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01 CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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

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04 DATE: Tuesday, July 13, 1999

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05 TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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06 PRESENTATIONS

06 GIVEN BY: Jim Truelove, Project Manager, and
07 Ronald Nesbit, Project Manager
07 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
08 Charleston District

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09 Karl Blankinship, Project Manager
09 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
10 Huntsville District

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11 BOARD MEMBERS

11 PRESENT: James B. Thompson, Chair
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14 David Mullinax
14 George D. Mullinax
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15 Robert W. Powell, Jr.
16 Clary H. Smith
16 Stonewall J. Stewart, Jr.
17 Sherry Wheeler

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01 BY MR. TRUELOVE:
02 Just a little announcement for everybody. Suzy
03 has a sick child today, so that's why she is not here
04 today. Everybody was concerned about why she wasn't

05 here. She is usually here and greeting everybody when
06 they walk in the door.

07 And one other announcement. This is Ron Nesbit,
08 and he's out of our district office, also. He's
09 another project manager, and we're getting a few more
10 FUD sites going across the state. We're trying to
11 have a little more backup where I'm not the only one.

12 If you try to get in touch with somebody, we'll
13 have somebody else that's knowledgeable about what's
14 going on; and between the two of us, we'll try to be
15 able to cover the different sites around the state.

16 Okay. With that in mind, Ron actually is going
17 to take over my telephone number. We'll share numbers
18 for awhile. So we just got voice mail, so you're
19 welcome to call in if you've got something, you can
20 leave it there, and we'll try to get back in touch
21 with you.

22 Okay. The agenda is fairly short, and then
23 we'll open it up for discussion at the end of it.
24 Then I'll turn it over to Mr. Thompson.

25 BY MR. THOMPSON:

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01 You're going to turn it over to me? Well,
02 listen, I want to thank everybody for being here
03 tonight. We've got a pretty crew here from the
04 committee.

05 The signs that go up outside of the gate,
06 they're put up by the school; and Jim was saying
07 earlier he's not sure why or what happened there, so
08 Suzy is not responsible for putting the signs up, I
09 don't think, but she is sick and won't be here, but
10 she sent her able assistant back there who is doing a
11 real job for us.

12 Are you going to start off or is Jim?

13 BY MR. NESBIT:

14 Jim will.

15 BY MR. THOMPSON:

16 Jim is going to start off.

17 Jim, are you ready to start?

18 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

19 Yes.

20 BY MR. THOMPSON:

21 Okay. Jim is going to give us a presentation on
22 investigations of the Wedgewood Neighborhood.

23 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

24 Actually, I'm going to get Karl to do that.

25 BY MR. THOMPSON:

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01 Oh, okay.

02 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

03 Since Karl is here today. And I want to give
04 you a little background about where we're headed in
05 Wedgewood. I know we told you that's where we're
06 going next, and then we've got to give you an outline,
07 also, with what happens after Wedgewood, what the
08 areas are programmed and where we're going from there.

09 Karl.

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 Good evening. I think I met most of you all.
12 For the ones that I haven't met, my name is Karl
13 Blankinship. I'm a technical manager or project

14 manager from Huntsville from the Center of Expertise
15 for Ordnance. We work for Charleston and provide the
16 ordnance expertise to the Charleston District for Camp
17 Croft.

18 Since the last meeting, I realize that we
19 haven't really given you a good status update of where
20 we were, what we're doing and what we have ongoing.
21 So I tried to put together something tonight to at
22 least help you understand where we are contract wise
23 and what pieces of work we have under way and what we
24 have planned in the future.

25 From this light, I apologize. I don't have

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01 handouts for everyone. If you would like to get a
02 copy of the slides, we can make those available to you
03 later. If you will give one of the ladies in the back
04 your name, I will get those to you.

05 Last year, our contract with HFA, the capacity
06 on that contract expired and we had to change
07 contractors.

08 What we've done is hired UXB International.
09 They've been over here before and they've done work in
10 the park. They're a very good company, and we have
11 them under contract right now to do removal action in
12 the Wedgewood area. That's OOU3 right up in here, and
13 also in Area 11C and D.

14 Those are two of the areas up by Wedgewood.
15 These two up in the very top. The reason we went to
16 those next, they're closest to the populated area, and
17 right there adjacent to the Wedgewood Subdivision, so
18 we were fortunate enough to have enough money left
19 this year to pick those up so that we could get all
20 those areas up by Wedgewood done at one time.

