

July 26, 2005

BRAC Commission

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Received

Subject: COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR CLOSURE
Base/Installation/Facility: Belton Training Annex
State: Missouri

Dear Sirs:

We hereby request that the 2005 BRAC Commission strongly consider the closure of the Belton Training Annex located in Belton, Cass County, Missouri. We realize you have been assigned a daunting task but doubt that you have many community requests for closure before you and hope that you will give us a few minutes of your valuable time.

The Army has done the worst job at closing excess bases, only closing one of its 30 largest bases in the four previous rounds. The Army's excuse was that it must maintain room in case units are brought back from overseas. However, the Army has plenty of room in the USA for its seven brigades based overseas; and has no intention of withdrawing them anyway. Meanwhile, the Army wastes billions of dollars a year to maintain excess bases and civilian employees. This training facility (vacant land with a couple of out-dated cold war bunkers) is a prime example of this waste and should be considered a strong candidate for closure.

With over 350,000 acres in the Army's arsenal we doubt the loss of this parcel of land (approximately 184 acres fee-owned and associated easements) would even be noticed except by those in power who have threatened our community and its neighbors. Surely the Army can stand to lose .0005% of total acreage without jeopardizing homeland security and wartime readiness. Since the inception of and immediately prior to the Iraqi War we can count on two hands or less the actual number of times this parcel of land has been used for training purposes. It is a perfect example of the Army's inability or refusal to cut costs and reduce waste. It seems that the primary misguided focus of the DOD with respect to this parcel of land is to ensure that the adjoining neighbors never build on or benefit from the use of the land that they own.

We have actively petitioned for this parcel of land to be released and have been promised that this parcel of land would be released to our community for years. We believe this parcel of land is exactly the type of checkerboard facility- a little piece here and a little piece there- that this commission is seeking to eliminate. This parcel of land is located approximately seven miles from the Army Reserve Center it supports. The governing command (89th RRC) for the Army Reserve Center is located out-of-state, in Wichita, Kansas and is up for realignment. We propose that this branch be realigned to Fort Riley,

Kansas or any other larger base. We mention Ft. Riley due to its proximity and support for expansion by Kansas Governor, Kathleen Sebelius and her local community.

Richards Gebaur Air Force Base (RGAFB) began closure and realignment procedures as far back as 1975; this parcel of land was associated with the base at that time. It has taken thirty years and countless demands by the local community before the DOD begrudgingly took some action to clean up the environmental issues caused by their use at this location. The site has been cleared for "any use" and therefore, should be able to be returned to our community with minimal additional expenditures.

Although the Army claims the site is "imperative for military readiness" we believe this is really a blanket statement that the Army hides behind when no other means to prove its importance can be found. The site is rarely used and since it has finally been cleaned up it would be an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars to allow the DOD to re-contaminate the area under its new proposed use. Additionally homeland security dollars could be better-spent elsewhere rather than installing a perimeter fence to "secure" a site that has had free and open access to the public since at least the early 1950's. In fact, although a new fence was recently installed to "secure" this area and to "reduce the Army's liability", nearly a year later, there are no gates and this parcel of land remains accessible by anyone. The installation of the fence was a last ditch effort by the DOD to increase the value of the land and overstate its importance. The DOD should not be allowed to continue to abuse their power, ignore the local community and waste taxpayers' money.

The federal government pays no local property taxes, exempts servicemen, their family members, and retirees from paying on-base sales tax, and usually expects local schools to pay for the education of military children (even those living on-base) and only reimburses part of the cost. This is why so many run down communities have prospered after their bases shut down. Release of this site back to our community would be a great asset to our local economy. Our community is just now beginning to experience economic growth and the land where the former RGAFB was located is only beginning to recover from the blight left behind by the military. If the military were to relocate to this "training land" and begin to use it as proposed (industrial use) this would severely stunt the growth and expansion of our little town. Shifting units to larger bases with room for growth saves a great deal of money and manpower in the long run; that is what should happen here.

This parcel of land is located in a residential neighborhood and is no longer appropriate for military use. It imposes intolerable burdens on our local community. Our community's infrastructure (small country roads and one-lane wooden bridges) is in disrepair and cannot support the purposed use. This parcel of land is land-locked with

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only an ingress/egress road easement. This parcel of land has no utilities and is bordered by land with limited utility easements. This parcel of land with its alleged easements were reviewed by a federal arbitrator and it was found that the DOD has overstated their restrictions on the adjoining land making this parcel of land even more inefficient to operate. Our community would benefit from base closure as property tax free and sales tax free military units could be replaced by productive tax-paying private sector companies and/or individuals.

“The department continues to maintain more military bases and facilities than are needed, consuming and diverting valuable personnel and resources,” Rumsfeld recently told lawmakers. (The Kansas City Star; February 21, 2005) We could not agree more. We strongly urge you to consider, at a minimum, the addition of this parcel of land to the 2005 closure list.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We have taken the liberty of enclosing a small sample of our concerns, issues and resolve. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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May 28, 2004

BRAC Commission

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Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Annex, a/k/a Belton Training Complex, a/k/a BTC

Dear Senator Talent:

Thank you for your response dated February 19, 2004, to our ongoing concerns regarding the above-referenced site. Your response is the first to acknowledge that interests of local homeowners will be compromised. The concerns and objections of 100's of neighbors have fallen on deaf ears until now. The 89th RRC has brushed our concerns and comments aside without even the courtesy of a reply. We hope that you will continue to advocate for us. We hereby request that you support a recommendation to permanently close the above-referenced site during the next round of BRAC closings. Enclosed for your review is a small sampling of documentation to support this request. Your immediate attention is needed to stop the waste of taxpayer dollars and the degradation of land in the middle of our residential community.

Your letter states that the 89th RRC and the City of Belton are actively negotiating a lease of city property to be used for the proposed project site. Since receipt of your letter we have followed up with Mayor Gregory on several occasions. Mayor Gregory has been extremely cooperative. He told us that while he cannot specifically speak about details regarding real estate transactions he could disclose to us that he was "still waiting to hear" from the military. It seems odd that active negotiations are taking place when one of the necessary parties is not involved. Has something changed or is the 89th RRC misleading you as they often do us?

Your letter further states, "this would leave undisturbed the residential property". While we understand you were lead to believe this, the alleged "active negotiations" between the 89th RRC and the City of Belton clearly have not left the residential property undisturbed and it appears, without immediate intervention, it is only going to get worse.

One of the "proposed projects" that was hotly debated by 100's in the local community is already under way. The perimeter road project was started in April. Thus far a 30-40' swath of land approximately two miles in length has been stripped. One of the neighbors commented that it "looks like a friggin' highway going in up there!"

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Since the initiation of the road project agents of the 89th RRC, with flagrant disregard for property rights, have trespassed and intentionally diverted potentially contaminated liquid onto adjoining private property. Since the initiation of the road project soil began and continues to leach onto adjoining private property. Since the initiation of the road project trees have been downed onto adjoining private property. Since the initiation of the road project and discharge of liquids there has been a foamy residue atop the bodies of water located on adjoining private property. Since the initiation of the road project one of the adjoining neighbors has experienced problems with flooding and debris being washed from the site onto private property thereby knocking down the fencing that secures her cattle. Since the initiation of the road project waterways, wetlands and the natural habitat for many species has been ruined. This has all happened within one month; we cannot wait to see what our "good neighbors" will do next.

In April 2004, we met with Terri Peasley with the Installation Management Agency. During that meeting she indicated the proposed fence project had been stayed. Yesterday, Ms. Peasley advised that the fence project could no longer be stayed and "therefore, work is in progress to comply with the new Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection standards and other regulations regarding Army Reserve Training Lands." If this is in fact true, shouldn't the areas with personnel, equipment and facilities be protected first rather than a vacant piece of land? There does not appear to be any urgency to install perimeter fencing around any of the personnel, equipment or facilities located on the former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base currently being used by the Army Reserve. Why? Is there something at the above-referenced site that our community should know about that is of greater value than human life? The above-referenced site was not secured when nuclear bombs were housed here; why the rush to fence it in now? The above-referenced site was not secured while it was contaminated, why the rush to fence it in now? The above-referenced site has reportedly been cleaned to "any use levels", why the rush to fence it in now? The above-referenced site is only going to be used for Reserve training "as it has been in the past", why the rush to fence it in now?

After we left that meeting we did a little research to learn more about the Installation Management Agency and began to put two and two together. During our research we learned of the timeline and requirements each branch of service is under because of the upcoming round of BRAC. We began to realize why there was such a flurry of activity and why we were stonewalled by the military during the last quarter of 2003. We would venture to guess that the Army did not want any of our concerns, questions or opposition to reach the powers that be. We learned that part of the BRAC criteria includes consideration of the economic and other impacts on base communities. We also noted the BRAC Closure Act's requirement "to give special consideration to any community's request to close or realign a facility". As such, we believe all the concerns, questions and

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comments made by the public, whether verbal or written, should weigh heavily upon the decision to determine whether or not this site should remain open.

We continue to believe that the Army has far greater plans for this site than that which has been disclosed to the local community. We further believe that the Army is rushing to install the fence and the road to add value to the land before the next round of BRAC closings; after all, it would seem rather silly to authorize the installation of a fence and road in 2004 and then request site closure in 2005. We further believe that the Army is misconstruing alleged "building restrictions and easement rights" to falsely inflate the value of the above-referenced site and to mislead the decision makers.

Once again we must ask, why the sudden need to light the site, fence the site, build a road on it, install a motor equipment park and "associated facilities" in a community where the infrastructure will not support its use and in a community that will be devastated by its impact to land values, home values, and quality of life?

In your letter you stated "you are a homeowner and know how you would feel if the Army set up a training facility in your subdivision". Senator Talent, imagine how we feel right now as we watch our American dream slip away. In your letter you further stated, "you and your office will continue to try to make sure that the Army has the land it needs but does not compromise the interests of homeowners". Senator Talent, there are alternative sites available which are much more conducive to military use. Governor Sebelius is in the paper frequently fighting for the expansion of military facilities in her state. The 89th RRC is actually out of Wichita, Kansas. We bet with a little creative thinking a win-win solution can be found.

Senator Talent we are begging you to stand behind your words. Please be sensitive to our plight and recommend that activities at the above-referenced site cease immediately. Additionally, please recommend that the above-referenced site be permanently closed during the next round of BRAC closures. The above-referenced site is located in a residential community and is no longer appropriate for military use.

Lastly, we offer a short comment regarding the current events in Iraq. Like most Americans, we were shocked to learn that members of our armed services had acted in a manner that brings disgrace to our Country. It is clear to see when a few in the military choose to abuse their power there are unimaginable ramifications which taint the good acts and deeds of all those that came before them. Only outside disclosure brought these issues to light. Public scrutiny caused those in positions of power to speak out against those who committed and/or condoned these atrocities. We realize further investigations are warranted but based on our interactions with the military we find it highly unlikely

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that the truth will ever be fully disclosed. We've been unable to ascertain the truth after 30+ years of trying.

While we realize the inappropriate actions and the abuse of power by the military and/or its agents in regard to our issue does not rise to the level of severity as that of the inappropriate actions and the abuse of power by the military and/or its agents against the Iraqi prisoners, we do believe the history of problems with respect to the above-referenced site clearly illustrates a culture that supports the abuse of those outside the military. We have been and continue to be robbed of our constitutional rights, with little recourse, while receiving credible threats of retaliation by the military and/or its agents. No one is being held responsible and the threats and abuse continue albeit in a different form with the exception of one instance of a member of the armed services physically assaulting my mother. We cannot help but state the obvious; if we train our soldiers to disregard the constitutional rights of United States citizens and allow our officers and investigative agencies to condone and/or cover-up those acts in our own country, why in God's name would we expect our soldiers to behave any differently outside the boundaries of the United States?

It is time for truth, objectivity, accountability and action. We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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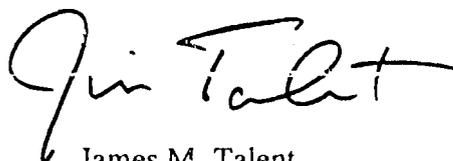
Dear Ms. Robinson:

Thank you for contacting me to voice your concerns about a proposed project on land owned by the 89th Army Regional Readiness Command (RRC). I appreciate the time you have taken to share your views with me, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

My staff has been in contact with the 89th RRC officials as well as with Belton Mayor Bob Gregory. According to Major Chris Baer (now deployed overseas) and Supervisory Staff Advisor Marvin Browning of the 89th RRC, as well as Mayor Gregory, the 89th RRC and the City of Belton are actively negotiating for a lease of city property to be used for the proposed project site. This would leave undisturbed the residential property. I am a homeowner myself and know how I would feel if the Army set up a training facility in my subdivision. I and my office will continue to try to make sure that the Army has the land it needs but does not compromise the interests of homeowners.

I hope this information is helpful. As more information becomes available to me, I will pass it along. If you are in need of further assistance, please contact Jo Keatley, the District Director of my Kansas City office.

Sincerely,



James M. Talent
United States Senator

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Dear Ms. Peasley:

We first want to thank you and all those recently involved for what on the surface appeared to be, at long last, a genuine effort to bring a halt to the 30+ years of ongoing problems resulting from the United States Government and/or its agents' inability to respect our constitutional rights. Unfortunately, it only took a few short minutes for that facade to be exposed.

You cannot imagine how shocked we were that within just a few short minutes of meeting us for the first time, you stated: "The Army and the Robinsons are at war." Just like your predecessors, you insisted that you did not want to be involved in the history or emotion of the past, yet you almost immediately made inflammatory statements based on apparent hearsay or false information placed in a file; otherwise, how could you have made such a statement?

War is defined as: the state or fact of exerting violence or force against another. We challenge you to find one instance of the Robinsons ever exerting violence or force against the United States Government and/or its agents.

We want to make it perfectly clear to you and everyone else involved in this matter, we are not now, nor have we ever been, nor will we ever be at war against the United States Government and/or its agents. We will admit, in the past, while one of the Robinsons was a member of the United States Air Force, he was prepared to wage war on behalf of the good ole U.S.A., but we do not have the desire, monies, munitions or personnel to wage war against the U.S.A. Exercising the rights and freedoms granted to every U.S. Citizen under the U.S. Constitution should never be confused with "war".

If you will take the time to review the history of this dispute with an open, objective mind rather than with a hidden agenda, we believe you will be quite embarrassed to find that, in fact, the United States Government and/or its agents have been the ones to exert violence or force in this instance. Again, we challenge you to find any example of the Robinsons ever exerting violence or force against the United States Government and/or its agents.

The United States Government and/or its agents are the aggressors here, not the Robinsons. We support the preceding statement with the following facts:

1. We were not the ones who authored the easement language in the condemnation litigation that failed to secure the rights alleged by the government.
2. We were not the Base Commander of Richards Gebaur Air Force Base that chose to lie to the Robinsons when he assured them, at the home of the seller, that the easements on the above-referenced property were in the process of being released in the early 1970's prior to their agreement to purchase the adjoining property.
3. We were not the ones who kept leaving the Robinsons' gates open, over and over and over again, which allowed their cattle to roam the county roads.
4. We were not the ones who burned the fences and pasture of the Robinsons and we were not the ones who failed to make restitution.
5. We were not the ones who used the pretense of posting signs on the government's property as a way to gain access to the Robinsons property to plow up their manicured acreage without consent.
6. We were not the ones to commit assault and battery against one of the Robinsons by operating a motor vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner with total disregard for the health, well being or life of one of the Robinsons.
7. We were not the ones piloting the Chinook helicopters that hovered over numerous residences on 195th St. and at times traveled so low as to be below the power lines.
8. We were not the ones who used the Belton Training Annex, f/k/a the Grandview Munitions Storage dump (formerly part of Richards Gebaur Air Force Base) as a storage facility for nuclear weapons and later as a chemical and waste dump.
9. We were not the ones piloting the C119's that continually missed the Belton Training Annex, f/k/a the Mule D.Z. and dropped railroad ties and paratroopers all over private property over and over and over again.
10. We were not the ones piloting the C130's that missed the Belton Training Annex, f/k/a the Mule D.Z. and dropped a skid of railroad ties on a home located outside of the drop zone and outside of the easement.

11. We were not the ones that caused bunker #2 to implode which in turn caused major damage to surrounding homes and left the hazardous waste to leach into the surrounding land and ground water.
12. We were not the group of people dressed in army fatigues who, on two separate occasions, cut the locks on the Robinsons building and carried and dragged tools and personal property to the Belton Training Annex during Reserve weekend training.
13. We were not the ones who told several airmen to take barrels of toluene and used solvents from the back of the Reserve hangar and unload them out at the Mule D.Z.
14. We were not the ones flying the Chinooks, without lights on numerous occasions just a few feet off of the ground over private property.
15. We were not the ones who told the Robinsons the safety easement would be released as soon as the environmental studies were complete.
16. We were not the ones who originally documented "areas of concern" that required clean up.
17. We were not the ones who failed to clean up the "areas of concern" yet filed a report, which stated the area was clean.
18. We were not the ones who, only after the neighbors exposed the government's lies, hauled off three semi-loads of hazardous waste on Pavlich trucks, after a NFRAP was filed, to an out-of-state facility for disposal, as the contaminants could not be disposed of locally because of their content.
19. We were not the ones who threatened the Robinsons with a federal lawsuit knowing it was frivolous.
20. We were not the ones who made false statements in the proposed federal lawsuit.
21. We were not the ones trespassing on the Robinsons' property who told construction workers to "cease and desist work" without a Court Order.
22. We were not the ones who set up "bivouac" which included 100's of military personnel trespassing on the Robinsons' property.

