have
04 stuff that we don't know have. It -- this was in the
05 library. Some of the information, he could have gone
06 to the Archives himself and got it, and some of it he
07 may have gotten from our information that's already in
08 the library. I don't know, and not having seen his
09 and knowing what was there, I can't say.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 At the meeting on Friday night, instead of doing
12 what she's doing, they had the voice and they took the
13 whole record on everything that went on. It might be
14 to the point that we can get a copy.

15 BY MR. THOMPSON:

16 That's for public record.

17 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

18 Did they indicate where those might be
19 available?

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 They said it was going to be for the public?

22 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

23 Did they say if they were going to leave a copy?
24 I didn't pick up on whether or not they were going to
25 leave it in the library.

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01 BY MR. THOMPSON:

02 She left with the tapes in her hand.

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 Yeah.

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 Because I saw her take them. I know she had
07 four cassettes with her when she left that she took
08 herself, but I really would like to ---

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Their site office is just down on Chapman Road,
11 and they've got a phone number here local.

12 BY MR. MCBAIN:

13 They have a map room down there, also. It's
14 pretty extensive from what I've heard.

15 BY MR. OSBORNE:

16 I've been invited to go down and look at it,
17 which I'm going to go down, and one of the things I --
18 I found out just by attending the meeting that instead
19 of just having tunnel vision, I got to look at
20 everything available. Like I told you earlier that if
21 one quarter of what they said is true, there's some
22 problems in here.

23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

24 I know that Mr. Shook used to run a Army ---

25 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

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01 Surplus.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 --- Army Surplus Store.

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 Yeah.

06 BY MR. THOMPSON:

07 And he had all these shells and things that you
08 saw Friday night. He had those in the store, I know,
09 because he admitted it. He admitted it a couple of
10 times.

11 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

12 Is that up by Son & Sam?

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 Yeah, that's the place, same guy.

15 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

16 Yeah, that's the guy -- the card it says, we
17 create insurrections and stuff like that, you know.

18 BY MR. THOMPSON:

19 Well, I mean, if you read the thing, they'll do
20 anything. For example, right here it says, "Counter
21 anti-terrorism," I mean, the whole bit. I tell ya,
22 but here's what they -- this is what they told us at
23 the meeting for you people who weren't there. First
24 off, they talked about the history and evolution of
25 Camp Croft.

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01 They went through the training areas, the
02 training techniques, the types of ordnance used and
03 they had samples of it so we could see it; the burial
04 of ordnance and facilities pre-war; the burial of
05 ordnance materials of the war years; and the burial of
06 ordnance materials at Camp closing; ordnance removal
07 activities today and future World Armament research
08 proposals.

09 Now that's what they talked about at the
10 meeting. I mean, they had answers for everything.

11 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

12 But another statement they made that nothing
13 left this area.

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Right.

16 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

17 And then they buried a lot of stuff from World

18 War I. This was to be a staging area. In case the
19 United States was invaded, they would work their way
20 back. It was a back up.

21 BY MR. THOMPSON:

22 It was a back up ---

23 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

24 Fort Jackson.

25 BY MR. THOMPSON:

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01 --- between Charleston, and the crossroads were
02 right here. 176 and 9 were the two major highways.

03 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

04 Yeah.

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 In those days and Camp Croft was located right
07 in the middle of them and it was a back up staging for
08 retreating from Charleston. I mean, they knew all
09 this stuff.

10 BY MR. HAMER:

11 For what? Before World War II or after?

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 Before World War II.

14 BY MR. HAMER:

15 Before.

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 Yeah, before World War II.

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:

19 In the '40s.

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 In case we were invaded.

22 BY MR. THOMPSON:

23 In case we were invaded everybody would come --
24 everything would come from Charleston through Camp
25 Croft.

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 They stated that Aberdeen sent vehicles down
03 here for training and for approving -- and approving
04 grounds sent them down here for training to figure out
05 what was going on with them.

