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1 On the 5th day of February, A.D. 1996,
2 the above entitled meeting came on for
3 discussion before said LARRY BAILEY, and the
4 following proceedings were had:

5 MR. BAILEY: If I could have
6 everybody's attention, Members of the
7 Restoration Advisory Board, Kelly Air Force
8 Base/San Antonio Community Board, welcome to
9 this year's first Restoration Board meeting.
10 There are a number of issues which we will
11 attempt to tie in tonight to the overall program
12 that's happening at Kelly Air Force Base. We
13 will do that tonight just in a very cursory way,
14 just in the beginning --

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER ONE: Could you
16 speak louder, please?

17 MR. BAILEY: Certainly -- we will
18 do that in a very cursory way, and then in the
19 March time period, we are going to have a formal
20 presentation by some people who are more
21 familiar with the privatization effort at the
22 base. So, we will take up some of the RAB's
23 time in the March time period.

24 Also, during March, General Childress, the
25 Commander of the San Antonio Air Logistics

1 Center, would like to come and speak to the
2 RAB. That's in the March time period. So, at
3 the close of tonight's meeting, I will be asking
4 for a tentative date -- and I would ask that you
5 bear with me so that we could pick a Monday like
6 we normally do -- but I would need to ensure
7 that that's fully coordinated with his time.
8 Again, General Childress would like to come to
9 the Board meeting in the March time period.

10 In the May time period, we foresee -- and
11 it looks as though right now -- so that if you
12 could tentatively mark your calendars for May
13 8th -- and this is on a Wednesday -- the Defense
14 Environmental Restoration Task Force, which is
15 headed up by the most senior environmental
16 person within the Department of Defense,
17 Ms. Sheri Goodman, she and her task force will
18 be here in San Antonio. They would very much
19 like to attend a RAB meeting. So, they have
20 asked us to ask you to consider May 8th. So,
21 whereas, tonight we will not vote on it. I will
22 be getting back in touch -- or someone from
23 here -- will be getting back in touch with you
24 to ensure that May 8th fits your schedule.

25 So, those are the two events that I'd like

1 to talk about. So, again, we will get to the
2 March meeting date when we get to the new
3 business.

4 At this time, I'd like to call the meeting
5 formally to order and ask for those people --
6 are there any -- well, I would like to ask for
7 approval of the December minutes and ask if
8 there are any questions regarding those minutes.

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes, I have one
10 question. Instead of "Leon Creek," it should be
11 "Six Mile Creek." I'll find the page number.

12 MR. BAILEY: While
13 Mr. Quintanilla is taking a look at that, are
14 there any other comments from the Board members
15 relative to the minutes?

16 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's on Page 4,
17 second paragraph.

18 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Page 4 --

19 MR. QUINTANILLA: It's the first
20 paragraph.

21 MR. BAILEY: Page 4, first
22 paragraph.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Change "Leon
24 Creek" to "Six Mile Creek."

25 MR. BAILEY: Making that

1 correction, then I ask for a motion to approve
2 the December meeting minutes.

3 MR. WEINSTEIN: I so move.

4 MR. RICE: Second.

5 MR. BAILEY: Second? We've had a
6 motion and it's been seconded. For all those in
7 favor, please show a sign of hands.

8 (Vote by the RAB members.)

9 MR. BAILEY: All those nay?

10 (Vote by the RAB members.)

11 MR. BAILEY: It has been
12 approved.

13 Second item on the agenda is membership
14 action. We have three members that have asked
15 to join the Restoration Advisory Board. For
16 background, we currently have 17 members that
17 are on the Board. The three new members are
18 Ms. Peace -- could you stand, please. Thank you
19 very much -- Mr. Roberson -- if you could stand,
20 please -- and Mr. Smith -- if you could stand,
21 please.

22 Historically, the way that we've handled
23 this is, we have asked for the Board members,
24 who have already been sent information relative
25 to each of these three people, to review that

1 and we have voted while the -- while the
2 expectant members leave the room. I would ask
3 if that is the way you wish to continue this or
4 would you like to just vote on it as a motion
5 right now whether to accept the members.

6 MR. CULBERTSON: I move we accept
7 them -- all three of them.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: I second that.

9 MR. BAILEY: Okay. The motion
10 has been made. It has been first and seconded
11 that -- that -- on the table is to approve the
12 three new members as per the information
13 provided for them. We'll now have a call for
14 those approving the three members. Please raise
15 your hand, please.

16 (Vote by the RAB members.)

17 MR. BAILEY: For those nay,
18 please raise your hand.

19 (Vote by the RAB members.)

20 MR. BAILEY: Okay. If you would,
21 please, move to the table. Thank you very
22 much. We have name tags that have been
23 provided, at this time, that we're asking people
24 to wear, if you so choose, simply because
25 meeting every six to eight weeks -- and

1 sometimes people are not here every six to eight
2 weeks -- that there is difficulty in remembering
3 the name, but not the face. We've also included
4 place cards -- or placards -- in -- in front
5 with peoples' names, again, to help us all out
6 in name recognition and to know what people are,
7 in fact, saying. We now have a total after
8 tonight's vote of 20 people being on the
9 Restoration Advisory Board. So, in the minutes
10 that follow -- that go with tonight's meeting
11 and that are forwarded out to the RAB members,
12 we will be attaching the membership, the name,
13 address and phone number for all the RAB members
14 so that the list has been brought up-to-date.

15 I'd like to go to the second item in the --
16 or the second bullet under the second item,
17 which is called "Disclosure Statements." For
18 those of you who were here at the December
19 meeting, it was asked by the Charter
20 Subcommittee and addressed by the RAB
21 membership -- for those of you who were not
22 here -- it has to do with a conflict of
23 interest disclosure statement, which has still
24 not been finalized by the RAB Subcommittee. It
25 will be. It's just being worked on now. I

1 would ask that, at this time, what we agreed
2 upon -- I'm going to read a statement -- and,
3 specifically, we're not asking for individuals
4 to indicate other -- to indicate specifics
5 behind what I'm going to ask for -- just to
6 indicate if, in fact, your position happens to
7 fall in line with one of these conditions.
8 That's what we agreed upon this last time. So,
9 the specific statement that I'd like to read --
10 and all I'd like to see -- or all we would like
11 to see -- is just a raising of the hand, if your
12 situation today currently falls within this
13 statement. This is to ensure -- the
14 purpose -- that all RAB members are informed of
15 who may fall into this category. That is, for
16 an environmental contractor with contracts at
17 Kelly Air Force Base -- again, if you're on the
18 RAB -- a RAB member who has a claim against the
19 base, a RAB who is involved in or anticipates
20 being involved in litigation against the base or
21 who otherwise has a conflict of interest with
22 the base. So, again, we're not asking
23 specifics. We're just asking that if you happen
24 to fall within any of those conditions that you
25 raise your hand, just so that the other RAB

1 members know who you are.

2 MR. QUINTANILLA: (Raises hand.)

3 MR. BAILEY: Thank you very

4 much.

5 Going on to issue No. 3 --

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Chairman,

7 for the record, I'd like to a make statement

8 concerning my conflict of interest.

9 MR. BAILEY: Expanding what you
10 said previously?

11 MR. QUINTANILLA: No. It's
12 entirely new.

13 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: I have a
15 conflict of interest. I have filed a lawsuit in
16 federal court concerning the contamination
17 nuisance caused by Kelly Air Force Base. If
18 there are going to be any discussions on Zone 3,
19 please let me know beforehand so that I may
20 recuse myself. That is the statement.

21 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, sir.

22 Yes, sir?

23 MR. RICE: I'd just like to
24 mention -- of my potential conflict. That is,
25 I'm working with people north of the base --

1 MR. BAILEY: Excuse me. Could I
2 ask you to speak up just a bit?

3 MR. RICE: Yeah. I have a --
4 what may be a conflict of interest. I'm working
5 with people to the north of the base, helping
6 them to develop a sampling and analysis plan for
7 soils and groundwater.

8 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Thank you
9 very much.

10 Going on to the next issue, at this time,
11 I'd like to introduce Mr. Mike Estrada and
12 Mr. Dan Medina. There were some questions asked
13 regarding training for RAB members and these two
14 gentlemen will address that issue.

15 MR. ESTRADA: Good evening. My
16 name is Mike Estrada. I'm with the Kelly Public
17 Affairs office. I work entirely in the
18 environmental program at Kelly. This evening,
19 I'm going to -- not take up too much of your
20 time -- but I'm going to cover a few primary
21 topics, that's a request we had from RAB members
22 a couple meetings ago to get a subscription of
23 Defense Environment Alert. We've also got a new
24 project going to get some Restoration Advisory
25 Board information up on the Internet, and we

1 also had a request to go to Wright-Patterson for
2 some training.

3 On the Defense Environment Alert, the Kelly
4 Air Force Base library has ordered two
5 subscriptions of that publication. We expect to
6 receive the first issue sometime in March. One
7 copy of that will be going to the community
8 co-chair, Mr. Solis. I would just like to
9 suggest to Mr. Solis that if he sees something
10 in those issues that he thinks might pertain to
11 all of the RAB members, that he make that known
12 to the RAB members. The other copy will be
13 going to the Information Repository at the Kelly
14 Air Force Base library and that will be
15 available for anybody here in the room -- for
16 anybody else who wants to just go in at any time
17 that the library is open and peruse that.

18 On nights that we have RAB meetings, I am
19 going to bring the copy from the Kelly Air Force
20 Base library here, so the RAB members can look
21 at it, if they haven't had a chance to look at
22 it previous. And, again, I might suggest to
23 Mr. Solis that he might also want to bring his
24 copy so that we've got two of them available.

25 On the Internet Access, the Kelly homepage

1 went up about a month ago on the Internet.
2 We're still in the process of building it, which
3 believe me, is quite a process. We are working
4 on a very large environmental setting, primarily
5 on the Installation Restoration Program. A
6 portion of that includes a section on the RAB.
7 Right now, there's nothing specific in the RAB.
8 In the next couple of weeks, we hope to put in
9 there both the announcement of when the next RAB
10 meeting will be. We hope to put in there the
11 agenda for the next RAB meeting. We would also
12 like to get in the membership roster and we
13 would also put in the meeting minutes. We'll
14 probably keep about a year's worth of meeting
15 minutes once the thing is fully up and running.
16 For those of you who have access, the address is
17 right there.

18 Once you get in, you click on Public
19 Affairs. Once the Public Affairs' screen comes
20 up, you click on the Environmental Section.
21 Once that comes up, you click on Installation
22 Restoration Program -- and just one more -- once
23 that comes up, you click on RAB. Okay? Like I
24 say, the next couple of weeks we should have
25 that up fully.

1 MR. RICE: Mike?

2 MR. ESTRADA: Yes.

3 MR. RICE: Is there a chance we
4 could get the RAB newsletter posted there?

5 MR. ESTRADA: Yes. Are we going
6 to do another one?

7 MR. RICE: I will. The first one
8 was good.

9 MR. ESTRADA: But that's probably
10 something we need to talk about tonight, if we
11 are going to do a second one, because it's due.
12 Okay?

13 The last one, we had four members request
14 training with the Air Force Institute of
15 Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
16 for a course they call ENV 021, which is a very
17 basic course in geology and how the installation
18 restoration program works. We ran into a
19 problem with this in that the Air Force
20 Institute of Technology was more than willing to
21 take RAB members, but the Air Force training
22 system is not set up to pay for travel, per diem
23 and incidental expenses for civilians. So, at
24 this point, unfortunately, we have no way of
25 getting RAB members up to AFIT for training.

1 There's some option that we're looking at.
2 Some of that is going through our
3 headquarters -- the training section. We've
4 also got a questionnaire down from the Pentagon
5 that's asking for just -- generalized -- what
6 problems are we having in the field? I'm going
7 to report this one as a problem and see if they
8 can't work it up in the Pentagon, as well.

9 Unless we have any questions on that, I'm
10 going to turn it over to Dan because he has some
11 options for local training.

12 MR. MEDINA: Hello, everyone. My
13 name is Daniel Medina. I'm the Acting Branch
14 Chief here at the Restoration -- here at
15 Kelly -- and one of the other opportunities, as
16 far as training is concerned, was one that we
17 presented at the last RAB meeting concerning the
18 folks at Armstrong Laboratories doing some
19 training locally.

20 The Armstrong Laboratory folks are more
21 than happy to take part in this training and
22 have asked that we establish a time. Now, the
23 last time that we had told everyone, we had
24 received about four responses for training. So,
25 one of the things that we want to try and do is

1 have as many people come to the training as
2 possible. So, we're going to propose that -- in
3 talking with Armstrong Laboratory folks, we're
4 going to propose that we have training in the
5 evening or on a Saturday the week of February
6 20th -- and that's -- that's a Tuesday. I'm
7 going to offer a couple of dates and I'd like
8 for you-all to get back with us -- and, again,
9 I'm asking that the RAB take a look at their
10 schedule and provide us some feedback as to when
11 they can come out and take a look at this
12 training.

13 Again, this training is part of the
14 Armstrong Laboratory's training to show how risk
15 assessments are put together -- and a better
16 understanding of how risk assessments are put
17 together -- and give you some ideas and take
18 some of the scientific language that's -- that
19 you usually associate with risk assessments --
20 take some of that and bring it to a level that
21 we can all understand and all appreciate when we
22 see different values and different numbers and
23 understand how they're applied.

24 We have a couple dates. As I said,
25 February 20th is a Tuesday. February 21st is a

1 Wednesday, February 23rd a Friday -- and, of
2 course, we could have it in the evenings after
3 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock -- please let us know what
4 time -- and, then, Saturday, we could always
5 host it on a morning.

6 MR. SOLIS: Mr. Medina, how many
7 hours is a block of instruction?

8 MR. MEDINA: This block of
9 instruction is approximately three to four
10 hours. So, you may want to really consider the
11 Saturday session, because -- especially coming
12 out of work and everything -- you may want to
13 have this on a Saturday and start fresh and get
14 started early, so you can ask a lot of
15 questions.

16 The Armstrong Laboratory folks are more
17 than happy to do so this. And, again, I ask
18 that we have as many people attend as possible
19 so we can hold a good class and ask a lot of
20 questions. Again, if you want to get back with
21 Mike Estrada with Public Affairs, let us know
22 and -- and we'll be more than happy to
23 accommodate this. We'll wait a few days and
24 wait for everyone's responses. If you'd like to
25 let us know tonight, that's fine, too -- and let

1 us know and we'll go ahead and plan that with
2 the Armstrong Laboratory folks and give everyone
3 a call and let them know when that training will
4 be.

5 To give you some personal updates, we've
6 had some changes in the organization as -- as
7 you might suspect, some new faces that you may
8 see in the coming -- coming weeks at different
9 presentations. Mr. Ron Catchings has gone on to
10 do other work. He is no longer with us, working
11 on Zone 3 issues. So, I have two individuals
12 that will be working with us -- and that's
13 Mr. Eupi Quinones -- and Mr. Robby Greg will be
14 working and taking a large part of the Zone 3
15 responsibilities with Mr. Quinones -- if you
16 could stand up -- he's right back there.
17 Mr. Quinones will be active in working on the
18 Quintana Road culvert project and working with
19 the City of San Antonio on the project.

