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DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMATIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SPEIS)
PUBLIC HEARING

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THE ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM
755 E. FLAMINGO ROAD
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89119

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008

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1 THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008, 11:00 A.M.

2 THE ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM

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4 MR. BROWN: GOOD AFTERNOON. WELCOME TO THIS
5 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY
6 ADMINISTRATION SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL
7 IMPACT STATEMENT, OR SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS, FOR THE
8 TRANSFORMATION OF THE NATIONAL'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX.
9 I HOPE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROWSE AT THE DISPLAYS AND
10 TALK TO STAFF DURING THE JUST COMPLETED OPEN HOUSE.

11 MY NAME IS HOLMES BROWN, I WILL SERVE AS THE
12 FACILITATOR FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING. I'M NOT AN
13 EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NOR AN ADVOCATE FOR
14 ANY PARTY OR POSITION. MY ROLE THIS AFTERNOON IS TO ENSURE
15 THAT THE MEETING RUNS ON SCHEDULE AND THAT EVERYBODY HAS AN
16 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WILL ALSO EXPLAIN SOME GROUND
17 RULES TO ENSURE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION BY
18 EVERYONE.

19 AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE YOU SHOULD HAVE
20 RECEIVED A PARTICIPANT'S PACKET WHICH CONTAINS INFORMATION
21 ON THIS AFTERNOON'S PRESENTATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT, PLEASE
22 RAISE YOUR HAND AND STAFF CAN BRING YOU A COPY. WE'VE GOT
23 ONE HERE.

24 ANYONE ELSE? OKAY. JERRY NEEDS ONE.

25 THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS HEARING, THE

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1 INFORMATION SEGMENT AND THE FORMAL COMMENT SEGMENT. THE
2 INFORMATION SEGMENT BEGAN WITH THE HOUR-LONG OPEN HOUSE
3 THAT JUST CONCLUDED AND CONTINUES WITH AN 8-MINUTE WELCOME
4 VIDEO FROM ROBERT SMOLEN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEFENSE
5 PROGRAMS. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A 20-MINUTE PRESENTATION
6 BY MR. TED WYKA, THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS DOCUMENT MANAGER.
7 MR. WYKA WILL DISCUSS THE COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
8 AND THE CONTENTS OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS.

9 THE FORMAL COMMENT SEGMENT WILL BEGIN
10 IMMEDIATELY AFTER MR. WYKA'S PRESENTATION. DURING THE
11 FORMAL COMMENT SEGMENT, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL PROVIDE
12 THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS. THE COURT REPORTER
13 WILL TRANSCRIBE A VERBATIM RECORD OF YOUR COMMENTS. A DOE
14 OFFICIAL WILL BE PRESENT TO HEAR YOUR COMMENTS, BUT WILL
15 NOT BE RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

16 IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A COMMENT AND HAVE NOT YET
17 SIGNED UP TO DO SO, YOU MAY DO SO AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE
18 OUT FRONT WHERE THERE'S A SPEAKERS' LIST.

19 WE NOW CONTINUE WITH THE INFORMATION SEGMENT
20 WITH A VIDEO BY MR. ROBERT SMOLEN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR
21 DEFENSE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

22 (VIDEO SHOWN AND PRESENTATION GIVEN.)

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24 MR. BROWN: IT'S NOW TIME TO RECEIVE YOUR FORMAL
25 COMMENTS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL PEIS. THIS IS YOUR

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE DOE YOUR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENT.
2 THE COURT REPORTER IS READY TO TRANSCRIBE YOUR STATEMENTS.
3 LET ME REVIEW A FEW GROUND RULES FOR COMMENT.
4 PLEASE STEP UP TO THE MICROPHONE OVER THERE WHEN YOUR NAME
5 IS CALLED. INTRODUCE YOURSELF PROVIDING AN ORGANIZATION
6 AFFILIATION WHERE APPROPRIATE. IF YOU HAVE A WRITTEN
7 VERSION OF THE YOUR COMMENT, PLEASE GIVE THOSE TO THE COURT
8 REPORTER AFTER YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR REMARKS.

9 I WILL CALL TWO NAMES AT A TIME. THE FIRST OF
10 THE SPEAKER AND THE SECOND OF THE PERSON TO FOLLOW. IN
11 VIEW OF THE NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK THIS
12 AFTERNOON, THE INITIAL TIME PERIOD WILL BE 5 TO 10 MINUTES,
13 WHICH HAS GENERALLY PROVEN SUFFICIENT FOR PEOPLE TO
14 COMPLETE THEIR FULL STATEMENT. I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN
15 YOU HAVE A MINUTE LEFT.

16 TED WYKA WILL BE SERVING AS THE HEARING OFFICER
17 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DURING THE FORMAL COMMENT
18 PERIOD.

19 AT THIS POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL OUR FIRST
20 SPEAKER, IAN ZABARTE.

21 AND IAN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PETER EDIGER.

22 MR. ZABARTE: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IAN
23 ZABARTE, I'M THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE WESTERN SHOSHONE
24 NATIONAL COUNCIL, THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
25 WESTERN SHOSHONE NATION THAT ENTERED INTO FORMAL RELATIONS

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1 WITH THE UNITED STATES IN 1863 BY THE TREATY OF RUBY VALLEY.
2 AT THAT TIME THE UNITED STATES WAS AT WAR WITH ITSELF, THE
3 CIVIL WAR WAS GOING ON AND OUR GOVERNMENT ALLIED OURSELVES
4 WITH THE UNION TO ALLOW FOR THE TRANSFER OF GOLD FROM THE
5 WEST TO THE EAST TO FINANCE THE WAR THAT THE UNITED STATES
6 WAS ENGAGED IN AT THAT TIME. THE TREATY IS IN FULL FORCE
7 AND EFFECT TODAY AND IS U.S. LAW AND UNDER THE UNITED STATES
8 CONSTITUTION. IT'S THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND.

9 THE WESTERN SHOSHONE HAS BORNE THE BURDEN OF U.S.
10 NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. NUCLEAR WEAPONS THREATEN OUR
11 PEOPLE, VIOLATE OUR LAND AND ALSO DESTROY OUR CONFIDENCE IN
12 THE PROTECTION OUR LAND PROVIDES OUR PEOPLE.

13 WE HAVE EXPERIENCED ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS KNOWN
14 TO BE PLAUSIBLE FROM EXPOSURE TO IONIZED RADIATION. WE
15 SUFFER BECAUSE OF OUR UNIQUE LIFESTYLES THAT PRODUCED UNIQUE
16 EXPOSURE PATHWAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE USE DEAD WOOD TO HEAT
17 OUR HOUSES, WE DON'T KILL OUR GREEN TREES BECAUSE
18 TRADITIONALLY THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE USE AS FOOD SOURCES.
19 SO WHEN WE'RE BURNING WOOD, THE POTENTIAL FOR HOTSPOTS AND
20 THE SMOKE, WE HAVE AN EXPOSURE PATHWAY. IN OUR SWEATS, WE
21 WILL BURN DEAD WOOD AGAIN. THERE'S ANOTHER UNIQUE EXPOSURE
22 PATHWAY.

23 VENTINGS FROM UNDERGROUND TESTS OR IN THE PAST THE
24 ABOVEGROUND TESTS, THE FALLOUT WOULD AFFECT VAST REGIONS OF
25 THE GREAT BASIN, OUR PEOPLE WERE EXPOSED TO RADIATION

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1 BECAUSE OF OUR LIFESTYLE, BECAUSE OUR HOUSES WERE NOT AS THE
2 NON-INDIANS WOULD MAKE THEM BECAUSE OUR FOOD SOURCES, OUR
3 WILD GAME, OUR RABBITS, OUR DEER WERE EATING THE GRASSES
4 THAT ABSORBED FALLOUT. AND WE WOULD EAT THESE ANIMALS, THE
5 WHOLE ANIMAL, AND OUR EXPOSURE WAS GREATER. OUR PEOPLE HAVE
6 LIVED WITH A HEIGHTENED SENSE OF ANXIETY AND FEAR. HOW
7 CLEAN IS OUR LAND? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR PEOPLE? WE'RE
8 DEALING WITH THESE THINGS BY OURSELVES.

