

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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6:30 p.m. to 8:32 p.m.

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**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

Rebecca Hawkins
Bob Williams

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1 BY MR. MOON:

2 I'd like to welcome everybody to the Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
3 this evening here at the Spartanburg Marriott.

4 We'll go ahead and get started in the new business. Our first order of
5 business is the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report update
6 from the Army Corps of Engineers.

7 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

8 Before I get into that, I'd like to take care of a couple of items; first item
9 is for the folks that were interested in getting specific information from
10 the Remedial Investigation for their property. We have a workstation in
11 the back that you are welcome to go back there and query and find out
12 about that information; so that can happen during the RAB meeting. I just
13 wanted to make sure that you're aware of that.

14 And then the second item I wanted to let everybody know is that Susan
15 Byrd, who's been the project manager for South Carolina DHEC, she is
16 retiring soon, and Kent Krieg is going to be replacing her, and he's out
17 there in the audience.

18 So I just wanted to get those items taken care of first.

19 As far as the Remedial Investigation, at the last RAB meeting we
20 presented the results of the report. The Feasibility Study, we are
21 currently doing an internal review of that document. I'm hoping by the
22 next RAB meeting that it will be finalized and we'll be able to present it.

23 And then, of course, once we're done with the Feasibility Study, we will
24 be moving to a proposed plan, which is basically a document wherein we
25 present the recommended alternatives, as far as what we feel is the best

1 options for different areas throughout the former Camp Croft. And there
2 are a couple of meetings associated with that before we present the
3 preferred alternative. So those are the next couple of steps on the
4 schedule.

5 Really, I kind of wanted to switch it up for this RAB meeting because we
6 didn't have the information to present, as far as the Feasibility Study. I
7 know there was a lot of discussion in the last meeting in regards to some
8 of the land use controls; we had talked about that, and the institutional
9 analysis questionnaire that had gone out to folks. I know I received
10 several phone calls about that, and some concerns. So I just wanted to
11 have, basically, an open forum about that to discuss any concerns or any
12 issues regarding that. Does anybody have any issues or concerns with
13 regards to that?

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 This is about the questionnaire?

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 Yeah, the questionnaire. Also the land use controls. We had discussed
18 that at the last meeting.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 What are the results of the questionnaire?

21 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

22 Well, basically it was just a questionnaire to determine folks' willingness
23 -- I mean, you know, typically, I'm going to get calls from folks that
24 have some concerns about it, and probably are not willing to implement
25 controls on their property, so I don't really get any responses back from

1 folks that may be amenable to that.

2 Jason, I don't know, have you gotten anything directly from any property
3 owners, or have you seen anything from the questionnaires that have been
4 mailed back as far as are we seeing a trend, or --

5 **BY JASON SHIFLET:**

6 No, we have not identified any sort of trend in the responses yet. The
7 envelopes are coming back to the office, and as they come in, we have
8 staff that tabulates the results, but we don't have anything summarized yet
9 from those. You know, at some point we'll have to assume that we've
10 gotten all of the feedback that we're going to get and then we can present
11 that information, but we're just not sure yet; it's still coming in; you
12 know, a couple of envelopes a day, one or two a day, something like that.

13 **BY MR. HAYES:**

14 How many did you send out?

15 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

16 Aaron, do you remember how many we sent? 350, or maybe 350 or so?

17 **BY AARON:**

18 That's close.

19 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

20 And, just to sort of clarify, when we generated our list of addresses for
21 folks to send out the Institutional Analysis Questionnaire, if you have
22 property that at all is within or touches the FUDS boundary, you got a
23 letter. And really there are some properties that are within the FUDS, but
24 not within the range fans, probably shouldn't have gotten a letter, but
25 that's okay; I mean, it doesn't hurt if you got a letter. Just a few extra

1 people probably got them and probably shouldn't have.

2 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

3 How many have you had returned so far?

4 BY MR. SHIFLET:

5 Well, I passed by the desk where they sit as they're being entered, and I
6 feel like there's about that high. (Gestures.)

7 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

8 Wouldn't that have been something you would have counted before you
9 came to this meeting? That's what I would have done.

10 BY MR. SHIFLET:

11 I'd say maybe 40.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 40 out of 300 and what?

14 BY MR. SHIFLET:

15 350 or so.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 I was kind of surprised that the mailing went out because there are people
18 who talked about land use controls in the meeting, but we didn't talk
19 about a mailing, and the board, it's not something the board recommended
20 to do. I mean, I said at the last meeting, I said "Is there anything y'all
21 need from us?" Which, you know, meant do y'all want us to recommend
22 something to y'all, or do you want us to take a vote on anything, and they
23 said "No; we don't need anything."

24 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

25 Really the questionnaire, it's sort of a component of the Feasibility Study;

1 it's something that obviously we have to do to determine whether there is
2 a general consensus among the stakeholders, the property owners, whether
3 that is a viable alternative, something that can be considered in the
4 Feasibility Study, or something that should be limited or eliminated in the
5 Feasibility Study.

6 **BY MR. HAYES:**

7 Well, reading parts of the Remedial Investigation, it was mentioned in
8 there, so a lot of that was mentioned in the RI before our last meeting,
9 which I didn't know that until, you know, later on reading some of the RI.
10 And you know, when it kind of popped up, I didn't know that it was in
11 there.

12 But still, a lot of people were caught off guard to get a mailing. I mean,
13 nobody knew it was going out.

14 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

15 Do you have an example you can put on the screen of what it was, and
16 what all is on it?

17 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

18 I don't think we -- Heather, I don't think we do have a copy, or Jason, I
19 guess we probably don't have a copy of the questionnaire?

20 Basically, the questionnaire --

21 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

22 Well, why wouldn't you have brought that to this? Now, we don't know
23 how many were returned, and we don't know what the questionnaire looks
24 like. How in the world is this group supposed to discuss it?

25 **BY MR. HERZOG:**

1 Did you get one?

2 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

3 No, I didn't get one.

4 BY MR. HAYES:

5 Hugh, you didn't get a copy?

6 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

7 No, sir.

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Well, I've got one that was addressed to me as a board member.

10 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

11 I check my mail every day and I do not recall seeing one, but everybody
12 else got one, I must be in error, so I apologize for my attitude.

13 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

14 It's possibly an oversight on our behalf. I can certainly get you a copy of
15 the questionnaire. Definitely we would like to have your feedback.

16 BY MR. HERZOG:

17 There wasn't a copy of the map with them when you sent them?

18 BY MR. SHIFLET:

19 It had a very basic copy of the FUDS area map.

20 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

21 And for folks that aren't familiar with the questionnaire, typically what
22 it's looking at, land use controls, or things like informational signs
23 installed that an area may have potential to contain unexploded ordnance
24 items; brochures that may educate folks on the potential for unexploded
25 ordnances to be in a certain area; things that obviously are going to get a

1 lot of attention or deed restrictions, things like that, you know, which a
2 lot of folks are unwilling, obviously, to implement that on their property.
3 So those are the type of questions that were posed in the questionnaire to
4 again, basically, to get some type of feedback from property owners and
5 whether they were willing to implement those or not.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 You talk about zoning, too.

8 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

9 Right, right.

10 BY MR. HERZOG:

11 About what?

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Zoning and deed restrictions are two of the major --

14 BY MR. HERZOG:

15 Oh, zoning.

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 Those were just items that were identified in the questionnaire in order to
18 get feedback on.

19 BY MR. GOSSETT:

20 When are we going to get the boundary lines correct on Camp Croft?

21 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

22 Boundary lines, as in the boundary of the FUDS itself?

23 BY MR. GOSSETT:

24 I just looked at the computer back there, and you're 1,500 feet off on the
25 southwest.

1 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

2 Okay.

3 BY MR. GOSSETT:

4 I spoke to you on the phone about that. I'm John Gossett, Retired
5 Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

6 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

7 The only thing I can think of, that we would have to sit down and look at
8 some of the real estate documents that we would have and determine
9 whether they're in error or not, because those boundaries are typically
10 drawn based on the real estate documents that we have.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 I've got a map.

13 BY MR. GOSSETT:

14 I don't know where you got those real estate documents, but that's not
15 what's in the courthouse.

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 We'll have to look into that. Like I said, those boundaries are typically
18 drawn based on the real estate documents that have determined whether
19 it's a FUDS or not.

20 BY MR. GOSSETT:

21 When I called you -- I came to a meeting here like three years ago and I
22 complained about it. I talked to you on the phone about it, but your
23 computer still shows the same thing it did three years ago.

24 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

25 All I can tell you, sir, is unless we have concrete information, something

1 that's on a document that says this is where the line is, then those
2 boundaries are not going to get altered.

3 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

4 I told you on the phone that I would take you or your people and show
5 you the markers that was put in the ground in 1939 and '40. My dad was
6 the post engineer of Camp Croft.

7 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

8 We can certainly do that, but again, I'm not going to tell you that the line
9 is going to be changed based on information that you may have.

10 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

11 Colonel, is the old line map that the county has, is it correct; do you
12 know?

13 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

14 The plats of the property owners is correct.

15 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

16 I don't doubt that. I was just wondering, the county is supposed to be
17 maintaining an online system of correct -- a map of property boundaries,
18 and I was just wondering if he's got it wrong, and he's getting it from the
19 computer, then the county, that might be where the error is, if you
20 understand what I'm trying to say. Because I don't doubt what you're
21 saying about your printed out plats.

22 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

23 I don't know anything about the online system; I know what the plat for
24 the property calls for; the property has been in my family, and my dad
25 was the post engineer of Camp Croft, and I own the property now, and I

1 can show you the markers. And the survey, when I had it surveyed it goes
2 to those markers. And I've talked to Mr. Livermore on the phone about
3 this.

4 I think you need to get the boundaries correct; whatever you've got to do.

5 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

6 That's something we can certainly look into, but what I'm saying is unless
7 we have some type of real estate documents that show where the boundary
8 is, legally I'm probably not going to be able to get the powers that be to
9 change that boundary.

10 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

11 How did you arrive at the boundaries you're showing on your computer?

12 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

13 Well, I'm sure this was done by the real estate documents is what I'm
14 saying.

15 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

16 Well, you're 1,500 feet off on the southwest side. You're on people that
17 were never close to Camp Croft. I mean, I've already told you.

18 **BY MR. HAYES:**

19 I've got a plat map of the whole camp Harwood BB did when they were
20 buying the properties; I'll get you a copy of it.

21 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

22 Okay.

23 **BY MR. HODGE:**

24 Can you tell us what affect the results, the total overall results of the
25 letter that you sent out, what will be the effect of that information? Will

1 it affect what you do, or is it just information?