21 We also extended our contract or modified the
22 contract with Zapata to provide on-the-ground support
23 during the removal action in the Wedgewood area.

24 They'll be available to set up a brochure and a
25 pamphlet for all the landowners, go to them and tell

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01 them exactly what we're doing. They'll go to their
02 house before we start any work in their area and
03 explain individually to them exactly what's going on
04 and when and how they'll be affected.

05 Just for a point of reference, the contracts
06 with UXB for those three areas are in the neighborhood
07 of a million dollars, just in round numbers.

08 BY MR. OSBORNE:

09 How many years?

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 Sir?

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 How long? Three years, did you say?

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 No. No. The actual length of execution is
16 about six months. And this will -- this will help.
17 The reason I said about six months, hopefully, this
18 will help you understand why I couldn't put a real
19 good number on it.

20 The approach that we're using at Wedgewood is
21 very similar to what we ended up using on Dr. Lowry's
22 property. We're doing geophysical mapping.

23 (LIGHTS GO DIM)

24 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

25 Is that better? Can everyone see pretty well?

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01 Can you all see around this? Is it blocking you or do

02 I need to move it? (Referring to board).

03 Okay. The approach that we're using is very

04 similar to what we did at Dr. Lowry's in the later

05 phases of his -- his -- the work on his property.

06 We're using geophysical mapping, and in this

07 case the primary instrument that we'll use is the

08 EM-61. For those who haven't seen it, if you can tell

09 much from that slide, it's a little small cart on two

10 wheels. All of the magnetic sensors are built into

11 this frame. So that's where all the data is collected

12 from from the pole at the top and bottom of this frame

13 system. The data is stored in this backpack the

14 gentleman is wearing, and he has a small key pad in

15 front so he can mark locations as he crosses a grid

16 line or as he goes around a tree or something like

17 that. He has a way to record that as he is going

18 along and doing the mapping.

19 The results that we get after they go through

20 quite an analysis will look something like this, and I

21 apologize. It's very, very difficult to see this, I

22 know.

23 The small spots on here, this is a very clean

24 area, but those spots represent some type of metallic

25 object under the ground. When we do the analysis

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01 based on the output from the sensors, we can estimate

02 what the size of that object is, the mass and the

03 depth.

04 So we'll take the geophysics. We'll try to

05 match the items we're looking for. In the case of

06 Wedgewood, the marks that were made, we'll try to

07 match the signatures from the magnetics to items that

08 look like that on paper after we've done the analysis,

09 and then it will give us a better chance to go and dig

10 those specific things that we really think are

11 ordnance.

12 And, please, if you have any questions while I

13 go through here, stop me or holler; or if I say

14 something that doesn't make sense, it's easier to

15 explain it now than at the end.

16 After we finish the geophysical mapping, which

17 will take about a month in the Wedgewood area, we'll

18 stop and everyone will leave the site. There won't be

19 anyone left out here.

20 We'll take that data, do the analysis. The

21 contractor will analyze it. As they're doing their

22 analysis, we'll also take it into our office and do a

23 parallel analysis of the same data.

24 We -- there are several different pieces of

25 software that you can use to analyze this data, and

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01 we'll use a couple different ones, overlay the

02 results, and everything that the contractor thinks we

03 should dig, we'll dig those, plus everything we think

04 we should dig in addition to that, we'll dig those as

05 well to make sure that his analysis of the data is

06 correct. And we'll also go back and do what --
07 something similar to the quality assurance that we did
08 before so that we'll go into that area and check it
09 with another instrument just to make sure that we
10 haven't missed anything.

11 After the -- after the analysis, we'll come back
12 and do the actual intrusive work, go and dig the
13 anomalies. We expect that to last, just as a guess
14 right now, eight to ten weeks. We don't know how many
15 anomalies we'll have to dig, but our best estimate,
16 based on the information we have, puts it at about an
17 eight to ten week effort.

18 During those eight to ten weeks, a number of the
19 homeowners in the Wedgewood area will be affected.
20 The -- when we dig anomalies, the people who actually
21 live on the lot that we're digging will need to be out
22 of their home, plus possibly several of the people
23 adjacent to them. That's based on the explosive
24 safety distance for the specific item that we think
25 we're looking for.