06 BY MR. THOMPSON:

07 They told us -- what was the other thing they
08 told us? I'm drawing a complete blank now.

09 BY DR. LOWRY:

10 Can they get money out of Washington?

11 BY MR. THOMPSON:

12 Huh?

13 BY DR. LOWRY:

14 Can they get money out of Washington?

15 BY MR. THOMPSON:

16 No. No, we asked them that question. They're
17 still going in the hole. They spent \$15,000 and said
18 they would keep right on spending it.

19 BY DR. LOWRY:

20 I was going to hire them to get it for us.

21 BY MR. THOMPSON:

22 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

23 BY DR. KEITH:

24 Who's funding this group? I mean, where are
25 they getting their money from?

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01 BY MR. THOMPSON:

02 I have no idea.

03 BY MR. MCBAIN:

04 They're all retired military.

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 Yeah, they're all retired military.

07 BY MS. FRETWELL:

08 How do you know what they spent except what they
09 say?

10 BY MR. THOMPSON:

11 That's what they say.

12 BY MR. MCBAIN:

13 Well, they tickled my curiosity, and as Perry
14 will tell you, I'm kind of a curious cat, so let me
15 pass onto you what little I know about them. It's
16 just in the matter of general knowledge.

17 They're -- all three of them, apparently, have
18 retired military pensions. They also have some
19 interesting connections.

20 One of them, I think, worked for quite awhile
21 with the Secret Service, which is or is not, as the
22 case might be, of interest to you people, but don't
23 sell any of these, quote, outside organizations short,
24 because there's a lot of strange things going on here,
25 particularly in the Greenville area, and some of their
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01 information is coming from way upstairs, believe me.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 You know, some people -- I believe what you're
04 saying. I really do. Some of these people that
05 they're looking for buried ordnances out there.

06 BY MR. MCBAIN:

07 Well, there is ---

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 That's what they're really looking for.

10 BY MR. MCBAIN:

11 I can speak from a little bit of experience on
12 that. There is stuff buried out here, and the thing
13 that tickles my curiosity, if you want something to
14 think about, is the fact there were certain SS German
15 prisoners out here, and and Vecht Van Gogh {phonetic
16 spelling} disappeared under strange circumstances, and
17 that's the thing that this chap or this setting here
18 or the likes upset \$2 Million in gold disappeared,
19 some of which has been traced into this area, and this
20 came out of the Federal Reserve. You think I'm
21 joking. You think I'm joking.

22 BY DR. KEITH:

23 This will be like the Gold Rush of California.
24 Everybody is going to start digging.

25 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

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01 Let me tell you an example about them. I was
02 standing out in my carport and looking across the
03 street. I own two acres of land over there. I have a
04 lot and one of the main water lines busted, so they
05 had to dig a big hole to repair it.

06 Well, they put a little dirt back in there and
07 put a pile all around it, and I saw this World
08 Armament van. He was over there looking in that hole.
09 I don't know what he was looking for, because there
10 wasn't nothing in it, but -- so they're around and
11 they're looking. Anybody digging or doing things,
12 they're checking.

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 They talked about the gas bunkers, which we had
15 heard about here, and they talked about all those
16 things that we've heard about and then some. So, I
17 mean, he -- this guy had all the answers, and ---

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 Sure.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 I can get copies of the tapes of everything.

22 It's interesting.

23 BY MR. MCBAIN:

24 And one of the things that you haven't put

25 together, and I suspect, that I haven't you say

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01 anyway, is the fact that there was a captain who was

02 here in the Camp, and at the closing, who just

03 recently retired from your National Guard, who

04 controlled for certain individuals in much of that

05 area out there and lived in that area out there.

06 I -- there's some strange tales about some

07 things that went on, and there are people who, to me,

08 seem rather reputable, but I -- I realize that's maybe

09 drawing a little bit of a herring across the folks are

10 thinking, but don't sell these guys short. I mean,

11 they've done a good job in doing their research.

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 Oh, they've done a lot of research. There's no

14 doubt about that.

15 BY MR. BOGAN:

16 And let me make this point in that anybody that

17 wants to give us information -- again, I understand

18 their spending own money -- we'll willing to take

19 that, and that's part of the purpose of this RAB is

20 for us to get more information in from sources other

21 than what we're doing.