20 Also, too, we have another individual that
21 has joined our team -- and that's Mr. Paul
22 Hughes -- if I could -- there he is. He's
23 right back there, also. He'll be working mostly
24 on -- on issues related to the operation and
25 maintenance of our systems -- the interim

1 systems -- which will become the final remedial
2 systems. He's working with us on those issues.

3 Getting onto the next slide, talking a
4 little bit -- Yes, ma'am?

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER TWO: Sir, I
6 thought this meeting was more serious than
7 this. I thought you guys would be prepared with
8 a microphone. We can't really hear you.

9 MR. MEDINA: Okay. I'll try and
10 talk a little bit louder, if I --

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER TWO: Well -- I
12 mean -- Well if somebody -- if they could stand
13 up, it would probably help, you know, when they
14 speak.

15 MR. MEDINA: Yes, ma'am. We sure
16 will.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER TWO: Maybe, I
18 suggest, next time you bring a microphone.

19 MR. MEDINA: Yes.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER TWO: Thank you.

21 MR. MEDINA: What I wanted to
22 talk about next is the funding issues. Some of
23 you may have already read this in the local
24 newspaper regarding funding impacts to the
25 restoration programs here at Kelly Air Force

1 Base. And one of the main concerns has been --
2 is, first of all, how is it going to affect the
3 cleanup actions that we have at Kelly Air Force
4 Base? And, also, how is it going to influence
5 the privatization efforts here at Kelly? And
6 what I'd like to point out, is that we do not
7 foresee the budget questions that we have right
8 now -- the questions regarding budgeting and
9 information like that -- to -- to be a major
10 obstacle.

11 We see that -- the privatization effort
12 continuing on down the process. We still see
13 the cleanup efforts going on down their
14 process. We have been fortunate enough that we
15 have quite a few of the cleanup systems already
16 in place and still operating. We're working
17 with both our command -- Air Force Material
18 Command -- and new command that will be
19 overseeing the closure of some of the base,
20 which is Air Force Base Conversion Agency,
21 working with them to obtain the necessary
22 funding for the cleanup.

23 We're still maintaining our projections.
24 We're still working toward our goal of -- of, at
25 least, having 20 -- approximately \$20 million

1 for our funding for this year. So, we're still
2 working towards that goal. What we're working
3 on, also, is working with our command to ensure
4 that areas that are eligible for environmental
5 cleanup dollars are still there. So, I want to
6 be sure that everybody understands what is going
7 on.

8 MR. QUINTANILLA: Will this
9 funding concern delay contracts to clean up the
10 areas?

11 MR. MEDINA: It may -- It may --
12 It may slow down a couple of the impact -- or a
13 couple of the projects, but what we're trying to
14 do is identify -- and we have identified with
15 the -- with -- especially, the Air Force Base
16 Conversion Agency -- identify those areas that
17 are high priority and keep them on a high -- on
18 a high list -- high on that list.

19 MR. RICE: Do off-base areas have
20 higher priority --

21 MR. MEDINA: Yes, they do.

22 MR. SOLIS: Can you repeat the
23 question so people will know what he asked?

24 MR. MEDINA: His question -- I'm
25 sorry. His question was: Are the off-base

1 areas still being looked at as high priority?
2 And, yes, they are. They are still being looked
3 at as high priority.

4 MR. RICE: Excuse me. It was
5 higher priority than on-base areas?

6 MR. MEDINA: Yes, they are.

7 MR. RICE: They are higher
8 priority?

9 MR. MEDINA: Higher priority,
10 yes.

11 We're currently looking at receiving --
12 Yes?

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Yes, I
14 have a question. I wanted to find out if the --
15 is going to purchase the property that they
16 contaminated?

17 MR. MEDINA: Currently, the
18 projections are to -- to maintain the same
19 property that we have in place right now. It's
20 not to go out and purchase the property that's
21 been impacted. Now, in other areas, you know,
22 we will be doing cleaning up. So, as far as
23 specifics are concerned -- you know, if you have
24 any questions on a particular area that you want
25 to talk about, please feel free to come to us

1 during the break and let us know which area
2 you're concerned about and we'll be more than
3 happy to talk about those areas.

4 This chart summarizes what we have -- what
5 we're projecting on seeing in the coming months,
6 as far as BRAC funding is concerned. BRAC
7 funding is funding that's provided for base
8 closures and we're looking at -- at some of
9 these -- at some of these projections here --
10 two million dollars in February of '96 and
11 approximately four to five million in March of
12 '96.

13 Again, we're working with the Base
14 Conversion Agency to ensure that funding is
15 available and that we're able to apply those on
16 those sites being -- being closed down -- and
17 we'll look to see later in the summer, as far as
18 getting additional funds.

19 MR. MURRAH: The remainder
20 that -- no set amount or anything --

21 MR. MEDINA: I'm sorry?

22 MR. MURRAH: A remainder that the
23 amount --

24 MR. MEDINA: No, not yet -- not
25 yet. That's what we're working on right now,

1 yes, sir.

2 The question was whether -- is there a
3 dollar amount for the remainder of 1996? And,
4 no, not at this point right now.

5 On the subject of IRP accomplishments -- I
6 think now that we've gone through our first full
7 year of Restoration Advisory Board -- meeting
8 with the Restoration Advisory Board -- we'd like
9 to highlight some of the accomplishments that
10 we've done -- or have had with the IRP
11 program -- and there are two -- there are two
12 things I'd like to mention -- is that in 1994,
13 the Installation Restoration Program here at
14 Kelly did receive an award in the command as
15 being one of the model Installation Restoration
16 Programs in the Air Force. And, then, also, we
17 were able to get an award for --
18 Ms. Victoria Wark, as part of our staff -- an
19 individual award in -- in our DERA program.
20 We were also able to go out to a community -- to
21 our public meeting and address the final
22 groundwater remedial actions for Zones 1, 2 and
23 3 and those -- those remedial actions for
24 groundwater were approved by the Texas Natural
25 Resource Conservation Commission, who identified

1 and looked at our documents and took a look at
2 the remedial actions that were proposed.

3 MR. RICE: Excuse me, Dan. The
4 TNRCC approval, is that final approval or -- or
5 no?

6 MR. MEDINA: That's final
7 approval.

8 MR. RICE: Final?

9 MR. MEDINA: Yes.

10 MR. RICE: Is that something
11 that's been done in the last month or so?
12 Because I understood that they hadn't given
13 final approval as of our last meeting.

14 MR. MEDINA: Yes. That's --
15 Well, that's on the soils. On the soils, we
16 hadn't received final approvals on those, yet.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Chairman,
18 has a permit been issued by TNRCC to start the
19 work or is -- is a permit not required?

20 MR. MEDINA: A permit is
21 currently something that we're going through
22 right now -- the permit process.

23 MR. BEYER: Mr. Medina, I don't
24 guess it would be -- do you think maybe --
25 talking about the final groundwater remedial

1 actions, we're talking -- still talking about
2 the feasibility studies. We haven't gone
3 through those final design considerations.
4 So --

5 MR. MEDINA: Thank you.

6 And then one of the other has been the --
7 with the establishment of the RAB is the ability
8 to pass out -- and -- and provide us a pathway
9 to distribute information to the community of
10 which the community has been -- or the RAB has
11 been very heavily involved in giving out
12 information to the public and letting them know
13 about the program. And as I can see by the
14 turnout this evening, the RAB has done a large
15 part of spreading the word of what has been
16 going on and what is going on and what is
17 projected to go on at Kelly Air Force Base as
18 part of the restoration program.

19 We will continue to operate -- as I
20 mentioned earlier in regard to funding -- we
21 will continue to operate our groundwater
22 remedial systems that we have in place
23 already -- and those are in areas of Zones 1, 2
24 and 3. For those of you who are here for the
25 first time this evening, we have interim

1 remedial actions which will ultimately become
2 final remedial actions in Zone 3, Zone 4 -- up
3 on the north side of this area here -- Zone 1
4 and Zone 2.

5 We're also looking at beginning operations
6 in Zone 3 -- a new groundwater treatment
7 plant -- and we've also -- with -- working
8 with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
9 Commission and also Base Civil Engineering -- we
10 worked with them in establishing a new
11 industrial waste collection system, which will
12 also help us reduce the amount -- the amount of
13 leakage -- or the chances of leakage from the
14 industrial pipeline coming from the shop areas
15 and we're looking at implementing the
16 groundwater remedial actions with the records
17 and decisions coming out.

18 We're also working with the Texas Natural
19 Resource Conservation Commission regarding
20 feasibility studies for soils. We did a
21 similar -- We went through a similar process
22 with the groundwater. We're looking at doing a
23 similar -- going through a similar process for
24 soils out in Zones 1, 2 and 3 -- and we will
25 continue with the Zone 4 remedial investigation

1 that is still ongoing -- and, as well, the issue
2 of Zone 5.

3 MR. MURRAH: In that soil --

4 MR. MEDINA: Yes?

5 MR. MURRAH: -- you're --
6 you're -- I'm just wondering -- what -- what
7 are you trying to find out -- or -- or what
8 are their guidelines?

9 MR. MEDINA: The guidelines
10 right -- The guidelines we're working with are
11 for soils that are -- that are under the Texas
12 Natural Resource Conservation Commission for
13 background levels for metals -- and, then,
14 working for cleanup on organics, as well -- on
15 established levels -- regulatory levels.

16 MR. RICE: A couple of
17 meetings -- Excuse me, Sam.

18 MR. MURRAH: I didn't quite get
19 that. What condition is this soil going to
20 be -- Is it going to be ready to plant grass on
21 or --

22 MR. MEDINA: Right.

23 MR. MURRAH: What kind of
24 condition is it going to be in?

25 MR. MEDINA: What kind of

1 condition will depend on -- on the regulatory
2 goals that we set up for the soils. There are
3 soils that we have to achieve as far as its use
4 and as far as its cleanup is concerned and
5 that's where we work with the Texas Natural
6 Resource Conservation Commission to establish
7 those levels to find out. As far as reuse is
8 concerned, it -- it depends on what -- what our
9 chemicals of concern are.

10 MR. MURRAH: When you get
11 through, is there going to be concrete on top of
12 it or soil --

13 MR. MEDINA: In some places, it
14 will be concrete and others there will be
15 soil -- or soil caps on top of those.

16 MR. MURRAH: -- in other words?

17 MR. MEDINA: Yes.

18 MR. RICE: I think it was two
19 meetings ago, Dan, we talked about meeting with
20 the contractor who is responsible for cleaning
21 up the soil and talking with them about the
22 assumptions they made and why they chose certain
23 levels and that sort of thing. Have you got a
24 time for us to meet with that contractor?

25 MR. MEDINA: We're going -- We'll

1 let you know. We don't have a time, yet. We
2 don't have a time, yet.

3 MR. RICE: Do you have any idea
4 if it will be a month or even six months?

5 MR. MEDINA: I don't have a
6 time. I'll have to get back with you on that.

7 MR. RICE: Will it be before the
8 draft documents --

9 MR. MEDINA: Well, the drafts are
10 already available.

11 MR. RICE: Right. Will it be
12 before the public comment period, though?

13 MR. MEDINA: Yes -- Yes, it
14 would.

15 And, then, the last slide here on work
16 schedules is -- we're also looking at the
17 issuance of the Zone 5 Public Draft Focused
18 Feasibility Study in Zone 5 -- and, then, also,
19 the issuing of the Zone 5 Draft Remedial
20 Investigation.

21 We'll also continue with our monitoring
22 program here at Kelly. The monitoring program
23 is information that we get to use as part of our
24 designs and for our operation of our systems to
25 make sure where plumes are located and -- and

1 what concentration are at -- and we keep this as
2 part of our -- as our full-time monitoring
3 program to ensure where -- whether our systems
4 are working or not.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Sir, I'd
6 like to ask: How long has this -- has Kelly
7 known this -- all this groundwater has been
8 contaminated.

9 MR. MEDINA: Well, the
10 groundwater contamination was identified as part
11 of investigations that were done in the 1980s.
12 As far as when they were actually found, it
13 depends on when some of these sites were created
14 and when they were disturbed. Sometimes the
15 landfills were put there, for example, in the
16 1940s, but it wasn't until the 1970s or 1980s
17 when we went in with an investigation that we
18 found some of the contamination.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Also, I
20 wanted to say -- for example, like the Alamo
21 Dome -- they were fined for -- for getting the
22 dirt and everything and putting it other places
23 without informing people. This is my first
24 hearing of this situation and I -- we own
25 property in that -- in that area -- Zone 3 --

1 and we never heard anything from Kelly about
2 this.

3 MR. MEDINA: Well, we've had both
4 public meetings -- sort of like -- like we're
5 having here with the Restoration Advisory
6 Board -- but before that we also had Technical
7 Review Committees where the public is invited.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: My
9 parents live out of town and I --

10 MR. MEDINA: Okay. One of the
11 things -- Yeah. One of the things that we can
12 do -- and we ask anybody who is new at attending
13 these, is that, if you could please fill out the
14 roster -- we get address -- get your name and
15 address -- and we do forward information to
16 everyone as far as what the programs is
17 concerning. I understand -- especially, if they
18 live out of town -- that they might not be
19 getting the mail-outs. What we do is, our
20 Public Affairs goes out and identifies as many
21 addresses around the surrounding area of Kelly
22 Air Force Base -- and provides mail-outs and --
23 and updates on work that's going on. So, I'd
24 ask that you --

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: What kind

1 of fines did Kelly receive for this
2 contamination?

3 MR. MEDINA: It hasn't really
4 been -- as much as fines -- it has been an order
5 to go out and do the remediation or do the
6 investigations to go out and identify --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Who is
8 supposed to order the Government to do this?

9 MR. MEDINA: Well, that's done
10 with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
11 Commission. That's done with the State
12 regulators.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: And how
14 long will our water and ground be back to
15 normal?

16 MR. MEDINA: It will depend on
17 the different sites and how the groundwater
18 flows and what kind of contaminants are there
19 at -- at those particular sites.

20 If you'd like, I'd be more than happy to
21 answer any more questions you have during our
22 break. We can take a look at the areas around
23 Zone 3.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Everyone
25 won't be able to hear the questions I have.

1 MR. MEDINA: Okay.

2 MR. SOLIS: You know, as a matter
3 of general comment, I think what Richard
4 Carson -- who wrote that book Silent Springs --
5 that first brought to the attention of the
6 entire population possibly the dangers of
7 contamination. Prior to that time, there were
8 no rules. Nobody thought anything of it. You
9 open a filling station, it goes, they could
10 leave the gas tank there and nobody worried
11 about it because there was no emphasis on -- or
12 recognized as something that was polluting the
13 environment.

14 Okay? Today, we have advanced technology.
15 Now all the agencies are more aware of the
16 responsibilities and this is the initiative that
17 Kelly has taken and this RAB is established to
18 inform you and me -- because I live within a
19 mile radius of Kelly -- and I am concerned,
20 too. So, it's designed to keep us up-to-date on
21 their efforts to correct identifiable --
22 identified areas of concern -- and future
23 research into what more can be done -- and
24 this -- and that will continue through the --
25 the determination of what will be done at Kelly

1 in the way of utilization.

2 Now, at that time, we'll face another kind
3 of problem in that some areas may be designated
4 industrial areas -- and those will allow for
5 certain contamination, if you will -- all the
6 residential will have a different standard.
7 Those for education will have a different
8 standard. So, that's -- that's yet to come. On
9 the -- those studies will not be conducted --
10 but it has to be established how that land is
11 going to be used. How is that acreage going to
12 be utilized? But, yes, what -- what you say is
13 true. A long time ago, we never knew about
14 this.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: What
16 about the people that are suffering from it
17 now?