2 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

3 It will definitely have some bearing on what we do. Obviously, if there is
4 a lack of willingness, or desire to implement certain land use controls that
5 we're looking at, then we may be reluctant as far as to implement those
6 with the alternative that's recommended; so definitely they will be taken
7 into consideration when the alternatives are selected for certain sites.

8 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

9 Paul Savko, previous board member.

10 When you talked about mailing out mailings, there were several heads in
11 here that were shaking no; maybe a show of hands of people that did not
12 get the letter?

13 (Hands are raised.)

14 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

15 Anybody else? There's another one.

16 So maybe you want to reconsider and maybe send a couple of more out?

17 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

18 It's possible. I think we would probably have to talk with you
19 specifically, or maybe find out on the GIS system where your parcels are.
20 It's possible maybe that those properties were not within those areas,
21 maybe, that are being recommended for some type of further action; so
22 it's possible that's why those property owners did not receive a letter.

23 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

24 Second question; Paul Savko, previous board member.

25 For Jason; this ordinance that you have found, this is the fourth

1 remediation at Camp Croft, as I understand; is that correct?

2 BY MR. SHIFLET:

3 Oh, at least, if not more.

4 BY MR. SAVKO:

5 Okay, four.

6 BY MR. SHIFLET:

7 At various areas within the former FUDS.

8 BY MR. SAVKO:

9 Do you have a comparison between the number found on the first
10 remediation, the second, the third, and the fourth? Did you find 10 ton,
11 and 4 ton, and 3 ton; did it diminish?

12 BY MR. SHIFLET:

13 Unfortunately, the removal actions that have been conducted at the site
14 have all been in different areas, so you can't really compare one to the
15 other. You know, one area, at the Wedgewood Community, was a grenade
16 court, and then some of the other areas have been projectiles and other
17 types of items that really are unrelated, other than they're former
18 military.

19 BY MR. SAVKO:

20 So you concentrated on the grenade, and these short artilleries, 37
21 millimeter, 90 millimeter, and whatever?

22 BY MR. SHIFLET:

23 No; previous removal actions have been driven, to my understanding,
24 more by their time critical nature; in other words, grenades were found in
25 a residential area; that was a high risk, and so the government decided

1 that they wanted to have that area cleared.

2 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

3 And that's proper.

4 Another question, please, for Jason; a lot of this was practice ordnance;
5 is there a relationship between unexploded or practice ordnance, as
6 opposed to actual ordnance?

7 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

8 Yes, there is a relationship.

9 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

10 50/50?

11 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

12 Well, no; I wouldn't go so far to say that there is a relationship between
13 the number of UXO and the amount of MD that you might find in a given
14 area, but I would say that MD, munitions debris, practice items, are
15 indicative of the potential for UXO. And so it's not really like a one to
16 one relationship; if you find munitions debris, practice items, you may
17 also find UXO.

18 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

19 Do you have a relationship between ordnance and debris? I would believe
20 that you would find more debris.

21 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

22 Yes, often the case is the majority of what we find is munitions debris,
23 frags, scraps, things like that; smaller pieces of items, and then
24 occasionally UXO.

25 **BY MR. SAVKO:**

1 What is the lifespan of a grenade that's lying out in the field covered over
2 by dirt? Would it deteriorate in 5 years, 10 years, 12 years?

3 BY MR. SHIFLET:

4 Well, I'll give you --

5 BY MR. HERZOG:

6 Forever.

7 BY MR. SHIFLET:

8 -- *an anecdotal answer.*

9 BY MR. SAVKO:

10 Forever? Is that true?

11 BY MR. SHIFLET:

12 Well, I think it depends on the moisture; it depends on whether or not it's
13 inside of any sort of protective casing, because eventually the metal is
14 going to rust and go away. But it is not uncommon to find something like
15 a grenade that's been buried in the subsurface 50 years later that is still as
16 dangerous as it was then.

17 BY MR. SAVKO:

18 Thank you, sir.

19 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

20 What was the largest caliber that was used here, 105s?

21 BY MR. SHIFLET:

22 No, sir; the largest that we have record of, and have actually found and
23 destroyed, are 155.

24 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

25 There was a 105 found many years ago on Larry Hodges' property, but the

1 records say that they never did fire that, but they did.

2 BY MS. MEON:

3 I live on River Ridge. I came to the meeting to find out plans for the
4 property; it's on the postcard; that's what I thought I was going to be
5 finding out, but if I understand correctly, I just heard Mr. Livermore
6 initially say that the Feasibility Study is not ready.

7 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

8 That's correct.

9 BY MS. MEON:

10 And it will be discussed at another time.

11 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

12 Probably the next RAB meeting. I'm hoping it'll be finalized by the next
13 RAB meeting.

14 BY MS. MEON:

15 But then you said that the questionnaire that was mailed out will be a
16 component of that Feasibility Study, and there is no deadline for return of
17 that questionnaire that's been established. This gentleman just said that
18 at some point a deadline will have to be set.

19 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

20 There is not a deadline; it's basically a -- there's no requirement to return
21 the questionnaire. It's basically just to get a feel for what the general
22 consensus is in regards to some of these land use controls.

23 If you do have a question about a certain parcel, you can find out whether
24 that parcel is within one of the proposed areas that we are recommending.

25 We do have that information at the work station in the back, and you can

1 find out whether it is within one of those, what are termed, munitions
2 response sites, areas that we have identified that need some type of
3 further action. So you can find that information out at the work station.
4 But again, these areas are proposed at this time; they have not been
5 finalized as of yet.

6 BY MS. MEON:

7 It seems that there are multiple delays built in. I mean, you have a second
8 generation Corps of Engineer who is ready to give documentation, and it's
9 not being followed up on from what I'm hearing. Are you waiting on a
10 third generation?

11 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

12 Are you referring to the environmental investigation, or the boundaries?

13 BY MS. MEON:

14 I'm referring to the gentleman that has historical information about the
15 boundaries.

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 In regards to the FUDS boundary itself, as you mentioned, that was
18 something that we talked about, about a month ago, and like I said, unless
19 I have some type of real estate documents that I can provide to the real
20 estate attorneys to change the FUDS boundary, it's not as simple as just
21 saying we need to make the lines somewhere else. I need concrete
22 information to have the boundaries changed.

23 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

24 You're going off of public records, correct?

25 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

1 I'm going off of real estate records that the Department of Defense signed
2 as far as lease or purchasing the property when it was an active
3 installation. And that's how the FUDS boundaries are determined, based
4 on those real estate documents.

5 **BY MR. HAYES:**

6 I have a survey plat of the whole Camp Croft. Harwood BB was the
7 engineering firm, kind of like Lockwood Greene, or CH2MHill here in
8 town now; Harwood BB is not in business anymore. So they hired
9 Harwood BB to go in and survey all the plats of all the landowners before
10 they bought the land from them. So they've got it in the county
11 courthouse and I made copies of it and I'll get you a copy of that.

12 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

13 Okay.

14 **BY MR. HODGE:**

15 Following up on my earlier question and the lady's comments just now, it
16 doesn't sound like the survey has a lot of importance. Evidently the
17 efforts you guys have put in about getting it out and the problems that you
18 had getting it out, how important is the survey to the final decision?

19 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

20 You're referring to the questionnaire that was sent out?

21 **BY MR. HODGE:**

22 The questionnaire. I mean is it just a formality that you go through to
23 look at it and stick it in a drawer? Is it going to have any impact on your
24 final decision?

25 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

1 No, it does have an impact, and it is -- I would say it's probably all of the
2 above; it's definitely a formality that has to be included in the process. It
3 is something that we consider. But again, it's not anything -- because we
4 do not, obviously, own the property, it's not something that we can
5 enforce on the property, so again it's just something to judge, or get a feel
6 for, what the general consensus is in regards to these type of actions that
7 may be able to be implemented.

8 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

9 I guess I'm sensing that maybe there's something that needs to be
10 mentioned because the crowd is bigger at this RAB meeting than was in
11 the last where we talked about the RI and the FS, and what those
12 documents are, so maybe -- is it fair to say there's some general
13 wonderment about what the FS, the Feasibility Study, is; is that true? I
14 mean, are folks familiar with it?

15 **BY MR. HODGE:**

16 Well, I can answer personally; this is the first meeting I've been to, and
17 the reason I'm here is because of the letter that I received making me
18 think there was going to be some controls put over what I can do with my
19 land, and that's what I came tonight to hear discussed; you know, that's
20 my assumption.

21 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

22 Well, so that's exactly why I'm feeling this compulsion to explain. The
23 RI report is here's what we found out about our investigation. The
24 Feasibility Study takes that information and then evaluates a series of
25 possible alternatives; everything from we're going to do nothing to -- not

1 we, the government, is going to do nothing, to we're going to do a 100
2 percent removal action at your property, and there's a spectrum in
3 between. And so those alternatives have to be evaluated; I have to
4 evaluate the cost, whether or not folks are willing to do it, whether or not
5 it's technologically feasible; that's what a Feasibility Study is. And then
6 we present that to the stake-holders, including you, and decisions are then
7 made on how properties should be handled; whether you guys decide you
8 want this alternative, or that alternative. Once that decision is made, it's
9 formalized in a series of documents where that's laid out specifically. So
10 we're just at the stage now where we're trying to decide what alternatives
11 are possible. And in order to make that determination, I mean, at some
12 point Zapata, is going to have to decide "This alternative is probably
13 feasible and needs to be considered and this one isn't." In order to make
14 that determination, I have to understand if the stakeholders, you, are
15 willing to do something; either this or that. And that this or that is are
16 you willing to communicate information about your property in the form
17 of signs; are you willing to share brochures in your community; are you
18 willing to tell us if a sign that we have installed, that the government has
19 installed, if it's vandalized and needs to be replaced; that sort of thing.
20 And your answer can be no, or it could be yes, and we've gotten some of
21 both. And all of that information is a requirement; it's a federal law; we
22 have to ask; you don't have to answer, but we have to ask. And then we
23 take that and that goes in to something called an institutional analysis,
24 which is part of the Feasibility Study, and that's what the letter is for.

25 BY MR. HODGE:

1 And you're with what department?

2 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

3 I'm with Zapata, Incorporated, and we were the contractor hired to do the
4 investigation.

5 **BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:**

6 So the input you're talking about is the answer to the letter, right?

7 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

8 Correct.

9 **BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:**

10 Okay, now I don't actually own any property, but my mother-in-law did,
11 and she has passed away. I saw that letter, but I can't find it now to give
12 to the people who now own that property, or will as soon as probate goes
13 through; how do I get another copy?

14 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

15 We can certainly have it mailed to you, or emailed, whatever would be the
16 best process for us to get you a copy.

17 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

18 Yeah, I think the best thing would be if you want a copy of the letter and
19 you don't have one, let me know; I need your name and address, or email
20 address, some way to contact you, and I can assure you that you will get
21 one. When I get back to the office tomorrow I'll make that happen.