23. We were not the ones trespassing/training on the Robinsons' property while preparing to go to Iraq, because we "do not want to train in all of the chiggers and ticks" at the Belton Training Annex.
24. We are not the ones who continually fail to maintain their property, which causes a hardship to the adjoining neighbors who are forced to clean up fallen debris from the overgrowth.
25. We were not the ones who hovered a helicopter a few feet off the Robinsons' private property and lowered weapons at a group of local Girl Scouts and told them to get off of the property.
26. We were not the ones who shouldered and pointed their weapons at the Robinsons while trespassing on the Robinsons' property.
27. We were not the ones who lowered weapons at passing cars while trespassing on the Robinsons' property.
28. We were not the ones that threatened we would do whatever it takes to prevent the Robinsons from ever building on or benefiting from the use of their property.
29. We were not the ones who illegally discharged potentially contaminated fluids onto the private property of the Robinsons.
30. We are not the ones who continually illustrate a total lack of respect for the rights of U.S. Citizens.
31. We were not the ones who lied to over 200 community members about the proposed Military Equipment Park, Security Fencing and Lighting and Perimeter Road projects.
32. We are not the ones who lied and said "everything had to be handled through the 89th RRC when, in fact, it recently came to our attention that these concerns could and should have been brought to the 2005 BRAC commission.
33. We are not the ones who distort the truth by changing the facts to fit our needs.
34. We are not the ones who outright lie, break the law, hide from the truth, stall, fail to inform and/or misinform the public as effortlessly as most individuals breathe.

Are you beginning to see a pattern here? This is just the tip of the iceberg. All of these actions were actions of the US Government and/or it's agents and you wonder why we and the neighborhood community are unhappy? Are you beginning to appreciate our concerns and distrust for the U.S. Government and/or it agents? Are you beginning to recognize the use of force, violence, threats and intimidation against the Robinsons? Are you beginning to see how we believe the threat, made by Greg Wilson, Army Corps of Engineers (see attached), seems to be coming to fruition? For those of you who blindly follow, never question authority, refuse to see both sides of an issue and continue to allow those in the U.S. Government, more specifically, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to flagrantly violate the rights of U.S. Citizens; you will ultimately be this Country's demise. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has absolutely no respect for the legal system and have placed themselves above the law. This is documented by thousands of hits on the internet. It is time for someone to hold them accountable.

In an attempt to reduce the tension, we have cut in a new road at the South edge of our property, at our expense and offered fee title to said property in exchange for release of the existing road easement and a release of the easement restrictions on a small part of the buffer zone. We believe this to be a fair and equitable exchange with equal benefits for both parties. While we understand U.S. Government and/or its agents have the right to disagree and decline our offer we do not believe they have the right to continually harass us.

If you truly believe the Robinsons are at war with the Army we would like to formally announce, WE SURRENDER! We do not wish to be victims of the federal government like those who died at Ruby Ridge. As this situation continues to unfold the major difference we see between this situation and the Ruby Ridge debacle is the fact that the Robinsons have not broken the law. WE GIVE UP! You do not have to kill us to win. We have paid an exorbitant price for exercising the freedoms and rights granted to us under the U.S. Constitution; we aren't yet ready to die for our cause. We are in fear for our lives, the lives of our children and grandchildren. We are sure this sounds a bit melodramatic to you; however, try walking a mile in our shoes.

We cannot believe the Army "is at war" with the Robinsons over a few simple requests that were negotiated and agreed to in 1993, by Major John Sevadra, United States Army Reserve, HQ 917 Support Group. We cannot believe the statement that the "Army and the Robinsons are at war" is the position of the U.S. Government and/or its agents but, in fact, is the personal agenda of a few who are abusing their power. We still believe none of you are above the law. We still believe there will come a time that all of you have to answer for your actions as well as your inactions. We look forward to that day.

Correspondence to Peasley
April 28, 2004
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Hopefully your comments were merely a momentary lapse in judgment rather than another example of the outright poor attitude of the military toward anyone but their own. In the event there is an objective soul left within the military, we look forward to future fair negotiations. Otherwise, our requests remain the same:

1. When you open the gate, shut it.
2. If the gate must remain open, man it.
3. When you unlock the gate, lock it.
4. When you enter and exit the property, stay on the easement road.
5. When you intend to enter the property in a privately owned vehicle try to provide advanced notification.
6. Be civil.

We continue to look forward to an amicable resolution of this matter. Hopefully we will live long enough to see that day. Please direct your written response to: R.E. Robinson, PO Box 950, Belton, Missouri, 64012.

Sincerely,



R.E. Robinson

RER/klr
Encls.

cc

May 23, 2002

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JUL 27 2005

Greg Wilson, Chief of Real Estate
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District Office
Attn: CENWR-RE
601 E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Received

Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46
North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian,
Cass County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Annex

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to you with deep concerns regarding the brief encounter which took place on the easement road to the above-referenced property on May 21, 2002, at approximately 10:00 a.m. To the best of my knowledge the following persons were present during this encounter: Richard Robinson, Joyce Robinson, Wendy Hale, Sgt. Nelson, Gary Dye and Greg Wilson. I attempted to speak with you but you were so belligerent and under such "time constraints" that another prime opportunity to address the issues regarding the above-referenced property passed by.

To the best of my recollection, I have never spoken to or corresponded with you prior to May 21, 2002, so you can imagine how shocked I was to observe your unprofessional behavior and to be the recipient of such threats as those made by you. It is beyond my wildest imagination why you would have such a personal vendetta against me and/or my family.

I would like you to clarify your threat which was: "I will personally do whatever it takes to prevent you from ever building on or benefitting from the use of this property."

1. As you made it perfectly clear that you were "in charge" of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and represented that you were present and acting under that authority, was your threat an expression of the legal position of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?
2. Did your threat refer to the "Safety Easement" or, as your actions implied, all of the adjoining property we own since you took it upon yourself, acting as an agent of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to trespass upon my property and to make inquiry into my personal activities immediately prior to making this threat?

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3. When making your threat, were you putting me on notice that you intended to take the matter into your own hands and I should look at this as a personal threat against me and my family?

I find it very ironic that your threats were made at the entrance to the Belton Training Annex; a place where young men and women train, after taking an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, with their lives if necessary, from all enemies both foreign and domestic. You sir, threatened to use the powers of the federal government to deny me my constitutional rights.

The fact that you are employed by the federal government does not give you the right to infringe upon and/or deny me the same rights you enjoy under the U.S. Constitution. It is deplorable that an agent of the federal government is allowed to conduct himself in such a manner. Apparently you believe you are above the law, we both know that is not the case.

It is apparent that you cannot or will not be objective with respect to the above-referenced property and the issues surrounding it. I believe it would be beneficial to all parties concerned if you removed yourself from this matter.

I hereby demand a written response to my concerns so that I can take appropriate actions to protect myself, my family and my property from you.

Adjoining Property Petitioner,

R.E. Robinson

RER/kr

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EASEMENT LANGUAGE

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IN TEST MONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Jackson County, Missouri the day and year last above written.

Jean Franke,
Notary Public in and for said County
and State.

(SEAL) My term expires 1-1-1957.

Filed for record this 16 day of December, A.D. 1955 at 11 o'clock 50 minutes A.M.

By James H. Douglas Deputy

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Will Russell Recorder

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

COMPARED

United States of America,)
Plaintiff,)
vs)
471.62 acres of land, more or less,)
situate in Cass County, Missouri,)
John Edward Cheatham et al, and)
Unknown Owners,)
Defendants)

Civil Action
No. 10131

JUDGMENT UPON DECLARATION OF TAKING

It appearing to the court that:

A complaint was this day filed in this court by the United States of America for the acquisition for public use of certain tracts of land in Cass County, Missouri, which tracts are more particularly described in Exhibit A hereto attached; and

A declaration of taking executed on November 29, 1955, by James H. Douglas, Under Secretary of the Air Force of the United States, was filed herein concurrently with said complaint; and

Said complaint and said declaration of taking were filed pursuant to a request made by said Under Secretary of the Air Force to the Attorney General of the United States under and in accordance with the Act of Congress approved February 26, 1931 (46 Stat. 1421, 40 U.S.C. Sec. 258a), and acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, and under the further authority of the Act of Congress approved August 1, 1888 (25 Stat. 357, 40 U.S.C. Sec. 257), the Act of Congress approved August 18, 1890 (26 Stat. 316), as amended by the Acts of Congress approved July 2, 1917 (40 Stat. 241), and April 11, 1918, (40 Stat. 518, 50 U.S.C. Sec. 171), which acts authorize the acquisition of land for military purposes, the Act of Congress approved August 12, 1935 (49 Stat. 610, 51: 10 U.S.C. Secs. 1343 a) and c), which act authorizes the acquisition of land for air force stations and depots; the National Security Act of 1947 approved July 26, 1947 (61 Stat. 495), the Act of Congress approved July 15, 1955 (Public Law 161-84th Congress), which act authorizes the acquisition of the land, and the Act of Congress approved August 4, 1955 (Public Law 219-84th Congress), which act made funds available for such purposes; and

The public uses for which certain interests (hereinafter described) in said tracts of land are declared to be taken, are as follows: Said tracts of land are necessary adequately to provide for the establishment of additional facilities for the use of the Department of the Air Force and for other military uses incident thereto and have been selected under the direction of the Secretary of the Air Force for acquisition by the

as follows:

Beginning at a point on the west line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 said point being S 0° 14' 35" W, 950.00 feet from a stone in place, said stone being the NW corner of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence continuing S 0° 14' 35" W along the west line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$, a distance of 1699.82 feet to the SW corner thereof; thence S 88° 50' 05" E along the south line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ a distance of 1597.23 feet; thence N 1° 02' 10" E, 889.02 feet; thence N 43° 57' 50" W, 1151.51 feet; thence N 88° 57' 50" W, 806.51 feet to the point of beginning, containing 55.32 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. B-202-E

A tract of land situated in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass County, Missouri, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the west line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, said point being S 0° 14' 35" W, 20.00 feet from a stone in place, said stone being the NW corner of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence continuing S 0° 14' 35" W along the west line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$, a distance of 930.0 feet; thence S 88° 57' 50" E, 806.51 feet; thence S 43° 57' 50" E, 1151.51 feet; thence S 1° 02' 10" W, 889.02 feet to a point on the south line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$; thence S 88° 50' 05" E along said south line, a distance of 930.00 feet; thence N 1° 02' 10" E, 1276.22 feet; thence N 43° 57' 50" (1921.95 feet; thence N 88° 57' 50" W parallel to and 20.00 feet distant from the north line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$, a distance of 1208.95 feet to the point of beginning, containing 77.44 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. B-203

A tract of land situated in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass County, Missouri, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the center of Section 34; thence S 88° 50' 05" E, 1597.23 feet along the east-west centerline of Section 34; thence S 1° 02' 10" W 505.49 feet; thence S 46° 02' 10" W 1151.51 feet; thence N 88° 57' 50" W, 1456.51 feet; thence N 43° 57' 50" W, 1151.51 feet; thence N 1° 02' 10" E, 512.45 feet to a point on the east-west centerline of Section 34; thence S 88° 50' 05" E along said centerline, a distance of 1487.77 feet to the point of beginning, containing 78.32 acres more or less.

TRACT NO. B-203-E

A tract of land situated in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass County, Missouri, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east-west centerline of Section 34, said point being S 88° 50' 05" E, 1597.23 feet from the center of said Section 34; thence continuing S 88° 50' 05" E, 930.00 feet along said centerline; thence S 1° 02' 10" W, 888.73 feet; thence S 46° 02' 10" W, 1921.95 feet; thence N 88° 57' 50" W, 2226.95 feet; thence N 43° 57' 50" W, 1921.95 feet; thence N 1° 02' 10" E, 899.85 feet to a point on the east-west centerline of said Section 34; thence S 88° 50' 05" E, 930.00 feet along said centerline;

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ASSAULT & BATTERY

COMPLAINT REPORT
CASS CO. SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI

COMPLAINT 93-01-0081
DATE 11793 TIME 1244

LLPD 10

APPROVED BY AG12 RC
ED BY _____

Date and Time of Occurrence On 01-17-93 at approx. 1205 hours

Location Robinson Property: 1/4 mile south of 195th on Prospect Road

- Homicide
- Rape
- Assault-Aggravated
- Suicide
- Casualty
- Dead Body
- Attpt. Rape
- Assault-Not Aggravated
- Attpt. Suicide

VICTIM	Last Name <u>Robinson</u>		First Name <u>Joyce</u>		Init. <u>L</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Sex <u>F</u>	Date of Birth <u>03-16-44</u>	State of Birth _____	
	Height <u>5'2"</u>	Weight <u>145</u>	Eyes <u>Brn</u>	Hair <u>Brn</u>	Social Security Number <u>499-46-3825</u>		Street No. <u>3409</u>	Direction <u>E.</u>	Street Name & Classification <u>195th</u>	Apt. No. _____
	City <u>Belton</u>		State <u>MO</u>	Zip Code <u>64012</u>	Phone <u>331-6810</u>	Business Address <u>Unknown</u>		Business Phone <u>Unk.</u>		
VICTIM'S RELATIVE (Husband)	Last Name <u>Robinson</u>		First Name <u>Richard</u>		Init. <u>E.</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Sex <u>M</u>	Date of Birth <u>12-04-39</u>	State of Birth _____	
	Height <u>5'8"</u>	Weight <u>145</u>	Eyes <u>H2L</u>	Hair <u>Brn</u>	Social Security Number <u>497-40-2969</u>		Street No. <u>117</u>	Direction <u>E.</u>	Street Name & Classification <u>147th</u>	Apt. No. _____
	City <u>Kansas City</u>		State <u>MO</u>	Zip Code <u>64145</u>	Phone <u>331-6810</u>	Business Address <u>Self-Employed</u>		Business Phone _____		

- MEANS USED:
- Gun
 - Other Dangerous Instrument
 - Other (Specify) Vehicle
 - Knife/Cutting Instrument
 - Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.

Extent of Injury None

Victim Removed To None Order of NA

Conveyance NA Recovered Property or Weapon Yes _____ No X

PERSON DISCOVERING/REPORTING	Last Name <u>Above Victim</u>		First Name _____		Init. _____	Race _____	Sex _____	Date of Birth _____	State of Birth _____	
	Height _____	Weight _____	Eyes _____	Hair _____	Social Security Number _____		Street No. _____	Direction _____	Street Name & Classification _____	Apt. No. _____
	City _____		State _____	Zip Code _____	Phone _____	Business Address _____		Business Phone _____		

Unit and Name of Persons Notified Cass County Sheriff's Department Time 1210

Remarks: On 01-17-93 at approximately 1215 hours, reporting officer Cpl. M. Buerge #615 and Deputy B. Crawford #620 responded to a call reference trespassing and possible assault at the entrance to the Air Force Drop Zone located south of 195th on Prospect Road.

Upon arrival at approximately 1244 hours, reporting officer met with the complainant, Richard E. Robinson (w/m 12-04-39) and the victim, Joyce L. Robinson (w/f 03-16-44). Richard said that he owns the property located east of Prospect Road and south of 195th Street and that his property surrounds land which is owned by the United States Government which is often used as a training grounds and

Cleared by Arrest of: _____ Color _____ Sex _____ DOB _____ G.O.S./Juv. Rpt. No. _____

Except. Cleared: No Prosecution _____ Other (Specify) _____

Reporting Officers: Cpl. Buerge _____

VICTIM	Last Name		First Name		Init.	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	State of Birth
	Keatts		Randall		F	W	M	6-1-54	
WITNESS	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Social Security Number	Street No.	Direction	Street Name & Classification	Apt.
	6'3"	220	Blk			11394	-	Widener	
SUSPECT	City		State	Zip Code	Phone	Business Address		Business Phone	
	Lenexa		KS	66215	unk.	Unknown			

VICTIM	Last Name		First Name		Init.	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	State of Birth
WITNESS	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Social Security Number	Street No.	Direction	Street Name & Classification	Apt.
SUSPECT	City		State	Zip Code	Phone	Business Address		Business Phone	

VICTIM	Last Name		First		Init.	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	State of Birth
WITNESS	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Social Security Number	Street No.	Direction	Street Name & Classification	Apt.
SUSPECT	City		State	Zip Code	Phone	Business Address		Business Phone	

Additional Remarks:

drop zone for parachuting military personnel. Richard said there is a private roadway across his property to the government land with the entrance being on Prospect approximately 1/4 mile south of 195th. Richard said the private roadway can only be used by military personnel in military vehicles only. Richard said the metal gate at the entrance is supposed to be locked at all times and that he owns the locks on the gate and a key is made available to the military personnel through John Servedra who is with Civilian Affairs Department at Richards - Gehaur Airport in Belton. Richard said that when the key to the gate is checked out that there are instructions with the key as to the gate being locked at all times and no private vehicles allowed on the Robinson property. Richard said when ever he has problems involving military personnel he contacts John Servedra by telephone # 348-2606.

Richard said he and his wife came down to the property this date a little before 1200 hours and found the large metal gate at the entrance to the private drive unlocked and swinging back and forth. Richard said he and his wife, Joyce, drove down the private drive to the entrance leading into the government land. Richard said a short time later they observed a red in color Jeep pick-up coming towards them driving down the private drive from Prospect Road. Richard said he wrote down the license plate number which was given as a Kansas 1993 plate # FDF-204. Richard said the Jeep was an early 70's model and was being driven by one white male in a

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military uniform. Richard said the Jeep was not a military vehicle. Richard said he and Joyce stopped the vehicle and confronted the driver. Richard said he and Joyce explained to the driver that no private vehicle are allowed on the private drive. Richard said the driver became very upset and said that he was a member of the armed forces and that he had to get back to the other troops which were training on the government land. Richard said the driver also said that because he was military that he could go where he wanted and nobody could stop him.