18 MR. SOLIS: That's you and me.
19 We're here to listen to these guys. Okay?
20 We're listening to what efforts are being
21 made -- and you're right. Prior to this, the
22 dangers were not -- were not known. Now that we
23 do, yes, we have an ongoing effort -- and this
24 is not done by Kelly Air Force Base by
25 themselves. It's overseen by the agency that

1 Mr. Beyer represents, which is Texas Natural
2 Resource Conservation Committee, and they review
3 what Kelly does and determine if it's adequate
4 to meet the requirements of EPA. They look over
5 Kelly, EPA looks over his shoulder, to make sure
6 that in fact the work is being done to the best
7 possible -- in the best possible manner and the
8 the quickest time frame available with current
9 technology.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: You're
11 talking about overlooked -- how long has this
12 been overlooked, though? I mean, the people
13 there are still suffering. I mean, we might not
14 be able to see it, but there's a lot of
15 deformities, I know, that come from around there
16 that are unexplainable. The drinking water has
17 always been pretty tasty, I guess you could say.

18 MR. SOLIS: I drink the same
19 water. I drink the same water.

20 MR. BAILEY: If I could just add
21 a couple things, the mail-out list that Kelly
22 Air Force Base has -- has developed over a
23 200 -- to now -- about a 10,000 mail-out
24 list -- and it's sent to residences or
25 addresses. So, if there's property that's

1 owned, information that we have is probably
2 going to the residence. I said probably. If
3 for some reason it's not getting back to the
4 other party, then please let us know and we can
5 send it to that other address.

6 Regarding the issues that you raised
7 relative to the health -- which are the most
8 critical ones to us right now -- if you know of
9 a situation that is happening, we have a member
10 on the Board tonight -- an alternate -- but a
11 person who is here who represents the
12 San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. We
13 have had issues come up in the past where people
14 have indicated, "We believe that there is a
15 concern in our neighborhood. We don't know
16 whether it's Kelly. You-all are the only ones
17 that are talking to us, but we suspect it's
18 you." So, what we have done is, we've said,
19 "Those are the learned health people from the
20 community. Those are the ones who take that
21 information, evaluate it, then come back, take a
22 look at what we're doing." So, the overlooking
23 or the overseeing is not just left up to the
24 State regulators.

25 There are local people from the San Antonio

1 Metropolitan Health District that are involved.
2 There are people from the Environmental
3 Protection Agency that are involved. And, most
4 recently, at the request of the RAB Board, we
5 invited the Agency for Toxic Substances and
6 Disease Registry to come here and see us.
7 That's an organization, nationally, that goes
8 out and normally looks at the worst contaminated
9 sites in the country. Kelly has not been
10 designated as one of those, but that agency is
11 still going to send a representative here
12 because of the request by the Board.

13 At the same time, what Kelly Air Force Base
14 has done in conjunction with the Board, we have
15 gone over to our neighbors at Brooks Air Force
16 Base. There is an environmental health group at
17 Brooks and these are the -- who we consider to
18 be the most knowledgeable people -- some of the
19 most knowledgeable people within the Air Force.
20 These people are also coming over and looking at
21 all the data that's been collected at Kelly Air
22 Force Base to determine, "Are there data gaps?
23 Does it make sense? What's happening out
24 there?" So, by no means, is it just Kelly doing
25 what it wants to do.

1 In this situation -- and we started this
2 process six years ago -- where we went out into
3 the community -- we started sending
4 information -- this is excellent to see the vast
5 number of people that are here tonight. This is
6 the largest forum, other than the public meeting
7 that we had this last year where people actually
8 showed up. At most forums like this, we send
9 out letters to over 3,000 residences and invite
10 those people to come and to hear what we have to
11 say. We send it both in English and we send it
12 in Spanish.

13 At the same time, we tell the people, "If
14 you can't come to these meetings because of
15 working schedules and because of children,
16 because of church activities, let us know. We
17 will come into your neighborhoods and talk to
18 you. We will come out and talk on a one-on-one
19 or whatever the situation might pose." So, it's
20 not all answers. We haven't gotten to
21 everybody. We're still on our way there. But I
22 would encourage you to -- to work with us. We
23 will definitely go out there and talk with you.
24 Get on the mailing list, but the mailing list is
25 not everything there is.

1 It's vitally important that we indicate and
2 inform and attempt to educate you on this
3 information. So, at some times, if it doesn't
4 work, you need to tell us -- which is -- there
5 are some people here that are telling us that --
6 and thank you for coming.

7 The other is, we have a very aggressive
8 move where we're going to be going out to the
9 local schools -- private, parochial and public.
10 Over the next two to three months, we're going
11 to be going and trying to get into the schools
12 in and around the Kelly Air Force Base area.
13 There are over 20 schools that fall into that
14 category. We're not going to be able to get to
15 all of them, but we're going to be able to get
16 to a lot of them -- and the purpose is to
17 educate the young, the middle-aged and those of
18 us in my bracket -- a little bit older -- as
19 to what's gone on at Kelly Air Force Base.

20 We have been open -- seven to eight years
21 ago when we first found out that we had some of
22 these problems. We will continue to be open.
23 We're genuine about what we say. We have
24 nothing to hold, nothing to hide. We had a
25 letter that was sent by our previous commander

1 out to the local people saying, "At no time will
2 Kelly Air Force Base nor the United States Air
3 Force, after Kelly is realigned and" -- "and
4 closed, will we detract or deter or turn away
5 from our responsibilities to clean up the soil
6 and groundwater per what the regulators and
7 others have to tell us." So, it's kind of a
8 summary -- I'm sorry to take that -- but I
9 wanted you to know that commitment is definitely
10 what we want to do and we want to make sure that
11 you understand what we're doing.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOUR: Excuse
13 me. I'd like to comment on that gentleman next
14 to you. He made a remark that he drinks the
15 same water that he does. I think that's very
16 unprofessional on his side, because -- just
17 because he drinks dirty water, doesn't mean
18 everybody else has to drink it. We still
19 have -- and we have Kelly homes -- people in the
20 military live out there. So, if this person
21 drinks that same water, he cannot recommend
22 those people to drink the same water. I think
23 you should keep your comments to yourself, sir.

24 MR. MEDINA: Well, there's two --
25 there's two aquifers that occur around Kelly Air

1 Force Base. For everybody to understand, your
2 groundwater -- or your -- your drinking water
3 comes out of the Edwards Aquifer and that
4 aquifer is separated by several hundred feet to
5 a thousand feet of rock and soils between the
6 shallow aquifer.

7 What we're doing -- and we have identified
8 our problems with -- are the areas that concern
9 the shallow groundwater -- and that's the
10 groundwater that occurs from -- from -- anywhere
11 from ten feet below the surface to 40 feet below
12 the surface. That shallow groundwater is not
13 connected to your drinking water supply. Most
14 of the groundwater -- or most of the drinking
15 water -- 99.9 percent of that water that
16 services the area around Kelly Air Force Base
17 concern the Edwards Aquifer, which is about a
18 thousand feet below.

19 Now, there is a couple of areas that --
20 there may be some shallow water -- shallow
21 aquifer wells that were established that are
22 used for irrigation or used for watering or
23 those sorts of things. We've gone out and tried
24 to identify as many of those shallow wells as
25 possible and -- to see if anyone is drinking out

1 of them to determine whether or not they've been
2 impacted. But one thing that -- that I do want
3 to mention is that your -- the drinking water
4 comes out of the Edwards as -- conveyed through
5 a pipeline to your houses and it's separate from
6 the shallow aquifer that -- that's around Kelly
7 Air Force Base.

8 MR. RICE: Dan, I'd just like to
9 disagree with something that you said about the
10 shallow aquifer contaminants being completely
11 separated from the Edwards, because we do have
12 some evidence that shows that contaminants from
13 the shallow aquifer have gotten into the Edwards
14 in a few cases. Now, in general, these are in
15 very low concentrations. But that evidence does
16 exist. So, when you hear somebody say the
17 shallow aquifer is completely separate from the
18 Edwards, you know that that is not entirely
19 true.

20 MR. MEDINA: Well, we look at
21 this -- we look at it from the standpoint of
22 Kelly Air Force Base. So, again, that may be
23 the case in other areas outside of Kelly Air
24 Force Base and -- and -- it's not the case that
25 we're finding at Kelly Air Force Base.

1 MR. RICE: It is the case on
2 several.

3 MR. HAGELTHORN: I think what
4 Mr. Rice is bringing up is the fact that there
5 was sampling done at some wells in the past and
6 I think there was one well -- correct me if I'm
7 wrong -- that showed a hit --

8 MR. MEDINA: One -- At one time,
9 correct.

10 MR. HAGELTHORN: -- and they went
11 back and sampled it again and there was never
12 any other contamination found. If that well had
13 been contaminated in the short period of time
14 between test samples, they would have found the
15 same contamination. So, it's my belief from
16 looking at the tech information and from talking
17 to people from TNRCC and the Edwards Underground
18 Water District and everywhere else around here
19 that that was just a false hit. It's never been
20 substantiated and for somebody to bring that up,
21 saying that Edwards has been contaminated --
22 because of one hit -- I think is just trying to
23 throw fear out into the community -- and I
24 really think as a member of this Board that's
25 not your purpose.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIVE: Last year
2 they were coming to our water hydrants and
3 taking samples from that water. It stands to
4 reason that they thought it -- they were
5 watching it. They were -- They were testing our
6 water -- our drinking water from the Edwards
7 Aquifer.

8 MR. MEDINA: That was water
9 hydrants?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIVE: Uh-huh.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Medina, I'd
12 like to address that. I think what we're trying
13 to do -- I'm with the Bexar Metropolitan Water
14 District -- what we're trying to do is address
15 some of those concerns about the quality of
16 water -- and we did have some calls, we did go
17 by and sample the water and everything has come
18 back good. But we do address that's what we
19 were doing in the area. Normally, that's what
20 we do. We flush the systems out and -- that's
21 done daily, but -- you know, it's -- it's --
22 we've not found anything wrong with the water
23 system.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: Can I talk
25 to you about that? Can I say something about

1 the water? Right now, you can go to my house
2 and I can give you a glass of water and in that
3 water there's going to be a lot of specs --
4 black specs in there -- and I don't think you
5 want to drink that water.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: What's the
7 address?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: You can
9 go -- 406 McLaughlin. You can go right now
10 and -- and -- and 503 -- my daughter-in-law
11 lives there -- and she also has the same
12 problem.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: 503 what?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: 406
15 McLaughlin.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Have you called
17 us before --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: I have
19 called. I have told them about it. They came
20 and checked it out and I don't get no results or
21 anything.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: What is your name
23 and -- I need your --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: My name is
25 Gutierrez -- Mary Lou -- and I live at

1 406 McLaughlin. Can everybody hear me? Because
2 you've got to speak out. If you don't, the Lord
3 won't hear you.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I need to get
5 your telephone number, also.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: Okay. My
7 number is 924-0790 -- and this has been going on
8 and on and on for years. Okay? I've been
9 living there since 1952 and it's been like this
10 all along, off and on, off and on -- and you can
11 go right now and -- I was going to bring the
12 water in a cup so you could see it, so you don't
13 think I'm lying. But I think you should go,
14 personally, to my house right now and check that
15 water. Okay?

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let me send
17 someone in the morning --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: And my
19 water bill -- my water bill comes up to \$100 a
20 month.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: The water
22 comes red out of the faucet.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Pardon me?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: The water
25 comes red out of the faucet.

1 MR. MEDINA: Yes, ma'am?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: The
3 gentleman standing up in the white shirt, he was
4 just telling me that six years -- seven,
5 eight -- you're telling us to trust you, well,
6 what do you -- how many years is it? You don't
7 even know. You said six, seven -- eight -- and
8 you tell us to trust you if we have any
9 questions. It seems like you don't even know.

10 MR. BAILEY: It depends upon
11 which -- The question was from the lady in the
12 back saying: How can we trust you when you --
13 talking about me -- don't know whether it's
14 six, seven or eight years? Some parts --

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: You know,
16 I'm not going to take chances with my
17 children --

18 MR. BAILEY: Sure.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: -- on you
20 when you don't even know --

21 MR. BAILEY: Sure.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: -- you
23 know, I'm supposed to -- you're asking me --
24 telling me to ask you --

25 MR. BAILEY: Well, let me answer

1 your question, if I can.

2 Okay? There were various parts of the base
3 that we started studying about six years ago.
4 There was some we started about eight years
5 ago. That's the distinction that I make in six,
6 seven or eight, because we study all of them at
7 the same time.

8 There are various things that we found
9 out. As an example, we've had multiple --
10 multiple -- comments from this lady -- not
11 saying previously -- but from others in the
12 past talking about drinking water off of Kelly
13 Air Force Base. So, at that time, we went back
14 and we said, "Okay. Who is responsible for the
15 drinking water in this part of San Antonio? It's
16 not Kelly Air Force Base. It's other parties."
17 So, there are two primary water purveyors. My
18 understanding is there might be others. We have
19 so informed those people to let them know that
20 there is a community in and around Kelly Air
21 Force Base that is concerned about their potable
22 water coming out of their pipes -- in their
23 homes. They're concerned about it for their
24 health. They're concerned about it for -- for
25 anybody who is in that house -- and any visitor

1 that comes into that house. So, what we're
2 asking those people to do -- because we have no
3 control over what they do -- is to, hopefully,
4 work -- and to go out and listen to what this
5 lady has said -- and possibly others -- go out
6 there, survey whatever the need may be and
7 determine: Is it a potable water problem for
8 whatever reason? Is it something in the water?
9 Is it something in the pipes? Is there -- I
10 can't go through all the reasons, because I
11 honestly don't know. But I can tell you this,
12 that the efforts that we've done at Kelly have
13 tried to focus on our contamination, what has
14 happened, what has been created on base --
15 which, unfortunately, has gone off base -- and
16 our group setting here is to tackle that
17 problem, get after it as quickly as we can.
18 We're not going to divorce ourselves or take
19 away concerns from the community. This provides
20 a forum for you to communicate with the
21 gentleman like this and with others about your
22 concerns. Even though we may not have control
23 over it at Kelly Air Force Base, it may be
24 controlled by someone else who is on RAB. So, I
25 would encourage you to raise the issue, work

1 with them -- if we can help you, we are open.
2 We'll be glad to do just that.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Like on
4 Holder Street -- I believe it was about three or
5 four years ago -- the street was sinking in.
6 All they came out to do was to put some gravel
7 on top of it. That's it. It is still sinking.
8 And between -- what is it -- Fenfield and
9 McLaughlin -- if you walk through the alley
10 there, it's all uneven. I mean, the -- the --
11 what is it -- manholes -- I mean, it's sticking
12 up that much -- and then you-all went and put
13 one of those pumps, you say. Every time I go
14 out my driveway, I hit one of your pumps. I
15 wish you-all would have made a better -- you
16 know, it's -- it's -- you know -- I don't
17 know -- you know, I don't know what you-all are
18 doing. But --

19 MR. BAILEY: Let me speak to the
20 two points. First of all, the well that is our
21 responsibility -- we will take care of that and
22 we will be out there this week.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: You need
24 to make it a little smoother to match the road.