22 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

23 On your analysis and everything, did you find any ordnance outside of the
24 fans, and if so, where, and what were they?

25 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

1 Outside of the range fans, as drawn on our maps that we got --

2 BY MR. GOSSETT:

3 On Camp Croft map.

4 BY MR. SHIFLET:

5 Yes.

6 BY MR. GOSSETT:

7 Where was it, and what was it?

8 BY MR. SHIFLET:

9 We found a 60 millimeter mortar just off of, the one that comes to mind,
10 just off of Whitestone Road, south of the range fan boundary as we know
11 it.

12 BY MR. GOSSETT:

13 Okay, anything else?

14 BY MR. SHIFLET:

15 There may be others; we've found lots of stuff all over the place.

16 BY MR. GOSSETT:

17 Did you find anything west of Fairforest Creek?

18 BY MR. SHIFLET:

19 I can't say for sure.

20 BY MR. GOSSETT:

21 That's the main creek that ran through the post.

22 BY MR. SHIFLET:

23 Without looking at the data in front of me, I don't have all of it
24 memorized.

25 BY MR. GOSSETT:

1 The reason I ask this question is for these other people; everything you
2 folks do is going to devalue our property at some time in the future. Now,
3 as I talked to Mr. Livermore, did we buy something that was tainted? Did
4 our heirs, my father and mother, buy something, his father and mother buy
5 something, that was tainted from the government, and if so, I'm sure that
6 we can get three people to form a class action.

7 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

8 Well, that's where I would ask you to communicate through the Corps of
9 Engineers and not us; we're just the contractor hired to help.

10 **BY MR. HOFFMAN:**

11 Steve Hoffman, a resident of Whitestone. I've understood that there was
12 350 total surveys mailed out.

13 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

14 Approximately.

15 **BY MR. HOFFMAN:**

16 In comparison, what percentage of that is to the landowners involved in
17 the areas?

18 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

19 Well, the way that we generate that list is by using parcel data that we get
20 from the county, and whatever those data say, in terms of address and
21 owner, that's what we use. So we don't contact every parcel's owner and
22 verify their address and name; we just generate the mailing list from the
23 county data.

24 **BY MR. HOFFMAN:**

25 Well, what I'm asking is, in relation to landowners versus mailings, is it

1 like one-tenth, or is it one-twentieth? Was there several thousand people,
2 landowners, versus the 350 mailings?

3 BY MR. SHIFLET:

4 No, I would say, again, it's going to be a little bit of a guess, but out of
5 all of the landowners that are within the FUDS boundary as we understand
6 it, we probably sent letters to three-fifths to four-fifths of those people.
7 Some folks fall outside of the area we investigated, but within the FUDS
8 boundary, and they shouldn't have gotten a letter; in some cases they did,
9 but that was a data --

10 BY MR. HOFFMAN:

11 That's what you had mentioned earlier about possibly got a letter but
12 shouldn't have.

13 BY MR. SHIFLET:

14 Right.

15 BY MR. HOFFMAN:

16 So somewhere in the neighborhood of 75 percent?

17 BY MR. SHIFLET:

18 That's probably a fair number.

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 But you had the addresses from people that we've tried to get the right of
21 entries from people, right?

22 BY MR. SHIFLET:

23 Right.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 And did you send any of the questionnaires to anybody that didn't get a

1 right of entry request?

2 BY MR. SHIFLET:

3 We sent letters to owners of parcels within the area; they may not have
4 signed a right of entry.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 I'm just talking about the request for right of entry.

7 BY MR. SHIFLET:

8 Yeah, I mean to us it doesn't matter; if the parcel is within -- let's say
9 there's a parcel where we did not get a right of entry, but it falls close
10 enough to the area of investigation, or within it even, they got a letter.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 I want to clarify for people; now, you're talking about the Remedial
13 Investigation and the Feasibility Study; so to clarify, the Remedial
14 Investigation was finished October 2014, and that's on the website,
15 camcroft.net; look for technical documents; it's on the very top of the
16 technical documents. It might take a while to find your area, but if you
17 hunt, you can find it, or he can show you back there where it is.

18 BY MR. SHIFLET:

19 It's also at the library.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 So from that, you're doing a Feasibility Study, which should be finished
22 by June. I just want to clarify.

23 BY MR. SHIFLET:

24 That's correct.

25 BY MR. GIBSON:

1 And just as a comment, Mr. Gossett back here, in general, everything
2 that's going on, related to all this Feasibility Study and the remediation
3 and so forth, is to protect the homeowners', or the property owners', in
4 that area, value of their property. They're trying to minimize any effect
5 down the road that it may have on the value of your property.

6 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

7 You go out there and stick a sign up, or if you put something in the
8 Spartanburg paper, or if you find some reason that somebody wants to buy
9 it, whether it's me or you or some of these people, or whoever, it's
10 devalued immediately. Unless the county wants to put a landfill out
11 there, then all of a sudden there's no problem with that property if the
12 county wanted to put a landfill out there. But if anybody else wanted to
13 do anything, there would be a problem.

14 **BY MR. GIBSON:**

15 What I'm saying is, they have to check your property and then any
16 remediation that needed to be done, then you would be in better stead than
17 somebody that had denied entry to their property.

18 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

19 Do you own property in this area, in the Camp Croft area?

20 **BY MR. GIBSON:**

21 No.

22 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

23 Then that answers all my questions.

24 **BY MR. MCCLURE:**

25 I'm Don McClure. I'm a property owner in the area where they did the

1 investigation; their statement was no further action required. But yet, we
2 get a questionnaire indicating they want to blanket the entire area, mine
3 included, with these signs about unexploded ordnance. It's just exactly
4 what John Gossett is saying, that will tend to devalue the property, even
5 though mine was investigated, no further action required, but yet I know
6 there's some area in the impact range that certainly need further work,
7 and they certainly need the signs, but the rest of us don't, and don't want
8 them.

9 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

10 Mr. McClure, I think we definitely exchanged -- or at least I emailed you
11 as far as information I had in regards to your property.

12 BY MR. MCCLURE:

13 Correct.

14 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

15 And it's true that the majority of the property may not fall within certain
16 areas that requires further actions, but I believe that there was a portion
17 of the property that did fall within the areas that were identified for
18 further action; so in that regard, any type of recommendation for
19 installation of a sign would be only in those areas where we have
20 identified areas that maybe have the potential to have unexploded
21 ordnance. And the installation of a sign, that is not something that we can
22 force upon the property owner. Again, that is the purpose of the
23 questionnaire to determine whether there is a willingness by the property
24 owners to implement that. So that's not something that we can -- if the
25 property owner doesn't want a sign on their property, that's something

1 that we cannot force the property owner to do.

2 **BY MR. MCCLURE:**

3 And I appreciate your responses to my questions and the phone call. You
4 know, when you sent the survey out, the survey didn't indicate that; the
5 survey sort of indicated we're going to blanket the entire place with signs
6 of what we'd like to do, and the government maintains them, etc...

7 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

8 I apologize if that's the impression that the questionnaire gave; it
9 definitely wasn't our intention to indicate that that's something that was
10 going to happen, or something that we could enforce throughout the area.

11 **BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:**

12 In the Old Business, one of the options that was listed, if we were
13 interested, involved the deeds, and the modification of deeds which are
14 already recorded; now, is that not opening the door for real problems later
15 on, if you go in and modify, or can you legally modify a deed?

16 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

17 Again, that would have to be something that the property owner would
18 have to agree to, and the intent of that is to, basically, identify on the
19 property that it has the potential to have unexploded ordnance on it, to
20 convey that there is a potential risk on the property, in the event that the
21 property is transferred. So basically a notification for subsequent owners
22 that there is a risk associated with the property.

23 **BY MR. HODGE:**

24 Is the reverse of that true? Can I put on my deed that it has been cleared
25 by you guys, that there's no ordnance there?

1 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

2 That is something that we had discussed at the last meeting. I know Mr.
3 Herzog had inquired about doing that exact action, and we had mentioned
4 at the last meeting -- Susan Byrd had mentioned that another project in
5 South Carolina where that type of a process has been implemented. That
6 is certainly something that we can do. Obviously, it would have to be
7 coordinated with the county as far as to put that information on a deed.
8 But again, that is something that would have to be discussed and
9 confirmed with the county that that's something that they would be able to
10 implement.

11 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

12 Who makes the final decision on something like that?

13 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

14 Again, I think it's probably the county that would have to buy in to be
15 able to move forward with that.

16 BY MR. HODGE:

17 But is that realistic to be able to put that on a deed if it hasn't been
18 actually removed; if every piece of that property hasn't been checked and
19 cleared by somebody, is it really practical, or would it be doable to put
20 that on that deed that this property is clear?

21 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

22 Obviously, whoever the entity is, if it's Corps of Engineers that is
23 involved, we would have to basically certify that through our
24 investigation; for instance, through this Remedial Investigation, there are
25 certain areas that we are identifying not be included in these areas to

1 move forward. So we would have to indicate that that area has been
2 recommended for no further action. So that is information that we would
3 have to determine through our investigative process that that is the case
4 for that particular parcel.

5 BY MR. HODGE:

6 But that is something that can be done, you think?

7 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

8 That is something that has been done for other sites within the state.

9 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

10 When will that information be available to everybody so they can check
11 their mail?

12 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

13 Information in the investigation?

14 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

15 Yeah, where it says no further action, or further action, or where --

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 That's the Feasibility Study; that is the document that we're talking about
18 which is going to recommend what actions for specific areas of further
19 concern; so that will recommend what we refer to as munitions response
20 sites; sites that were developed out of the Remedial Investigation report
21 that indicated this area has some potential concern due to what we found
22 during the Remedial Investigation. So that will be documented in the
23 Feasibility Study, which is the report that we had talked about, and
24 hopefully that will be finalized by the next RAB.

25 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

1 You can't prove 100 percent of anything, you know. The discussion last
2 time based around whether or not that a piece of property, a property
3 owner that permitted his property to be investigated versus a property
4 owner that did not permit his piece of property to be investigated; should
5 that be noted? I can't foresee anybody that knows anything about
6 statistics certifying that any piece of property is 100 percent clear; they
7 can only certify that you permitted it, the study, or didn't permit it; that
8 something was found, or was not found; and that there was no probability,
9 based on that, that anything be removed. But those are the only factors
10 from a statistical standpoint that anybody could legitimately say about
11 any of our pieces of property. I mean, I own a piece of property that's not
12 in Camp Croft, but nobody can say it's 100 percent safe; you understand
13 what I'm saying?