9 THE TONOPAH TEST RANGE AND THE NEVADA TEST SITE, A
10 PART OF YOUR COMPLEX, ARE TRESPASS IF NOT A CLAIM IS MADE
11 UNDER THE TREATY OF RUBY VALLEY. AND STILL WE'RE WAITING
12 FOR THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE A CLAIM UNDER THE TREATY OF
13 RUBY VALLEY. IF NO CLAIM IS MADE, IT IS A TRESPASS. AND
14 AGAIN, WE CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BURDEN FOR U.S. NUCLEAR
15 WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS NOT HOW CIVILIZED NATIONS
16 TREAT EACH OTHER. THIS IS NOT HOW LARGER NATIONS SHOULD BE
17 TREATING SMALLER NATIONS. THESE ARE ISSUES THAT AFFECT
18 U.S. -- THAT AFFECT THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY. I
19 DON'T LIKE HAVING TO EXPRESS THESE CONCERNS EITHER TO YOU OR
20 TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, BUT I MUST.

21 ANOTHER CONCERN WE HAVE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR
22 ABANDONMENT OF THESE SITES. WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THE
23 GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 ENERGY, THEIR OWN SCIENTISTS WERE TALKING OF THE GROUNDWATER
25 TRAVEL TIME FOR RADIONUCLIDES FROM THE UNDERGROUND TEST

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1 AREA, PAHUTE MESA OF UP TO 2200 FEET PER YEAR TO 200 FOOT
2 PER YEAR. WE'RE TALKING MANY MILES FROM WHERE THOSE TESTS
3 TOOK PLACE DOWN INTO OASIS VALLEY, POTENTIALLY OFFSITE
4 ALREADY. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THESE THINGS. WE NEED TO
5 KNOW WHERE THOSE FLOWS ARE. WE NEED TO KNOW THIS FOR OUR
6 OWN SAFETY, FOR OUR OWN FUTURE, AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

7 OTHER THINGS THAT WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ARE
8 SPECIAL AFFECTS, STIGMA-RELATED IMPACTS THAT ARE ESSENTIALLY
9 ABSENT IN THESE NEPA PROCESSES. HOW CLEAN IS CLEAN? WHAT
10 ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THESE THINGS? OUR PEOPLE ARE
11 CONCERNED. THE TRIBAL PERSPECTIVE ISN'T INCLUDED IN THESE
12 PROCESSES. AGAIN, WE'RE LEFT WITH NO WAY TO PROTECT
13 OURSELVES AND WE NEED TO.

14 FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE IS ROOM TO
15 NEGOTIATE. WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS. WE NEED
16 HELP BEING ABLE TO ADDRESS THESE THREATS, THESE HAZARDS, AND
17 POTENTIAL IMPACTS, AND FIND WAYS THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

18 I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AND I DON'T
19 THINK ANYBODY SHOULD TAKE MY COMMENTS PERSONALLY AND I'LL
20 TRY NOT TO TAKE YOUR CONCERNS PERSONALLY EITHER. BUT WE
21 NEED TO START A DIALOG AND TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS. WE DO
22 HAVE RELATIONS AND WE NEED TO STAND ON THOSE LAWS.

23 THANK YOU.

24 MR. BROWN: THANKS VERY MUCH.

25 PETER EDIGER IS NEXT AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

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1 JERRY ZAWADA.

2 MR. EDIGER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I IDENTIFIED MYSELF
3 ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP AS A PART OF THE HUMAN
4 FAMILY, SO I AM SPEAKING NOT AS A SCIENTIST, I AM NOT
5 FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE TECHNICALITIES INVOLVED IN THESE
6 PROPOSALS AND I WILL NOT BE ADDRESSING THOSE. BUT I HAVE
7 EYES, AND I HAVE EARS, AND I HAVE A MIND, AND I HAVE A
8 HEART. AND FROM FOUR SCORE YEARS OF LIVING AND USING THOSE
9 EYES TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, AND TO HEAR WHAT'S
10 GOING ON IN THE WORLD, AND TO THINK -- TO THINK ABOUT WHAT'S
11 GOING ON. AND TO FEEL -- FEEL WHAT'S GOING ON. THAT'S WHAT
12 I AM SPEAKING FROM IN MY RESPONSE TO WHAT IS CALLED
13 TRANSFORMATION, COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION.

14 MY SENSE IS WHEN I LOOK AT THAT, IT'S NOT
15 TRANSFORMATION, WHAT WE NEED IS RADICAL TRANSFORMATION IN
16 THE WAY WE SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, AND THE WAY WE
17 HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, IN THE WAY WE LISTEN TO
18 THE BEST OF OUR MINDS AND OUR HEARTS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON
19 IN THE WORLD. AND WHAT IN THE WORLD IS BEING PROPOSED HERE
20 OR CONTINUE TO HAPPEN IN OUR WORLD?

21 I'M SPEAKING FROM HAVING LEARNED THROUGH THE YEARS
22 FROM MANY SPIRITUAL VOICES AND PARTICULARLY -- PARTICULARLY,
23 I WANT TO SPEAK FROM SEVERAL STORIES FROM ONE OF THOSE
24 PEOPLE'S VOICES, THE VOICE OF THE PERSON I THINK REALLY
25 UNDERSTANDS, UNDERSTOOD AND UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE

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1 HUMAN -- WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN, AND HOW WE SEE EACH
2 OTHER AS HUMANS IN THIS WORLD. AND I WANT TO USE TWO
3 STORIES FROM THAT PERSON'S VOICE TO ADDRESS WHAT WE'RE
4 TALKING ABOUT.

5 THE FIRST IS KIND OF A FUNNY STORY, BUT DON'T
6 LAUGH TOO QUICKLY. IT'S A STORY OF A PERSON WALKING AROUND
7 WITH A PLANK, A BEAM IN HIS EYE TRYING TO PICK OUT THE
8 LITTLE SLIVERS OF HIS BROTHER'S EYES OUT THERE. DO YOU GET
9 THE POINT? DO YOU GET THE POINT? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I SEE
10 HAPPENING AND HOW WE'RE POSTURING OURSELVES IN THIS WORLD.
11 WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT CRAZY, COMICAL VISION AND
12 US WALKING AROUND WITH ALL OF OUR WEAPON SYSTEMS STICKING
13 OUT OF OUR EYES AND LOOKING ALL OVER THE WORLD TO PICK OUT
14 THOSE LITTLE SLIVERS, ANYBODY ELSE WHO MIGHT BE WANTING TO
15 PRODUCE THE WEAPONS THAT WE SAY ARE SO ESSENTIAL TO OUR
16 SECURITY. BUT NOT THEIRS?

17 WHAT KIND OF LOGIC IS THAT? WHAT KIND OF INSANITY
18 IS THAT? WHAT KIND OF MINDLESSNESS IS THAT WAY OF SEEING
19 OURSELVES IN RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PEOPLE? SO I'M TALKING
20 ABOUT ELIMINATION, NOT TRANSFORMATION OF THESE SYSTEMS.

21 THE SECOND STORY. THE SAME VOICE LOOKING AROUND
22 SEEING WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, SEEING WHAT'S
23 HAPPENING, PLEADING ABOUT THINGS, PRAYING ABOUT THINGS,
24 FEELING ABOUT THINGS. HE GOES UNDER THE TEMPLE AND HE SEES
25 THE WAY THE SYSTEM -- THE WAY THE SYSTEM IS FOSTERING THE

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1 GREEDY MERCHANTS AND MISUSING THE WORSHIP AND THE PRAYERS OF
2 THE PEOPLE. AND IN HIS RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION TURNS THOSE
3 TABLES, KICKS OFF THE FURNITURE. AND BY THE WAY, I THOUGHT,
4 WHEN I WAS THINKING ABOUT PRAYING, THINKING ABOUT THIS
5 WHETHER I SHOULD KIND OF MOVE SOME TABLES HERE, BROTHERS AND
6 SISTERS. YEAH. YEAH.

7 AND HE SAYS, LOOK, LOOK, LOOK, LOOK, THIS IS
8 SUPPOSED TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS
9 AND YOU'RE MAKING IT A DEN OF THIEVES. AND I'M SAYING TO
10 US, LOOK, LOOK, LOOK, THINK, THINK, FEEL. WE ARE IN THIS
11 TEMPLE, THIS EARTH TEMPLE, A HOUSE OF REVERENCE,
12 SACREDNESS. WE'RE ALL PEOPLE -- ALL PEOPLE, ALL NATIONS,
13 AND WE ARE MAKING OF IT A DEN OF ARMS MERCHANTS, A DEN OF
14 THIEVES. HUH? WORSE THAN THAT -- WORSE THAN THAT, WE ARE
15 MAKING OF IT A BLASPHEMOUS WORSHIP SAYING AS WE HEARD OVER
16 AND OVER THIS IS FOR OUR SECURITY. BLASPHEMY, BLASPHEMY.
17 HUH?