25 MR. BAILEY: Well, it probably

1 was. But the road probably --

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: Could I ask
3 you something? What are your responsibilities?

4 MR. BAILEY: Our
5 responsibilities?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: Yes,
7 concerning the area.

8 MR. BAILEY: Our
9 responsibilities, as Kelly Air Force Base, is to
10 make sure that we identify what caused the
11 contamination -- which we think we've done
12 that -- then get the money to correct what
13 caused that problem -- and we believe that we've
14 done that to a very great degree. We had
15 leaking underground storage tanks, we had fuel
16 lines and we had an industrial wastewater
17 collection system that leaked and we sometimes
18 had some spills, then getting money, after you
19 do those things -- or in conjunction with
20 them -- not that you stop and start -- to go
21 back and to find out where the contamination is,
22 determine is there an immediate health problem,
23 which is what we did when we found out about the
24 Quintana Road situation where the City went
25 into -- we went into the homes -- first it had

1 ever been done in the San Antonio area -- to
2 bring in an independent party to go in and
3 measure fumes, vapors, anything like that to
4 find out is there a problem. Fortunately, for
5 us, there was no problem. We, then, went in and
6 installed systems to begin to collect that fuel
7 that was in the shallow groundwater and also to
8 collect some of the other contamination that is
9 down there. So, our purpose, as a base, is to
10 make sure that we put in a program, make sure
11 it's approved by the regulators, make sure it's
12 approved by the local people who have that
13 responsibility, make sure the community knows by
14 setting up a group like this -- which this is
15 multiple times now that we've met -- and to make
16 sure that the people fully understand what's
17 happening.

18 What we're finding out -- and this is just
19 my observation -- not necessarily shared by
20 everybody on the RAB -- that's why we're a
21 dynamic group -- is that there are a number of
22 concerns by the community that the
23 responsibilities for those, initially, rest with
24 other groups, to find out is there a problem.
25 The gentleman over here pointed out about the --

1 not to point fingers, sir -- but talking about
2 potential health issues. We are also
3 considering that. At the same time, there is a
4 San Antonio group that should be looking at that
5 and my understanding is that those people
6 should. So, this is a forum for them to look at
7 those things, too. If we find out -- if that
8 group was to come to us, if the State was to
9 come to us, those people that have the authority
10 to tell us what to do -- if they came tomorrow
11 and said, "We believe that you have an imminent
12 health problem in area 'X', then we would have
13 to divert monies that we have and go after that
14 particular problem. That has not happened to
15 date where these organizations and other people
16 have said, "You have an imminent health
17 problem." They have said, "Fortunately for you,
18 Kelly, there appears to be, right now,
19 separation," like what Mr. Rice had pointed out
20 and earlier where it was -- there appears to be
21 some kind of separation. But if there is
22 brought into evidence information indicating
23 that there is a direct connection where
24 somebody's drinking this water every single day
25 and it's contaminated -- and I want to point

1 this out, because you're going to be brought
2 into where you're going to be hearing about
3 other people or other organizations in the
4 San Antonio area in and around Kelly that have
5 probably contributed to what's in the shallow
6 groundwater. So, it's not going to be us. We
7 will all be looking to this other group and the
8 State to deal with these private parties and
9 individuals who may have lived at home who kept
10 doing certain things -- but that's not to divert
11 from what our responsibilities are. Our
12 responsibilities are big. They were complex.
13 We're now trying to take the complexity out and
14 we're trying to get to the heart of it -- and I
15 think we're doing a good job in that area.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: Well,
17 that's good. But let me tell you one thing:
18 Airplanes go in and out constantly in that
19 particular area of Kelly. Okay? I live very
20 close by there and every day -- every day --
21 we have to put up with some fumes, gas and --
22 and also the -- the -- the vibration is so --
23 so immense that it makes the -- the windows of
24 our homes rattle. Okay? They rattle so much
25 that it cracks our windows. It cracks our --

1 some of our windows. We have -- I have called
2 Kelly. They just put me on hold or they just
3 deter me or -- you know, later for you and --
4 "I'll get to you" -- and that's it. Okay?

5 Now, I want -- this is important -- I want
6 to know about these children that are in the
7 area that have to be smelling this -- these
8 fumes and this gasoline stuff -- that the
9 airplanes vibrate and let go -- and this is a
10 constant day -- every day -- every day --
11 Okay? You know how -- how often these airplanes
12 take off and come in? But when these airplanes
13 take off, come -- and sometimes when they come
14 in -- they come in so low that you -- you think
15 they're going to fall on top of your house
16 and -- and you can feel them. If you're in the
17 house, you can feel the vibration of those
18 airplanes.

19 MR. BAILEY: Well, I can --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Excuse
21 me, sir. I'm trying to avoid --

22 MR. BAILEY: If I can --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: --
24 rumors, but I -- I heard that on McLaughlin
25 Street, recently -- maybe you can tell me the

1 truth -- I don't know -- but that they checked
2 one of the wells and it was contaminated and
3 that some of the liquid -- or contaminated
4 liquid -- fell out onto the street. Now, they
5 have to dig -- they have to dig around it bigger
6 and put a bigger pump. Have you heard about
7 that.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: I have.

9 MR. BAILEY: I think that it goes
10 back to --

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: Yes, I have
12 heard, because --

13 MR. BAILEY: Right. There was a
14 pumping test --

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: I live over
16 in that area and we smelled the gas.

17 MR. BAILEY: -- there was a
18 pumping test that was performed.

19 MR. MEDINA: In back -- About --
20 Oh, back a few months ago, but that was -- that
21 was further towards Tampa Street.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER SIX: It's a very
23 strong odor of gas.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: It did
25 spill out, right?

1 MR. BAILEY: It did spill out and
2 what we did --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Okay.
4 Wait. It did spill out.

5 MR. BAILEY: Yeah, that's right.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: So, tell
7 the truth.

8 MR. BAILEY: We have told the
9 truth.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Are you
11 taking care of it or --

12 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely. Let us
13 tell you what we did. We went to the State
14 regulators. That's the first place you go to
15 when you have a spill. People on the RAB Board
16 can tell you and we said, "We spilt this," and
17 they said, "Well, what was in it?" So, we said,
18 "Here is the analysis that tells you what was
19 in it." So, they said, "Okay." It was then
20 worked out with the State regulators -- they
21 took a look at the information, they then said,
22 "Go collect soil samples." Based upon what was
23 in that water -- okay -- they determined --
24 coming back to us now -- you have to provide me
25 feedback because I have not been involved with

1 this for about two months, because this occurred
2 in the November time period -- so, my best
3 information tells me that the State came back
4 and -- and -- and said that the quality of
5 water was such that it did not contaminate as
6 most people think.

7 The issue is one where there are words that
8 are going out into the community, which,
9 unfortunately, are being used -- which we've
10 lost definition. We use the term "hazardous"
11 and "contamination" together. We use the same
12 thing -- same thing -- "toxic" together. We use
13 the term "dump" for some reason. All in these
14 same lines. They are very distinct terms.
15 So -- I'm not going to confuse you. I am going
16 to tell you the water had something, but it was
17 not considered, from a health perspective and an
18 environmental perspective, to be a problem.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Can you
20 understand how we feel?

21 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: The
23 school is contaminated. Now your house is
24 contaminated. Where do you go? You know what I
25 mean? Where do you go?

1 MR. BAILEY: When you hear that
2 term, I would hope that you come back and -- and
3 ask just that -- and I'm glad you're here. We
4 will get to that and we will take some time --
5 separate and aside -- I would love to -- and if
6 you don't want to hear from me -- which some
7 people don't want to because they think I'm the
8 director -- we could --

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: I
10 purchased a home. I just --

11 MR. BAILEY: Okay. We can go out
12 there and we can tell you exactly what we know
13 about that piece of property and what's being
14 done.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: I know
16 when I bought the home -- you know, at 30 years
17 old, they say, "If you don't accomplish your
18 goal, you're never going to accomplish it." So,
19 when I turned 30, I bought that duplex and I
20 said to myself, "I'm going to build this home
21 and, you know, make it a good home. Open it up
22 so that each of my kids have their own
23 bedroom" -- you know -- and, then, now I hear
24 this and it's just like -- all the money I put
25 into it -- you know, my goals and -- for my

1 kids --

2 MR. BAILEY: Right.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: I always
4 told my son -- you know, I told him, "It's not
5 my house, it's yours" -- you know, what I work
6 for, what I live for, are for my kids. What am
7 I going to leave them?

8 MR. BAILEY: Right.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: What am I
10 going to leave them -- you know, you get
11 discouraged.

12 MR. BAILEY: You bet. Well, I
13 would hope that what you do is -- come to us.
14 We've got people from -- from other groups that
15 are willing to explain to you what the situation
16 is so that -- what I believe is -- what I call a
17 fear factor -- doesn't develop or if you've
18 already developed a concern, which may not be a
19 fear, but it's exactly what you're pointing out,
20 which is honest and sincere and you're looking
21 for answers, we will come out there and explain
22 to you the way, the best way we possibly can.

23 If, for some reason, you do not think
24 that's good enough, there are other people that
25 we can get from the San Antonio community that,

1 hopefully, will be able to clarify that for you.

2 MR. CULBERTSON: I vote we move
3 on with the agenda.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER NINE: I have a
5 question.

6 MR. BAILEY: One last question
7 and then, if we could, take it during the break,
8 please.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER NINE: These
10 people that live on McLaughlin say that they see
11 the dirt sinking. I live on Price -- and not
12 only myself, but some of my neighbors have
13 commented that they're getting cracks in their
14 walls. What about property damage?

15 MR. BAILEY: We will address that
16 outside of this when we get to the break time.
17 Okay? There is an issue before us right now and
18 we will have someone from the base that will
19 speak to you and anybody else who wants to hear
20 about that.

21 MR. RICE: May I add something to
22 the point the lady just asked? She's referring
23 to subsidence and some of the members of the
24 Board here have been asking the Air Force to
25 conduct a subsidence survey and they keep

1 telling us they're going to get to it someday.
2 They just don't know when they're going to get
3 to it.

4 MR. BAILEY: Okay.

5 MR. MEDINA: In closing, the last
6 slide that I have here is ending out the work
7 schedule where we'll be looking at performing
8 feasibility work, the feasibility studies for
9 Zones 4 and 5, the two areas that cover the
10 airfield area, as well as East Kelly -- and
11 we'll be looking at doing those in the -- in
12 fiscal year '97 and '98.

13 Thank you very much. The next speaker will
14 be Mr. Cliff Trimble, and he'll be presenting
15 our next speaker. Thank you.

16 MR. TRIMBLE: Good evening. My
17 name is Cliff Trimble. I'm the chief of the
18 environmental contract branch at Kelly Air Force
19 Base. This Board had asked us to talk to you a
20 little bit about RAB interaction -- more
21 interaction with our contractors -- direct
22 interaction. I talked to Major Allan Detert,
23 who is the chief of the acquisition law division
24 at Kelly Air Force Base in our Judge Advocate's
25 office, to spend a few minutes with you and

1 address some of our -- our concerns.

2 MAJOR DETERT: Thank you, Cliff.

3 Ladies and gentlemen, as Cliff indicated, my
4 name is -- I'm Major Allan Detert. I'm the
5 chief of the acquisition law division for the
6 base legal office here at Kelly. Part of the --
7 The primary part of our job in my division is to
8 provide advice to the acquisition community on
9 Kelly and managers there in the procurement of
10 goods and services -- or the subset of that is
11 that we also deal with a huge volume of requests
12 for information concerning government
13 contractors.

14 In many instances, those requests are from
15 other government contractors. They're looking
16 primarily to see who got a contract, what the
17 price was on that, but in more than a few
18 instances, they're also looking for information
19 about their competitors, anything that they can
20 get that would give them some insight into
21 business practices, techniques, pricing
22 information, that might give them an advantage
23 on their competitors.

24 Part of my job and part of the folks in my
25 office's job is to look at those requests for

1 information, determine what can be released and
2 what can't be released, because we have some
3 very strict guidelines on what can and cannot be
4 released by us to the public. There are
5 criminal penalties that go along with that, if
6 we make mistakes.

7 Now, you probably heard that the Clinton
8 administration's emphasis is on trying to
9 release as much information as possible in this
10 area, and we do that within the bounds of the
11 law. But, again, we have certain constraints
12 that we have to operate under. The Freedom of
13 Information Act -- and I know each of you
14 members -- I was told that you were provided
15 with a two-sheet overview. Again, this is not
16 meant to be all inclusive of what the Freedom of
17 Information Act and the Privacy Act contain, as
18 well as the Procurement Integrity Act. It's to
19 give you a snapshot of what the key exemptions
20 are under the Freedom of Information Act from
21 the release of information.

22 I'd like to point out a couple of those and
23 how they pertain to our release of information
24 and how they constrict those government
25 officials that are on your Board here from

1 discussing some of the information about
2 government contractors that you might otherwise
3 like to hear.

4 The first one I'd ask you to look at is
5 Exemption 4, Confidential Commercial
6 Information. These contractors, when they bid
7 government contracts, they're doing so with an
8 implied promise from us -- and it's also
9 captured in statutes -- that that information
10 that they give us about their business, their
11 techniques, how they remain competitive in the
12 business will be kept confidential for -- by
13 us. We need that in order to get them to bid on
14 it. If we were forced to disclose that
15 information -- you can imagine how many people
16 we have offering to do our work -- if every time
17 they submit a confidential information,
18 information that might disclose their business
19 practices was made immediately available to
20 their competitors -- under the Trade Secrets
21 Act, we have an obligation not to disclose that
22 information and that's why you're going to find
23 an exemption in there with regard to that type
24 of information.

25 Exemption No. 5, Inter or Intra Agency

1 Records. I want to point out here on the -- the
2 last line before those three bullets -- it says
3 that the following are some examples of
4 information that may be exempt -- no, they are
5 exempt. So, you can line through that -- "they
6 may be exempt" -- they are exempt from
7 disclosure. And if you look at those three
8 bullets, you're going to see a common thread
9 through each of those. They're subjective.
10 They're pre-decisional, preliminary analysis in
11 various areas. And, for that reason, they are
12 not releasable. It helps to maintain a free
13 flow of information within the government,
14 within the body of decision-makers, that you
15 have to have in order to get a fully informed
16 decision-maker.

17 If that type of pre-decisional
18 information -- in No. 2 there it says, "Those
19 nonfactual parts of Air Force personnel
20 evaluations of contractors and their
21 products" -- nonfactual -- again, it's
22 subjective. But I submit to you that if that
23 type of information was disclosed, it gets taken
24 out of context and what was nonfactual suddenly
25 becomes factual and that's not something, once

1 it's out there, that we can ever recapture and
2 try to undo the damage. That's why those
3 particular things are exempt from disclosure.
4 It's to ensure that we have that free discussion
5 of that information. And, again, it's what
6 constrains those members of your RAB who are
7 government employees.

8 No. 2, the Procurement Integrity Act.
9 Disclosure of that type of information --
10 proprietary information -- from contractors or
11 our methods for evaluating those contractors is
12 a criminal act, subject to imprisonment and fine
13 or both. So, again, it's not just because these
14 guys are trying to withhold information or
15 because they don't want to disclose it. By law,
16 they are obligated not to disclose that
17 information.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Excuse
19 me, sir. You have more obligation to the
20 contractors than to the people who live in those
21 areas?

