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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA

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1                   MR. THOMASSY: Call the meeting to  
2                   order. We'll start with taking the role.  
3                   Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Buford, Mr.  
4                   Conroy, Dr. Cox.  
5                   DR. COX: Here.  
6                   MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Cunningham.  
7                   MR. CUNNINGHAM: Here.  
8                   MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Elser.  
9                   MR. ELSER: Here.  
10                  MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Faust.  
11                  MR. FAUST: Here.  
12                  MR. THOMASSY: Mrs. Harrington, Mr.  
13                  Hood.  
14                  MR. HOOD: Here.  
15                  MR. THOMASSY: Mayor Kimbrough, Mrs.  
16                  Longstreth, Mr. Miller.  
17                  MR. MILLER: Here.  
18                  MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Parks, Mr.  
19                  Turner, esquire.  
20                  MR. TURNER: I'm here.  
21                  MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Johnson.  
22                  MR. JOHNSON: Here.  
23                  MR. THOMASSY: Mr. Levy.

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1 MR. LEVY: Here.

2 MR. THOMASSY: Is Bart gone this  
3 week?

4 MR. LEVY: He's sick.

5 MR. THOMASSY: Everybody had a  
6 chance to take a look at the minutes?  
7 They were fairly thorough, pretty good  
8 rundown of what we did. Anybody have any  
9 comments? Let's see. Go on with that,  
10 there's no need to go ahead and approve  
11 them, we don't have enough people to do  
12 it.

13 We were going to continue the  
14 discussion on the base cleanup plan. And  
15 that's why Lisa asked you in the letter  
16 that came out announcing this week's  
17 meeting to go ahead and bring your copies  
18 with you. I think, and correct me if I'm  
19 wrong, but I believe that's probably the  
20 heart of our focus, and all the things  
21 that sit out there in other areas are  
22 attachments or appendices or supporting  
23 documents and activities to it. Is that

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1 correct?

2 MR. LEVY: It should be essentially  
3 our road map for our actions. Though  
4 this particular plan is still a draft and  
5 it's being revised as we speak, things  
6 are changing. But yeah, in a perfect  
7 world this would be it.

8 MR. THOMASSY: And of course I think  
9 the imperfections will always be in it  
10 since it's a living document and in the  
11 fact that there are other things that  
12 support it, if we can look at them as  
13 attachments or supporting documentation  
14 or supporting activities, it's probably  
15 the right way to look at it.

16 Does anybody have any questions or  
17 any areas that they would like to start  
18 the discussion on or within. One of the  
19 things is probably the changing nature of  
20 the Fort McClellan Development  
21 Commission's goals and activities. You  
22 know, there's three phases, and we've got  
23 phase 1-A that probably is the focus of

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1           what they are doing right now. But you  
2           have to reach into 1-B a little bit. You  
3           certainly have to reach into some of the  
4           outliers like the Eastern Bypass that is  
5           not specifically listed in there as  
6           things that are coming up very quickly  
7           that are going to have to be  
8           accommodated. We were talking here just  
9           a minute ago, the domestic preparedness  
10          organization has taken over this building  
11          up here. Is that a lease or a transfer  
12          within the federal government or how was  
13          that done?

14                 MR. LEVY: It's essentially a lease  
15                 from one federal agency to another.

16                 MR. TURNER: Well, the FMDC is up  
17                 there too.

18                 MR. THOMASSY: Who is?

19                 MR. TURNER: The FMDC is in that  
20                 building. I think the lease is between  
21                 them, actually FMDC and the government.

22                 MR. LEVY: I think the Army has two  
23                 MOU's, memorandum of understanding

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1           between both the FMDC and CDP, so that  
2           the two of them has got their own  
3           agreement with the Army right now.

4           MR. THOMASSY: Is that the only  
5           facility that's been turned over?

6           MR. LEVY: Yeah, at this point I'm  
7           not aware of anything else. And that  
8           really hasn't been turned over. It's  
9           really a lease and it's unique in the  
10          sense that we're talking really a  
11          federal-type of an action.

12          MR. THOMASSY: But if part of it has  
13          gone to the FMDC as well --

14          MR. LEVY: Yeah.

15          MR. TURNER: It's not for any  
16          identifiable consideration.

17          MR. LEVY: They receive federal  
18          funds too.

19          MR. TURNER: And they treat us like  
20          we're a federal entity.

21          MR. LEVY: We're able to do leases  
22          at this point because the Army will, from  
23          the EECA standpoint can do categoric

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1           exclusions for like facilities. If a  
2           facility that's an office space is  
3           intended to be used for an office space,  
4           the community can come in and try to get  
5           it on a lease for that basis. We can't  
6           do any transfers until we've completed  
7           the EIS, and that should be done in early  
8           November. The record of decision should  
9           be out sometime in October. There is a  
10          30-day period under the RCRA decision.  
11          So as soon as that's complete, then  
12          hopefully we'll start some transfers.  
13          But I don't know or haven't heard really  
14          what property they may be asking for at  
15          this point other than maybe what the CDP  
16          is looking for.

17                 MR. THOMASSY: Who is the approval  
18                 authority? The EIS?

19                 MR. LEVY: Ray Fatts, under  
20                 secretary of defense -- I'm sorry, I  
21                 can't remember his title. Paul, do you  
22                 know what Ray Fatts' title is? We'll  
23                 find out. We'll look it up. He's the

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1 final signature on the document.

2 MR. JAMES: I think he's assistant  
3 secretary for installations --

4 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I have a question  
5 relative to this since we're talking  
6 about transfer. You know, we deal with  
7 this book and all the implications that  
8 are within, and that's our business. And  
9 therefore that, what we deal with here  
10 ultimately results in transfer  
11 capability, as I understand the system.  
12 Now, reading the Anniston Star with all  
13 the controversy that's occurring there  
14 relative to who has the authority to  
15 assume that control and hence who DOD is  
16 going to officially deal with, what is  
17 the answer to that? Are we going around  
18 an ever increasing larger circle?

19 MR. LEVY: I can't answer that.  
20 That's really out of my area altogether.  
21 In terms of who DOD deals with, I can't  
22 tell you. I know it's an issue, I know  
23 it's in the papers, I don't know the

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1           answer to that. Maybe Charles might want  
2           to take a shot at it.

3           MR. TURNER: Sure. Well, just  
4           speaking for myself and not for the FMDC,  
5           it is the most troubling development I've  
6           seen in local politics in my life. We  
7           are losing opportunities as the days go  
8           by. Last week we got a letter from  
9           TRADOC or from the pentagon saying that  
10          we weren't going to have an opportunity  
11          to apply for the utilities systems under  
12          EDC, they were going to sell them on the  
13          open market. The reason for that is we  
14          haven't been able to identify who's going  
15          to apply for an EDC and they are sick of  
16          waiting on us. And, I mean, it's a  
17          disgrace. We ought to run every one of  
18          these bums out. And to see the fight  
19          begin anew is even more obscene. The  
20          battle started primarily between Anniston  
21          and Calhoun County who mended their  
22          fences and got down in joint arms and had  
23          this JPA formed and then all of a sudden

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1           that alliance gets attacked by another  
2           political group. It's as if there's some  
3           grand design to ruin reuse locally. I  
4           mean, just as a concerned citizen, it  
5           ought to concern everybody in this room.  
6           It's an election year by god. I don't  
7           plan on letting them get away with it.

8           MR. THOMASSY: Where are we right  
9           now in coming to some resolution? Are  
10          any of the political leaders either from  
11          the congressional side or the state side  
12          taking an active role in trying to  
13          compromise this and come to some  
14          conclusion?

15          MR. TURNER: From what I  
16          understand, Larry Simms got it started  
17          back up.

18          MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, he got it  
19          started back up.

20          MR. TURNER: I think Mike Rogers is  
21          involved just as well, and then several  
22          mayors.

23          MR. THOMASSY: Everybody is staying

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1 away from it, is what it is, because it  
2 is an election year and those who could  
3 do something aren't.

4 MR. TURNER: They are sending  
5 letters to the pentagon, they've got all  
6 these letters going to the pentagon  
7 saying recognize them, don't recognize  
8 them. And the FMDC seems to be  
9 politically involved in that. So, I  
10 mean, it's if you recognize the JPA then  
11 all of the sudden the FMDC becomes moot.  
12 So what? Nobody is against Pague over  
13 there except for the staff. And I don't  
14 think we can let our future depend on,  
15 you know, continuing to make sure the  
16 staff has a job. So that's how I see it.

17 MR. THOMASSY: Too bad Mark Anderson  
18 isn't in here because Riley has a  
19 leadership role and I haven't heard a  
20 thing out of him lately. Have you?

21 MR. TURNER: I think his office was  
22 quoted in the paper saying I hope these  
23 idiots get it sorted out soon. I hope

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1           it's resolved on a local level.

2           MR. LEVY: Yeah, I think what he  
3           said is we hope they can resolve this on  
4           a local level.

5           MR. TURNER: I'm paraphrasing.

6           MR. LEVY: Our ability to transfer  
7           property is definitely impeded by it.

8           MR. THOMASSY: Oh, you can't do  
9           anything until they resolve that.

10          MR. LEVY: And let me try to focus  
11          back on the environmental side. Because  
12          from the environmental --

13          MR. TURNER: Because I'm  
14          scandalizing him otherwise.

15          MR. LEVY: From the environmental  
16          side, we're still going along with this  
17          plan here that was put together by the  
18          FMDC as a body that was tasked to plan.  
19          So we're still following along the track  
20          of the planning of the FMDC. We haven't  
21          been told otherwise, and that's exactly  
22          what we're in fact doing.

23          MR. TURNER: And I don't think

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1           there's any reason to think that's not  
2           going to be the general plan that's used.  
3           I mean, the plan is fine, it's the  
4           implementation that's killing us.

5           MR. THOMASSY: Is there any further  
6           information on what they are going to do  
7           with this California retirement group or  
8           with Marion Military College?

9           MR. TURNER: I don't know about  
10          Marion. I do know about Cal Lutheran.  
11          The FMDC this morning voted to grant a  
12          right of first refusal to Cal Lutheran  
13          Homes on the standing housing stock out  
14          here.

