

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

FORT McCLELLAN, ALABAMA

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1 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Let's go.
2 Let's come to order. We don't have a quorum, but I
3 don't think that ought to affect the presentation. I
4 don't guess we can transact any business after the
5 presentation, if we don't have a quorum, but we'll
6 wait until then to see. I am here. Mr. Levy?
7 MR. RON LEVY: Here.
8 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Anderson?
9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Here.
10 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Brown?
11 Mr. Conroy?
12 MR. PETE CONROY: Here.
13 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Dr. Cox?
14 DR. BARRY COX: Here.
15 MR. CHARLES TURNER:
16 Mr. Cunningham? Mr. Elser? Ms. Harrington?
17 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: Here.
18 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Hood?
19 MR. RON HOOD: Here.
20 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mayor
21 Kimbrough?
22 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Here.
23 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Ms.

1 Longstreth? Mr. Miller called me and said he won't be
2 here. Mr. Moore?

3 MR. MICHAEL MOORE: Here.

4 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Parks?

5 MR. JIMMY PARKS: Here.

6 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Thomassy?

7 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Here.

8 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Reedy?

9 MR. BART REEDY: Here.

10 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Mr. Johnson?

11 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Here.

12 MR. CHARLES TURNER: I'm going to
13 have to leave early tonight. I'm currently
14 baby-sitting. And so Fern and Ron will conduct any
15 business that we're able to conduct in a little while.

16 Bart Reedy has brought Ms.
17 Whitfield from the EPA office and would like to
18 introduce her to us.

19 MR. BART REEDY: This is Tiki
20 Whitfield. She's with EPA in Atlanta, community
21 relations expert, to give y'all any, you know, input
22 she can on, you know, one of the issues you were
23 talking about and trying to, you know, replace some of

1 the RAB members.

2 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Right.

3 MR. BART REEDY: And we had talked
4 about that last time, I think.

5 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Yes, sir.

6 It's good to have you, Ms. Whitfield. We'll look
7 forward to hearing from you.

8 Ron, do you want to introduce our
9 guest speakers?

10 MR. RON LEVY: We have two folks
11 here from the Corps, Tom Murrel.

12 MR. TOM MURRELL: Tom.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Tom is going to give
14 us a briefing on the archive search report that was
15 completed in November. Archive search report looked
16 at Fort McClellan from an unexploded ordnance
17 standpoint, historically, you know, what was used out
18 here, potentially, where it might be. He's going to
19 talk some details. He's going to go through the
20 history of Fort McClellan from that standpoint and
21 give you a feel for why some of the things you see
22 back here on the wall on the EBS are the way they are,
23 in terms of the designation of the land. And then

1 we've got Carol Youkey. Carol, where are you?

2 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: I'm right here.

3 MR. RON LEVY: Carol is from
4 Huntsville. She will be involved in the next stage of
5 the UXO work, which is an engineering evaluation cost
6 analysis. And she'll follow on and talk a little bit
7 about what that entails and what involves the next --
8 just essentially the next step.

9 With that, I'll let Tom go ahead
10 and start.

11 MR. TOM MURRELL: As Ron said, I'm
12 with the Corps of Engineers. I'm out of the St. Louis
13 office. One of our specialties in St. Louis is doing
14 archive search reports, to look for ordnance or
15 chemical weapons on military sites. And within that,
16 we've done about four hundred and fifty old military
17 sites, which are now out in public hands, and about
18 twenty or thirty BRAC active Army type installations.

19 The archive search report process
20 is a process where you go look at court documents, you
21 look at aerial photography that's been done, as I say,
22 over say the last forty years, any maps you can pull
23 together, interviews you can conduct, any place that's

1 a source of information. And it's all what I call
2 snapshots in time.

3 You get a range map in 1946 and
4 then the next one you find is '54. During that eight
5 year time period, the range may have come up, been
6 used for three years and gone back down and been
7 abandoned. We may not pick those up. You just get
8 snapshots through time and you try to interlace what's
9 known from the base history with what you're finding
10 out from the maps and from the interviews from all
11 sources. We try to compile it into a comprehensive
12 source.

13 If I use a term now tonight that
14 you aren't familiar with, say mortar or cannon, raise
15 your hand and I'll try to explain what that piece of
16 ordnance is. Ron?

17 MR. RON LEVY: Mention the reason
18 why we're just -- the reason why you see just main
19 post in front of you is because of the BRAC
20 requirement for transferring that land into the
21 public's hands. His focus is strictly going to be the
22 main post. That's all I want to say.

23 MR. TOM MURRELL: Pelham Range was

1 purchased around 1940, '41. And that was not the
2 focus of the report. We've got most of the old maps
3 for Pelham, and we can go in and do a report on that,
4 should Ron require that. Got the capability.

5 The other on the color coding, if
6 you can see it from where you're sitting, the purple
7 or red colors indicate explosive ordnance was used.
8 These are things that will blow up.

9 The green areas, when you see them,
10 are small arms, like rifles and pistols and that type
11 of stuff, machine guns, stuff that in use they'll kill
12 you, but laying on the ground, it's not going to hurt
13 you.

14 And there is a couple of areas of
15 yellow, which are training areas. These are bivouac
16 sites, places where they may have used trip flares or
17 some type of a surface use type thing, no artillery
18 firing type occurrence, but you still have to go out
19 and look for things that may have been left from
20 training. And there is a couple of bivouac sites out
21 on post.

22 To start off, with the initial
23 history goes clear back to 1899 with the area. The

1 place called Camp Shipp, which is very little known
2 about Camp Shipp. It's not at Fort McClellan. It
3 sits over here near Blue Mountain. It's a tent camp
4 used in 1899 to reinforce the Spanish American War in
5 Cuba. Since no Armistice was formally signed, they
6 said, you've got rail head going from here to Mobile,
7 it's a good place for a tent encampment. Camp Shipp
8 actually stays around until 1922 as a tent camp.

9 But during 1899, the 4th Alabama
10 Regiment fires field artillery into the mountain
11 range, where we're not sure of. But that's the first
12 tidbit we find of Fort McClellan's possible use.

13 The next use comes up in 1912, with
14 field artillery. Local Congressmen witness field
15 artillery being fired in Tennessee, and says, we've
16 got similar mountains in Northern Alabama, we can
17 bring national guard training here.

18 So, in 1912, twenty thousand
19 national guard people show up in the valley and camp
20 out for their annual training. That's followed in
21 1912, 1913, '14, and '15, four years of field
22 artillery use.

23 At the end of 1915, in December, by

1 presidential order, they declared these three parcels
2 as military reservation use only. It precludes that
3 land from going into private concerns like
4 homesteading or anything else. It's basically an
5 after-the-fact danger zone or an impact zone. They
6 finally say, we've got a problem out there. So,
7 that's the first recognition of any impact areas being
8 confirmed out there, it's 1915.

9 1916, '17, they convince the
10 government, at the time, go make it a major field
11 artillery center. At that time, it was persons by the
12 name of Major Summerall. Anybody familiar with
13 Summerall Gate? Major Summerall is with the War
14 College. He observes the field artillery and says,
15 this is a great training place. So, he comes down,
16 observes it.

17 And 1917, early, they start buying
18 the land through the chamber of commerce, not directly
19 with the individual owners. Chamber of commerce is
20 the transfer agent. And they transfer the land to the
21 federal government, much in a package or mobile parcel
22 listings through the chamber of commerce.

23 Early 1917, April, war is declared.

1 DoD goes in, decides that field artillery is nice, but
2 we need a national guard divisional post. Hence, the
3 first troops that show up are actually the 29th
4 Infantry Division out of New York, called the Blue and
5 Gray Unit. And they all come down from Maryland or --
6 excuse me -- it's Virginia and Maryland, 29th National
7 Guard.

8 The camp starts to take form.
9 Switch over to the next map. There is a blue outline
10 going around through here, basically, the northeast
11 portion of the camp. That's the original World War I
12 cantonment area. It's a national guard training camp.
13 It consists of company units with a mess hall on one
14 end, big long line of tents down to the latrines.
15 Permanent buildings, none, just temporary wood frame
16 buildings. And most of the troops are living in
17 tents. The idea was: Get them use to living in
18 tents, because they're going to live in them in
19 France.

20 Field artillery training for the
21 29th, they have seventy-five millimeter cannons, one
22 five five millimeter cannons, if they have them. If
23 they don't, then they use three inch cannons, six inch

1 cannons, which are almost obsolete at the time, but
2 they're available.

3 The 29th Division is here for about
4 a year. They move out in 1918. They are followed by
5 a brigade size field artillery training center. And
6 they train approximately five different brigades of
7 field artillery here.

8 Some of the inventories show, as
9 far as seventy-five millimeter guns on post, maybe
10 forty or fifty field pieces on post, just for
11 training. And one of the comments of that brigade
12 firing center, Colonel Hammond writes in one of his
13 letters that they can fire up to two brigades at once.
14 Which is a lot of field pieces firing off at once. He
15 says he can fire more if they don't use the parade
16 ground, so that they can fire over the parade ground.
17 Which there is a little yellow square right down here
18 that shows where we think one of the parade grounds
19 was. So, it would prove they're shooting north to
20 south, if they're going over that area. He says, the
21 cantonment area, the firing lines are close to the
22 barracks. It enhances training. You don't have to
23 march off or draw the field pieces over the mountain

1 to start the training. Basically, a static set-up.

2 The other place is firing here or
3 out into the crescent shape here. Don't think they
4 came too far this way, because of the city limits.
5 Come down around this edge of the cantonment area,
6 you've got some small hills here, which would block
7 your line of sight. And at that time, field artillery
8 is different from today. It's pretty much a line of
9 sight type weapon. You know, you're shooting at what
10 you can see. You're not shooting over hills and
11 relying on somebody else to tell you where you're
12 hitting and not hitting. A lot of field artillery
13 use.

14 And that goes until the Armistice
15 in 1918. November, they're still training field
16 artillery units here. Now, the ranges that are built
17 during that time frame, up on the north by Reily, you
18 have a three hundred yard rifle range, also a six
19 hundred yard, and a thousand yard. These are these
20 green areas going off.

21 Farther down, they build a machine
22 gun range. Usually about twenty-five meters. So, the
23 range doesn't go that way, it goes this way. It's a

1 whole lot of machine guns in a row, firing about fifty
2 to seventy-five feet away.

3 The yellow area, up on Reilly,
4 where Trench Hill is, which was covered with trenches.
5 The Trench Hill name came after they used it for
6 training. And that's more to simulate World War I
7 conditions.

8 There is another trench up to the
9 east that shows up on one of the engineer maps. Don't
10 know what it was used for. So, that's a yellow area.
11 We found it, we don't know exactly what it's used for.
12 Could have been just a training trench.

13 The other areas that come into
14 training, down by the museum, this green area is also
15 a machine gun camp, strictly, for troops training to
16 be machine gun troops.

17 And then to the north, right as you
18 come in Summerall Gate Road is what was called a
19 remount station. Basically, an oversized horse
20 stable, with probably like a thousand horses. And
21 then you've got more stables for the artillery.
22 Artillery, at that time, is towed by horses, not by
23 motor vehicle.

1 So, at the end of World War I,
2 you've got small arms training up here, you've got the
3 whole back basin really as your field artillery area
4 and you've got a machine gun camp here and you've got
5 temporary buildings going through the main post area.

6 Any questions? Have I lost
7 anybody, yet? That's pretty much it for the end of
8 World War I.

9 After the war, 1919, it's a
10 demobilization center. Troops coming back. They're
11 here. They're out-processed and then they go home.
12 That's about it for 1919.

13 1920, ROTC comes in and uses the
14 post. The post is not deactivated, but there is no
15 permanent party really stationed here, as in troops,
16 no chem school, no artillery battalions or anything
17 like that. It's a place to go to train. So, in 1920
18 you get ROTC training.

19 1922 comes in with a unit called
20 the military civilian training corps. Comes in for
21 thirty day summer camps. And it's basically the
22 predecessor to the reserves as we know it now. It's
23 basic training for reserves. It's a thirty day camp.