18 WHAT ARE WE DOING? WHAT ARE WE DOING TO EACH
19 OTHER AND OURSELVES AND OUR SENSE OF WHO WE ARE AND WHO ARE
20 OUR BROTHERS OUT THERE? THIS IS A SACRED EARTH, WE ARE
21 SACRED CREATURES, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO EACH OTHER? WHAT ARE
22 WE DOING?

23 WE WHO CALL OURSELVES SO OFTEN GODLY PEOPLE, MANY
24 AMONG US CHRISTIAN, OTHER FAITHS, JEWISH, ISLAM, BELIEVE IN
25 ONE GOD. YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF PRAYER I SEE? YOU KNOW WHAT

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1 KIND OF PRAYER I HEAR WHEN I HEAR THESE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT
2 THIS KIND OF SECURITY? THIS IS THE PRAYER THAT I HEAR:
3 OUR POWER WHICH RULES THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS
4 NUCLEAR IS YOUR NAME
5 OUR MISSILES WILL COME
6 OUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AND IN THE HEAVENS
7 GIVE US THIS DAY OUR MILITARY SUPERIORITY
8 AND FORGIVE US OUR VULNERABILITY AS WE SEEK
9 VENGEANCE ON ALL WHO THREATEN US
10 AND LEAD US NOT INTO REPENTANCE
11 AND DELIVER US FROM MORAL QUESTIONS
12 FOR OURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE
13 GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.
14 MR. GUTIERREZ: AMEN.
15 MR. EDIGER: HALLELUJAH. ISN'T THAT
16 BLASPHEMOUS? LORD HAVE MERCY. LORD HAVE MERCY. BUT I
17 WONDER, I WONDER, I WONDER IF THAT ISN'T THE PRACTICE
18 PRAYER FROM WHICH MOST OF OUR THINKING AND ACTING COMES,
19 NOT ONLY IN THIS SYTEM, BUT IN A LOT OF THE SYSTEMS THE WAY
20 WE APPROACH OUR WORLD.
21 MR. BROWN: PETER, YOU'RE JUST ABOUT 10 MINUTES
22 NOW.
23 MR. EDIGER: ONE MORE MINUTE?
24 MR. BROWN: FINE.
25 MR. EDIGER: I HEAR ANOTHER VOICE. A MORE

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1 RECENT PROPHETIC VOICE. I HAVE A DREAM. I HAVE A DREAM.
2 I HAVE A DREAM. I ALSO HAVE A DREAM. I ALSO HAVE A DREAM.
3 AND I WANT US ALL TO HAVE A DREAM THAT WE CAN BE A NATION,
4 WE CAN BE A NATION OPENING OUR ARMS TO EMBRACE EACH OTHER,
5 RECOGNIZE THE HUMANNESS, RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS OUT THERE
6 AND IN OURSELVES, KNOWING THAT WE NEED HELP AND THEY NEED
7 HELP.

8 SO I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN AFFIRMING
9 THAT THERE IS SOMETHING NEW COMING. ALL RIGHT? HERE WE
10 GO.

11 (SINGING) WE SHALL OVERCOME.

12 WE SHALL OVERCOME.

13 (AUDIENCE JOINS IN.)

14 WE SHALL OVERCOME SOMEDAY.

15 OH, DEEP IN MY HEART,

16 I DO BELIEVE,

17 WE SHALL OVERCOME SOMEDAY.

18 (END OF SINGING.)

19 AND FORGIVE ME FOR VIOLATING YOUR TIME.

20 MR. BROWN: THANKS VERY MUCH.

21 JERRY ZAWADA IS NEXT.

22 AND JOHN AMIDON WILL FOLLOW.

23 MR. ZAWADA: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. I'M
24 CERTAINLY NO MATCH FOR EITHER ONE OF THOSE GUYS. I FEEL
25 INADEQUATE TO BE BRINGING OUT ANYTHING NEW TO ANY OF YOU

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1 EXCEPT I WANT TO TELL YOU MY STORY.

2 MY STORY IS ONE THAT HAS PLACED ME IN A POSITION
3 WHERE I REGARD THE NUCLEAR THREAT, NUCLEAR WEAPONRY OF ANY
4 KIND ANYWHERE IN THIS WORLD AS BEING THE ULTIMATE SLAP IN
5 THE FACE TO GOD AND TO ALL OF US HUMAN BEINGS.

6 I COME FROM A RELIGION BACKGROUND, I'M A
7 CATHOLIC PRIEST, A FRANCISCAN FOLLOWER OF A SORT, FRANCIS
8 OF ASSISI, WHO IS A MAN WHO WAS KEEN ON THE ENVIRONMENT,
9 KEEN ON WHAT MAKES OUR LIFE MEANINGFUL IN SHARING ALL OF
10 GOD'S CREATION WITH EACH OTHER, TAKING JOY IN IT,
11 PRESERVING IT, TAKING CARE OF IT.

12 I'M SO GLAD THAT IAN ZABARTE WAS THE FIRST TO
13 SPEAK TODAY BECAUSE THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, I FEEL, WE HAVE
14 TO LEARN FROM THEM, WE HAVE TO IMITATE THEM, WE HAVE TO PUT
15 OUR PRIDE ASIDE AND LEARN THAT WE NEED TO RESPECT AND
16 CHERISH THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US THROUGH ALL
17 CREATION. AND I FEEL VERY PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO BECOME
18 ACQUAINTED WITH THE SHOSHONE INDIANS, THE WESTERN SHOSHONE,
19 IN OUR OWN AREA HERE AND TO LEARN FROM THEM, PARTICULARLY
20 FROM OUR BELOVED CORBIN HARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY JUST LAST
21 YEAR AND WHO IS SO SACRED TO MY OWN LIFE.

22 JUST TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT HAPPENED.
23 BACK IN 1983, I MET A SCHOOL TEACHER FROM EL SALVADOR WHO
24 HAD BEEN TORTURED VERY BADLY AND HER STORY OF HER PLIGHT
25 AND HER COMING HERE TO AMERICA LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE

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1 COMPLICITY OF OUR OWN GOVERNMENT AND WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON
2 IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND OTHER PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA, OTHER
3 PARTS OF THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE ELEMENT OF TORTURE HAD
4 REALLY BEEN SOMETHING THAT REALLY HIT ME VERY, VERY
5 PROFOUNDLY, VERY DEEPLY. AND I WORKED WITH OTHERS TO MAKE
6 SURE THAT IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN CONTINUOUSLY, SHINING THE
7 LIGHT ON THE TRUTH OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING EVEN ON THE
8 PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

9 FROM THERE THEN I MOVED ALSO TO WARFARE. I HAVE
10 GONE TO PLACES OF WARFARE, I WAS IN IRAQ DURING SHOCK AND
11 AWESOME. I WAS THERE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE BOMBINGS
12 THERE. I SAW THE DEVASTATION, WHAT IT HAD DONE TO THE
13 PEOPLE. I WAS THERE EARLIER DURING THE YEARS OF THE LAST
14 PART OF THE SANCTIONS THAT WE HAD IMPLICATED AGAINST THE
15 PEOPLE OF IRAQ. AND I WITNESSED IN THE HOSPITAL THERE
16 WHERE CHILDREN WERE DYING FROM CANCERS AS A RESULT OF THE
17 DEPLETED URANIUM THAT WE HAD. AND ALSO THE SANCTIONS THAT
18 DEPRIVES THESE CHILDREN FROM GETTING HELP THAT THEY NEEDED
19 TO COPE WITH THEIR CANCERS.

20 AND I WITNESSED A LITTLE BOY WHO WAS SCREAMING.
21 SEVEN YEARS OLD AND HIS MOM ASKED ME IF THERE WAS SOME KIND
22 OF MEDICINE I COULD GET FOR HIM, NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE.
23 AND SO THE LITTLE BOY SCREAMED AND SCREAMED IN PAIN UNTIL
24 HE DIED IN HIS MOTHER'S ARMS. THINGS LIKE THAT HAVE
25 AFFECTED ME.

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1 THE THIRD THING THAT HAS COME, I THINK OF THIS
2 TORTURE AS THE INSIDE CONE WITH VERY PERSONALLY AFFECTED
3 PEOPLE. PEOPLE ON ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE NEXT THING
4 THAT I WITNESSED WAS WARFARE. WARFARE ALSO IS TORTURE.
5 BUT THE ULTIMATE, THE ULTIMATE BLIGHT THAT WE HAVE IN OUR
6 LIVES AND IN OUR WORLD TODAY CAME TO ME BACK IN THE 1980S,
7 1988, AND I JOINED OTHERS IN PROTESTING AT NUCLEAR MISSILE
8 SILOS. I WENT THERE WITH OTHERS, WE TRESPASSED PURPOSELY
9 TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS SO IMPORTANT,
10 THE NUCLEAR THREAT THAT WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN THE
11 WORLD IN WHICH WE HAVE CREATED FOR SO MANY THROUGHOUT THE
12 WORLD TODAY IS THE ULTIMATE -- IS THE ULTIMATE DANGER THAT
13 WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY.