15          MR. THOMASSY: Will that stick?

16          MR. TURNER: Well, hell no, they  
17          don't have any property interest out  
18          here. From what OEA tells us, they won't  
19          have. One, because they aren't eligible  
20          to receive an EDC. Only the JPA can do  
21          that.

22          MR. THOMASSY: So it's their  
23          opinion, they can't back it up with

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1 anything?

2 MR. TURNER: Well, as I pointed out  
3 to them this morning, they are granting a  
4 property interest in property they don't  
5 own. Looks like will never own. And  
6 it's just real hard to separate where the  
7 public service begins and the politic  
8 ends.

9 MR. THOMASSY: As far as the status  
10 of the cleanup goes, I guess the best  
11 picture you get, and the book tells you  
12 to do it that way, is to look at some of  
13 the CERFA and non-CERFA maps that have  
14 been provided to us in this and get a  
15 feel for the overlays also that are in  
16 there that shows the phasing that the  
17 FMDC and others have put together in this  
  
18 plan and what the areas look like. Does  
19 anybody have any questions or concerns  
20 about the areas, we'll say in phase 1-A  
21 that have been identified? I guess the  
22 biggest question that comes up in my mind  
23 is when you look at some of those, there

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1 are some category five, six and seven  
2 areas underneath those phase 1-A plots.  
3 And I wonder, are we focusing on them,  
4 are you, Ron, in priority sequence?

5 MR. CUNNINGHAM: The two interests,  
6 again from the newspaper, that have the  
7 most potential in my opinion and other  
8 folks too is that of the Lutheran Housing  
9 Association and Marion Institute. The  
10 areas that are requested by those two  
11 agencies, are the properties within their  
12 requests? Are they ready or are they  
13 available?

14 MR. LEVY: That I can't tell you for  
15 certain without going back and looking at  
16 where we're at in the program. And I  
17 have not been privy to what Marion  
18 Institute is interested in other than the  
19 building on top of the hill.

20 MR. TURNER: Primarily the  
21 headquarters building is the one building  
22 that I've heard identified.

23 MR. LEVY: That's in the 1-B phase

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1           which, yes, that should not be an issue.  
2           Most of the structure other than the  
3           historical, the asbestos, the lead base  
4           paint, possibly radon issues, all of  
5           those are transferable as is.

6                   MR. JOHNSON:  Let's go ahead, one  
7           issue that we're bringing forth, though,  
8           is lead base paint.  Okay, and one of the  
9           issues that we've got to get worked out  
10          with the Army, I say we, that's State and  
11          EPA with the Army is the issue of lead  
12          base paint.  Currently lead base paint,  
13          according to the Army, issues the  
14          properties that can be transferred.  EPA,  
15          and we take the same position as EPA, is  
16          lead base paint is considered a hazardous  
17          substance and should be addressed as  
18          such.  So what we're trying to propose  
19          with Ron and TRADOC is to take some  
20          areas, especially these up here in the  
21          Buckner Circle area and sample them for  
22          lead base paint.  That tends to be  
23          probably one of the few issues up here.

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1           To make sure that the soil, and I'm only  
2           talking about the soil outside the  
3           buildings. We don't have any authority  
4           whatsoever to go inside the buildings as  
5           far as lead base paint. That's a public  
6           health department issue, or HUD. Outside  
7           lead base paint that is released into the  
8           soil is considered hazardous substance.  
9           Again, we want to work with the Army. I  
10          think from what we've talked about when  
11          we were out in San Diego, we're making  
12          some leeway for hopefully getting the  
13          Army to pay for some sampling. I don't  
14          personally think it's going to be a  
15          problem, but I certainly want to make  
16          sure we've addressed it to ensure that we  
17          have looked at that pathway.

18                 MR. LEVY: I support what Chris is  
19                 saying. We've already had some sampling  
20                 done for lead in soils in and around  
21                 housing, and I can tell you what we've  
22                 done, and they were done under HUD  
23                 guidelines. But risk-wise or even in

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1           accordance with their standards, there  
2           wasn't a whole lot there. There were  
3           some buildings that exceeded and they  
4           were, I think the chapels. But that's  
5           something you and I and Bart will discuss  
6           in meetings, but I don't think housing  
7           will be a problem.

8           MR. TURNER: Why is there a higher  
9           concentration in some area like around  
10          churches? Do they paint them more?

11          MR. LEVY: I don't really know.

12          MR. THOMASSY: Are you looking at  
13          spillage or leaching?

14          MR. LEVY: What has either chipped  
15          off or come off the sides of the building  
16          and entered the soil has driven the soil  
17          characteristics for lead above certain  
18          limits of, this is HUD limits is really  
19          what they are going by right now. What,  
20          it's five hundred parts per million?

21          MR. JOHNSON: No. There's a  
22          difference between, you've got TOSKA,  
23          CERCLA and you've got HUD.

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1 MR. LEVY: The Army is using HUD.

2 MR. JOHNSON: The EPA is, we are  
3 using the CERCLA, just like any other  
4 lead just like from any other source.  
5 We're treating it the same and evaluating  
6 it the same.

7 MR. LEVY: You ought to know that  
8 there is a difference of opinion. The  
9 Army's opinion is that it's not a CERCLA  
10 issue, if you are going to treat us like  
11 that, you need to treat every residential  
12 and other type entities outside of the  
13 military the same way. That's the rub  
14 right now. In fact, that's not what they  
15 are doing.

16 MR. TURNER: Does any of the  
17 standing housing look like, do we suspect  
18 that it will have extraordinary lead  
19 levels?

20 MR. LEVY: I don't say  
21 extraordinary. In terms of lead levels,  
22 yes, in the soil. Because particularly  
23 like the ones up here on Buckner Circle,

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1 the date of manufacture or the date of  
2 construction is generally anything from  
3 '73 back. 1973 back based on when they  
4 were produced.

5 MR. JOHNSON: I thought it was '78.

6 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, it said '78.

7 MR. LEVY: Sorry.

8 MR. TURNER: We think that we  
9 aren't going to be able to transfer the  
10 housing because of lead base paint levels  
11 in the soil?

12 MR. LEVY: No, I didn't say that.  
13 What Chris wants us to do is go in and  
14 look at those issues. We really have not  
15 done that yet.

16 MR. TURNER: Are we going to be  
17 delayed?

18 MR. JOHNSON: No, no.

19 MR. LEVY: I don't think so.

20 MR. JOHNSON: And the way right now  
21 it stands, if the Army does not want to  
22 go in and sample for lead base paint in  
23 soils, then you know, they'll probably go

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1 ahead and be able to transfer the  
2 property. But, you know, we as  
3 protectors of humanity and the  
4 environment at least can attach to the  
5 FOST or FOSL that we think it's a  
6 potential concern. I'm not trying to  
7 alarm anybody in here. I'm just saying  
8 that's an issue. There's cases where,  
9 let's say the Persidio in San Francisco  
10 where they did sample and found high lead  
11 levels. Now, I haven't seen the reports,  
12 I don't know if it's from paint chipping  
13 off the walls. What I've talked to Ron  
14 about is we don't want to sample around  
15 every building at Fort McClellan. That's  
16 unnecessary and a lot of money and it's  
17 really you don't need to do that. I would  
18 like to take some buildings, and really  
19 these here, old, up on Buckner Circle  
20 that's been here a long time that's been  
21 painted a long time and use those as kind  
22 of a test for what the soils are doing  
23 with the lead base paint. If these come

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1 back looking good, let's just take a  
2 handful of them. If they come back fine,  
3 then we're not going to mess with any  
4 other buildings at Fort McClellan  
5 regarding lead base paint.

6 MR. TURNER: Say you've got six  
7 hundred parts per million up here. So  
8 what do you do then?

9 MR. JOHNSON: You can't, that's the  
10 problem when you deal with lead.  
11 Everybody wants it numbered and that's  
12 not how you deal with it.

13 MR. TURNER: Well, I don't care  
14 about the number. I'm not married to any  
15 number. Say it's too high. It's higher  
16 than the CERCLA level or whatever level  
17 you are going to use.

18 MR. JOHNSON: If it warrants, if it  
19 is a problem, typically you'll take a  
20 layer off, say six inches and come back  
21 in with top soil and grass it. That's  
22 typically what's done.

23 MR. LEVY: We're not talking about a

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1           tremendous effort if we did go that route  
2           to scrape the top soil off and replace  
3           it. There's even a protective measure  
4           where you cap it. But before you get  
5           wrapped around this, at this point I can  
6           tell you I believe the majority of our  
7           buildings you are just not going to see  
8           it. You are just not going to see it.

9           MR. CUNNINGHAM: Are we dealing with  
10          the situation, I'll agree with what you  
11          are saying initially, we're dealing with  
12          rehabilitation, and the transfer of the  
13          property is somebody else's issue. But  
14          that's not really the case, because if  
15          indeed the JPO or JPA negotiated and gets  
16          someone ready to occupy and take over say  
17          the housing for the retirement center and  
18          then suddenly we come up with the  
19          situation where they say, "Hey, lead base  
20          paint is an issue that has to be  
21          corrected before that property can be  
22          transferred," then we're essentially in a  
23          situation where that could stop the whole

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1 process. Is that a possibility?

2 MR. LEVY: Well, you know, it could  
3 be.

4 MR. TURNER: Or are we going to have  
5 to wait until the government gets up  
6 enough money to come in here and scrape  
7 thirty or forty yards and haul off the  
8 dirt to a hazardous landfill.

9 MR. JOHNSON: I brought this up  
10 because it's an issue, but honestly, as  
11 much lead cleanups as I've been involved  
12 with, I really don't think it's going to  
13 be a problem. This is more of really us  
14 and EPA making sure we've covered that.  
15 And to say if somebody from the public  
16 says, "Did you guys look at lead base  
17 paint in the soil?" We'll say, "We sure  
18 did and it's fine." That is really what  
19 we're trying to do here.

20 MR. LEVY: Before we say anything,  
21 we really need to look at numbers and see  
22 what we've got out there.

23 MR. TURNER: So when are y'all going

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1 to do this testing?