22 When we'll hire a contractor to come out,

23 they'll do certain amounts of research and work, but

24 they're only getting a certain amount of money and a

25 certain amount of time to do it. And if they miss

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01 something in that time period, then they're gone until

02 the next contractor comes in, and that contractor has

03 to work based on the earlier ones work. So we need

04 everybody's input for anything that we know -- that if

05 you know of the sources of things that are going on,

06 you think of them, write that down.

07 BY MR. OSBORNE:

08 I think -- I think we can try to get them here

09 the next meeting, if they ---

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 That's up -- if the Board want them here.

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 If they want to hear it.

14 BY MR. MCBAIN:

15 I think one of the things that they're

16 particularly concerned with is the fact that there may

17 have been ordnance buried and that has been recovered

18 and going into private hands and didn't go to your --

19 to your tear up zone down in Alabama where they

20 destroy all this stuff. I think that's one of the

21 things that bothers these guys more than anything else

22 is the fact that we all know -- well, an M-1 is not a

23 replacement for a AP-47, but there's still a lot of

24 damage that an M-1 can do, like shoot a mile into rock

25 if it's the right stuff.

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 Mr. Shook is also still in the Reserves or

03 National Guard.

04 BY MR. THOMPSON:

05 Reserves in Georgia.

06 BY MR. OSBORNE:

07 Yeah, and is in ordnance at the present time.

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 And to kind of go along with what you're talking
10 about like finding crates and the M-1s and the rifles
11 and that kind of stuff, somebody finds that on their
12 property and that's not necessary an ordnance item,
13 it's not going to explode, and the general feeling
14 that I've gotten from people I've asked about that and
15 does that still belong to the government or the
16 landowner, we essentially say that's the landowner's.

17 BY MR. THOMPSON:

18 Would you repeat that last statement, again, so
19 I can hear it?

20 BY MR. BOGAN:

21 The only thing we're worried about is bombs that
22 are going to blow up.

23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

24 Yeah, I understand that.

25 BY MR. BOGAN:

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01 The M-1s weren't -- if you find an old M-1 on
02 your property, a motorcycle or a truck or any kind of
03 things that are supposedly buried there, the property
04 was sold back to the landowner. It belongs to the
05 landowner.

06 Now the difference is if they dig up mortar
07 rounds, and I can't stop them from digging it up, but
08 if they go and try and sell it, and I don't think that
09 it's legal. I don't know. I don't have an opinion on
10 that from our attorneys, but I don't think it's legal
11 for anybody in the U.S. to go around selling mortars.

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 But they can keep them.

14 BY MR. MCBAIN:

15 But basically, you're old -- I don't know
16 whether they had what we call the burp guns. I don't
17 know whether they had those, but they're -- they're
18 illegal under your Federal Fire Arms found today. I
19 mean, they're probably the same thing as your oozies
20 and your Schneizers and all that stuff. There are
21 people, I'm sure, who still have Schneizers that they
22 brought back. That's not -- I've seen some.

23 BY MR. BOGAN:

24 And that gets into the State Law Enforcement
25 Division authorities and all, and then you get into

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01 the FBI and some of the other who know all the types
02 of ammunitions.

03 Yes, sir.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 A couple things I wanted to jump on before we
06 get through here. Is -- there was tapes done on
07 finding ordnance and blowing up of ordnance, and that
08 is the report that one was sent to Charleston's
09 office. Is it available that we can look at it?

10 BY MR. BOGAN:

11 Tapes as in like a videotape?

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 Right.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 I ---

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 One was sent to Huntsville, and I think the

18 other one was sent to Charleston.
19 BY MR. THOMPSON:
20 What was that, Harold?
21 BY MR. OSBORNE:
22 Tapes on when they found the ordnance and
23 blowing it up.
24 BY MR. BOGAN:
25 I don't know of anything in Charleston right