14 SO I WOULD AGREE WITH PETER WHEN HE SAYS THAT
15 IT'S NOT A MATTER OF TRANSFORMATION, BUT TOTAL ELIMINATION.
16 WE HAVE TO DO THAT, WE HAVE TO BECOME A LIGHT TO OTHERS.
17 IF WE HAVE SO MUCH POWER, WHICH WE DO TODAY, WE ARE THE
18 EMPIRE, WE ARE THE EMPIRE IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND THAT'S
19 NOT DOING US WELL. THAT'S MAKING PEOPLE OF OTHER COUNTRIES
20 HATE US. WE ARE BEING HATED. AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING
21 ABOUT IT. WE NEED TO TAKE DRASTIC STEPS TO STOP THE
22 NUCLEAR THREAT. THAT IS THE ULTIMATE. AND THIS PROGRAM IS
23 NOT DOING THAT. THIS PROGRAM IS NOT DOING IT. WHAT IT
24 DOES IS DOWNSIZING IT, BUT MAKING IT JUST AS POWERFUL, JUST
25 AS EFFECTIVE, JUST AS THREATENING TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

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1 I CAN'T SEE HOW WE CAN TELL NORTH KOREA OR IRAN
2 OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY THAT YOU CAN'T DO THIS BECAUSE YOU ARE
3 A THREAT TO US WHEN WE ARE A THREAT, A BIGGER THREAT TO SO
4 MANY OTHERS.

5 ANYWAY, I JUST FEEL -- I KNOW I'M NOT EXPRESSING
6 MYSELF AS WELL AS I'D LIKE TO, I'M KIND OF TIRED TODAY.
7 BUT I DO WANT TO EXPRESS MY STRONG BELIEF -- AND I WILL DO
8 IT, I'VE SPENT CLOSE TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PROTESTING,
9 AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IF I NEED TO. SOME WAY OR
10 ANOTHER I WILL PUT MYSELF ON THE LINE TILL THE END OF MY
11 LIFE, I HOPE, TO SAY NO, WE CANNOT CONTINUE. WE HAVE TO
12 SHOW RESPECT AND CARE FOR EVERYBODY ALL OVER THIS WORLD,
13 ALL OVER THIS WORLD. THE FAMILIES IN IRAQ, THE FAMILIES IN
14 EL SALVADOR, THE FAMILIES -- NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO IN THE
15 WORLD, THEY'RE LIKE OUR FAMILIES.

16 AND THE QUESTION THAT I ALWAYS COME TO IN A
17 COURTROOM OR WHEREVER I'M AT, IS DON'T WE CARE FOR OUR
18 CHILDREN? WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ESTABLISH A PEACEFUL,
19 NONVIOLENT WORLD? WE'RE NOT DOING IT LIKE THIS. THIS IS
20 NOT GOING TO HELP. WE HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF FEAR TO LOVE,
21 AND THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN FIND A FUTURE FOR THE
22 CHILDREN OF TOMORROW.

23 THANK YOU.

24 MR. BROWN: JOHN AMIDON.

25 AND JUAN GUTIERREZ WILL BE NEXT.

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1 MR. AMIDON: IT'S REALLY NICE TO SEE ALL OF YOU
2 FOLKS OUT HERE. AND MY NAME IS JOHN AMIDON, AND I WORK FOR
3 THE NEVADA DESERT EXPERIENCE. WE ARE AN INTERFAITH GROUP
4 THAT RESISTS NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE WORK FOR THE TOTAL
5 ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IN FACT, FOR MANY GOOD
6 REASONS.

7 BUT THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT I THINK WE
8 NEED TO ADDRESS. THE FIRST OF ALL IS I WATCHED THIS REALLY
9 POLISHED PROFESSIONAL VIDEO BY ROBERT SMOLEN, WE ALL SAW IT
10 HERE TODAY. HE HAD ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO SELL THIS NUCLEAR
11 BOMB MAKING FACTORY PROGRAM. AND I WAS WONDERING WHY THE
12 GOVERNMENT DIDN'T SEND A COUNTER VIDEO BY AN EQUALLY
13 POLISHED PROFESSIONAL GIVING ALL THE INTELLIGENT AND VERY
14 REAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION.

15 AND TED ACTUALLY DID A VERY FINE PRESENTATION
16 ALSO SELLING COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION. AND WHY ISN'T ANYONE
17 HERE ALLOWED THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME TO PRESENT THE
18 COUNTERARGUMENTS?

19 SO IF WE WANT BETTER HEARINGS, WE'RE REALLY
20 GOING TO HAVE TO START INSISTING THAT OUR GOVERNMENT ACT
21 JUSTLY WITH WE THE PEOPLE.

22 AND THEN WHEN WE START LOOKING AT LANGUAGE.
23 MOST PEOPLE HERE KNOW WHAT COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS.
24 COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS THE EUPHEMISM WHICH REFERS TO
25 CIVILIANS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN COMBAT. AND A EUPHEMISM

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1 IS A WAY OF NOT SAYING WHAT IT REALLY MEANS, IN THIS CASE,
2 AND DISGUIISING THE ABSOLUTE HORROR AND INHUMANITY. SO WE
3 TALK ABOUT COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION. AND IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW
4 WHAT IT WAS ALREADY, YOU WOULD THINK IT WAS PSYCHOLOGICAL
5 TERM FOR SOME NEW THERAPY OR PERHAPS A FREUDIAN TERM.

6 SO WHY CAN'T WE GET STRAIGHT TALK FROM OUR
7 GOVERNMENT? WHY CAN'T WE CALL THIS NUCLEAR BOMB MAKING
8 FACULTIES -- FACILITIES, FACTORIES. WHY IS A PIT A PIT AND
9 NOT A TRIGGER FOR A NUCLEAR BOMB? WHERE IS THE HONESTY IN
10 THE BASIC PRESENTATION? AND THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM
11 THAT OUR GOVERNMENT -- AND I AM NOT ATTACKING TED BY ANY
12 MEANS -- BUT OUR GOVERNMENT IS GENERALLY TRAINED TO
13 MISREPRESENT THINGS THAT ARE DISINGENUOUS, DECEITFUL, AND
14 VERY, VERY ILL ADVISED FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

15 THIS PROGRAM -- ORIGINALLY CALLED COMPLEX
16 2030 -- WANTS TO TAKE, YOU KNOW, NOBODY KNOWS HOW MANY
17 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WILL ACTUALLY BE SPENT, BUT THE
18 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WAS ABOUT \$150 BILLION OF YOUR MONEY TO
19 BUILD WEAPONS TO KILL PEOPLE OR THREATEN PEOPLE. NONE OF
20 IT IS LIFE AFFIRMING. THIS COUNTRY NEEDS PUBLIC EDUCATION
21 AND LAS VEGAS WE NEED GUN CONTROL, OUR CHILDREN OUR
22 MURDERING EACH OTHER. WE NEED HEALTHCARE CLINICS THAT KNOW
23 ENOUGH NOT TO REUSE SYRINGES. WE NEED NUCLEAR CLEANUP.

24 I LIVED IN ALBANY, NEW YORK. NL INDUSTRIES WAS
25 IN ALBANY, NEW YORK, THEY MANUFACTURED DU, DEPLETED

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1 URANIUM, URANIUM-238 ARMAMENT. THEY TOOK THE NUCLEAR WASTE
2 AND THREW IT IN THE POND NEXT DOOR. THEY BURIED IT ON THE
3 ELECTRIC COMPANY'S LAND. WE HAVE BIRTH DEFECTS. WE HAVE
4 CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER IN THE HEART OF THE CITY IN
5 COLONIE. THERE'S NO WAY I KNOW OF CLEANING UP CONTAMINATED
6 GROUNDWATER. THIS SITE WAS 11 ACRES, 11.2 ACRES OF
7 SUPERFUND SITE. A HUNDRED AND FIFTY TO A HUNDRED EIGHT
8 MILLION DOLLARS TO ATTEMPT TO CLEAN IT UP. AND YOU KNOW
9 WHAT A CLEANUP MEANS? WE SCRAPE UP ALL THIS DIRT, THIS
10 RADIOACTIVE DIRT, AND WE BRING IT SOMEWHERE. AND WHERE DO
11 WE BRING? WELL, YUCCA MOUNTAIN IS ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE
12 WE BRING RADIOACTIVE DIRT. IN THIS CASE, THAT WASTE WENT
13 TO IDAHO AND UTAH.

