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1 Kingdom continue our Holocaust. It's a known fact that
 2 the Catholic church knew about the Holocaust going on in
 3 Germany and did nothing. The Pope himself. And it is
 4 also a known fact that United States knew about the
 5 Holocaust going on, the killing, the wrongs going on.

6 And I bring this up, not only to rebut the last
 7 speaker, but to bring it up again to you that you know the
 8 wrongs that you are committing in Makua. Your very
 9 presence in Makua is -- is a desecration to the culture.
 10 No longer Makua is Makua, what the name implies. You
 11 might as well change the name. Change the name to
 12 American Military Base X No. 22 or something like that.
 13 Your presence in Makua to me is as insulting as the
 14 thought of possibly raising the Nazi swastika flag on the
 15 White House and turning it black, paint it black and still
 16 call it the White House.

17 This is the largest native Hawaiian community in
 18 the world. Prior to your arrival here, all these islands
 19 was the largest native Hawaiian community in the world.
 20 Now we're down to this area here. This is our last stand.
 21 This is our wounded knee. Look around. The problems that
 22 we're having, forcing many more people to take time from
 23 their lives, going meetings, writing this, saying this and
 24 saying that and falling on deaf ears.

25 I understand and I support United States, any

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1 country to have a strong military defense to defend a
 2 country. You must realize that today no nation on earth
 3 can test the military's strength of the United States. Be
 4 the peacemaker. Feed the poor. House the homeless.
 5 Educate the educator. Quit being the warmonger. Ever
 6 since you stepped in these island, you've been the
 7 warmonger.

8 The history of Queen Liliuokalani, when she was
 9 faced with the American military, willing to go against --
 10 war against her, she chose peace. She told her people to
 11 go home, that it's better to make love and be happy than
 12 to fight a war; that she had enough trust in the people of
 13 the United States that would return her back to the throne
 14 in peace. It is time that you leave Makua in peace.
 15 Mahalo.

16 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Mahalo.

17 The next speaker is Alice Greenwood.

18 Aloha.

19 MS. GREENWOOD: Aloha.

20 FACILITATOR AMARAL: How are you?

21 MS. GREENWOOD: Fine, thank you.

22 Aloha e. My name is Alice Siu Greenwood. I

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23 oppose the Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS of
 24 Makua. I oppose the size and type of the proposed action.
 25 I oppose the size of the affected environmental

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T27-1 | 1 parameters. I oppose the environment of any substance
 2 time limits. I oppose the chosen cultural significant
 3 sites.

4 The draft EIS of Makua does, however, sollify
 5 (phonatic) within Makua east range, the artillery range of
 6 Waianae Uka, whose wind sweeps downward upon all who live
 7 and breathe in the moku of Waianae. It's sollified
 8 (phonetic) that military ammunition and explosive are
 9 products of war and as such are manufactured primarily to
 10 kill and destroy. It is not prejudice to all living being
 11 and its elements, nor in time of peace and training does
 12 it discriminate. The ingredients contained dozens, if not
 13 hundreds, of toxic and hazardous components that pose
 14 extreme dangers to humans including, but not limited to,
 15 our watershed, historic and cultural significant sites,
 16 our shorelines, our landscapes or air. Also, it affects
 17 our ecosystems of endemic plants, fish, and wildlife.

18 The DOT has also developed what is called green
 19 ammunition, which is based on tungstens rather than lead.
 20 However, this green ammunition still requires toxic
 21 propellants to be fired. With time, these propellants
 22 deposit higher level of RDX.

23 Two years ago, I attended an educational summit.
 24 I found out the schools on the Waianae Coast has the
 25 highest amount of special needs students than anywhere on

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1 the island of Oahu. Our children are faced with an
2 environmental risk associated with these toxic and
3 hazardous compounds. It causes blood and bone disorder,
4 decreased mental capacity and neurological damages.
5 Exposure to these toxic and hazardous compounds has been
6 associated with seizures, nausea, vomiting, coma, muscular
7 paralysis, kidney, liver, and respiratory damages and
8 leukemia.

9 Many of our people have had died young of lung,
10 stomach, intestine, and rectal cancer. It robs us the
11 dignity of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
12 We are dying too young. Cultural significance does not
13 mention an overshape loi, our heiau, whose pohaku is
14 placed in opposite direction from Waialua, Koolauloa,
15 Koolaupoku, Kona, and Ewa heiaus. Our petroglyph pohaku
16 shows a picture of a dragonfly, which today is at -- its
17 heirs embrace this pohaku. It justifies and is a written
18 documentation of this historical area by its drawing and
19 what exists today.

20 Also, some of our pohaku are tools and utensils
21 which are of different shape, size, and contents, nowhere
22 else in these islands. Where are the photos and reports
23 of these good? It is our right to know, not after a
24 community cultural center is built. It is of importance
25 to the culture monitors chosen by all concerned and not

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1 prejudicially selected by the military can properly
2 evaluate and document its findings and reports. Action is
3 desperately needed to protect our communities, insure
4 clean up, protection of human health, the environment, and
5 the prevention of additional contamination. Mahalo.