14 BY MR. HODGE:

15 I understand.

16 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

17 So that was the main root of the question, and I raised it, that was kicked
18 around originally, was what about the difference between those that
19 provided their property to be investigated and opened it up, versus those
20 pieces of property that the Corps wanted to investigate, but the property
21 owner declined; that was the root of the two sides of that question. Now,
22 you know, it went everywhere from there. I'm going to take the blame for
23 initially bringing it up a number of meetings ago.

24 BY MR. HODGE:

25 Well, I apologize that you're having to talk about stuff you've probably

1 talked about for 5 years.

2 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

3 No, no, that's the purpose of this.

4 **BY MR. HODGE:**

5 But my question was -- I understand what you're saying; if I let you in
6 and inspect my property, and you don't find anything, what are we going
7 to put on my deed; that it's clear?

8 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

9 Well, first of all, the county council has got to okay it; first of all. And
10 another thing that needs to be said is this county has voted down time and
11 time again zoning. So the county council, all this works around the
12 county council; now, we know the federal government can come down
13 with that, with the hand to change anything, but as I understand things, as
14 we sit here today, nothing is going to go through unless the county
15 council says to do it on the deeds. In certain counties where they did
16 bombing runs, and I believe one of them is Horry County, and yes, those
17 deeds are stamped. But that's a horse of a different color.

18 **BY MR. HODGE:**

19 Stamped how? Yes or no?

20 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

21 Stamped clear or -- no, they're not stamped clear. Stamped that they were
22 either surveyed and checked and nothing was found, surveyed and checked
23 something was found and removed. That's all they can say.

24 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

25 And I concur; that's the only language that will probably be permitted on

1 the deeds, is to state that it was investigated and nothing was found,
2 because you're never ever going to be able to 100 percent say it's clear of
3 any potential munitions.

4 BY THE HAYES:

5 Well, there would be a third one, no right of entry?

6 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

7 Yeah.

8 BY MR. GOSSETT:

9 I don't know how many people in here are familiar with it, but when a
10 firing had a round that goes outside the fan, range control shuts
11 everything down, and they go find that round. Now, that happened at
12 Camp Croft. I already told them about the 60 millimeter mortar.
13 What we're trying to do, and we should not be doing, is making one shoe
14 fit everybody, and you alluded to this. There may be some areas where
15 your study found things, and there may be some other studies that need to
16 be done in those areas, but where you did the study, like on my property,
17 and Dr. McClure, and probably on Gary's, you didn't find anything; we
18 knew that. The same shoe don't fit us that fits Whitestone; where you
19 talk about stamping deeds, where you talk about putting up signs, or
20 anything. Government likes to make one shoe fit everybody. Now, I
21 know all you people have good intentions, but what you do, whether it
22 becomes legal or illegal, is going to affect our property values. Just as if
23 you owned the property. I don't know how many of you own property in
24 the area, and I really don't care. But one shoe does not fit everybody.
25 We need to get to the core of the problem instead of bouncing around the

1 outside. You know, the University of South Carolina has got to get to the
2 core of the problem with their football team. And if you can get to the
3 core problem and deal with the problem, you'd probably get more
4 cooperation. You can get rid of people like me, and Dr. McClure, and
5 Gary Hayes. But we're going to be here as long as you, the board, the
6 Corps, the government, is thinking about doing things that's going to take
7 money out of our pocket, and that's what's going to happen. You may
8 have good intentions, but talking to a real estate advisor, appraiser, the
9 county, the newspaper get a hold of it, uh-oh, you belong to the other side
10 of the road.

11 So, I ask you as a board, I ask you as the Corps, to get to the core of the
12 problem, and deal with the core of the problem and get rid of the people
13 that are not affected. And if your study didn't show you where those
14 people are, then you need to do another study. I'll be happy to answer
15 your questions.

16 **BY MR. HERZOG:**

17 I've got to ask, from my perspective here, the core of the problem is you
18 have a vast area where there's some potential for unexploded ordnance;
19 are you suggesting that the government purchase all these properties from
20 everyone in that geographical area, move them out so that nobody can go
21 in there, and then they can remediate at a certain point, or are you
22 suggesting that there be a mass of infusion of money, which I doubt will
23 come because the Corps can only go as far as the money is appropriated
24 by the Congress to remediate this area?

25 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

1 No, what I'm suggesting is you've done a study, and just like on my
2 property you didn't show anything, which I knew it wouldn't. Now, I'm
3 still into the big wash of everything. If your study is not accurate, or you
4 don't have confidence in the statistics, do another one. Of course, as you
5 know, with statistics, you can elevate it up. Once you get a low point and
6 high point, I don't care how many times you test, you won't get rid of
7 those low point and high point statistics. But getting the people that's not
8 involved out of it, whatever that takes, is it take another study, fine. It's
9 tax dollars either way you look at it. We're just asking for a fair shake,
10 and one shoe does not fit everybody, or the same size don't fit everybody.
11 Your problem is inside the fan; if it was outside the fan, the range control
12 would have shut it down. Just like you talk about something about they're
13 bombing everything; let me tell you, we shut Fort Bragg down every time
14 there was a round outside of that fan. I was there; I know.

15 BY MR. TOBIAS:

16 I'd like to address that, because I don't think that's necessarily correct,
17 because at points -- they have found things outside the fan, and there are
18 burial pits and different things, you know, outside of where the ordnances
19 were shot and they imploded. They're finding them outside the fan.

20 BY MR. GOSSETT:

21 I hate to disagree with you, but then again I'm glad to disagree with you;
22 you're wrong. Range control would have shut it down.

23 BY MR. TOBIAS:

24 They weren't put there by shooting them; they buried stuff out there.

25 BY MR. GOSSETT:

1 They what?

2 BY MR. TOBIAS:

3 Buried stuff out there.

4 BY MR. GOSSETT:

5 Have you got any proof of that? And you're saying it did, have you dug it
6 up?

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 Well, that's part of the problem.

9 BY MR. GOSSETT:

10 That story has gone on since I was a little boy. That story has gone on on
11 his and my cousin's property; you can ask people, show me right where
12 they dug it, where they buried it. I grew up in that house that's 1,500
13 meters inside the range back there. He's showing that Camp Croft went
14 1,500 meters on the other side of where I grew up, where my dad and
15 mother lived; dad was the post engineer; mother was the post
16 commander's driver. Man, if we were calling artillery in a war, and we
17 were 1,500 meters off, we sure wouldn't be killing any enemy.

18 I want to make another point; he reminded me. If you want to do these
19 things, we should be compensated for it. If the board, the Corps, or the
20 government, want to do things to our property, we deserve to be
21 compensated.

22 BY MR. HERZOG:

23 In addition to not being charged for any remediation.

24 BY MR. TOBIAS:

25 He's talking about the devaluation of his property. If they were to put a

1 stamp on every piece of property inside the Camp, and say "We're
2 notifying now that this was a former military camp, and there's potential
3 contamination, it's automatically devalued, everybody's property; it is.
4 And that's a problem. The county foundation should have notified people
5 50 years ago that they were buying a former camp. I think the burden
6 should go on the Spartanburg County Foundation, and they are the ones
7 that I think are liable for the devaluation of your property because they
8 are ultimately the ones that sold all the property.

9 BY MR. GOSSETT:

10 The property that I own, Gary Hayes' family, my family owned, was
11 bought from the Department of the Army.

12 BY MR. TOBIAS:

13 Was it?

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Almost all of that property was bought from the Department of the Army.

16 There's deeds --

17 BY MR. TOBIAS:

18 The foundation; you didn't get any from the foundation?

19 BY MR. HAYES:

20 No. A lot of the containment area was with the foundation.

21 BY MR. TOBIAS:

22 The containment area was the foundation?

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Some of the containment area was the foundations'.

25 BY MR. GOSSETT:

1 Now the other thing, and my first complaint, get the property lines right;
2 get where the camp actually was.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 That's correct.

5 BY MR. GOSSETT:

6 The 1,500 meters you're off on the southwest side takes in all of his
7 property; takes in property I own, and all the people down there.

8 BY MR. TOBIAS:

9 Where is this property at? I'm trying to think. I am not familiar with
10 your property.

11 BY MR. GOSSETT:

12 Shiloh Church Road, Pauline.

13 BY MR. TOBIAS:

14 Okay, that's below the Fairforest Creek?

15 BY MR. GOSSETT:

16 Fairforest Creek is about 2,000 meters east.

17 Get those lines right. I told Mr. Livermore that on the phone. Get rid of
18 one shoe fits everybody. Prioritize the property. And if you don't know
19 something, don't allude to it, such as burying -- stuff buried.

20 BY MR. TOBIAS:

21 There's places where we've found buried stuff, I think, outside of the fan;
22 specifically behind Georgia Pacific.

23 BY MR. GOSSETT:

24 What did you find?

25 BY MR. TOBIAS:

1 There's RPGs.

2 BY MR. GOSSETT:

3 RPGs?

4 BY MR. TOBIAS:

5 Well, rocket propelled grenades.

6 BY MR. GOSSETT:

7 World War II didn't have RPGs.

8 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

9 Was this something that was found by private citizens or during some of
10 the remedial action?

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 It was on the --

13 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

14 Is that something that we discovered during the investigation, Jason?

15 BY MR. SHIFLET:

16 Yes; we have found buried items on occasion, yes.

17 I think what's also important to mention, two things that have come to
18 mind since you brought them up; one is that, you know, the shoe doesn't
19 fit in every case analogy; I would suggest that, folks, if you've not read
20 the RI, that you read it; that's what we do in it. I mean, we identified
21 areas that have the likelihood to have MEC contamination and areas that
22 probably don't. And that gets carried in to the FS and that's where the
23 decision is going to happen. So I think to assume that because you got a
24 questionnaire, or letter, that your property is going to be handled one way
25 or the other, it's probably an incorrect assumption. It's just gauging your

1 interest in supporting an action one way or the other. It says nothing
2 about your property specifically, except that you are within a boundary
3 that we have.

4 And then the second item is that I put very little value -- not very little; I
5 put marginal value on historical range records because I've done enough
6 work at this site, and others, where the historical records indicate one
7 thing was used and something completely different was found. And that
8 case bears time and time again here at Camp Croft where we have small
9 arms ranges, areas, range fans, that are designated as small arms rifle
10 ranges, and there are artillery rounds; that doesn't make sense. So that's
11 a fundamental decision we made when we designed our study; we already
12 knew that was the case; we knew that there were things being found in
13 places that they shouldn't be according to historical documentation. So
14 we designed our investigation to get at that problem. And we have a
15 tremendous amount of evidence in the RI that will substantiate that. So if
16 you take the time, and I realize it's a complicated, lengthy document, but
17 it's there, and it says exactly what you're asking; this area, we didn't find
18 anything; this area, we did; and those are two separate areas going
19 forward.