2 MR. LEVY: Well, actually I've got  
3 some work that's already been done. The  
4 BCT, they have not seen it yet. So based  
5 on that, we're going to make some  
6 decisions on whether we need some  
7 additional sampling or if we're okay.  
8 There's some risk assessment involved in  
9 it. Like I said, there were a few  
10 facilities where the lead levels were  
11 high, but the majority of them were very  
12 low or non-existent at all. And I have  
13 not shown it to my BCT members or EPA or  
14 ADEM. So we're just talking around it  
15 right now. Until we get our hands on it,  
16 I can't tell you where it's at.

17 MR. JOHNSON: This issue goes all  
18 the way to the top. The lead base paint  
19 issue is policy issue going on between  
20 EPA and department -- DOD, not just the  
21 Army. So we're really trying to come up  
22 with a resolution specifically here for  
23 Ron to send up the ladder and say look,

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1           give him the money, let's go do this and  
2           take care of the problem. If we sit  
3           around and wait on the folks in  
4           Washington to give us some policy and  
5           guidance on this, then yeah, we will be  
6           waiting a long time.

7                   MR. LEVY: Yeah, we want to solve  
8           this at this level. We want to be able  
9           to come up with a solution where I can  
10          get him to sign off on this FOST in  
  
11          agreement that says there is an issue  
12          there or we've taken action to address  
13          the issue.

14                   DR. COX: Chris, you are only  
15          concerned about the lead levels in the  
16          soil not in the exterior or the interior  
17          of the building?

18                   MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

19                   MR. LEVY: We will provide whatever  
20          information we have on interior paint as  
21          well to prospective buyers. That will  
22          all go into the information we provide.  
23          Anything we've got on radon, lead base

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1 paint, asbestos will be provided.

2 MR. JOHNSON: I've spoken with the  
3 health department about the interior  
4 portions and they handle that. And  
5 really the Army is only required to  
6 notify the one who is going to take the  
7 property that it's there. And it's  
8 really a buyer beware notification. I  
9 take it that, I think that the Army, you  
10 guys are going to abate where necessary,  
11 where it's flaking off. I'm not sure,  
12 but I think that's been the case I think  
13 so far.

14 MR. LEVY: We will, I've got to go  
15 back and look again at the wording of the  
16 policy. But essentially we will abate  
17 where -- and before I misspeak, I'll have  
18 to resurrect the policy. I think I  
19 quoted once before at a RAB meeting, and  
20 I can't remember what it is off the top  
21 of my head. There is a policy where this  
22 case where we may go in and do some  
23 abatement work.

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1                   MR. JOHNSON:  Would y'all, I'll be  
2                   more than happy to give you my spin as  
3                   far as the number of sites we're looking  
4                   at and what's going on currently, if it  
5                   will help, instead of asking questions on  
6                   the BCT.  Right now that document is, you  
7                   know, lacking a lot of information.  
8                   There's a lot of things that have gone on  
9                   that are going to have to go in the  
10                  second round of that.

11                  MR. CUNNINGHAM:  I don't want to  
12                  beat a dead horse, but if the JPA -- is  
13                  it JPA or JPO?

14                  MR. TURNER:  JPA, joint powers  
15                  authority.

16                  MR. CUNNINGHAM:  JPA signs a  
17                  contract with XYZ to occupy some area out  
18                  here, main post building or the housing  
19                  -- and those are the two greatest  
20                  potentials I think right now -- What is  
21                  that authority then that this body has  
22                  relative to concurring with that action  
23                  or the things that we're involved in in

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1 the relationship with that contractual  
2 arrangement?

3 MR. LEVY: Say that one more time.

4 MR. CUNNINGHAM: What authority  
5 does this body have relative to saying,  
6 hold up you can't do that because you've  
7 got a lead base paint issue or something  
8 similar to that?

9 MR. LEVY: Well, first off, the body  
10 is advisory in nature so authority is not  
11 the right word to use. Secondly, we are  
12 a separate body from the FMDC. We view  
13 issues the way we feel as a body or even  
14 individually, the Army is supposed to  
15 listen as a group and individually. So  
16 if somebody wants to make a statement  
17 that is contrary to other folks, we're  
18 supposed to take that into advice as  
19 well. So if you have a difference of  
20 opinion from the FMDC, or what other  
21 entity or the JPA or whatnot has defined  
22 in their goals and whatnot, then we're  
23 supposed to listen to that.

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1                   And y'all need to understand that.  
2                   I know everybody wants to support the  
3                   community and do what planning is  
4                   necessary, and that's good. However, you  
5                   are also here as separate entities and  
6                   other voices within the community to say  
7                   and express what you feel about the  
8                   cleanup and other health issues. You  
9                   just need to remember that. Any opinions  
10                  count, all opinions count.

11                 MR. THOMASSY: Chris made an offer  
12                 and I think it's a good one just to let  
13                 him as a member of the base cleanup team  
14                 tell us where they are right now. I  
15                 think that would help. What do you feel  
16                 about that?

17                 MR. JOHNSON: It's really, I'm  
18                 going to talk about everything that we've  
19                 got on our plate and kind of what's  
20                 happening from radon to lead base paint.  
21                 Right now our number one priority is  
22                 these SI's. We've got about sixty --  
23                 no, probably eighty SI's that I've got

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1 work plans reviewing and giving comments  
2 back to Ron and eventually IT. They are  
3 going to be out in the fields this fall  
4 to gather all that data. Concurrently to  
5 that, we've just gotten the baseline  
6 background metals report in. That was a  
7 big document and an important document.  
8 Because metals, as you know, for Fort  
9 McClellan and for north Alabama, drive  
10 risk assessments unnecessarily. Meaning  
11 that a lot of times metals in the  
12 naturally occurring soils and water and  
13 sediment pose risks that weren't from  
14 Fort McClellan or Army practices, just  
15 they are there, like radon. That  
16 document, I'm pretty sure, I just got it  
17 Friday, we're going to finalize that. I  
18 don't think it'll take more than me  
19 looking at it for thirty minutes to make  
20 sure it's right. We've been pretty  
21 heavily involved in getting that report  
22 up to speed. What that document is going  
23 to do is we are going to incorporate all

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1           that data into our installation-wide work  
2           plan that IT is developing. The  
3           installation-wide work plan, truly this  
4           document will reference quite a bit. It  
5           had our risk base screening methodology  
6           in there. It incorporates our site  
7           specific screening levels which basically  
8           from the SI, when I go out in the field  
9           and I pull data back, I'm going to  
10          compare that data to my site specific  
11          screening levels that are in the  
12          installation-wide report. And with that  
13          is the background metals. Because you  
14          compare to the metals report whenever  
15          something does elevate it past the risk,  
16          then you look up tables and you see if  
17          it's naturally occurring or not. That's  
18          where we are going to pull in that data.

19               Also the ecological screening  
20          process is in the installation-wide  
21          report. We've been working to really get  
22          beyond the normal way of doing business  
23          on the screening process. What IT is

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1           developing is something we've all agreed  
2           to that's going to fast track this  
3           process. It's unique, the ecological  
4           screening process is unique to Fort  
5           McClellan. I talked to Adrian Gonzales  
6           at IT last week. He's pretty much got  
7           that together. Right now us and EPA are  
8           basically looking at his proposal to make  
9           sure we're all happy with it and we'll  
10          put that into the final work plan.

11                 QST was in the field May of this  
12          year for seventeen site investigations  
13          they were doing. Talked to them last  
14          week. They are putting together a report  
15          and sending that to us probably within a  
16          couple of months or maybe less than that.  
17          They've got a lot of data to put  
18          together. So that's another seventeen in  
19          addition to the eighty. Then since SCIC  
20          has their base-wide background metal  
21          report complete, they can go ahead and  
22          finalize the remedial investigation  
23          report. That's the report that has been

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1           going on for quite a while because of  
2           insufficient data and other things, but  
3           now they will be able to finalize it and  
4           we'll be able to see where those sites  
5           stand, for example, landfill three. They  
6           can re-evaluate the risk assessment  
7           there, and we can, I think we are going  
8           to get some NFRAP's out of that document.  
9           What was driving a lot of sites in there,  
10          again, was the metals. We knew they were  
11          naturally occurring, but we can't just --  
12          you know, we have to have the data to  
13          back up the facts of whether or not, so  
14          now we can.

15                 MR. LEVY:    Do you all know what  
16          NFRAP is?

17                 MR. JOHNSON:  No further action,  
18          walk away. The open burn open detonation  
19          that's a black, I mean a RCRA site.  
20          You've got CERCLA cleanups, well, that's  
21          out on Pelham Range, but it's part of  
22          BRAC. That's where they blew up ordnance  
23          and exposed of munitions that were no

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1           longer used for their intended purpose.  
2           Ron and, in fact, Paul James, he's the  
3           project manager who is heading up that  
4           for the Army. They are going to be  
5           coming up with a draft conceptual closer  
6           plan submitting that to us for review.  
7           That's all the RCRA stuff going on. Then  
8           we have -- what else, of course the BRAC  
9           cleanup plan which is -- honestly, we  
10          have not taken the time to thoroughly go  
11          through that, because we've got so many  
12          work plans we're trying to get in to IT  
13          to execute that dollar to make sure they  
14          are out in the field and getting that  
15          money spent before Ron loses it. That's  
16          a key to all of this just making sure  
17          money gets spent in a timely manner.  
18          They'll pull it away from Ron in a  
19          heartbeat if it isn't. But then, the  
20          BRAC cleanup plan, there's a lot of  
21          information to be put into that as we go  
22          through the process to see where we're  
23          having some difficulties.

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1                   What else is going on. Another  
2                   issue that y'all need to be aware of  
3                   other than the lead base paint that we're  
4                   having with the Army, we're going to have  
5                   issues throughout this process and you  
6                   guys should know about it, are the  
7                   ranges, CERCLA issues in the ranges. I'm  
8                   not talking about the ordnance, I'm  
9                   talking about CERCLA things such as lead,  
10                  such as potentially explosives residual,  
11                  possibly some solvents from where they  
12                  clean guns in the field. But there are a  
13                  lot of potential CERCLA issues in the  
14                  ranges that we need to address and look  
15                  at and not just unexploded ordnance. We  
16                  made that final to EBS, to Ron, and we're  
17                  going to work it out.