6 FACILITATOR AMARAL: Mahalo. Thank you very much.

7 As we're coming close to the eight o'clock hour,
8 what I'd like to do is stop for now, give you an
9 opportunity if you want to speak, to go up and sign up.
10 And then we can anticipate how many speakers we have and,
11 therefore, the duration of people to speak.

12 This now also gives the opportunity for the
13 stenographers to switch places and the videographer to
14 switch tape. I remind you again that a stenographer
15 remains in the back of the room in another area if you
16 want to give testimony there rather than before this whole
17 group. So let's take a five-minute break. Mahalo.

18 (A recess was taken from 7:55 p.m. to 8:07 p.m.)

19 FACILITATOR GOMES: We'd like to reconvene. If
20 you've just come in, please make sure that you sign in at
21 the back of the table. And if you want to -- if you want
22 to give testimony tonight, make sure that your name is put
23 on one of those little cards so it can come forward to us
24 with your name, and we'll be able to call you -- call you
25 in the order that you're signed in.

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1 Again, I'd like to remind people to please take
2 your seats. We have folks who are signed up to testify.

3 The next person is going to be Aunty Frenchy
4 DeSoto, followed by Fred Dodge. So if you can all take
5 your seats.

6 Aunty Frenchy.

7 MS. DeSOTO: Aloha. Before I begin my formal
8 presentation, I'd like to say to the military staff that
9 when I use the words -- or the verbs "you" or "your," it's
10 not you personally but perhaps what the EIS represents.

11 (Speaking Hawaiian.) The life giving makani, or winds, of
12 Kauila and Kaena waived Makua Valley. (Speaking
13 Hawaiian.) Urging life not death. (Speaking Hawaiian.)

T28-1 | 14 Your EIS is incomplete, not acceptable. Obvious
15 your public relations efforts have failed. Pathetic are
16 your efforts to continue to abuse a big part of my
17 culture. Irrespective that other Hawaiians may not have a
18 culture, I have a culture. We probably -- some of us have
19 been colonized too much.

20 To abuse a big part of my culture and trust -- I
21 trusted. Typical rhetoric of amelika. Abuse is
22 inevitable -- only in the apologium of the abuser. The
23 deep moral and legal issues are buried in rhetoric funded
24 by my tax dollars.

25 Extended lease, what does that really mean?

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The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with applicable federal and Army regulations. Review of the Draft EIS by the US Environmental Protection Agency found the document to be adequate.

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1 Worrying on the beach? Is this a decoration of war armed
 2 at this community? (Speaking Hawaiian.) And guess what,
 3 we don't even have oil.

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4 I'm here lately -- or I have learned lately that
 5 the road to hell is paved by Republicans. This abuse
 6 must, must, must stop. Stop. Bud and I have both buried
 7 daughters because of leukemia, but he cannot see how come.
 8 Maybe it's genetic with him. I don't know. Aloha no.
 9 This abuse must stop. Enough already. Seventy-six years
 10 is too long. And I'm not going to be like Bud. I'm not
 11 going to take damn long. Mahalo.

12 FACILITATOR GOMES: Mahalo, Aunty Frenchy.

13 MS. DeSOTO: Mahalo.

14 FACILITATOR GOMES: The next person is Dr. Fred
 15 Dodge, followed by Manu Kaiama.

16 DR. DODGE: Aloha kakou. If I had known that my
 17 name follows Aunty Frenchy's testimony, I would have
 18 switched to another place. Hard act to follow.

19 Aloha, Aunty.

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20 First of all, we need more time. As David Henkin
 21 mentioned on Tuesday, our consultants who we've hired to
 22 evaluate this EIS -- the consultants that Malama Makua has
 23 contracted with to evaluate this EIS have said that they
 24 need the background information.

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25 What you see in those huge three volumes is the

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The Army extended the public review period from 60 days to 75 days. In response to comments, an additional 60 days were provided to the community to review the Draft EIS and associated studies related to marine resources and archaeological surveys, from February 2 to April 3, 2007. The technical experts retained on behalf of Malama Makua were provided 76 days for review of the marine resources study, archaeological study, and Draft EIS.

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The requested documents were forwarded on August 24, 2005.

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T29-2 1 result of the raw studies. They need those raw studies.
 2 And as Mr. Henkin said on Tuesday, as of that date, August
 3 23rd, although he asked for it in the beginning of the
 4 month, hadn't received them yet.

5 And then he timed it to go through what you've
 6 already produced plus the background material and so on.
 7 So it seems unconscionable if you don't give us at least
 T29-1 8 120 days instead of the 60 now. We're going to need it to
 9 fully evaluate this document.