22 MAJOR DETERT: You can request
23 the information. You can make a request.
24 Anyone can request this information. If it
25 falls under one of these exemptions, I have no

1 choice but to -- and using my best judgment and
2 those of the folks who work for me -- to
3 withhold that information.

4 Now, there is an appeal process. If you
5 think that we shouldn't have withheld this, you
6 can appeal that and we could be reversed on
7 appeal. They might look at it -- the appellate
8 authorities might look at that and say, "We
9 think you're being overly cautious in
10 withholding that information. Go ahead and
11 release it or release a portion of it" -- you
12 know, that which we still think would protect
13 the contractor's proprietary interest without
14 violating that Trade Secrets Acts. But we have
15 to act in conformity with the law.

16 I understand that you have interests
17 that -- you -- you want to see this
18 information. But, again, you have to understand
19 that the members of the Board that are here from
20 the government --

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Well,
22 wait. We, the people, are the government and we
23 request this and you deny it over money that --
24 that they'll make helping you cover this up.
25 Now, the people -- you're finding more -- you're

1 being more -- keeping your secrets of -- of the
2 contractors than the actual damage being done to
3 the people.

4 MAJOR DETERT: There is a
5 process, of course, to change the law. If you
6 don't like the law, if you think the law is too
7 restrictive, then that is within your purview
8 to -- in forums like this -- to solicit
9 participation to change those laws. We have to
10 deal with the laws as they exist. We have to
11 enforce those laws and then be cognizant of
12 those laws --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Everybody
14 that would agree in changing that law right now,
15 say "aye."

16 MR. MEDINA: The information --
17 The information that he's talking about
18 pertains -- a lot of contractual information.
19 The information that -- that we release to the
20 public has --

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Eight or
22 ten years later down the road.

23 MR. MEDINA: -- has to pertain to
24 the cleanup process we're going through. The
25 cleanup process and -- and the investigations

1 that we do -- that information we present at
2 meetings like this. So --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: I'd like
4 to ask you this: Has this become public because
5 Kelly could not clean it up?

6 MR. BAILEY: No, no, no. Let me
7 make sure -- I think we're going down a pathway
8 here. The reason why we asked this gentleman to
9 come forward was because of some questions by
10 people relative to contracts. The issue that I
11 hear you raising, sir, concerns: Will you,
12 Kelly Air Force Base, release information
13 relative to -- whatever -- and in a timely
14 manner? Is that somewhat --

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Pretty
16 much so --

17 MR. BAILEY: The answer is --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: -- and
19 correct.

20 MR. BAILEY: -- you bet and we
21 have. And in the reports that go to the
22 regulators and all -- it's public information.
23 It's --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How much do you
25 release?

1 MR. BAILEY: Pardon me?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: How much do
3 you -- will you release on a request?

4 MR. BAILEY: The information
5 that's collected by us that is the final data
6 that goes to the regulators is released so that
7 not only the regulators but everybody in the
8 community that wants to see, can see it.
9 There's an issue here relative to contract
10 information separate and aside from data that
11 I'd like to make the distinction. Okay?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Is that
13 like a bribe? What you do is you don't -- you
14 won't tell us --

15 MR. BAILEY: Well, that's not
16 what we're talking about here.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: It seems
18 like it's not right. It seems to me that
19 what -- what you-all are coming up with is not
20 right and lot of people that live here in this
21 community don't -- don't speak out. They live
22 here and they don't know whether to do or not,
23 but I think that everyone here has a right to
24 say something -- and if they want to come up
25 knowing what's inside the kettle, I think we

1 should know.

2 MR. BAILEY: Absolutely. There
3 is no question about that and nobody from Kelly
4 Air Force Base will say that not only do you not
5 have an obligation, but you also have a right.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: First of
7 all, you used our tax money to build this
8 establishment and then use our tax money to --
9 to poison -- you used the tax money to get these
10 contractors, but then, yet, when it's time --
11 when contractors or -- or -- or government
12 contractors -- make these mistakes and we don't
13 hear about it until ten years later after
14 these -- especially Leon Creek and stuff -- it
15 comes up like this -- you know, 1996. It's kind
16 of funny because I'm -- I'm expecting this from
17 the government.

18 I lost my father last year. I received a
19 letter saying that he died from Agent Orange,
20 but for my mother to be compensated he should
21 have died by 1989. So, since he died last year,
22 he's not -- my mother is not compensated for --

23 MR. BAILEY: Well, let me speak
24 about the data here. I sympathize --

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: It's the

1 same government, right?

2 MR. BAILEY: No.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: No?

4 MR. BAILEY: We work with the
5 United States Government but the difference
6 is -- it's different federal agencies and it's
7 who is looking out for you. The people that are
8 running the program have been here -- most --
9 since 1986. Those people have put a very active
10 effort to make sure that the community knows
11 what's going on.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: How many
13 meetings have you had?

14 MR. BAILEY: How many meetings?
15 Since 1986, I would imagine in the neighborhood
16 of 60 -- 70 meetings -- something like that --
17 with information being mailed out to over 5,000
18 people in the community of residences outlying
19 the base -- and, you bet, that's a program.

20 What answers -- and gets back to this
21 lady's comment -- is that when most people get
22 it, they say, "What does it really mean to me?"
23 And our response is, "Please, come forward." If
24 it's not information that you can readily
25 understand or find out what it is -- we're not

1 writing this from Washington, D.C., as it's a
2 faraway letter -- not that everybody from
3 Washington, D.C. writes a letter from far
4 away -- or it's from some other agency. We live
5 here. We've got people that work with us that
6 were raised in the community off of Kelly -- Dan
7 and others. We care about what's here. I can
8 assure you, we're not walking away from this.

9 So, if there are concerns like what the
10 lady -- I don't see her any more -- but the lady
11 who was sitting here and the lady in the back
12 have certain questions -- if we can't answer
13 them here, we will come back out and we will
14 answer them the best way that we possibly can.
15 We're not hiding anything behind a cloak as
16 someone may think here. The data that we
17 collect goes out to the community -- and I want
18 to make sure it's clear, because it's a little
19 confusing to me also -- as to what
20 information -- but it's a contractual bid.

21 But I will tell you right now that if
22 there's information relative to what we collect
23 and you get a report or someone tells you
24 something happens and the situation is, "I don't
25 know" -- "I don't know what's happening" --

1 there are members on this Restoration Board
2 that -- I hope you have their phone number -- if
3 you don't, then you phone me.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Can I ask
5 a silly question?

6 MR. BAILEY: Nothing is silly.
7 Go right ahead.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: If there
9 were UFOs out there on that property, would you
10 tell us about it?

11 MR. BAILEY: UFOs? I don't deal
12 with that. I have no idea.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER THREE: Well, I'm
14 just using it in accordance with --

15 MR. BAILEY: I don't answer
16 hypothetical questions. What I can tell you
17 is: This is real to me. This is very real to
18 me what happens here, because my integrity and
19 the integrity of these folks and the integrity
20 of Kelly Air Force Base is on the line and that
21 means everything to me. And when the lady says,
22 "Speak the truth," she will hear all the truth
23 that I possibly know of or the staff that works
24 with us. If we don't know, we will tell you.
25 But we would also ask that if you hear something

1 out there, rather than immediately believe it,
2 please come back and ask and at least give us an
3 opportunity to voice what we know or what we
4 believe is the situation. That's all we ask.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: I would
6 like some information -- a little bit more
7 information -- concerning this meeting. I would
8 like so much to know what really is behind it.

9 MR. BAILEY: Okay. When we break
10 right after this gentleman, we will meet with
11 you and we will get whatever information we
12 can. And if not, we will then get back in
13 touch.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIVE: What
15 contractors are you talking about? The ones --
16 The ones that are going to move in --

17 MR. BAILEY: No, ma'am.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIVE: -- or the
19 ones that are doing -- are going to do the
20 cleanup.

21 MR. BAILEY: He will clarify
22 that. Excellent question. The question that
23 came from the young lady was relative to which
24 contractors is he talking about, those coming
25 into the base like those that will privatize or

1 the contractors that are doing environmental
2 kinds of work?

3 MAJOR DETERT: We're talking
4 about contractors that are in place right now
5 that are doing work. There have been some
6 questions about what type of information can the
7 public learn about those contractors, about the
8 work that they're doing and their operations.
9 My purpose for being here was simply to explain
10 that. When it -- When the questions pertain to
11 the operation -- the make-up of that
12 company -- practices that they may use in their
13 operations, how they price their -- their
14 proposal to bid on that contract that got them
15 that contract in the first place -- that sort of
16 information, depending on the sensitivity of it
17 and whether it's proprietary, whether it's
18 unique to that company, has to be kept by the
19 government confidential. They -- They gave it
20 to us in that fashion so that we could evaluate
21 whether they truly could perform to the tasks
22 that we had laid out that we were looking to
23 contract for. And in order to get that type of
24 information, we have to have a pretty good idea
25 of what their -- their structural make-up is,

1 who they're going to have working on that, the
2 types of techniques that they're going to use --
3 and, in many cases, that type of information --
4 we can't -- we can't disclose to the public.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIVE: Okay.

6 Then who's going to benefit from all this
7 expense?

8 MAJOR DETERT: The community at
9 large -- The community at large should benefit,
10 because the contractors are there for the
11 purpose of studying what contamination does and
12 how best to clean it up.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIVE: But if
14 they don't want to say anything, they don't have
15 to say anything.

16 MAJOR DETERT: I think what
17 Mr. Bailey has indicated -- we're talking about
18 two different types of information here. The
19 results of their work -- you know, the reports
20 that they put out -- all right -- that's the
21 sort of thing that he was indicating should be
22 public knowledge and has been public knowledge
23 for some time. But their method of complying
24 with our contracts, some of the techniques that
25 they use, those may be proprietary to that

1 company and that's the sort of thing that --
2 that we can't disclose. Because there may be
3 people -- just as there were on the IBASC -- who
4 were looking to do business with the government
5 or looking to do business with those companies
6 or competitors to those companies -- and, there
7 again, we had to be careful about the type of
8 information that was supplied to the IBASC
9 members because we didn't want to harm a
10 competitor of -- of the person that they might
11 be working against -- or working for in that --
12 that environment.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: Major, I have a
14 question. Who are the major contractors that
15 you're talking about? Can you name them or is
16 that secret?

17 MAJOR DETERT: I -- I personally
18 don't know. I know we had -- we recently
19 awarded some contracts for -- to do some studies
20 on -- on Kelly.

21 MR. TRIMBLE: Mr. Quintanilla, if
22 you'd like to -- let me go ahead and give you my
23 phone number. If you'd like to, I'd be happy to
24 get you a list of who all our prime contractors
25 are right now.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think you
2 have mine. Just give it to me, please.

3 MR. TRIMBLE: Certainly. I can
4 do that. I'll put a list together for you.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: And, also, how
6 much has been expended from 1986 to the
7 present?

8 MR. TRIMBLE: You need to
9 understand, sir, that our contracts that were
10 developed at Kelly Air Force Base did not come
11 into being until the end of 1992. So, any
12 information that I can give you -- that's not to
13 say that there was no work going on at Kelly --
14 there were other forums --

15 MR. BAILEY: We can get you that
16 information.

17 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you very
18 very much. Send it to me.

19 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Is there
20 anything else?

21 MAJOR DETERT: Somebody here has
22 asked that -- for a break. If there are any
23 additional questions of me, I'll be right here.

24 MR. BAILEY: Do you want to ask a
25 question of him or is it general --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Well, I
2 don't know. It was coming to my mind -- Do you
3 remember the Heidi Semen -- when they had the
4 search for her and all that -- while we were
5 doing -- we were walking back then -- at that
6 time, we were walking around Quintana tracks and
7 I remember -- it came in my head -- that when we
8 walked through there, there were craters along
9 the tracks. What are those? They were big
10 where it was sunk in. They were like craters.

11 MR. BAILEY: Around what tracks?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT:
13 Quintana -- The tracks down Quintana Road on the
14 base. They were like craters. They were big.
15 You could tell that it sunk in. That just came
16 to my mind -- now that I remember that. Because
17 we were walking -- There were all weeds and --
18 but you go through the tracks -- you could see
19 all those craters.

20 MR. MEDINA: During the break --
21 I've got -- We've got an aerial photograph over
22 here -- if you could show me where that area is
23 that, I would appreciate it.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: Okay. I
25 remembered that -- walking --

1 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Why don't we
2 take a --

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN:
4 Mr. Bailey, before -- I understand you said
5 something about you'll answer us, you know,
6 after the break or during the break. I'm sure
7 that many of us would like to hear each one's
8 question, so you can -- you know, instead of
9 going a one-on-one basis -- I'm sure we would
10 all like to hear what you're telling one
11 person. Don't you-all agree to that?

12 MR. BAILEY: Okay. There is a
13 forum -- During the break, there is a lady who
14 had the question relative to cracking and some
15 things like --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: If you
17 could address it to all us -- We're here from
18 South San Neighborhood Association and many of
19 us that live here in our area -- and I'm sure we
20 all have the same --

21 MR. BAILEY: We will address
22 everybody during the break on that question. If
23 you have others, just ask us. We'll be standing
24 right over here.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: How long

1 is the break?

2 MR. BAILEY: Well, we're going to
3 take ten to 15 minutes. If you've got more
4 questions, we can come to your group setting, we
5 can have a special setting just for you, if it's
6 just Kelly Air Force Base -- other than RAB
7 members -- or if you'd like to have the RAB
8 members, we can ask them, also.

9 So, why don't we take a ten- to 15-minute
10 break and we'll meet right over here. Thank
11 you.

12 (Break taken.)

13 MR. BAILEY: If I could have
14 everybody's attention, please. I'm sorry that
15 the break took so long, but I felt that the
16 questions that were coming from the public --
17 the concerns raised by the folks out there --
18 needed the time that it took and need a lot more
19 time. So, there is a meeting that some of these
20 fine folks are going to be holding later in the
21 month of February that we will be attending --
22 some of the people from Kelly. There will be
23 some other people from Kelly that will also be
24 there in attendance. We will share that with
25 the people from the RAB Board should you wish to

1 be there.

2 So, at this time, I'd like to go to the
3 next item on the overall agenda and that is the
4 issue concerning the Quintana Road project --
5 commonly called the Storm Water Project. At
6 this time, I'd like to ask Mr. Vega from the
7 City of San Antonio to please come forth and
8 give us an idea -- I don't know all that there
9 is involved with this presentation -- other than
10 he will be discussing the project and the scope
11 and the schedule.

12 MR. VEGA: Thank you. All the
13 RAB members should have a three-sheet packet in
14 front of them. If you don't, we have one or two
15 more that we can get for you. The second sheet
16 shows a map of the area of the project or the
17 alignment. We also have a projection up on the
18 board that is roughly the same. The difference
19 between what's up there and what we have before
20 you is a section of King Street, which is
21 omitted from what is projected up there on the
22 board.

23 MR. BAILEY: Could you speak up
24 just a bit so they could -- I'm sorry.

25 MR. VEGA: I'll try.

1 The third page indicates an automobile
2 there over a typical trench section. That is
3 strictly to give you an idea of the scale of the
4 project and give you, also, an idea on how it's
5 going to impact the community.

6 We can discuss it a little bit more in a
7 couple of minutes. But the -- I would like to
8 say that the engineer for -- or the designers of
9 the project have been Fernandez, Frazer &
10 White. We have one of their representatives
11 here. They have done a marvelous job by working
12 diligently, long hours, and they have completed
13 the project design and turned the plans over to
14 Kelly Field and the various utility companies
15 for review.