1 And they use the south part of the post.

2 The northern part of the old
3 divisional post goes into ruins, but the south part
4 stays. They come in. They also build a new rifle
5 range. They abandon the ones out here and they build
6 what's now known as range twenty-five. And later it
7 will be called Bandholtz Range. They build that and
8 they put in another machine gun range down here. And
9 all their training is real clustered, close together.

10 There is a pistol range down here
11 and there is another pistol range they put in at the
12 base of reservoir hill, where it shoots right into the
13 side. Most of the pictures -- and they're in the
14 report -- show real basic training done. Meaning, for
15 forty-fives, there is not a back-stop, it's just
16 targets put out against trees, no improvements, very
17 low work effort trying to develop any ranges. And
18 when they're firing, they're firing thirty-seven
19 millimeter guns, they're behind bushes and mortars.

20 Everybody knows what a mortar is.
21 Mortars are just behind trees. There's no like big
22 fins and safety markers or anything like that. It's
23 just out there. But they concentrate down here.

1 That's up through about 1927.
2 1929, Fort McClellan is declared a permanent post.
3 This time it's General Summerall, gets it declared a
4 major post. Permanent buildings. And you see the
5 buildings we're in now standing in, being built. And
6 it becomes basically a regimental post with two units.
7 69th Coast Artillery Air Defense
8 Unit and the 4th Tank Company. For ranges during that
9 time, you see up in the north and east of Reilly, this
10 pink area. One of the maps shows tank range. Don't
11 know what type of tank range that really is. Is it a
12 driving range? Is it a place to practice tactics or
13 is it a gunnery range? It's not called out on the
14 map. It's just designated.
15 Those two units stay until about
16 1935. 1935, 22nd Infantry Regiment comes in,
17 displaces the two former units. They're here until
18 1940.
19 1939, 5th Division comes in for
20 winter training. And all organic weapons are fired.
21 So, again, we're back into the mortars, the artillery
22 pieces, rifles, sub-machine guns, everything that
23 division has was fired.

1 1940, 5th Division, 22nd Infantry
2 Regiment, both get moved in Fort Benning. They're
3 displaced by the 29th National Guard Division out of
4 New York. They come down -- another national guard
5 division -- take over the old cantonment area and
6 they're being federalized for World War II.

7 And right as you go into World War
8 II, approximately, twenty days after, they're moved to
9 the west coast. But during that time frame, they're
10 doing their field artillery training, also. And we
11 think they add to their inventory, not seventy-five
12 millimeters, but 105 millimeter cannons, because when
13 they show up on the west coast, they have 105s, and
14 they were fielded out to the divisions during 1940,
15 '41.

16 So, for the Inter-War Period, these
17 ranges develop. Another set of ranges develop down in
18 the south. It's called Combat Area Number One. I
19 think they had a thirty-seven millimeter anti-tank
20 range. It's in the photographs of the 29th Division
21 being trained or of the 27th Division, rather.

22 Over here, another combat area
23 shows up, more than one map. Just a general area

1 outlined. Don't know what's going on in it, but it
2 shows up on like two or three different maps. And
3 these are like U. S. G. S. Maps.

4 Questions going into the World War
5 II time frame? Two divisions here during the
6 Inter-War. You've also had at least one Alabama
7 division for annual training during that same time
8 frame. So, again, a lots of training. Very little
9 permanent party, though.

10 World War II, things add up more.
11 Beginning, World War II, the first training is branch
12 and material replacement training. These are guys
13 going through basic training. And then they're sent
14 off -- they're here for eight weeks, they're sent off
15 to some other unit for more training or on-the-job
16 training. It doesn't matter where they're going to.

17 And that lasts all through '42.
18 '43, it becomes infantry replacement training center.
19 Units are all formed up. We need replacements. The
20 course goes to seventeen weeks and includes mortar
21 training, hand grenades, rifle grenades, all the
22 infantry weapons common to the time. Also, what's
23 called 2.36 inch rockets, better known as a bazooka.

1 Does everybody know what a bazooka
2 is? It's kind of a tube and you launch and you can
3 shoot the banzer (phonetic) with it. Those were used
4 on post.

5 The training areas continued to
6 develop, but the infantry replacement goes on through
7 to the end of the war. And right at the end of the
8 war, you get another division in here. I believe it's
9 95th Division starts to form up. But its field
10 artillery is up at Adderberry (phonetic). Or if it is
11 on post, it's out at Pelham Range by then. All the
12 field artillery shifts with the purchase of Pelham
13 Range.

14 But during World War II, you see
15 more ranges. This range was abandoned up here, this
16 rifle range. It's reopened.

17 Up to the north, they put in a new
18 machine gun range up north. They put in two other
19 transition rifle ranges up north.

20 Coming down, there is a shape here,
21 kind of an odd ball shape. The right side of that,
22 which looks like a W on its side, is a track for a
23 thirty-seven millimeter anti-tank gun, so they can

1 shoot at a moving target. The other thirty-seven
2 millimeter is down here.

3 This combat area number two gets
4 broken up into two rifle grenade courts, and the
5 rocket range, bazooka range, basically, and a machine
6 gun range. And then there is one other range that
7 shows up on the north and that's another grenade
8 court.

9 And we walked this area when I was
10 down here for a site visit and there is rockets laying
11 down there and you can't tell if it's a dud, if it's
12 been blown, or if it's active. Same way with the
13 rifle grenades. There is old tank turrets and stuff
14 in the woods.

15 Also, down here to the -- right
16 outside the arch of the corporate line for the city,
17 this is a sixty millimeter mortar range. And that was
18 used. We confirmed that during the site visit. And
19 part of that was cleaned up when they built the
20 museum. Where is Gary Harvey? Early, what, late '70s
21 is when they cleaned up down there?

22 MR. GARY HARVEY: I think so.

23 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, there was a

1 partial clean-up down there for the museum. And that
2 report is in the back of the ASR.

3 Some more training. Real heavy
4 stuff ships out to Pelham Range, but you still have
5 mortar training, you still have machine gun training,
6 you still have hand grenades, rifle grenades, basic
7 infantry weapons going on.

8 Questions for World War II? Go
9 ahead.

10 MR. BART REEDY: On this plate
11 here, is this the first plate that shows the corridor
12 going to work?

13 MR. TOM MURRELL: Right. That
14 comes in with World War II as the corridor, going
15 over.

16 MR. BART REEDY: Were you able to
17 see -- were you able to gather any information on what
18 the corridor was used for, you know, to track --

19 MR. TOM MURRELL: Just to get into
20 -- the documents say to get into Talladega National
21 Forest for field marches. And there is a possibility
22 that other things took place over in Talladega, but
23 it's not in any of the documents we found. And it's

1 based upon the corps supervisor's authority with the
2 local Army commander. So, it stays within corps
3 service to the Army and we don't have any idea what
4 the arrangements were, at the time. It's basically a
5 corridor to allow the passage that comes in.

6 We don't pick up ranges out there
7 until Vietnam Era. But again, you still have
8 explosive ordnance being used on post during the war.
9 It's the artillery training that shifts out to Pelham
10 Range, or unit training.

11 Fort McClellan is basically an
12 infantry replacement post, as is a whole bunch of
13 other posts in The United States. And that
14 corresponds with a lot of the other history, that once
15 they got the divisions up to full strength, everything
16 else shifted to replacement training.

17 And up in the north, you also see
18 -- start to see some designated tank ranges, actual
19 tank ranges. Don't know what type of -- if it's the
20 main gun or the machine gun in the hull or the machine
21 gun on top. It's not really called out. It's for
22 some type of tank training. But they do have an arch
23 or an arch like a safety fin or surface danger zone.

1 Right after the end of the war, the
2 infantry training goes back to recruit training,
3 training. The recruit training goes back to eight
4 weeks. And it's basically training soldiers for
5 occupation, either Germany or Japan. That was their
6 intent. That stays until '47, in May, and it shifts
7 to Fort Jackson.

8 And in June, the order is given to
9 put the post in caretaker status. I think most people
10 are aware of that. And that's in June of '47.

11 Range-wise, we don't think a lot of
12 ranges were built between '47 and '50. There is no
13 money to do it. You've got existing ranges to use.
14 There's no need to go develop new ranges. The weapon
15 systems don't change that much between what we end up
16 in '46 with '50. The rocket launchers go up a size,
17 but that's about it. Not a lot of technology, as far
18 as infantry and weapons in that time period to cause a
19 new range to have to be built.

20 1950, they start the reactivation
21 of the post. They send 44th Engineer Battalion from
22 Fort Bragg to start working on buildings. That
23 continues on until the war breaks out in Korea. And

1 then 44th leaves for Korea.

2 By '52, you've got the chemical
3 Corps back in, now. Chemical Corps is stationed for
4 replacement training. There are schools here in '52.

5 MR. BART REEDY: You said the
6 chemical Corps came back.

7 MR. TOM MURRELL: Well, not came
8 back. Was initially stationary.

9 MR. BART REEDY: Thank you.

10 MR. TOM MURRELL: They had been up
11 by Gadsden during World War II. And I'm not sure
12 where it was before '52.

13 MR. RON LEVY: Gadsden, Camp
14 Sibert.

15 MR. TOM MURRELL: Camp Sibert
16 during the war. '52, they came here basically for the
17 first time.

18 And in '52, you see construction
19 for the WAC school. By '54, the WAC school finally
20 gets off the ground. And you've got the two schools
21 operating here, clear through until '66.

22 '66, they begin infantry training
23 for Vietnam. That keeps going until the end of

1 Vietnam. And in '73, it gets abandoned, the chemical
2 corps, the schools, everything, they start shutting
3 down the chemical corps. By '78, the WAC school is
4 also shut down.

5 Your local Congressman goes back
6 and says, what's going on. So, in '79, they get the
7 new chemical corps back again, and they also get the
8 MP school from Fort Gordon in '79.

9 MR. RON LEVY: '75.

10 MR. TOM MURRELL: '75?

11 MR. RON LEVY: They have been here
12 for awhile.

13 MR. TOM MURRELL: I had '79 on my
14 notes. But that's the replacement -- lose one, you
15 gain another one. The ranges shift a little bit
16 during that time frame, up through the end of '76.
17 The sixty millimeter mortar range down here is still
18 in operation. You get a tank gunnery range. Tables
19 one, two, and three down just north of there. That's
20 what this big fan is down here. That shows up on one
21 of the maps.

22 The rocket training that was down
23 off Iron Mountain --

1 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The --

2 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, sir?

3 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The fan that's
4 outside the installation boundary, a safety fan, do we
5 have any evidence that there's lead or anything else
6 like that out there?

7 MR. TOM MURRELL: I'll hit that
8 when I get up to that corner.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Okay.

10 MR. TOM MURRELL: That shows up on
11 a '54 map. We're going to work that way.

12 The rocket range that was up off
13 Iron Mountain Road, shifts back over to what's now
14 known as range sixteen area. And you also get rifle
15 grenade use in range sixteen area.

16 Range eighteen, still in use.
17 Range twenty-five, still in use. Range twenty-three
18 is in use. But farther down, you get a combat village
19 where Yahoo Lake now sits. You get a machine gun
20 range up on the 24-A area. Also, a demolition pit up
21 there.

22 The rifle range here stays in
23 business. Another sixty millimeter mortar range is

1 out here off Bains Gap Road. Not sure if that was
2 actually used. But the aerial photography shows that
3 there is something going on where the firing line
4 would have been. But we can't see any cratering
5 evidence or anything. And we tried to drive some of
6 the area, and we couldn't find traces, but still could
7 be out there.

8 Up to the north, big safety fin.
9 Eighty-one millimeter mortar fin. The map that came
10 off of was a post map. It stopped right here. So, my
11 mapping guy has extended the safety fin out. As far
12 as finding stuff on the site visit, there is a road
13 that comes down this way. We were over in here and
14 found an HE high explosive round blown up about twenty
15 feet off the side of the road. So, that's the left
16 side of the safety fin. Whether or not it fired all
17 the way down, that's further investigation. But it
18 was used for that.