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01 We've lessened the impact quite a bit to the
02 landowners by using engineering controls, and I think
03 you all -- and I apologize. I don't have a picture of
04 them, but I think you all saw pictures before. It's
05 the aluminum box that we essentially set over the hole
06 that we're digging and dig inside a box. That reduces
07 the distance that we have to evacuate people from
08 about 850 feet down to 200 feet. So it greatly
09 reduces the size of the area we have to keep people
10 out of for their safety.

11 And just to highlight at the bottom, the main
12 thing that costs us time and money on ordnance
13 clearance is digging things that are not ordnance:
14 Bottle caps, trash, pieces of metal, scrap or
15 whatever.

16 By using this method, we feel like we can save a
17 substantial amount of time and disruption in the
18 neighborhood, and based on the bids we get or we've
19 gotten, if you remember back, the estimate for doing
20 this clearance was about three million dollars. Now
21 we're sitting less than a million based on using this
22 -- this new method. So I think we've seen substantial
23 savings and costs, and, hopefully -- and disruption to
24 the -- to the people in the neighborhood.

25 BY MR. OSBORNE:

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01 Before you take that one off of there.

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 Yes, sir.

04 BY MR. OSBORNE:

05 Have you contacted and talked to all the
06 homeowners now?

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 No, sir.

09 BY MR. OSBORNE:

10 Why not?

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 We will.

13 That's -- if you will hold off, that's part of
14 the presentation. Like I said, we will meet with all

15 of them.

16 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

17 When you say ---

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 We do have a schedule for that.

20 BY MR. OSBORNE:

21 I beg your pardon?

22 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

23 When you say "contact," probably all of them
24 have been contacted to the extent of asking for right
25 of entry, because our real estate people have already
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01 contacted them asking for right of entry.

02 But have details of what's going to go on been
03 explained? No, because they have been contacted to
04 the extent of knowing that we're coming in and we want
05 to do this; and the reason that we're there, they
06 understand. Some of them have agreed and a few of
07 them -- some of them haven't. We then made personal
08 contact. We've got a person up here on the weekends
09 trying to catch up with them to make sure they
10 understand what's going on, but we haven't had a
11 meeting with them yet to explain the details of the
12 equipment, what kind of equipment we'll be using and
13 those level of details.

14 BY MR. OSBORNE:

15 Well, when you started out the original deal
16 that you had down at the camp down there years ago
17 showing people what you were doing, and Wedgewood was
18 one of the things that was listed at that time as
19 being dangerous, and I even took the Associated Press
20 up there and showed them the area; and I, at that
21 point, had gotten quite a few people to go ahead and
22 allow you guys to do an investigation and nothing was
23 ever done.

24 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

25 We did the investigation. The investigation is
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01 what resulted in having a follow-up project to clean
02 up.

03 BY MR. OSBORNE:

04 Is that the one area where you guys went in
05 there and dug?

06 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

07 We did one clean up on one area.

08 BY MR. OSBORNE:

09 I know you did.

10 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

11 We also did an investigation, a follow-up
12 investigation, the Phase II EE/CA, which is the basis
13 under which we're going back. We had the
14 authorization to go in there and spend a million
15 dollars to go clean up the property.

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 Well, I was talking about, the property owner
18 that I'm talking about has said nobody has ever
19 contacted them yet.

20 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

21 I don't know which property owner it is. If you
22 will give me his number, I can see if he's one of the
23 ones that has either already signed or has been

24 contacted for the right of entry.

25 But to the best of my knowledge, I know all of
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01 them have been sent right of entries, and we've done
02 follow-ups with our real estate group to go in and
03 even knock on doors this last weekend trying to get
04 right of entries to go in to all those pieces of
05 property.

06 BY MR. OSBORNE:

07 Okay.

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 Proceed.

10 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

11 Karl, I just have one question.

12 I know what a EM-61 is. I'm familiar with it.
13 I didn't even think about this myself until I -- we
14 were doing an experimental drill a couple of weeks
15 ago, and -- my father and myself. We located what has
16 been positively identified as 1941 Fort Seal Slack,
17 which they used in large quantities. That was a
18 combination of cement powder, calcium carbonate,
19 magnesium phosphate and a lot of iron fillings which
20 was blended to give a very hard, but, I don't know,
21 porous on top of certain burial sites.

22 Okay. An EM-61, I guess, the magnetic -- you
23 know, the magnetic machine has it, but you're talking
24 about millions and millions of small iron fillings,
25 and they used that unmercifully at Croft. Will that
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01 thing be able to go through that, I mean?

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 I can't answer that.

