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1           And I will now lead into the presentation  
2 portion of the meeting. I would first like to ask the  
3 audience if there's anybody here that's an elected official  
4 that would like to be recognized or speak before us this  
5 evening, either federal, state, local, or Indian tribal.

6           Okay. Since I don't see anybody rising to the  
7 occasion, to date I have one preregistrant from this  
8 evening's meeting that indicated a desire to speak,  
9 Mr. George Fischbach with the US Army Yuma Proving Ground.  
10 If you'd care to come to the podium, please, and assist the  
11 court reporter by spelling your name for her, I'd  
12 appreciate it. AZ09

13           MR. GEORGE FISCHBACH: My name is Fischbach,  
14 F-I-S-C-H-B-A-C-H, George. I'm the Director of Public  
15 Works at the US Army Proving Ground in Yuma, Arizona. I'm  
16 here representing my garrison manager, who is in Washington  
17 D.C. and couldn't be here this evening. I have just a few  
18 short comments.

19           First of all, we are currently blessed and/or  
20 cursed, depending on how you look at it, with four  
21 electrical corridors running through Yuma Proving Ground  
22 and two gasline corridors running through Yuma Proving  
23 Ground. We are blessed because our relationship with the  
24 agencies who have those corridors has been very, very good,  
25 they've been most cooperative, and I expect to continue to

1 see the cooperation as this goes forward.

2 We are cursed in that the corridors are tending  
3 to crowd together to one another right now, so there isn't  
4 a whole lot of room for expansion. Our biggest thing that  
5 we wish to express here at this meeting this evening is  
6 that we are very concerned that, when these corridors are  
7 designated, that they continue to avoid interfering with  
8 our basic mission, which is to support all of the troops  
9 that are fighting the wars in various places.

10 Yuma Proving Ground is the place where  
11 everything that goes overseas gets tested, and we do have  
12 corridor locations that will avoid the test ranges and, if  
13 they are used, we would be happy to entertain another  
14 corridor through there, but putting corridors through  
15 places that destroy our ability to test is  
16 counterproductive. That's all I need to say. Thank you.

17 DR. PELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Fischbach.  
18 You may wish to note that the Defense Department and, for  
19 that matter, also the Department of Commerce, both of these  
20 agencies are working with us and hopefully they will  
21 represent your concerns to us as the work progresses. But  
22 I very much appreciate your being us with here this  
23 evening.

24 Mr. Fischbach was the only one who registered  
25 outside. Is there anybody here that didn't register that

would like to speak? This is your occasion to share with us your thoughts and to forever immortalize your name in a federal document. So I would certainly encourage you to avail yourself of the opportunity to wax poetic.

5                   Nobody wishes to speak? I tell you what we'll do then. If you're sure you really don't want to come to the microphone, we'll go off the record, we'll close out  
8 the official public transcript, and we'll just engage in Q  
9 and A or just friendly conversation. We'll be with you for  
10 a little while anyway and you're welcome to stay with us  
11 and share your thoughts off the record. So with that,  
12 having said that, I will thank my court reporter for her  
13 assistance and we are now officially off the record.

14                   (Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.)

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