18                 I guess the last thing that we've  
19                 got on the plate, we met in Huntsville  
20                 with the corps of engineers, department  
21                 of transportation was there, Mobile  
22                 district was there, non-stockpile folks  
23                 were there, a bunch of agencies to have

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1           the UXO strategy meeting. The funding is  
2           there. They've hired the contractor to  
3           begin work for the Eastern Bypass. I'm  
4           not sure, I haven't went back and looked  
5           at the dates, but the first thing that  
6           will be submitted are draft work plans  
7           for the ECA. They have recently had the  
8           archives search report updated to include  
9           the CWN and we will be submitting that  
10          shortly.

11                 MR. LEVY: It's in a draft form to  
12          go out.

13                 MR. JOHNSON: If I've used any  
14          acronyms, just tell me. Huntsville  
15          wanted to go back and look at the entire  
16          base for chemical warfare material  
17          because the first archives search report  
18          only included unexploded ordnance. And  
19          they wanted to make sure that Ron and the  
20          Army had made sure that they captured all  
21          the chemical warfare sites. I don't know  
22          if they picked up any additional, maybe  
23          two, one or two possibly. I'll have to

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1 look at that. Because they didn't want  
2 to be out here doing work without knowing  
3 where a potential site is, which is a  
4 legitimate concern. So, we've got a lot  
5 going on. And I hope that you guys want  
6 to come out and watch them do some of  
7 this sampling. We've got a lot of  
8 innovative direct push sampling, with  
9 geoprobes, putting micro wells in. One  
10 issue we are having up here with the  
11 sampling is with the direct push is they  
12 came out here in May, it was hot, there  
13 wasn't much rain, we were having a hard  
14 time getting ground water, hard time  
15 getting to it. I hope that when the IT  
16 is back out in the field they are going  
17 to be able to get down to ground water  
18 either, we might have to go back to the  
19 boring methodology dig down deeper to get  
20 to it.

21 MR. THOMASSY: Yeah, that was a  
22 question that I had. You said micro  
23 wells, that is something I'm not familiar

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1 with.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Really all a micro  
3 well is is a miniature monitoring well.  
4 It has everything a monitoring well does,  
5 except it's just on a miniature level.  
6 You go down with a geoprobe, you push  
7 down to the level you need to be and you  
8 go in with a slotted screen and a filter  
9 pack, it's just smaller, goes inside a  
10 two-inch diameter hole. They can purge  
11 it and everything.

12 MR. LEVY: Instead of drilling down  
13 with a big rig, it's just a direct push.  
14 They use a rod no bigger than that.

15 MR. TURNER: How do they drive it?

16 MR. JOHNSON: Hydraulics.

17 MR. LEVY: The difficult part of  
18 that is if they hit rock they can't go  
19 any further.

20 MR. TURNER: Y'all need to get back  
21 to my idea about dropping dynamite.

22 MR. JOHNSON: Then we'll have an  
23 explosive problem. There's going to be

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1           tons of data, thousands of dollars of  
2           samples here.

3           MR. LEVY: Let me put this in a  
4           macrounit and try to tie it back to the  
5           BCT. If you remember the CERCLA process,  
6           and that's what we're following, SI, site  
7           investigations, RI, remedial  
8           investigations, feasibility study, we  
9           move into remedial design and remedial  
10          action. The EBS and other  
11          documentation, really what we're talking  
12          about is the enhanced PA or the  
13          preliminary assessments of the historical  
14          view of the property. What we got was  
15          the CERFA maps to find areas that we  
16          really needed to look at from a  
17          historical standpoint. We will have  
  
18          completed, and correct me if I'm wrong,  
19          after this fall time frame, the field  
20          work on almost eighty percent of those  
21          SI's that needed to be done. Focus being  
22          again, the Eastern Bypass and the area  
23          inside the cantonment area from the

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1           phasing standpoint. It also fits in with  
2           our funding. In fiscal year '98 we were  
3           funded to do the majority of our SI's.  
4           The bulk of our funding is coming in  
5           fiscal year '99 where we should be  
6           getting into the RI phase and the cost  
7           should be more significant. We're hoping  
8           it will be less, because as Chris pointed  
9           out, we will be able to drop out a lot of  
10          sites because there is no risk there  
11          whatsoever.

12                 MR. JOHNSON: One flaw, and I can  
13           say this since Bart is not here. One  
14           flaw with the superfund program is it's  
15           bad about getting into a do-loop  
16           situation with trying to figure out what  
17           is a risk, what problems, what sites  
18           constitute risks and is it a problem.  
19           We've spent a lot time trying to set up a  
20           methodology where it's clear, it's clear  
21           to the public and it's clear to all of us  
22           trying to make decisions of whether or  
23           not a site is a problem. And I feel that

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1           when we get through with all these SI's  
2           come this fall, probably ninety percent  
3           of them will fall out and there'll be no  
4           further actions on it. I feel pretty  
5           confident about it. That way we can  
6           focus on those ten percent on what we  
7           need to do with them and where we need to  
8           go.

9                     MR. LEVY: Assuming it all moves  
10           that way coming 1 October when they are  
11           lowering the flag, we will have  
12           eliminated the issues, environmental  
13           issues on a good part of the property,  
14           the Army is gone, the community is ready  
15           to move in. We're right on target in  
16           terms of disposal and transfer of  
17           property. Bigger issues, again, will be  
18           UXO and Choccolocco mountains, which are  
19           going to take some time based on how  
20           we've got those phased out. But we  
21           focused in on the cantonment area and the  
22           Eastern Bypass, and you can see from our  
23           plan that's well underway.

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1                   MR. JOHNSON:   Department of  
2                   transportation said they had the funding  
3                   for the road.  It looks pretty promising  
4                   as far as dollars too.

5                   MR. LEVY:     There are still issues  
6                   within the BCT that we've got to work out  
7                   and come to conclusion on that will  
8                   enhance or speed up the process.  We're  
9                   talking and we're doing well at this  
10                  point.  We're not always in agreement,  
11                  but we're doing pretty good.

12                  MR. THOMASSY:  I would think one of  
13                  the things that we could do as a  
14                  restoration advisory board is evaluate  
15                  that and talk among ourselves.  The more  
16                  I look at this the more satisfied I am  
17                  that the base cleanup team is doing the  
18                  things with the right focus and the right  
19                  priority.  It would appear to me, even  
20                  though it's a qualitative view in most  
21                  cases, that the funding is there and it's  
22                  being spent and it's being planned for in  
23                  the right areas.  And we need to feel

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1           we're satisfied with that. And if we  
2           are, our biggest job is understanding  
3           that and staying with it and seeing that  
4           the community understands that. That's  
5           probably the biggest responsibility we  
6           have, and to some extent we're not  
7           fulfilling it well enough. We need more  
8           interaction with members of this board  
9           and the community.

10           MR. TURNER: Well, the complaint I  
11           keep hearing is we haven't done a thing  
12           in the three years we've been in  
13           existence. We come to the meetings, we  
14           hear a bunch of talk, but we just haven't  
15           done anything. And I've heard it from  
16           several members, and I feel that way  
17           myself. And certainly not leveling  
18           blame, because I was chairman of this  
19           group for a while. I think we feel like  
20           it's almost like a government puppet  
21           show. And it's just not a rewarding  
22           experience.

23           MR. THOMASSY: And my concern is if

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1           we get pushed on something like that we  
2           turn into antagonists just to prove that  
3           we're doing something we shouldn't be.  
4           And we can hurt the process. And so I  
5           want to keep that in mind. I hate to get  
6           involved in something we don't need to  
7           just to prove to somebody who says we're  
8           not doing something --

9           MR. TURNER: What difference would  
10          it make in the world if we didn't meet  
11          next month?

12          MR. THOMASSY: None. Except we  
13          wouldn't have the string of knowledge we  
14          need to have by meeting every time.

15          MR. TURNER: We've accumulated  
16          three years of knowledge and we aren't  
17          using it. I mean I use it some in the  
18          FMDC and maybe some of the others use it  
19          in conversation or in making a decision  
20          or two, but as far as having an active  
21          role in the restoration, we don't. We  
22          haven't done a thing.

23          MR. THOMASSY: Is there something,

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1           or are there things that we should be  
2           getting involved in that we're not?

3           MR. JOHNSON: Charles, to speak to  
4           that, the community relations aspect that  
5           we have to do in superfund and CERCLA and  
6           RCRA is really a bigger issue than what  
7           you think. When the public, and I've  
8           seen it happen time and time again, and  
9           it's happened in the past and the EPA  
10          learned the hard way, that if we just  
11          went out as government regulators and  
12          said, by god we're going to go up here  
13          and clean this how we want to, we don't  
14          care what the public thinks and we don't  
15          care what the community thinks. This is  
16          our project, we're getting funding for it  
17          and we'll do it how we want to. What  
18          that gets you in the long run is the  
19          community coming back saying they don't  
20          like something, going over here and  
21          getting Riley or somebody else involved,  
22          and yeah, we're going back and reopening  
23          that case and we're spending a whole lot

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1           more money in going back. Or if it's  
2           just educating the public as to what we  
3           did. So the community, having buy-in  
4           from the community what we do and how we  
5           go out here and do it is crucial. The  
6           more you guys go out to this community  
7           and help us to tell them what's going on,  
  
8           what we're doing or even what you have  
9           issue with, the better off, it keeps us  
10          or the EPA from having to come up here  
11          and do some community relations as far as  
12          what's been already run. In other words,  
13          I don't want to see things in the  
14          Anniston Star that says nothing is  
15          getting done, nothing is going on, these  
16          guys don't know what we're doing. That  
17          shows me we're not doing our job here.

18                 MR. MILLER: I hear that from the  
19          public every day. The public's  
20          perception of what we do here nothing. I  
21          hear this from very prominent groups,  
22          very prominent functions that I go to,  
23          very prominent parties and from people

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1           that you wouldn't expect to hear that  
2           from. Just maybe two weeks ago, maybe  
3           even less than that, I was at a party at  
4           a very prominent person in town who says  
5           to me "I understand from sources that I  
6           know that the government is not going to  
7           spend anything on clean up out there."