10 Again, I want to mention that the chemicals of
 11 concern that were found to be elevating in certain parts
 12 or in certain samples need to be further evaluated by
 T29-3 13 checking the -- what is called the biological receptors in
 14 the ocean in the muliwai. These would include fish, limu,
 15 geckoes, earthworms, and it's not limited to those. But
 16 that's a very important part of the evaluation of the
 17 toxicity of these chemicals.

18 Some of which are -- some of the ones that were
 19 found high are RDX, Royal Demolition eXplosive, very toxic
 20 stuff; heptachlor, the pesticide; benzine; dioxan, a
 21 cancer causer; lead, which in elevated levels especially
 22 in our keiki and in pregnant women can lead to a lot of
 23 problems including brain damage; arsenic chromium;
 24 aluminum; iron; Valium; the list goes on.

25 I notice that the areas of significant impact that

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 In 2004, the Army conducted the Muliwai Sediment Sampling to serve as a screening assessment for the presence or absence of chemicals in the muliwai. Samples were collected in areas of suspected contamination and background areas to distinguish site contamination from background levels and to provide information on the "worst case". Appendix G-3-Muliwai Sediment Sampling Report of the Draft EIS discussed in great details in the field activities and analytical results. This sampling effort did not identify any chemicals of potential ecological concerns (COPECs) since the levels found are low (in some instances lower than background levels), and infrequent (e.g. RDX in only one sample out of the 54 samples collected). Based on the findings, further sampling and testing would not be warranted.

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1 cannot be mitigated to less than significant include water
2 resources -- the hydrological studies. I think that's
3 going to be very keen to evaluating this.

4 That's why we need our consultants, and that's why
5 the Army needs to get those documents -- those basic
6 documents to David Henkin. And then he will get them to
7 our consultants so they can evaluate those. We do need
8 more time.

9 Same goes for geology and soil under Alternatives
10 1, 2, and 3. The water, the geology, the soil are
11 impacted at least potentially and at least cumulatively so
12 that they cannot be mitigated to insignificant levels.
13 The same is true for cultural resources and many tonight
14 have eloquently spoken to that.

15 There is the issue of socioeconomic and
16 environmental justice. I notice that the three
17 alternatives that you have proposed, Alternatives 1, 2,
18 and 3, all have significant impacts that cannot be
19 mitigated to insignificant.

20 Of course, wild fires -- now, even when you guys
21 aren't training. We just had a wild fire, yeah, the end
22 of July. And I don't know if the cause has been found
23 yet. I didn't have a chance to talk to Tom Guzman
24 (phonetic) yet. But I understand that one of the leading
25 causes may have been -- Tom, you can correct me if that's

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1 the case -- is that it? Could have been a phosphorus --

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Right now I can't say.

3 DR. DODGE: He can't say for sure. That's what I
4 heard was one of the leading things. And I guess to my
5 mind another one would be to something -- somebody was
6 smoking, but if it was the phosphorus, how did it get
7 there? The military training. So even when you're not
8 actively training, which is when most of the fires start,
9 it's still a danger of fire.

10 Of course, it is unmitigatable circumstances for
11 noise, for land use, and recreation. Anybody interested
12 in seeing the summary of this it's on page ES 35.

13 I'll stop at this point, but I plan to be back on
14 Saturday. Thank you for your attention. Mahalo.

15 FACILITATOR GOMES: The next person is Manu Kaiama
16 followed by Bill Prescott.

17 MS. KAIAMA: Aloha kakou. I'm actually -- I live
18 in Kaelepulu. It's a little ways from Waianae.

19 So why am I here? I'm actually here for my
20 ancestors, my great grandfather and great grandmother
21 lived in Makua Valley. He was William Helinee (phonetic.)

22 My great great grandfather and my great great
23 grandmother also lived in Makua Valley. That's James
24 Helinee and his wife.

25 My great great great great grandfather and my

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1 great great great great grandmother, Solomon Helinee and
2 Puna also lived in Makua. So they had to leave when the
3 military came.

4 I remember as a keiki we used to have a home in
5 Makaha. We used to take hookupu, which is like an
6 offering, a present. It would be the same thing that you
7 guys take flowers to a grave. We used to venture out and
8 we used to place them in an area where there were rocks
9 and it was a heiau.

10 I remember practicing that, and I remember my
11 aunty saying -- my great aunty saying we could get into
12 big trouble because we're not supposed to be there so
13 hurry up pule, pray, and then we leave.

14 So that's kind of my history. What's sad why I'm
15 here is because you, oukou, who you work for, the military
16 bombed their graves now. So I'm here really to honor them
17 and mahalo nui Waianae for welcoming me here.

18 An economic decision is what I would think that
19 you should be looking at. And the reason I offer that --
20 the reason I offer that to you is because I've noticed
21 that Americans, especially white ones, only understand
22 when we talk about the dollar. They always perk up. So
23 let's talk about the dollar.