04 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

05 OKay.

06 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

07 I'd have to have one of the geophysics type
08 people look at it.

09 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

10 All right. Well, my father and I, ---

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 To be make that ---

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 --- we had a sample taken from very close to
15 where you're talking about. We sent it through
16 Spartanburg Concrete. They had it checked out in
17 Holly Hill, South Carolina in a lab, and they
18 identified it as a 1941 Fort Seal
19 something-something-something slack. That's what it's
20 called which they did use. I just -- you know, I'm
21 not trying to throw a monkey wrench in your -- if you
22 can, because I personally have metal detectors on that
23 stuff, and, I mean, it messes them all up.

24 BY MR. THOMPSON:

25 Robin, when was that checked out?

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01 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

02 Last week, Mr. Thompson.

03 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

04 Do you have a written report or anything?

05 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

06 There will be a written report coming.

07 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

08 You will need to furnish that to them.

09 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

10 I will. I will be glad to.

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 That will be -- that will be helpful, and I'll

13 provide it to our contractors.

14 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

15 And, I mean, because this is in a cantonment

16 area, and I do know that in a cantonment area they use

17 large quantities of the slack.

18 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

19 Okay.

20 This just gives an idea on the current status of

21 where we are. The draft work plans for the Wedgewood

22 area are under review in my office now. We finished

23 the internal review of the Explosive Safety

24 Submission, which has to go up to Washington for

25 approval. Those two will be available for the Board's

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01 review, if you care to review them, about the end of

02 next month, which is the target right now.

03 And we started the preliminary planning on how

04 to help the residents, how to handle the relocations

05 during the Removal Action, and we've started planning

06 with Zapata on the neighborhood support during those

07 relocations during the Removal Action.

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 How long is that?

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 Sir?

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 How long will the relocations take?

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 We don't really know until we finish some of the

16 mapping, but, essentially, it's only during the day.

17 What we're looking at is trying to work a five day

18 week, eight hours a day, and not ask the people to be

19 -- to leave their home before about 9:00 in the

20 morning, so that they have time to do their --

21 hopefully, their normal thing and still allow the

22 contractor in. And then by usually 3:30 or 4:00 in

23 the afternoon, they should be wrapping up and moving

24 out of there.

25 So we don't have all the complete details on

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01 exactly the times, but that's a pretty good estimate,

02 about 9:00 to 4:00 or something like that, but there

03 will be nothing overnight. As long as they're not

04 there digging anything, there's no reason that the

05 people can't go back to their home, and no reason, you

06 know, for them not to do whatever they normally do.

07 BY MR. THOMPSON:

08 And the ground will be left as it were, right?

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 Yes, sir. Yes, they will.

11 I've kind of touched on this several times

12 already, but to give you an idea of a very tentative

13 schedule right now but an idea of where we're headed,

14 I hope to meet with the manager of Cotton Creek Golf

15 Course tomorrow, if possible, while we're here.

16 The golf course, as you know, surrounds the
17 subdivision, and it will be impacted during the
18 removals. Part of the exclusion zone will extend out
19 into the golf course area, and so we'll need to work
20 with them to figure out how to keep the golf course
21 going and have people play around, essentially, where
22 we are and schedule that with them. So tomorrow,
23 hopefully, is a good time to sit down with them and
24 try to start the planning process on how to do that.

25 The next -- the next step in our process here is

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01 to mail an information package to the Wedgewood
02 residents.

03 Zapata is working on that now. Essentially it
04 will be a discussion of what we're doing, as much
05 information as we can give them about what's going to
06 go on, when it will happen to the best of our ability
07 and invite them to sit down with us individually and
08 discuss, you know, exactly in detail what we'll be
09 doing, when we'll be on their property, how long, what
10 -- what we'll provide for them, what location we'll
11 give them to go to or what we can make available to
12 make sure they are as comfortable as they can be.

13 If they are out of their homes, we will provide
14 a place for them. We don't have the details, but,
15 essentially, a motel room during the day for the time
16 they're out; and I think there's probably some
17 allowance for mileage and meals, as well. That's one
18 of the details that's still in the works, but before
19 we start anything, we tell them very clearly exactly
20 what's available to them.

21 The Explosive Safety Submission and the work
22 plan both should -- should be complete by the end of
23 July or first of August. Like I said, they'll be
24 available, if you'd like to look at them. They're
25 going to have them on record.