16 The -- The revised alignment is what is
17 actually shown up here on the screen and it
18 roughly goes down McLaughlin and north up Bynum
19 to about Gerald -- up there on the top -- on top
20 of the drawing -- or on top of the map there.
21 The environmental provisions for remediation of
22 any contamination that we might find have been
23 incorporated into the plans and -- hopefully,
24 because of this new alignment, we will minimize
25 the possibility of hitting any contaminated

1 soil.

2 The -- When the plan -- Of course, when the
3 comments are received by the reviewing bodies,
4 we will incorporate whatever comments we have
5 to -- into the plans -- and, at that time,
6 advertise the project. We have also a slight
7 problem of getting the funds together on the
8 part of the City of San Antonio. Unfortunately,
9 we cannot identify money. At one time -- They
10 usually use money for other things if a project
11 is not ready -- and we have a slight problem
12 like that. But I think that after the slight
13 delay, we'll be able to get some more funding so
14 that we can proceed in time with the further
15 adjustments that have to be made.

16 After all of that is approved, it will take
17 approximately three months for the -- from the
18 date of advertising to award the contract to the
19 low qualified bidder. It appears right now, as
20 I stand here, that the project will go to
21 construction in the fall of 1996 --

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER TWELVE: Would
23 you explain the project? We don't know what
24 you're talking about -- the project.

25 MR. VEGA: The project is a

1 drainage project. It is known as the --
2 Quintana Road drainage. It is actually a very
3 large project that is being done in phases. It
4 consisted of a conduit or a box made out of
5 concrete that's pretty big -- maybe about ten
6 feet -- maybe the height of this room -- and
7 about 11 feet -- that is underground -- and it
8 carries the water that comes off the streets in
9 the area that adjoins Quintana and even further
10 up -- but we're not building any further north
11 than, say, Gerald -- and all that water that
12 flows overland goes underground and when it
13 reaches the end -- it's provided for this box.

14 Now, this -- this project is so huge that
15 it was done in phases and the phase that we were
16 working on when we hit the Kelly Field
17 contaminated area is a project that we had to
18 abort at that time and -- and seek a new
19 alignment. The intent of the project had
20 nothing to do with contamination to begin with.
21 It was merely an effort by the City to provide
22 adequate drainage to the area and build new
23 streets, curbs, driveways and generally just
24 upgrade the neighborhood.

25 Our plans were interrupted by the discovery

1 of the jet fuel that escaped from Kelly Field
2 and we were, at that time, able to get another
3 alignment with the cooperation of Kelly Field
4 and some of their remediation funds. We were
5 able to redesign the project and get a new
6 alignment that hopefully is a safe way to get
7 over to the area that we want the new water --
8 or drain. That's what the project is about
9 and --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER TWELVE: Thank
11 you.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: What
13 about the swimming pools in the street?

14 MR. VEGA: Pardon me?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: How about
16 the swimming pools in the street?

17 MR. VEGA: Well, hopefully,
18 they'll disappear after we get --

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: A few
20 blocks away, there's a -- they drain the water
21 to other places -- the water stays in another
22 place. What good is that?

23 MR. VEGA: Well, if you're lucky
24 enough, you live in a drained area, it's pretty
25 good.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Not
2 when it comes to parasites. During, I think,
3 July and August, there was parasites. In front
4 of my house, there's a big old pool that kids
5 play in and I've called the City several times
6 about it and that pool is still there. One day,
7 one kid is going to run out there barefoot and
8 get a parasite and he's going to die.

9 MR. VEGA: That would be
10 unfortunate and I'm sure no one in this room is
11 for that. There are any number of projects that
12 have merit and should be built. Unfortunately,
13 the funds are limited and we don't have too many
14 choices of where we go. We go where the worst
15 problems are -- of which we have no money to
16 cover every street and do every street in the
17 area.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: It's a
19 drainage street.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: Make more
21 drainage -- more water in the swimming pools.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: It's
23 draining --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN:
25 Especially, Laredo Highway. Everybody that --

1 They raised that part in the back of it and the
2 water stands back behind --

3 MR. VEGA: Well, Laredo Highway
4 doesn't have a drainage system right now. There
5 is one being worked on.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: They
7 built it up to get the drainage. Instead of
8 draining the water, they hold the water back and
9 make a dam.

10 MR. VEGA: I don't know who built
11 Nuevo Laredo.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: Nobody
13 knows nothing.

14 MR. VEGA: It's been there a
15 while. There is a project on the books right
16 now to improve New Laredo Highway.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: We want
18 to just -- where we're standing right now.

19 MR. VEGA: I'm sure that there is
20 a problem there. I'm not denying that. It does
21 take time to do these projects.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Where
23 I'm at -- where that pool is at -- it's a fairly
24 new street. It has drainage, but there's still
25 a pool there. It wasn't done right.

1 MR. VEGA: What street is that?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: On
3 Fenfield and Holder.

4 MR. VEGA: Fenfield and Holder?

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Yes,
6 sir.

7 MR. VEGA: We have the engineer
8 that did that right here. Don, is that one of
9 the areas that we're pinpointed for?

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Vega, later
11 on, will you explain how much this project is
12 going to cost and how much money is coming from
13 Kelly and how much from the City?

14 MR. VEGA: Do you know what she's
15 talking about, Don?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN:
17 Fenfield and Holder. Right there in the corner.

18 MR. WHITE: Okay. This is
19 Fenfield here and this is Holder right here.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Right
21 there on the corner -- on the --

22 MR. WHITE: This part of Fenfield
23 drains adequately. This part of Fenfield here
24 has flattened out with the heaving and swelling
25 of the soil. This part of -- of Fenfield --

1 This is Holder. This part of Fenfield here has
2 also been affected by the heaving and swelling
3 of the soil and it has depressed some in the
4 center. There's very plastic soils out in this
5 area. The streets get affected by the heaving
6 and swelling of the soils and there has been
7 some movement in there and --

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: And all
9 you do is you just put gravel on it.

10 MR. WHITE: -- this particular
11 project at this time doesn't address those
12 areas, but the City could identify those areas
13 on a later project to be re-addressed.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: Who in the City
15 would identify those areas?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: It's
17 sinking.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: The
19 heaving and the swelling causes it to be
20 permanently sunken down? I haven't seen it
21 swelled up one time. I've -- I've had my house
22 for six years there. It's sinking. There's a
23 pool there -- never any swelling.

24 MR. VEGA: I think that if you
25 have a drain problem, then we could get somebody

1 to go visit with you and you show them where it
2 is.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER EIGHT: -- the
4 kids get to school -- the bus -- I mean, the
5 bus to school -- elementary and high school.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: I pass
7 by there with kids. They're all dressed up nice
8 and ready to go to school --

9 MR. VEGA: Okay. We'll -- We'll
10 be glad to do something about that. I mean,
11 we -- because we're doing the project. Here's
12 the man that designed it. He can answer --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: -- knows
14 how to -- which way the water runs would be
15 better. I told him which way the water was
16 going -- draining -- going south mostly at the
17 time you started with Gerald and go to the --
18 Fenfield, Mayfield, McLaughlin -- all that.
19 That's where the water goes -- that way -- to
20 the -- where they make the drainage.

21 MR. VEGA: That's right.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER SEVEN: But most
23 of the water stands right there on Peabody and
24 Lindeman and the other block down below.
25 There's another swimming pool there.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Mr. Vega,
2 do you ever -- are you in charge of the area --
3 on the grounds -- the streets here on the south
4 side here?

5 MR. VEGA: Right.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Are you in
7 charge of it? Do you ever go survey around
8 there and check the streets -- especially right
9 after it rains?

10 MR. VEGA: We have had several
11 projects there. There are a lot of people that
12 have a drain problem along Quintana Road.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: There are
14 some streets that are very, very bad for little
15 kids to be walking -- that go to the elementary
16 school. I have seen them walking in the water.
17 The water -- it comes up to their little knees.

18 MR. VEGA: I know that it's bad.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: It's a
20 shame -- It's a shame to see these kids go to
21 school.

22 MR. VEGA: Now, we have a master
23 plan for the area -- for drainage --

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN:
25 Somebody's --

1 MR. VEGA: -- and it's been
2 working -- it's been working for a long time,
3 but it's been done very slowly and we're not
4 going to remediate every problem at one time. I
5 couldn't say that. But we're -- we're
6 progressively --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: The most
8 important thing is the children. The children
9 are -- They are more important than anything and
10 they need to be -- go to school and if they're
11 going to walk, they need --

12 MR. SOLIS: Mr. Vega, perhaps the
13 best course is to meet with their council
14 person -- let them meet with their council
15 person -- let their council person attempt to
16 address the problem. The council person will
17 know what funds are available or where future
18 funds can be earmarked to address these peoples'
19 concerns.

20 So, I recommend that you go to the council
21 person. Let these citizens go to the council
22 person and ask for redress.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: Okay,
24 sir. I have -- I -- I'm from the
25 South San Neighborhood Association. We met with

1 Mr. Avila on several occasions. We toured
2 around here. But right after elections, he
3 disappeared into thin air. So, that shows you
4 something, doesn't it? He doesn't come to our
5 meetings. Things that were reported to him have
6 not been accomplished. I mean, he -- there's no
7 answer for -- you know, from him. That's why
8 we're asking, you know, where is he now? We
9 have community meetings once a month. He does
10 not show up. He has other priorities -- you
11 know -- and he's telling -- we're tired of
12 reporting this, reporting that to him -- vacant
13 homes, vacant lots, the street drainage and all
14 this, but -- nothing -- I mean, he's not up
15 for election right now, so why should he come to
16 the meetings?

17 MR. VEGA: Well, I'll tell you
18 one thing, if it's not done by authority of the
19 City Council, it's not going to be done. They
20 are -- They are your elected -- elected
21 representatives and they have the power to spend
22 your tax money and no one else does.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Vega, has
24 this project been approved by the City Council.

25 MR. VEGA: The project? They

1 will have to approve, because -- they -- they
2 are aware that it's going on. But before we --
3 in fact, the council is the body that would
4 authorize the contract.

5 MR. QUINTANILLA: Will they have
6 an open hearing for that -- for that project?

7 MR. VEGA: I doubt it's going to
8 be an open council session. It's a --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: We can't speak
10 to it -- the people can't speak?

11 MR. VEGA: I think they can.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Sir,
13 where is he now? Does he know about this
14 meeting?

15 MR. VEGA: Who is that?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: The
17 city councilman, Avila.

18 MR. VEGA: I'm sure he's on the
19 mailing list.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: Probably
21 eating pizza with Mr. Juan Solis.

22 MR. BAILEY: Okay. With that
23 comment, we need to move on. There was a point
24 that was made by Mr. Quintanilla regarding
25 funds. Mr. Vega?

1 MR. VEGA: Yes, sir.

2 MR. BAILEY: If, in fact, you
3 respond to the question by Mr. Quintanilla about
4 the funds.

5 MR. VEGA: Certainly. The City
6 has the funding amount that was required to
7 extend the drainage project to the area. The
8 City -- I mean, the City is trying to get that
9 money for -- the funding and proceed with the
10 project. Kelly Field --

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: How much
12 money are you asking -- or how much money is it
13 going to cost for --

14 MR. VEGA: The total project is
15 for \$7.8 million. Of that amount, Kelly Field
16 has agreed to pay for the cost over and above
17 what the City would have spent were there no
18 contamination in the area.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Who's
20 paying for this.

21 MR. VEGA: It's coming out of
22 federal funds.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Federal
24 funds?

25 MR. VEGA: Part of the

1 remediation funding at Kelly Field.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Will
3 the republicans take it away since we're poor?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIFTEEN: Is this
5 going to have major impact on Leon Creek.

6 MR. VEGA: All of the water is
7 going into Leon Creek. It's going there now.
8 It's going to get there faster.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIFTEEN: -- that
10 will be a major impact at the fallout.

11 MR. VEGA: At the outfall? I'm
12 sure that there will be more water -- it will be
13 more noticeable -- you know, it's -- as far as I
14 could tell, it was adequate. It was designed --
15 Do you know of a problem with Leon Creek?

16 MR. WHITE: No. Our project was
17 designed with the Leon Creek capacity as it
18 existed when we did our design.

19 MR. BAILEY: Let me -- If I can
20 clarify this, I think possibly -- if I'm wrong,
21 please correct me -- Leon Creek that he's
22 talking about is the creek itself -- not the
23 plant.

24 MR. VEGA: Yes.

25 MR. BAILEY: And what he's

1 asking: Will this project impact Leon Creek --
2 and where he is located, this project is not
3 going to impact that?

4 MR. WHITE: No.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIFTEEN: At
6 all?

7 MR. BAILEY: No.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER FIFTEEN: Thank
9 you.

10 MR. QUINTANILLA: Mr. Vega, when
11 you start building the culvert there on
12 McLaughlin, how wide is going to be the
13 excavation and how deep?

14 MR. VEGA: The deepest part is
15 going to be about 30 feet and the width,
16 probably, will go beyond the curb line as it is
17 there -- very close.

18 MR. QUINTANILLA: How will the
19 people go in and out?

20 MR. VEGA: Well, we will attempt
21 to give them the best possible provisions to
22 allow that. It will be a great inconvenience.
23 We -- We must maintain services for police,
24 fire, EMS, mail delivery, garbage pick up, et
25 cetera, et cetera -- and it will be an

1 inconvenience, but we have done other projects
2 like this.

3 MR. QUINTANILLA: Where will the
4 people park their cars while you're excavating.

5 MR. VEGA: Well, we'll try to
6 park them as close to their home as possible.

7 MR. QUINTANILLA: Will they be
8 safeguarded? Will there be a policeman watching
9 them?

10 MR. VEGA: I don't think that we
11 have a plan for it, but it's not out of the
12 question.

13 MR. QUINTANILLA: I think it's
14 necessary.

15 MR. VEGA: It's not out of the
16 question.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: How long
18 will they be inconvenienced? 30 years? Oh, my
19 God.

20 MR. BAILEY: Next? Do you have a
21 question, Mr. Rice.

22 MR. RICE: Mr. Vega, first, I'd
23 like to say that I've been doing some work in
24 this area and I have a question. Your staff is
25 very helpful.

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UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER:

Can you speak louder, sir.

MR. RICE: I was just thanking Mr. Vega, because I've been doing some work in this area and I had some questions of the staff and they were extremely helpful. You don't always get that kind of help from all the departments in the City.

But what my question had to do with is how this culvert is going to affect the groundwater cleanup and have any analyses been done of the effects of this construction work on cleanup of the contaminant plume here in the neighborhood?

MR. VEGA: Yes. The Air Force has conducted testing of water through their monitoring wells and operational wells and the route was -- selected on the basis that it should be nearly clear of all contamination. As far as we could tell, that's where we're going.

MR. RICE: Larry, is there a report available that I could get on the effect of the culvert on groundwater flow and cleanup of the contaminant plume?

MR. BAILEY: I thought that the feasibility study approached that.

1 MR. RICE: What the feasibility
2 study shows is that after 30 years you're going
3 to have high concentrations of contaminants
4 trapped by the culvert. Is there another study
5 you've done or is that all --

6 MR. MEDINA: It should be in the
7 feasibility study.

8 MR. RICE: So, that's the only
9 study that's been done?

10 MR. BAILEY: Right.

11 MR. SOLIS: Mr. Vega? Thank you.

12 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you.