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 One thing I don't like about the RI was where they had grids, where they
22 put in grids, certain places didn't show the results of the grids.

23 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

24 I'm not sure what you mean.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Well, if you had a tangent, if you had a place where they went a straight
2 line all the way across the camp area and they found a few hits, and they
3 decided to put in a 50 by 50 grid to check that area, it didn't show the
4 results of the grids on the RI.

5 BY MR. SHIFLET:

6 It does note whether or not MEC was found.

7 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

8 Where what was found?

9 BY MR. SHIFLET:

10 MEC; UXO.

11 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

12 Shrapnel?

13 BY MR. SHIFLET:

14 Not shrapnel; an actual UXO item. There's a difference between shrapnel
15 and UXO.

16 BY MR. GOSSETT:

17 I think you and I have talked about this, but your piece of equipment, if
18 you have a rock that has a high iron content, how does it show up?

19 BY MR. SHIFLET:

20 Well, we did a couple of different things; keep in mind, in some places we
21 used that instrument, and some places we dug, everything that we
22 encountered, whether it was a rock or metal or otherwise; we dug up nails
23 out of the ground.

24 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

25 Colonel, I want to make sure I understand; is it your contention that the

1 lines of the fan is incorrect, or the line of your property is incorrect?

2 BY MR. GOSSETT?

3 Both of them. The line of my property and your line on that map on that
4 computer back there is 1,500 meters apart.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 You're talking about the Camp Croft border?

7 BY MR. GOSSETT:

8 Camp Croft border. When they built Camp Croft, they surveyed it, and
9 they put little markers in the ground. And on top of the markers engraved
10 in a little bronze, probably copper back then, Camp Croft.

11 I think you ought to prioritize the property; get the property lines right to
12 start with; the Camp Croft property lines; know where they are and put
13 them on your map; that's where you should be working. You shouldn't be
14 working in my cow pasture 1,500 meters outside of the park, Camp Croft.

15 The second thing, one shoe don't fit everybody in here, or all the property
16 owners. And once you get that out of the way, you've got some meat that
17 you can deal with, and you've got some people that you can deal with.

18 To try to float a balloon that you're helping us by marking it don't fly,
19 because we see through that balloon. Put yourself in our places; put
20 yourself in our places. The Corps, and the Army, and the government
21 don't care; all they want to do is get in your pocket. We don't ever give
22 them enough taxes; they never have enough money for the budget, but we
23 are the ones that are going to pay the bill. If you're not a property owner
24 inside of that Camp Croft line, once you establish it, you need to get some
25 of them on the board, because if there's no representation on that board of

1 stakeholders, then we, the shareholders, are not represented.

2 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

3 Well, I'll say this right now, that if there's a property owner that wants on
4 the board, and there's not a vacant seat open, I'll quit so you can have it.

5 BY MR. GOSSETT:

6 You want to give your chair up now?

7 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

8 I resign.

9 (Mr. McMillan left the table and Mr. Gossett stepped up.)

10 BY MR. GOSSETT:

11 I just took him up on his offer. You don't take an Army Colonel and
12 make him an offer.

13 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

14 On the issue of the property lines, have they been properly rectified?

15 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

16 I didn't understand your question.

17 BY MR. GOSSETT:

18 I just want to make a point; when you say something, know what you're
19 talking about. I don't want your seat, but I'll be happy to serve on the
20 board.

21 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

22 No, I meant what I was talking about. I don't own property there, and I
23 wanted to let any property owner know that, you know, I don't have a dog
24 in the hunt that you do. I joined the thing because I'm a former artillery
25 officer, and I knew a little bit about what was going on, and so I joined.

1 But I mean exactly what I said; if there's a property owner that wants a
2 position on the board, and there's not a slot available, I'll resign so he
3 can be on it, because I think that's the right thing to do.

4 BY MR. GOSSETT:

5 Well, I'll volunteer to be on the board when you have an opening, but I
6 don't want to take your seat.

7 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

8 Well, you know, the pay ain't much.

9 BY MR. GOSSETT:

10 If you're an artillery officer, you know what I talked about being 1,500
11 meters off a target.

12 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

13 I know exactly what you're talking about, and there's nothing more scary
14 than being the safety officer for a bunch of artillery pieces.

15 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

16 If you're talking about land stats or aerial photographs, and you're putting
17 Camp Croft's boundaries on it, have the boundaries been rectified to those
18 aerials and those land stats? Because they're not going to just plop down;
19 there's going to be stretching and squeezing to known points to get them
20 in the proper place?

21 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

22 I'm not involved in that process. I'm sure that that is done, and again,
23 that's probably done based on the real estate documents that originated
24 from when the installation was --

25 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

1 If you pull up the county tax maps, and you bring up an aerial photograph,
2 the line is wrong, obviously, because they haven't been rectified properly,
3 and I'm wondering if it's possible that the Colonel's area that he's talking
4 about has not been rectified properly on these aerials or land stats.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 Well, some of the lines would go through the middle of a piece of
7 property, or a third of the property, so the property lines might not be the
8 boundary of the Camp.

9 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

10 What I'm saying is they should have taken those boundaries of the camp
11 and gone out to the corners of the camp, known points, and stretch those
12 aerials, or those land stats, to fit those points. Otherwise, it's going to be
13 warped, depending on where the satellite is.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Well, the old survey is out of whack, too, because it's so old, and they
16 didn't have the satellites or didn't have the transects that we have now,
17 but it is a starting point to match them up with the plats.

18 BY MR. MCCLURE:

19 Well, one point that everybody is sort of getting at is credibility. And
20 here we are with this Feasibility Study that's been done, all this kind of
21 stuff, but yet we know personally the original boundaries were wrong.
22 And I don't know how many places they're wrong, but I know where John
23 is talking about because I've walked and seen the markers and seen them
24 on Mr. Douglas' place, so you know, there are obviously errors involved,
25 so then you wonder, well, what else have they got wrong.

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 Well, there are places where some of the farm boys from Iowa are coming
3 in, out for a walk one night and "Let's blow up a hand grenade; let's hear
4 it blow up", you know. Somebody go out with a magnetometer and hit it,
5 "Well, this is a hand grenade range", you know. So, you know, they can't
6 prove that it's a hand grenade range, but they found shrapnel, but it's not
7 in the area that was supposed to have been a range.

8 And I can remember some of the first meetings; I've been on this board
9 since '95, when it first started, and one of the first things that the Corps
10 stated when they came in "Well, there was supposed to have been a hand
11 grenade range here in this area, but they really came in and cleaned it up;
12 we really can't find much evidence of a hand grenade range in this area,
13 so we can't really do anything much." But there are other areas we have
14 -- and it's in some of the first minutes of the RAB; y'all can read some of
15 this stuff and educate yourself of what some of this stuff -- some areas
16 they cleaned up good and some areas they weren't able to clean up. I
17 guess some of the people stayed around for a while and got paid, had a job
18 to hang around, and other people went back on the farm or whatever,
19 started a business when the war was over. But you know, just because
20 they find shrapnel on some property, it's making some people's property
21 look suspicious when nothing was there to start with. You know, some
22 kids might pick something up in one area and haul it all the way home,
23 you know, probably a mile away or something, and then they get -- the
24 parents say "Get rid of that", and they might throw it out in the backyard
25 or something. And then they find something "Oh, this is an impact range

1 or something", you know. Well, you have to go by what is in the records
2 and what's proven to be what, and you know, that's the way some of this
3 stuff gets thrown away. But because the boundary lines are wrong, if
4 they're not changed now, they're going to be in perpetuity wrong, and
5 so future generations might not know the difference; that's one reason
6 they need to be right, and that's one reason they need to get the munitions
7 right.

8 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

9 That's certainly something that I can look into. I will certainly talk with
10 our real estate folks and see if there is any information to indicate that
11 they've got an error as far as how they were drawn on the map.

12 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

13 Well, this is on aerials and land stats. Unless they've gone in and
14 physically put a point, or a known point, on the ground, a known point on
15 that aerial, and done that around the boundaries, the thing is not going to
16 be properly oriented; it's not rectified.

17 BY MR. SAVKO:

18 The transect lines that were done on Camp Croft, were they within the
19 borders; the borders that we know today are the borders that your map
20 showed?

21 BY MR. SHIFLET:

22 The investigation that we conducted was based on the boundary lines that
23 we get from the government as part of our contract, and only in a few
24 cases did we recommend adjusting those lines. And it was in every case
25 based on information we found during the investigation, or something that

1 we knew of prior to our investigation.

2 BY MR. SAVKO:

3 How many adjustments did you ask for?

4 BY MR. SHIFLET:

5 Well, we recommended something in the neighborhood of, I don't know, 4
6 or 5-ish; I mean, it was this whole number of adjustments that --

7 BY MR. SAVKO:

8 So you were pretty happy with the map that you got, and the boundaries?

9 BY MR. SHIFLET:

10 They seemed reasonable to us.

11 BY MR. SAVKO:

12 Okay, thank you.

13 BY MR. GOSSETT:

14 One thing, Army Map Service has a map of Camp Croft; an Army map,
15 and it's right. Why can't you get it to start off with?

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 I can't tell you; I wasn't involved with the process that developed the
18 mapping for Camp Croft. It's something that I can look into and see if
19 that was considered as a source.

20 BY MR. GOSSETT:

21 Did not place one over 12,000. What does that tell you? It tells you very
22 plain, instead of 1-inch pins 100 miles, it's 12 miles. I've used it to run
23 war games all over Camp Croft; all over the 7,000 acres that Croft State
24 Park is; so they'll give you the boundary lines.

25 BY MR. SAVKO:

1 Rather accurately, if it's 1 of 12.

2 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

3 One over 12,000.

4 The other thing is, you can go back to the courthouse and take all the
5 property people that joined, if they had their property surveyed, most
6 likely it is shown where the old Camp Croft line is; mine does, his does. I
7 bet you his does.

8 Now, just like Gary is saying, back in the days of 1939 when they were
9 surveying it, and '40, they may have split the farm; they didn't worry
10 about splitting the farm; they did on mine, on my people's, they split it.

11 But when it was surveyed later when they bought it, it showed the old
12 Camp Croft line. It's 1,500 meters inside of what you're showing on your
13 computer, mister artillery officer.

14 **BY MR. HODGE:**

15 All of this is interesting to me, but my main concern is the deed, and I'm
16 just wondering if -- I mean, I can ask probably 50 questions about how my
17 deed is going to ultimately end up, but I get the feeling from tonight that
18 we can't answer those questions yet. So, if that's true, I'm going to sneak
19 out. Is there any more deed information, or final deed information that
20 we're going to get tonight, or share tonight, or ask tonight?