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01 We hope to meet with the property owners the
02 first week of August or at least start meeting with
03 them, if we can. We're really looking for their input
04 on how we can best provide them the service we need to
05 provide them, whether it's one-on-one or meeting in a
06 group or being available at some location. We will
07 talk to all of them before we start.

08 We'll hopefully start the geophysical mapping in
09 late August. It will be done within four weeks at the
10 most, so it's not a major effort, and then the plans
11 start for the intrusive work when we actually look to
12 start digging the anomalies is in October.

13 Hopefully, we will ---

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 There's a question.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Yes, ma'am.

18 BY MS. STEWART:

19 Sir, I'm Beulah Stewart. Beulah Stewart.

20 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

21 Yes, ma'am.

22 BY MS. STEWART:

23 Homeowners in the Wedgewood area now back to the
24 mail Wedgewood information packet.

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 Yes, ma'am.

02 BY MS. STEWART:

03 If the homeowners own a computer, can you get
04 into -- will they be able to get into that computer
05 and see this information, what you are organizing,
06 what you have organized so far and changing over from
07 one contract to the other? Is this information
08 available if the homeowner has a computer?

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 There -- there is some information on Camp
11 Croft. There is not a specific area that discusses
12 the Wedgewood area at this time.

13 We haven't -- haven't really -- really looked at
14 doing that, but we could. I mean, we have a couple of
15 web pages that we could add this type information to,
16 if that's something that -- that the Board and the
17 public feels would help.

18 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

19 I guess if you -- if the people think that's
20 useful, we could put it out on the web. We have a
21 couple of pages that have background information
22 already, and if we wanted to add a specific area of
23 Wedgewood, it wouldn't be a particular problem.

24 BY MS. STEWART:

25 Thanks.

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01 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

02 Would you -- I guess, we're looking for input?
03 Would you think that would be useful?

04 BY MS. STEWART:

05 I think it would be very useful.

06 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

07 Okay. We'll take that and figure out the best
08 way to put it out there and try to get it out publicly
09 along with the information that we're sending out as
10 to where it is so it will filter back out.

11 We'll definitely announce it at the next RAB
12 meeting. That's a few months off, but we'll try to
13 get the word out ahead of that through the mail and
14 whatever else is available to let everyone know what
15 location it will be in.

16 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

17 Okay. We -- we hope to be complete within
18 Wedgewood by December of '99. The plan, just getting
19 into a little bit of future planning on my part, I
20 guess, before I finish that or about the time I
21 finishing up with Wedgewood, I plan for the contractor
22 to move to OOU11C and D. These other two areas that
23 we've added up here.

24 Before I finish those, then I would like to have
25 in place a contract to pick up as many additional

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01 areas as I can next year, so we can just keep a
02 continuous flow; and those areas would be here,
03 essentially, right now, we have OOU3 and 11C and D
04 under contract. We still have work to do on OOU6
05 where we're looking for money for that now.

06 Our next step is OOU12A and 9G. Those two areas
07 are over adjacent to Dairy Ridge Road and are fairly

08 near the populated areas. I know in 12A there's been
09 some timber cut and some work started in there. It
10 looks like that that may be a fairly -- a fairly good
11 area to develop in the near future, so that's what
12 sort of guided us to that.

13 After those two areas, we'll look at all the
14 remaining areas outside the park beginning in 2001 and
15 2002. Then all the areas inside the park, when we
16 finish outside, we move back inside the park to clear
17 those areas that haven't been cleared previously, and
18 I just crystal -- in my crystal ball, I said, that
19 should be around 2001 to 2003, somewhere in that time
20 frame.

21 Yes, ma'am.

22 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

23 Yes. My name is Kathie Nogosky, and we have a
24 home that we've been trying to sell for about a year,
25 and just recently we had an interested buyer who has
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01 backed away because of this whole project, and it has
02 been a burden on my husband and I who lives in
03 Charlotte during the week and he is home weekends.

04 Is there any way to have someone maybe look at
05 our property early on and get some letter of clearance
06 or something so these potential buyers don't back off?

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 We -- we don't really issue a letter of
09 clearance until we've actually done a removal. Is
10 your -- where is your home?

11 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

12 We're on 186 Wedgewood Place by that old tennis
13 court.

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 Is that -- that's not ---

16 I don't -- please, forgive me. I'm familiar
17 with the little small circle that we call Wedgewood,
18 just the little small circle.

19 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

20 The circle -- like if you look at Wedgewood
21 Drive and Wedgewood Place as the letter P, ---

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 Uh-huh (affirmative response).