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01 now. I'll check.
02 BY MR. OSBORNE:
03 It said that one was sent to Charleston.
04 BY DR. LOWRY:
05 WSPA has one.
06 BY MR. BOGAN:
07 Well, if that's -- that's also like I was
08 supposed to get four copies of this report, and I got
09 three copies.
10 BY MR. OSBORNE:
11 And then on 3/23 of '95 there was -- on
12 television there was filmed demolition, also, and then
13 I'd like to see if I could get the copy of went on on
14 media day on October the 19th, 1994, and see what was
15 told to the media and so forth.
16 BY MR. THOMPSON:
17 Where did you get that from?
18 BY MR. OSBORNE:
19 This is out of that report that's at the
20 library.
21 BY MR. BOGAN:
22 We did hold a media day, and if you remember,
23 the Channel 7 spot was on not too long ago where, I
24 think it was Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Shook and some of
25 those were on. They did show some of the file footage

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01 of a mortar being blown up on Camp Croft.
02 I've got a couple of pictures and slides that
03 have been made, but I don't know if we have any video
04 footage of that. I'd have to check with the TV
05 station.
06 BY MR. OSBORNE:
07 All right. Okay. The other one that really
08 concerns me is Section 00U3, and this is that private
09 residential area on Wedgewood.
10 BY MR. BOGAN:
11 Where at?
12 BY MR. OSBORNE:
13 And reading from the areas from the book from
14 the library, plus it's also in 1.5 on 10/17 of '95 on
15 the reports that we got.
16 What I'd like to know, talking to a couple of
17 individuals that live over there, nothing has been
18 said to these property owners. What are you going to
19 do about it and notify them and let them know what's
20 going on so that they can attend to the meetings and
21 understandable what ---
22 BY MR. THOMPSON:
23 You mean they don't know?
24 BY MR. OSBORNE:
25 No.

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:
02 Okay. The rule that the contractor, when they
03 came in and started looking at these sites, what they
04 were supposed to do is, one, we had to get a right of

05 entry from the landowners, so there is some indication
06 that they had to sign a letter saying this is what
07 we'd do if we come in. Unless the contractor looked
08 at the site and when they found something, then they
09 were supposed to try, if possible, the landowner what
10 was there.

11 As I mentioned earlier, I'll try -- I've got a
12 list of supposedly everybody that's a landowner in the
13 area, which include the residential area. I was going
14 to send out the one page summaries to on what's going
15 on. Specifically, like Area 3 and the ones where I've
16 addressed tonight where we think there's an ordnance
17 potentially we've identified, then I want to send a
18 letter to them saying, "Hey, this is what we have
19 found on that property to date."

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 All right. This map that's on -- on Wedgewood
22 on that area, dated August of '95, the 3.32, this --
23 is these little marks houses?

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 Yes, sir, they're houses.

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01 BY MR. OSBORNE:

02 All right. Then this is the highly contaminated
03 area right over here at the end of that, right?

04 BY MR. BOGAN:

05 That, right there on the end?

06 BY MR. OSBORNE:

07 All right. Is it in the whole square?

08 BY MR. BOGAN:

09 That's right in this area. There's the sampling
10 grids, the 84, 85, 86 with the one house on the center
11 of 85.

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 Right.

14 BY MR. BOGAN:

15 The golf course off to the east there.

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 Right.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 All right. That's where the ground ---

20 BY MR. THOMPSON:

21 This is going to be a stupid question, but why
22 is that contaminated?

23 BY MR. OSBORNE:

24 Because it was stated under here. I'll read it
25 to you. They found, "Investigated news of past

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01 reports that hand grenade parts had been found.
02 Findings during the EE/CA investigative included MK2
03 fragmentation grenade, numerous practice hand grenades
04 and grenade parts suggesting that the area may have
05 been a former grenade practice area."

06 BY MR. THOMPSON:

07 That's right up in the middle -- you all know
08 where he's talking about, don't you?

09 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

10 Yes, it was.

11 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

12 It was.

13 BY MR. THOMPSON:

14 Was it?

15 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

16 It was.

17 BY MR. THOMPSON:

18 It was?

19 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

20 It was.

21 BY MR. RUSSELL SMITH:

22 That's not explosive. It wasn't explosive over
23 there.

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 And the estimated maximum density of seven per
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01 acre per 00U3 and an exposure probability ranging from
02 zero to one three hundred thousandths, and then they
03 wanted that ---

04 BY MR. THOMPSON:

05 What was it?

06 BY MR. BOGAN:

07 If I remember correctly what they found there
08 were 15 practice grenades and one MK, which was ---

09 BY MR. CLARY SMITH:

10 Most of it was practice in that area.

11 BY MR. OSBORNE:

12 They're -- they're concerned -- they're
13 concerned because of the children digging, planting,
14 and pool construction and installation of any utility
15 lines or whatever.

