

THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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I WILL PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE AS FOR AS THE PERSONAL ATTACKS LEVIED AGAINST ME DURING THE 20 APRIL, MEETING. THERE WAS NOT ONE STATEMENT IN ANY OF THE PERSONAL ATTACKS OF ANY SUFFICIENCY OR SUBSTANCE TO ESTABLISH ANY DEGREE OF UNCOMFORTABILITY IN MY ATTENDANCE OR PERFORMANCE AS A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. I MIGHT ADD THAT TO ALLOW THIS KIND OF DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT DOES DETER THE ORDERLY PROCESS AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY.

THERE ARE HOWEVER; SOME POINTS OF CLARIFICATION FOR THE RECORD:

I WAS NOT APPOINTED TO THE BOARD BY THE MAYOR OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL FACTION. I BECAME A MEMBER, JUST AS OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BY SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION. THE POWER OF REASONING, THAT I HAVE LIVED WITH IN THIS COMMUNITY, IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, FOR 40 YEARS AND WORKED AT THIS INSTALLATION FOR 34 YEARS, PROMPTED MY INTEREST TO SERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, HAVING SERVED IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS IN AND ULTIMATELY AS DIRECTOR OF INSTALLATION SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, I FELT THAT MY KNOWLEDGE OF PAST OPERATIONAL PRACTICES PROVIDED AN ADVANTAGE. IN SHORT, I SOLICITED THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY, COUNTY AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL ENTITIES BY PROVIDING THEM SECURITY ID CARDS FOR UNRESTRICTED ACCESS ABOVE AND BEYOND REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHEDULED INSPECTIONS. DLA ARCHIVES REFLECT THE FACT THAT I INITIATED THE FIRST REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND FEASIBILITY STUDY AT THE URGING OF THE U.S. ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AGENCY.

ALL OF THE ALLEGATIONS, THAT PREVIOUS DEPOT OFFICIALS AND CURRENT AND PAST MEMBERS OF THE CARETAKER AND RESTORATION TEAMS HAVE "LIED TO THE COMMUNITY", ARE FALSE, EMPHATICALLY. IN FACT, THESE MISREPRESENTATIONS ARE ONLY TENTATIVE ASSUMPTIONS MADE IN ORDER TO DRAW OUT AND TEST LOGICAL AND EMPIRICAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT. I DO NOT INTEND TO EVER RESPOND PUBLICLY TO SUCH PREPOSTEROUSNESS.

AGAIN, THE DLA ARCHIVES REFLECT THE FACT THAT NO DOCUMENT WAS EVER ISSUED TO EMPLOYEES STATING THAT WE DID NOT HAVE SOME ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS NAD THERE WAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

FURTHER, THERE ARE SOME REFUTATIONS OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES:

I AM NOT FULLY AWARE OF WHY THE CITY NAMED A STREET "TRUITT STREET", BUT I AM GRATEFUL AND I WANT THE CITY AND THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT, BEYOND DOUBT.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS WERE NEVER BURIED IN DUNN FIELD DUE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, "CFR", WHICH STIPULATES THAT SUCH MATERIAL MUST BE DONATED THRU UNITED STATES PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICES TO DESIGNATED PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OR SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

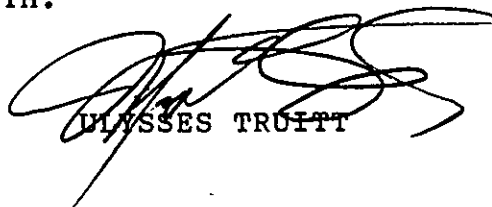
ALLEGATIONS THAT WEAPONS, MUNITIONS, MUSTARD GAS, RADIOACTIVE OR OTHER SENSITIVE MATERIEL, WAS STORED OR SHIPPED FROM THIS INSTALLATION AS PART OF THE MISSION ARE FALSE. MEMPHIS ARMY DEPOT AND FINALLY DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS WAS NEVER LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, NOR HAD PERSONNEL WITH THE EXPERTISE NOR FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH MISSIONS AS IS REFLECTED BY THE ARCHIVES. THE ONLY WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS STORED HERE ARE AND WERE SMALL ARMS AND ACCOMMODATING AMMUNITION FOR THE SECURITY FORCE.

FINALLY, I AM CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE A MISSION, AS A BOARD, THAT WE ARE ALLOWING TO BE DISTORTED. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THE MISSION IS DEFINED IN THE RECENTLY REVISED CHARTER, WHICH CONFINES US TO AN ADVISORY CAPACITY OF RESTORATION THE DEPOT. SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS IS AN ELEMENTARY MATTER, DENIAL IS AN ARBITRARY INDIGNITY AND CONSTITUTES A WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIABLE AND IRRESPONSIBLE DEFIANCE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST. IF WE ALLOW THE CONTINUATION OF THE DISRUPTIVE PRESENTATIONS OF UNSUBSTANTIATED AND UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS, UNCONTROLLED DISSERTATIONS AND LACK OF FACT, TO LENGTHEN OUR MEETINGS BEYOND PRESCRIBED TIME LIMITS, WE ARE BEING UNFAIR TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE, PARTICULARLY THE BOARD MEMBERS WHO COME FROM EMPLOYMENT SITES. ADDITIONALLY, TO ALLOW QUESTIONING OF CREDENTIALS OF PROFESSIONALS, WHO MAKE STATUS PRESENTATIONS, IS THE EPITOME OF IGNORANCE, VIOLATIVE OF COMMON PROTOCOL AND COURTESY.

FURTHER, THE REAL QUESTION BEFORE US ALL IS, ARE WE ENDOWED TO ADDRESS HEALTH ISSUES THE ANSWER, OBVIOUSLY IS NO. THAT IS THE MISSION OF ATSDR, WHICH WAS ADDRESSED IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT, COMMENT PERIOD ENDING 29 FEBRUARY 2000. THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ASSESSMENT WAS THAT DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS WAS NOT AN APPARENT HEALTH HAZARD FOR THOSE RESIDING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY EXCEPT THOSE IN THE ROZELLE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHERE FURTHER SOIL SAMPLING IS REQUIRED.

I BELIEVE THAT WE AS A BOARD MUST MOVE AHEAD AND CARRY OUT THE FINAL AND UNEQUIVOCAL ORDER OF OUR CHARTER, RESTORATION OF DEFENSE DEPOT MEMPHIS TO THE POINT OF ALLOWING THE CITY AND COUNTY TO PROCEED IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF THIS AREA AND REGION. IF THE PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBERS HAVE CONCERNS THAT DEVIATE FROM OUR CHARTER, THOSE CONCERNS MUST BE PURSUED THRU APPROPRIATE SOURCES.

IN CONCLUSION, LET US REMEMBER THAT FOREGONE CONCLUSIONS ARE POWERFUL SHIELDS AGAINST THE TRUTH.



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