8           MR. JOHNSON: What do you tell them?

9           MR. MILLER: I try to relay some of  
10          the information that I've received or  
11          heard.

12          MR. TURNER: What's the short  
13          answer?

14          MR. MILLER: The thing of it is is  
15          why are these things? We don't do a good  
16          job of promoting ourselves with the  
17          public. We don't tell the public what we  
18          do. And we need to do more of that. We  
19          need to do it publicly.

20          MR. LEVY: I think we are doing  
21          more of that. I've been to several groups  
22          and we've got more scheduled. And Fern  
23          and I have just been out to various

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1           folks. And we'll be glad to talk to more  
2           people. That's not a big deal for me.  
3           But that's only part of the answer. You  
4           all as members of this RAB have an  
5           opportunity to go out and talk to folks,  
6           and I wish you would, about what's going  
7           on here. And we provide you with a lot  
8           of information, a lot of information  
9           about our programs. And if you are not  
10          relaying those things back or if you want  
11          more or if you need to get out and see  
12          what's going on, hey, I'm all for that.  
13          In fact, this fall, I hope that I can get  
14          RAB members to go and see what IT is  
15          doing in the field from an investigative  
16          standpoint, maybe take some pictures  
17          because you do need to get out and talk  
18          to these people and you need to  
19          understand what it is we're doing so you  
20          can talk back about those programs.  
21          Because we're not standing still, and  
22          there has been a lot of money spent on  
23          investigation. And ninety percent of the

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1 up-front work is really what you end up  
2 doing to disprove that there is a  
3 problem. I mean, that's really what  
4 we're trying to do here as we go through  
5 and sample and define the conditions of  
6 the property.

7 MR. TURNER: What are we trying to  
8 do here? What is, how ever many of us  
9 that are sitting here, the citizen  
10 volunteer, what is it that we're doing?

11 MR. LEVY: As you look at our  
12 programs?

13 MR. TURNER: No, I'm talking about  
14 as a restoration advisory board what is  
15 it that we have done and what is it that  
16 we are doing now?

17 MR. LEVY: I'm not sure I understand  
18 the question.

19 MR. JOHNSON: One, to me, you are  
20 bringing up issues to us that we probably  
21 overlooked. You are questioning the way  
22 we're looking at a site. You can  
23 question the way, what we've chosen for

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1 remedial selection. Let's use landfill  
2 three for example. That's say I came up  
3 and said, " Charles, BCT, we're not going  
4 to do anything with that landfill, we're  
5 going to walk." You are obviously going  
6 to have questions about it and want to  
7 know, and so would the entire public.  
8 And with us talking about it here just  
9 like we are now, back and forth, I think  
10 that helps raise issues, concerns, it  
11 helps answer your concerns about it and  
12 hopefully you can turn around and answer  
13 somebody else's concerns about it in the  
14 community. But we're required -- I  
15 haven't gotten comment or phone call one  
16 from anybody on the RAB that had a  
17 question. And I'm supposed to respond to  
18 everything. It's my job. I work for the  
19 public. I haven't gotten any phone calls  
20 or concerns about things.

21 MR. TURNER: I mean, I'm expressing  
22 a concern right now. That is I think our  
23 attendance remains low and will continue

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1           and will be low as long as there's this  
2           sense that we don't know what we're  
3           doing, that we come in and get force fed  
4           environmental information for two hours  
5           and then go back out in the world and  
6           come back next month and do it again.

7                   MR. JOHNSON:    I agree with you one  
8           hundred percent, and I don't like the way  
9           the forum is really going either.  That's  
10          why I was hoping that we could kind of  
11          get into some discussions like this and  
12          truly answer some questions.  Because,  
13          you know, you guys sitting up here and  
14          watching somebody give you a speech  
15          about, you name it, it's boring.  It can  
16          be boring.

17                   MR. CUNNINGHAM:  Are we missing a  
18          link in this thing, a correlation between  
19          all the information we're gathering and  
20          supporting Ron in his efforts in the  
21          environmental arena, and the ultimate  
22          utilization of this post.  And I think  
23          that's what I hear Charles saying in some

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1 great part. I'm concerned about that.  
2 Will the utilization occur in a manner  
3 that gives us a smooth and hopefully  
4 seamless transition from the Army leaving  
5 Fort McClellan and the local community  
6 picking this up and utilizing this to a  
7 positive benefit to the community. Are  
8 we going to have a gap in here when the  
9 weeds grow up and the paint falls off the  
10 building, waiting for some of these  
11 issues to be resolved and holding up some  
12 agencies who might be able to utilize  
13 this. So is there a correlation here  
14 between, back to my original question,  
15 between we as an advisory board and the  
16 people who are ultimately going to  
17 utilize and do something with this  
18 property? So maybe we need  
19 representation on JPA from this board.  
20 If nothing more than to keep them  
21 informed of what we're doing and how  
22 we're doing it, and what they're doing,  
23 where those areas of focus are and then

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1           to keep this board somewhat on track and  
2           recommending to Ron. And indeed, that's  
3           priority and the way the thing ought to  
4           be going.

5                   MR. THOMASSY: That's the way we  
6           started out. We said one of the most  
7           important things for us to keep at that  
8           time in our information basket  
9           understanding what the LRA was doing, now  
10          the FMDC. And we were to see that their  
11          priorities and their emphasis were being  
12          handled properly, and if we didn't like  
13          it, get that word out and get some  
14          pressure to get it corrected, get it  
15          switched, help the Army refocus its  
16          efforts if that was necessary without  
17          even having to go outside. So far we  
18          haven't done any of that for the simple  
19          fact I don't think we've found a glitch  
20          that we wanted to focus on. We've been  
21          very satisfied. Number One, the Eastern  
22          Bypass is being handled expeditiously and  
23          in the right form. That it's moving

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1 along in parallel with the funding and  
2 with the current schedule that's going  
3 on. We see the amount of SI's that are  
4 being done. We don't have any complaint  
5 with the areas that have been focused on  
6 at this point. If we do, we should be  
7 bringing them up and discussing them in  
8 here. And when we don't have things that  
9 we really should focus on, I don't want  
10 us to find them just because we want to  
11 say we're doing something. Our next job  
12 in my view is to then take that  
13 information and get it out to the public  
14 in a whole series of forms. Some of them  
15 Ron has talked about when we go out and  
16 talk to various groups. Some of it is  
17 talking with people who have lack of  
18 knowledge of what's really going on at  
19 Fort McClellan and being able to convince  
20 them what's going on, and there are many  
21 other ideas here that we ought to bring  
22 out in this discussion. Now, if I've  
23 missed something, please bring it up.

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1           What else should we be doing that we  
2           haven't been doing?

3           MR. TURNER:    I don't know, maybe  
4           break the mold and look at it from a  
5           general way.

6           MR. THOMASSY:  Specifically.

7           MR. TURNER:  Instead of having an  
8           agenda, instead of going for two or three  
9           hours on any given meeting night, that we  
10          keep it shorter, that we keep the  
11          discussion livelier, we forbid acronyms.

12          MR. THOMASSY:  I'd like to do all of  
13          that, but how do you stay informed?  How  
14          do you stay up to speed so you can do all  
15          that other?

16          MR. TURNER:   All this knowledge I  
17          gained didn't do me any good, Fern.

18          MR. THOMASSY:  Well, then you don't  
19          need the knowledge?

20          MR. TURNER:   Sure I needed it, but  
21          we aren't seeing its practical  
22          application.  I mean, I feel like every  
23          time I come in here, somebody shoves a

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1 funnel in my ear, pours in a bunch of  
2 acronyms, and I walk out and I can spout  
3 all that stuff out, but it doesn't mean  
4 anything. And all of that knowledge  
5 hasn't made any difference in  
6 participating in this really. So what?  
7 Let's talk about the lead base paint and  
8 the effect it's going to have when folks  
9 grow tomatoes by their house. I mean, I  
10 don't know how to describe adequately, I  
11 think, the frustration I feel and the  
12 frustration I'm hearing from other  
13 people. And it's not just me saying  
14 that. I'll be happy to tell you  
15 privately the people I've been talking  
16 to, because I don't think they'd mind.  
17 They might mind me announcing it in an  
18 open meeting. But the general feeling  
19 that we aren't doing anything, this is a  
20 government-run show, and that that's  
21 that. That we're fulfilling some  
22 government function here, but that we  
23 aren't really doing anything meaningful.

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1                   MR. THOMASSY: And what should we be  
2                   doing that we're not doing? One of the  
3                   things certainly is informing the public  
4                   of what's actually going on here. I  
5                   mean, that's probably the root of people  
6                   saying we're not doing anything because  
7                   they don't understand what's going on at  
8                   Fort McClellan. So we're failing at that  
9                   job.

10                  MR. TURNER: I think that if nothing  
11                  else for the amount of time we put in  
12                  this we ought to have a greater sense of  
13                  satisfaction in the work that we're  
14                  doing.

15                  MR. THOMASSY: Specifics, I haven't  
16                  heard a specific yet. I haven't heard a  
17                  specific yet of what we should be doing.

18                  MR. TURNER: We've been here an  
19                  hour and other than my diatribe against  
20                  what's going on politically, I heard a  
21                  meaningful discussion of lead base paint  
22                  and a technical discussion of where the  
23                  BRAC cleanup team is tonight. But there

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1           is nothing I can go out and tell the guys  
2           that I fish with what's going on at Fort  
3           McClellan because it's all too technical,  
4           and it's -- let me add, I challenge  
5           anybody to ask Ron Levy for a date on  
6           anything and get an answer on it. "We  
7           don't know yet. We're still getting  
8           information. That money is programmed  
9           but it's not funded." We don't get  
10          specifics. Or we get nothing but  
11          technical information that we don't know  
12          how to deal with.

13                 MR. JOHNSON: I can give you  
14           something you can take back to tell your  
15           fishing buddies.

16                 MR. TURNER: All right.

17                 MR. JOHNSON: Tell them by November  
18           we will have probably investigated eighty  
19           percent of the main cantonment area out  
20           here and see if there is any hazardous  
21           substance that pose a risk.