Joyce said while talking to the driver, which remained in his vehicle, she was standing next to the door on the drivers side. Joyce said after the subject became upset he began cussing at her and her husband. Joyce said due to the subjects attitude that they advised her to remain on the scene until they contact the Sheriff's Department to get the matter resolved. Joyce said at this time the driver placed the Jeep in reverse and began backing up. Joyce said when the vehicle began to back up the side mirror caught her and she was not able to get out of the way. Joyce said she had a hold of the driver's side mirror and drivers door walking along the vehicle as it was backing. Joyce said the driver then turned the wheels as to cause the front of the vehicle to swerve towards her thus causing her to lose her footing on the ice/snow covered roadway. Joyce said when she fell she still had a hold of the mirror and drivers door but her legs were being dragged under the vehicle for approximately one hundred feet until the vehicle stopped and her husband grabbed her and pulled her away from the vehicle. Joyce said the driver was cussing at her most of the time while he was backing up calling her a "mother-fuckin bitch". Joyce said after getting

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away from the vehicle, the Jeep continued to back-up towards Prospect Road. Joyce said she and her husband then got back into their vehicle and backed up the private drive towards Prospect. Richard said when they reached the entrance gate on Prospect they observed that the suspect vehicle had backed off into the ditch on the west side of Prospect. Richard said he then used his vehicle to block the Jeep in to prevent it from leaving the area. Richard said he then used his car phone to call the Cass County Sheriff's Department to advise them of the situation. Richard said prior to reporting officer's arrival the Jeep was able to exit the ditch and leave by driving north on Prospect Road.

Richard was very upset and said he would be willing to press trespassing charges on the suspect and Joyce said she wanted to press charges of assault when she was struck and drug by the Jeep. Joyce said she received no injuries.

Richard said he spoke with a Sgt. Bieber who was leaving the training area and who possessed the key to the front gate. Richard said that the Sergeant was advised of the incident and given a description of the Jeep but the sergeant said he did not know who the vehicle belongs to.

Reporting officer also spoke with Staff Sgt. Robert Bieber of the 12th Special Forces stationed at Richards-Gebaur Airbase. Sgt. Bieber explained that the reason the gate was left unlocked was that one of the keys had broken off in the lock apparently caused by the cold weather and the gate was kept open in case the military ambulance which was standing by at the training site had to leave because of an emergency. Sgt. Bieber said he has no idea who the individual might be who was driving the

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red in color Jeep pick-up.

A computer check on the license plate on the suspect vehicle was found to be registered to a Randall E. Keatts of 11394 Widmer; Lenexa, KS. 66215 on a 1974 Jeep pick-up, red in color. A subject check revealed that Mr. Keatts was a white male with a DOB of 090154 being 6'3" tall and weighing 220 pounds with an address of 11394 Widmer; Lenexa, KS. 66215.

Additional information will be obtained pending further investigation.

Directions to location of occurrence:

Go south of Belton on Hwy. Y to 195th. Go west on 195th to Prospect. Go south on Prospect approx. 1/4 mile. Gate and entrance into Robinson property on east side.

Cpl. J. B. George #615





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TRUMAN K. ELDRIDGE, JR.

February 2, 1993

Major John Sevadra
United States Army Reserve Center
HQ 917 Support Group
146 AVN Gp
Richards-Gebauer AFB, Missouri 64030

Re: Richard E. Robinson and Joyce L. Robinson
Northeast Quarter and Northwest Quarter of
Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West

Dear Major Sevadra:

This follows our meeting at your offices on February 1, 1993 together with our clients, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Robinson, and Major Bill Smith, Mike Kline and Sgt. Bieber.

Concerning the incident on January 17, 1993, Mrs. Robinson furnished you with a signed narrative statement detailing in her own words the events of that morning including the assault by an individual (who Sgt. Bieber confirmed was on the property without authorization) in khaki fatigues driving the red Jeep pickup truck, apparently owned by Randall Keatts. In addition, the client is in contact virtually daily with the Sheriff's Department and now the Prosecuting Attorney for Cass County, Missouri. When the County's report of this incident is completed, we will see that you are furnished a copy as you requested.

With respect to the missing locks, we appreciate your having returned these to the Robinsons. They have now replaced the locks and I trust that both parties are in possession of keys sufficient for their needs.

We certainly appreciate all of your courtesies and cooperation in the past and were heartened by your continued willingness to address issues concerning the use of the above property on a cooperative basis. We understand that the investigation by the Army of the incident of January 17 is an internal matter to be left to your office. We have no intentions of interfering but, of course, Mr. and Mrs.

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Major John Sevadra
February 2, 1993
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Robinson would be happy to assist you with any additional information you may require.

With respect to future coordination of activities at the above site and use of the government easement to that site, we appreciate your willingness to address the Robinsons' concerns that the reservists using the site and their families do not seem to have an understanding that the property immediately adjacent to the easement roadway is private property and must be respected as such. Your willingness to include the Robinsons' name as the identified property owners in your briefing instructions should be of assistance. We would encourage you to include in the briefing, information sufficient to inform all reservists using the property the precise boundaries of the government land to avoid casual trespassing in the future.

We further appreciate your confirming that it is not the government's wish to allow private owned vehicles ("POVs") to enter the property and use the easement. However, we do understand that from time to time use of a POV may be required, such as Sgt. Bieber's example of a need to use a four-wheel drive vehicle when the ambulance is unable to enter the property due to weather conditions. In those instances, your office has agreed to notify the Robinsons that a POV will be used on a particular day, identifying the POV. This should be very helpful.

We further appreciate your confirming that it is the Army's intention that the gate should remain locked at all times, excepting in those circumstances where the Army's use of the property requires that the gate remain unlocked. In those instances, however, you have confirmed that it is the Army's intention and practice that a guard be left at the gate. Our clients believe these procedures will be very helpful in their knowing only authorized personnel are on the property.

Hopefully, if the reservists will comply with the instructions given at the briefing, future problems will be avoided. Also, hopefully, when problems do arise, they can be easily rectified. Certainly, a little common civility would facilitate matters considerably. To further assist in that regard, we appreciate that the Robinsons now have not only your home phone number but also that of Major Smith and Mike Kline.

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Major John Sevadra
February 2, 1993
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Thank you again for your willingness to meet with our clients. We hope that the foregoing is an accurate summary of our meeting and the understandings reached and expressed therein. If not, please let me know.

Respectfully,



Truman K. Eldridge, Jr.

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cc: ✓ Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Robinson

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September 8, 1999

Via Telefax @ (816) 426-5232

Gary R. Dye
Realty Specialist
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2896

Re: U.S. Army Reserve, 89th R.S.C.
"Drop Zone" Easement in S34, R33W, T46N
Richards-Gebauer A.F.B.

Dear Mr. Dye:

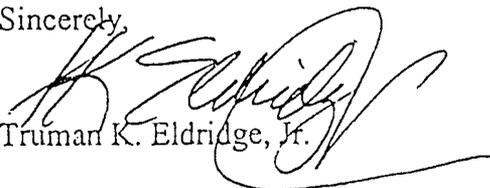
This follows our telephone conversation and your facsimile transmission of September 7, 1999. Our clients are most pleased to hear that the U.S. Army Reserve is willing to release the building restriction easement of above property. We look forward to receipt of the formal reply to the Robinson's request that the restriction be waived.

We also appreciate the Army Reserve's willingness to release the building restriction on all tracts owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. Based upon the tract map which you provided with your facsimile transmission, the Robinson's own property in Tract 206E and Tract 205E and would request that the easement be removed on both Tracts.

We understand that there will be a certain amount of delay in processing this matter due to requirements that the Army must comply with. As I told you, my clients would like to commence construction as soon as possible. Likewise, I advised my client that there will be certain costs to be incurred for which reimbursement would be sought and that you would provide us with an estimate of those costs once you had an opportunity to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you further and working with you on the matter.

Sincerely,


Truman K. Eldridge, Jr.

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Re: "Drop Zone" Building Restriction Easement

Dear Dick and Joyce:

This confirms that I received a telephone call and the enclosed facsimile transmission from Gary R. Dye of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers here in Kansas City. He was responding to my recent letters to the U.S. Army Reserve concerning the Drop Zone. Apparently the Army Reserve has decided to go ahead and release the building restriction easement. Moreover, as I told you, they are willing to do so on all of the property which you own.

There will be certain costs which the government would like you to reimburse and Mr. Dye indicated that he would give us an estimate shortly. These costs will provide consideration for what amounts to a "sale" of this property interest.

I am advising him with the enclosed correspondence that we would request that the easement be released on both Tract 206E (which is where you intend to build your home), and Tract 205E which is the property you own in the northwest quarter of the section.

Finally, he indicated that it would take some time to process the paperwork and was wondering what our time schedule was. I told him you wanted to start building as soon as possible.

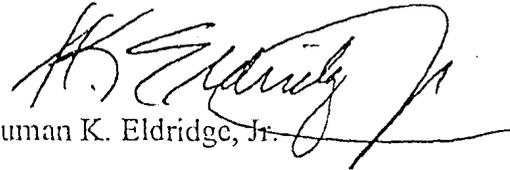
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I'm very pleased to report this news after all the years we've been dealing with this issue. Not only have we finally received a positive response, but it looks we'll have someone who will be reasonable to deal with. In any event, I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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January 25, 2000

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Re: "Drop Zone" Building Restriction Easement

Dear Dick and Joyce:

I spoke today with Gary Dye of the United States Army Corp of Engineers. He confirmed that there has been no change in the government's position that they are proceeding to go through the "red tape" necessary to abandon the easement so that you can construct your new home. In that regard, I was correct that the notice of an environment inspection was one of the procedural steps they had to go through. He could not give us a time frame when this procedure will be completed, but assured me that they would try to move it along. One of his colleagues, Cindy Searcy, will be handling the matter. I asked Mr. Dye to have Ms. Searcy call me from time to time to give me a progress report.

I will periodically contact Ms. Searcy and hopefully we can conclude this matter so that you can commence construction during the current year. I will keep you advised.

Sincerely,



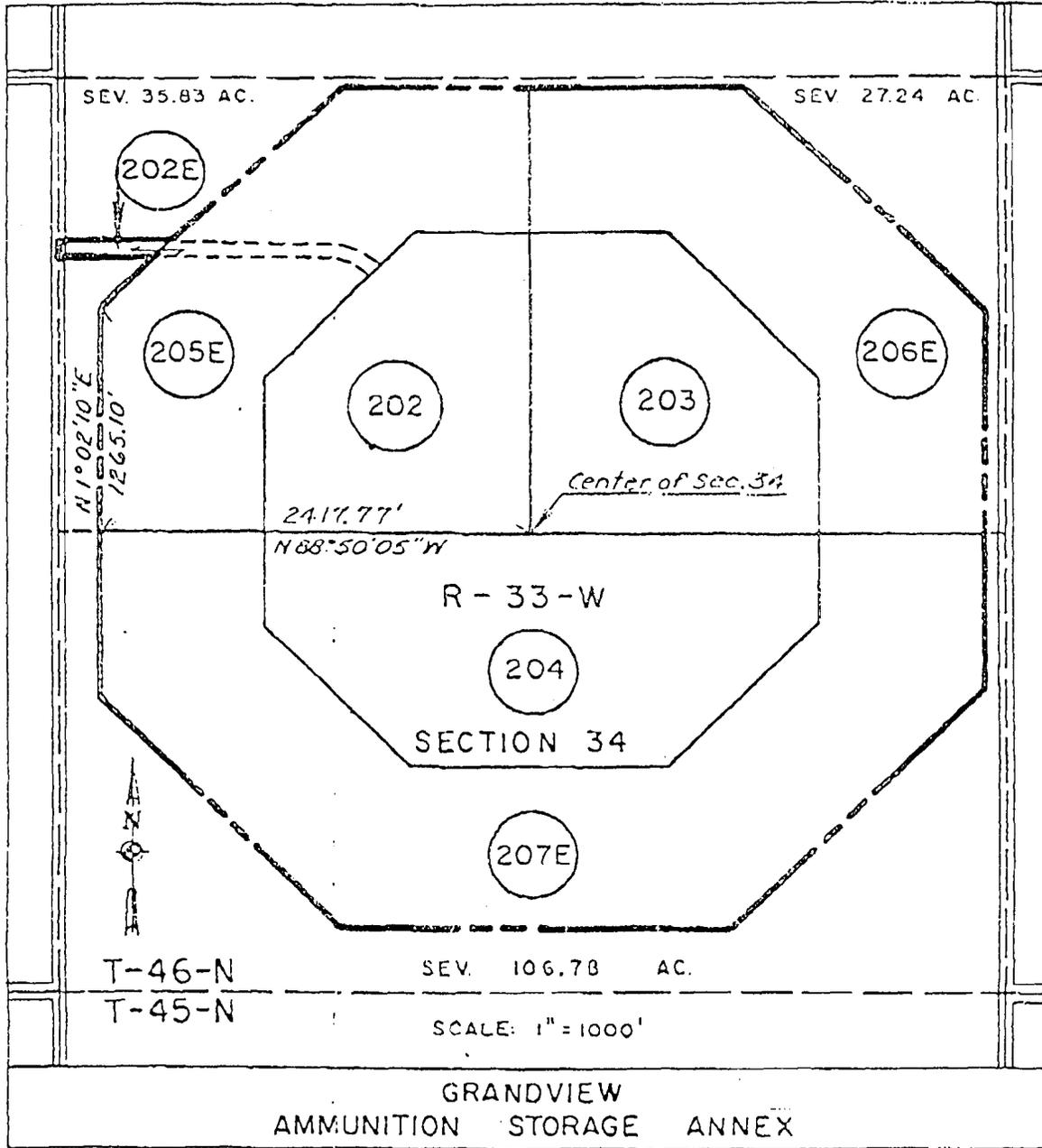
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US ARMY RESERVE
89TH RC
DROP ZONE
RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB

PROSPECT

5TH Street



TRANSMITTAL HEADER SHEET

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BASE PASS TO:

COMMENTS:

This info is in reference to our phone call on 7 SEPT 99 -
 and your letter dated August 26, 1999 on behalf of
 your clients Richard & Joyce Robinson -

● We will be providing you with a formal reply to your
 inquiries - In order to help can you identify the
 TRACT(S) OF LAND currently owned by your clients
 on the attached maps -

TRACT 206E is located in NE 1/4 SEC 34

TRACT 205E is located in NW 1/4 SEC 34

TRACT 207E is located in S 1/2 SEC 34

● THE BUILDING YOU IDENTIFIED IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE
 WAS LOCATED IN TRACT 206E.

● Please leave message @ 983-3741 - (Gary Dye)



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THE REAL TRUTH?

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 SUBMITTED BY OFFICE, CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
 REAL ESTATE
 ACQUISITION REPORT NO. _____

Submitted pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 2662.

Name of Installation: United States Army Reserve,
 Local Training Area, Belton Training
 Annex (JGVC), Missouri (Richards-
 Gebaur AFB)

Using Service: Department of the Army

Use: Local Training Area to support the
 training mission in Western Missouri and
 eastern Kansas.

Area: 183.64 acres of fee acquisition
 264.50 acres of easement acquisition

Estimated Fair Market Value for Fee Acquisition . . . \$ 275,475

Estimated Fair Market Value for Easement Acquisition. \$ 145,340

Rounded. . . \$ 421,000

1. This statement is submitted for the purpose of reporting to the committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representative the facts concerning the proposed transfer of an annex of the Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base from the Department of the Air Force to the Department of the Army.

2. This acquisition is to develop a Local Training Area (LTA) for the 102d ARCOM, St. Louis, MO. It includes 183.65 acres of fee acquisition and 264.50 acres of easement acquisition by transfer at no cost. The development of this LTA is to support the training mission in western Missouri and eastern Kansas.

3. The requirement for this acquisition is development of a Major Construction Army Reserve, Local Training Area Project.

4. "This action has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics)."





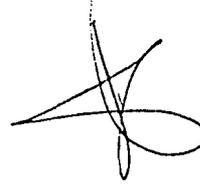
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**THREAT BY
U.S. ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS**

May 23, 2002



Greg Wilson, Chief of Real Estate
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kansas City District Office
Attn: CENWK-RE
601. E. 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46
North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian,
Cass County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Annex

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to you with deep concerns regarding the brief encounter which took place on the easement road to the above-referenced property on May 21, 2002, at approximately 10:00 a.m. To the best of my knowledge the following persons were present during this encounter: Richard Robinson, Joyce Robinson, Wendy Hale, Sgt. Nelson, Gary Dye and Greg Wilson. I attempted to speak with you but you were so belligerent and under such "time constraints" that another prime opportunity to address the issues regarding the above-referenced property passed by.

To the best of my recollection, I have never spoken to or corresponded with you prior to May 21, 2002, so you can imagine how shocked I was to observe your unprofessional behavior and to be the recipient of such threats as those made by you. It is beyond my wildest imagination why you would have such a personal vendetta against me and/or my family.

I would like you to clarify your threat which was: "I will personally do whatever it takes to prevent you from ever building on or benefitting from the use of this property."

1. As you made it perfectly clear that you were "in charge" of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and represented that you were present and acting under that authority, was your threat an expression of the legal position of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?
2. Did your threat refer to the "Safety Easement" or, as your actions implied, all of the adjoining property we own since you took it upon yourself, acting as an agent of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to trespass upon my property and to make inquiry into my personal activities immediately prior to making this threat?

3. When making your threat, were you putting me on notice that you intended to take the matter into your own hands and I should look at this as a personal threat against me and my family?

I find it very ironic that your threats were made at the entrance to the Belton Training Annex; a place where young men and women train, after taking an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, with their lives if necessary, from all enemies both foreign and domestic. You sir, threatened to use the powers of the federal government to deny me my constitutional rights.

The fact that you are employed by the federal government does not give you the right to infringe upon and/or deny me the same rights you enjoy under the U.S. Constitution. It is deplorable that an agent of the federal government is allowed to conduct himself in such a manner. Apparently you believe you are above the law, we both know that is not the case.

It is apparent that you cannot or will not be objective with respect to the above-referenced property and the issues surrounding it. I believe it would be beneficial to all parties concerned if you removed yourself from this matter.

I hereby demand a written response to my concerns so that I can take appropriate actions to protect myself, my family and my property from you.

Adjoining Property Petitioner,

R.E. Robinson

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**MILITARY EQUIPMENT
PARK & COMMUNITY
RESPONSES**

Environmental Assessment
for the
Military Equipment Park
at the Belton Local Training Area

Belton, Missouri



August 2003

September 13, 2003

Mr. Greg Knauer
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Re: Environmental Assessment for Military Equipment Park at
the U.S. Army Belton Local Training Area, Belton,
Missouri

Dear Mr. Knauer:

Please consider and provide a written response or a public forum to address the following public comments generated after reading the Environmental Assessment for the Military Equipment Park at the Belton Local Training Area. Significant impact will occur and an Environmental Impact Statement should be required. The cumulative effects of the three projects will adversely impact the entire area. Preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact is not appropriate at this time. In fact, use of the Belton LTA as proposed is not appropriate at this time or in the future.