24 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

25 --- you come to the top of the straight part and
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01 turn to the right. We're the second house on the
02 left.

03 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

04 Okay.

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 It's in the circle.

07 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

08 On the upper -- probably. Probably, Yeah.

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 So that's inside the circle?

11 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

12 Well, we're actually on the golf course side.

13 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

14 Okay.

15 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

16 Not inside the circle.

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 That's -- that would be the area that we're
19 going to be cleaning as this next step goes into
20 effect.

21 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

22 With a December date, I mean, that's really
23 hurting us. Like I said, we had a buyer a couple of
24 weeks ago that just said they wanted to stay away from
25 that area because of all the publicity, and we've had
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01 it on the market a year and this is really hurting us
02 a lot.

03 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

04 I can -- we can certainly ask that, you know,
05 that the contractor look at doing that one first.
06 What they're trying to do is each phase to minimize
07 the disruption, but I'll be glad to ask them to try to
08 phase that one earlier.

09 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

10 Okay.

11 BY MR. THOMPSON:

12 Will you take her name at the end of the
13 meeting, then?

14 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

15 Yes, sir, I sure will.

16 If you have your name, phone number and address,
17 I will forward that on to UXB and make sure that they
18 get in touch with you about ---

19 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

20 Okay.

21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

22 --- when they plan to start.

23 BY MS. NOGOSKY:

24 All right. Thank you.

25 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

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01 Yes, sir.

02 BY MR. OSBORNE:

03 What happens if you can't get enough money after
04 Wedgewood and you don't have enough to finish it all
05 up, and then you end up like Dr. Lowry? It seems to
06 me that you would finish Dr. Lowry's before you'd
07 start something else.

08 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

09 That's what this shows right after we finish
10 this stuff up in the subdivision area, they're going
11 back to Dr. Lowry.

12 BY MR. OSBORNE:

13 "Pending funds," it says.

14 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

15 That's ---

16 BY MR. OSBORNE:

17 If there's no funds, then he's out the door
18 again.

19 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

20 Well, if there's no funds, then none of it gets
21 done.

22 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

23 That's right.

24 BY MR. OSBORNE:

25 Well, why are you starting Wedgewood when you

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01 haven't finished his?

02 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

03 Because we explained -- we've been through this
04 several times. We had to change contractors. We had
05 Dr. Lowry's cleared to the point that we felt we had
06 made it safer. We didn't have it completely cleared,
07 and Dr. Lowry is aware of that, and it restricted some
08 of his use for that area that we haven't got cleared,
09 but we freed up the majority of his area and cleaned
10 it up.

11 Based on the availability of funds, we felt it
12 was prudent to move up to the Wedgewood Subdivision
13 for the same facts that this lady is facing. She has
14 a home that she is trying to sell. That we needed to
15 get back into that area to do this clean up as soon as
16 we could, and this is as soon as the funds became
17 available, and as soon as we had Dr. Lowry's cleaned
18 up to the point that it was a point to where we could
19 stop it, we could move somewhere else.

20 We're not trying abandon Dr. Lowry. We're not
21 trying to get out of cleaning up the rest of the
22 project there. It's a matter of using what funds we
23 had available this year to get back into the Wedgewood
24 Subdivision and take care of that problem.

25 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

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01 And you will have more money coming, Mr.
02 Truelove.

03 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

04 Okay.

05 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

06 I promise you.

07 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

08 We'll use the money.

09 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

10 By the time General Lancaster and I get through
11 in about two more weeks, you're going to have plenty
12 of money.

13 BY DR. LOWRY:

14 Harold, I appreciate you taking up for me, but
15 -- really, but I do think it's important that they get
16 to the inhabited areas. There's very complicated
17 stuff left on mine, and I'm willing to wait, you know,
18 a few more months.

19 BY MR. OSBORNE:

20 Well, I agree with you, but we're back to the
21 same thing on Wedgewood. They were going to do it
22 four or five years ago, and they haven't done nothing.

23 BY MR. THOMPSON:

24 Harold, they're getting it done now.

25 BY DR. LOWRY:

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01 They're getting it done now.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 They're getting it done.

04 BY DR. LOWRY:

05 And I'm willing to wait, and I thank you for
06 mentioning it, but I really believe they'll get me
07 done and everything else. It's just a matter of
08 hanging in there longer.