22                 MS. KINGSBURY: Don't tell them  
23           that.

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1                   MR. JOHNSON: I'm just using an  
2                   example, Lisa, but it doesn't have to be,  
3                   you don't have to give them the technical  
4                   mumbo-jumbo. And we don't have to sit  
5                   here and give you the technical  
6                   mumbo-jumbo. I feel your pain, Charles,  
7                   I know what you are saying. It needs to  
8                   be, I think maybe a little more informal  
9                   and let's just get down to some issues  
10                  here and talk about it like fishing  
11                  buddies.

12                 MR. TURNER: I'm all for it.

13                 MR. COX: What about the month in  
14                  review. Maybe one or two pages on what  
15                  happened, what we've accomplished last  
16                  month. We're talking about the number of  
17                  wells that were done and this sample was  
18                  done. What about that as a way to start  
19                  off? To answer the question what are  
20                  they doing, well, here's what they did  
21                  last month.

22                 MR. JOHNSON: I think that's a good  
23                  point, just giving what's been done at

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1 the beginning of the meeting or a  
2 handout.

3 MR. COX: That's what I say, a  
4 handout, but it was a month in review.

5 MR. TURNER: I'm sorry, y'all, I've  
6 got to go.

7 (Mr. Turner and Mr. Miller leave the  
8 meeting.)

9 MR. THOMASSY: Unfortunately, I  
10 heard a lot of frustration, but I still  
11 have trouble grabbing a hold of the  
12 specifics of where we go or don't go. I  
13 mean, we can try to look at things we're  
14 talking about. But we need a baseline,  
15 too, I mean you give us a lot of facts of  
16 what you did last month, but what does  
17 that mean in the scheme of really what we  
18 should be doing priority wise and overall  
19 percentages, like you started to get to.  
20 Those are the types of things we need,  
21 because we need to be able to go out and  
22 tell the public that we're satisfied,  
23 that is what's being accomplished and it

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1 is in the right direction. Or we ought  
2 to say to you first as a base cleanup  
3 team, "No, we don't like that. Here's  
4 probably where it ought to go." I don't  
5 feel any of us can do that right now.  
6 For the most part we're pretty well  
7 satisfied with what we hear, or we don't  
8 have enough knowledge to go into the  
9 details an further than what we've done.

10 MR. FAUST: Isn't it that we're just  
11 in the limbo portion right now, you don't  
12 have data?

13 MR. JOHNSON: We're scratching and  
14 sniffing around out here.

15 MR. LEVY: A lot of the  
16 controversial issues are going to come  
17 when we start making decisions on the  
18 final use of the property or whether or  
19 not we can go forward with the property.  
20 We're still investigating, and I'm sorry  
21 to say that. People want to know, well,  
22 what have you done? Well, I'm sorry,  
23 this process is a long, drawn out

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1 process. And there's not a lot I can do  
2 to speed it up without violating some  
3 sort of regulatory requirement. And  
4 yeah, the decisions will come, but they  
5 are not going to happen now. And if you  
6 want me to throw something controversial  
7 out at you, we haven't hit it yet. I've  
8 seen, and this frustrates me too. I seen  
9 folks say, "Okay, what's your issue with  
10 the EPA and the state?" Well, I don't  
11 have one right now. Is that what you are  
12 looking for, you want us fighting?  
13 Because if that's what you want, it's not  
14 going to happen.

15 MR. JOHNSON: We've got two issues.

16 MR. LEVY: We've got issues, but  
17 people tell me, you know, you guys got to  
18 be apart some place, something, I want to  
19 hear about it, I want to know what it is  
20 so I can get my -- that I don't  
21 understand. And I know it's frustrating,  
22 these meetings aren't that lively. But  
23 there's a lot of information, this is not

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1           easy stuff. It's technical. It's  
2           jargoned. It's tough stuff. And I have  
3           given out dates, it's in the BCT. I've  
4           also given out time frames. So I don't  
5           like being told I haven't given out dates  
6           because I have.

7           MR. THOMASSY: And this is tough,  
8           and that's why I, to some extent, reject  
9           the idea that we don't need to be  
10          educated continuously. Because when you  
11          break that string, there is a lot of  
12          catch up to do and there is so much  
13          detail that you just can't be conversant  
14          in what's going on unless you know all  
15          the procedures and all the activities  
16          that are in this type of thing. It takes  
17          outside reading for all of us too, not  
18          just the discussions that go on in here.  
19          If it sounds like a school teacher's  
20          approach, I basically believe in the  
21          three R's.

22          MR. JOHNSON: And honestly we  
23          haven't gotten as technical as it could

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1           get. I've been on the phone for six  
2           hours just arguing with EPA about what  
3           outliar package we're going to use. It's  
4           mind boggling how in the dirt or just how  
5           technical you can be. But I think we've  
6           got different levels. I think Fern and  
7           probably Alan and Dr. Cox, folks like  
8           that versus where, you know, Charles  
9           likes the big picture quick and dirty  
10          stuff.

11                 MR. LEVY: Let me put this out to  
12          the group. One thing I understand about  
13          Charles is this is just not a very  
14          interesting forum, the stuff we go  
15          through is very dry and doesn't grab your  
16          attention. What can we as a board do to  
17          make it better or what can I do to make  
18          it better? Can I provide the information  
19          in a different way? Can we drive  
20          discussions about issues instead of  
21          looking at everything and passing out or  
22          just focus on an issue and just throw it  
23          out and say this is an issue?

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1                   MR. COX:    What about a format such  
2                   as you could talk about issues, you could  
3                   talk about accomplishments, and you could  
4                   talk about probably problems.  That would  
5                   be something they could probably  
6                   understand.  What have you accomplished?  
7                   You were discussing the number of wells  
8                   and investigations being done, and if  
9                   somebody had a sheet saying well they  
10                  have done this, this, this, this, and  
11                  this and here's where they are so far.  
12                  You can start from day one even, you can  
13                  say here's what they have done.  Here is  
14                  how much money they have spent, here's  
15                  what they've accomplished with the money  
16                  they have spent and here is where they  
17                  are going.  In terms that would actually  
18                  be understandable to somebody without the  
19                  technical background.  Do you think that  
20                  would relieve some of the frustrations?  
21                  Some of the cocktail party type talk.

22                  MR. LEVY:   See, I don't know.  I'm  
23                  willing to do whatever the group wants to

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1 know about or do.

2 MR. JOHNSON: That can be a homework  
3 assignment. Top ten things to make RAB  
4 fun, interesting, whatever.

5 MR. LEVY: That's the one thing  
6 that frustrates me. We do provide a lot  
7 of data and we have shown numbers and  
8 time frames and even issues and it  
9 doesn't get read sometimes.

10 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Let me respond to  
11 your question of what might we do, and I  
12 think where my frustration essentially  
13 comes in, I look at these maps, and I've  
14 gone through it quite extensively, but  
15 somewhere in this book it talks about an  
16 area on the golf course, as a case in  
17 point, that has not been investigated but  
18 it's a suspect area. Okay, the golf  
19 course is one of the first areas to be  
20 transferred as I understand the plan from  
21 some of the folks who are doing this on  
22 the reuse authority. As a case in point,  
23 I realize there's a system and I don't

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1           want to use the word bureaucratic  
2           process, but that's essentially that's  
3           exactly what it is, and that you have to  
4           follow it, and I realize all the  
5           regulations and processes that are  
6           worked. But by the same token, the  
7           bottom line to this whole thing is,  
8           what's the status of the golf course, is  
9           it clean? Can it be transferred? So  
10          maybe we can, to liven up this  
11          discussion, take the different key areas  
12          that are primary concern and look at them  
13          and provide us some information relative  
14          to that so we have an idea of where are  
15          we there?

16                 MR. FAUST: Playing off what he's  
17           saying, could we break it up where every  
18           other month it's a technical session,  
19           every other month it's an update on the  
20           top twenty sites or the first twenty  
21           sites so that those people that want to  
22           -- and I think in order for Fern's point  
23           redundancy, we've got to here it over and

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1 over and over, because quite frankly I've  
2 got a busy schedule and I don't look at  
3 this very much, so for me to be a good  
4 ally out there I need to hear it over and  
5 over. I heard the technical thing, okay  
6 I'm not going to go to the next technical  
7 session, I'm going to go to the other one  
8 which is, where do we stand on the first  
9 twenty sites that are going to be  
10 transferred and what's going to happen on  
11 those. So that you can concentrate and  
12 really beef up the technical session if  
13 you only had to do it six times a year.

14 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Is that possible?  
15 It may not be possible.

16 MR. JOHNSON: That's just it, this  
17 is y'all's RAB. You can do what you want  
18 with it. I'm here to provide information  
19 whether it's technical or whether it's  
20 talking about where we're going to play  
21 golf next week. That's what I'm here  
22 for. I feel like you guys have felt like  
23 we have a process we must go through on

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1 Monday night at 6:30 and there will be no  
2 changes to it, and that's not how it is  
3 at all. It's your RAB and you can have  
4 it however you want to, as long as we  
5 stay on the environmental and try not to  
6 get too far from that.

7 MR. LEVY: What I can suggest next  
8 time, the next RAB meeting is an open  
9 discussion on improvement of our RAB. We  
10 can continue on with this if you want, or  
11 whatever information we've got, how it  
12 should be packaged and how it should be  
13 done. We can go back on this. But as  
14 Fern was saying, I agree with him, you  
15 can't just throw something out there out  
16 of frustration and not be specific about  
17 what your problem is without giving us a  
18 direction to go. Don't tell me this  
19 sucks and drop it in my lap without  
20 telling me why it sucks.

21 MR. THOMASSY: Well, it's an  
22 important thing also in getting this  
23 thing out to the public. And so far,

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1           very few people have been participating  
2           in that. And I think we need more  
3           participation in these public meetings.  
4           We need more people going out and doing  
5           the briefings and formal discussions with  
6           Kiwanis, Rotary, Exchange Clubs, other  
7           civic groups, possibly schools,  
8           universities, there may be even some  
9           utility in presenting things at  
10          Jacksonville State and some of the other  
11          colleges and schools in the area, I don't  
12          know. Those are ideas that we need to  
13          get involved in. People don't know  
14          what's going on at Fort McClellan and  
15          that creates nothing but bad questions.