14 SO WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COMPLEX
15 TRANSFORMATION, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT NUCLEAR WASTE AND
16 WHERE IT'S GOING, IT'S LIKELY TO COME RIGHT HERE. THAT IS
17 VERY SERIOUS FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA. AND WHERE WILL THESE
18 NEW BOMBS BE TESTED? IT'S LIKELY THEY'RE GOING TO BE
19 TESTED RIGHT HERE, THIS IS THE NEVADA TEST SITE. IS THAT
20 GOING TO DO GOOD THINGS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEVADA? AND I'VE
21 HEARD IT REFERRED, WELL, IT'S NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE
22 AND IF WE HAVE AN ACCIDENT, MAYBE, YOU KNOW, MAYBE NOT THAT
23 MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT BECAUSE THERE AREN'T SO
24 MANY PEOPLE. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE MAPS
25 FROM THE ATOMIC TESTING WITH THE WIND-CARRIED RADIATION,

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1 THEY CARRIED RADIATION ALL OVER THE WORLD. FROM THE ATOMIC
2 TESTING DUMP, THERE WERE HOT SPOTS IN NEW YORK, IN ALBANY,
3 NEW YORK, WHERE RADIOACTIVE RAIN FELL AND PEOPLE ENDED UP
4 WITH THYROID CANCER. ALL THE WAY THERE, NOT JUST IN UTAH
5 OR IDAHO OR COLORADO.

6 SO FROM THIS NUCLEAR INDUSTRY AND COMPLEX
7 TRANSFORMATION AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND LET'S INCLUDE THE
8 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TOO, WE HAVE IMMENSE ENVIRONMENTAL
9 DEGRADATION WHICH NOBODY IS DOING ANYTHING ABOUT
10 PARTICULARLY. NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED ALL OF THIS MONEY TO GO
11 TO GOOD THINGS.

12 BY LAW -- AND WE COULD TALK ABOUT INTERNATIONAL
13 LAW FOR A MOMENT. THERE IS THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY.
14 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DISARMING. WE DON'T NEED A PLAN TO
15 BUILD NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE WERE JUST TOLD ONCE WE HAVE
16 A SAFE AND RELIABLE AND GOOD AND STUDIES WERE DONE BY LOS
17 ALAMOS AND LIVERMORE LABORATORIES, AND THEY SAID THE SAME
18 THING, THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH THE BOMBS WE HAVE. WE
19 DON'T NEED THESE FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER.

20 EVEN IF YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO
21 KILL PEOPLE WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WE DON'T NEED NEW ONES.
22 HOW LONG DOES THE WORLD LAST IF WE GET A GOOD NUCLEAR WAR
23 GOING? IF WE JUST START FIRING OFF OUR ICBMS? IF OUR
24 TRIDENT SUBMARINES GO OUT THERE AND HAVE AT IT. WELL,
25 LET'S JUST GIVE US ABOUT A HALF AN HOUR IF WE REALLY GET

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1 THE THING COOKING TO END THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT. WE ARE
2 OBLIGATED BY LAW TO DISARM NOT BUILD NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
3 LET'S RESPECT LIFE. LET'S RESPECT THE LAW. LET'S BECOME A
4 LAW ABIDING NATION AGAIN.

5 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO LEGALIZE
6 TORTURE. THIS IS NOT A MAN WE SHOULD PUT IN CHARGE OF OUR
7 NUCLEAR PROGRAM BY ANY MEANS. AND WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT WHO
8 MAKES THE DECISION HERE? CONGRESS -- WELL, ACTUALLY,
9 CONGRESS OR OUR REPRESENTATIVE. SO IT'S UP TO US AS THE
10 AMERICAN PEOPLE, AS PEOPLE WHO RESPECT LIFE, THE DIGNITY OF
11 LIFE, WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBORS, BE THEY IN UTAH, IN
12 ST. GEORGE, OR UP IN IDAHO OR EVEN IN NEW YORK OR ACROSS
13 THE WORLD.

14 WHAT ABOUT OUR OWN MILITARY VETERANS? I SERVED
15 IN THE MARINE CORPS FOR 4 YEARS BY BEING EXPOSED TO
16 DEPLETED URANIUM. IT'S ANOTHER COVER UP. THEY'RE BEING --
17 INHALING RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES, GETTING CANCER, LEUKEMIA,
18 RADIATION SICKNESS. WHY AREN'T WE SPENDING MONEY ON THE
19 TREATMENT OF VETERANS WHO HAVE INHALED THIS RADIOACTIVE
20 PARTICLES.

21 I'M GOING TO CLOSE NOW. I WANTED TO READ A
22 STATEMENT BY DR. HELEN CALDECOTT. SHE IS A PHYSICIAN WHO
23 HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO END NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND IT'S JUST
24 A SHORT QUOTE. AND SHE SAID, "THIS IS TRULY THE ULTIMATE
25 RIGHT TO LIFE ISSUE. A RIGHT TO BE BORN WITHOUT GENETIC

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1 MALFORMATIONS. A RIGHT TO EAT AND DRINK NONRADIOACTIVE
2 FOOD. A RIGHT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFESPAN WITHOUT THE THREAT
3 OF EARLY CANCER. AND THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITHOUT THE EVER
4 PRESENT THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. ABOVE ALL, WE ARE THE
5 CURATORS OF LIFE ON EARTH. WE HOLD IN IT THE PALM OF OUR
6 HANDS, A SACRED TRUST OF GOD."

7 SO LET'S KEEP OUR SACRED TRUST. LET'S STRONGLY
8 AND LOUDLY SPEAK OUT AS MANY OF US HAVE AGAINST COMPLEX
9 TRANSFORMATION THAT THIS INGENUOUS EUPHEMISM FOR BOMB MAKING
10 FACTORIES, FOR DISOBEYING THE LAW, FOR WASTING YOUR MONEY,
11 THE TAXPAYER'S DOLLAR, AND FOR DEGRADING OUR LOVELY HOME
12 PLANET EARTH.

13 THANK YOU.

14 MR. BROWN: OKAY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS JUAN
15 GUTIERREZ.

16 AND HE'LL BE FOLLOWED BY JENNA MORTON.

17 MR. GUTIERREZ: HELLO, MY NAME IS JUAN GUTIERREZ,
18 AND I'M HERE WITH THE SHUNDAHAI NETWORK.

19 I'M GOING TO TRY AND GO OFF THEIR THING REAL
20 QUICK.

21 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL
22 PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO LET OUR SMART
23 SCIENTISTS KILL.

24 THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX IS TOO BIG AND COSTLY.
25 IT SURE IS AND IT'S BEEN DECLARED THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO

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1 DOWN WITH THEM AND THEY SAY THEY HAVE BEEN TAKING DOWN
2 NUCLEAR WEAPONS. NOW, IF THEY'RE BREAKING DOWN NUCLEAR
3 WEAPONS THAT HAVE WARHEADS, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THERE'S
4 MATERIAL THERE THAT THEY CAN USE FOR OTHER THINGS SO THAT WE
5 DON'T NEED TO GO INTO THE GROUND WITH MINORS FROM INDIGENOUS
6 LANDS HURTING THE GROUND BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE STUFF HERE
7 TO WORK WITH. SO WHY DO WE NEED MORE FRESH STUFF TO HURT
8 THE PEOPLE, TO HEART THE AIR, TO HURT LAND, TO HURT WATER
9 WHEN WE HAVE STUFF TO WORK WITH IF THEY'RE TAKEN APART?
10 WHAT DO THEY DO WITH THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS THAT THEY HAVE
11 TAKEN APART? THAT'S MY QUESTION RIGHT THERE.

12 WEAPONS SITE REDUCTION. YES, WE DEFINITELY DO
13 NEED THEM. I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH THESE PEOPLE OR OUR
14 GOVERNMENT KEEPS SAYING NEVADA TEST SITE. THE NEVADA TEST
15 SITE IS LOCATED IN NEWE SEGOBIA. THIS IS LAND SUCCEEDED TO
16 THE SHOSHONE NATION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RATIFIED BY
17 CONGRESS. NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU ARE TOLD NEVADA TEST SITE,
18 IT IS ALWAYS BEEN THE KILLING OF NEWE SEGOBIA, THE MOST
19 POISONED LAND ON EARTH.