19 MR. MARK ANDERSON: It looks --
20 that looks awful short for the maximum range of an
21 eighty-one millimeter mortar.

22 MR. TOM MURRELL: It's about three
23 kilometers. It's nine thousand yards or three

1 thousand yards out. May have. Depends on what
2 charges you're using. But we do know HE was used on
3 it. More than just a practice range.

4 But that shows up during the
5 Vietnam Era maps. Also, what shows up is what amounts
6 to like a fire base up here for a training area. Four
7 other ranges show up in the corridor. There's a lot
8 of surface debris out there from practice type rounds,
9 lots of like smoke grenade type stuff, you know,
10 simulate training. It's all up. And these are still
11 -- the towers are still there. The range markers are
12 still there. And it looks basically like they walked
13 away from it.

14 And then there is two areas farther
15 out, way out in the corridor that show up as training
16 areas, also. One is called Morgan Mountain Attack
17 Range and another area here was -- looks like a
18 practice range of some sort, something to simulate
19 training.

20 And the tank ranges up here are
21 still showing up. These are all pretty much rifle
22 ranges up in the north.

23 So, Vietnam, you see an expansion

1 basically starting to go into the corridor. The back
2 side of the mountains are being used.

3 Questions on up through '76?

4 Current day, still showed parts of range thirty-one
5 being used up in the north. That was a Carbine rifle
6 range on thirty-one. New ranges come in here.
7 Twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four up in the little
8 nook. Range sixteen is still used. Range eighteen is
9 still used. Smoke generation up here. And you get a
10 designated impact area, which we think is probably
11 larger, now. And the pistol range is down off Iron
12 Mountain Road, for current use. And then there is
13 some bivouac areas being used.

14 Now, all the base maps going up,
15 all showed the safety fins. And it's a danger area
16 for the use of the range. When we go to the
17 cumulative map, I got rid of those, because they got
18 so busy. There is about fifty-seven different ranges
19 up here.

20 This is the same map that's back on
21 the table. And some of you have the colorized version
22 on twenty-two by thirty-four. But if I go north to
23 south, you've got some tank ranges. A lot of small

1 arms ranges up in the north by Reilly Air Field.
2 Possible field artillery impact area up on the
3 hillside, going third down and around. Didn't think
4 it swung towards the city. Four mortar ranges or
5 three mortar ranges, one here, sixty, another sixty,
6 and the eighty-one millimeter mortar range possibly
7 coming through in the same area. You can see the
8 original parcels of land which were held in public
9 domain for military use.

10 Areas down here are range
11 twenty-three, range twenty-five been used basically
12 since World War II or earlier. Range sixteen area,
13 also from basically the period of time frame. The
14 ranges up in the combat area, number two, all
15 abandoned. And same way down here in the sixty
16 millimeter mortar range, all abandoned.

17 Questions in general?

18 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Where is the
19 gate out here going down to the corridor?

20 MR. TOM MURRELL: The roads -- the
21 gate going through the corridor is right here, right
22 on the south edge of the one parcel. Original roads
23 that were here, prior to the post being here, the road

1 up from Blue Mountain, Iron Mountain Road, Rocky
2 Hollow Road, Bains Gap, and Reilly Air Field Road.
3 You keep going up to Reilly, you can see -- also see
4 it extending out past the gate. It was there 1900.
5 And that's how far back we've tried to go with the U.
6 S. G.S. Maps is 1900.

7 And Camp Shipp, we only have one
8 map. And it's over in here with one rifle range on
9 it. Camp Shipp kind of leads into the other.

10 MR. RON LEVY: What was your most
11 valuable source of information?

12 MR. TOM MURRELL: No one source. I
13 mean, it's -- the maps, as far as information, a lot
14 of it came out of different draws, out of post
15 engineers. Fortunately, most people don't throw away
16 tracings. National archives provided a lot, too. A
17 lot of the older maps came out of the national
18 archives.

19 And as far as tracking this
20 artillery impact area, World War I, we've got similar
21 maps done by a sister engineer company for Fort Meade
22 and they don't show their impact areas, either. It's
23 not until 1923 that you see an impact area at Fort

1 Meade. So, the same type of scenario. If it's not an
2 improvement, it doesn't get recorded. But we did find
3 1918 maps, more than one.

4 MR. BART REEDY: Two questions.

5 MR. TOM MURRELL: Sure.

6 MR. BART REEDY: When did the WAC
7 training begin?

8 MR. TOM MURRELL: I have it as '54
9 as officially opening, 1954.

10 MR. BART REEDY: Do you have any
11 indication of what was -- what they actually trained
12 for?

13 MR. TOM MURRELL: No.

14 MR. RON LEVY: Most of it was
15 administrative --

16 MR. GARY HARVEY: That's available
17 down in the WAC museum.

18 MR. TOM MURRELL: Now, there is a
19 good history that was done in about '55 or '56 by a
20 Major Mary Lane. And it's about fifty-five pages of
21 history on Fort McClellan.

22 MR. BART REEDY: Where is that at?

23 MR. TOM MURRELL: Abrams Library

1 has got a copy, Calhoun Library has got a copy.

2 MR. BART REEDY: Okay.

3 MR. TOM MURRELL: But at fifty-five
4 pages, I didn't want to include the whole thing in the
5 report.

6 MR. GARY HARVEY: Also, there is a
7 good reservoir down in the WAC museum of all the
8 training that went on here. They didn't train with
9 weapons. They are primarily clerical.

10 MR. TOM MURRELL: But almost every
11 place on post was a good source. Like from the WAC
12 museum, I pulled that they had six inch guns during
13 World War I off of a photograph here. That came from
14 the WAC museum.

15 Chemical museum furnished a couple
16 of stuff. And also hit the chem school, local. The
17 Anniston room, Alabama room, I guess it is, Tom
18 Millins (phonetic) down there was real helpful.

19 There's a whole year book for the
20 27th Division of New York when they were here. Shows
21 all their cannons firing. And we've pretty much
22 confirmed that there are -- anti-tank weapons were
23 fired down here just off the photographs, matching

1 been any history of any mustard or --

2 MR. TOM MURRELL: No shells, no,
3 other than what came out of the chem school for
4 containers.

5 MR. RON LEVY: And they --

6 MR. TOM MURRELL: And they used the
7 shells for containers for storage. And that repeats
8 itself, elsewhere, on other posts, as far as using
9 bombs as containers for mustard.

10 MR. BART REEDY: And the
11 phosphorous rounds, that would have been, just pick a
12 range and maybe --

13 MR. TOM MURRELL: Maybe, yes for
14 the field artillery. Now --

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's a
16 standard field artillery round. It gives a faster
17 smoke build-up than the normal smoke build up. To put
18 in a smoke screen fast, you fire the white
19 phosphorous, and then you fire the smoke on top of it.
20 And you get a fast build up on a smoke screen. And
21 the standard smoke rounds last longer.

22 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I think they
23 used it out at the demo range, the 24 Alpha. I think

1 we used it out there until they stopped -- the safety
2 had us stop using it to light -- to ignite flame field
3 expedient (phonetic), probably mid '70's.

4 MR. TOM MURRELL: It's a real hot
5 round. And when it pops off, those, if you've ever
6 seen it, it will hit and it gives you instant smoke.
7 But about what, thirty seconds later, it's about a
8 hundred feet off the ground, it's so hot. So, the
9 effect is quick, but not standing. Whereas, the smoke
10 rounds take longer to generate. It's a cooler smoke
11 and it will stay down on the ground.

12 MR. FERN THOMASSY: There was a lot
13 used out on range thirty-one, too, for demonstrations
14 over the years of all types, rockets to grenades.

15 MR. TOM MURRELL: The other thing
16 that comes into the chem corps inventory is all your
17 flame throwers, either tank mounted or the portable
18 units. And the portable units don't last long. It's
19 really about a thirty second unit, about four, seven
20 second blasts, and that's it. You trash it, and you
21 get another one and you throw it on your back. It's
22 not a real long -- you know -- you see it in the
23 movies, you know, it doesn't last all day long. It's

1 good for about four openings and that's about it.

2 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Did you say
3 that there was a tank firing range down there in the
4 southwest --

5 MR. TOM MURRELL: There's a tank
6 right here. It just shows up as tank tables one, two,
7 and three. Now, some of the tank tables, now days,
8 tank table one may be a range finder type course or on
9 a tank, you have multiple machine guns. Even back
10 then, you have a hull mounted one, you have one next
11 to the main gun and the turret. So, when they swing
12 the main gun, the machine gun's going with it, or you
13 have one up on top of the turret for air defense.
14 Could have been one of those type ranges or it could
15 have been what's called a range finder thing where
16 they have known marks out there and you calibrate your
17 range finder using those. The interesting thing here
18 is: It's right behind an armory. And there are
19 service roads going between this area and the armories
20 up on -- up on the --

21 MR. BART REEDY: What does that
22 indicate?

23 MR. TOM MURRELL: It may have been

1 connected to them. I don't know what was in those
2 armories during the '50s.

3 MR. FERN THOMASSY: So, this was
4 during the Korean War time?

5 MR. TOM MURRELL: It's Post-Korean
6 War. Even these tank ranges are Post-Korean War.
7 They came off of, I think it's a '56 U. S. G. S. Map.

8 Now, some of these ranges are
9 warped in here. By warping, you've got maps that come
10 from different sources, either post engineers surveyed
11 it or defense mapping surveyed it or U. S. G. S.
12 Surveyed it. And their marks may be off a little bit.
13 The way we did our mapping, St. Louis, is: We lifted
14 them off one map and you kind of do the rubber sheet
15 or the warping and then you put it back down and we
16 used it for our base maps, the standard base training
17 map. So, you have all the grid coordinates and it's
18 all familiar with most people on the post. And we
19 tried to warp it in there as best we can, but they may
20 be off a hundred yards, give or take. And the impact
21 areas may be -- this line could be over a whole
22 kilometer (inaudible).

23 MR. MARK ANDERSON: If the area had

1 either an impact area at or around it, did you just
2 not list the training area that may have been there at
3 a later time or -- because there are some areas, for
4 example, out in the area around Yahoo and so on that
5 -- I mean, for years, we go on up through there and
6 there is probably nothing more than links from an M-60
7 and then some brass laying loose, but it was, you
8 know, it was used for patrol training and things like
9 that.

10 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, that stuff
11 is not documented really in anything. I mean, when we
12 were out on the sixty range and we -- the way we
13 sighted that one was: Went down a site where we said
14 they probably shoot about five hundred yards out, we
15 stopped the truck, walked in about a hundred yards and
16 started seeing tail fins and quietly backed back out
17 of there. But then, two hundred yards up the road
18 were chemical guys walking in the suits. You know,
19 they weren't going up in the woods, but they were
20 walking the trail for their training. So, you know,
21 any area -- same way with bivouac areas. We've got
22 the current ones, but what could have been a bivouac
23 area for two years and abandoned, may not have shown

1 up on the maps.

2 That's where I go back to the
3 snapshots in time. That's when somebody decided a new
4 map was drawn, and we found it, we've got a good
5 snapshot. And some of them continued through. Your
6 range twenty-five has been there since about 1923.

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: So, the
8 question is: Is -- I don't want to say complete and
9 accurate -- but I guess, the things that are on here
10 are the things that we would be concerned about
11 digging up. And if it's a little bit of links from a
12 belt fed machine gun or something like that, then it's
13 kind of a so what, as far as where it is and how
14 dangerous it is today. Is that what I'm --

15 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Is it that or
16 is it beyond the scope of what you did? Didn't you
17 only research what had been written down?

18 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, anything
19 that's documented. We only had five days for walking
20 sites and we -- we walked the sixty range here, the
21 hand grenade -- or the rifle grenade ranges, we walked
22 the bazooka range here, walked these four up here,
23 eighty-one. Once we found one right off the side of

1 the road, we confirmed the use. We looked for the
2 sixty millimeter mortar range here. But at least
3 walking around a few of the areas, never found any
4 evidence of it. But it doesn't mean it wasn't there.
5 We just didn't drive the right spots. But anything we
6 found in documents went on. You confirm it with
7 walking the site.