24 What good is Makua Valley to the greatest,
25 strongest, mightiest military in the world? I don't get

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1 it. It's at the end of this road. To get there, it takes
 2 a long time, you use up a lot of gas, you pass, as someone
 3 else has testified rightly so, all these schools with
 4 children in them to get out there to practice with your
 5 guns and your tanks and whatever.

6 You know, how can this be meaningful to you? I
 7 don't agree with one of -- I respectfully don't agree with
 8 one of our kanes who came up here and said just move
 9 someplace else. No, just move out of pae'aina, meaning
 10 out of Hawaii. I don't welcome you in anybody's backyard,
 11 not Pohakuloa, no where.

12 Why do you need that valley? It's beyond me. I
 13 don't know. I'm guessing that you're not allowed to
 14 speak. That's why you're sitting there. I'd love for you
 15 to come work for me because that would be cool.

16 America -- and what I mean by America is across
 17 the ocean, that continent of Americas thousands of
 18 thousands of acres of land. Why can't you go bomb over
 19 there? I offer that up to you. Why do you need Makua?

20 The cost of Makua, besides the social impact to
 21 this community, is going to be much greater. At some
 22 point in time, you're going to have to clean that aina.
 23 We would hope you do a better job than you did on
 24 Kahoolawe. You're going to have to clean the water.
 25 You're going to have to clean the ocean because of the

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1 runoff into the ocean. That's going to cost a lot of
2 money. Oh, I hope that makes a difference.

3 Now, we're here, right here as a population.
4 6,000 more military families going to move to our aina --
5 move to our aina. And it's unfortunate for the military
6 because they move people and they expect aloha for all.
7 And they're not greeted with it. Why not? Why doesn't
8 Hawaii like the military moving here? 6,000 more families
9 drinking our water, driving 6,000 more cars on our roads,
10 polluting the aina.

11 You have been in Makua a long time. What have you
12 done for the community that surrounds Makua? Brought in a
13 McDonald's. What have you done? You know, it seems to me
14 that you have -- what you have done is you've helped
15 yourself. You've helped yourself. Shame.

16 You know, you've helped yourself to the aina,
17 right? You've helped yourself to the ocean when you
18 needed to use the ocean. You've helped yourself to our
19 water. You've helped yourself to everything that we
20 consider sacred and not even say thank you. Pay a dollar
21 for lease rent.

22 You've also unfortunately helped yourself to our
23 youth because you've offered no sustainable economic model
24 here. What you've done is you've leaved our youth here to
25 say "well, I might as well go into the military."

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1 You know, I'm sitting in the back of the room and
2 I'm wondering why are we here? Why really are we here?
3 Do we really believe that these two gentlemen are going to
4 do something for us? They got to go back and talk to
5 somebody who got to talk to somebody who got to talk to
6 somebody, and you know, our testimony is going to be
7 whittled down to nothing, you know.

8 So I don't understand why we're here. I really
9 wish and I really -- I don't believe the military can make
10 this change. So I appreciate that you have to sit here
11 and pretend like you're paying attention. You know,
12 because I know that must be a shitty job.

13 But you know who can make a difference is
14 Congress. I offer to everybody here who has submitted
15 testimony, I'll send your testimony to every single
16 congressman in the United States of America and tell them
17 we want Makua back. They are the ones who are going to
18 make the decision if I understand the way this works.
19 There is no general with 18 stars across his chest that's
20 going to be able to make this decision for us. So if you
21 would like to give it to me, I will incur that expense.
22 (Speaking Hawaiian.)

23 I don't like feeling like we're here and we're
24 getting something accomplished because what we're counting
25 is that these people have a conscience. What we're

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1 counting on is that when they hear testimony about --
 2 let's see, pollution, chemicals, toxins, cancer in our
 3 communities that they really care. They don't care.

4 You know, these two gentlemen are going to go back
 5 to Missouri where they came from originally sometime and
 6 not going to give a hoot about us. They are going to
 7 forget about us. They are just doing their job. So I
 8 didn't mean to get so angry. So anyway, I did read your
 9 EIS -- nah, because I can't believe anybody read it. What
 10 a joke throwing all that stuff together.

11 The one thing I noticed that was missing was the
 12 history of Hawaii, and I think that is something you
 13 should really consider. We are not a lawful part of the
 14 United States of America. Why else did a president give
 15 us the Apology Bill? Okay.

16 So you can't deny it. You cannot continue to deny
 17 it. You need to look at this history. You need to take
 18 it into consideration so that you don't have to continue
 19 to have a future history with us as, kanaka maoli,
 20 Hawaiians, whatever you want to call us, kupu aina, of
 21 saying you're sorry. We're tired of apology bills.

22 Makua, it's a small piece of land. Take it back
 23 to your advisor who will take it to his major, general,
 24 whatever and just say, you know, it would be kind of
 25 refreshing for a community to say, wow, the military did

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The Army determined that the history of MMR was more appropriate for inclusion in the EIS than the history of Hawaii, which was too broad a context for the proposed action.

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1 something good this time. Mahalo.