16 BY MR. BOGAN:

17 And that's why we recommended the clearance to
18 depth in that area.

19 Is there anything particular that you want me to
20 respond, other than what I've just answered?

21 BY MR. OSBORNE:

22 I think the homeowners in that area should be
23 notified.

24 BY MR. BOGAN:

25 They should know -- at least the owner of that
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01 piece of property should already know, and like I
02 said, I'll try to sent out a one page summary
03 initially to every landowner.

04 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

05 Is there any other questions or comments?

06 (SEVERAL SPEAKING AT ONCE)

07 BY MR. BOGAN:

08 It's going to be a quick fact sheet that tells
09 that we have to inform them.

10 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

11 Any other questions or comments?

12 BY MR. BOGAN:

13 Any other new business?

14 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

15 Please state your name?

16 BY MR. STEWART:

17 I don't know if I'm ignored, but I think it's
18 something that you should be concerned about. It
19 bothered me when Mr. Johnson got up and told what
20 happened about his father. Now we're doing a lot of
21 researching and have done a lot of researching and
22 still doing research.

23 It bothered me that the gentleman who had the
24 property, had leased the property so many acres, the
25 government should have demand that he or she had some

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01 type of liability insurance to cover whatever has
02 taken place, and this incident to happen and no
03 consideration was made, I can hardly believe it. So
04 maybe that maybe one incident where a lot of

05 individuals don't want you on their property, even
06 though you just stated sometime ago that you were
07 insured -- not you, but the group that comes on
08 looking for whatever -- are insured, but people are
09 very skeptical about this, and what we're doing, I
10 think, is very effective, but if the word gets out to
11 the insurance company, after awhile they may say that
12 we're at high risk because everybody money oriented,
13 and eventually they'll want to go up on your
14 homeowners.

15 BY DR. KEITH:

16 That's a good possibility.

17 BY MR. STEWART:

18 Sure.

19 BY DR. LOWRY:

20 Or how about insure you at all.

21 BY MR. STEWART:

22 I do think, though it bothered me that some
23 research should be made and looked into, perhaps, the
24 Army Department would know, but somebody should give
25 Mr. Johnson an apology. He was made no consideration

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01 for burial, and then he's insulted by if you had been
02 a Japanese. That takes a lot out of you.

03 BY MR. JOHNSON:

04 Yes, it does.

05 BY MR. BOGAN:

06 Thank you, sir. Okay. I hope to be addressing
07 both of those.

08 First, I think you were kind of addressing the
09 liability of the landowner, and if we bring somebody
10 in on the property now, one of our crews, you know,
11 and they do step in a hole or something, who is
12 responsible and liable, and that's a specific question
13 that I can ask our attorneys as to how to address
14 that, and I'll mention it to them about the Johnson
15 family and see what we can do for you.

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 One other item.

18 BY MR. BOGAN:

19 Yes, sir.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 I'd like to address to the Park at the present
22 time. If next Saturday week, not this coming Saturday
23 but the next one, if it would be okay to bring a
24 person down there and then what have Board members
25 would like to attend, this gentleman says he knows

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01 where a whole bunch of ammunition is buried, and he'd
02 be glad to take us down and show it to us.

03 BY MR. PERRY:

04 When is that, Harold?

05 BY MR. SANFORD SMITH:

06 What's the date?

07 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

08 What's date is that Saturday?

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Next Saturday week.