21 **BY MR. GIBSON:**

22 No.

23 **BY MR. TOBIAS:**

24 There may never be any deed thing, restrictions, done. There's a good
25 likelihood it'll never happen.

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 They generally say you have to go through the County Council.

3 BY MR. TOBIAS:

4 That's right. That's probably not going to happen.

5 BY MR. HODGE:

6 Even use restrictions and zoning?

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 No; nothing is going to happen.

9 BY MR. HODGE:

10 Well, that's my concern.

11 BY MR. TOBIAS:

12 That's my belief.

13 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

14 Referendums have come through the county a number of times to approve
15 or disapprove zoning, and it has failed every time.

16 BY MR. HODGE:

17 But this particular project, therefore this particular problem, has never
18 come before the County Council.

19 BY MR. TOBIAS:

20 They're not going to do anything.

21 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

22 Well, the County Council has known Camp Croft has been out there, you
23 know, a long time before they had the idea of zoning.

24 BY MR. HODGE:

25 But the City, they've never been faced with the questions from the

1 citizens about how is this going to affect my property, so we can't say
2 what they've done in the past is going to mean what they're going to do in
3 the future; we can't say that, and I understand that. And I don't want to
4 derail the subject; like I said, a lot of this is interesting to me, but my
5 main concern is the deed, and I don't think there's going to be any more
6 information tonight for me.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Let me ask you a question. What percent of the landowners of the former
9 Camp Croft, do you think, think the way you do?

10 BY MR. HODGE:

11 Well, I like to think I'm a rational person. Anyway, assuming that most
12 other citizens in the project area are rational, I would think that they all,
13 nothing is always 100 percent, but the big majority are concerned about
14 their property values. When I saw the letter, like I said, tonight is my
15 first night here so I don't know what's been talked about and all this other
16 sort of stuff, it raised some concerns on my part; this is going to
17 adversely affect the value of my property somehow, and I can't tell you
18 specifically how, but if I'm going to buy a piece of property from you,
19 and you tell me that it used to be an Army camp, and I say "Well, is it
20 clear for me to use any way I want to", and you tell me "I can't promise
21 you that; there may be some ammunition out there." I'm not going to pay
22 you as much as I would have if it's clear land that I can basically turn
23 around and sell it to anybody else clear.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 Did you buy your property?

1 BY MR. HODGE:

2 Yes.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 Did you know it was Camp Croft before you bought it?

5 BY MR. HODGE:

6 Not specifically. I knew it was in the area. But okay, let's say I did, yes.

7 BY MR. HAYES:

8 Do you have any regrets now?

9 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

10 I'm sorry?

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Do you have any regrets now?

13 BY MR. DOUGLAS:

14 Not today; I may have some in the future; it depends on how this thing
15 goes.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 Well, you don't have any misgivings from buying your property?

18 BY MR. HODGE:

19 Not at the time I bought it; not up 'til I got that letter, because I was
20 assuming I was free to do whatever I wanted to at my asking price at any
21 time in the future. The letter raised questions in my mind, maybe that's
22 not the case.

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Well, there's landowners that have come to me and said "Look, if they're
25 going to want to get on my property and check anymore, there's going to

1 have to be money in escrow; if they tear my property up, there's got to be
2 money in escrow to be able to fix the property back.

3 **BY MR. HODGE:**

4 To me that's no concern. I've got 50 acres that nobody lives on and it's
5 wilderness and I gave them permission to check it before; now whether
6 they did or not, I'm wondering because I understand there's certain areas,
7 that you checked within certain areas, and not certain in other areas; is
8 that right?

9 My plot on that map back there shows nothing was found; is that right?

10 **BY AARON:**

11 You were outside of any of the investigation area.

12 **BY MR HODGE:**

13 Okay, it was outside of the investigation area; that doesn't mean it's a
14 clear piece of property, in my mind, just because they didn't check it. So
15 what am I going to tell you when I get ready to sell my property to you?
16 I'm going to tell you that it was within the area, but I can't tell you that
17 they checked it and cleared it. I can't tell you that there is ammunition
18 there either. Ethically, I should tell you that there may be ammunition
19 there because it was actually inside the area.

20 **BY MR. HAYES:**

21 Well, it was behind Georgia Pacific the property that was time critical for
22 removal; they found a lot of stuff there. They told them before they went
23 in, "We're going to put the property back the way it was; probably going
24 to be what it was when we leave." Well, it wasn't. The property owner
25 had to sue them; didn't get enough to fix it back; got about \$10,000. So

1 that's raising concerns with more property owners saying "Hey, we're not
2 going to give them right of entry unless a pot of money is in escrow,
3 enough to fix the property back if they don't leave it the way it was when
4 they came in."

5 **BY MR. HODGE:**

6 Well, if I had developed property, I'd probably feel the same way. Mine
7 is undeveloped and it's just forest. I don't see how they could --

8 **BY MR. HAYES:**

9 They could take all your trees down. Do you want your trees down
10 without --

11 **BY MR. HODGE:**

12 I feel like I'm a rational person; I don't think they're going to do that.
13 But if they did, of course, I'd expect some restitution. I can understand
14 that point if you had developed property and all this sort of stuff, and yes,
15 I think it should be returned to the original condition; I don't think they
16 should injure your property in any way without fixing it back.

17 **BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:**

18 The boundary of Camp Croft, is it marked, the outside boundary, with
19 concrete monuments everywhere? I know I've got three of them on our
20 property, but it's a concrete monument that has that little cap on the top
21 of it. Is that done all the way around?

22 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

23 I don't know. I would have to look at the real estate documents.

24 **BY MR. HAYES:**

25 It was at one time.

1 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

2 I don't know.

3 BY MR. HAYES:

4 It was at one time. A lot of people have removed them; some people have
5 moved them, other people have removed them. But some of them are still
6 there. But it just depends on the area. But they're good benchmarks if
7 you know where they're supposed to be, and they're still there on your
8 property. It's got a little medallion on top with a X.

9 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

10 Right.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 X marks the spot.

13 BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

14 But that would be the boundaries?

15 BY MR. HAYES:

16 Yeah, outside boundary.

17 BY MR. GOSSETT:

18 One thing, you're talking about the value; if someone wanted to go buy
19 some of the land, if you have the money and you pay for it, you don't
20 have to deal with people. But if you were going to build a house or
21 something, or you wanted to buy a big plot of land, and you went to
22 borrow money, and the first thing the bank is going to -- it's going to run
23 a red flag up, Camp Croft. You're not going to be able to get the
24 valuation of the appraisal. And some of us may face the same thing if we
25 tried to sell our property. I won't sell mine. I'm not really concerned as

1 much about myself as I am my fellowman. Dr. McClure, don't have to
2 worry about; he's not going to sell his. But there are people that may
3 want to sell, or give their kids a acre, two acres, going to build a house,
4 and go borrow money. The bank is not going to give you the appraised --
5 may even refuse to give you anything. So it's more than just the
6 monetary price per acre; you may be totally refused, or you may be
7 drastically reduced, if you try to borrow money on Camp Croft land, if
8 you, the board, the Corps, don't get it right. You start putting signs up,
9 you start stamping things, you start publicizing it, you're dealing with
10 people; you're dealing with their money. That's why I say, if you're not a
11 stakeholder, you need to get some on that board that can speak for the
12 stakeholders.

13 Mr. Livermore, I'm looking at you to solve the problem and lead the
14 board and the Corps and everybody.

15 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

16 That's certainly what we're here to do, and obviously, we're here to get
17 feedback from the community in this process.

18 **BY MR. GOSSETT:**

19 And there weren't any airplanes that flew in there and dropped bombs on
20 Camp Croft.

21 The second thing is, all the artillery and the mortars bigger than 60 were
22 fired from Dairy Ridge Road, on the right-hand side going in. And the
23 155 millimeter round you found, you better check and see when the U.S.
24 Army acquired 155 millimeter guns; it wasn't during Camp Croft.

25 **BY MR. MCCLURE:**

1 Another question about the Remedial Investigation that was done; how
2 were the boundaries of that determined? It did not cover all of Camp
3 Croft. It seemed like they had areas of what they called interest, where
4 they did the investigation.

5 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

6 Really, the investigation was based on all of the information that we've
7 acquired up to this point; previous removal actions, historical
8 information, obviously the range fans. If there was characterization that
9 was done, that was already done, in certain areas, then there was no need,
10 obviously, to go back and investigate those areas. So the investigation
11 was really to fill in the gaps; information where we didn't have to define
12 where the lines are that indicate these are areas that have the potential to
13 have unexploded ordnance in them.

14 BY MR. MCCLURE:

15 It just seemed to me that when they were working on, you know, the part
16 of the property that I'm involved with, that they were pretty arbitrary
17 where they drew their lines and y'all looked at this, but not that. But yet
18 when they were there, I would take them over and say, you know, "This is
19 what I found being here for 20 years, so I was just thinking it warranted
20 investigating," but you know, they just went on their merry way.

21 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

22 And we didn't investigate those areas?

23 BY MR. MCCLURE:

24 No.

25 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

1 Jason, I presume we had information that already indicated that that area
2 was probably to be included in an area?

3 BY MR. SHIFLET:

4 I think that it would be best if we not speculate. Maybe we can sit down
5 and look at a map in the back here after this and you can show me exactly
6 where you're talking about.

7 BY MR. MCCLURE:

8 Sure.

9 BY MR. SHIFLET:

10 I'm happy to do that. I was not the site leader during the field work, so I
11 can't speak with surety about whether or not someone had a conversation
12 with you one way or another.

13 BY MR. MCCLURE:

14 It was a field crew when they were doing the site --

15 BY MR. SHIFLET:

16 And that's entirely possible; I understand. So maybe afterwards if we
17 could talk about that area, I'm happy to do that.

18 I will say that a couple of things to keep in mind with the RI, is that the
19 government cannot afford to have a contractor investigate 100 percent of
20 the acreage of the former Camp Croft, so there has to be some thought
21 that goes into how one can investigate a large area with enough detail to
22 then extract from the results useful information, and that's a balance that
23 we often have to play; how much can we do for what we can afford to do,
24 and how useful are those data going to be after the fact. And so there
25 were some areas where we had information that, you know, a potential

1 area of interest on a map may have been drawn here, but in reality it looks
2 like it probably needs to be moved over here based on previous site
3 activities. And some of that negotiating happened early on with the Corps
4 and with the RAB, even; I think we presented the work plan, or talked
5 about all of this during the work plan phase. And so we have tried to be
6 transparent along the entire process for the years that we've been doing
7 this study, so it's possible that what you're saying is absolutely true; we
8 were looking in one area, you were telling us that over there is where we
9 really needed to look, but we just can't examine the entire property.