2 FACILITATOR GOMES: The next person is Bill
3 Prescott, followed by Fred Cachola.

4 MR. PRESCOTT: Before I begin, I'd like to let you
5 all know that I am a Native Hawaiian. I've been getting
6 telephone calls asking me why it is I'm commenting on
7 cultures as a haole. And so that everybody understands
8 I'm authorized. Okay.

9 My mother was 100 percent Hawaiian. And back
10 then, Queen Liliuokalani, she married a haole. And
11 Bernice Pauahi, she married a haole. They were rich
12 people.

13 Pop wasn't so rich. My mother married him because
14 he was good looking. So let me begin by saying first of
15 all, Colonel Killian and members of the EIS staff, as
16 Native Hawaiian, I want to commend all of you for a great
17 job for putting together this report. It represents the
18 tremendous effort by the Army to care for the land while
19 preparing our soldiers and many of them from Hawaii for
20 combat.

21 The only part of the report that have some concern
22 for us is that section of cultural resources where
23 inferences are made on Hawaiian culture based on oral
24 testimony -- oral testimony.

25 In -- my interpretation of that means opinion. I

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1 would like to comment on a couple of them. What I'm about
 2 to present is documented, and I'll be glad to provide
 3 references to anyone interested when I'm through. I'll
 4 try to be as brief as I can.

5 First, to the interest that Makua Military
 6 Reservation is on sacred land. And secondly, that there
 7 is mana on MMR, and mana is that spiritual power given by
 8 the Hawaiian gods.

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9 First of all, our ancestors believed that not only
 10 the land but the sea and the air and everything was
 11 created by the gods and therefor belong to the gods and
 12 that's what made it sacred.

13 Regarding mana, again, I can tell you our
 14 ancestors believed that mana existed almost everywhere --
 15 in people, in plants, in animals, and yes, even rocks.
 16 But these beliefs all ended in 1819 when Kamehameha II,

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17 purposely violated one of the most sacred of kapus by
 18 sitting down and eating with his mother and some other
 19 women. This was a forbidden act punishable by death.
 20 When the gods didn't punish him, the whole kapu system was
 21 overthrown.

22 His mother, Queen Keopuolani, declared our gods
 23 have done us no good. They are evil. The chief kahuna of
 24 that day Hewahewa declared that his thoughts has always
 25 been that there is only one god -- one great god dwelling

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1 in the heavens.

2 And what this did was to free our Hawaiians so
3 that they can eat with their families, eat with whomever
4 they chose. They could plant whatever they chose to
5 plant. They could eat whatever they want. Did you know
6 that the women were prevented from -- were forbidden to
7 eat pork, for example? Certain brands of banana they
8 couldn't eat. There were a lot of things that they could
9 not eat that the men could eat. All of this -- all of
10 this was gone. Our Hawaiians were free.

11 The kauas who were the oppressed, the ones that
12 were the lowest level -- class level were now free. These
13 were the people when they wanted to sacrifice a human to a
14 god. Often times, this is where they went. They got one
15 of these from the kaua clan. They were all free -- free
16 at least from this bondage to the kapu.

17 And you know what, no succeeding ruler from
18 Kamehameha III, through Queen Liliuokalani, who by way was
19 a very starch Christian, ever restored the Hawaiian
20 religion.

21 In 1820 when the Christians arrived and our
22 ancestors were drawn to this new god, one of love and
23 forgiveness, one that believed that human life of being
24 created in the images and likeness of god was sacred. The
25 only thing that is sacred on the MMR is human life,

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1 nothing else. No rock, no mana, nothing is sacred on that
2 MMR except human life.

3 So based on the information I provided, we who
4 support our military -- and I'm talking about the veterans
5 of foreign wars -- we who have been there and done that
6 and know the value of preparation and training, the
7 American Legion supporters of training on the MMR,
8 military service member families, the solid majority, we
9 strongly recommend that MMR be utilized as necessary to
10 insure that our soldiers are effectively prepared for
11 combat and that their preparedness takes priority over any
12 plant, animal, or cultural consideration.

13 To those who oppose our military, let me ask you,
14 what about our police force? Do you oppose them as well?
15 Aren't they at war with the killers on the street and
16 those who would harm our families? So how are they
17 different from our soldier? Are you aware that by having
18 a strong well-trained Army we prevent wars? The analogy
19 can be made with bullies in school who pick on the peers
20 who are weak but will never pick on anybody their size,
21 someone bigger and stronger.

22 Our military is here because of you. If you
23 voted, then you're responsible for them being here because
24 it is our congressmen who put them here -- the congressmen
25 we elected. And they are here because we the majority

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1 approve of that decision.

2 Regarding chemical substances on the MMR. If you
3 use insecticide as I do and our farmers do in our yards, I
4 would bet inspectors would find more hazardous chemicals
5 in our yards than they would find on the MMR. All you got
6 to do is just read the warning label on those bags of
7 insecticides that you use. Mine says, warning, it's
8 hazardous to fish and wildlife.