16                 MR. LEVY: And I'm willing to take  
17                 volunteers. We'll negotiate it. We'll  
18                 set it up if y'all want to go out there  
19                 and talk. I know some of you have said  
20                 that. Please, it doesn't have to be me.  
21                 Here's your chance to become a spokesman  
22                 for the group.

23                 MR. THOMASSY: Well, we can do one

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1 of two things. We can take a break or we  
2 can go right into the community relations  
3 report. What do you want to do?

4 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Continue.

5 MR. THOMASSY: Any objection to  
6 continuing?

7 MR. JOHNSON: Guys, I'm going to  
8 have to, I've got somewhere I've got to  
9 go. Pardon me, but I've got to run on.  
10 If there are any questions you have,  
11 you've got my number.

12 MR. FAUST: Where did you say the  
13 background metals report was?

14 MR. JOHNSON: Lisa has got a lot of  
15 documents, she's got a lot of them right  
16 here in her office. We just got them  
17 like on Friday.

18 MR. HOOD: How about a basic rundown  
19 on that for next time?

20 MR. JOHNSON: Of the report and how  
21 it's going?

22 MR. HOOD: Not detail, just basics,  
23 short, emphasize short.

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1                   MR. JOHNSON: I've got to prepare  
2 something from it for another  
3 presentation, yeah, that won't be a  
4 problem.

5                   MR. THOMASSY: Will you eventually  
6 have a schedule for those ninety-seven to  
7 a hundred SI's that's going on out there?

8                   MR. JOHNSON: Oh, yeah, that's in  
9 the Microsoft project 98. You've got it.  
10 Isn't that in there, Lisa?

11                  MS. KINGSBURY: I can get you  
12 something better, for those it's  
13 seventy-five parcels that are under  
14 investigation. They have been separated  
15 into, like the first bunch was separated  
16 into six packages. And currently they  
17 have reviewed the first three packages of  
18 those six, and that's what they are going  
19 to start on in September, the field work.  
20 I can get you one piece of paper for both  
21 groups of SI's.

22                  MR. THOMASSY: I think that would  
23 help because I think that would get some

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1 of the ideas expressed here by Alan and  
2 Don, and we can start tracking those  
3 types of things as well and see if they  
4 apply to the priorities that we're  
5 talking about. Okay, good.

6 (Mr. Johnson leaves.)

7 MR. THOMASSY: Okay, Joan, are you  
8 going to discuss the three topics?

9 MS. MCKINNEY: We've been moving  
10 right along with the nomination  
11 applications. We, on our mailing did  
12 not, we had very little response. So  
13 what we did is put it in some of the  
14 local newspapers. We have had some phone  
15 call follow ups and have sent  
16 applications out to them. I have put at  
17 each one of the places another set in  
18 case any of you have someone you would  
19 like to nominate or you want to hand it  
20 out. I think that's probably, at the  
21 September meeting we will have all that  
22 we're going to get and we'll be a little  
23 farther along so you can see these other

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1 applications. You know we, as I  
2 understand it, you don't have to choose  
3 anyone else to be on the board. We did  
4 have one vacancy, or one resignation who  
5 asked to remain on an inactive status.  
6 But that's the status of the application  
7 process. Can I answer any other  
8 questions on that?

9 MR. LEVY: How many total  
10 applications do we have?

11 MS. MCKINNEY: Pardon me?

12 MR. LEVY: Total applications that  
13 were submitted.

14 MR. MCKINNEY: I think I've got  
15 eight. Kind of goes back to the apathy  
16 we have in the community on this, and  
17 that's a term we should use rather than  
18 them not knowing. It's hard to get them  
19 to be interested unless there's some  
20 specific issue that might be perceived as  
21 being negative.

22 Out next presentation is next month  
23 at the Oxford Kiwanis. Originally you

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1 all had suggested we do this every other  
2 month and that's kind of the schedule  
3 I've been moving towards. I am booking  
4 up already in the fall also. We've got  
5 one for November already slated. If you  
6 all again, to reiterate what I just  
7 heard, we'll do the coordination. I can  
8 do all of that and get it set up and do  
9 all the leg work. You suggested the  
10 Jacksonville Exchange Club, we went there  
11 the following month. Just let us know  
12 and we can work that out. And I do agree  
13 with Fern's comments on some of the out  
14 of the ordinary groups. Some of the  
15 folks, what we want to target are centers  
16 of influence. People who may not be out  
17 there that are very influential, as I  
18 heard earlier in the meeting, we want to  
19 get people who are talking among  
20 themselves. So the church groups, maybe  
21 the retired teachers association, a  
22 variety of people who you don't see in  
23 the newspaper, you don't see their names

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1           in the newspaper all the time, but those  
2           are the people, what was the term, silent  
3           majority kind of thing. Those are the  
4           people we want to get to.

5           MR. LEVY:    What's the possibility  
6           of us going out to some of the elected  
7           officials? I would love to go in and  
8           talk to the Mayor of Anniston and give  
9           him an outline of what we're doing on the  
10          environmental side if he could find the  
11          time on his calendar. Or anybody else,  
12          either city council or Calhoun County  
13          commissioners, or anybody that's willing  
14          to sit and listen to us for a period of  
15          time.

16          MR. CUNNINGHAM:   If you go back,  
17          and again, I keep referring to the  
18          Anniston Star for my information, but the  
19          fact is, the very thing I surfaced, my  
20          first question dealt with the business of  
21          a serious controversy between the elected  
22          officials and the mayors of Piedmont,  
23          Oxford and Jacksonville and Anniston, and

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1           so it would appear to me that there's  
2           where we could make a focus on this thing  
3           to at least get the feelings, give and  
4           take proposition from those people. They  
5           are actually the ones who are influencing  
6           what happens out here, in terms of reuse.

7                   MS. MCKINNEY: I think the  
8           appropriate forum with these elected  
9           officials and these bodies that you are  
10          talking about is in their work session  
11          rather than in their formal council  
12          meeting that they have. And that's where  
13          there is a little more time allotted for  
14          us to be on the agenda and a little more  
15          give and take. That's certainly we could  
16          send those things out. And I think they  
17          would be very amenable to it.

18                   MR. LEVY: I think even get the  
19          media more involved. It's been difficult  
20          trying to get them interested in stories  
21          about what it is we're doing. I mean we  
22          have propositioned them on some stories,  
23          and it was well, it's not good enough for

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1           us right now.

2                   MS. MCKINNEY: Well, we know that  
3           the media is a business. And they are  
4           only going to focus on those things that  
5           will sell. And we don't have issues  
6           other than our progress. We did get --  
7           what was it, about April we got one of  
8           the reporters here. Sat here for most of  
9           the meeting, went back in and used my  
10          phone and said to his editor, "You were  
11          right. This is a dull meeting." And it  
12          was a good meeting, there was a lot of  
13          information. But they are in a business  
14          which sells. And so it's very, very  
15          difficult for me to sell this to them  
16          when they don't see something that they  
17          can make a headline. So, you know, we  
18          just have to focus on that, and I have to  
19          keep trying to sell it, which we will do.  
20          But good news isn't something they always  
21          need or want. And you'll always be  
22          preempted even if you've got good news by  
23          a murder.

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1           Now, we are working towards our next  
2           quarterly out in the community meeting,  
3           which will be next month also. And kind  
4           of trying to kind of think out of the  
5           box, as we've been encouraged to do. And  
6           we're looking at doing next month's  
7           meeting at a store front down at the  
8           Quintard Mall, one of those empty store  
9           fronts, kind of just go to the public and  
10          just work it there. Obviously once we  
11          start the meeting we are not going to  
12          have a lot of people coming in and out.  
13          But I can do all of the pre-pub and it's  
14          frequently done in malls now. The malls  
15          like it. The mall manager likes it.  
16          And it just gives us another outlet for  
17          the public to be aware of us. Trying to  
18          make it easier for the public to get to  
19          us.

20                 MR. LEVY: Does anybody have any  
21                 objections to doing this?

22                 MS. MCKINNEY: It will be put on the  
23                 marquis at the Q-Mall.

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1           MR. THOMASSY: What are we going to  
2 do that would make it worthwhile for the  
3 public to come in rather than these  
4 boring meetings we've been having for the  
5 last two and a half years?

6           MR. HOOD: Balloons and a clown.

7           MR. THOMASSY: That really bothers  
8 me to have a public meeting and not have  
9 something fancy and hard hitting when you  
10 are going to have members of the public  
11 obviously in there. Sure.

12          GALLERY MEMBER: I think it will  
13 liven it up some, I think we'll get  
14 questions.

15          MR. THOMASSY: That would be  
16 interesting if we did. We haven't so  
17 far. We haven't gotten any in Anniston  
18 and we didn't get any in Weaver.

19          MR. MCKINNEY: That's assuming we're  
20 going to get many people even in. Monday  
21 night is a slow night for any business  
22 and the mall is no different. So it's  
23 just trying to figure out ways to get out

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1                   there where the public is.

2                   MR. LEVY:    Change to another night,  
3                   Monday night.

4                   MR. FAUST:  Is that session going to  
5                   be an overview?  And again I think the  
6                   board as a whole could use overviews once  
7                   a quarter just kind of starting back at  
8                   ground zero.

9                   MS. KINGSBURY:  I had suggested  
10                  earlier that we call IT to come in and  
11                  explain all their SI work that they are  
12                  fixing to start this fall.

13                  MR. LEVY:    And then I heard what  
14                  Charles said about having it funneled  
15                  into his ear.  So I don't know where to  
16                  go sometimes on that.  Some people really  
17                  want to hear the information, others say  
18                  no, this is too boring to me, just give  
19                  me the hard-hitting facts, something I  
20                  can really chew on.

21                  MR. THOMASSY:  If you can do that,  
22                  I'm all for it.  I don't know how you can  
23                  do it without detail.  This is a very,

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1           very detailed, bureaucratic, complicated  
2           process. All the parts have to be  
3           understood or we're going to go out and  
4           trip all over ourselves when we try to  
5           talk about something.