11 BY MR. PERRY:

12 As long as it's not in areas already off limits.

13 BY MR. OSBORNE:

14 Uh?

15 BY MR. PERRY:

16 If it's in an area that's off limits, you can't
17 go in.

18 BY MR. OSBORNE:
19 What's the date on that?
20 BY MR. BOGAN:
21 Well, this Saturday is what, the 16th?
22 BY SEVERAL:
23 The 23rd.
24 BY MR. OSBORNE:
25 But I was going to get a hold of you to set it

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01 up to see what we can do and get an okay from the Park
02 Department to go in and do it. He says he knows where
03 a lot of it is.
04 BY MR. BOGAN:
05 If he can show me where it's buried, and it's
06 not an area that's off limits, I'm more than welcome
07 -- I prefer to do it on a regular afternoon.
08 BY MR. OSBORNE:
09 He's only available on Saturdays.
10 BY MR. THOMPSON:
11 Why couldn't it be during the week, Harold?
12 BY MR. OSBORNE:
13 Because he's working and ---
14 BY DR. KEITH:
15 Oh, he can't go. I see.
16 BY MR. OSBORNE:
17 --- he can only go on Saturdays.
18 BY MR. BOGAN:
19 Okay. If he's -- if he's willing to show me
20 where some stuff is buried, let me know, and I'll try
21 and get there if I can. If not, I'll try to get
22 somebody.
23 (SEVERAL SPEAKING)
24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
25 Okay. Any other ---

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:
02 But I'll get with you on a name and that kind of
03 stuff.
04 BY MR. OSBORNE:
05 Okay.
06 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
07 Any other questions or comments, then we'll move
08 on.
09 BY MR. JOHNSON:
10 I'd like to ask one more. Are we supposed to
11 attend all the rest of the meetings, because this was
12 the first I heard about this. I didn't even know
13 anything about this was going on until Mr. Smith over
14 there called, and I do appreciate it.
15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
16 You've signed in? If you've signed in out
17 front, you will be receiving our reminder notices for
18 all the meetings.
19 BY MR. JOHNSON:
20 Okay.
21 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
22 Okay, and they're all public meetings, and
23 you're welcome to attend.
24 BY MR. JOHNSON:
25 Okay. Thank you.

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01 BY MS. MCKINNEY:
02 For next month the items that we will cover, we
03 will vote on a chair, and we'll most likely seek
04 nominations the first of that meeting to have you all,

05 one of you all run the meetings. We will, between now
06 and that time, the committee will have met, and we
07 will look for a report on the written dissertation on
08 the recommendations for clearance to depth, and
09 continue the discussion on the Supplemental Archive
10 Search.

11 Is there anything else that you would like to
12 see added to the next month's meeting agenda?

13 BY MR. HAYES:

14 Can you tell us who is up for the Board so we
15 think about it?

16 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

17 Chair. I have those written down. Let me get
18 those because I don't recall offhand who had indicated
19 an interest. Mr. Osborne, you had indicated an
20 interest to serve. Mr. Thompson, I don't know. Did
21 you volunteer?

22 BY MR. BOGAN:

23 What is this for?

24 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

25 The chair.

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01 BY MR. BOGAN:

02 The chair.

03 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

04 They were just asking who -- three people have
05 -- I think, Ms. Wheeler.

06 BY MS. WHEELER:

07 I rescind mine, please.

08 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

09 Okay. I had asked for volunteers to be
10 considered for chair several months ago, and Mr.
11 Osborne. Okay. You're rescinding, and David?

12 BY MR. DAVID MULLINAX:

13 We talked about it. Uh-huh (affirmative
14 response).

15 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

16 Okay. So right now two folks are interested in
17 serving as chair.

18 BY DR. LOWRY:

19 Whose that? Osborne and who?

20 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

21 David Mullinax and Mr. Osborne.

22 BY DR. KEITH:

23 He said he'd do it. He can't speak. he has
24 lock jaw.

25 BY MS. MCKINNEY:

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01 We'll vote on a chair for next month. I'll have
02 those ballots prepared.

03 Anything else?

04 Well, this will then conclude the meeting. We
05 will meet on April 9th at 7:00 at the same location.

06 Thank you. 7:00 on the 9th.

07 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT APPROXIMATELY 9:20 P.M.)

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17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand
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