10 BY MR. MCCLURE:

11 Do you know what percent of Camp Croft you looked at? How many
12 acres was the RI done on?

13 BY MR. SHIFLET:

14 What was defined as the range fan, the entire range complex, ranges 1
15 through 16, which were south of Dairy Ridge Road, and over on Doc
16 Lawry's property, we examined the entire area within that range complex,
17 except where we did not get rights of entry. And then north of Dairy
18 Ridge Road, and in several areas, we examined various amounts of
19 acreage associated with some of these so-called areas of interest and other
20 MRSs.

21 BY MR. MCCLURE:

22 But where I'm really headed is suppose y'all examined 60 percent of
23 Croft; I'm just throwing a number out; when we get to this point where
24 you're taking, you know, a big paint brush and painting all of Camp Croft
25 with these deed restrictions and stamps, well, why didn't you do the

1 whole thing? And some of these other property owners that are really
2 outside of the fans and all that would have been clear.

3 BY MR. SHIFLET:

4 Well, it's really important to keep in mind a couple of things; south of
5 Dairy Ridge Road, in the area where the range complex was, we probably
6 investigated something like 80 or 90 percent; I mean, a large part of that
7 property, we covered.

8 North of Dairy Ridge Road and getting towards the cantonment area, we
9 covered a smaller percentage of acreage, because it was the cantonment
10 area, and we have a better idea of where grenade courts were marked on
11 previous maps, and in previous aerial photographs.

12 The second point is, I really want to emphasize as much as I can, we are
13 not painting a broad brush across the entirety of Camp Croft. The RI has
14 designated something like 9 or 10 areas as -- well, we've given them
15 names, basically, the MRSs; but one of those areas is a very large area
16 that we're calling the remaining lands, and the remaining lands have -- no
17 MEC was found; no UXO was found on the remaining lands. And so if
18 I'm putting out there a potential option for the remaining lands, it would
19 be something like land use controls, in the form of community awareness.
20 So for those properties, all we're going to recommend is that the
21 community be aware that the site is part of former Camp Croft; that's it.
22 Now, if you all elect to use deed restrictions and you want to implement
23 them on those parcels, that's your choice, but you don't have to do that.
24 So there are some areas where we found a lot of MEC, a lot of UXO, and
25 those areas need to be handled differently. So we are not painting a broad

1 brush across Camp Croft; we're not recommending that. The RI
2 specifically designates these areas as separate areas. So that is a
3 fundamental result of the RI, that the whole point of the RI was to be able
4 to make some decisions about one area from another. And we were able
5 to do that. So now, using that information is where we move forward and
6 decide how do we want to handle this area, with this alternative or with
7 this alternative? How do we want to handle this other area; with this
8 alternative or with this alternative? And those are the decisions that
9 we're in the process of presenting in the FS, and then it will be up to you
10 guys to decide.

11 **BY UNKNOWN SPEAKER:**

12 When is that Feasibility Study coming out?

13 **BY MR. SHIFLET:**

14 June; the next RAB, it should be ready.

15 **BY MS. MOORE:**

16 I live on Dairy Ridge Road, and I gave authorization that our land be
17 checked for ordnance, and so we never saw anyone. We only live on an
18 acre, and later I asked Shawn about it, and he said "Oh yes, we checked
19 there." And I said "No, no one checked here. Somebody is here all the
20 time." He did find out that I own land that's not in the grid, and therefore
21 it wasn't checked. But it concerns me. I live across the road from where
22 the firing range was on Dairy Ridge. But my next door neighbor, when
23 they built their house, they found ordnance in their backyard. So it
24 concerns me that it shouldn't be there, but it was there. But I asked
25 Shawn, I said "I want proof that I gave permission for this land to be

1 checked", and he said "Well, you have your paperwork." And I said "No,
2 I want it from you saying -- and you're taking the responsibility to say
3 that my land does not need to be checked, that it apparently is free of
4 ordnance." So I did get a letter from you all stating that I have given
5 permission, but you did not check my land. And I feel, therefore, that the
6 ball is in your court, because we gave permission and you didn't check it,
7 so if something is found, then the Army should be responsible.

8 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

9 It's possible it didn't, and I understand that you have neighbors that had
10 items that were found --

11 BY MS. MOORE:

12 Right next door.

13 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

14 -- on their property. So without looking on a map and knowing where
15 your property is, it may be identified in one of these areas, the munitions
16 response sites, that we've identified for further action. So without being
17 able to look at where the property is, I couldn't tell you what is being
18 recommended for your property.

19 BY MS. MOORE:

20 And our driveway is a concrete slab that we could not remove out of the
21 yard; it was an artillery building or something there, I'm not sure what,
22 but the slab is right there; we had to utilize it as part of our driveway
23 because it was so much rebar and everything in it, we couldn't get it up.
24 But there was something there on that land, and it concerns me, but I do
25 have the letter that we gave permission, and you didn't do anything.

1 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

2 If you want to meet after the meeting, we can look on the GIS and find
3 out where your property is and determine whether there was any further
4 action that we feel -- as far as it needs to be included in one of the
5 munitions response sites as far as further action.

6 BY MS. MOORE:

7 It's like Gary said, I don't want my land torn up and then left either, but
8 there again, I don't want to be responsible for something if we decided to
9 sell and we sold it and then something happened. I still feel the Army
10 should be responsible because we gave permission.

11 BY MR. HAYES:

12 Ms. Moore, all that Jefferson gold might be buried up under that --
13 (Laughter in the room.)

14 BY MS. MOORE:

15 We can't get it up.

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 Ma'am, the only thing I can say in regards to that, again, we may not have
18 needed to investigate it if we've already identified that that is an area for
19 further concern, so your property may be included in one of those areas
20 where we are recommending some type of further action.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Hers is north of Dairy Ridge, across from where they shot them.

23 BY MS. MOORE:

24 But how can you put on a deed that there's a possibility there might be
25 ordnance on someone's land, but yet you can't put on there that it's clear?

1 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

2 Again, we can't put anything on the deed; this will have to be something
3 that the county would have to do, and you would have to work with them,
4 so something -- that's something that was discussed in the last RAB
5 meeting, as far as whether the community would like to see some type of
6 system where you identify these properties have been cleared and these
7 properties have not, from a protection for future property owners in the
8 area.

9 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

10 The idea was to protect you because you gave permission; the idea was to
11 distinguish between those that gave permission and those that didn't.
12 Regardless of all of that, it would be up to your County Council to do
13 that; none of these folks, none of us folks, you know, the Army Corps or
14 the RAB, can have any jurisdiction over your deed.

15 BY MR. MCCLURE:

16 I've got a whole different question, mainly for John; how are we going to
17 be able to improve the utilization, you know the public's utilization, of
18 Croft?

19 BY MR. MOON:

20 Well, I've got to do the same thing that just like you guys do as a
21 landowner; I don't own any land there either; I'm just a public land
22 manager. But what I do -- obviously, the one thing that we would hope is
23 that, you know, as we determine where our high areas of risk are, it will
24 allow us to know where there is a specific area, such as trails. And then I
25 can work through Ray and the Army Corps of Engineers and Zapata to

1 kind of help me determine those things. And then we have utilized, you
2 know, the Palmetto Conservation Foundation has utilized, like Fort
3 Jackson, to come in and do some clearance on areas where we think, you
4 know, there could be some areas of concern; they'd help us to scan and
5 sign off; so that's kind of the way we do it. I've always hoped that this
6 whole thing would be something that would give us at least a better
7 understanding -- obviously, we'll never be 100 percent clear, but it would
8 give us a better feel to know that that area is a relatively low risk area;
9 though there is a chance that there's a grenade, or some type of mortar, or
10 what have you, but the risk and chances of that are very low. I think that
11 allows the decision makers like myself and those above me with the state
12 to make decisions on how to utilize that land; should we just use it as trail
13 land, or is that something we could possibly build, let's just say, cabins,
14 or do something like that, that folks could rent. Does that make sense?

15 **BY MR. MCCLURE:**

16 Just as a, you know, citizen, you think here we have beautiful Croft Park
17 sitting right there, 3,500 acres, or whatever it is --

18 **BY MR. MOON:**

19 7,000.

20 **BY MR. MCCLURE:**

21 -- and we should be able for, you know, the public to use it, but that's
22 really not so; you've got specific horse trails, even though you've got a
23 few they sort of bushwhacked here, there, and yonder. But you know,
24 I've got a couple of grandkids and they love to go play, go over to Camp
25 Croft, and all of a sudden they're here, there, and yonder through the

1 woods, and I said "Whoa, guys; you can't do that here." And you know,
2 they sort of say "Well, this is a state park, isn't it?" But it's not that kind
3 of state park because of the ordinance.

4 BY MR. MOON:

5 That's true; you know, the ordinance is kind of -- it's a cool piece of
6 history for Spartanburg County, and a really cool piece of history for the
7 park, but yeah, it's obviously, too, a thorn at the same time because you
8 can't just get off -- you know, I don't -- I wouldn't never tell you to just
9 get off the trail and bushwhack and, you know, do the stuff, you know,
10 you can probably do at a lot of other parks. Yeah, there's no doubt about
11 it, it's a lot different than other parks where there's not an ordinance
12 issue, obviously, so you're exactly right. It kind of handcuffs you, if you
13 will, to some degree. I certainly agree with what you're saying. Will we
14 ever be able to get beyond that? I do believe that the opportunity of
15 having low risk and high risk will actually give the decision makers and
16 the park service a better feel of where you can. Now, I don't know of any
17 park that if you ask the public land manager, "Can I just bushwhack my
18 way from here to the other side of the park?" I don't think any of them
19 will say "Yeah, go right ahead", regardless if they have ordinance or not.
20 But to answer your question, to be a little bit more free spirited, you can
21 be that at other parks, where at Croft, you do have to think about the
22 ordinance issue, obviously. But I do believe that there will come a time
23 when we have a better understanding of the risk factors, and allow us to
24 reach out; at least that's my hope. I mean, I want to have -- you know, I
25 want the park to have everything public like paths, just like, you know,

1 Table Rock or Paris Mountain, or any other state parks.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 But there's places already been cleared, and I might have to go back to
4 the same place again. Some of the renegade trails have shown positive, so
5 people are cutting renegade trails in there where they are not supposed to
6 be going, and some of them popped up in some hot areas.

7 John's got his hands full over there. Some of the stuff might have to be
8 closed down 'til they get cleaned up, like they did before.

9 BY MR. MCCLURE:

10 There was a historic site that George Fields wrote in his recent book on
11 the revolutionary war, you know, on Kelsey Creek.