1. The Public comment period should be extended. The Environmental Assessment for the Military Equipment Park at the Belton Local Training Area was not made available to the public at the Cass County Library as indicated. The only document available as of September 4, 2003, was the Environmental Assessment for the Security Fence and Perimeter Road Addition at the Belton Training Area. The librarian was not even aware this document had been placed in the library. It was found only after a lengthy search.

2. What are the specifications of the proposed security lighting?

3. What does "additional security measures will be incorporated into the design including the maximum feasible standoff distance from roads, parking areas, and vehicle unloading areas" mean?

4. What are the specifications of the proposed "upgrade to the existing dirt gravel roadway entering the Belton LTA" which is on a "50-foot easement through adjacent property".

5. The USAF recently completed a no cost conveyance transfer of property to the City of Kansas City, Missouri. My layman's understanding of the procedure is that the property is first offered to others in the Department of Defense, then to other government entities, then to public for sale, then given back to City for "economic recovery efforts." The 89th RRC could have requested a DOD transfer of any property located on the

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former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base. Why did the 89th RRC fail to request property that was, by their own admission, suitable to meet the storage and security needs of the 89th RRC?

Why are we wasting taxpayer dollars to build a new facility?

Why was the military base "deactivated" if there are so many military operations in need of continued use?

6. The No Action alternative is a viable alternative. It would merely require the 89th RRC to further negotiate with the City of Kansas City, the City of Belton or the U.S. Marine Corp. The stated purpose of closing military bases throughout the United States is to allow for economic recovery of these blighted areas. Since the former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base has only been cleared for industrial use because of all the prior unsafe environmental practices and contamination by the military why not continue using those areas where the existing population is accustomed to the lights, sounds and noise emitted? Why is the 89th RRC proposing to industrialize 184 acres of pristine farm land which includes wetlands and an abundance of other environmental assets?

7. Is the public aware that the Air Force used the facility as a drop zone, dropping people and equipment on site, until in the 1970's the Air Force dropped a skid of rail road ties on top of a person's home which is located well outside the "safety easement"? The surrounding properties have developed substantially since that time.

8. It is stated the current MEP is "crushed stone, and does not have the strength to support the heavier vehicles and equipment. Why then is the 89th RRC proposing to "upgrade the existing road" with gravel? The adjoining property owner has the right to travel on and over this road. Does this mean the new road will also fail to support the traffic thus devaluing the property and making it impossible for the farmer to mow his fields that are dissected by this road?

9. How does "insufficient parking space" adversely affect the unit's ability to train for wartime tasks. Is this the 89th RRC's attempt to benefit from and tug at the heart strings of the American public as a result of the events of 9-1-1?

10. Is the 89th RRC "requiring a permanent and secure facility to relieve the vehicle and equipment overcrowding issues" or is the threat made by Greg Wilson, Chief of Real Estate, for the Army Corps of Engineers coming to fruition, specifically, "I will personally do whatever it takes to prevent you from ever building on or benefitting from the use of this property." Please see attached Exhibit A.

11. While we appreciate that this document has been prepared "using the expertise of scientists, planners, archaeologists, and military personnel to identify and evaluate all relevant impacts, beneficial or negative, that could occur from implementation of the Proposed Action and alternatives", why haven't any of these persons or agencies contacted the public which it will affect the most? Why have government personnel and agencies, specifically, LTC. William Titterington, 89th Army, the 89th RRC, "G-R-E-G Wilson, like the sporting goods", Chief of Real Estate for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, failed and refused to openly communicate with and/or answer any questions or concerns raised by the public for years and most recently raised at meetings held during the closure activities of the former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base. I proposed agents independent from the 89th RRC conduct additional sight surveys.

12. Who determines significant adverse impacts? If it is the 89th RRC does that not liken itself to the fox guarding the henhouse?

13. Will the current streets, roads and bridges in the City of Belton and in the Mount Pleasant Road district be of sufficient strength and size to support the increased traffic and load from the "heavy equipment trailers and other 89th RRC unit equipment" or will the taxpayers be paying to repair these roads in the near future? I guess the taxpayers foot the bill either way...a new facility or repair to roads and bridges.

14. Who was the contact person with the City of Kansas City, Missouri that notified the 89th RRC that the city could not afford the long-term lease conditions? What are the long-term lease conditions that could not be met?

15. Who was the contact person with the US Marine Corps that notified the 89th RRC that a long-term lease agreement could not be finalized? What are the long-term lease conditions that could not be met?

16. What specific additional property is "owned by the 89th RRC in the vicinity of the existing MEP" that was "evaluated as a location for the proposed MEP". What are the specific requirements for "space, security, and proximity to existing Clifford M. Davis Reserve Training Center in Belton".

17. Where is the specific location of the "proposed site" within the 184 acres?

18. The No-Action alternative is defined as no changes to the existing situation and facilities. Under the No-Action alternative, no new facilities would be constructed. The No-action alternative would definitely ensure no significant adverse environmental or socio-economic impacts and would allow the 89th RRC to continue its use of the property for training.

19. Please provide a copy of 40 CFR 1501.7.

20. The nearest active airport adjoins the BLTA and is located within the safety easement and has been for approximately 50 years. The military is aware of its existence as they have, during many instances of trespassing, actually landed on the paved runway which is located on private property within the safety easement that adjoins their property. Mission Road Airport is located within five miles of the BLTA. Hillside Airport is located within five miles of the BLTA. Villnave Airport is located within 1 1/2 miles of the BLTA. Royse Airport is located within one mile of the BLTA.

21. There has been a recent increase in military helicopter traffic. Observations have been made wherein military helicopters were being operated in a patently unsafe and illegal manner. Night maneuvers are being performed below proper altitude and without lights. The military personnel are also operating the helicopters with the marker lights off. The helicopters are flying over residential areas below regulated height and more specifically have been hovering outside the windows of residences and circling buildings located on private property. In fact, the military personnel were flying at such low altitude, without lights, one evening that they nearly struck an occupied private vehicle on private property. The military personnel only pulled up at the last minute when the lights on the vehicle were illuminated. The military personnel operating the helicopters are well aware of the fact that they regularly violate FAA rules of flight and present a clear and present danger to everyone when operating in this manner. This activity has all taken place in, on and over private property and generally not within the confines of the BLTA. While the military personnel's action make it readily apparent they are in need of additional training, we

propose that it be conducted over the 89th RRC's property, not private property. What will the 89th RRC do to ensure public safety? To date, the 89th RRC has failed to address the concerns and passed the buck stating "they aren't the ones flying the helicopters". If the 89th RRC now owns the property, do they not have a responsibility to ensure the safe use of the property by any military personnel?

22. The Belton LTA is surrounded by a safety easement that is owned by the property owners surrounding the site but the safety easement is not "contracted" to the military. In addition, the safety easement is severely restrictive to the United States of America and fails to provide any "safety" to anyone:

An assignable easement and right (in perpetuity) for the establishment, maintenance, operation and use of a safety area in connection with the Grandview Air Force Base Project in Cass County, State of Missouri, in, on, across and over Tracts B-201-E-1, B-202-E and B-203-E, consisting of the right to prohibit human habitation; the right to remove buildings presently or hereafter being used for human habitation; the right to prohibit gatherings of more than twenty-five persons; the right to post signs indicating the nature and extent of the Government's control; and the right of ingress and egress over and across said tracts for the purpose of exercising the other rights set forth herein; reserving however, to the landowners, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns all right, title interest and privilege as may be used and enjoyed without interfering with or abridging the rights hereby acquired by the government.

23. The safety easement does not buffer the site from the public. The safety easement is not secure and anyone can walk up to the property line of the 89th RRC. As you should be able to determine from this verbiage, the restrictions do not provide safety nor do they prohibit encroachment. Anything and everything can be built on the safety easement provided it is not being used for human habitation. Anyone can enter into and remain on the safety easement with or without permission from the adjoining property owners.

24. The past, present and future uses of the site are not consistent. The past use of the site was as a munitions storage dump. The present use of the site is Reserve training. The "proposed" future use of the site is significantly different than its past and present use.

25. The Belton LTA does not have nor has it had a controlled gate access for more than thirty years. In fact, during the recent "clean up" performed by the USAF, Peter Barrett with CH2M Hill stated that it appeared the property had been used by the public as a dumping ground. The public has had and continues to have access to the property. Children are allowed anywhere on the safety easement up to the property line of the BLTA. What will the 89th RRC do to ensure that the children and other public who play, swim, eat, ride bikes, motorcycle, picnic, ski, pick pumpkins or who generally enjoy country living, ect. will not be affected by any of the activities conducted at the BLTA or that they will not be exposed to environmental run off from the BLTA?

26. The area immediately to the North of the BLTA and within the safety easement consists of commercial and agriculture land uses and includes an active airport.

27. The Belton LTA is located within one of the fastest growing communities in the Southland. Use of the Belton LTA over the past 50 years may or may not have been appropriate but time has certainly passed it by with respect to the new proposed use. "The City of Belton had a population of 21, 730 in 2000, 19.7 percent more than the 1990 number of 18, 159. Cass County's population for the year 2000 was 82,092, **an increase of approximately 29 percent from the 1990 population**". While the 89th RRC may believe there may be "only a few residential noise receptors nearby", the helicopters can be heard at least as far away as 205th Street and Mullen Road. "All of the adjacent residences are located outside the 286-acre safety easement and the majority of them are separated from the Belton LTA by woodland areas" which the 89th RRC is proposing to burn so any insulation provided will be gone excluding the shrubs, weeds and trees that have grown up through the 89th RRC's unkempt fence line.

28. As can best be determined by the EA the "proposed" location of the MEP will be located at the highest elevation of all surrounding properties thus any lighting of the area will cause significant adverse impact.

29. What hazardous materials were stored at the site?

30. Although the Air Force prepared a "No Further Response Action Planned Decision Document based on past remedial investigations at the Belton LTA" the Air Force has, after public input, performed some clean up at the Belton LTA in 2003. This addendum, although promised, has not been available for public

review and/or comment. All proposed activities should be delayed until such time as the public has had an opportunity to review the document in its entirety and make necessary comments.

31. Has the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently conducted a survey of the Belton LTA?

32. It is interesting that the Air Force only identified two wetland areas and now after a 25"+ rain drought there are nine wetland areas. Imagine how the wetlands would be flourishing if we actually had some rain this year. What specifically will be done to minimize the destruction, loss, or degradation of the wetlands and to preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values of these wetland areas? If Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, requires federal agencies to consider alternatives to wetland sites, we propose additional efforts can and should be made to secure a site at the former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base where there are huge parcels of land with underlying contamination caused by military operations, which can never be used for anything other than industrial use. It would be an ideal area for a motor pool and any number of other military operations and would prevent additional environmental contamination at the Belton LTA.

33. Will the proposed MEP, at this time or in the future, require the installation of fuel tanks?

34. What are the projected long range building plans for the Belton LTA?

35. What mitigation measures will be taken to prevent environmental contamination during the operation and maintenance of the military vehicles?

36. What "positive effects to existing land uses would occur by having the military equipment and vehicles stored on the Belton LTA site other than that which directly benefits the military? There have never been any concerns raised for the past 50 years when "driving the vehicles and hauling the equipment from Prospect Road". I propose remaining on the former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base would address this concern and additionally, would not cost the taxpayers additional money.

37. I support the No-Action alternative which "would be no effect to land use" and would allow for "training operations to continue at the Belton LTA and when needed, military equipment would be driven or hauled in from areas off-site".

38. Will infield refueling and filter changes occur in a designated area to reduce "volatilization of VOCs from petroleum based products"?

39. Please clarify this sentence found in Section 4.3.2 which reads: "From an operations view, there will be no change to regional air quality, because these activities will only three miles to the south, from just north of the Clifford M. Davis Army Reserve Training Center to the Belton LTA." Does the "operations view" take into consideration the public's view as to impact?

40. I support the No-Action alternative which "will have no impact on noise level within or in the vicinity of the Belton LTA".

41. Will any extensive excavation occur? Will any excavation, drilling or boring for the installation of the perimeter fence or the MEP exceed a depth of 12-18"? According to Mr. John J. Glover of HG AFRC/CEXP (Robins AFB, GA; the surface (e.g., 12-18 inches bgs) explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) clearance, which has already been completed, is adequate for any type of Reserve training exercise **excluding extensive excavation.**" Accordingly, it appears another explosive ordnance survey should be conducted to ensure public and military safety. Will an explosive ordnance survey be completed? Wouldn't you agree that the impact of an unidentified unexploded ordnance (BOMBS, ARTILLERY SHELLS AND ROCKETS AND/OR ANY OTHER MUNITIONS) being disturbed or exploded would cause significant adverse impact. Have all nuclear devices previously stored at this site been accounted for and removed?

42. I support the No-Action alternative which will have "no effect to geology". The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the USAF, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency reiterated countless times that often times the best mitigation measure where undisturbed and/or unknown contaminants are buried is to leave them undisturbed and/or buried; I suggest we do the same here.

43. What measures will be taken to address "the potential for increased runoff during a storm event" at the MEP. How will the "potential to leak petroleum products and other fluids that could wash to nearby water bodies during rain events" effect the animals that drink from these water bodies and effect the humans that eat the animals? How will the "potential to leak petroleum products and other fluids that could wash to nearby water bodies during rain events" effect the plants and the humans that eat the plants; specifically the pumpkin patch located immediately South

and down hill from the proposed MEP that is frequented by hundreds of children and their families each year?

44. I support the No-Action alternative which will have "no effect on water resources or drainage patterns within the Belton LTA".

45. How will the oil and lubrication fluids "produced from general maintenance of the vehicles" at the Belton LTA be stored before transported to the Clifford M. Davis Training Center?

46. Will any extensive excavation, drilling or boring occur while installing light poles or the electric utility easement? Will any excavation, drilling or boring exceed a depth of 12-18"? According to Mr. John J. Glover of HG AFRC/CEXP (Robins AFB, GA; the surface (e.g., 12-18 inches bgs) explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) clearance, which has already been completed, is adequate for any type of Reserve training exercise **excluding extensive excavation.**" Accordingly, it appears another explosive ordnance survey should be conducted to ensure public and military safety. Will an explosive ordnance survey be completed? Wouldn't you agree that the impact of an unidentified unexploded ordnance (BOMBS, ARTILLERY SHELLS AND ROCKETS AND/OR ANY OTHER MUNITIONS) being disturbed or exploded would cause significant adverse impact. Have all nuclear devices previously stored at this site been accounted for and removed?

47. How effective will the "top shields to concentrate the light into the MEP area" actually be since the proposed MEP site is to be located at the highest elevation of all surrounding property?

48. There is one specific line item in the EA with which I can agree; **lights at the MEP will create "a noticeable impact at night"**. It will significantly and adversely impact and devalue the surrounding properties (See attached Exhibit A).

49. "Lighting will be limited to the amount that is necessary for safety and security"; whose? Is it for the soldiers? Are security lights provided in wartime? Is the safety and security of the vehicles and heavy equipment significantly more important than the "right, title, interest and privilege as may be used and enjoyed without interfering with or abridging the rights hereby acquired by the government" guaranteed to the surrounding property owners under the Judgement upon Declaration of Taking, Civil Action No. 10131?

50. I support the No-Action alternative which will have "no effect on utilities in the Belton LTA or surrounding areas.

51. Construction of the MEP will have adverse "effects on wildlife that requires prairie habitat.

52. I support the No-Action alternative which will have "no effect on biological resources at the Belton LTA".

53. I support the No-Action alternative which states "there will be no change to the social and economic characteristics of the area".

Cumulative effects: "The primary long-term impact associated with the MEP project involves the introduction of lighting into an area of open space and wooded vegetation. The lighting is anticipated to be a minor intrusion into the nighttime visual landscape because of the distance from the surrounding residences, trees and hills providing a buffer between residences and the views of the MEP, and the location of the security lighting on high ground so that the lighting will blend in with"...here comes my favorite part..."the background lighting prevalent along the skyline that is the glow of the Kansas City Metropolitan area"...how poetic...gold star to the spin doctor. What a bunch of hogwash! The lights will not blend in with anything in the surrounding area; the surrounding area is pitch black at night. For example, it is dark enough to star gaze without the light pollution that prevents this activity in the city.

"The pressure for development will increase as improved roads along Route 150 and Route 58 provide impetus for the Belton area to grow. As residential growth occurs south and west of Belton, it will be important for Belton LTA to maintain the outer buffer area easement that surrounds the facility to minimize future encroachment." Once again...gold star to the spin doctor. The military should encourage economic development to the South and the West...no one can or wants to live in the areas previously contaminated by the military at the former Richards Gebaur Air Force base. The "outer buffer area easement that surrounds the facility" does nothing to prevent encroachment. Over 200 residences can legally be built, on property that adjoins the Belton LTA, immediately to the North, East and West...right now...today. In addition, any commercial development can occur, without interference of the 89th RRC right up to their property line as the "outer buffer area easement that surrounds the facility" does not restrict building of any kind. The 89th RRC currently holds no easement rights that allow them to prevent encroachment; their property line is where encroachment must stop, not before and certainly not in the easement area.

It appears the 89th RRC has provided false and misleading information to the general public with respect to the "Environmental Assessment for Military Equipment Park at the U.S. Army Belton Local Training Area, Belton, Missouri".

The findings and conclusions given in the EA are wrong. The environmental conditions at the Belton LTA would be significantly impacted by proceeding with constructing and operating the MEP at the proposed site.

Implementation of the Proposed Action would result in significant adverse effects on the environmental resources in the EA and would affect the entire eco-system surrounding this area. The effects on the natural environment will be long-term and will result in significant adverse impact. The security lighting proposed for the facility will have long-term significant adverse impact. The cumulative effects of associated projects, disclosed as of this writing, proposed for Belton LTA will result in a significant adverse impact to the area.