09 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

10 Well, that's really all I had. If there are any
11 questions or anything, we can go back over it and
12 clarify it or anything I could help with?

13 BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

14 Well, just assume this lady, Karl, where her
15 house is located is right behind where the camp
16 observation post was on the higher ground, and right
17 behind that was a parade ground.

18 As you know many times out of there, they did --
19 when the camp closed, they buried large amounts of
20 ordnance just right in that area, live ordnance and
21 dummy stuff, too, in a 378 area acre that's inside the
22 inner loop, as it's called.

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 Okay.

25 BY DR. POWELL:

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01 Karl.

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 Yes, sir.

04 BY DR. POWELL:

05 On OOU12, going beyond it.

06 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

07 Yes, sir.

08 BY DR. POWELL:

09 What did we find there that indicated something
10 ought to be done?

11 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

12 If memory serves, I believe we found some 2.36
13 rockets and some grenades, that being a bazooka.

14 BY DR. POWELL:

15 Okay. Is that in the park or just slightly out
16 of the park?

17 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

18 It's out of the park.

19 BY DR. POWELL:

20 You said there was some timber being cut?

21 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

22 Yes, sir.

23 BY DR. POWELL:

24 I think that's Hill Top acres, and it belongs to
25 a fellow named George Cohen, and he's getting ready to

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01 build a house there.

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 Yes, that's what I thought.

04 BY DR. POWELL:

05 If he is going to start digging, he ought to
06 know what's there.

07 BY MR. SMITH:

08 He's already digging.

09 BY MR. MULLINAX:

10 He's already digging.

11 BY MR. SMITH:

12 He's already pulled up something. That's not
13 it, but he's talking about probably digging and
14 keeping it up.

15 BY DR. POWELL:

16 Where is OOU12?

17 BY MR. MULLINAX:

18 Isn't that Mr. Ramantanin's property?

19 BY MR. SMITH:

20 Mr. Ramantanin.

21 BY DR. POWELL:

22 Point it out to me on there.

23 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

24 This is Dairy Ridge.

25 BY DR. POWELL:

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01 Okay.

02 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

03 That's actually ---

04 BY DR. POWELL:

05 That's not it. What I'm talking about is

06 further down the road. That's not it.

07 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

08 Anything else?

09 (NO RESPONSE)

10 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:

11 All right. Thank you.

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 Thank you. Jim, do you have anything?

14 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

15 I don't have anything.

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 Well, this is going to be a short meeting.

18 I've got two items that I'd like to bring up.

19 First of all, they're meeting supposedly in the

20 morning sometime with the people at Cotton Creek. Is

21 there anyone on the Board that could meet with them in

22 the morning?

23 Anybody?

24 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

25 Where's the office?

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01 BY MR. THOMPSON:

02 Where are you going to meet? At the club?

03 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

04 We haven't got in touch with them yet. That's

05 what I was expecting to hear. We just go out there

06 and meet with them.

07 BY MR. THOMPSON:

08 George is. Are you going to take the phone

09 number?

10 BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

11 If I can make it.

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 Are you going to take the phone number?

14 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

15 I'll get it.

16 BY MR. THOMPSON:

17 The other item of business that we have is

18 attendance. I'd like to recommend to the Board that

19 we remove one of our members from the Board who has

20 missed four meetings in a row already and that's Mr.

21 McIntyre. Do we have a motion that we do that?

22 BY MR. MULLINAX:

23 Motion.

24 BY MR. SMITH:

25 Motion.

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01 BY DR. LOWRY:
02 Motion seconded.
03 BY MR. THOMPSON:
04 Motion has been made and seconded. All those in
05 favor signify by saying Aye.
06 (ALL RESPOND)
07 BY MR. THOMPSON:
08 Oppose?
09 (NO RESPONSE)
10 BY MR. THOMPSON:
11 So carried.
12 Is there any new business to come before the
13 Board?
14 BY MR. PERRY:
15 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to let the Board know
16 that the State Park is fenced off, the 44 acres, and
17 there are signs all the way around.
18 The State Park is fenced off, the 44 acres with
19 signs, and we signed all the way around the 44 acres.
20 BY DR. POWELL:
21 Is that OOU11B, Perry? OOU11B?
22 BY MR. THOMPSON:
23 Right there.
24 BY MR. PERRY:
25 I think it's OOU2.