8 We found up on range -- I think
9 it's north of range nineteen -- an old service road
10 that goes around the range, rifle or grenade stems all
11 over the place.

12 MR. MARK ANDERSON: We had
13 something -- just as a for instance, when we talk
14 about whether it was documented or not -- we had a
15 training exercise -- that the reason I asked about
16 where is the gate for Bains Gap, if you come on out
17 the road, you see the mountain. And where the road
18 curves back around there was a training area. There
19 is a chimney there and it was used as repelling
20 training and some assault training several years ago.
21 And, of course, there were booklets done up that
22 explained how to -- for the cadre to run the exercise
23 and so on. And, of course, all that stuff never found

1 it into any kind of archives. When they were --
2 stopped using the exercise, they just threw it in the
3 trash bin.

4 MR. TOM MURRELL: I mean, that's
5 common. A lot of things -- the records we go and
6 find, a lot of them are personnel records, a lot of
7 them are what people fifty years ago thought was
8 important. You know, a lot of, you know, dances -- I
9 mean, you find all kinds of stuff in there. Hospital
10 records are permanent records. But as far as a lot of
11 the ordnance records, they weren't kept. I mean, you
12 know, they're being kept now. And EOD records, as of
13 three years ago, were only kept for two years and
14 destroyed. I mean, the EOD records now are being
15 permanently stored. So, as they get finds and stuff,
16 they keep them forever, now. Maybe not with the unit,
17 but they are being saved for future use.

18 Back in the back?

19 CHIP WALBERG: Are these maps
20 digitized and can they be obtained?

21 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, we're going
22 to figure out how to get them down to Ron. They're
23 all off on Aster files, I believe.

1 CHIP WALBERG: Raster files.

2 MR. TOM MURRELL: Raster? I'm not
3 a map digitizing guy, so --

4 CHIP WALBERG: So, ask Ron?

5 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, we can get
6 them. I can let my mapping guy talk to your mapping
7 guy and we can get them transferred. They're all in
8 there.

9 MR. RON LEVY: This is all public
10 information. It's all available. If there is any
11 cost, then we'll try to cover it. But if anybody
12 needs information, particularly like that, and we can
13 provide files, we certainly will.

14 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I need a set of
15 the maps.

16 MR. TOM MURRELL: Of these maps or
17 the references maps?

18 MR. RON LEVY: You might want to --
19 just that plate eight gives you the --

20 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's fine.

21 MR. TOM MURRELL: Plate eight --

22 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's fine.

23 MR. TOM MURRELL: -- summary, this

1 is in the draft mode. We're going to go, per Ron's
2 discussion, when we go to a final, we're going to go
3 around and number every one of these as an ordnance
4 area, so the future use, you can designate to a
5 certain area for conversation. But there is so many
6 different numbers out there on post, between range
7 numbers, training area numbers, post engineer have
8 utilities under certain numbers, and trying to keep
9 the numbers straight on a certain area.

10 MR. RON LEVY: The final version of
11 this will also be placed in the repository at the
12 Anniston Library.

13 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: There is one
14 at the Anniston Library right now. Abrams and Fisher
15 don't have one, yet. We didn't have enough copies.

16 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Is this the final
17 version? I mean, is this the --

18 MR. CHARLES TURNER: It's the
19 draft.

20 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Have you
21 completed all of your research and --

22 MR. TOM MURRELL: The research is
23 basically done, unless somebody comes forward and

1 says, oh, yes I know of a range, I know of a fire,
2 flame thrower range down in -- off of --

3 MR. RON LEVY: Actually, right
4 behind the MP school.

5 MR. TOM MURRELL: Yes, there is one
6 there I have to put in. It all depends on who comes
7 forward with information. It's probably going to be
8 an ongoing process. But this is for national archives
9 or regional archives.

10 MR. PETE CONROY: Have you taken
11 into account a lot of oral histories and personal
12 accounts?

13 MR. TOM MURRELL: To some degree.
14 The one by Mary Clark that did it for the WAC museum
15 in '55, '56 had a lot of stuff, as far as the
16 narrative, which divisions were here. And then you go
17 from their divisions, you go into a book called Order
18 of Battle, which tracks say, the 27th Division. It
19 will tell you the exact day they left. And you go in.

20 One of the things we had to check,
21 we know on post from (inaudible) they have found 105
22 millimeter rounds, down over in here. 27th Division,
23 when they show up, have seventy-five millimeter and

1 one fifty-five millimeters, no 105s.

2 We went into another book and we
3 find out that 105s being fielded in '40, '41. By the
4 time the war starts, there is like five hundred field
5 pieces out for 105s. Still, nothing.

6 Well, when we trace, there is a
7 reorganization of the division. And when they show up
8 on the west coast to go to Hawaii, they've got 105s in
9 late December. So, we pretty much deduced that since
10 they've been brought on federal duty, they're a
11 divisional unit, they were fielded with the 105s and
12 probably trained here with the 105s.

13 So, it's kind of a collection of --
14 I mean, it's -- you know, we're getting better at it.
15 We've done it for four years, but everything is a new
16 source. Back in the back, Bart?

17 MR. BART REEDY: We -- the BCP is
18 having a bit of a -- our charge is to find out
19 everything we can find out about the base. Try to get
20 the -- what land we can transferred back into the
21 public domain, of course. Did you -- a couple of
22 questions that we keep asking ourselves are -- I'd
23 like to ask you: You know, did you find anything

1 about where one goes to clean one's bazooka? You
2 know, where did they do that? Did you run across
3 those kinds of --

4 MR. TOM MURRELL: No, there is
5 nothing on that. I mean, you know, between cleaning
6 with solvents and that stuff -- I mean, I was
7 stationed here for three years. I should have
8 probably said that earlier. But I know with cleaning
9 solvents, you know, we cleaned in day rooms, we
10 cleaned in the field, we cleaned down at consolidated
11 arm cross, the PX, solvents.

12 MR. RON LEVY: How did they clean
13 -- if you know, how did they clean the bores on the
14 tubes back then? They generally did it on the spot?

15 MR. TOM MURRELL: We don't really
16 know.

17 MR. GARY HARVEY: This is UXO.

18 MR. RON LEVY: It's another issue
19 that relates to clean up that they use at ranges.

20 MR. BART REEDY: Did you run across
21 any of your old maps or archives, did you run across
22 any landfill, dump kinds of things, prior to World War
23 II?

1 MR. TOM MURRELL: Some incinerator
2 areas back by the ASP, back down in here.

3 MR. BART REEDY: Anything else?

4 MR. TOM MURRELL: I think that's
5 about it for incinerators. There's like six of them
6 in a row back --

7 MR. BART REEDY: Right, we know of
8 those.

9 MR. TOM MURRELL: We know back in
10 there. And like the ASP area, that has been there
11 since World War I. It was extended out, more berms
12 put up. In the field artillery in World War I, we're
13 stationed right next to it. Their ammunition training
14 was basically a company that supplied them. And their
15 own horse stables were right there, too. And we think
16 they fired right out the back of their barracks. In
17 the 1923 photos of the military training corps, you
18 see a guy with a mortar and you can see the tent right
19 within about a hundred and fifty yards back. I mean,
20 don't make it hard. We can set it up right here and
21 fire.

22 MR. BART REEDY: Thank you.

23 MR. TOM MURRELL: I mean, just the

1 way business was done then.

2 MR. BART REEDY: Sure.

3 MR. RON LEVY: For those of you
4 that don't know, ASP is ammunition supply point. And
5 that's the area where they stored ammunition in.

6 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: With regards to
7 the ammunition supply point, you said it was -- how
8 long was it there?

9 MR. TOM MURRELL: The original
10 buildings back there were 1917.

11 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: That was the
12 only supply point for ammunition?

13 MR. TOM MURRELL: That we found.
14 And it's right next to the -- the divisional field
15 artillery, when 29th Division came in, had two light
16 regiments, and one heavy regiment, and an ammunition
17 -- what's called an ammunition train. It's a company
18 of ammunition handlers. And they were set up right
19 next to it.

20 And then the field artillery,
21 basically, here, here, right through those four
22 divisional blocks were set up. And then the infantry
23 units were farther down, down through here. So, the

1 magazines, they may not look the same. Some of them
2 were wooden structures. But the ammunition supply
3 point has been there pretty much since 1917.

4 MR. RON LEVY: Those in fact are
5 designated.

6 MR. TOM MURRELL: As far as what
7 happened with the national guard training in 1912
8 through 1915, that was probably carried in by them and
9 taken back out by them.

10 MR. RON LEVY: We need to move on
11 so we don't get too backed up. I want to try to bring
12 Carol on. If you've got any additional questions,
13 when we take a break, you can get with Tom or me and
14 one of the staff folks and --

15 MR. PARKS: You've got all these
16 recommendations in this one. Is this yours, too, part
17 of your --

18 MR. TOM MURRELL: Right, that's
19 part of the ASR, as far as --

20 MR. PARKS: Will they fund you to
21 do everything --

22 MR. TOM MURRELL: That's just a
23 recommendation. Funding is the girl that follows me.

1 Carol Youkey will talk about funding.

2 MR. PARKS: Okay.

3 MR. TOM MURRELL: The two documents
4 you have are, one is the history that goes through,
5 basically, chronologically, and then the summary and
6 the recommendations hit each individual area as to --
7 so, you can track what went on here. When did it
8 first show up or when did we pick it up, how many maps
9 did it show up on and when does it go back off the
10 maps and what we think probably took place there.

11 MR. CHARLES TURNER: Take a break,
12 now? Let's go ahead and take a break, ten minutes.

13 (WHEREUPON, there was a brief recess.)

14 MR. RON LEVY: As mentioned before,
15 Carol is here from Huntsville. And she's going to
16 talk about the next step in the process, in terms of
17 where we're going. Actually, the archive search
18 report has been completed. We've not been funded to
19 do anything more, at this point. And there is still
20 some discussion, decisions as to what exactly we're
21 going to do. As it relates to what she's going to
22 talk about, she's going to try to explain to you how
23 this process works and what will be the next step in

1 it. Carol.

2 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: I'm Carol Youkey
3 from the Huntsville Corps of Engineers. We call
4 ourselves the U. S. Army Engineering and Support
5 Center, these days. We're not a district like St.
6 Louis and Mobile. We are a center. And our work does
7 carry us all over, take us all over the world,
8 basically.

9 We've had an ordnance mission for
10 several years, now. And we are the center of
11 expertise for the Corps of Engineers for all
12 ordnance-related projects. So, you'll see our name
13 and you'll see us, regardless of which district is
14 doing the work. We're, at this point, trying to
15 transition some of the work to the districts. Up
16 until now, it's been mostly Huntsville, with the help
17 of St. Louis and Rock Island, on the ordnance program.
18 But we've, through the experience that we've gained,
19 over the last few years, we are trying to spread the
20 work to the other districts. So, you may see some of
21 that in the future, too. But we will maintain the
22 center of expertise there in Huntsville, as long as
23 our headquarters says we will. And we expect that to

1 last for awhile.

2 I'm here to talk about phase two.

3 Tom has told you basically phase one, the archive
4 search report. And I just can't emphasize how
5 important this first phase is. And we were talking at
6 the break what a value you get for the funds, the
7 money that you spent to have this record search done.
8 You've got a wealth of information that you'll use,
9 over and over again, as you go through the ordnance
10 removal process and the ordnance clearance. It will
11 be pretty much the basic document that you'll refer to
12 over and over.