20 NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW, 2001. COMPLEX
21 TRANSFORMATION. TRANSFORMING NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE.
22 AGAIN, WITH MY STATEMENT BACK ABOUT TRANSFERRING FROM WHAT
23 WE HAVE TO WHAT THEY WANT TO MAKE INSTEAD OF GETTING NEW
24 STUFF TO KILL MORE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, THE LAND, AND OUR
25 MOTHER, AND THE WATER.

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1 EMPLOYING BEST BUSINESS PRACTICE. I DON'T THINK
2 ANY BUSINESS PRACTICE AND THE PRACTICE OF KILLING PEOPLE HAS
3 ANYTHING TO DO WITH BEST BUSINESS. THAT IS NOT A BEST
4 BUSINESS PRACTICE. THAT IS A HORRIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICE TO
5 KILL PEOPLE.

6 ADVANCING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BASE. I
7 TOTALLY AGREE WITH ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
8 BASE INTO NATURAL RENEWABLE RESOURCES THAT DO NOT HARM THE
9 AIR, THE WATER, THE LAND, YOU, ME, OUR FUTURE, OUR
10 CHILDREN'S FUTURE.

11 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION FINAL SPEIS. I THINK YOU
12 JUST NEED TO GET RID OF THAT.

13 WEAPONS STOCKPILE REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT. 50
14 PERCENT OF THE WEAPONS NUCLEAR WARHEADS THAT WE HAVE TO PUT
15 INTO THE NEW SHIT THAT THEY -- EXCUSE ME, THE NEW STUFF THEY
16 WANT TO MAKE INSTEAD OF TREATING THE LAND, THE PEOPLE, THE
17 WATER, THE EARTH BADLY.

18 RESPONSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET STOCKPILE
19 STEWARDSHIP REQUIREMENTS. IDENTIFY, UNDERSTAND, AND FIX
20 STOCKPILE PROBLEMS. AS I UNDERSTAND, THERE ARE OUTRAGEOUS
21 NUMBERS OF SUPERFUND SITES IN THIS COUNTRY THAT ARE
22 POISONING THE PEOPLE, POISONING THE WATER, POISONING THE
23 AIR, POISONING THE LAND. IF WE HAVE NOT CLEANED THOSE UP
24 YET AND LEARNED HOW TO WIPE OUR BUTT AS A GOVERNMENT, WE
25 DON'T NEED TO SHIT NO MORE. EXCUSE ME -- WE DON'T NEED

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1 TO --

2 MR. BROWN: WE'RE GOING TO START A 5-SECOND DELAY
3 HERE.

4 (LAUGHTER.)

5 MR. GUTIERREZ: OKAY. SAFETY AND SECURITY OF
6 THE STOCKPILE. ANY WEAPON THAT IS MADE 10 YEARS AGO OR 20
7 YEARS AGO IS STILL RADIOACTIVELY ABLE TO KILL. IF IT IS A
8 DUD, IT IS SAYING HERE WE HAVE ENOUGH TO THROW ANOTHER ONE
9 ON TOP OF IT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T GO TO IT TO GET
10 THE TECHNOLOGY ON HOW TO MAKE IT. NOW, IF WE HAVE ANOTHER
11 ONE GOING OFF ON TOP OF IT, BOOM, THAT ONE'S GOING TO GO
12 OFF, NOBODY CAN GO UP TO THAT FIRST DUD AND LOOK AT IT
13 BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO DIE BEFORE THEY LEAVE AND GO TRY
14 AND MAKE ANY KIND OF SCIENTIFIC REPORT. PLUS, THERE IS NO
15 SAFETY OR SECURITY WITH ANY NUCLEAR WASTE OR ANYTHING
16 NUCLEAR.

17 MAINTAIN A CAPABILITY TO DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND
18 PRODUCE NEW OR ADAPTED WARHEADS IN THE EVENT OF NEW
19 MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. WHY DO WE NEED NEW STUFF IF THE OLD
20 STUFF STILL WORKS? IF IT WAS GOING TO KILL 10 YEARS AGO,
21 THEY'RE GOING TO KILL TODAY AND IF IT DOESN'T, WE CAN DO
22 ANOTHER ONE, WE HAVE ENOUGH. WE DON'T NEED TO KILL THE
23 EARTH 60 TIMES, ONE TIME IS ENOUGH. TWO TIMES IS OVERKILL.

24 DEMONSTRATE NUCLEAR COMPETENCIES THAT ASSURE
25 ALLIES, DISSUADE ADVERSARIES, AND PROTECTS AGAINST

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1 TECHNOLOGICAL SURPRISE. IF I HAVE A STICK AND I TELL YOU
2 NOT TO PICK UP A STICK OR I'M GOING TO HIT YOU, WHO AM I?
3 I'M THE BULLY, I'M TELLING YOU YOU CAN'T HAVE WHAT I HAVE
4 OR I WILL KILL YOU. THAT IS NOT RIGHT.

5 NEPA PROCESS. PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
6 AND ENSURES THE PUBLIC. YAY, WE'RE HERE. WE'RE DOING IT.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. IT'S GOING TO
8 MESS STUFF UP. ANYTHING NUCLEAR HAS IN THE PAST, IS RIGHT
9 NOW, AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE TO KILL. THERE IS NO
10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT IS GOING TO SAY WE CAN
11 DO IT ALL RIGHT BECAUSE WE HAVE NUCLEAR WASTE SITTING ON
12 SITES ACROSS THIS NATION THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
13 WITH, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH. NOW, UNTIL WE CAN
14 FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE WASTE, WE SHOULDN'T BE
15 MAKING MORE.

16 ALL RIGHT. SCHEDULE. NOTICE OF INTENT. DRAFT
17 PROPOSED ACTIONS. PLUTONIUM, URANIUM, WEAPON
18 ASSEMBLY/DISASSEMBLY AND CONSOLIDATION. ALL OF IT KILLS.
19 IT'S GOING TO KILL, IT'S STILL GOING TO KILL, IT'S GONE.

20 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. I THINK WE KNOW IT
21 KILLS. WE HAVE TESTED IT ON MANY PEOPLE IN THE BIKINI ATOLL
22 AND MARSHALL ISLANDS AND WE KNOW IT KILLS. WE KNOW THAT
23 FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL HAVE JELLYFISH BABIES. CHILDREN
24 WITH NO ARMS, NO LEGS, YOU CAN SEE THROUGH THEM, NO HEAD,
25 SOMETIMES THERE'S HAIR, AND THEY'RE BREATHING, WHERE --

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1 DEATH. YOU RUN OUTSIDE AND THROW IT INTO A HOLE BEFORE THE
2 MOTHER SEES IT, BEFORE THE FATHER SEES IT, BEFORE
3 GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER SEE IT BECAUSE WHAT IS IT? THIS
4 IS SUPPOSED TO BE A CHID. AND THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO
5 THEM BY TESTING ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. WHO DO WE SAY WE ARE
6 AS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IF WE ARE WILLING TO TEST,
7 KILL, USE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AS GUINEA PIGS FOR EXPERIMENTS?

8 NO ACTION, NO ALTERNATIVE. THAT'S THE WAY WE DIE.

9 DISTRIBUTION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE ALTERNATIVE.
10 THE EXCELLENCE ALTERNATIVE IS NATURAL RENEWABLE RESOURCES,
11 FIGURING OUT HOW TO MAKE OIL WORTHLESS. THAT WAY WE DON'T
12 HAVE TO KILL FOR IT, WE DON'T HAVE TO GO LOOK FOR IT, AND WE
13 CAN EXPAND THESE TECHNOLOGIES TO ALL OTHER COUNTRIES THAT
14 WANT IT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WATER, AIR, EARTH IS CLEAN.
15 THAT THEY USE NATURAL RENEWABLE RESOURCES SO THAT WE CAN
16 CONTINUE IN A GOOD WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE HAPPY
17 AND HAVE A HOME TO LIVE IN.

18 CONSOLIDATED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE ALTERNATIVE.

19 THAT'S WHAT I JUST SAID. WE NEED THE ALTERNATIVE.

20 NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE, WHICH IS I'M SURE WHAT IS
21 DESIRED BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT, THEY'RE MAKING A LOT MORE,
22 AND THEY WANT A LOT MORE. THE MORE WE USE, THE MORE WE HAVE
23 TO REPLACE, THE MORE RICH MEN GET RICHER, THE MORE THAT
24 INDIANS DIE, THE MORE THE EARTH DIES, THE MORE THEY GET TO
25 GET THEIR SPACESHIP TO GET OUT OF DODGE.