12 BY MR. MOON:

13 The Battle of Kelsey Creek. And that's Colonel John Thomas and his
14 wife, Jane.

15 I mean, I knew exactly -- well, we knew about where that location is, but
16 -- so yeah, absolutely.

17 BY MR. HAYES:

18 Is that on the park?

19 BY MR. MOON:

20 Uh-huh.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 I know where the creek is, but I didn't know the battle was...

23 BY MR. GOSSETT:

24 Has anybody talked to Croft State Park at the Columbia level about what's
25 going to happen if you stick signs up and do all these things, what's going

1 to happen to that 7,000 acres, as to visitors?

2 BY MR. MOON:

3 Well, we do that now, so I don't think it would change a whole lot; I
4 mean, we've got signage up now that lets people know "Do not enter this
5 area." There's a sign when you come in to Croft right past the fee booth,
6 if you will, our admission fee booth, that tells you to stay on designated
7 trails, it's a former Camp Croft. And you know, there's a little risk
8 involved with digging and getting off trails, so we have that now, and we
9 post it in hot zones, as Gary was talking about. We have some areas that
10 were deemed to be high, high risk, you know, maybe not so much now as
11 it used to be, but when they did the study 16, maybe 20, years ago now, it
12 was deemed to be some hot zones off Henderson Road, and one that cuts
13 right down through the middle of the park, which one is about 80 acres
14 and the other one is probably 40, that we actually fenced off. They're
15 located throughout the park, so there are signs there now, to be honest
16 with you.

17 BY MR. GOSSETT:

18 Are you familiar with Ray Hayes, who was a ranger out there?

19 BY MR. MOON:

20 I knew of Mr. Hayes just by name; no, sir, I never met him.

21 BY MR. GOSSETT:

22 I was the engineer in charge of doing all the grubbing and staking of those
23 roads. There wasn't any concern then.

24 BY MR. HAYES:

25 RAB printed brochures and everything, and we've passed them out to

1 churches, public meetings, and things, talking about all the concern on
2 Camp Croft State Park; that's part of the public awareness. And, you
3 know, we've got more brochures if anybody needs them, and wants to give
4 them out anywhere; want to give out to the church or whatever. And we
5 could probably get more if we run out.

6 BY MR. MOON:

7 That's a huge selling point, too; I mean I don't hide the fact that we were
8 a military base. I mean, that's the cool part of Croft State Park, that it
9 was a -- it's a military base, which is really cool. I mean, it was an
10 infantry camp, so we share it. I mean, that's a story you share with
11 people when they come to Croft for the first time. I mean, you let them
12 know those things, and it's not to be scared, it's too -- because it's cool; I
13 mean that's neat. Obviously, again, there's a thorn involved in that and
14 the ordnance and kind of how things were handled, and maybe the
15 shutdown, and I don't know a lot about that stuff and how they -- what
16 they may or may not have done, but I do know that all those things exist,
17 and that's -- again, it's kind of a cool factor, so it's not something we
18 hide. I mean, it's not something we try to make people -- we don't try to
19 -- I mean, obviously, you come to Croft and you walk in my office, I've
20 got it on display; we display things we find; ordnance, rounds, you know,
21 grenades, that are empty; cases, things like that. I mean, those things,
22 you know, we show to people and kind of try to educate them a little bit.
23 But then we also give them brochures like Gary was talking about that
24 kind of explains the other side of that coolness, if you will; you know,
25 look there's potential risks involved with this type of history.

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 And some of our earlier RAB, we would say "Okay, this trail here", we
3 would make recommendations to the Corps of Engineers, saying "Well,
4 this trail, we need to sweep 12 feet on each side of the trail down to 2 feet
5 and make sure nothing is going to float back up in the winter." Go down
6 2 feet, 12 feet wide, which is 24 feet wide, and get the whole trail and
7 make it safe in case somebody -- if they're on horseback and the horse
8 spooks a little bit and gets off the trail a little bit, they should be safe
9 within 24 feet. It's those kind of recommendations, and it's in the
10 minutes of some of the earlier meetings, where we'd make
11 recommendations and things like that to the Corps of Engineers, and
12 that's part of the public involvement of being on the RAB, and it turned
13 out -- you know, it worked pretty good, but we're kind of getting away
14 from the recommendations to the Corps. I'd like to see us get back into
15 it.

16 BY MR. MOON:

17 Is there a representative here from the Sheriff's Department?

18 (No response.)

19 BY MR. MOON:

20 I didn't see Lt. Dyas.

21 Under old business, we did add a topic there with Landowners

22 Notification of Ordnance Clearance. Do you want to add anything to that?

23 BY MR. MCMILLAN:

24 We just did all of that.

25 BY MR. MOON:

1 All right, the RAB New Business Topics is for 2015 to 2017 Restoration
2 Advisory Board selection; our current membership expires April 2015, so
3 those that are interested in becoming a member, this is the opportunity to
4 do so.

5 BY MR. GIBSON:

6 Do we have the application forms here?

7 BY MR. TOBIAS:

8 They're on the table outside.

9 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

10 Certainly, if you are interested, Colonel Gossett, it sounds like you could
11 definitely be a candidate to fill one of the spots. Obviously, the
12 invitation is out there for any community members if you want to be a
13 RAB member.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 There's an electronic version on the website, also; just type it in.

16 BY MR. MOON:

17 And I encourage that; I think I speak for everybody on the board, that the
18 landowners be a part of it, because I mean, that's -- you've got a lot more
19 involved in it than necessarily I do, so I understand you do have a -- it's
20 money for you, and you know, land values. I mean, you guys, you know,
21 there may be things that you can certainly add to this board that some of
22 us don't necessarily think about. Those that are landowners have got
23 some -- I know Gary owns land. I encourage that; I think it's a good
24 thing.

25 BY MR. HAYES:

1 Ray, have y'all set a timeline for the selection process? Is there a
2 deadline?

3 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

4 I don't know. That may be in the bylaws; I'm not sure if that's something
5 that y'all had incorporated in the bylaws as far as the process. Obviously,
6 I guess the current membership expires in April, so I would imagine you
7 would want to have --

8 BY MR. HAYES:

9 Do you think that's something that we should talk about now? Should we
10 accept applications until the next meeting and then let somebody review
11 the applications after the next meeting and then announce the RAB at the
12 next meeting? That will be six months; three months to get in the
13 applications and then three months to name the new board.

14 BY MR. MOON:

15 I don't think I'd wait that long.

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 I was actually going to offer, we could probably do it electronically based
18 on what type of feedback we get from the applications; it's something we
19 can share with the RAB, as far as those applicants that we've received and
20 we can coordinate, you know, via email, or phone; we can certainly set up
21 a conference call or something to discuss potential applicants and whether
22 we want to move forward with the --

23 BY MR. HAYES:

24 Do you want to try to have the new RAB set by the next meeting?

25 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

1 I think it would be good.

2 BY MR. HAYES:

3 Maybe have the applications in, in a month and a half.

4 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

5 I think that's --

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Do you want to set a date?

8 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

9 Have the applications in by the end of April.

10 BY MR. HAYES:

11 And we can find somebody within this community to review them and
12 name who's on the RAB, or something?

13 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

14 Well, that process belongs to the RAB, probably, as far as reviewing the
15 applicants.

16 BY MR. HAYES:

17 That's what we usually do is get somebody in the community that's not
18 affiliated with the RAB to review the applications.

19 BY MR. HERZOG:

20 Normally we don't have enough where we have to turn anybody away.

21 BY MR. HAYES:

22 Yeah; in the past, we rarely get our numbers.

23 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

24 And I don't think that there's a requirement to have -- you know, I think
25 we had talked about --

1 BY MR. HAYES:

2 It's nine now.

3 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

4 Nine is the maximum, so there's not a requirement to have that many;
5 certainly you can have less than that.

6 BY MR. HAYES:

7 Yeah, but we used to have 20; then Zapata changed it to 9. They went and
8 rewrote the bylaws without going through the board.

9 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

10 I think in most cases when you have that many, it almost becomes
11 cumbersome.

12 BY MR. HAYES:

13 Well, we couldn't get enough -- we wasn't getting any answers, but you
14 know, it's just -- but if we get more than 9 apps, we're going to have to
15 figure out a way to go through them.

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 Well, I'm not sure if it's covered in the bylaws; I didn't get a chance to
18 look at them. But I would imagine there is probably some type of
19 selection, or voting process that --

20 BY MR. HAYES:

21 Well, I would say just go back to the very first and read some of them
22 minutes and then -- that's what he did, and got about three people from
23 the public and let them go through them and pick, something like that, and
24 then notified the members.

25 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

1 Okay.

2 **BY MR. HAYES:**

3 But if we don't get enough interest over 9, just whoever is there.

4 **BY MR. MCMILLAN:**

5 Well, I'll just say, since there seems to be a lot of motivated landowner
6 members than there was the last time the selection was, I will not submit
7 my application this time, so there will be at least this hat open.

8 **BY MR. HAYES:**

9 Okay, so there will be one more RAB meeting, there will be a new board,
10 and then after that will be a public meeting to talk about the Feasibility
11 Study.

12 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

13 That's correct.

14 **BY MR. HAYES:**

15 The next RAB meeting they'll have the Feasibility Study ready?

16 **BY MR. LIVERMORE:**

17 That's the tentative schedule. Again, I can't control internally what
18 happens when there are other folks looking at it. And Jason is speaking
19 toward his part as far as having the document ready. He doesn't control,
20 and I don't control, the internal folks in the Corps that have to review the
21 document prior to being finalized. So obviously it's a cumbersome,
22 lengthy process, but that's the tentative schedule, is to have that finalized
23 by the next RAB meeting where we can present that; and then we would
24 have our public meeting after that to present what is call the proposed
25 plan, which takes all of those alternatives in the Feasibility Study and

1 selects what we feel is the best alternatives to move forward; and there
2 may be a different one for different munitions response sites, but
3 basically, the follow up meeting is to present what we feel is the best
4 alternative to move forward.

5 BY MR. HAYES:

6 When is y'all's contract up, Jason?

7 BY MR. SHIFLET:

8 This summer.

9 BY MR. HAYES:

10 It's not in June? It's sometime in July or August? So that would carry
11 y'all through the public meeting?

12 BY MR. SHIFLET:

13 Yes.

14 BY MR. HAYES:

15 Okay; so we're not looking for any new money for the public meeting?

16 BY MR. LIVERMORE:

17 No, that's already -- that's part of the contract.

18 BY MR. HAYES:

19 I make a motion we adjourn.

20 BY MR. GIBSON:

21 I second it.

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23 (Meeting concluded at 8:32 p.m.)

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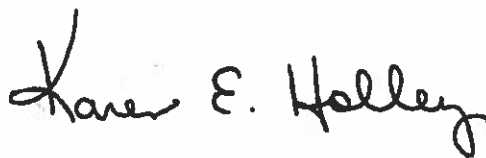
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