13 The second most important document
14 will be -- or collection of documents will be the
15 engineering evaluation and cost analysis. So, that

16 follows on. It's based on this: It looks at these
17 parcels that have been identified as containing
18 ordnance and it develops a plan, an analysis, for
19 every parcel, group of parcels, however you want to
20 group them, if you want to do all the parcels at once.
21 But if you had one particular parcel in mind, you want
22 to make it top priority, you can develop what we call
23 the -- shorten it, call the EECA, engineering

1 evaluation and cost analysis. And you can start the
2 work for EECA for this area that to transfer, first,
3 as a top priority. And what it is, it's basically
4 what it sounds, it's a study based on field work. The
5 study is done by an engineering firm. And the
6 engineering firm will usually sub-contract to a UXO
7 contractor for the field work. And they'll come in
8 and actually do some sampling in these areas to verify
9 what the record searches seem to think is there.
10 They'll see what the density of the contamination is.
11 They'll develop alternatives and they'll cost out each
12 alternative. And that may range from doing nothing,
13 based on what's found to it. And it may range to
14 doing a complete sub-surface clearance to a depth of
15 four to ten feet. So, there is a broad range of what
16 may be shown as alternatives to actually clear the
17 property so that it can be transferred.

18 It will also tell you how feasible
19 each alternative is. And that comes into play as you
20 see in the very steep areas, in the environmentally
21 sensitive areas. The engineering part side of this
22 report will go into that in detail, as far as how
23 effective is this alternative and really how realistic

1 is it to have it done and what -- of course, the
2 bottom line is the dollars and what it will cost to
3 have it cleared.

4 So, that's an EECA in a nutshell.
5 It will be a document that also you'll refer to over
6 and over again. You'll study it. You'll look at it.
7 You'll look at the alternatives. And at some point
8 you will select the alternate that you would like to
9 pursue for any particular piece of property. Yes?

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Is there a
11 schedule for creating it?

12 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: That's pretty
13 much up to the BRAC office. You have to prioritize,
14 first, the parcels that you want to work on to start
15 the EECA on. And then start as much or as little as
16 you think is the sensible thing to do, at this point.
17 They can take from six months to a year to do. It's
18 --

19 MR. PARKS: Who will do the
20 prioritization of it?

21 MR. RON LEVY: The base clean-up
22 team, the BRAC clean-up team would be the one -- if
23 you moved forward on it, we make decisions on what

1 land we're going to do. And that's done in
2 conjunction with advice from the RAB and the local
3 reuse authority.

4 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Who does this
5 consist of?

6 MR. BART REEDY: Say again.

7 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: The BRAC clean
8 up?

9 MR. RON LEVY: Myself, Chris
10 Johnson, and Bart, that's the BRAC clean-up team.
11 That's the thing we've briefed you on all along. And
12 we have support folks that give us information and
13 provide us with what the projects are --

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Do you have a
15 schedule (inaudible)?

16 MR. RON LEVY: Well, again, there
17 has been no decision on how and when we're going to do
18 this, yet. A lot of it is pending funding. And
19 really, the BRAC clean-up team has not had a chance to
20 discuss it, at all. We've talked about UXO and UXO
21 issues, but we've not talked about any clean up
22 associated with it. There is a lot of things that
23 will address that. One thing it will probably be

1 addressed in the base clean-up plan, which we've not
2 completed. Started on, but it's not been completed.
3 I guess that would be the major thing that will be
4 used. In terms of identifying what we're going to do,
5 in terms of EECA, we have had some requests for
6 funding. They're in, now, but, there has been no
7 decision made on how and when that funding is going to
8 be spent.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Two questions.
10 The first one, I want to make sure I understand the
11 EECA, itself, and the options that it addresses. Will
12 you address each potential option or will you address
13 only the options, in terms of the cost estimate, only
14 the options that are recommended by BCT?

15 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Uh --

16 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I don't know.
17 Does BCT recommend options?

18 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: No. The
19 engineering firm will recommend or -- well, they won't
20 recommend so much, but they will present all
21 alternatives and all the data that goes along with it.

22 MR. RON LEVY: We would look at the
23 parcels and the property that we want to focus on, and

1 provide that as a basis for what we're going to go
2 after first. But I don't think -- they're going to
3 make alternatives to us or make recommendations to us.

4 MR. MARK ANDERSON: And the second
5 question is: What about the spaces in between?

6 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: The non --

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes. We
8 discussed in the previous little session that there
9 were -- this was what was in the records and in the
10 archives, but it's not necessarily whole and complete.
11 Okay. So, what do we do about those spaces in
12 between? For example, if I happen to know for a fact
13 -- and I did know for a fact, at one time, that on the
14 road around Twin Mountain, south of those ranges in
15 the lower left hand corner there, there was at least
16 twice -- when I was out humping through there, you
17 know, where we staked off a piece of unexploded
18 ordnance and the EOD came out and blew it up. So,
19 it's quite likely that there was something that landed
20 outside the fan, could very well be more out there.
21 What are we going to do about those areas?

22 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Well, ordnance
23 -- there is no one hundred percent clean up or even

1 identification of contaminated ordnance properties.
2 There never will be. So, you have to go on the best
3 information that you have. Tom said if something else
4 comes up, you know, evidence that he can consider,
5 that would be made part of the ASR. Also, you know,
6 identifications, any incidents, we have to take those
7 into account. We will immediately, once something
8 happens. But we have to have pretty good evidence.
9 Otherwise, the other areas that are not identified, we
10 are basically classifying them as known for their
11 action. We do not see an ordnance threat on anything
12 that's not cross hatched or colored on his maps.

13 MR. RON LEVY: We will, the BCT,
14 look at like -- not the UXO areas, but those that are
15 non-fused ordnance like the small arms, we'll look at
16 that probably from a different standpoint, maybe from
17 a clean up of metals or whatnot, where we'll evaluate
18 the risk associated with -- you know, whatever lead is
19 in the soil or other types of --

20 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The reason I
21 ask that specifically, Ron, is: It looks like, for
22 the purposes of the eastern bypass, it looks very much
23 like there might be a fairly clear corridor there and

1 we might not have the expense involved in it that we
2 had been tremendously concerned about.

3 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not sure. See,
4 I have not seen the new location to which way the
5 corridor is proposed to come through, so I couldn't
6 comment on that.

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I mean, it
8 looks like most of the southern end of the post isn't
9 as bad -- I was concerned that everything, all the way
10 around to the -- what is it, what is it called, Peck
11 Hill, that we were looking at a bowl shaped thing, as
12 opposed to something like this. This puts a whole new
13 spin on it, in terms of what information the LRA needs
14 and so on. It may not be as bad as what we thought.

15 MR. RON LEVY: It's certainly
16 something that would provide to the focus they're
17 doing for the environmental documentation for the
18 eastern bypass, for their use.

19 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: So, what we're
20 looking at right now, y'all are going to make a
21 determination, be looking at your plan. We'll have to
22 get funds, basically, to fund the engineers to come in
23 and map out recommendations, give different options,

1 and the cost analysis. And then after that is done,
2 then there will have to be another obtaining of funds.

3 Do we go to clean up from there?

4 MR. RON LEVY: Assuming that that's
5 the decision to do.

6 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Right.

7 MR. RON LEVY: Again, what we'll do
8 is: We'll be asking the question of the LRA and the
9 community is: What do you want us to focus on first?
10 Do you want the area that's in close to the cantonment
11 area to -- from EECA standpoint, to be focused on
12 first or are we going to go after the mountainous
13 region?

14 More than likely, it will probably
15 be that which is in closer to the cantonment area,
16 because that's the most readily usable to them, from
17 the terrain standpoint.

18 So, there is a lot of questions
19 that need to be answered before we can move forward on
20 it.

21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Are we at a
22 stand-still right now?

23 MR. RON LEVY: Well, funding is a

1 big issue. And we haven't completed the report, so we
2 haven't (inaudible) and we haven't briefed the LRA,
3 which is supposed to be done tomorrow. We'll be
4 getting before the LRA.

5 So, we want to field all those
6 questions and get a feel for what it is they're
7 looking for so that we can have a direction to move in
8 from what we're going to focus on.

9 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I know we were
10 given that time line, but I don't have it memorized.
11 So, we're looking at this next step taking --

12 MR. RON LEVY: I can't give you a
13 time line. I honestly can't. Until I know that
14 everything is in place, in terms of funding and the
15 question as to what we want to focus on, I can't give
16 you a time line.

17 But we're moving in that direction.
18 And the BCT still has got to come to an agreement on
19 some thing in terms of clean up.

20 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Until you
21 decide what you want to clean up, you don't know
22 really how much you need.

23 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. And then the

1 other thing, is it conceivable that you can? What are
2 we going to get out of the EECA? Will we get -- will
3 the option allow -- will they say to us that we have a
4 hundred percent assurance that if we do this, that we
5 will have a clean -- a clean site? Can they do that
6 for us? And as I understand, a lot of the EECAs have
7 come back and said, no, we can't give you that
8 assurance. That's just something that they can't do
9 for you. You can never get a hundred percent
10 assurance that you've got it all.

11 And we talked about this, too:
12 What is the damage that you do when you do clean up
13 for this area? There's a price to be paid, in terms
14 of what you do when you try to clean up, in terms of
15 mountainous terrain.

16 There is a lot of issues inherit
17 with any action to clean this area up that we have to
18 get to.

19 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Is there a
20 question?

21 MR. PARKS: I may ask, on that
22 archive search report -- it looks pretty comprehensive
23 -- who were those recommendations made to?

1 MR. TOM MURRELL: Those were made
2 back to the post.

3 MR. PARKS: Will that feed into
4 that engineering evaluation --

5 MR. TOM MURRELL: Right --

6 MR. PARKS: -- cost analysis?
7 They'll consider those when they're making the EECA or
8 what are they calling it?

9 MR. TOM MURRELL: The EECA.

10 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Yes. The
11 recommendation that you asked right before the break
12 -- in many cases you'll see, statistical sampling is
13 recommended by the ASR. And that's exactly what an
14 EECA starts out to be is the sampling that will be
15 done for these areas. It will take a percentage of
16 the land and actually do some investigations and find
17 out what's actually underneath the ground.

18 MR. PARKS: Well, if you're going
19 to prioritize them, like if he's got a recommendation
20 in here, no further action to be taken, then that
21 would be considered in setting the priorities.

22 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: If there is no
23 further action, it's not going to show up as a colored

1 area or the hatched area.

2 MR. PARKS: I see. Okay.

3 MR. MARK ANDERSON: You're talking
4 about no further action as an explosive ordnance,
5 hazard --

6 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Yes --

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- but there
8 might be heavy metals or something.

9 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Yes, that's
10 correct. I would just like to say that we've done a
11 lot of projects there in Huntsville and this site is a
12 big site, huge from an ordnance standpoint. It's
13 something that you're doing things the right way by
14 starting your ASR, continuing with the EECA, because a
15 systematic approach is the only way that you're going
16 to do this in, I think, a peaceful manner. So, be
17 patient and try to understand things as you go along,
18 because there is a lot of work to be done in this
19 project. And we're happy to be a part of it. We
20 don't normally get projects within a hundred miles of
21 us, but we're happy to have one close by.

22 MR. BART REEDY: Thank you.

23 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Any questions?

1 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: This is basically
2 artillery. What about the other clean up, as far as
3 my pet project is the dump sites and everything like
4 that, will that be separate funding? Will that be
5 done on a separate basis? Have you already got that
6 going, as far as --

7 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. The
8 investigation on those are separate projects. We
9 track them differently. This in itself is a fairly
10 big area that we're going to be tackling. No, that's
11 not. That's not an issue right now.

12 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes. I think
13 the next person we wanted to hear from is Ms.
14 Whitfield. I think everybody has in front of them a
15 copy of a draft, membership application. And take a
16 look at that as something that we can vote on the next
17 time, whenever we have a quorum.

18 MR. BART REEDY: Is this what we're
19 picking up here?

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY: So, at this
21 point, I would think from a question standpoint, and
22 also from an experience standpoint, if you don't have
23 questions of Ms. Whitfield, we could ask her to give

1 us a couple of comments on it. Have you seen a copy?
2 Do you have a copy, Ms. Whitfield?