The No Action alternative would not limit the ability of the 89th RRC to train effectively and efficiently as a result of not having a location with vehicles readily available for training. The No Action alternative will simply force the 89th RRC to negotiate more effectively with prospective Lessors such as the City of Kansas City or the United States Marine Corp or the City of Belton, to name only a few.

Based on the false findings in this EA, implementation of the Proposed Action will have significant direct, indirect and cumulative effects on the quality of the natural and human environment. Significant environmental impacts will result from the implementation of the Proposed Action. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is hereby requested. Preparation of a FNSI is not appropriate.

I support any and all efforts to force the military to stop stone-walling, to stop misleading, to stop passing the buck, to stop bullying and to work with the community to come up with a viable solution.

Here's a win-win situation. Train soldiers and store military equipment at the former Richards Gebaur Air Force base where it has been accomplished for 50 or more years. The former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base is already approved for industrial use; history proves there is ample space at this site to suit the needs of the military. With these tough economic times, I find it hard to believe that a deal cannot be struck with the City of Kansas City, Missouri; nearly every jurisdiction within the

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United States is scrambling to find a way to make up lost revenues.

Return the Belton LTA to the public; it would make a wonderful public park for study of prairie grasses, flowers, birds, reptiles and amphibians, moths and butterflies, and mammals (which was actually one of the proposed uses in a prior EA's). This solution provides economic development and recovery to an area previously blighted by the military and allows the community most affected by this blight to gain a valuable environmental asset which can be enjoyed by the entire metropolitan Kansas City area.

The final comment I have to make at this time is it is quite interesting to observe the power of Greg Wilson, Chief of Real Estate, Army Corps of Engineers (see attached Exhibit A). It is also interesting to note, that this place was pretty darn quiet until the adjoining property owners made a request to have the safety easement released (see attached Exhibit B). Are we being punished for contacting our politicians or just ignored?

A concerned citizen,

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May 23, 2002

Greg Wilson, Chief of Real Estate
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Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46
North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian,
Cass County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Annex

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to you with deep concerns regarding the brief encounter which took place on the easement road to the above-referenced property on May 21, 2002, at approximately 10:00 a.m. To the best of my knowledge the following persons were present during this encounter: Richard Robinson, Joyce Robinson, Wendy Hale, Sgt. Nelson, Gary Dye and Greg Wilson. I attempted to speak with you but you were so belligerent and under such "time constraints" that another prime opportunity to address the issues regarding the above-referenced property passed by.

To the best of my recollection, I have never spoken to or corresponded with you prior to May 21, 2002, so you can imagine how shocked I was to observe your unprofessional behavior and to be the recipient of such threats as those made by you. It is beyond my wildest imagination why you would have such a personal vendetta against me and/or my family.

I would like you to clarify your threat which was: "I will personally do whatever it takes to prevent you from ever building on or benefitting from the use of this property."

1. As you made it perfectly clear that you were "in charge" of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and represented that you were present and acting under that authority, was your threat an expression of the legal position of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?
2. Did your threat refer to the "Safety Easement" or, as your actions implied, all of the adjoining property we own since you took it upon yourself, acting as an agent of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to trespass upon my property and to make inquiry into my personal activities immediately prior to making this threat?
3. When making your threat, were you putting me on notice that you intended to take the matter into your own hands and I should look at this as a personal threat against me and my family?

I find it very ironic that your threats were made at the entrance to the Belton Training Annex; a place where young men and women train, after taking an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, with their lives if necessary, from all enemies both foreign and domestic. You sir, threatened to use the powers of the federal government to deny me my constitutional rights.

The fact that you are employed by the federal government does not give you the right to infringe upon and/or deny me the same rights you enjoy under the U.S. Constitution. It is deplorable that an agent of the federal government is allowed to conduct himself in such a manner. Apparently you believe you are above the law, we both know that is not the case.

It is apparent that you cannot or will not be objective with respect to the above-referenced property and the issues surrounding it. I believe it would be beneficial to all parties concerned if you removed yourself from this matter.

I hereby demand a written response to my concerns so that I can take appropriate actions to protect myself, my family and my property from you.

Adjoining Property Petitioner,

R.E. Robinson

RER/kr

February 6, 2002

President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46
North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass
County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Annex

Dear President Bush:

We hereby petition the federal government of the United States of America to cause a full and final release or to compel others to cause a full and final release of part of the above-referenced property which is located approximately six miles SSE of the Control Tower of the "former" Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base. A complete legal description, topography map and a survey of said property is enclosed for your review.

The property, owned by the United States of America, consists of 183.64 acres of fee acquisition and 264.50 acres of easement acquisition. This property is situated in the approximate center of Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West, Cass County, Belton, Missouri and is adjoined by 22 neighbors.

The specific restrictions we would like released are set out in **bold** in the following language derived from the Judgment Upon Declaration of Taking, Civil Action No. 10131, heard in the District Court for the Western District of Missouri; In Re: The United States of America vs. 471.62 acres of land, more or less, John Edward Cheatum, etal., and Unknown Owners.

b. "An assignable easement and right (in perpetuity) for the establishment, maintenance, operation and use of a 'safety area' in connection with the Grandview Air Force Base Project in Cass County, State of Missouri, in, on, across and over Tracts B-201-E-1, B-202-E and B-203-E, consisting of the right to prohibit human habitation; the right to remove buildings presently or hereafter being used for human habitation; the right to prohibit gatherings of more than twenty-five persons; ect.

Additionally, we request authorization to remove seven (7) power poles, meter and service drop at no expense to the United States of America. The federal government installed this service on adjoining neighbors to provide power to a small light which sets atop one of the poles; its intended use was to identify the Drop

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Zone from the air. It has not been used for a minimum of 25 years.

Some of us have served this great country, many of us are small business owners and all of us are voters who have worked very hard to acquire the land that is currently fettered, without good cause, by the federal government. We deserve to have the choice in how our properties are used. Some of us want to have a family picnic or a friendly game of baseball without finding ourselves in violation of an antiquated set of restrictions governing our properties.

The above-referenced property was acquired by condemnation in 1955 for the storage of munitions. In the early years, the property was used for the burning of munitions, explosives and trash, ect. The "Safety Area", which consists of 264.50 acres of easement, seemed appropriate at that time; in the event of explosion it allowed for a 900' perimeter or "Safety Area" for airborne debris. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the property has not been used in this capacity for at least 30 years. The 900' "Safety Area" no longer serves any useful purpose.

Later, the property became known as the Mule D.Z. and was used by the 442nd Troop Carrier Wing for a practice Drop Zone for C119, C124 and C130 aircraft for both heavy drops and parachutists. Housing at that time and through the late 1960's was very sparse. Approaches were normally made from the East and until housing became more dense it did not constitute a problem.

In the mid 1970's a "heavy" drop with twin parachutes and a skid of railroad ties hit one of the residences East of the Mule D.Z. The "Safety Area" did not protect the United States of America nor did it protect the homeowner.

Also, in the mid 1970's, while flares were being used to identify the drop zone, a fire ensued and spread to an adjoining neighbor. The adjoining neighbor's property was used for agriculture and livestock; fence and crops were destroyed and the livestock had to be relocated. The "Safety Area" did not protect the United States of America nor did it protect the adjoining property owner. After these two incidents all parachute drops ceased although military personnel continued to occasionally parachute onto the property.

More recently, we have observed the property being used by parachutists once or twice a decade and for Army and Air Force Reserve training exercises three or four days a year. Release of the "Safety Area" will not impede the United States of America

from continuing to use the property as they have for at least the past 30 years.

Promises to release said restrictions were made by members of the United States Air Force as early as 1974. As each adjoining neighbor purchased property, agents of the United States Air Force, once again, promised that the restrictions would be waived as they no longer served any useful purpose. All of the adjoining neighbors paid fair market value for their property as they relied upon and believed the representations made by the United States Air Force. Hindsight being 20/20, many of the adjoining neighbors would not have paid fair market value for their land and, most likely, would have purchased elsewhere knowing now that the restrictions would remain in place for such an extensive period of time. All of the adjoining neighbors property is markedly devalued because of these restrictions. All of the adjoining neighbors are assessed taxes based on the fair market value of "like properties", however, those "like properties" do not have any restrictions and no consideration is given to those of us who cannot use our property as we choose. Additionally, we most certainly could not obtain fair market value for our property should we choose to sell it; it is currently devalued because of the restrictions.

Promises have been made countless times, by countless agents of the United States Air Force. Thousands of dollars in attorneys fees have been spent by adjoining neighbors trying to secure these promises. Each time we begin to make headway a new obstacle presents itself. For example, we were told to contact countless individuals within various branches of the federal government; we did countless times, only to find that the person "in the know" has been promoted, transferred or terminated. We were told to contact the Air Force; we did. We were told to contact the Army; we did. We were told to contact the Corp of Engineers; we did. We were told to wait until Richards Gebaur Air Force Base closed; it has. We were told the final obstacle was the completion of environmental studies; we reviewed approximately ten, five-inch thick, three-ring binders to find that the environmental studies had, in fact, been completed. Enclosed for your review is a copy of the Closure Report. How many more hoops do we need to jump through and how much longer do we need to wait? We are caught up in a huge ball of red tape merely because a designated "Safety Area" was put in place 50 years ago and no one within the federal government will stop passing the buck long enough to do the right thing.

When one weighs the amount of time the property is actually used and the benefit afforded the United States of America versus the daily detriment incurred by the adjoining property owners we

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believe a reasonable person would agree that the restrictions are overburdensome, unnecessary and provide no actual protection to either party. At this time, the primary significance of the "Safety Area" is to prohibit the adjoining neighbors from enjoying the full use and benefit of land ownership. Certainly this is not the goal or intent of the United States of America.

We have been good neighbors. If the United States of America needed our property to ensure the safety and well being of the United States citizenry it would be freely given and all of us would readily take up arms to defend this great nation. However, that is not the case here. In fact, these are merely restrictions which time has passed by. Who is the "Safety Area" protecting? No one. What is the "Safety Area" protecting? Nothing. When was the "Safety Area" beneficial to the federal government? 50 years ago. Why is the "Safety Area" still necessary. It is not. Does removing the restrictions of the "Safety Area" negatively impact the United States of America or any of its adjoining neighbors? No.

This is a win-win proposition. With the stroke of a pen the adjoining neighbors can enjoy the full use and benefit of their property and no detriment will befall the United States of America. We need your help and look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

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PETITIONERS

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am told by a neighbor that soon the property held by the military and used for training near Belton MO is going to be put into use by the reserve to fly training missions for Blackhawk helicopter squadrons as well as for storage and maintenance of vehicles-a motorpool. I am appalled that there has been no notification that this high impact use of this property is underway in such a highly populated area.

This is distressing to me for several reasons. Firstly, I am told no environmental impact study has been done or needs to be done and that the State of Missouri has signed off on the proposal for this land use based upon reports submitted by the military.

Secondly, I live within 1 half mile of this proposed "base" and will have to live with any impact whether significant or not to the environment. These are likely to be decline in the quality of life issues that caused me to move to this area, specifically lack of noise pollution, large amounts of native and uncommon wildlife, small amounts of remnant prairie habitat, and lack of high levels of traffic and congestion and finally, the opportunity to restore my property to native tallgrass habitat to join with others in the area including the proposed "base" property in building a meaningful number of nearly contiguous acres of prairie in the immediate vicinity to help mitigate the loss of this habitat elsewhere.

It has always been my hope that both the military, local government, Cass County, the State of Missouri the local constituency and nature enthusiasts from all areas would realize both the importance of the few remaining parcels of unplowed prairie such as this "base" property and cry out to have them not only preserved but expanded to end the continuing decline of this habitat.

The military has done a poor job of stewardship to date with this land as what was once largely treeless tallgrass is now inundated by trees and I am told that there is unexploded ordnance likely still buried in the ground. Unfortunately the proposed plan as it has been told to me provides no facility to mitigate this unfortunate progression on this rarest of habitat in North America. Fortunately however, with planning and volunteer work, we can undo this tragedy and once again have rolling hills of rare prairie grasses and forbes and healthy prairie to show our children how this land once looked before settled and farmed. If this is not possible due to toxic chemicals and dangerous ordnance I think as citizens living in the area we need to be informed of this as well.

Many indicator species of healthy prairie may still be found on this land as they are in several other small enclaves of this rare habitat throughout the state and Midwest. Without an Environmental Impact Study and Statement it is sure that no effort will be made to find out what rare plants and animals may be here or how efforts can be taken to make sure they are preserved.

It seems to me and others to whom I have spoken that this land would be better utilized as prairie to be appreciated by the citizens of Cass County and Missouri as well as elementary through college kids throughout the area. To say that this is just 180 acres of fallow farmland and sign off on this plan is a gross misrepresentation of the facts and to not exercise good planning and stewardship of this land and act upon the opportunities that it provides is negligent.

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I appreciate any action that you may take to survey this land further before any decision is made to its future use.

Below please find attached lists of wildlife present in this area, most of which are found on this property and some of which are likely on watch lists for threatened or are already listed as species of concern such as the Greater Prairie Chicken, Loggerhead Shrike, Sharp-tailed Sparrows and Rattlesnake Master (all of which need quality habitat to propagate and live.) This is by no means a complete list. Study by trained biologists and botanists needs to be done.

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Birds

Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant

White Pelican

Franlin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull

Great Blue Heron
Little Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green-backed Heron

American Coot

Canada Goose
White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Snow Goose (blue phase)
Ross' Goose
Mallard
Gadwall
Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler
Green-winged Teal
Blue-winged Teal
Wood Duck
Scaup (ssp)
Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead

Bald Eagle
Mississippi Kite
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk (somehow missed listing)
Kestrel
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
Turkey Vulture

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Bobwhite
Greater Prairie Chicken

Killdeer
Upland Sandpiper
Yellowlegs (ssp)
Common Snipe
American Woodcock

Short Eared Owl
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Screech-Owl
Barn Owl

Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Northern Flicker, Yellow-shafted
Northern Flicker, Red-shafted
Red-headed Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Belted Kingfisher

Chimney Swift

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Mourning Dove
Rock Dove

Eastern Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Pewee
Empidonax (spp)

Cliff Swallow
Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow
Purple Martin

Marsh Wren
House Wren
Carolina Wren

Brown Creeper

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

Blue Jay
Common Crow

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Tufted Titmouse
Black-capped Chickadee

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
American Robin
Eastern Bluebird

Cedar Waxwing

Loggerhead Shrike

European Starling

Horned Lark

Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher

Blackpoll Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat

Warbling Vireo (singing)
vireo (spp)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Northern Cardinal
Rufous-sided Towhee
House Sparrow
Dickcissel
American Goldfinch
Dark-eyed Junco
Song Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Tree Sparrow
Harris' Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Pine Siskin
Grasshopper Sparrow
LeConte's Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
House Finch
Indigo Bunting

Bobolink

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Eastern Meadowlark
Baltimore Oriole
Orchard Oriole
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Grackle
Red-winged Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle
Rusty Blackbird

Mammals

White-footed Mouse
Deer Mouse
Meadow Vole
Wood Rat
Coyote
White-tailed Deer
Opossum
Red Fox
Raccoon

Reptiles and Amphibians

Speckled King Snake
Prairie King Snake
Brown Snake
Black Rat Snake *Elaphe obsoleta*
Eastern Yellow-bellied Snake *Coluber constrictor*
Northern Water Snake
Garter Snake
Snapping Turtle
Painted Turtle
Spotted Box Turtle
Common Toad
Eastern Leopard Frog
Gray Tree Frog
Bull Frog
Green Frog
Chorus Frog
Northern Cricket Frog
Spring Peeper
Unidentified small salamander-small pale greenish yellow, approx 4" long to tip of tail.

Moths and Butterflies

Eastern Comma *Polytonia comma*
Silver Spotted Skipper
Snout Butterfly *Libytheana bachmanii*
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Pipevine Swallowtail?
Black Swallowtail *Papilio polyxenes* one seen today 7/24/99 had two rows of yellow spots on both fore and hind wing, more like picture of *Papilio polyxenes* not close together spots like Spicebush Swallowtail with yellow smudge anterior to spots on hindwings.
Painted Lady
Buckwheat
Question Mark
Common Wood Nymph

Monarch

Viceroy

Pearl Crescent *Phyciodes tharos*

Eastern Tailed-Blue *Everes comyntas*

Clouded Sulphur *Colias philodice*

Cloudless Sulphur *Phoebis sennae*

Hackberry Emperor *Asterocampa celtis*

20. Tiny, < 3/8" wingspan flame red with two pale stripes on upper forewing.

Skipper dark overall and two black bands on lower side of fore wing, back yard.

all rust-orange above more brownish on upper hindwing.

Flora

Heath Aster *Aster ericoides*

Broomweed *Gutierrezia dracunculoides*

Common Evening-primrose *Oenothera biennis*

Velvet-leaf Alien *Abutilon theophrasti*

Flower of-an-hour Alien *Hibiscus trionum*

Jimson Weed Alien *Datura stamonium*

Flowering Spurge *Euphorbia corollata*

Curled Dock Alien *Rumex crispix*

Prairie Mimosa *Mimosa strigillosa*

St. John's Wort ssp.

Yellow Goat's Beard

Parsley/Carrot ssp.

Rose *Rosa* ssp.

Common Mullien Alien *Verbascum thapsus*

Showy Sunflower *Helianthus laetiflorus*

Wild Bergamot *Monarda fistulosa*

Hoary Vervain *Verbena stricta*

Compass Plant *Silphium laciniatum*

Butterfly Milkweed *Asclepias tubarosa*

Common Milkweed *Asclepias syriaca*

Green Milkweed *Asclepias cryptoceras*

Swamp Milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*

Daisy Fleabane *Erigeron annuus*

Oxe-eye Daisy *Chrysanthemum parthenium*

Devil's Bit *Chamaelirium luteum*

Hard-leaved Goldenrod *Solidago rigida*

Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*

Hairy Ruellia *Ruellia caroliniensis*

Rattlesnake Master

Gray-headed Coneflower *Ratibida pinnata*

Pale Purple Coneflower *Echinacea pallida*

Queen Anne's Lace Alien *Daucus carota*

Cinquefoil ssp.