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01 BY DR. POWELL:
02 Right here is what you're talking about?
03 BY MR. PERRY:
04 I believe it's two, Bob.
05 BY MR. BLANKINSHIP:
06 I think it is part of OOU2.
07 BY DR. POWELL:
08 Is it down in here somewhere?
09 BY MR. THOMPSON:
10 It's in the park.
11 BY DR. POWELL:
12 Okay. It's right here.
13 BY MR. THOMPSON:
14 It's in the park.
15 BY DR. POWELL:
16 It's the corner of this area here. I gotcha.
17 BY DR. LOWRY:
18 Did the park ever put out the signs that we were
19 going to have it on both sides of the horse trails and
20 other areas?
21 BY MR. PERRY:
22 Yes, we put signs on all the entrances of the
23 horse trails and a big sign at the main entrance of
24 the park.
25 BY DR. LOWRY:

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01 Is the one at the main entrance one that you can
02 read or is one of those that you got ---
03 BY MR. PERRY:
04 Yes, it is a whole lot bigger than that one
05 there.
06 BY DR. LOWRY:
07 So you have put up a sign along the horse trails
08 on both sides and around other areas that people
09 shouldn't go to?

10 BY MR. PERRY:

11 Yes.

12 BY DR. LOWRY:

13 Good.

14 BY MR. THOMPSON:

15 Is there any other new business to come before

16 the Board?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 BY MR. THOMPSON:

19 Any old business to come before the Board?

20 BY DR. LOWRY:

21 Motion to adjourn.

22 BY MR. THOMPSON:

23 Motion has been made to adjourn. Do we have a

24 second?

25 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

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01 Second.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 All those in favor, signify by saying Aye.

04 (ALL RESPOND)

05 BY MR. THOMPSON:

06 Opposed?

07 (NO RESPONSE)

08 (OFF THE RECORD)

09 BY MR. THOMPSON:

10 Thank you, Dr. Lowry, for getting us adjourned,

11 but I do have one piece of unfinished business. At

12 the end of the last Board meeting we were very much

13 concerned about some of the things that we heard were

14 going on in the areas, and we have written letters to

15 -- as you all have seen the letters that were written

16 to our congressmen and armed services committee and a

17 bunch of people in Washington to see if they knew what

18 was going on over here, and we have written letters to

19 them, but we have not received any responses yet. So

20 we're waiting on responses to come back before we say

21 anything.

22 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

23 Jim, for the people that weren't here the last

24 meeting, you might want to elaborate a little bit

25 about some -- or just enough to say what it was that

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01 was brought up.

02 BY MR. THOMPSON:

03 Okay. Well, several of the attendees brought up

04 the fact that there were helicopters flying over with

05 pods on them and all this and they were coming from

06 the National Guard units and all that.

07 So what we did, we took the liberty to write

08 letters to the federal government to find out what is

09 going on. We want to know. The Corps of Engineers

10 doesn't know. We don't know. So we want to see if we

11 can't find out what is going on, but we have not heard

12 a response from anybody, yet, so that's what we're

13 waiting to hear.

14 Yes, sir.

15 BY GENTLEMEN IN AUDIENCE:

16 Would you all mind speaking up? We can't hear

17 you.

18 BY MR. THOMPSON:

19 We -- at the last meeting, you remember they
20 talked about the helicopters flying over with the pods
21 on them and all that? Well, we wrote a few people in
22 Washington to find out what it really was, and we
23 haven't heard from them yet. We're waiting to hear.

24 Jim, you haven't found out anything, have you?

25 BY MR. TRUELOVE:

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01 No.

02 BY MR. OSBORNE:

03 And in relation to that, what we did, we called
04 the control tower out at GSP. "We don't know nothing
05 about it."

06 Then we called the one down at Anderson. "No,
07 we don't know nothing about it."

08 BY MR. THOMPSON:

09 They're in the minutes from the last meeting.

10 BY MR. OSBORNE:

11 Yes.

12 BY MR. THOMPSON:

13 All right. Make the motion again.

14 BY DR. LOWRY:

15 Motion to adjourn.

16 BY MR. LITTLEJOHN:

17 I second.

18 BY DR. POWELL:

19 Jim, when is the next meeting?

20 BY MR. THOMPSON:

21 The meeting is the second Tuesday in October.

22 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:45 P.M.)

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01 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

01) CERTIFICATE

02 COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG)

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05 This is to certify that the within meeting was
06 taken on the 13th day of July, 1999;

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

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

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

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand
18 and Seal at Spartanburg, South Carolina, this 21st day
19 of July, 1999.

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