6                   MR. LEVY: I totally agree.

7                   MR. FAUST: My perception as opposed  
8           to a brown field site or something where  
9           the public is concerned about the  
10          environmental first because it's going to  
11          be a big piece of property and they don't  
12          want environmental problems. My  
13          perception is the public wants this to be  
14          redeveloped, so they don't want  
15          environmental to get in the way or hold  
16          it up. So I think when we go out there,  
17          especially with the opportunity of  
18          getting walk-bys and probably the best  
19          potential we're going to have of the  
20          common guy out there is to go through and  
21          say how is this cleanup going to meld and  
22          not get in the way of transferring  
23          properties.

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1                   MR. LEVY:    It's going to happen,  
2                   there are going to be impasses, there's  
3                   no doubt about it.

4                   MR. FAUST:  I'm saying, yeah, but  
5                   your focus is to work towards minimizing  
6                   those.

7                   MR. THOMASSY:  And our current view  
8                   indicates with what we know right now  
9                   that's where we are.  We have minimized  
10                  those in the current state of things.  
11                  And, of course, a lot of people would  
12                  like to see the end state defined with  
13                  dates and activities, you can't do that.  
14                  How we explain that to the public, we've  
15                  got to think and talk about.  Because  
16                  complex actions that don't have clean  
17                  answers yet can really raise a lot of  
18                  questions and perceptions.

19                  MR. LEVY:    I believe, I strongly  
20                  believe there's going to come a point in  
21                  time where we've gotten to the decision  
22                  making point, focal point.  You know, now  
23                  we're deciding whether or not we can,

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1           that we no longer have a problem with the  
2           property and we can move into transfer or  
3           that we've got to do some sort of action  
4           on that property. That's where, you  
5           know, your advice or your role plays a  
6           real key part in saying hey, well, you  
7           know, I don't believe that's the right  
8           thing to do, this is what I think.  
9           Because we're still doing a lot of  
10          up-front work and investigative which  
11          lays the groundwork for when we get to  
12          that decision point. And that's when it  
13          becomes one of those things, well, you  
14          don't want to cap that thing you want to  
15          walk away from it, I disagree, and here's  
16          my reasons, I don't think you are being  
17          protective of human health and the  
18          environment and I don't believe the data.  
19          Or you know, whatever your reasons are.  
20          You need to tell me more, you need to  
21          convince me more.

22                 MR. FAUST: We're not there.

23                 MR. THOMASSY: The closest one we

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1           have Don brought up, we need an answer on  
2           the golf course. I think that's one  
3           that we ought to focus on.

4           MR. LEVY: We've not done any work  
5           on the golf course, it's coming.

6           MS. MCKINNEY: If y'all have no  
7           objection on going to the mall, I'll go  
8           ahead and move to that.

9           MR. THOMASSY: Are we ready to go to  
10          the mall? Do we want to go to the mall?  
11          Or is that going to be a dull session in  
12          front of the public?

13          MR. HOOD: Well, I mean, we are dull  
14          in here.

15          MR. THOMASSY: I don't mean for us.

16          MR. HOOD: How many meetings  
17          anywhere of anyone, unless you are  
18          specifically involved in that particular  
19          question are interesting to anyone  
20          outside of that meeting?

21          MR. THOMASSY: Some are duller than  
22          others, and this is one of them.

23          MR. LEVY: Let me ask this, if we

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1           set up a meeting, it wasn't a meeting for  
2           us to have discussion, but it's an open  
3           forum for the RAB to listen to citizens  
  
4           come in and raise any issue they think  
5           environmental-wise about Fort McClellan  
6           that we can listen to, take note of it  
7           and have some discussion about. Where we  
8           just allow the public to come in, and we  
9           advertise it that way. This is an open  
10          forum, we want to hear your concerns, the  
11          RAB wants to know what's going through  
12          your mind. We're going to be at such and  
13          such location, come down and express your  
14          opinion. Instead of having a discussion  
15          set up around something I present, you  
16          know, we are there to wait and listen to  
17          what the public says.

18                 MS. MCKINNEY: If this occurs,  
19                 you'll have a couple of those questions  
20                 like the only two that Ron got when he  
21                 was on the radio, you know, why are you  
22                 closing Fort McClellan? But he fielded  
23                 it very well. But those are things, this

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1           could be a very good open forum like  
2           that.

3           MR. THOMASSY: That's fine. My only  
4           concern is what I've seen in the past is  
5           we're going to sit there and twiddle our  
6           thumbs for a long time, because I'm  
7           skeptical there'll be that many people to  
8           keep us active. So how long do we sit  
  
9           there and wait for that or just adjourn  
10          and leave. I think we need to make some  
11          hard decisions up front. Give ourselves  
12          a little bit of time and if it doesn't  
13          work out, head for the hills.

14          MR. LEVY: Are you saying we ought  
15          to wait to go to the mall?

16          MR. THOMASSY: No, I heard everybody  
17          saying yeah do it.

18          MR. LEVY: Do we want to set this up  
19          as an open forum and leave it that way?

20          MR. FAUST: Charles and others are  
21          hearing that, advertise it as "The RAB's  
22          alive. We want to hear what's on your  
23          mind. We'll also have information if

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1                   you're just curious."

2                   MR. LEVY: We could use the money to  
3                   do a one-page big ad in the Anniston Star  
4                   that says hey we're having open forum, we  
5                   want to hear from you. Is that  
6                   reasonable? I can use the money for  
7                   that.

8                   MR. THOMASSY: Sure. When are we  
9                   going to do it, Joan?

10                  MS. MCKINNEY: Well, we have it  
11                  scheduled for the 17th.

12                  MR. THOMASSY: August 17th?

13                  MS. MCKINNEY: Yes.

14                  DR. COX: We could say environmental  
15                  concerns at Fort McClellan, would that  
16                  be?

17                  MS. MCKINNEY: Environmental  
18                  cleanup?

19                  DR. COX: Environmental concerns,  
20                  how about that?

21                  MR. HOOD: You'll be surprised how  
22                  many people can miss a one-day whole page  
23                  ad.

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1 MS. MCKINNEY: Well, we'll, you  
2 know, put it on the marquis and I'll do  
3 some PSA's and see if we can't get it on  
4 Channel 5.

5 MR. THOMASSY: I would think since  
6 we're going out into a public forum where  
7 we're going to have advertising like  
8 that, it's probably a good idea we wear  
9 coat and tie as a board to that meeting.  
10 I would suggest that.

11 MS. MCKINNEY: I have mixed feelings  
12 about that. I don't want to intimidate  
13 the public.

14 MR. THOMASSY: Anybody have a  
15 problem or concern about doing that for a  
16 public meeting?

17 MR. HOOD: No problem except I might  
18 have to come out in a postal outfit.

19 MS. MCKINNEY: How about any of the  
20 work sessions with any of the  
21 municipalities? Anybody want me to  
22 follow up on any of the work sessions of  
23 any of the municipalities?

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1                   MR. LEVY:    I do, I definitely do.  
2                   If nothing else, I can go representing  
3                   Fort McClellan as a guy who wants to talk  
4                   about the program.   Sure would like to  
5                   take a few of you along.

6                   MS. MCKINNEY:   Do you want me to go  
7                   to Anniston first?

8                   MR. THOMASSY:   Any old business?  
9                   Any discussions from, Ron, you have a  
10                  piece of information you put out in  
11                  everybody's place that shows dollars and  
12                  fiscal years.

13                  MR. LEVY:    I think it was you,  
14                  Fern, who asked to see some information  
15                  on budgeting.   In fact, what you've got  
16                  here is what we've spent in various  
17                  program areas.   And the project status,  
18                  you can see those acronyms everybody  
19                  hates, SI's, site investigation, remedial  
20                  investigation, RI.   Feasible study,  
21                  that's what the phases they are in or  
22                  will be in in the next fiscal year.   And  
23                  then you see where the money is going to,

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1           who the executing agency. The INLSTL  
2           stands for installation.

3           MR. THOMASSY: Ron had a good  
4           question, is this in thousands of  
5           dollars?

6           MR. LEVY: It is. CESAM stands for  
7           Corps of Engineers South Atlantic Mobile  
8           District. So, and then you'll see the  
9           dollars. Now, issues as to the out years  
10          is because of contracting requirements I  
11          can't show you those. But really this is  
12          what we've spent or will be spending this  
13          year on the various program areas.

14          MR. FAUST: For the out years that  
15          is the projected annual budgets?

16          MR. LEVY: We actually have dollars  
17          projected beyond 2001. BRAC funding  
18          though is supposed to go up to 2001. You  
19          see the column there is out to 2001 but  
20          it didn't show any numbers again because  
21          of some of the contractual issues. What  
22          you do see is the total for those.

23          MR. THOMASSY: That's what that line

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1           should be, it's to be total? It doesn't  
2           have a description or title. That is the  
3           total, the sum.

4           MR. LEVY: Right. We should have  
5           put that as total.

6           MR. THOMASSY: Good, thanks, Ron,  
7           that helps. I know that's within the  
8           limitations of what you could do. I  
9           appreciate that.

10          MR. FAUST: Is the big numbers for  
11          this year tank removals, motor pool.

12          MR. LEVY: They are not tank  
13          removal, they are really investigations  
14          of industrial motor pool sites. And it  
15          could be investigations of tanks that are  
16          in those sites. But it really  
17          encompasses the entire site. There will  
18          be various sampling going on the entire  
19          site from everything from surface,  
20          subsurface, sediments, surface water to  
21          ground water.

22          MR. THOMASSY: Can I also assume  
23          that '99 and 2000 that that Eastern

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1 Bypass number is going up a lot higher  
2 than \$300,000? You've got the funding  
3 needed?

4 MR. LEVY: Yes, you can assume  
5 that. That's a good assumption.

6 MR. THOMASSY: Any other old  
7 business? Okay, new business. We've  
8 discussed a lot of that already. Any  
9 comments from anywhere? Anybody want to  
10 go home? Okay, meeting adjourned.

11 (Whereupon this meeting was  
12 adjourned at 8:10 p.m.)  
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