Partridge Pea *Cassia fasciculata*

Prairie Wild Indigo *Baptisia tinctoria*

Field Bindweed *Convolvulus arvensis*

Strawberry ssp.

Purple Clover

White Sweet Clover

Yellow Sweet Clover Alien *Melilotus officinalis*

Blazing-star ssp.

Prairie Blazing-star *Liatris pycnostachya*

Catnip Alien *Nepeta cataria*

Narrow-leaved Mountain-mint *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*

Deptford Pink Alien ssp.

Chickory Alien Cichorium intybus
Thistle ssp.
Horse Nettle Solanum carolinense
Buffalo Bur Solanum rostratum

September 13, 2003

Mr. Greg Knauer
Burns & McDonnell
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Re: Environmental Assessment for Military Equipment Park at the U.S. Army Belton
Local Training Area, Belton, Missouri

Dear Mr. Knauer:

We hereby request additional time to provide public comments on the above-referenced project. We only became aware of this proposed activity through a neighbor today. Sufficient notice and time has not been given to the persons that this proposed activity will most significantly and adversely impact.

Please advise each of us of the new deadline. If you cannot grant this extension, please advise us of the appropriate person or procedure we must follow to obtain one. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Concerned Citizens



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JUL 27 2005

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**SECURITY FENCE &
PERIMETER ROAD
ADDITION & COMMUNITY
RESPONSES**

Environmental Assessment
for the
Security Fence and Perimeter Road Addition
at the Belton Training Area

Belton, Missouri



September 2003

September 19, 2003

Mr. Greg Knauer
Burns & McDonnell
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Re: Environmental Assessment for Security Fence and
Perimeter Road at the U.S. Army Belton Local Training
Area, Belton, Missouri

Dear Mr. Knauer:

Please consider and provide a written response or a public forum to address the following public comments generated after reading the Environmental Assessment for Security Fence and Perimeter Road at the U.S. Army Belton Local Training Area. Significant impact will occur and an Environmental Impact Statement should be required. The cumulative effects of the three projects will adversely impact the entire area. Preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact is not appropriate at this time. In fact, use of the Belton LTA as proposed is not appropriate at this time or in the future.

I hereby include, as if contained herein, all comments, concerns, questions and exhibits previously submitted under the first deadline for the Environmental Assessment for Military Equipment Park at the U.S. Army Belton Local Training Area.

When a fence intersects a stream and/or wetland area won't that cause a "dam effect"? The 89th RRC admits "minor impacts will occur to ephemeral streams and impacts to wetlands" at the area where the fence intersects these areas but any disturbance to an area of a stream and/or wetland can and most likely will affect the entire stream and/or wetland. The impact will not remain confined to those areas.

"When the fence is nearly finished and ready for closure, a team of natural resource managers, personnel from the 89th RRC and others will drive and walk through the site in order to herd large mammals out through the opening in the fence just prior to closure. This will eliminate any large animals from being trapped inside the area surrounded by the new fence. Other measures such as space at the gate posts and adjacent fence post will be such that small animals could pass through but humans could not. This will provide a pathway for the smaller animals to leave the site after completion of the fence." If the proposed work is going to have such "minor adverse impact" then why does the 89th RRC need to herd out anything? If the proposed work is going to have such "minor adverse impact" why is there any need to disturb anything living there? I believe the answer to both of these questions is evident. The proposed action will have significant long-term adverse impact.

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Why does an area that has not been secured for at least thirty or more years suddenly need to be secured. The 89th RRC reports that "the site consists mostly of grassland with woodland areas" and "four buildings are present on the site, two large concrete storage bunkers, a linear concrete storage bunker, and a small, deteriorating wooden shed. No other permanent structures are on site." Has the 89th RRC failed to disclose something that is on site or have they failed to disclose some anticipated future use that requires such new heavy security measures? Please refrain from spouting the party line answer that "it is a result of the events of 9-1-1" or that "it is imperative to military readiness". The fact is the area does not need to be secured and if the MEP is operated elsewhere there would be no need for this proposed action either. Here's an idea. The 89th RRC could get out of their vehicles and walk or hike the area! What a perfect opportunity for exercise and training. This would clearly cause less significant adverse impact.

Is there a document available to the public that states the Department of Defense directive which requires the 89th RRC to provide this new level of security. Please provide a copy.

It appears the 89th RRC has provided false and misleading information to the general public with respect to the "Environmental Assessment for Security Fence and Perimeter Road at the U.S. Army Belton Local Training Area, Belton, Missouri".

The findings and conclusions given in the EA are wrong. The environmental conditions at the Belton LTA would be significantly impacted by proceeding with installing a security fence and constructing a perimeter road at the proposed site.

Implementation of the Proposed Action would result in significant adverse effects on the environmental resources in the EA and would affect the entire eco-system surrounding this area. The effects on the natural environment will be long-term and will result in significant adverse impact. The security lighting combined with a security fence and new road proposed for the facility will have long-term significant adverse impact. The cumulative effects of associated projects, disclosed as of this writing, proposed for Belton LTA will result in a significant adverse impact to the area.

The No Action alternative would not limit the ability of the 89th RRC to train effectively and efficiently.

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Based on the false findings in this EA, implementation of the Proposed Action will have significant direct, indirect and cumulative effects on the quality of the natural and human environment. Significant environmental impacts will result from the implementation of the Proposed Action. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is hereby requested. Preparation of a FNSI is not appropriate.

I look forward to your response.

One of many concerned citizens,

Kerri L. Robinson
8209 E. 166th Street
Belton, Missouri 64012





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**TRAINING & OPERATIONS
& COMMUNITY
RESPONSES**

Environmental Assessment
for
Training and Operations
at the Belton Training Area

Belton, Missouri



September 2003

October 10, 2003

Mr. Greg Knauer
Burns & McDonnell
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Re: Environmental Assessment for Training and Operations at
the Belton Training Area, Belton, Missouri

Dear Mr. Knauer:

Please consider and provide a written response or a public forum to address the following public comments generated after reading the Environmental Assessment for Training and Operations at the Belton Training Area, Belton, Missouri. Significant impact will occur and an Environmental Impact Statement should be required. The cumulative effects of the three projects will adversely impact the entire area. Preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact is not appropriate at this time. In fact, use of the Belton LTA as proposed is not appropriate at this time or in the future.

I hereby include, as if contained herein, all comments, concerns, questions and exhibits previously submitted under the first deadline for the Environmental Assessment for Military Equipment Park at the U.S. Army Belton Local Training Area and under the second deadline for the Environmental Assessment for the Security Fence and Perimeter Road Addition at the Belton Training Area, Belton, Missouri.

While I do not specifically object to many of the activities conducted during "training and operations", I do specifically object to the following activities which tend to occur prior to, during and after "training and operations" conducted by the Department of Defense. The following acts have been or continue to be committed by the DOD and their agents:

1. I object to the DOD parking on private property without permission from the private property owners.
2. I object to the DOD conducting "bivouac" on private property without permission from the private property owners.
3. I object to the DOD's inability and/or refusal to cease trespassing on private property.
4. I object to the DOD's inability and/or refusal to secure the ingress/egress gate which is owned by private citizens.

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5. I object to the DOD's inability and/or refusal to secure the lock on the ingress/egress gate which is owned by private citizens.

6. I object to the DOD's inability and/or refusal to remain on the easement road when entering and exiting private property.

7. I object to the DOD's inability and/or refusal to identify themselves, when asked by private property owners to do so, when they are trespassing or are entering and exiting private property in private vehicles.

8. I object to the DOD's physical and verbal assault of private property owners.

9. I object to the DOD's inability or refusal to observe where their property lines begin and end.

10. I object to the DOD's abuse of power illustrated by the use of intimidation, threats and aggressive confrontations.

11. I object to the DOD using private vehicles on private property without prior permission from the private property owners.

12. I object to the DOD lowering weapons at private citizens, under the pretense of training, while those citizens are on private property or while those citizens are travelling along a public roadway.

13. I object to any training which includes live fire as the DOD has demonstrated their lack of preparedness to contain said fires during trainings.

14. I object to the DOD's unsafe practices exhibited when piloting helicopters over private property.

15. I object to the DOD's helicopters landing on private property without permission from the private property owners.

16. I object to the DOD's future training which will require the installation of a Military Equipment Park, Security Fence and Lighting, a Perimeter Road Addition and improvements to the existing road easement.

17. I object to the DOD's purported need to retain the 287 acre "safety easement" so that the DOD can "minimize future encroachment" to train 45 days per year.

18. I object to the DOD's general lack of respect and disregard for the rights of the adjoining private property owners.

19. I object to the DOD's unwillingness to investigate viable alternatives such as leasing and/or purchasing property already negatively impacted by the DOD on the former Richards Gebauer Air Force Base.

I support the No Action Alternative which would eliminate all of these concerns and would allow for the property to be used by private citizens. Return the Belton LTA to the public; it would make a wonderful public park for study of prairie grasses, flowers, birds, reptiles and amphibians, moths and butterflies, and mammals (which was actually one of the proposed uses in a prior EA's). This solution provides economic development and recovery to an area previously blighted by the military and allows the community most affected by this blight to gain a valuable environmental asset which can be enjoyed by the entire metropolitan Kansas City area.

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The findings and conclusions given in the EA are wrong. The environmental conditions at the Belton LTA would be significantly impacted by proceeding with training and operations which will require the installation of a Military Equipment Park, Security Fence and Lighting, a Perimeter Road Addition and improvements to the existing road easement as outlined in the two other associated EA's.

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS & CONCERNS

William E. and Donna L. Jones
3901 E. 193rd Street
Belton, MO 64012

October 25, 2003

Missouri Governor Bob Holden
Missouri Capitol Building, Room 218
PO Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Governor Holden,

We are writing to you to request your help in a situation in our neighborhood. We live in a rural area outside the city limits of Belton, MO. This area is just south of Kansas City, MO. This situation affects several hundred other families as well. We moved to this area to enjoy the peace and quiet of country life and have invested the majority of our net worth into our home and the property that we built it on. We have lived here for a little over two years and had we known the intention of the U.S. Army we would never have purchased acreage and built our "dream home" here.

As you may or may not know, the U.S. Army, in particular the 89th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve owns approximately 184 acres in the middle of a section of ground located between 195th Street/Prospect and 203rd Street/Cleveland Street. They have proposed to install a Military Equipment Park, a 10-foot perimeter fence complete with razor wire and sufficient lighting to illuminate the entire acreage. It is our understanding that their long-range plans include the construction of a Black Hawk Helicopter Training Center. This area is within ½ to ¾ mile of our property. It is even closer to many of our neighbors. We have recently noticed a tremendous amount of increased activity in what once was a quiet, peaceful and serene country setting. Two weekends ago, there was an incredible amount of military traffic in the form of transport trucks coming in and out of the area, making an incredible amount of noise. It should be noted that the roads leading in and out of our area are typical rural roads. They are barely wide enough for two normal vehicles to pass by one another and many of the bridges are single lane with small load limits. On Thursday October 23, at 8:15 PM one or more helicopters were flying in and out of the area. When they come in and out they fly directly over our homes and hover there for several minutes at a time. Most everyone out here has dogs and they all start barking and its very disturbing to everyone involved. This is not the first helicopter to come in and out. They have been doing it for the past six months. At times it is the single blade ones and at others it is the big dual blade transport helicopters. They and other military vehicles have come in at all times of the day and night including night maneuvers as late as 2 or 3 in the morning. A lot of our neighbors have livestock and have noticed that they are scared and disturbed by the excessive noise they generate. Not to mention that they disturb and awaken those of us who have to get up early in the morning to get to work, school or farm.

We are supportive of our country's military and their efforts. We just do not understand why they need to move from their current location at Richards Gebaur Air Force Base. They themselves have publicly stated that there is land suitable for their needs at the base. They are moving because they can't or won't work out the logistics with the U.S. Marine Corps and or the City of Kansas City, MO. We believe they should stay at Richards Gebaur Air Force Base.

The Army states that the implementation of their proposed actions will have no significant direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the quality of the natural or human environment. They also state that their actions will blend in naturally to the skyline of the City of Kansas City. Nothing could be further from the truth. We believe their actions will greatly devalue our property and our way of life. The deck on our home faces the proposed site. We enjoy sitting outside in the evening and at night looking at the stars and enjoying the peace and quiet and darkness of country living. If they had been here up and active when we moved here that would be one thing. We would have known what we were getting into and what to expect. None of us knew what was proposed as they have kept everything as secret as possible making every effort to do this proposal under the radar if you will. The information they had posted at the local library was on discs that the library had no way of accessing. The library was promised the proper equipment and it was never delivered. We as neighbors have just recently found out their intentions. There is now a public meeting scheduled at The U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters Auditorium, 3805 E. 155th Street, Belton, MO on October 30, 2003 at 7:00pm. We would like you or one of your representatives to attend this meeting.

I would like to know if you or any other person would like to have this Military Installation in your back yard. The City of Belton has the majority of their schools within 2 or 3 miles of this location. The environmental impact of this has yet to be mentioned or discussed as we have no knowledge of what will be stored or what has been stored at this location as all information is deemed "Classified" and we as citizens have no way of accessing this information. What we do know is, that the neighbors who's property adjoins the military's is that their children have found spent and unspent munitions including rocket casing downstream and barrels of unidentified material in ditches surrounding their site.

We desperately need your help in this matter as time is of the utmost concern. We have learned that they are to be moved from their current location no later than December 31, 2003. Why do they need to move from an area that was and is perfect for their base? The infrastructure is in place, the land is available and there is no cost in moving from their current facility. It still has a military base there. There is everything already in place.

We as a relatively small group of citizens have little recourse against our military and their decisions, that is why we are turning to you, our elected officials whose job it is to represent us, the ones who elected you, to serve our interests and represent us to our government. Please do not let our opinions be ignored and unheard. Please do not forward this to the 89th Army as other letters to them have been ignored. Please take the

appropriate actions to help us in our efforts to preserve our quality of life and preserve what to us is our biggest financial investment.

Thank you for your time and your efforts in this matter. Your help will be greatly appreciated by us and the other citizens whose lives this effects. Please respond and let us know what can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

William E Jones
3901 E. 193rd Street
Belton, MO 64012

Donna L. Jones





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COMMUNITY OPPOSITION

May 6, 2004

Ms. Terri L. Peasley
terri.peasley@usarc-emh2.army.mil
Installation Management Agency-Army Reserve Directorate
ATTN: SFIM-ARD
1401 Deshler Street SW
Fort McPherson, GA 30330-2000

Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Complex

Dear Ms. Peasley:

At our meeting on April 23, 2004, you mentioned you were having difficulty locating those who attended the public hearing held on October 30, 2003. I found this almost comical but it is evidently clear that the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing in regard to this matter. I would estimate that there were in excess of 200 people who attended this meeting, the majority of which were there to express their unhappiness and concerns regarding the proposed Military Equipment Park, Security Fence and Lighting and Perimeter Road. The public has not yet received notice of the Operation Maintenance Shop "OMS" you mentioned at our meeting, but I doubt they will be supportive of this either.

It appears the concerns of the surrounding community matter little to the United States Army as the Perimeter Road is underway at this writing and contrary to your statement that the "fence had been stayed" the contractor reports that they have a contract in hand to proceed with the fence and plan to do so in the immediate future.

Following is a list of the persons who conducted the meeting, requested by the public, held on October 30, 2003:

1. LTC Titterington, Chief, Environmental Division, 89th RRC
2. Col. Greg Couch, Commander 917th
3. Mjr Chris Baer, Facilities Director
4. Sgt Mjr King
5. Greg Knauer (Burns & McDonnell)
6. Adam Ross, Natural Resources Coordinator
7. Mr. Crawford, ("volunteer liaison, reports to the Chief Army Reserve")
8. Mary Hayes (Court Reporter)
9. Public Affairs Officer, 89th RRC

In addition, following is a list of other persons who, at the request of the local community, attended this meeting or who have attended other community meetings held with regard to this matter:

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1. Jim Harris, MDNR
2. Mayor Gregory, City of Belton
3. Dwight Diehl, Sheriff of Cass County
4. Jim Meara, District 2 Commissioner, Cass County
5. Joyce Nguyen, District Aide for Karen McCarthy
6. Unknown, District Aide for Karen McCarthy
7. Jo Keatley, District Director for James Talent
8. Dan Pfeifer, Aide for James Talent
9. Michael Collins, Staff Assistant for Kit Bond
10. Reporter for The Journal, Belton, Missouri
11. Eyobong Ita, Southland Reporter, The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, MO

Finally, following is a list of community members who, even with short notice, attended the October 30th meeting or who have attended other community meetings held with regard to this matter:

1. Ted Abele, 19601 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
2. Anderson, mandersonod@aol.com
3. Gary & Charlotte Andrews, 3204 E. 203rd St., Belton, MO 64012
4. Glen & Carol Barnett, 3702 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
5. Everett Bechtel, 20904 Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
6. William & Natalie Becker, 21014 S. Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
7. Howard & Ann Benway, 20100 Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
8. Jeffrey Bruce, 2103 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
9. Barbara Cable, 19607 Cable Road, Belton, MO 64012
10. Jeff Canfield, 21000 Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
11. Jeff & Heidi Cassaidy, 19708 S. Stockman Road, Belton, MO 64012
12. J. Ted Chester, 20708 S. Mullen Road, Belton, MO 64012
13. Chris & Jeanne Collins, 3505 E. 215th St., Belton, MO 64012
14. Jack & Jean Collins, 19803 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
15. Craig Cox, 1405 E. 203rd, Belton, MO 64012
16. Douglas Cox, 4410 E. 187th St., Belton, MO 64012
17. George Dustin, 3502 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
18. Shirley Ellis, 3600 E. 203rd, Belton, MO 64012
19. Larry Eveler, 2500 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
20. Dennis & Chris Garner, 19623 Cable Road, Belton, MO 64012
21. Heather Gooch, 18900 S. Ash, Belton, MO 64012
22. Gary Graves, 2401 E. 192nd St., Belton, MO 64012
23. Frank & Wendy Hale, 4100 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
24. Paul & Debra Harper, 20121 S. Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
25. Leroy & Karla Hendrickson, 22121 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
26. Bruce & Norma Holcomb, 3800 E. 203rd, Belton, MO 64012