9 Lastly, if your son was preparing for combat,
10 would you tell him not to train on the MMR because of
11 plants, animals, sacred rocks, or whatever there is?
12 Would you? Would you? I don't think so?

13 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: (Speaking Hawaiian.)

14 FACILITATOR GOMES: The next person is Fred
15 Cachola followed by Glenda Mauwae.

16 MR. CACHOLA: Aloha kakou. Aloha, Colonel
17 Killian, Colonel Pendolino.

18 (Speaking Hawaiian.) My name is Fred Cachola. I
19 was born and raised on the Big Island. I lived in the
20 Waianae community for 35 years. I guess I could have come
21 up here tonight and reported it as E-6 Cachola, R10106970.

22 I was the youngest cadre during the Korean War at
23 HITC, Hawaii Infantry Training Center. I was 18 years
24 old, and I was actively training other men who were older
25 than me to go to Korea to do combat.

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1 We were the entire force at Schofield Barracks
 2 Hawaii Infantry Training Center. You know something,
 3 during the one year I was up there -- a year-and-a-half
 4 actually taking my basic training -- my advance training
 5 becoming a cadre, wearing that white band that made me
 6 King Kong, not once -- not once did we go to Makua. Not
 7 once.

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8 And I don't know why it's such a big deal now. I
 9 agree. What's the big deal here? I mean, this was the
 10 time when we were at war in Korea. We didn't use Makua.
 11 We blasted the hell out of Hill 901 in Kahuku. We blasted
 12 the hell out of Central Oahu with tanks, tracts, vehicles,
 13 whatever you could find, but we never went to Makua. So
 14 what is the big deal now?

15 Obviously, you know, that I'm going to be speaking
 16 against this Environment Impact Statement. But I think
 17 for some reasons that may not have been offered before --
 18 and I want you to seriously consider them, gentlemens,
 19 sirs.

20 I want you to consider that I agree with the
 21 previous speaker. This is not complete. The draft
 22 statement is not complete. From what I understand, there
 23 hasn't been any significant subsurface archeology reading.
 24 I think there is some when we say we are going to do some
 25 testing, but it hasn't been done.

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Training requirements are constantly changing based on lessons learned in combat, training events, new equipment, and new commanders. Times of war, such as now, drastically change training requirements; and MMR offers the Army the capability to train for modern warfare.

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Surface surveys have been completed for the entire area within the south firebreak road except for those areas containing improved conventional munitions. Surface surveys have also been undertaken for the majority of the surface danger zone of the 105mm round. Surface surveys have also been undertaken for the Ukanipo Heiau complex, Koiahi Gulch and almost all of Kahanahaiki Valley. This coverage is reflected in Figures 3-24 and 3-25 in the Draft EIS.

Subsurface testing has been undertaken in Sites 4243, 4244, 4245 and 4246. This testing showed there is a subsurface component to these sites; however, this limited testing resulted in protests from two Native Hawaiians due to the invasive and destructive nature of the testing.

An additional subsurface archaeological survey was conducted in November and December of 2006. The results of this survey have been incorporated into Section 3.10, and the survey report is included as Appendix G-9.

The Army has completed all surface and subsurface archaeological surveys consistent with NEPA and the settlement agreements with Malama Makua.

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T32-2 1 I'm afraid to give any kind of testimony on an
2 Environment Impact Statement where the very oppressive
3 cultural resources of our kupuna have not been thoroughly
4 studied. We don't even know -- or to give you is like
5 saying, "well, we're not finished yet, but, you know, tell
6 us what you think." Well, I'm telling you right now go
7 finish the job first, and then we'll tell you what we
8 think. Finish the cultural assessment inventory
9 evaluation. Finish that thoroughly before you come back
10 to us.

11 That's why we need more time -- not for us for
12 you. You need more time so you can do a better job. You
13 don't want to report to the Secretary of Defense that you
14 came here unprepared and with an incomplete report. You
15 don't want to do that, gentlemen. You don't want to do
16 that.

17 Another reason is that because -- oh, by the way,
18 you know those of us who are trying to learn the Hawaiian
19 language, I realize that the previous speaker was using
20 "ka'ua" like you and I rather than "kaua," meaning the
21 slaves. So be careful. I hope the person who is
22 translating that didn't mean "ka'ua," meaning you and I
23 when he meant "kaua," the slave class. So this is a
24 correction for the record there.

25 The second reason I speak against this entire

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1 draft is because the possibility of some very pending
 2 actions by the Secretary of Defense in regards to Native
 3 Hawaiians.

4 As you know, gentlemen -- or you may not know, the
 5 Department of Defense has a policy -- a written policy in
 6 regards to how they relate to American Indians and Alaskan
 7 Natives. This is not a commander's prerogative. This is
 8 the Department of Defense policy.