13 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, sir. The
14 next issue -- going on -- is on
15 subcommittees. If I could go around and just
16 ask -- since we had no technical subcommittee
17 meetings and there was no indication to us by
18 one of the chair people that we have a formal
19 presentation, I'm going to ask that -- anybody
20 indicate what they would like to indicate
21 tonight in a very brief way.

22 Mr. Quintanilla?

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Yes. I want to
24 say that I want to resign from the charter
25 subcommittee and you, Mr. Chairman, should

1 appoint someone else to take that over.

2 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Did everybody
3 hear that?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Why do you
5 want to resign?

6 MR. QUINTANILLA: Because of a
7 conflict of interest. All they're going to talk
8 about is the conflict of interest. I have a
9 conflict of interest and cannot participate in
10 that.

11 MR. BAILEY: Can we have a
12 motion?

13 MR. SOLIS: I move that we accept
14 Mr. Quintanilla's resignation.

15 MR. WEINSTEIN: Second.

16 MR. BAILEY: We have a motion and
17 a second. Can I have a show of hands indicating
18 yes?

19 (Vote by the RAB members.)

20 MR. BAILEY: Those nay?

21 (Vote by the RAB members.)

22 MR. BAILEY: Okay. While we've
23 got that on the table, do I hear a motion for
24 someone who would like to take over the
25 responsibilities for the subcommittee -- for the

1 charter?

2 MR. HAGELTHORN: (Raises hand.)

3 MR. BAILEY: We have a
4 volunteer. Mr. Hagelthorn has volunteered. Are
5 there any other volunteers as prime or
6 alternates that would like to work --

7 MR. RICE: I'll volunteer as an
8 alternate.

9 MR. BAILEY: Okay. So, we have a
10 volunteer as the prime and one as the
11 alternate. That's a motion. Can we hear a
12 motion on those two people?

13 MR. SOLIS: Yes. I move that we
14 accept Mr. Hagelthorn as the principal and
15 Mr. Rice as the alternate.

16 MR. WEINSTEIN: I'll second that
17 motion.

18 MR. BAILEY: We have a second.
19 Okay. All those show with a sign of raising
20 their hand.

21 (Vote by the RAB members.)

22 MR. BAILEY: Okay. Against?

23 Nay?

24 (Vote by the RAB members.)

25 MR. BAILEY: Okay. The next

1 committee was on the communication -- or the
2 newsletter. Did Mr. Sanchez happen to say
3 anything regarding the newsletter.

4 MR. LOFTIN: He's been -- I think
5 there's two committee members that work with him
6 on that -- to give him a call so he can get that
7 back, because we had relayed the message that
8 Mr. Quintanilla had given last time about the
9 messages to the local citizens.

10 MR. BAILEY: Did everybody hear
11 that? Could you repeat that, please?

12 MR. LOFTIN: Mr. Sanchez asked
13 that -- I believe it was two fellow committee
14 members that are with him on the -- I think this
15 gentleman here and one other -- give him a
16 call. He's -- was unable to attend tonight and
17 he's ready to get it back going and he
18 understands that there was some issues brought
19 up about the articles being more geared to
20 the -- the layman or the common person.

21 MR. QUINTANILLA: The people.

22 MR. LOFTIN: Yes, sir.

23 MR. QUINTANILLA: Tell
24 Mr. Sanchez that I'll be glad to work with
25 him -- just -- for him to set a time and date

1 and I'll be there.

2 MR. LOFTIN: Would you like to
3 call him?

4 MR. QUINTANILLA: No, no. I
5 prefer -- Since you're his representative, I
6 think you should relay that information.

7 MR. LOFTIN: Well, I can relay
8 it. I asked if you want to call him.

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: No.

10 MR. LOFTIN: You don't want to
11 call him?

12 MR. BAILEY: Again, by the way,
13 these are subcommittees that are set up for all
14 of us. Even though we have a prime and we have
15 an alternate -- any time we have these meetings,
16 I would encourage anybody on the RAB to please
17 attend -- and if you can't attend and you don't
18 think it's a good time, please get in touch with
19 that prime or the person who is in charge of the
20 subcommittee and let them know.

21 Another subcommittee that we have is on the
22 technical subcommittee. We did not meet this
23 last time. Do you have anything that you'd like
24 to report to the --

25 MR. RICE: Yeah. I have three

1 brief things I'd like to talk about, Larry, if
2 you could give me just a couple minutes here.

3 MR. BAILEY: Okay. A couple
4 minutes.

5 MR. RICE: Three items. First of
6 all, if you-all remember, at the last meeting,
7 we were going to have a technical subcommittee
8 meeting sometime between that one and this one.
9 It didn't occur. I got in touch with the
10 Air Force folks and they were too busy -- they
11 had some illnesses and this sort of thing -- so
12 that we're going to try to set up a technical
13 committee meeting sometime between now and the
14 next meeting. I'll be in touch with
15 Mr. Quinones. We'll get together and then we'll
16 call the members -- and anyone else who is
17 interested -- everyone is always welcome at
18 meetings.

19 The second item I had is our letter to
20 General Childress -- you know, some of us here
21 at the last meeting signed a letter -- that was
22 about six weeks ago -- I put the letter in the
23 mail the following day and I haven't heard a
24 response from the general, yet. But each time I
25 call his office, they tell me the mail -- the

1 letter is almost in the mail. So -- Yes, Mike?

2 MR. ESTRADA: I put the six
3 letters that the general signed last Friday in
4 the mail this morning.

5 MR. RICE: Great. Thanks much.

6 MR. ESTRADA: You should get them
7 tomorrow.

8 MR. RICE: Thank you.

9 Yeah. Regarding attendance of that
10 meeting -- you know, of course, everyone who
11 signed the letter is welcome and encouraged to
12 attend. But I know there are some people that
13 are here now that weren't at the meeting last
14 time and if they would like to sign the letter,
15 they're also welcome to attend -- and I -- I
16 assume that the general is -- is going to invite
17 us, correct? No, not correct. The general is
18 not going to talk to us.

19 MR. ESTRADA: Basically, what the
20 general has agreed to do is come to the next RAB
21 meeting, as Mr. Bailey alluded to earlier. The
22 letter also states that he would be more than
23 willing to meet with all six of you at the RAB
24 meeting. Beyond that, we'll have to see how it
25 develops.

1 MR. QUINTANILLA: How about the
2 community, Mike? Is the community invited
3 to -- to -- to this meeting with the general?

4 MR. ESTRADA: Yeah. The
5 community is always invited to every RAB
6 meeting.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: When is
8 this meeting going to be?

9 MR. ESTRADA: Mr. Bailey?

10 MR. BAILEY: Well, we're going
11 to -- I'm going to talk to everybody and find
12 out when that's going to be. It will be
13 sometime in the latter part of March.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: How
15 will we find out?

16 MR. BAILEY: Well, if you're not
17 on our mailing list -- because some people
18 didn't find out about this -- that way. There
19 are people in the back that if you need -- leave
20 your name, your address -- or name and -- and
21 telephone number, we will contact you and give
22 you the date.

23 We'll also be able to tell -- the -- the
24 latter part of February when the group meets --

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: February

1 26th.

2 MR. BAILEY: Right. We will be
3 there and we will tell everybody -- and remind
4 everybody, once again, what the date and time
5 is -- and the location.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Thank
7 you.

8 MR. RICE: Okay. Well, I'm --

9 MR. QUINTANILLA: George, if
10 you're going to talk about Zone 3, I have to
11 recuse myself because of the lawsuit.

12 MR. RICE: Yeah. That's what I'm
13 going to talk about now.

14 MR. QUINTANILLA: Thank you.

15 MR. RICE: It's too bad the
16 general is not going to meet with us, because I
17 guess I shouldn't say anything until I read the
18 letter and see his reasons.

19 So, let me go on. At the last meeting, I
20 let the members of the RAB here know that I was
21 performing a groundwater simulation of cleanup
22 in the Quintana Road neighborhood -- and I'm
23 about -- I'm not done -- I'm about two-thirds of
24 the way through that now, but I can give you an
25 interim report of what I've found.

1 If you recall, the issue here is we have a
2 contaminant plume. The Air Force's plans call
3 for taking more than 30 -- maybe 40 -- maybe
4 50 years -- to clean up the contaminant plume in
5 the Quintana Road neighborhood. The point of
6 the letters to the general is just saying, "Hey,
7 this is not right. Why don't you sit down and
8 talk with us about this issue."

9 Here is the -- Here is a picture of the
10 current plume. This is the Kelly Air Force Base
11 boundary. Here's the Quintana Road
12 neighborhood. This is a PCE plume as of
13 May '94. This came out of the CH2M-HILL
14 documents that were presented to us last time.
15 Kelly Air Force Base boundary is right along
16 here. I chose PCE to simulate, because it's the
17 most difficult of these contaminants to clean
18 up. So, if this can be cleaned up, then the
19 rest of them can be cleaned up.

20 These are the results of the Air Force's
21 plan -- once again, here's the base boundary --
22 after 30 years, chlorinated solvent
23 concentrations here underneath the neighborhood
24 and the groundwater underneath the neighborhood
25 will exceed MCLs. Here's the culvert after 30

1 years of restoration. As you can see,
2 chlorinated solvent concentrations are very
3 high. They're trapped by this culvert. That's
4 why I asked, "Has anyone done an analysis of the
5 effect of this culvert on clean up" -- and,
6 apparently, that hasn't been done -- at least
7 not seriously.

8 Just so I can show you this -- Here's a --
9 kind of a 3-D view of the existing plume -- once
10 again, the boundary -- and here's the PCE plume
11 here. The analysis I did was pretty simple. I
12 simulated the installation of pumping wells and
13 extraction wells and I ran that simulation so
14 far for five years -- and here are my
15 preliminary results -- and they're really pretty
16 encouraging. These areas in here have less than
17 four parts per billion -- actually, mostly zero
18 parts per billion of PCE after pumping for five
19 years -- not more than 30 years, but five years
20 in this scheme.

21 Here's a hot spot that needs to be cleaned
22 up. What we'll have to do is rearrange my wells
23 to capture this part of the plume. The main
24 point is that the Air Force says more than 30
25 years are required to clean this up. That just

1 ain't so. This can be done in three, four or
2 five years, using conventional technology. I'm
3 not doing anything here in this simulation that
4 the Air Force is not doing on base to clean up
5 on-base plumes in two to eight years -- and just
6 to show you another shot of this plume here --
7 here's a 3-D shot of it, once again -- base
8 boundary -- a new neighborhood here -- and
9 here's -- that I still have to rearrange -- the
10 wells to clean up.

11 But the point is: The Air Force has told
12 us this is a 30, 40 or 50 year job. That just
13 ain't so. If you use your head when you design
14 a cleanup, you can get it done in three, four or
15 five years. So, what we've been asking the Air
16 Force to do is to sit down with us -- and with
17 your contractor -- and let's design a plan
18 that, number one, satisfies the requirements of
19 the neighborhood -- because this is certainly
20 not good for the neighborhood to have this plume
21 there under there for more than 30 years -- and
22 we also have to look at cost.

23 Now, something I haven't done here is look
24 at cost. But it is quite possible that the plan
25 I have here will be -- maybe a little more

1 expensive than the Air Force's -- maybe a little
2 cheaper -- maybe much cheaper -- and one of the
3 reasons why it might be much cheaper is because
4 we only have five years to clean it up. They're
5 looking at 30, 40 -- 50 years. You have
6 tremendous operation and maintenance costs.

7 So, what we're asking is to sit down and
8 talk -- and Mr. Bailey has refused to sit down
9 and talk with us -- and now, apparently, the
10 general is refusing to sit down and talk with
11 us. But we're talking about the same cost --
12 maybe a little more -- it may be less --
13 substantial savings and time. Thanks.

14 MR. HAGELTHORN: George, I have a
15 couple of things. Could I ask you a question
16 real quick?

17 MR. RICE: Sure.

18 MR. HAGELTHORN: First, your
19 graphs here, to me, appear to be a little bit
20 misleading. You're showing vertical
21 displacement on a horizontal problem, so I'm --
22 you know, that's -- to me -- you know, it makes
23 it look like a lot worse than what it really
24 is. You can't very well show vertical volumes
25 based on something that's horizontal under the

1 ground. Maybe your graphical depiction should
2 have been chosen a little bit more wisely.

3 The second thing is that, yes, the
4 Air Force has said in their projections -- in
5 their initial planning, which is not firm yet --
6 and that's been brought up time and time
7 again -- that that is not the approved
8 solution -- that it is still going on and we
9 don't have an approved solution, yet. The State
10 hasn't approved an approved solution, yet. And
11 they're using 30 years as a number -- as a
12 planning number.

13 Now, with my minimum 25 years of government
14 service, I have known that they use a planning
15 number so they can project out monies. Okay?
16 You're saying it can be done in three, four --
17 five years. If they went with your solution,
18 George, and they put in a pumping system to
19 clean it up in your, quote, three, four, five
20 years and six years comes along and it's still
21 not cleaned up, what's going on, George?

22 MR. RICE: Oh, you know, these --
23 these sorts of things are not perfect.

24 MR. HAGELTHORN: You're right.

25 MR. RICE: You can always make

1 mistakes.

2 MR. HAGELTHORN: You're right.
3 And that's why the Air Force is using the
4 terms -- so they can allocate money over a
5 period of time so they can clean it up.

6 MR. RICE: Excuse me. If I could
7 answer the question you asked me -- The
8 Air Force's projection of more than 30 years is
9 based on groundwater models similar to the type
10 I used. These are the best tools we have.
11 They're not perfect, but they're the best we
12 have.

13 MR. HAGELTHORN: Sure -- you
14 know, there's a lot of variables and I think
15 you're not looking at that. A case in point is
16 up at Hill Air Force Base, a PCE plume that was
17 up there that the Air Force said would take
18 about 35 to 50 years to clean up. Using a
19 technique -- an experimental technique -- it's
20 cleaned itself up -- almost 90 percent of the
21 size of that plume -- in about four years.

22 MR. RICE: Let's do that here.

23 MR. HAGELTHORN: So -- you know,
24 I think we're throwing out numbers and we're
25 building a lot of fear saying it's going to be

1 30 years when we don't know what kind --

2 MR. RICE: I'm not -- This is the
3 Air Force saying -- Their plan calls for 30
4 years of remedial action -- and, then, they're
5 not done. This is what their documents state.

6 MR. HAGELTHORN: That's true.
7 That's a true statement.

8 MR. RICE: What I'm saying is why
9 can't it be done in three, four or five years?
10 And all I'm asking is for them to sit down and
11 talk with us and let's go -- let's look at their
12 work, let's look at my work and let's try to
13 work out something to where it can be a win/win
14 situation. The Air Force can maybe save some
15 money and your neighborhood can get cleaned up
16 quicker, why not talk about it? Why the refusal
17 to even discuss it?

18 MR. HAGELTHORN: I don't think
19 anybody has refused to talk about it.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: How long
21 will it take for the -- for the Quintana area to
22 be cleaned up?

23 MR. RICE: The Air Force's plan.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Because, to
25 me, it seems like it's going to take too long.