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27. Amanda Hunter, 5400 E. 202nd, Belton, MO 64012
28. Darryl Jones, 20009 Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
29. Shelley Jones, 20009 Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
30. William & Donna Jones, 3901 E. 193rd St., Belton, MO 64012
31. Ray Jordan, 5401 E. 203rd St., Belton, MO 64012
32. Steve Krause, 19306 Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
33. John & Terri Lambert, 3812 E. 193rd St., Belton, MO 64012
34. Anthony Leo, 2310 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
35. George & Joyce McMurray, 5000 E. 194th St., Belton, MO 64012
36. Tom Martin, 20808 S. Prospect Ave., Belton, MO 64012
37. John Mellinger, 3400 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
38. K. Moffett, 4308 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
39. George & Frances O'Rear, 19320 S. Prospect Ave., Belton, MO 64012
40. Phil & Judy Perkins, 19505 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
41. Carl & Gloria Powell, 20007 S. Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
42. John Rader, 4003 E. 187th St., Belton, MO 64012
43. Richard & Jan Ramirez, 18406 S. Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
44. Daniel Rhodes, 2203 E. 192nd, Belton, MO 64012
45. Kerri L. Robinson, 8209 E. 166th St., Belton, MO 64012
46. Richard & Joyce Robinson, 3810 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
47. Rodney Robinson, 6909 E. 205th St., Belton, MO 64012
48. Jason & Shawntelle Rockman, 3709 E. 215th St., Belton, MO 64012
49. Roush - jer-cjr@socket.net
50. Weldon Royse, 4608 E. 205th St., Belton, MO 64012
51. Robert & Cheri Runnels, 19314 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
52. David & Karen Rush, 19006 S. Prospect Ave., Belton, MO 64012
53. John & Linda Ryan, 3000 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
54. Jim Storm, 5606 E. 202nd, Belton, MO 64012
55. Rex & Patricia Schaaf, 4201 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
56. Tom Schaaf, 3610 E. 195th St., Belton, MO 64012
57. Chris Sharpless, 18914 Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
58. Marlin Shipley, 19901 S. Prospect, Belton, MO 64012
59. Austin & Tracy Siemens, 19914 S. Cable Road, Belton, MO 64012
60. Larry & Rhonda Silvey, 8401 E. 91st St., Kansas City, MO 64138
61. Henry & Martha Slaughter, 19315 Cleveland, Belton, MO 64012
62. Carol Parker Smith, 19020 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
63. Mark Spies, 1509 SW Frederick Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64081
64. Virginia Spies, 19603 Y Highway, Belton, MO 64012
65. Murlin & Juanita Thomas, 20104 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
66. George & Helen Thornton, 19915 Cable Road, Belton, M 64012
67. John & Judith Vaughan, 19711 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012

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68. Dan White, 21703 S. Cleveland Ave., Belton, MO 64012
69. Glen Whitney, 19614 Stockman Road, Belton, MO 64012
70. Terry & Paula Williams, 4105 E. 193rd St., Belton, MO 64012
71. Ronald & Kathy Wilson, 5005 E. 194th St., Belton, MO 64012
72. Charles & Elizabeth Wolfenbarger, 3904 E. 193rd, Belton, MO 64012
73. Mary Yeary, 19615 Y Highway, Belton, MO 64012

Of course there is a complete list, with many more names, of those who attended the October 30th meeting, as each member of the public was required to "sign in" and provide their name, address, phone number and social security number. I have no doubt this list can be provided to you by the 89th RRC. I am still waiting on my copy; it's only been six months it will be interesting to see how much longer it takes for this information to be supplied to me. I also requested copies of the minutes; the 89th has failed to provide this information also. Any assistance you can provide in this regard would also be appreciated.

If you truly want to find out what the community thinks, why not hold another public meeting? Why not show good faith and stop the ongoing projects. The above list and a posting in a couple of the local newspapers ought to get you a number of participants. Come hear what the people have to say instead of listening to information that has been filtered through the 89th RRC & the Army Corps of Engineers.

Finally, please consider recommending to the Base Realignment & Closure Commission that the above-referenced facility be closed and that the property be released to the public before anymore tax dollars are wasted. As a viable alternative, the government could acquire additional lands in Kansas near the 89th RRC. At a bare minimum, please consider recommending to the Base Realignment & Closure Commission that the easements be released; the adjoining neighbors should be free to use the lands that they own.

Sincerely,

Kerri L. Robinson
8209 E. 166th Street
Belton, Missouri 64012

Army Reserve proposal draws opposition

By EYOBONG ITA
The Kansas City Star

The U.S. Army Reserve's plan to build a military equipment park near Belton is being opposed by several neighbors in the Cass County area.

The Army owns about 184 acres in a residential neighborhood about three miles from the Belton city limits, south of 195th Street and east of Prospect Avenue. On that site, formerly used as a drop zone, the Reserve's 89th Regional Support Command wants to install a three-acre military equipment park, perimeter fence and lighting. The site would house military equipment such as Humvees and 20-ton trucks.

During a public hearing Thurs-

day night at the U.S. Marine Corps headquarters, 3805 E. 155th St. in Belton, several residents questioned the plan and asked that an alternate site be considered, preferably at the old Richards-Gebaur air base. Their concerns include potential property devaluation, damage to county roads and noise. They also complained that military helicopters often hover over their properties.

Resident Kerri Robinson insisted that there was more to the plan.

"To me, they're only disclosing a little bit of what they're going to do so they can get in here and do it before the neighbors know what they were doing," Robinson said.

Another resident, Francie O'Rear, said she was not aware of the military installation when she and her

husband, George, bought her property.

"Why do they allow people to keep buying properties here if they have plans for what they want to do?" O'Rear said.

The 89th Regional Support Command currently uses a parking lot owned by the Marines. But the Marines want their land back for a commissary, said Chris Baer, the Reserve's local supervisory staff administrator. The only available land, Baer said, is the 184-acre site, which the Reserves also use for training.

"Why did they close down Richards-Gebaur and come down here?" asked Charlotte Andrews, a 25-year homeowner. "Why didn't they transfer that ownership from the Air Force to the Army? I would

like to have control of my own land."

Richards-Gebaur, however, has long since been converted to business and industrial use and no longer has that kind of space available.

William Titterington, environmental division chief for the Reserve, told residents there was no other plan for that location other than the equipment park.

Unlike most of her neighbors, Sandra Christian said she saw no problem with the Reserve's plan. "I've never had any problem with the military," she said. "I'm for the military. I'm for the government."

To reach Eyobong Ita, Southland reporter, call (816) 234-7815 or send email to eita@kstar.com.

SW
Sandra Christian
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November 18, 2003

Representative Karen McCarthy
400 E. 9th Street
Suite 9350
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: Belton Local Training Area "BLTA"
Belton, Cass County, Missouri

Dear Representative McCarthy:

I am writing to you today to seek your assistance. I am deeply concerned about the new proposed military projects scheduled to begin at the first of next year on a 184 acre site owned by the 89th Army Regional Readiness Command (RRC). The proposed military projects are to include the installation of a Military Equipment Park, Security Fence and Perimeter Road Addition, Lighting and Training and Operations.

The proposed site sits smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood. This site is no longer appropriate for the past, present or proposed future military activities. The area is too populated; time has passed it by.

On the other hand, I believe land at the former Richards Gebaur Air Force Base would be more suitable and appropriate. Major Chris Baer, 89th RRC, stated that land at the former Richards Gebaur Air Force base would be more suitable to his needs and that he would prefer that the military equipment park remain at the former RGAF base. I believe with community involvement and support from our elected officials this can be accomplished.

What better place for the new proposed military projects than at a former military installation? What better place for a military equipment park than at the new "industrial park" at the former RGAF base. Viable land alternatives exist; the 89th RRC has failed to exhaust the alternative remedies and should be compelled to do so considering the objections of the local constituents and the existence of wetlands at the proposed site.

A win-win solution can be found and should be pursued. I and over 200 of my neighbors look forward to hearing your position on this issue. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

November 18, 2003

Senator James M. Talent
400 E. 9th
Suite 40, Plaza Level
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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Belton, Cass County, Missouri

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Senator Christopher S. Bond
911 Main Street
Suite 2224
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

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A win-win solution can be found and should be pursued. I and over 200 of my neighbors look forward to hearing your position on this issue. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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The Journal
11-20-03

plenty to write about the week after Thanksgiving.

At last week's Belton Board of Aldermen meeting, some residents were complaining about the Army's use of a parking lot out by some homes near 203rd street in Belton. These residents are - and rightfully so - concerned about the use of acreage near their homes for a lighted, paved equipment storage depot on ground owned by the army that was apparently used decades ago for training purposes out off of Prospect Road between 195th and 203rd Streets. If you go out there, and I did, you will see some very nice homes, some huge homes which currently have agricultural land all around them, except of course, for the scrub tree and woody acreage owned by the federal government which has sat unused for years. Now the government has found a use for it - the army wants to store equipment there and build a brand new storage depot complete with parking lights and multi-ton vehicles, which will access the new depot on an already tattered Prospect. Do you think the feds will cough up some dough to repair and replace the road? I'll hold my breath. Why doesn't the government just do the right thing and open up a quarry there? - ~~at least it would have~~ fewer lights at night. I guess an "educational" zoning could be justified for that, too. The residents don't have anyone to complain to - apparently - so they are coming to the City of Belton for help. Most of the nice new homes out there were built after Richards Gebaur shut down. If the county didn't want homes there, they shouldn't have allowed those families to build out there. The county should have immediately rezoned it, preventing homes from being built near land that is apparently going to be zoned "educational" with an apparently industrial use. We need to use some good judgment here and help those who, in the future, will probably be annexed anyway. Now the residents have to 1.) convince the Belton Park Board to save money by not maintaining two soccer fields, 2.) convince the city of Belton that they can make a buck by selling the fields to the federal government, and 3.) convince the feds to buy the fields to use as a depot and sell the land near their homes for a better use to keep the government out of their backyards. With three government bureaucracies to convince, the odds aren't in their favor.

To Mexico Phil Duncan, whose personal contact...

Residents claim the depot and associated heavy traffic will damage their roads and disturb the peace of the rural area. Terri Robinson, who resides on 166th Street said, "The 89th Army Reserve will be putting in equipment storage and lighting. We propose that the city sell them the land on the old base currently being used as soccer fields by the city." Robinson said that the city could sell the ground to the army for their use as a depot and keep the army from using the property near their homes.

Many residents voiced their concerns about increased heavy truck traffic and the potential for the devaluation of their property if the depot is allowed to go in near their homes and potentially expand into something bigger in the future. At the end of the meeting, Alderman Karen Blankenship said something needed to be done to at least address the concerns of the residents who came forward. Because the Belton Parks Department is currently using the land as soccer fields, the residents were directed to take the issue up with the Belton Parks department at their Monday night meeting.

In other business, many concerned property owners who reside in the area southwest of Belton's city limits near 195th and 203rd between Cleveland Road and Prospect Road came before the board to express their concerns about the army's announced use of federal property for an equipment storage depot.

Belton, TX

November 20, 2003

LTC William Titterington

89th Regional Readiness Command Chief

Environmental Division - 4130 George Washington Blvd.
Wichita, Kansas 67210

Dear Sir:

We are residents of rural Belton, Missouri and we, along with about 200 of our close neighbors, are asking for your help. We live directly across the street from approximately 184 acres that is owned by the U.S. Army. Your 89th Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve Unit apparently intends to install a military equipment park, a perimeter fence, security lights, and a road on this property by January 1, 2004. We do not want this installation to take place for many reasons. Our fears are that our property values will decrease, our roads will be torn up, and environmental issues will not be resolved satisfactorily.

At the informational meeting that was held on October 30, 2003 few questions were actually answered. The meeting, as you know, was hosted by the 89th Army Reserves on the (former) Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base at Marine Headquarters, and was attended by more than 200 local residents. We had hoped to have some of our questions answered and our concerns addressed. We left with more concerns than we came with. We were told that only two hours was allowed for the meeting - but it seemed to most of us that the "powers that be" talked in circles for about an hour and a half, leaving little time for our questions. We could not get a straight answer about the 89th's long-range plans for the property, or the effect they would have on our own property values. When asked about roads the gentleman in charge of the 89th Reserve Unit admitted that they would be using our narrow, rural roads to train personnel driving heavy trucks.

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We would like to halt the proposed installations on this land that is totally surrounded by residential development. In the papers we have seen our community is described (by the military) as *"rural in nature with a gently rolling topography and primarily consists of agricultural properties and some low-density residential development."* This simply is no longer true!!! We moved here 17 years ago and have watched residential development mushroom beyond belief. The area has many, many young families with young children and we are concerned for their health and welfare, as we are sure you must also be.

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November 20, 2003

Senator Christopher S. Bond
911 Main Street, Suite 2224
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

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November 20, 2003

Senator James M. Talent
400 E. 9th Street - Suite 40, Plaza Level
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Senator Talent,

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November 20, 2003

Representative Karen McCarthy
400 E. 9th Street - Suite 9350
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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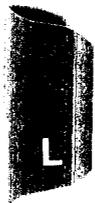
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As OUR representative, Ms. McCarthy - will you PLEASE check into this situation and see what you can do to halt the proposed installations on this land that is totally surrounded by residential development. In the papers we have seen our community is described (by the military) as *"rural in nature with a gently rolling topography and primarily consists of agricultural properties and some low-density residential development."* This simply is no longer true!!! We moved here 17 years ago and have watched residential development mushroom beyond belief. The area has many, many young families with young children and we are concerned for their health and welfare, as we are sure you must also be.

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**USAR
COMMENTS TO
BELTON BOARD OF
ALDERMEN**

Yanni Robinson

DECEMBER 2, 2003
MINUTES OF THE BELTON BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI

Mayor Gregory called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Aldermen present were: J.W. Brown, Blankenship, Davidson, Marconett, Lathrop, Odom, Parrack, and Savage. Ron Trivitt, City Administrator, was present, as was Dot Watkins, Deputy City Clerk.

MOTIONS:

Alderman Davidson moved to approve a request from the Police Chief to acquire a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire through the federal drug forfeiture process in the amount of \$1,946. Seconded by Alderman Brown. Chief Person explained the reason for late notification of this item was because the information on acquiring this car was received on Friday when the offices were closed for the holiday. As a result of a joint investigation with the Federal government on a drug arrest in Belton, this car was part of the property seized. This car is available to Belton for reimbursement costs in the amount of \$1,946. The estimated value is \$8,380. The longer the city waits to decide, the higher the cost will be. There is still between \$11,000 and \$15,000 remaining in the budget for a vehicle. Vote on the motion was recorded; Ayes: 8, Aldermen Marconett, Blankenship, Brown, Davidson, Lathrop, Odom, Parrack, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

Christopher Baer-822 W. Truman, Independence, Missouri, Supervisory Staff Administrator, 917th Corps Support Group, Department of the Army. Mr. Baer addressed the Board regarding leasing or purchasing property located at 1200 Westover Rd., which is an old soccer field. It would be used for parking military equipment (approximately 50 trucks). This property is located next to the reserve center, making it an ideal location for them. The park and recreation department has indicated it is not going to be using that land. Alderman Parrack asked how much land they wanted to obtain. Mr. Baer said approximately 2 ½ to 4 acres. They currently have land about four (4) miles south of Belton, in the county, that they use for training. Because they would be installing a lot of lights for this parking lot, residents in the county are concerned that it would change their environment. The military would prefer to have it located closer to RG. Alderman Parrack asked if this would be paved or gravel. He said right now it would be gravel, but if the money is available they could do concrete. Mr. Trivitt asked if they would be leasing or buying. Mr. Baer said their first option would be to lease and second to buy. Alderman Marconett asked whether the park would have to approve the lease or is the property owned by the city. Mr. Trivitt said the Board of Aldermen designate any land as park land and the records would need to be checked to see if it was turned over to the park department temporarily. Alderman Brown said this had been brought up at the last Park Board meeting and the consensus was 50/50. Alderman Brown asked if they would consider any other land inside

the city limits. Mr. Baer said they would be willing to negotiate any location that is closer to the reserve center. He explained that they have 184 acres in the county, and this parking lot would be towards the center of the property. You would not be able to see it from 195th street, but homes around 200th street on the south side would be able to see the lights. Alderman Parrack asked how much traffic would be going in and out of the property. Mr. Baer said the traffic would be predominately on the weekends. Alderman Davidson asked if they were currently using the county location. He said they were.

At 7:20 P.M., Alderman Lathrop moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the purchase of Real Estate, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.2, and to discuss matters pertaining to Legal Actions, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.1, and that the record be closed. It was seconded by Alderman Davidson. All present voted in favor.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:14 P.M. Being no further business, Alderman Lathrop moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Alderman Parrack. All present voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Dot Watkins
Dot Watkins, Deputy City Clerk

Robert Gregory, Mayor





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**REQUEST FOR CLOSURE
OF INSTALLATION
DURING BRAC 2005**

May 11, 2004

Terri Peasley
terri.peasley@usarc-emh2.army.mil
Installation Management Agency-Army Reserve Directorate
ATTN: SFIM-ARD
1401 Deshler Street SW
Fort McPherson, GA 30330-2000

Re: A tract of land situated in Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 33 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cass County, Missouri, a/k/a Belton Training Annex, a/k/a Belton Training Complex

Dear Ms. Peasley:

Please recommend closure of the above referenced facility during BRAC 2005.

1. There are currently no useful improvements at this site.
2. There are no utilities at this site.
3. The site is land-locked except for a single ingress/egress easement.
4. Although the government claims a right to prevent structures from being built on the easement, when the actual easement restriction language is carefully examined it, in fact, does not grant that right.
5. There is virtually no support from the immediate community members. The DOD has caused irreparable harm by words, actions and deeds.
6. There are other areas within Missouri and the surrounding states, specifically Kansas, which offer alternative sites that are not opposed by local communities and, in fact, are supported by local politicians. We believe Kansas is also the "home base" of operations for the forces that use this facility so it should be more cost effective to the USAR .
7. The USAF recently completed environmental cleanup and report the area has been cleaned to "any use levels" so the USAR should not incur additional costs to close the site.
8. Immediate relief for taxpayers could be attained by immediately halting the proposed Military Equipment Park, Security Lighting and Fencing.
9. The infrastructure of the surrounding communities, specifically roads and bridges, are not supportive of the proposed uses.