3 MS. WHITFIELD: This here?

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes. I believe
5 you've had experience with the development of
6 memberships on restoration advisory boards or similar
7 boards. And some of your experience or some of your
8 thoughts would be helpful.

9 MS. WHITFIELD: I spoke to Ron
10 previously and Charles Turner, actually, about the RAB
11 process and what you could possibly do to, I guess,
12 select new RAB members. And some of the things are
13 outlined in the draft community relations plan. And I
14 think, to my understanding, he's going to try some of
15 those things. Some of those things are -- (inaudible)
16 I think, contacting some of the church members and
17 (inaudible) -- Mark and --

18 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Joe Baker.

19 MS. WHITFIELD: Thank you -- Joe
20 Baker just enlightened me on a lot of things that you
21 all are doing to reselect new RAB members. And I
22 think you're doing a great job with that. So,
23 actually, I just -- the things that he offered, we

1 just have to wait and see how they work out. Some of
2 these things were contacting community leaders, local
3 officials here, and I think you send out invitations
4 to the community, not just Calhoun communities, but
5 other communities in Anniston. I think he just gave
6 me a good, brief update on everything that you're
7 doing. And I'm satisfied with it, so far, the efforts
8 that they're using. So, we'll just see how it works
9 out.

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay.

11 MR. BART REEDY: Tiki, this right
12 here, if I could, for -- is this --

13 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Sure.

14 MS. WHITFIELD: This?

15 MR. BART REEDY: Sure. You know,
16 one of the things that you and I talked about, I mean,
17 the Army has done everything to -- you know, in a
18 hands-off kind of manner. And one of -- I guess we
19 were -- you all were kicking around maybe trying to
20 expand the diversity of the RAB a tad.

21 MR. FERN THOMASSY: There has been
22 some discussion of the minority status on the board,
23 possibly, its need to enhance it.

1 MR. BART REEDY: Right.

2 MR. FERN THOMASSY: So, I would
3 guess that's why that statement. You were pointing to
4 the minority status.

5 MR. BART REEDY: Yes, sir. Is this
6 -- does this seem reasonable for an application to
7 you? You know, I'm not an expert, you are.

8 MS. WHITFIELD: Well, in speaking
9 with Charles, he stated that in the previous
10 application, there was no -- you didn't mention race
11 or anything like that. So, you just randomly pick by,
12 I guess, expertise and stuff like that. Which was
13 fine.

14 I think so far you stated why you
15 put it here, which is good. And that in itself helps
16 people so they'll understand why you put it there.
17 So, more than likely they'll respond to this, I think.
18 Now, so far as are there any environmental justice
19 groups in the area that you know of that you contact?

20 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: That was a
21 question I was about to ask.

22 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I don't know.

23 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: What group

1 did we contact?

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: It was the lady
3 -- because she called you and she called me. It was a
4 lady from Clark --

5 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Ruth Mill.

6 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- University
7 in Atlanta.

8 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: Gwen Johnson.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Right.

10 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: But there is
11 an environmental group in the area. That's why I was
12 wondering exactly what had been done, because some of
13 the people that I spoke to have not received any
14 information. But there is an environmental group, and
15 it's made up of both black and white, concerning the
16 Monsanto. And they have been -- I get several calls
17 because they've been wanting my input for people for
18 theirs. And I had asked them if they had received
19 anything about RAB. So, I would like to -- I know we
20 talked about doing it, but what have we done?

21 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Nothing.
22 That's why they haven't received anything.

23 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes, this is

1 the membership --

2 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: I don't mean
3 that bad.

4 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- application.

5 MR. FERN THOMASSY: No. But that's
6 the truth.

7 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: I don't know.
8 I don't mean that bad. But if I don't know, nothing
9 has been done, because almost everything that has to
10 do with anything --

11 MS. WHITFIELD: What is your name?
12 I'm sorry.

13 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: Harrington,
14 Mary Harrington.

15 MS. WHITFIELD: Ms. Harrington, the
16 people that you've spoken with, do you tell them that
17 you have a RAB meeting here?

18 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: Yes.

19 THE WITNESS: Invite them to come?

20 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: Yes. As a
21 matter of fact, I had planned to bring some to
22 December's meeting, and I didn't get to December's
23 meeting.

1 MR. FERN THOMASSY: No, we didn't
2 have one.

3 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: No,
4 November's meeting. I didn't get to November's.

5 MS. WHITTFIELD: So, have you
6 provided -- do you know the name of the community?
7 And maybe you can get their address and can provide it
8 to Lisa and them and let them put them on the mailing
9 list so they can receive information.

10 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: I can do
11 that.

12 MS. WHITFIELD: And at the time, if
13 they're really interested, they'll come to the
14 meeting. You can only ask people to come.

15 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Well, these
16 haven't gone out, yet.

17 MR. FERN THOMASSY: We haven't
18 approved it, yet.

19 MS. WHITFIELD: Well, that was the
20 other thing that I was coming up with. That was one
21 of the things I was suggesting to Mark was about fact
22 sheets that you should send out, because the most
23 important thing is involving the community early in

1 the process. And I know you have a news letter that
2 will be distributed on a quarterly basis. But in the
3 meantime, there is a mailing list already established
4 and you should use that to inform the community of
5 things that are going on, now. And so far as your
6 agenda, today, Ms. Youkey --

7 MS. CAROL YOUKEY: Youkey.

8 MS. WHITFIELD: -- she covered
9 something that, you know, you can provide a fact sheet
10 on just that topic to the community, prior to this
11 meeting or any other thing that's on your agenda for
12 the meeting you can, you know, send that to them over
13 a three week period, because you meet every month, and
14 then provide them with the RAB -- I guess you do a
15 public notice before this -- I mean, a notice of the
16 RAB meeting in the newspapers or something. I'm sure
17 you do that. And --

18 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: We do not.

19 MS. WHITFIELD: You don't?

20 MS. MARY HARRINGTON: We do not.

21 The members get a notice.

22 MS. WHITFIELD: Well, you do do a
23 public notice of the RAB meeting and what time. You

1 just --

2 MR. RON LEVY: That's something
3 that the public affairs office --

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: In the
5 newspaper.

6 MS. WHITFIELD: So, you can do
7 something like that with your current mailing list,
8 which will help people -- educating them through the
9 mail, first of all, which will probably, more than
10 likely, get you more people in the meetings or more
11 people applying to be on the RAB. So, that's
12 something you could probably try to do.

13 MR. RON LEVY: A comment to that,
14 we're -- and I need to talk to you -- talk to the RAB
15 about funding issues. We're getting ready to make
16 another request on some community relations money, so
17 that we can bring in an individual, contract
18 individual to do things like -- specifically, to do
19 things like putting news letters together, fact
20 sheets, and mailings. I think the Army is going to
21 provide us with specific funds to do that, separate
22 from RAB funds. Hopefully, we'll get them this year,
23 because I think those mailings are important, those

1 fact sheets are important.

2 MS. WHITFIELD: Definitely. And
3 that was my second suggestion was to hire a community
4 contractor to do these things for you. But in the
5 meantime, I would like to offer my services to help
6 you develop fact sheets and mail them out. I have a
7 mailing list of the community relations plan right
8 now. And just provide me with a draft agenda and you
9 can see what's on here and mail it out to your current
10 mailing list, a fact sheet or something. Because if
11 I'm at home and I get, you know, something in the -- I
12 read the newspaper and I read, oh, they're going to
13 have a RAB meeting, they're going to talk about
14 engineering evaluation, what is that? I'm not going
15 to come. But if I had a fact sheet prior to your
16 meeting, explaining what that is, it may provide some
17 interest in coming to your meeting.

18 MR. BART REEDY: How would we --
19 just a little paragraph like what Tom was going to
20 talk about, is that what you're --

21 MS. WHITFIELD: Yes, at -- well,
22 right now, EPA has established a lot of fact sheets
23 that are covered in the clean-up process. So, one

1 would just be making some revisions to it to reflect
2 Fort McClellan. So, what I can do is just provide
3 Lisa or Joe a list of all the fact sheets that EPA
4 currently has, and you can just make a check list of
5 what you would like to and you can just make additions
6 or something like that.

7 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: While we're on
8 the community relations plan, the one that was
9 developed by SCIC, did all the RAB members make
10 comment to that?

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes.

12 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: And that's been

13 --

14 MR. BART REEDY: Yes.

15 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Have we got --

16 MR. MARK ANDERSON: We basically
17 said, that's the Army's plan. It has very little to
18 do with what we saw as our mission. You know, we did
19 not see as our mission to be, you know, direct
20 actions, but rather to be a focal point for the
21 community to provide input to the Army. And, you
22 know, going to do some mail outs and we'll do some --
23 you know, these community organization briefings, as

1 they ask us to, but we're not going to go out and drum
2 up business. And that's the way the Army's plan read
3 was, drum up business, so to speak.

4 MS. WHITFIELD: So, did the RAB get
5 opportunity to review the community relations plan?

6 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes.

7 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Yes.

8 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Now, we
9 provided comments last September and October.

10 MS. WHITFIELD: Okay.

11 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Well, I might
12 could speak for Ron on this one. That community
13 relations plan really stemmed from the initial IRP
14 activities that were going on, so, it was really kind
15 of a requirement, if you will, under the RIFS work
16 that we were ongoing. And I think we basically tried
17 to use that as a stepping stone to bring it over into
18 the BRAC process. So, are we going to try to finalize
19 that document or are we just going to trash it or --

20 MR. RON LEVY: The comments are in
21 and we're moving to finalize it right now.

22 MS. WHITFIELD: Right now you're
23 waiting on EPA's input. And I'm currently doing it

1 now. And I'm going to provide copies as soon as
2 possible.

3 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Okay.

4 MS. WHITFIELD: And that's another
5 thing, you can develop a fact sheet, explaining what
6 the community relations plan is and -- they may not
7 know what it is, and that would be helpful. And let
8 them know it will be available in the information
9 repository.

10 MR. RON LEVY: Let me mention, with
11 the application, based on all the comments from
12 everybody, in front of you, I guess what Charles was
13 looking for was approval of the application --

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Which we can't
15 do, but we can certainly take any comments that we
16 have in here at this point. But we're going to have
17 to wait until the next meeting to be able to approve
18 this.

19 MR. RON LEVY: A lot of what we --
20 you know, we haven't started any recruiting, because
21 there hasn't really been an application to use. So,
22 that's kind of where we're at right now. The sooner
23 we can get this thing through and we can start getting

1 them in the mail to get out, the sooner we can start
2 interviewing and getting folks to sit on the RAB, make
3 the selections.

4 MR. BART REEDY: Is there a way
5 that we can -- that you all could get that to the
6 folks that aren't here tonight?

7 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, we can mail it.

8 MR. FERN THOMASSY: You can mail it
9 to them.

10 MR. RON LEVY: We'll do that.

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Point of order,
12 I think we do have enough for a quorum. Didn't we say
13 in our bylaws, eleven?

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I think with
15 something like this, you're going to want to have some
16 discussion, you're going to ask face-to-face --

17 MR. BART REEDY: Yes --

18 MR. FERN THOMASSY: So, I wouldn't
19 recommend a telephone call. But I would recommend
20 that we get it out to people and that we come prepared
21 at the next meeting -- hopefully, we'll have a quorum
22 -- to vote on it and get a move on it. We're sort of
23 stuck right now, since we don't have enough people.

1 MR. RON LEVY: Yes?

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I think we do
3 have enough people. I think we said we had to have
4 eleven, and I count eleven voting members.

5 MR. RON LEVY: Well, we did.

6 MR. MARK ANDERSON: It was twelve
7 when Charles was here.

8 MR. RON LEVY: We started out with
9 thirteen, and besides myself, Chris, and Bart,
10 remember, we had --

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: We're below
12 eleven.

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: All right.

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: We may as well
15 get on with some other things that we can discuss very
16 quickly. Two items that we're on, according to old
17 business, has everybody had a chance to look at the
18 minutes from the last meeting? Do we have any comment
19 on it, additions or deletions, changes? If not, do we
20 have a second to approve them?