9 And I hope General Pendolino and our Attorney
 10 General knows that it does exist. I'm happy to report
 11 that some of the contacts I've had in Washington D.C. are
 12 now working very hard to create a policy of dealing -- the
 13 Department of Defense to deal with Native Hawaiians.

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14 And that is not even mentioned in your report.
 15 Are you aware of that, Colonel? I don't know if you are,
 16 but if you're not, you are now aware. Be so informed,
 17 sir.

18 So there is the second reason. And I have -- I
 19 think perhaps maybe within the next year, the Department
 20 of Defense not the Army -- I mean the Navy, the Coast
 21 Guard, Marines, every Department of Defense agency in
 22 Hawaii will have a policy. It's not going to be up to the
 23 commanders anymore.

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24 It shall be up to the Secretary of Defense to
 25 develop that policy in consultation with Hawaiians. And I

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The Army thanks you for your comment and appreciates your participation in this public review process. Your comment has been considered and has been included as part of the administrative record for this process. USAG-HI is currently involved in this initiative.

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1 strongly recommend to all of us that we wait until that
 2 happens and don't take action on this now. It's coming
 3 within a year. Don't take any action. Let us develop a
 4 policy in consultation with the Secretary of Defense on
 5 how all of their agencies in the department shall consult
 6 with Native Hawaiians.

7 They already have one for Indians and Alaskans.
 8 And I know that there are some people who dearly want to
 9 develop one for Hawaiians and let us help them do that.
 10 That's another reason why we should not accept this draft.

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11 The other reason is, you know, I just read parts
 12 of it and I get nervous because it contains very ambiguous
 13 language where it should be certain. I do not like the
 14 word, "may consult." I do not like the words, "would
 15 likely to happen," "would likely to happen." The
 16 consultation with Hawaiians would likely happen. You
 17 know, that maybe yes and maybe no. I don't want to
 18 approve a draft that is that ambiguous.

19 You either shall consult or you will not, but
 20 don't give us "would likely to occur" or "may occur." And
 21 you know, I have attached -- I don't have to waste more
 22 time reading them to you but it's full of words like that
 23 especially when it comes to mitigation. You see what
 24 happens is -- is something happens, you know, to prevent
 25 that from happening or to fix that from -- something went

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and applicable regulations and guidelines, the EIS does not contain commitments to implement specific mitigation measures. Those decisions are made and documented in the Record of Decision.

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1 wrong and we are going to mitigate it or fix it.

2 But when the words -- when it comes to mitigate,

3 "would likely occur," "may occur," and that means they may

4 not. If they screw up, they fence it off like they did at

5 Waikane and walk away. And we had enough of that.

6 The other reason I give them -- besides the

7 wording being very vague and not -- we should not comment

T32-4 8 on vagueness. Don't do that. And just in general, know

9 that we shouldn't do that, sir. We should have more

10 certain words in here before we conclude this draft.

11 The other reason we want to wait for a year or so

12 is because if you look at -- well, just look at the map.

13 I mean, you have it in your -- I mean the military -- this

14 is one federal agency -- only one now.

15 I'm not talking about Noah (phonetic.) I'm not

16 talking about agriculture -- U.S. Department of

17 Agriculture. I'm talking about the military -- Department

18 of Defense controls almost 20 percent of this small island

19 -- urbanized island -- 20 percent, gentlemen, 20 percent.

20 And if you add Pearl Harbor and the water areas around the

21 spaces by Kaneohe Bay, 25 percent -- 25 percent. Then you

22 add Pohakuloa. Then you add what used to be called

23 Kahoolawe. Then you add up Waikane that is now fenced

24 off.

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1 federal agencies in our small state is awesome. And this
 2 Environmental Impact Statement does not even recognize
 3 that it deals with Makua Valley in isolation -- in
 4 isolation of all cumulative affects of all federal
 5 agencies.

6 And I think the Pacific Command -- the Pacific
 7 Command for one, the Department of Defense, the Department
 8 of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, the
 9 Department of Aeronautics, NASA, Noah, you name it.
 10 Hawaii is perhaps the highly impacted state in the entire
 11 union.

12 How many states would allow the Department of
 13 Defense to occupy 25 percent of this small total land
 14 mass? How many states would allow that to happen? How
 15 many states? California would scream. Every state would
 16 scream. What are we doing?

17 Ever since World War II, I think the military is
 18 trying to maintain a war-like attitude here. Hey, Hawaii,
 19 come on. We're at war. You have to sacrifice. Hey,
 20 Hawaii, it's nice here, you know, the 100th Battalion,
 21 442nd, you know, that's the way it's been. You just
 22 happen to be so strategically located that we have to have
 23 you. But I don't.

24 I mean, I'm beginning to question whether that is
 25 true and what the expenses are and who's paying for it.

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The EIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act with applicable federal and Army regulations. Review of the Draft EIS by the US Environmental Protection Agency found the document to be adequate. Moreover, the cumulative impact analysis in Chapter 5 considered the effects that other local, state, and federal projects would have on the environmental resources within the region of influence.