Correspondence to Peasley

May 11, 2004

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10. During a recent RAB Meeting the USAR reported the use the site approximately 45 days per year. This site could be closed to save money and other facilities could be used thus finally allowing taxpayers the freedom to use their lands.
11. The local community is already suffering the ramifications of the closure of RGAF Base; the area is blighted and only recently began to recover from the damages caused by its former uses. Closure of this site would be extremely beneficial to the local community as the site lies approximately 3 miles South of the city of Belton. Belton is currently experiencing a population and construction boom; its growth should not be thwarted by another military installation. This site is no longer appropriate for the past, present or proposed future uses.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance. If you are not the appropriate person and/or agency, please advise to whom this request should be forwarded. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kerri L. Robinson
8209 E. 166th St.
Belton, Missouri 64012





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IT'S DIRTY

NO ACTION TAKEN

IT'S CLEAN

OOPS, IT'S DIRTY AGAIN

CLEAN UP PERFORMED

**IT'S CLEAN FOR
ANY USE LEVEL**



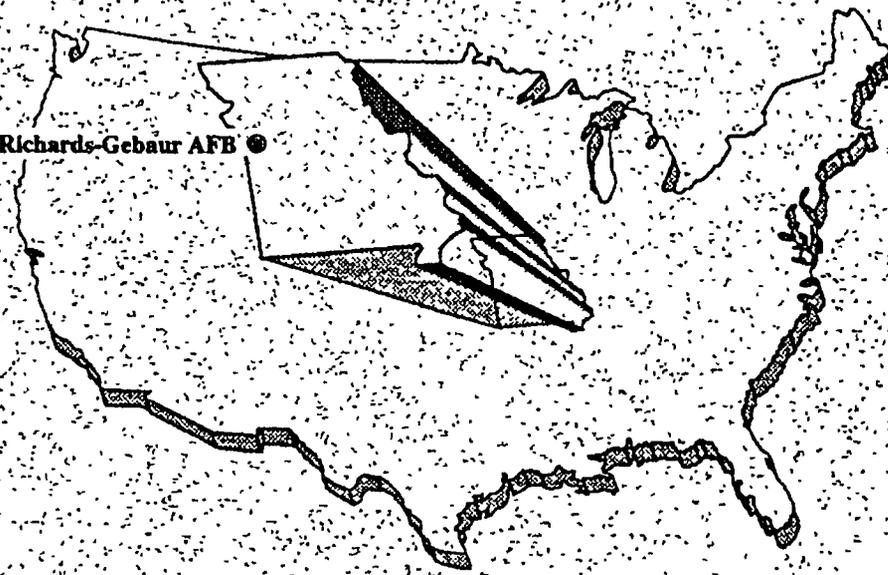
**RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB
MISSOURI**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
COVER SHEET**

AR File Number 71



BASEWIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE SURVEY
RICHARDS-GEBAUR AIR FORCE BASE,
MISSOURI
December 1993



Richards-Gebaur AFB ●

on base (Facility 973). Hazardous wastes can be stored in the IAPs in amounts up to a maximum of 55 gallons for up to 1 year from the start of accumulation. After one of these criteria is met, the hazardous waste is transferred to Facility 973, where it is held pending off-base disposal. Richards-Gebaur AFB disposes of hazardous waste in cooperation with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), located at Whiteman AFB, Missouri. DRMO arranges for a licensed contractor to remove hazardous waste off base to a treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD)-permitted treatment facility or to a TSD-permitted landfill. Hazardous waste is shipped off base in compliance with Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and RCRA regulations; shipments and pertinent paperwork are regularly inspected by DRMO for conformity with applicable regulations. Upon base closure all accumulation points will be closed in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Facility 973 will be closed in accordance with RCRA guidelines.

A review of aerial photographs identified a number of areas at Richards-Gebaur AFB where a VRS should be conducted. Upon completion of the area VRSs, one site located in a wooded area directly north of the POL tank farm was recommended for further investigation to determine the presence or absence of contamination. The site is a former dump site that contains construction rubble, lumber, and general refuse deposited among the trees.

All facilities that generated or stored hazardous wastes were physically inspected in April 1993. Areas of potential environmental contamination found are described below:

- A large POL surface stain entering a site drainage ditch was noted west of Facility 704 along the fenceline.
- Several stained areas associated with equipment and oil drum storage were noted at Facility 924.
- Minor to moderate staining was noted inside Facility 918, and an area of stressed vegetation was identified just north of the facility.
- At Facility 965, three areas of potential contamination were noted: moderate petroleum stains inside the mechanical room, which continued to the building exterior; an area of stressed vegetation near the southwest corner of the building; and an area of stressed vegetation east of Facility 965.

A VSI of the Belton Training Complex discovered several areas with debris including 55-gallon drums, old car batteries, lumber, a 250-gallon AST, and tires. Additionally, records review indicated that a blasting area and a demolition pit were present at the Complex. Results of the VSI are described below.

- Miscellaneous debris was found scattered along approximately 300 to 400 feet of a stream channel in the northeast portion of the Belton Training Complex. The debris included lumber, trees, several car batteries (one with a broken casing), construction debris, empty 30- and 55-gallon drums, empty flare canisters, empty rocket pods (labeled inert), and various other materials. There was some water flowing in the stream as a result of recent rains. A "Demolition Pit" was labeled on a 1967 C-1 Tab map (Base Plan) and appears to be located within the stream channel; however, no signs of this pit were identified.
- An area designated as the "Training and Burning Area" (C-1 Tab map, 1967) is a circular area approximately 200 feet in diameter on a slight north-facing slope. This area, which is highly eroded through the center and on the north (downhill side), is located along and drains into the stream channel in the northeast portion of the Complex. The area contained two piles of burned ammunition; each pile is approximately 3 feet in diameter and estimated to be 2 to 3 inches deep. These piles contained mostly rifle rounds.
- An area designated as a "Blasting Area" (C-1 Tab, 1967) was inspected, and no evidence of blasting was identified; the area was heavily vegetated.
- A stone cistern was discovered along an active stream bed on the Belton Training Complex/easement property line approximately 400 feet south of the access road. The cistern was estimated to be 6 feet in diameter and 3 feet deep and was likely used to provide water for cattle.

A project is in progress to determine the extent of mercury contamination in the plumbing of Facility 604 (former dental/medical office), which has been closed by the Bioenvironmental Engineering Branch due to health concerns, and the interior was not visually inspected.

Based upon the methodology presented in Chapter 2, no evidence of a release occurring was identified at 22 of the facilities where hazardous waste has been stored or generated; therefore, these facilities are considered Category 2. At the other three facilities, staining and/or stressed vegetation was noted during the VSI, and these facilities are considered Category 7. Specific resource categories for facilities where hazardous wastes were stored or generated are listed in Table 5-1. Petroleum products are discussed in Section 3.3.3.

3.3.2 IRP Sites Identified to Date

The IRP was established to identify, characterize, and remediate CERCLA-related contamination on Air Force installations. The program is designed to

XO 001 – RI Summary

Location	About four miles south of the Base
Land Use	Training area for US Army Reserve; now prairie grass and woodland
Past Investigations	1994 (SAIC); Jacobs (1995); 1996 (Morsar);
Removal Actions	None
COC Soil	None
COC Sediment	None
COC Surface Water	None
COC Groundwater	None
RI Results	Metals detected above Tier 1 Screening Levels, but at levels resembling background; no organic chemicals detected.
Risk Assessment	No unacceptable risks associated with site.
Recommendation	<u>NFRAP</u> <i>No further Response Action Plan</i>

Richards-Gebaur AFB
Basewide Remedial Investigation

XO 001 (Belton Training Complex)

Final RI Report

November, 2001

5 XO 001 – Summary and Conclusions

XO 001, the Belton Training Complex, was investigated during the 1999 Basewide RI to support a risk-based site management decision. During the investigation, an attempt was made to install four monitoring wells at the site. Two of the monitoring well boreholes were abandoned (following State of Missouri Well Construction Rules) because the boreholes did not yield water within 48 hours of drilling. One soil sample was retained from each of the four borings for analysis of TPH and metals. Groundwater samples were collected from each of the two wells that were installed, and each sample was analyzed for TPH and metals. Three surface water and three sediment samples were also collected from XO 001. These samples were analyzed for TPH and metals.

In addition to an RI, a site-specific background investigation was conducted at XO 001. The objective of the investigation was to assess background concentrations at XO 001 for comparison with RI analytical data. During the background investigation, an attempt was made to install two monitoring wells at the site. One of these boreholes was also abandoned because it did not yield water within 48 hours of drilling. One soil sample was retained from each of the two borings for analysis of TPH and metals. Groundwater samples were collected from the single background monitoring well and analyzed for TPH and metals. Two surface water samples, two sediment samples, and four surface samples were also collected from XO 001. These samples were analyzed for TPH and metals.

Based on the analytical results of the soil and groundwater samples, no COCs were identified at the site, and therefore, no contamination exists requiring further delineation.

Subsurface materials encountered at XO 001 during drilling and sampling generally consisted of four to 12 feet of low-medium plastic silty clays underlain by approximately 5 feet of olive-gray, highly weathered shale that tends to become less weathered with depth. The shale belongs to the Lane Shale Formation of the Kansas City Group.

Three wells were installed at the site, and based on groundwater elevations, groundwater flows downhill to the southeast under an estimated hydraulic gradient of 0.021 ft/ft. Using values derived at other RI sites that overlie the Lane Shale, groundwater flow rates were estimated to range from 0.0022 ft/day to 0.028 ft/day, or less than 11 feet per year.

Analytical results were evaluated in a tiered Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA). No constituents at XO 001 were identified as COCs. For this reason, site-related risks at XO 001 are anticipated to fall below the risk thresholds (an excess lifetime cancer risk of 1×10^{-5} and a non-cancer hazard index of one).

A Tier 1 qualitative ecological exposure assessment was conducted for XO 001 according to CALM guidance. The assessment consisted of Phase I screening, Phase II screening, and a semi-quantitative risk assessment. It appears that site soils, sediments and surface water have not been significantly impacted by former site uses and do not pose a risk to ecological receptors.

Because human health and ecological risks are judged to fall within acceptable levels at XO 001, it is recommended that the site proceed to closure and be assigned No Further Response Action Planned (NFRAP) status.



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3 Methodology

Field investigation methods used during the Supplemental RI were consistent with those used during the Basewide RI. The field methods used are summarized below. Please refer to the Basewide RI Report (CH2M HILL, 2001) and RI/FS Workplan (CH2M HILL, 1999) for more detailed descriptions of field methodologies and procedures.

3.1 Field Procedures

3.1.1 Site Preparation

Prior to soil sampling, Bellon Environmental (Bellon) of St. Louis, Missouri, cleared and grubbed vegetation from the site to provide better access to the streambeds. Photographs documenting the conditions of the two streambeds are provided in Appendix A. It appeared that the waste found at both streambeds had existed for several years, as evidenced by the rusted and partially buried containers.

The streambed located near the east boundary of the site contained approximately 25 large pieces of debris including rusted drums and smaller containers, and numerous pieces of small debris (discarded batteries, used ammunition and flare casings). The debris was distributed along a main streambed and a smaller side creek. In addition, general solid waste, such as scrap metal and discarded appliances, was also observed in this streambed.

The streambed located near the west of the site contained approximately 10 large pieces of debris, consisting primarily of rocket containers and one 55-gallon drum. In addition, a large amount of solid waste, mostly sheet metal, was also found in the streambed. The trash was removed prior to sampling to obtain access to the site.

3.1.2 Surface Soil Sampling

During the Supplemental RI at XO 001, twenty-nine surface soil samples were collected. The soil samples were collected using disposable equipment to minimize cross contamination. The sample locations are shown in Figure 3.

Of the twenty-nine surface soil locations, twenty-one samples (T1 through T21) were collected from targeted locations, directly underneath where the debris of potential concern was removed. Samples T1 through T20 were collected from the streambed located at the east of the site, while sample T21 was taken from the streambed located at the west side of the site. T21 was located approximately 200 feet southeast of the main area of debris along the west streambed.

Four composite surface soil samples, C1 through C4, were collected from the streambed located at the west of the site. The composite samples were collected from areas where the debris was distributed generally across the streambed.

Four additional surface soil samples, two for each streambed, were collected from upgradient and downgradient locations. The soil samples were collected either 50 feet upgradient or 50 feet downgradient of the closest sampling locations. The samples were

labeled as UG1 and DG1 for the east streambed, and UG2 and DG2 for the west streambed.

Soil samples were generally collected between zero and six inches below ground surface on the downgradient side or below a given piece of debris. Consequently, in areas where a significant amount of small debris was removed (for example T20), the ground surface at the time of sampling was up to 4 feet deeper than normal.

3.1.3 Field Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC)

QA/QC procedures were followed routinely during the Supplemental RI to ensure the appropriate custody and integrity of environmental samples. Accordingly, trip blanks, matrix spike /matrix spike duplicate, and field duplicates were collected at predetermined intervals. The QA/QC procedures were consistent with those used in the Basewide RI (CH2M HILL, 1999). No equipment rinsate blanks were collected because of the usage of disposal equipment.

The samples were uniquely identified, labeled, and documented in the field at the time of collection. Following labeling, samples were immediately placed in ice-filled coolers.

For details of sample management, including sample containers, holding times, and shipping method, refer to the Quality Assurance Project Plan included in the 1999 Basewide RI/FS Work Plan (CH2M HILL, 1999).

3.1.4 Surveying

The surface soil sample locations and the site boundary of XO 001 were surveyed using a Trimble ProXRS Geographic Positioning System (GPS) unit. The composite samples were located with GPS centered on the middle of the streambed.

Surveyed locations were reported using a state plane coordinate system. In general, survey methods followed those used in the Basewide RI (CH2M HILL, 1999).

3.1.5 Investigation-Derived Waste (IDW) Management

Per the Work Plan, debris found during the investigation was removed from the two intermittent streambeds as IDW prior to soil sampling. The wastes generally comprised of scrap metal, used flares, ammunition casings, batteries, and an assortment of rusted metal drums and containers.

For disposal purposes, the IDW was sorted at the site. The batteries were contained in one 55-gallon steel drum. Additionally, an over-pack drum was used to contain the deteriorated drum removed from sample location T12. The remaining waste was sorted into two categories: (1) scrap metal and other general waste; (2) soil, spent ammunition and flare casings, and debris IDW. The scrap metal and general waste was placed into three roll-off boxes for landfill disposal at Johnson County Landfill, Kansas City, Missouri. The soil and debris was placed into two roll-off boxes and temporarily staged at the site, which is securely fenced.

One soil sample was collected from the stockpile of soil and debris for waste characterization, labeled SP1. The sample was analyzed for the full suite of parameters as other surface soil samples plus toxicity characterization leaching procedure (TCLP) metals. The results indicated a TCLP lead concentration of 11 mg/L for the sample, exceeding the

screening level of 5 mg/L. Thus, the IDW in the two roll-off boxes was characterized as hazardous waste.

The 55-gallon drum containing batteries is currently held at the storage location for Bellon in St. Louis, Missouri. The drum contents will be recycled at an appropriate facility when possible.

The contents of the drum which was removed from location T12, was sampled and labeled with sample ID T12D1. The drum contents had a sand-like particle size and color. The sample was analyzed for the full suite of parameters as other surface soil samples. Analysis results indicated that no chemicals were detected at concentrations greater than the Tier 1 screening levels.

Consistent with the IDW management approach used previously at the Base, the hazardous waste (2 roll-off boxes) were transported and disposed at Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant, Belleville, Michigan under a permit number MO-R 000504944. Bellon provided the manpower and equipment for the transportation and disposal of the IDW. The waste disposal documentation is included in Appendix B.

3.2 Laboratory Analysis

Soil samples were analyzed for the following sets of parameters: VOCs, SVOCs, TPH-gasoline range organics (GRO), TPH-diesel range organics (DRO), PCBs, explosives, pesticides, herbicides, and metals. The analytical method for each analyte is summarized in Table 1.

TABLE 1
Analytical Parameters

Analytes	Methods
VOCs	USEPA Method SW 8260
SVOCs	USEPA Method SW 8270
TPH-GRO	Iowa DNR Method OA-1
TPH-DRO	Iowa DNR Method OA-2
PCBs	USEPA Method SW 8082
metals	USEPA Methods SW 6010B/SW 7000
explosives	USEPA Methods SW 8330
pesticides	USEPA Methods SW 8081
herbicides	USEPA Methods SW 8321

AppL Inc. of Fresno, California performed the herbicides analyses and PEL Laboratories of Tampa, Florida analyzed the remaining parameters.

6 Summary and Conclusions

XO 001, the BTC, was reexamined during the 2003 Supplemental RI to support a No Further Action decision. During the investigation, twenty-nine surface soil samples were collected from two intermittent streambeds to characterize potential residual contamination resulting from debris disposed of in the two streambeds at the site. The soil samples were analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, TPH-GRO, TPH-DRO, PCBs, explosives, pesticides, herbicides, and metals.

The analytical results were compared against the corresponding Tier 1 Screening Levels that had been established as part of the RI Report. For metals, the results were also evaluated against the established RI-Specific background concentrations. Based upon the analytical results, the COCs carried into the risk assessment phase were antimony, cadmium, lead, benzo(a)pyrene, hexachlorobenzene and TPH-DRO.

The soil sample results, with the exception of TPH-DRO, from the two streambeds were evaluated quantitatively in a site-specific risk assessment. The risk assessment concluded that unacceptable risks were not present at the site because of the chemical concentrations detected in soil samples from the two streambeds. Based upon the results of the Supplemental RI, no further action is warranted at the BTC.