21 MR. HOOD: We can't do that,
22 either.

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: We can't even

1 get that far, can we? I think --

2 MR. RON LEVY: Let me -- I've got
3 the RAB budget --

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Go ahead, Ron.

5 MR. RON LEVY: Under old business
6 -- Lisa, did you put out the guidance on the RAB --

7 MR. PARKS: Budget.

8 MR. RON LEVY: -- budget?

9 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Funding?

10 MR. PARKS: It's in there.

11 MR. RON LEVY: I can't find it.

12 Can you tell me where it's at?

13 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: It's got a
14 dark triangle in the upper left hand corner.

15 MR. RON LEVY: Here it is. I've
16 got it. There's a piece of paper in front of you that
17 looks like this. Take a quick look at it.

18 I just want to review what we, as
19 the RAB, can spend money on so you fully understand
20 that. This is a guide that's put out by The
21 Department of the Army, who funds us to conduct these
22 meetings. And if you look at where it gets down to
23 the italicized, funding includes expenses which are

1 directly related to the operation of the RAB, such as
2 RAB establishment, member selection cost, orientation
3 training, meeting announcements, meeting logistics,
4 facilitators, preparation of meeting agendas,
5 materials and minutes, documents reproduced, and any
6 administrative funding, which include contractor
7 support expenses.

8 And the things that it can't spend
9 money on or that we can't spend money on are community
10 involvement expenses, such as preparation of fact
11 sheets; other information material for public
12 distributions; mailings; repository cost. RAB
13 administrative funding does not include salaries for
14 DoD personnel, such as myself. Cost associated with
15 administrative support for the RABs are eligible
16 funding, which is similar to what Lisa is doing. I
17 don't think you'll understand what the BCA accounts
18 are. So, really, you can disregard that. That's kind
19 of really the extent of the guidance.

20 Now, you say, okay, what are we
21 going to do about mailings and other administrative
22 costs? We have a separate program in to do that. And
23 that's what I was telling you about before. We're in

1 the process of trying to get a contractor in to do the
2 fact sheets -- even though Tiki has mentioned helping
3 us out, up front and right now -- to do the fact
4 sheets and do the mailings, set the meetings up to do
5 things like notify the public and also to do a
6 quarterly news letter, which is something we want to
7 do, as well. So, we're moving on that. We're trying
8 to hire somebody. I've got confirmation that we will
9 get funding this year. When I get it, though, I can't
10 really tell you.

11 But that kind of gives you an idea,
12 because I told you at previous RAB meetings that I was
13 going to give you an idea of what it is we can and
14 cannot spend money on. The court reporter here is one
15 of the things that obviously we can spend money on and
16 we are spending money on.

17 Bringing in people to train for --
18 in fact, if you said to me that you wanted to see a
19 guy who -- a chemist who knows a lot about chemical
20 warfare and material and we want to bring him in from
21 Maryland, we could pay for his way down here to talk
22 to us about that. That's kind of what the money was
23 intended to do.

1 Does anybody have any questions on
2 that? I mentioned to you before that we're budgeted
3 for twenty-four K a year. A lot of those expenses, as
4 I pointed out -- and I don't have that sheet -- are
5 going towards the transcriptions, and doing some of
6 the -- some of the training costs.

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: How much are
8 you going to have for the community outreach type of
9 stuff?

10 MR. RON LEVY: It's going to have
11 to come out of that other pot of money that I was
12 telling you about. And it will set up something
13 separate for that. Once I get a contractor on board,
14 she'll be involved in doing that. I don't have a
15 number, don't have a number. But that's not -- that's
16 -- it just depends. It depends on how we lay it out
17 and what we decide we want to do.

18 With that, that's where we stand.
19 On future meetings, I will give you an accounting of
20 what we spent our money on, as it relates to the RAB.
21 I'll put a sheet in front of you to tell you what we
22 expect to come from the RAB and what money we have
23 left. As you look as what it is we can do, in terms

1 of training or if we wanted to meet some place else,
2 and it's going to cost us something -- like you wanted
3 to meet at the Anniston Meeting Center and they're
4 going to charge us for that, we'll look at cost
5 associated with that.

6 Does anybody have any questions
7 about that?

8 MR. BART REEDY: What about
9 refurbishing this room?

10 MR. RON LEVY: We already did that.
11 That was a cost in support of the RAB was -- actually,
12 this room was put together for the RAB so that we
13 could have a place to meet.

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: The question I
15 have, Ron, is: If we go out -- and I think it's a
16 good idea that we get out of here a few times each
17 year -- and go into a place like the Anniston Meeting
18 Center -- can we spend RAB money to announce and
19 advertise where we're going to be?

20 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

21 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Yes.

22 MR. FERN THOMASSY: That would open

23 --

1 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, that fits --

2 MR. FERN THOMASSY: That money
3 fits?

4 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

5 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Then I would
6 suggest we do that. That's one of the things that
7 would be very important. And it would allow people in
8 that district, wherever we go, then to know we're here
9 and them come in and participate.

10 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Most of the
11 radio stations, too, have -- when I've talked to them,
12 they've agreed to carry the spots as, you know,
13 community --

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Service.

15 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- service,
16 community service spots. I know DNG and WHOG said
17 that they would do a certain number of them, if we
18 wanted them to.

19 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Mark, now that
20 we've got you talking, I think I would suggest we go
21 ahead and let you talk a little bit about the briefing
22 that you put together, so that we, at least, have the
23 people here up to speed on it, prepared, hopefully, to

1 vote on it at the next meeting.

2 MR. MARK ANDERSON: What I would
3 like to just ask people to do is -- every one should
4 have gotten a copy of it, either at the November
5 meeting or as a mail-out, between then and now. The
6 briefing is intended to be just what it looks like.
7 It's an initial contact with the -- it looks like this

8 --

9 MR. RON LEVY: They've got it in
10 front of them.

11 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Everybody has
12 got a copy, I think, in front of them.

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: The briefing is
14 intended to be just initial contact with the
15 community. If the community then wants to know
16 something more about a specific clean-up problem or
17 something like that, then we -- we schedule, thank
18 them very much for letting us show up, and we schedule
19 a follow-on briefing with them. This is intended to
20 be just first flush, see if there is any interest and
21 provide them with some basic information. The main
22 thing that I'd like to ask the people assembled here
23 is for specific comments. I didn't get any mailed in

1 or faxed-in comments over the last couple of months,
2 with the exception of one comment from Ron. And I
3 can't even remember what that is right now, Ron. I've
4 got it on my -- I already made the change in my
5 office.

6 MR. RON LEVY: I can't remember,
7 either.

8 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I think it
9 specifically had to do with the oversight -- that's
10 what it was -- in the RAB slide number three, provides
11 community input --

12 MR. RON LEVY: Yes.

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- oversight.

14 MR. RON LEVY: The advisory board's
15 function is to --

16 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Advise.

17 MR. RON LEVY: -- advise.

18 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Other than
19 that, anybody have any specific comments on this
20 briefing? And if not, we'll make -- Yes?

21 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: I was going to
22 add on number four --

23 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Yes.

1 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: -- just to make
2 it clear that me and Bart and Ron are non-voting
3 members and -- I don't know if it needs -- it just --
4 are we going to be considered part of the RAB here or
5 just -- I'm not sure -- if this is -- I'm not sure if
6 this is stating what actually is, I guess.

7 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Ex Officio, I
8 think.

9 MR. BART REEDY: I think that is
10 what we're termed. We're non-voting.

11 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not Ex Officio,
12 I'm considered co-chair.

13 MR. BART REEDY: You're co-chair.
14 I think you and I are just kind of one step above a
15 guest.

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I like that.
17 We're not going to let you get away with that. You
18 can't leave. But I think we have discussed that in
19 full fledged -- Ex Officio, and we used that term,
20 since you were not a voting member of the RAB --

21 MR. BART REEDY: Right --

22 MR. FERN THOMASSY: -- and not a
23 charter member, as Ron is, as co-chair.

1 MR. RON LEVY: True.

2 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Full fledged in
3 all other respects. You can't get out of that.

4 MR. RON LEVY: And the intent to
5 the voting portion, as it relates to administrative
6 function of the RAB, advice from any member of the RAB
7 will be taken in equal and in whole, because it's the
8 Army's responsibility to listen to any and all advice,
9 as it comes from the RAB members. And even as a
10 whole, if the group wants to take it as a whole or if
11 they want -- if individual members want to come up and
12 provide advice, we're obligated to listen to it all.

13 MR. FERN THOMASSY: And I think
14 everybody here looked at each of you as really our
15 eyes and our ears and many times our brains. And
16 enough said on that. You're extremely important.

17 MR. MARK ANDERSON: I would be --
18 just from the standpoint -- looking at, probably
19 either myself or Fern as the most likely people to
20 give the very first briefing and drag the next person
21 along with us. I think we can probably talk to that
22 without -- you know, without muddling it.

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay. My

1 suggestion would be that each of you take that back --
2 take a good look at it and, if you have any comments
3 between now and then, get it to Mark or to me, before
4 we have the next meeting so we can vote on this and
5 have an approved briefing that we can get out and get
6 moving with.

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: In fact, we're
8 due to meet, if I may --

9 MS. HARY HARRINGTON: In February
10 --

11 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- in February,
12 on the 10th, which makes the 5th when we're supposed
13 to have our regularly scheduled community relations
14 committee meeting. I would like to have it by the 5th
15 so I have time -- or actually by the 4th --

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes.

17 MR. MARK ANDERSON: -- of February,
18 so I have time to make changes, bring them into the
19 committee. We can polish it up then and get it back
20 out before the meeting on the 10th.

21 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: What time is that
22 on the 5th, Mark?

23 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Noon. That's

1 our lunchtime meeting.

2 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay. We're
3 starting to really eat into everybody's time. There
4 is one more important thing. I want to turn it over
5 to Ron. We've got to talk about the meeting in March
6 and then the new business item that he wants to get
7 across to you before we break up.

8 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. I recently
9 came back from a defense environmental restoration
10 response -- excuse me -- a defense environmental
11 response task force meeting, held out in California.
12 The DERTF, as they're called, is a Congressionally
13 established working group that looks at means or ways
14 in which to accelerate clean up at BRAC or closing
15 installations. It's chaired by the Deputy
16 Undersecretary of Defense for Environmental Security,
17 which is Ms. Sherry Goodman. And includes members
18 from Department of Justice; EPA; GSA, Army Corps of
19 Engineers, at the headquarters level; and it's got
20 non-federal members as State Attorney General in
21 Texas; State Environmental Agency, in this case it's
22 California; and then they've got a public interest
23 representative, a Mr. Don Gray, I can't remember

1 exactly what his group is; and the Urban Land
2 Institute. Really, a very high level group, working
3 group that has discussions as it relates to the clean
4 up activities.

5 And in front of you there is an
6 information paper, as it relates to the DERTF. Do
7 y'all see that? And it tells where some of the
8 meetings have occurred and some of the issues that
9 they've gone through. They want to meet here in
10 Anniston in June, around the 16th, actually, probably,
11 three or four days in the 16th of June. They can't
12 come in on a Monday when we regularly hold our
13 meetings, so, they'll probably come in on a Tuesday.
14 And their intent is to come to a RAB meeting.

15 The reason I'm asking this is,
16 because I would like to try to schedule our meeting in
17 June, probably on that Tuesday evening so that they
18 can attend it and listen to our discussions, so they
19 can use that as a basis for learning and to help in
20 the -- help in establishing policies and guidance for
21 fast track clean up. They can also take questions at
22 some of the public forums from our RAB members, as to,
23 you know, your comments and perceptions about clean

1 up.

2 So, if we can get the RAB to agree
3 to that, I would like to try to schedule the June RAB
4 probably for the afternoon or the evening of the 16th,
5 which should be a Tuesday.

6 MR. THOMASSY: I would suggest we
7 may -- this may be a good time to look at doing it
8 down in the Anniston Meeting Center, because we're
9 going to need the additional space.