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1 And so another reason why I think we ought to stop and do
 2 not move any further with this statement is because it
 3 does not include -- it does not recognize the cumulative
 4 affects of all other Department of Defense -- indeed all
 5 other federal agencies in our small, little island state.
 6 When you look at that, folks, I get very nervous.
 7 Take out the maps and take a look at how much is occupied
 8 not just by the military but by NASA, all -- all federal
 9 agencies. Okay.

10 Another reason why I think we ought to slow down
 11 and take another look at this is because of a program
 12 called NALEMP, and I'm sure the Colonel is familiar with
 13 NALEMP. And I'm surprised nobody in Hawaii is aware of
 14 that at least until now.

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15 The Department of Defense has a program called
 16 Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program,
 17 N-A-L-E-M-P, NALEMP. I'm sure he is aware of that. And
 18 what it is, it directs the Department of Defense to
 19 mitigate -- it requires that the Department of Defense --
 20 requires -- the word is, "require to devote funds annually
 21 to mitigate all environment impacts to Indian lands and
 22 Alaskan Natives."

23 "It requires." That's the kind of language I'd
 24 like to see. It requires the DOD, Department of Defense,
 25 to annually devote funds to mitigate environmental impacts

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The Army thanks you for your comment and appreciates your participation in this public review process. Your comment has been considered and has been included as part of the administrative record for this process. NALEMP does not apply to MMR and is therefore outside the scope of the EIS.

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1 on Indian land and on Alaskan Natives.

2 What about the Hawaiians? What about us? Aren't
3 we entitled to the same things as our indigenous brothers
4 are entitled to, sir? Aren't we? And if we can amend
5 this, as I'm sure we can to include Native Hawaiians, then
6 this entire statement is moot. Moot. Because it doesn't
7 -- it will not say, "will likely occur," maybe we'll do
8 this.

9 It will require the Department of Defense to
10 allocate annually funds to mitigate all environmental
11 impacts on Hawaii. Now, that would be nice.

12 Another reason why we should delay it is because
13 -- and I may have said this before. I'm getting redundant
14 but the Department of Defense already has a policy in
15 dealing with Native Americans. But guess what? They
16 don't have one for dealing with Native Hawaiians. They
17 don't have one. And guess what? I think they want to
18 develop. In fact, I don't think, I know the Department of
19 Defense wants to develop a policy.

20 And I'll wear a hat called Native American
21 Advisory Council. And I'm not speaking for the Council
22 but feel fair I should identify myself for chairman for
23 that group.

24 We are composed of 14 Native Americans, one
25 Alaskan, and one from Hawaii. And collectively we advise

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1 the Advisory Council on historical preservation which is
2 the highest federal agency -- the highest federal agency
3 dealing with historical preservation in the country.

4 And last year its chairman, John Nao (phonetic),
5 appointed by the President saw fit to create an advisory
6 group of Native Americans because so much of the issues
7 that they had to deal with were with our country's
8 indigenous people. And all the people that were sitting
9 -- the 22 members of this Advisory Council at the federal
10 level not one Native American.

11 So he got us together. We are now in a position
12 to advise this Council. And it's been my privilege to
13 have met with them three times. And what I have said to
14 you tonight it's also been said to this Council. And I
15 want to assure you that it didn't fall on deaf ears.

16 So gentlemen, I respectfully request that for
17 these reasons you hold up on this. And I respectfully
18 request that all people in Hawaii hold up on this because
19 right around the corner there are things like NALEMP.
20 There are things like policies, and hopefully there are
21 things that would improve the wording so that we're not
22 leaving in a prerogative of maybe or maybe not. That's
23 not a statement. It's a guesswork. And we're not going
24 to deal with guesswork.

25 So thank you and thank you very much. I

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1 appreciate this opportunity. Aloha and a hui hou kakou.
2 FACILITATOR GOMES: Thank you, Mr. Cachola. At
3 this time, we are going to take a break. It's at the 9:00
4 point. We are going to take a break. When we return,
5 Glenda Mauwae will be the first person to speak followed
6 by Sparky Rodrigues.
7 (Recess taken from 8:59 p.m. to 9:06 p.m.)
8 FACILITATOR AMARAL: A reminder again, if anyone
9 wishes to give testimony to the stenographer who is
10 located at the back of the room, you are certainly welcome
11 to do that.
12 You'll discover that I'm starting to limit people
13 because I'm trying to get us out in a timely fashion, and
14 the stenographer in the back of the room does not limit
15 you at all. So that's an advantage to that particular way
16 of communicating.
17 We remind you again also that we are meeting in
18 public comment period on Saturday so you'll have another
19 chance at this, and the public comment record remains open
20 until September 21st. So there certainly is an
21 opportunity to submit written testimony. Okay.
22 So the next speaker as we start to gather
23 ourselves, sit down, or take our conversations outside --
24 it's amazing the impact I have on how the room went dead
25 silent as soon as I start speaking. Everybody got

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