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2 MR. MCCLARREN: Chris is my daughter, if you  
3 can believe that. I tried to correct her one time. I  
4 think she was six years old; haven't tried it twice. Is  
5 she a piece of work or what? My name is Tom McClarren.

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6 This dangerous transportation and containment of nuclear  
7 waste and by-products equates to mobile Chernobyl. I  
8 know other people have heard that term, but I think it's  
9 very appropriate. Was this whole thing -- this whole  
10 thing about taking care of the waste from nuclear power  
11 plants and their by-products, the way I look at it is it  
12 appears it was intended to be -- the end result was going  
13 to be corporate welfare. I would like to start a  
14 multi-million dollar company that would ultimately  
15 generate massive amounts of long-term radioactive toxic  
16 waste that the government, a/k/a you and me, the  
17 taxpayers and the citizens of the country, would  
18 volunteer to remove from my property and store  
19 indefinitely for me at zero cost to me and my  
20 stockholders, and when the problem came to terms and we  
21 had to all deal with it, they're going to let me continue  
22 to do it. It's not a bad deal.

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23 How would it be transported, contained and  
24 stored? These are questions I came up with just thinking  
25 about this myself. History tells us that bids will be  
1 taken, and we're going to award that to the lowest  
2 bidder. Specialized containers will be tested. We have  
3 heard some of that talk here tonight. However, I didn't  
4 hear anybody say whether or not they were tested with the

5 spent rods in the containers. I would like to have that  
6 question answered and see some of the film related to  
7 that with the actual live nuclear waste in there. I  
8 wouldn't want to do the test, but I would like to see it.  
9 Then put on specialized trailers and rail cars, then  
10 transported to the Yucca Mountain site in Nevada.

3 11 According to the federal regulation, Part 73,  
12 Section 37(c) which governs the road transportation and  
13 37(d) that covers rails, each shipment would have to have  
14 two armed escorts, one front and rear. Now, this is the  
15 way these things are done. The armed escorts, it also  
16 states clearly, could be a local sheriff or municipal  
17 police officer. Now, I'm trying to envision front and  
18 rear securing a rail car moving at, say, a slow rate of  
19 30 miles an hour.

20 Then the thought came to me, well, you know,  
21 what are the chances of a terrorist attack? Do you  
22 remember New Year's Eve? Just prior to that they had  
23 found this guy coming across the border at Seattle. The  
24 FBI, all law enforcement municipalities, they were all  
25 put on high alert looking for possible terrorists. Now,  
1 I wouldn't want to alarm anybody, but do you think if you  
2 saw something like this, it might give you a clue as to  
3 what that was? I mean, it would be pretty hard to spot  
4 on the highway, I suppose. Terrorists, never, we can  
5 forget about that.

6 MR. BROWN: One minute remaining.

4 7 MR. MCCLARREN: Are we to feel secure knowing

8 we can't get homeowner's insurance to cover any form of  
9 nuclear accident? I would like to know what kind of  
10 written assurance the general public will have to cover  
11 that issue. I'm making an assumption that the victims  
12 will be alive to make the claim. What other questions  
13 could we ask before making this decision, if any? I  
14 asked the one earlier about I hope that the people on the  
15 DOE are representing us, the people that they're working  
16 for. That's just a basic thing. I always feel like I've  
17 got an adversary when I'm dealing with some government  
18 branch. I mean I know that's not the case because you're  
19 individuals like me, and doing a good job, I might add,  
20 because I think the way you're handling this is doing a  
21 good job.

5 22 I feel that all the existing nuclear and  
23 atomic power plants that have waste and byproduct  
24 disposal problems take a clue from their own  
25 circumstances and entomb the plant and the waste on site  
1 before it takes on a critical emergency mode. Don't  
2 threaten the lives and welfare of our entire country with  
7 3 the problem. You know, right here in St. Louis we've got  
4 one of the best producers of coal generation boilers  
5 that's being used currently around the world. No, none  
6 of you -- you'll notice there aren't any nuclear plants  
7 coming on site, but if the DOE were to check with Nooter  
8 Corporation, they would find out a couple of things such  
9 as -- these are just basic things that might want to get  
10 the whole country moving this direction, which most  
11 industry is, but the coal generation industry; they're

12 easy and cheaper to build, readily available materials on  
13 hand around the world and you don't have this kind of an  
14 ulterior thing sitting at the end of -- 10, 20 years from  
15 now you don't have this kind of problem. They've already  
16 got the scrubbers and everything that filter out all the  
17 coal dust and that kind of thing.

18 MR. BROWN: If you can conclude your  
19 statement.

6 20 MR. MCCLARREN: The only thing I would like  
21 to say is I hope everybody in the room remembers this  
22 derailment we just had, I think, three days ago where one  
23 of the rail cars actually pushed one of the homes nearby  
24 off the foundation, so keeping just a simple accident  
25 like that in mind, I wouldn't want to be in a community  
1 knowing there was nuclear waste on that rail car and it  
2 was sitting in my living room. Thank you.