10 MR. MARK ANDERSON: It's actually
11 the right month for it in the cycle --

12 MR. LEVY: Excuse me. The week of
13 the 16th. But it would be the afternoon of the 17th.
14 And that's their intent is to do their meeting in the
15 Anniston Meeting Center. Which would be open to the
16 public and allow people to come in and listen to some
17 of their discussions. Because they have got a lot of
18 high level discussions, as it relates to clean up.
19 Now, you can see -- they're one of the ones that
20 design policy for creation of restoration advisory
21 boards and the fast track clean up and issues of local
22 reuse authorities. UXO issues are a big one, too,
23 that they're discussing, as well. Funding issues,

1 they discuss those, land use issues, quite an array of
2 different topics that they're involved in.

3 Their whole intent is to put policy
4 and guidance together that will help get the land back
5 into the community's hands as soon as possible.

6 So, if it's -- and I know we don't
7 have the full working group of the RAB here, but we're
8 going to try to start pushing that. I guess I'll
9 bring it back up at the February meeting.

10 MR. MARK ANDERSON: What time?

11 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: Ron --

12 MR. RON LEVY: Well, we would
13 continue to hold our meeting at the same time, we
14 would just probably change the location.

15 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: I believe the
16 contractor for DoD stated they were going to be at the
17 next RAB, right?

18 MR. LEVY: Right. We hold our
19 meeting maybe at the Anniston Meeting Center and they
20 could meet right there, or they could be there to
21 listen to what's going on.

22 The other thing that they'll
23 probably ask -- and not necessarily -- it won't be the

1 RAB, but the base clean-up team, they'll ask for a
2 presentation from the base clean-up team, that being,
3 me, Bart, and Chris, and also from the local reuse
4 authority, you know, on their concerns. Mostly, the
5 BCT, in terms of what we're doing and how we're doing
6 it, and the LRA and their concerns for environmental
7 issues and clean up.

8 So, that's where we're heading with
9 that. And I guess I'll bring it back up in June.
10 That's what we're going to try to do, 17 June, 6:30,
11 assuming that everything works out, in the Anniston
12 Meeting Center.

13 MR. REEDY: And for sure, will be
14 here for how long?

15 MR. RON LEVY: Well, they're
16 talking about four days. So, it would be the 17th,
17 18th, 19th, and probably leaving on the 20th. So,
18 that's coming in on the 16th and pretty much tying up
19 the whole week.

20 MR. BART REEDY: Pretty much.

21 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: They're going
22 to two meetings a year, so, they're increasing the
23 length of their meetings.

1 MR. LEVY: Chris was with me at
2 that meeting and we learned quite a bit. I mean, it
3 was real interesting, in terms of the issues they got
4 through. There's a lot of legal issues, as it relates
5 to reuse of the land and liability associated with the
6 clean up that they've been talking about.

7 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: I think they're
8 gearing -- I mean, one of the big issues that I think
9 they're going to try to focus on here is going to be
10 the UXO. It's certainly a concern of the members of
11 DERTF. And they're going to -- hopefully, that would
12 be one of their highlight topics is the UXO problem
13 and institution control. So, it is good. They bring
14 up a lot of interesting problems we're all facing.

15 MR. LEVY: One other thing, the
16 March meeting, the base clean-up team, that's myself,
17 Bart, and Chris, are scheduled for some partnering
18 training the third week in March when we have our
19 March meeting. So, we would probably like to schedule
20 it for the second Monday in March, if that's okay.

21 Otherwise, you wouldn't have our expertise and
22 presence there to discuss things with.

23 MR. FERN THOMASSY: I recommend we

1 not try to have a meeting without these people there.
2 So, if we could do it the second Monday in March, we
3 really ought to do that. Otherwise, it wouldn't be
4 very productive, I believe.

5 MR. MARK ANDERSON: That's true.
6 The only thing is: We have already agreed -- in a
7 previous meeting, we voted on having the meeting on
8 March 17th at a location outside of here, so we would
9 have to do that under business next meeting.

10 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes, we would
11 have to change it.

12 MR. LEVY: We'll add it to the
13 schedule as new business.

14 MR. FERN THOMASSY: For the next
15 meeting.

16 MR. LEVY: For the next meeting.

17 MR. THOMASSY: Any other points of
18 discussion?

19 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: I've got one
20 request.

21 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes.

22 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Now that we've
23 seen these maps, I don't have the knowledge of a lots

1 of these sites, as I look at these maps. Is there
2 some way, Ron, that for us that don't know Fort
3 McClellan, as far as being on it and all that, we
4 could set up some way we can go on a tour and identify
5 where I can see where some of these places are? You
6 know, for folks in the military know where that is,
7 but some of these areas I haven't been into, some I
8 have and some I haven't.

9 MR. RON LEVY: That is one thing
10 that we haven't discussed is what we're going to do at
11 our next meeting. And try to get everybody to, at
12 some point in the future, do a tour. But we thought
13 we would probably do that separate and above what we
14 were doing with the RAB.

15 MAYOR KIMBROUGH: Right. That's
16 what I'm saying, during the day or some time, if we
17 could establish some time in -- I would like to be
18 able to look at the mountain area, whatever --

19 MR. BART REEDY: Sometimes folks do
20 it on a Saturday or like today, because, you know,
21 most everybody has to go to work, unfortunately, and
22 that usually works well on a Saturday.

23 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. Does anybody

1 have any recommendations of when they would like to
2 see this done? I would certainly like to get that
3 done before the DERTF meets so that you can at least
4 tell them that you've seen these sites and know what's
5 going on out there. Has anybody got any
6 recommendations when we would like to do this?

7 MR. MARK ANDERSON: April is a
8 pretty month.

9 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: When it warms
10 up a little bit.

11 MR. LEVY: Does anybody have a
12 desire to do it earlier? Do we want to consider April
13 for the tour of --

14 MR. CONROY: How extensive would
15 this tour be? And the reason I ask that is: Maybe we
16 could have an alternative during the week and on a
17 weekend, so we could please as many people as
18 possible.

19 MR. RON LEVY: Yes, I can split it
20 up and we can do two different types -- not two
21 different types, but two different times, if
22 necessary. I don't have a problem with that. You
23 know, if you can't make it one time, we can do it

1 another time.

2 MR. CONROY: Unless there is a
3 tremendous amount of --

4 MR. RON LEVY: What I'll do is:
5 I'll propose some times at the next meeting. And,
6 Lisa, that's an action, propose some times at the next
7 meeting to do some tours for us and we'll try to split
8 it up and see what we can't come up with.

9 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: You've got
10 daylight savings time in April, so, we'll have more
11 daylight during workdays.

12 MR. LEVY: Maybe even in the next
13 mailing that we send out, we could send out a little
14 note with some proposed times so we could look ahead
15 and come back and discuss it. Okay.

16 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Anybody else?

17 MR. RON LEVY: One other thing.

18 Next RAB meeting, scheduled for February, in terms of
19 what we're going to do for a discussion, can I get any
20 comments as to what you would like to see presented?
21 We're still in a training phase. We're still trying
22 to put information out to the RAB and let them know
23 what's out there. Can I get any consensus of what you

1 would like to see us put together for the next RAB
2 meeting?

3 MR. ANDERSON: Can we start
4 overlaying all the maps, at that point, or probably
5 not quite to that stage, yet, in your assessments, are
6 you?

7 MR. RON LEVY: I'm not sure what
8 you mean.

9 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Well, take the
10 UXO map and overlay it on the known contaminated sites
11 and --

12 MR. LEVY: You don't get that kind
13 of level of detail, because this pretty much
14 encompasses what you're seeing up there. We're not
15 going to be able to do that. I mean, it becomes a
16 little bit -- a little bit too crowded for us to see
17 everything that is on there. Certainly, those maps
18 are all available, you know, for you to look at,
19 separately.

20 Lisa, what did we say we thought
21 about doing for the next RAB?

22 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Charles had
23 mentioned that EDAW --

1 MR. RON LEVY: That's right.

2 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: -- come talk
3 about the reuse plan.

4 MR. RON LEVY: What we'll try to
5 do, if everybody would like to see that is: Get the
6 contractor in for the LRA and see if he won't brief us
7 on the concept for reuse. If everybody has got an
8 interest in that, we'll try to arrange that. Anybody
9 got any comment on that?

10 MR. GARY HARVEY: Also, Ron, the
11 contractor is briefing at Jax State. There should be
12 a notice in the paper, 7:00 Cole --

13 MR. MARK ANDERSON: Houston Cole
14 Library.

15 MR. GARY HARVEY: -- Library. And
16 it's open to the public, 7:00 o'clock at night.
17 Anybody that wants to go, you don't have to be a
18 member of anything, it's open to the public. And
19 they're going to present three scenarios. And there
20 will be notices in the paper, too.

21 MR. LEVY: I believe it's Thursday,
22 Gary.

23 MR. HARVEY: What did I say?

1 MR. RON LEVY: 16th.

2 MR. GARY HARVEY: Thursday.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 11th floor of
4 Cole library.

5 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Since Ron is
6 going to have to try to get EDAW to come in, if for
7 some reason he can't get them to come in, I would
8 suggest that when the agenda comes out, we be told.
9 And as a fall back position, each of us coming to the
10 meeting plan to ask questions. We've had an awful lot
11 of information presented to us over the last three or
12 four months, and there ought to be a lot of questions
13 and a lot of things for discussion.

14 Plus, we have some business that we
15 have to complete at the next meeting. So, there is a
16 lot to do. And I would say that would be a fall back
17 position, if we don't have EDAW come to the meeting.

18 MS. LISA KINGSBURY: Say that
19 again. If we can't get EDAW, we'll just do admin?

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY: We'll do our
21 own admin and recommending that people prepare
22 questions to come in, based on all the information
23 that we've received over the past three or four

1 meetings.

2 MR. BART REEDY: Mr. Thomassy, you
3 also have the application to finalize.

4 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Right, that's
5 part of the administration that we've got to do, that
6 and the briefing for the community affairs.

7 MR. RON LEVY: Yes. We can put
8 that down also. The EDAW folks, we may have to use
9 some RAB money to support having them come in. We may
10 have to pay for their presence here. We are
11 authorized to do that. If we can get them to come in
12 and it doesn't cost us anything, we'll do that. But
13 we have the option of using RAB money. That falls
14 within the constraints of funding.

15 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Okay. Any
16 other comments or suggestions? Anybody in the
17 audience?

18 MR. DEAN HUTCHENS: Is there a
19 public meeting tomorrow night for the incinerator?

20 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Yes.

21 MR. CHRIS JOHNSON: That is
22 correct.

23 MR. THOMASSY: There is a question

1 about the chemical demilitarization project. The
2 second of two public meetings that ADEM is holding on
3 the public -- on the permits that have been put out
4 for public comment is tomorrow night in the Anniston
5 Meeting Center. It starts at 6:30. And ADEM will run
6 that public meeting as it did on December the 9th.
7 And just for anybody's interested, the final meeting
8 is really an administrative hearing that ADEM will
9 hold two weeks from tomorrow night on January the
10 28th, also in the Anniston Meeting Center. That one
11 is at 7:00 o'clock or starts at 7:00 o'clock on the
12 28th.

13 Anything else? Again, I would like
14 to thank Tiki for her input. And, you know, the fact
15 that you just confirmed some of the things that we're
16 doing is very, very helpful.

17 MR. RON LEVY: We'll take you up on
18 the --

19 MR. FERN THOMASSY: Anybody want to
20 stay for another hour? Adjourned.

21 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned.)
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HEREBY CERTIFY that this proceeding was taken before
me, then was by me reduced to shorthand, afterwards
transcribed upon a computer, and that the foregoing is
a true and correct transcript of the proceeding.

I FURTHER CERTIFY this proceeding
was taken at the time and place and was concluded
without adjournment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal at Anniston, Alabama,

1 on this the 22nd day of January, 1997.

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SAMANTHA E. NOBLE

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