1 MR. RICE: The Air Force says
2 their plan will require more than 30 years. I'm
3 saying it can be done in substantially less time
4 than that -- three, four or five years.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: We pay
6 tax, rent and -- and we live there while
7 they're -- they're still doing it -- they're
8 taking all their time. We've got to pay taxes
9 for dirty dirt?

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Granted, it may
11 take under your -- whatever plan that you're
12 proposing -- four to five years, but what you're
13 not telling the audience, as I understand the
14 law -- and, Mr. Beyer, I hate to put you on the
15 spot -- is -- all cleanups, regardless of
16 whether you get to your MCL at a point, are
17 going to require a long-term monitoring plan.

18 Now, long-term monitoring plans -- the
19 audience that doesn't understand -- can take up
20 to 30 years. So, even under the Air Force's
21 cleanup and our -- at best -- we could be at
22 MCLs the same time you are, but we have 30
23 years --

24 MR. RICE: Adrienne, I'd like to
25 point out that at Site 2, on-base

1 contamination -- the Air Force has a plan
2 similar to the one I presented here, which they
3 say is going to clean up the plume in eight
4 years. Okay? And what they're doing is they're
5 using some of the same techniques I used here.
6 Why don't they use those same techniques in the
7 neighborhood and get the job done in a lot less
8 time than they're planning on getting it done?

9 MS. WILLIAMS: What I'm just
10 trying to point out is that there is more to the
11 30 years than just the actual cleanup, that
12 there is long-term monitoring that the Air Force
13 is required by law to do to ensure that once you
14 get to the cleanup level -- whatever it may
15 be -- that you make sure for a long period of
16 time that it's working, because you don't
17 want -- none of us want to have a situation
18 where it gets cleaned up to an MCL in four or
19 five years and then we walk away. You want to
20 make sure that it's working for a period of
21 time.

22 So, when you look at the 30-year period --
23 that's part of what you have to take into
24 account. That's all I'm trying to say.

25 MR. RICE: Okay. Let me say one

1 more thing -- then it's been more than a couple
2 minutes and I'll get down. This -- These
3 figures come from Air Force documents. These
4 are the plans that they put forth. These are
5 the plans that the State has almost given final
6 approval for. This is a preferred
7 alternative -- after 30 years, above the MCL in
8 the neighborhood. Down here along this
9 culvert -- this culvert is far, far above the
10 MCLs. This is what they're planning to do.
11 Why? Thank you.

12 MR. BAILEY: Thank you.

13 No other subcommittee reports? We'll go on
14 to the new business. At this time, I'd like to
15 cover two things. One is to talk -- to remind
16 everybody that we'll be getting back in touch
17 with them regarding the May meeting of
18 Ms. Goodman and the Defense Environmental
19 Restoration Task Force -- when they're coming
20 in. Secondly, just to remind everybody that
21 General Childress will be coming to the March
22 meeting. So, if we could tentatively set a time
23 tonight -- which I'll get to in just a bit -- we
24 will do so.

25 But what I'd like to do right now is just

1 introduce someone who we've asked to come onto
2 the RAB Board just to give you -- just a brief
3 idea as to how the Greater Kelly Development
4 Corporation and the reuse, realignment and
5 closure of Kelly is looking at the current
6 time. So, at this time, I'd like to introduce
7 Mr. Paul Roberson. If you could, give us some
8 brief comments, please.

9 MR. ROBERSON: Thank you, Larry.
10 Well, I just -- just very quickly -- I think
11 you've probably seen in the papers that the
12 City Council has established a new entity called
13 the Greater Kelly Development Corporation.
14 That's an entity created by the City Council and
15 charged with the task of -- of working on the
16 redevelopment of Kelly.

17 We'll be the -- the -- kind of the
18 community's agency to work with the Air Force on
19 privatization to ensure that that occurs in a
20 way that's going to meet the community's goals.
21 We'll also be responsible for -- for
22 working -- other opportunities for redeveloping
23 land and facilities at Kelly to bring in
24 commercial opportunities that will create jobs
25 for -- to replace the jobs that are going to be

1 affected by the realignment of Kelly.

2 Now, this is a process that's going to
3 unfold over several years. It will be -- It
4 will be the year 2001 before Kelly Air Force
5 Base, as we know it, actually takes down the
6 flag and closes as an Air Force Base. But this
7 process of working redevelopment and
8 privatization is going to be starting this year
9 and be going on for the next five years.

10 As I'm sure Larry has said many times, the
11 environmental issues that exist on Kelly or have
12 been created by the Air Force over these past
13 years -- the federal government and the
14 Air Force remain responsible for -- and that --
15 and that responsibility continues indefinitely.
16 They never end that responsibility.

17 One of our -- One of our goals in the
18 Greater Kelly Development Corporation is going
19 to be to work very closely with the Air Force to
20 monitor the environmental actions and to ensure
21 that the interest of the community is met. So,
22 I think it's very important that a member of --
23 of the Greater Kelly Development Corporation be
24 on this Board, hear the kinds of comments that
25 are -- that are being made here tonight and

1 understand the issues so that we can work
2 with -- with the Air Force and with Larry and --
3 and jointly try to make sure we find the best
4 solutions to this so that the Air Force's
5 responsibilities are met and that we, in the
6 community, accomplish our goals from an
7 environmental perspective, too.

8 We've got a lot of work ahead of us. I
9 probably have more questions than I have
10 answers, because they're -- we're just getting
11 started on this process -- but -- but I or
12 other people from the corporation will be --
13 will attend all these meetings and be available
14 to talk to you and discuss these issues and tell
15 you where we're coming from.

16 Yes, ma'am?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: How do
18 we know this won't happen again? If the
19 government -- they don't even have the ability
20 to do it quick and fast -- the next people
21 coming in -- they're not -- I -- I imagine
22 they're not as powerful as the government.
23 What's going to happen after that? We're just
24 going to keep on getting contaminated?

25 MR. ROBERSON: Well, I think that

1 the -- that the key point there is a lot of this
2 contamination are things that have occurred in
3 prior years before a lot of the rules and
4 regulations that requires -- not only the
5 government, but any commercial activity -- to
6 set up procedures to ensure that these kind of
7 contaminations don't occur in the future -- and
8 the commercial activities that will be coming
9 into Kelly will have to observe the same rules
10 that -- that, now, the Air Force is observing.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: See,
12 we're a neighborhood here.

13 MR. ROBERSON: I understand
14 that. I understand.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: It's a
16 large neighborhood there and -- Is it safe to
17 keep on letting that type of stuff be near a
18 neighborhood?

19 MR. ROBERSON: I don't know.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN:
21 That -- you know, that problem -- that
22 liability -- there's always going to be that
23 chance. Is it safe? You see stuff like that
24 that are -- that are so dangerous, they're
25 put -- you put them away from -- from

1 neighborhoods -- from children.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: Put it
3 on the north side.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Yeah,
5 put it on the north side.

6 MR. ROBERSON: I guess the
7 reality of life is that we have a big industrial
8 complex with literally billions of dollars of
9 investment sitting there on Kelly with some of
10 the latest facilities -- state-of-the-art
11 facilities, state-of-the-art technology -- and
12 it's an opportunity for this community to use
13 that to redevelop it for the good of the
14 community -- but I -- I would certainly agree
15 with you. So, I think that the prospect of
16 trying to move that somewhere else is
17 unrealistic, quite frankly. But I think that --
18 But I think that the commitment that -- that all
19 of us have to make is that any activities that
20 are brought in are going to have to comply with
21 all the rules and regulations that the TNRCC and
22 the EPA and any other body that sets the rules
23 for avoiding the kinds of problems that were
24 created in the past. We've got to make darn
25 sure that that's all observed -- you know, keep

1 in mind, that the Air Force is not contaminating
2 right now. I mean, they've -- they've done
3 magnificent work to put in place procedures that
4 prevent contamination from getting off the base
5 or occurring like it did in the past and what
6 we're living with is the results of what's
7 happened in years past before we understood --
8 before anybody understood all of the -- you
9 know, the impact of those things. So, there
10 are -- I mean, there are a lot of rules and regs
11 in place now that will prevent that from
12 happening and we will have to ensure that
13 commercial activities observe those same
14 procedures.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN:

16 They're not just hazardous chemicals --

17 MR. ROBERSON: Yes, there are.

18 But there are procedures to -- in place now to
19 prevent the kind of contamination from occurring
20 in the future that occurred in the past.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: To be

22 spread in a way the --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOURTEEN: A good

24 deal is just like San Antonio -- and take Alamo
25 Ironworks. That thing has been there for a

1 hundred years. Now, we've had two elections
2 over that and we voted them down -- the public
3 has voted it down -- and we -- we haven't heard
4 the last of that.

5 MR. ROBERSON: You're probably
6 right.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOURTEEN: That
8 is an example of that. That is an example.
9 But -- you know, I'm an old man and I've got two
10 things to do: Die and pay taxes. But -- you
11 know, we'll never accomplish anything --
12 Together we can do anything. This country can
13 do anything.

14 MR. ROBERSON: You're absolutely
15 right.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOURTEEN: But,
17 you know, everybody's passing the buck -- like
18 Watergate. If it takes us 20 years to find out
19 the truth, buddy, I'll be buried.

20 MR. ROBERSON: Well, let me just
21 say this about --

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOURTEEN: That
23 doesn't make it right, fella. That doesn't make
24 it right. We, the people -- We, the people, run
25 this country. That's our strongest asset -- is

1 the people. When we start fighting amongst
2 ourselves, we've lost this wonderful country.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: You're
4 interested about the investment -- that, you
5 know, they'll be at Kelly -- you know, I think
6 about investing for my children to go to
7 college, but I have to think about investing in
8 a coffin or -- you know, their -- where we're
9 going to bury them because of the way the
10 contamination is going.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOURTEEN:
12 Money -- Money never solved nothing, fella.
13 Don't ever forget what I'm saying.

14 MR. ROBERSON: I guess the only
15 thing I can tell you is that this -- this
16 corporation that the City has set up to oversee
17 the redevelopment of Kelly is now two weeks
18 old. I mean, this is the first time I've been
19 at this meeting. It's the first time I've heard
20 any of these comments -- and I -- I don't mean
21 that as an excuse -- but I'm certainly not in a
22 position to answer to any of these questions.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: --
24 without even trying to get the community
25 involved. You need to hear us -- you know,

1 we're the ones that live down here -- not those
2 councilmen.

3 MR. ROBERSON: Well, I think that
4 the commitment that -- that the corporation is
5 making is that we are committed to try to be
6 good stewards of the environment along -- and
7 work with the community on doing that.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: We're
9 not worth a billion dollars, but I think we're
10 worth something.

11 MR. ROBERSON: That's certainly
12 true. I certainly agree with that.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER FOURTEEN: We,
14 the people, are going to have to take this
15 country over again. It seems to be like
16 Cuba and Castro. That son-of-a-gun is still --
17 there's five of them still living. Don't stand
18 there and tell me crime doesn't pay. I know
19 that's a different subject. I know it's a
20 different subject. But, fella, there is nothing
21 we, the people, can't do in this country.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER ELEVEN: We just
23 need to get united and get together and work
24 to -- because I'm sure if all the community up
25 here in South San gets together, we can do more

1 than what some of these people up on the Board
2 can do. We need to get united. You need to
3 come on February 26th at 7:00 o'clock. Bring
4 your questions, bring your neighbors and let's
5 raise hell, guys.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER THIRTEEN: Bring
7 your children, too. They're going to be the
8 ones in 30 years being up here trying to get it
9 cleaned up.

10 MR. BAILEY: Thank you.

11 Okay. Going on to the next issue regarding
12 planning of the next meeting. There are some, I
13 think, important issues that we need to talk
14 about regarding this next time. There is some
15 data that should be coming back to us on some
16 information that's collected on some of the
17 wells. That information should be presented at
18 that time, as well as a review, hopefully, we'll
19 be able to get partially from the folks from
20 Armstrong Lab, at that time -- maybe on some of
21 the -- update on what they've been able to do
22 regarding the data gap review of the Kelly Air
23 Force Base program.

24 There's a technical review committee
25 meeting requested by Mr. Rice. That should

1 happen between now and then. As Mr. Rice
2 pointed out -- and as many of us have pointed
3 out -- anybody and everybody who -- on the RAB
4 Board who is available should try to come to
5 those. If you're not able to come, let us know
6 and we'll see if we can't get a time around
7 where we have multiple technical committees --
8 subcommittee meetings for others.

9 Let me throw this as a motion regarding the
10 next time we meet: The same place, here, the
11 time, starting at 6:00 o'clock and that we meet
12 on 18 March -- recognizing that I'll have to get
13 back in touch to ensure that it coincides with
14 General Childress' schedule. So, that's on a
15 Monday. That's right at six weeks from now.
16 That's a motion that I'd like to put before the
17 RAB.

18 MR. SOLIS: I move that we meet
19 on March 18, 6:00 p.m.

20 MR. ROBERSON: Second.

21 MR. BAILEY: Okay. March 18,
22 6:00 p.m., here. Can I have a sign indicating
23 in favor by showing hands?

24 (Vote by RAB members.)

25 MR. BAILEY: Thank you. Those

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(Vote by the RAB members.)

MR. BAILEY: Okay. We'll have it on March 18th -- just to summarize -- 6:00 o'clock, here. Agenda items are those that I talked about. If there are others that you would like to have added, then please feel free to --

Yes, sir?

MR. RICE: Yeah. I'd like to -- I hope that in the next six weeks, I'll have completed the study. So, what I'd like to do is take a few minutes to present the results of the completed study on cleanup.

MR. BAILEY: Okay. Well --

MR. RICE: And I have a request for that technical committee meeting --

MR. BAILEY: Right.

MR. RICE: I hope that you would encourage one of your contractors that does this kind of modeling to attend so we can discuss it at that time --

MR. BAILEY: Okay. We'll do --

MR. RICE: -- especially -- if you could -- the contractor that's actually

1 designing the cleanup.

2 MR. CULBERTSON: Down the road or
3 whoever it is.

4 MR. BAILEY: We'd be glad to do
5 so.

6 Okay? Are there any other items other than
7 that that was just pointed out by Mr. Rice and
8 other than those that I talked about? If not,
9 we have a motion. It's been seconded. It's
10 been voted on. We will be meeting. Again,
11 thank you very much time for coming and thank
12 you --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER TEN: Can I just
14 say one thing? I want to thank each and every
15 one of you of the RAB for being here and helping
16 all of us here from South San. I want to thank
17 each and every one of you sitting here, taking
18 your time and concern and helping us out here on
19 the south side. I really thank you very, very
20 much for all your time.

21 MR. BAILEY: Excuse me. There
22 was one item and that was on the RAB training.
23 We were going to vote and see whether it was the
24 17th or the 24th. Was it the 24th that people
25 had agreed to?

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MR. SOLIS: Saturday the 17th or
Saturday the 24th?

MR. BAILEY: The 24th.

MR. SOLIS: How many can make it
the 24th -- February the 24th -- Saturday?

(Vote by the RAB members.)

MR. BAILEY: Can we have a sign
of hands -- those that were -- that think they
can make it on the 24th?

(Vote by the RAB members.)

MR. MEDINA: Could we have a show
of hands?

(Vote by the RAB members.)

MR. BAILEY: That's Saturday.
Okay. So, if we started -- what would be the
best time? 8:00 o'clock in the morning?

Okay. 8:00 o'clock in the morning until
12:00 on the 24th. Thank you very much.

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