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1 DISTRIBUTION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ALTERNATIVE.
2 MAINTENANCE -- NEVADA TEST SITE IS NOT THE NEVADA TEST SITE,
3 IT'S NEWE SEGOBIA. IT IS A BOMBED NATION INSIDE OF NEVADA,
4 INSIDE OF CALIFORNIA, INSIDE OF IDAHO, INSIDE OF UTAH. AND
5 THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT ONE TIME HAD IT LEGAL TO KILL
6 MORMONS, IS IT STILL REAL? THEY ARE THE FIRST PEOPLE TO GET
7 RAINED ON.

8 CONSOLIDATION OF PITS. WE DON'T NEED NO MORE
9 PITS, WE HAVE ENOUGH STUFF. LET'S STOP GETTING ON THE IDEA
10 THAT WE NEED MORE WHEN WE HAVE ENOUGH.

11 MR. BROWN: YOU'VE GOT JUST ABOUT A MINUTE LEFT.

12 MR. GUTIERREZ: OKAY, TWO MORE -- THREE MORE
13 PAGES.

14 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. IF WE HAVE THIS MANY
15 SCIENTISTS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO LAY OFF OR HAVE NOT
16 WORKING, LET'S GET THEM WORKING ON NATURAL RENEWABLE
17 RESOURCES TO GET US OFF OIL, TO GET US OFF OF DEATH SO WE
18 CAN SPREAD GOOD TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE LOOKING FOR OUR FUTURE
19 RIGHT NOW, OUR KIDS' FUTURE, AND THEIR KIDS' FUTURE TO STOP
20 KILLING WATER, AIR, EARTH, EACH OTHER, ALL OF THE ANIMALS.

21 IMPACT STATEMENTS. THERE IS NO SOCIOECONOMICS IN
22 DEATH. THERE IS NO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WHEN YOU KILL
23 PEOPLE. THERE IS NO HUMAN HEALTH WHEN YOU DEAL IN DEATH.
24 ACCIDENTS ARE BOUND TO HAPPEN AND CREATE DEATH.
25 TRANSPORTATION IS GOING TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT CREATING DEATH.

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1 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ARE BAD FOR ALL OF US. INTENTIONAL
2 DESTRUCTIVE ACTS -- CLASSIFIED. WE'VE BEEN DOING IT TO
3 OURSELVES AND TO OTHER PEOPLE. LET'S LOOK AT EACH OTHER AND
4 FIGURE OUT A BETTER WAY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SMART PEOPLE.

5 I'LL LEAVE IT THERE AND LET YOU GUYS GO.

6 THANK YOU. SORRY.

7 MR. BROWN: THANKS.

8 OKAY. JENNA MORTON IS NEXT.

9 MS. MORTON: HI THERE. I -- AS OTHER PEOPLE HAVE
10 SAID, I WILL SAY THAT AFTER SOME OF YOU WHO'VE SPOKEN, I
11 FEEL VERY INADEQUATE TO SPEAK TO THIS, BUT I WILL -- AND A
12 LITTLE NERVOUS, I WILL DO MY BEST.

13 I AM JENNA MORTON, I AM A RESIDENT OF NEVADA. I
14 AM HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AND MY BUSINESS. I'VE
15 WRITTEN MY STATEMENT SO IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO GIVE TO YOU,
16 BUT I'M GOING TO GO OFF MY STATEMENT FOR A MOMENT. BECAUSE
17 PETER, I BELIEVE, TOLD A LITTLE JOKE IN HOPES THAT WE WOULD
18 ALL GET IT, AND AS I WAS SITTING HERE ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF
19 THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
20 HERE, I NOTICED A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT SORT OF MADE ME
21 CHUCKLE AND WONDERED IF YOU MIGHT GET THE JOKE THAT I FIND
22 HERE ALSO.

23 ONE OF THEM IS ON PAGE 6 OF THIS DOCUMENT. AND
24 THE FIRST ONE IS THAT, THE TITLE OF THIS PAGE IS,
25 "RESPONSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET STOCKPILE STEWARDSHIP

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1 REQUIREMENTS." AND THAT'S WHY I'M TALKING ABOUT OUR FRIENDS
2 FROM THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. YOU SEE THE WORD STEWARDSHIP,
3 AND FOR ME THE WORD "STEWARDSHIP" HAS A MUCH DIFFERENT
4 MEANING. SO THAT'S ONE THING THAT I FIND A LITTLE FUNNY.

5 AND THEN THE OTHER ONE IS ALSO ON THE SAME PAGE,
6 I'LL READ YOU TWO OF THE PIECES, "MAINTAIN A CAPABILITY TO
7 DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND PRODUCE NEW OR ADAPTED WARHEADS IN THE
8 EVENT OF NEW MILITARY REQUIREMENTS." NEW WARHEADS. I THINK
9 THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE I FIND THAT IT'S SORT OF
10 IMBEDDED IN THE REPORT AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE
11 REALLY AWARE THAT THAT IS WHAT THIS REPORT IS ABOUT.

12 AND THEN JUST BELOW THAT, "DEMONSTRATE NUCLEAR
13 COMPETENCIES THAT ASSURE -- THAT ASSURE ALLIES AND DISSUADE
14 ADVERSARIES, AND PROTECT AGAINST TECHNOLOGICAL SURPRISE."
15 I'M NOT SURE WHAT TECHNOLOGICAL SURPRISE MEANS, BUT ASSURE
16 ALLIES AND DISSUADE ADVERSARIES, I THINK THOSE ARE THE
17 PIECES THAT I THINK ARE SIMILAR TO THE JOKE THAT WE HEAR
18 WHEN PETER IS SAYING SOMEONE WITH A LOG IN HIS EYE IS
19 LOOKING FOR THE SPECK IN THE EYES OF THE OTHERS. I DON'T
20 UNDERSTAND HOW ANY OF THIS WILL ASSURE OUR ALLIES OR
21 DISSUADE OUR ADVERSARIES. IN FACT, I FEEL THAT IT ALL WOULD
22 DO THE OPPOSITE.

23 NOW I'LL READ BECAUSE IT'LL BE MORE COHERENT, I
24 GUESS.

25 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION IN ITS NAME ALONE AS OTHER

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1 PEOPLE HERE HAVE SAID IS DECEITFUL. TRANSFORMATION CONNOTES
2 CHANGE AND COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION IS ANYTHING BUT. IN
3 FACT, -- IT IS, IN FACT, A RETURN TO OUTDATED WEAPONS
4 PROGRAMS THAT ONLY SERVE TO GENERATE SUFFERING AND
5 INSECURITY.

6 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION TAKES OUR NATION'S NUCLEAR
7 WEAPONS POLICY IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. 73 PERCENT OF THE
8 AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO SEE A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE WORLD.
9 AS A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY, IT IS
10 OUR NATION'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THAT GOAL IS
11 ACCOMPLISHED.

12 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A BUSINESS PERSON, USING
13 NEVADA AS A LOCATION FOR COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION IS A BAD
14 IDEA. NEVADA'S ECONOMY IS BASED ON PROMOTING A PERCEPTION
15 OF A CAREFREE ENVIRONMENT. ENGAGING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
16 NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS MERE MILES FROM OUR STATE CENTER OF
17 COMMERCE THREATENS THE ECONOMY OF THE ENTIRE STATE. SUCH
18 ACTIVITY WOULD ONLY INCREASE OUR ALREADY ELEVATED HOMELAND
19 SECURITY RISK, WHICH WE MAY PERSONALLY DISLIKE, BUT
20 ECONOMICALLY CANNOT AFFORD.

21 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION IS ENVIRONMENTALLY
22 IRRESPONSIBLE AND A GROSS MISUSE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS.
23 NUCLEAR WEAPONS SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN ANY NATIONAL
24 SECURITY PLAN. IN FACT, THEY HINDER THAT SECURITY IN
25 SEVERAL WAYS. OUR CURRENT STOCKPILE AND PROPOSED OR PLANNED

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1 PROLIFERATION THROUGH COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION ENCOURAGES A
2 RETURN TO COLD WAR INSECURITY. I DO NOT -- I DO NOT WANT MY
3 CHILDREN TO GROW UP LIVING IN FEAR. THAT IS THE ENVIRONMENT
4 THAT I AND MY CONTEMPORARIES EXPERIENCED. AND I RECALL
5 THOSE TIMES AND EXPERIENCE EVEN THESE TIMES WITH GREAT
6 SADNESS.

7 THE UNITED STATES IS IN AN OPTIMAL POSITION TO BE
8 THE WORLD'S LEADER IN REDUCING NUCLEAR THREAT. WE'VE
9 DRAMATICALLY REDUCED OUR STOCKPILE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL
10 YEARS. COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION -- CLEARLY, IT'S HARD FOR ME
11 TO SAY IT THAT WAY BECAUSE I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE'RE
12 GOING TO PUT THAT NAME ON IT LIKE THAT -- COMPLEX
13 TRANSFORMATION WOULD NOT BE TRANSFORMATION, IT WOULD BE
14 REGRESSION. WE -- OUR NATION, WE ARE THE EXAMPLE OF
15 PROGRESS TOWARD A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE WORLD, AND WE NEED TO
16 CELEBRATE THAT PROGRESS. IN FACT, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO
17 REALLY CELEBRATE THAT PROGRESS AND CONTINUE THAT PROGRESS
18 UNTIL THERE ARE NO MORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AND UNTIL MY
19 CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN CAN LIVE WITHOUT THAT FEAR.

20 THANK YOU.

21 MR. BROWN: THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST OF FOLKS WHO
22 SIGNED UP AHEAD OF TIME TO SPEAK. SO LET ME ASK IF THERE'S
23 ANYONE ELSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADD COMMENTS
24 AT THIS POINT.

25 MS. BAUTISTA: I DID SIGN UP.

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1 MR. BROWN: OH, I'M -- WHAT -- WE HAD TWO SIGN-UP
2 LISTS, AND I'LL BET THEY FORGOT TO TRANSFER THINGS, SO I
3 APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

4 MS. BAUTISTA: THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

5 HELLO. MY NAME IS CARA BAUTISTA, AND I'M THE
6 DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR PEACE ACTION WEST, THE
7 REGION'S LARGEST AND MOST ENDURING LOBBY FOR A JUST FOREIGN
8 POLICY AND SMARTER SECURITY. WE WORK TO PUT PRESSURE ON
9 CONGRESS FROM THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A MORE JUST
10 FOREIGN POLICY ROOTED IN SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND
11 DEMOCRACY, ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND
12 PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WE HAVE CLOSE TO
13 50,000 SUPPORTERS IN THE REGION.

14 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION IS MISLEADING AND PERHAPS
15 SHOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY CALLED THE BOMBPLEX. IT'S
16 FUNDAMENTALLY A PLAN ABOUT REVAMPING OUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS
17 COMPLEX AND ALLOWING FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NEW WARHEADS.
18 SINCE COMING INTO POWER, THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAS
19 ATTEMPTED TO TAKE U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY IN AN
20 AGGRESSIVE DIRECTION AND HAS ASKED REPEATEDLY FOR FUNDING
21 FOR NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR BUNKER BUSTER,
22 AND NOW THE RELIABLE REPLACEMENT WARHEAD.

23 THE DOE AND NNSA SAY THAT ONLY THE PRESIDENT AND
24 CONGRESS CAN SPEND NUCLEAR POLICY. WELL, CONGRESS ACTUALLY
25 ZEROED OUT FUNDING FOR THE RELIABLE REPLACEMENT WARHEAD LAST

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1 YEAR. AND CURRENTLY THERE IS LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE
2 SENATE REQUIRING THE NEXT PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE A NEW
3 NUCLEAR COST REVIEW. SEVERAL OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL
4 CANDIDATES HAVE STATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A WORLD
5 FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THERE'S A WHOLE ENVIRONMENT
6 SURROUNDING THIS DEBATE, IT'S LIKELY TO CHANGE.

7 INVESTING \$150 BILLION OF TAXPAYER MONEY INTO THIS
8 PROJECT IN SUCH MAGNITUDE IMPLIES THAT THE U.S. WILL BE
9 RELYING ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE INTEGRAL PART OF ITS
10 SECURITY STRATEGY FOR SEVERAL DECADES IF NOT THE WHOLE OF
11 THIS CENTURY. IT'S UNREASONABLE AND PREMATURE TO INVEST IN
12 A NEW AND MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX SO
13 THAT REEXAMINING THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN U.S.
14 SECURITY STRATEGY.

15 ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SHOULD
16 CONSIDER AS AN ALTERNATIVE CONFORMING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW
17 IN ABIDING BY THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY WHICH THE
18 U.S. HAS SIGNED. UNDER THIS TREATY, WE SHOULD WORK IN GOOD
19 FAITH TOWARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND BEGIN STOCKPILE
20 REDUCTIONS.

21 WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION CLAIMS THAT COMPLEX
22 TRANSFORMATION IS A WAY FOR THEM TO REDUCE OUR NUCLEAR
23 ARSENAL, IT'S CLEAR THAT THE OPPOSITE IS REALLY TRUE. ONE
24 OF THE MAIN RATIONALES FOR THE RELIABLE REPLACEMENT WARHEAD
25 PROGRAM IS THAT THE CURRENT WEAPONS ARE NOT RELIABLE AND

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1 THAT NEW CONTINGENCIES (EXTREMES THAT) MAY COME UP THAT
2 REQUIRE MORE CAPACITY TO CREATE NEW WEAPONS.

3 THIS ARGUMENT HAS BEEN UNDERMINED BY THE CITY, BY
4 THE JASON DEFENSE ADVISORY GROUP WHICH TELLS US THAT THE
5 CURRENT PLUTONIUM PITS HAVE A LIFETIME OF 85 TO 100 YEARS SO
6 THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO RUSH TO FUND THIS PROGRAM, TO FUND
7 COMPLEX TRANSFORMATION, OR TO BUILD NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR
8 TO FUND THE LOS ALAMOS OR ANY NEW PIT PRODUCTION FACILITY.

9 ADDITIONALLY, SHOULD WE CREATE NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS
10 AND BE PRODUCING MORE PITS, IT'S QUITE LIKELY THAT WE WOULD
11 HAVE TO TEST THEM. I CAN'T SEE OUR MILITARY ACCEPTING
12 UNTESTED WEAPONS INTO THEIR ARSENAL, THEY WOULD WANT TO KNOW
13 IF THEIR DEVASTATING POWER WOULD WORK. AND OF COURSE THIS
14 WOULD REOPEN THE DOOR TO NUCLEAR TESTING HERE IN NEVADA ON
15 INDIGENOUS LAND AND VIOLATE THE CONFIDENCE OF TEST BAN
16 TREATY, WHICH WE HAVE SIGNED BUT NOT YET RATIFIED.

17 FINALLY, HEALTH CONCERNS ARE A BIG ISSUE. THE
18 NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE SAYS THAT EVERY AMERICA LIVING IN
19 THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES RECEIVES VARYING LEVELS OF
20 RADIOIODINES, LIKE IODINE-131, FOR ABOUT 2 MONTHS FOLLOWING
21 EACH NUCLEAR TEST FROM THE '50S TO THE '70S. AND THESE
22 INCLUDE BOTH UNDERGROUND TESTS AS WELL AS ATMOSPHERIC TESTS.
23 SO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SHOULD ADDRESS THE DANGEROUS
24 AFFECTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT NATIONWIDE THAT
25 ALL THESE FORMS OF TESTING POSED.

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1 FOR COMMENTS THROUGH 3:00. SO WHAT WE WILL DO IS RECESS AT
2 THIS TIME. IF ANYBODY HERE WOULD LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING OR
3 IF SOMEBODY ELSE ARRIVES AND WANTS TO MAKE A COMMENT, WE
4 CAN RECONVENE AND TAKE DOWN THEIR OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

5 SO WE ARE IN ADJOURNMENT AT THIS TIME, OR
6 RECESS.

7 (RECESS.)

8 MR. BROWN: IT IS 3:00 ON THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH.
9 I'M RECONVENING THE MEETING AND ASKING IF ANY OTHER MEMBER
10 OF THE PUBLIC WISHES TO MAKE A COMMENT AT THIS POINT.
11 NOTING THAT NO ONE WISHES TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT,
12 I'M OFFICIALLY ADJOURNING THIS SESSION.

13 THANKS VERY MUCH.

14 (WHEREUPON THE PUBLIC HEARING CONCLUDED.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEVADA)
) SS
COUNTY OF CLARK)

I, JILL JACOBY, DO HEREBY ATTEST THAT I
TOOK DOWN IN SHORTHAND ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD IN THE
BEFORE-ENTITLED MATTER AT THE TIME AND PLACE INDICATED; AND
THEREAFTER SAID SHORTHAND NOTES WERE TRANSCRIBED INTO
COMPUTER-AIDED TRANSCRIPTION; AND THAT THE FOREGOING
TRANSCRIPT CONSTITUTES A FULL, TRUE, AND ACCURATE RECORD OF
THE PROCEEDINGS HAD TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND ABILITY.

EXECUTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2008, AT
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

JILL JACOBY
VERBATIM REPORTER