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20 MR. MARKS: I am a resident of Las Vegas.

21 I've been out on the streets of Las Vegas. I've seen

22 the response of the public to the issue of Yucca

23 Mountain. I don't understand all the scientific

24 issues, but for my money, I'd prefer to agree with the

25 last speaker's science rather than the DOE's science.

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1 But let's get back to reality. The people of

2 Las Vegas, of Clark County, of the state of Nevada, do

3 not want Yucca Mountain. The city officials --

4 (APPLAUSE)

5 MR. MARKS: The county officials, the state

6 officials do not want Yucca Mountain. Our

7 congressional delegation does not want Yucca Mountain.

8 The most important thing that will come out of this

9 meeting is a united opposition of the people of Nevada

10 to Yucca Mountain. The DOE, the nuclear power

11 industry, the Congress, the Bush administration, will

12 not ride roughshod over that united opposition. People

13 here have spoken --

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 -- of benefits. The NEI has hired former

16 Governor List to sell Nevada on the benefits. You may
17 note that I'm not young any more. In fact, I'm old
18 enough to have lived through the great depression and
19 the great world war. In preceding World War II, there
20 was a fellow who spoke of benefits to England in
21 negotiating with Germany. Yes, with Adolph Hitler. He
22 went to Munich. We know what happened in Munich. I've
23 been following national affairs since 1932. This idea
24 of negotiating benefits reminds me of Neville
25 Chamberlain. He negotiated with Germany to turn over
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1 20 percent of Czechoslovakia to Germany in the
2 so-called 1938 Munich Peace Agreement. Well, this
3 didn't work out too well for Czechoslovakia, or
4 England.

5 Other speakers have emphasized the
6 inevitability. A little history will tell us that
7 Germany, preceding World War II, made a lot of people
8 think of the inevitability of the supremacy of the
9 Third Reich. There was a fellow in England named
10 Winston Churchill. He didn't believe in inevitability.
11 He said to his followers, to the people of England, we
12 will fight this on the land, on the sea, in the air.

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13 That resistance ultimately prevailed.

14 The DOE is trying to sell us on the

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15 perfection of their science. We don't want to be

16 coerced into their views. Science will have different

17 views, depending on who you talk to. We don't want to

18 be subject to the risks and dangers. We don't want our

19 children and our future generations to be subject to

20 those risks. The best and the brightest brought us the

21 Vietnam War. 30, 40 years later, Secretary Robert

22 McNamara apologized to the tens of thousands of dead,

23 to their survivors, to the destruction brought on by

24 that war. You will live to apologize if you bring us

25 Yucca Mountain.

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1 (APPLAUSE)

2 MODERATOR LAWSON: 30 second, please.

3 MR. MARKS: Neither the Congress, nor the DOE

4 will be able to coerce the people of Nevada to bring us

5 Yucca Mountain. This project is based on coercion and

6 coercion only. In our democracy, the destiny of Nevada

7 should be in the hands of the people of Nevada. Not in

8 the hands of the NEI, the nuclear power industry, the

9 industry that has brought us the worst waste in our

10 nation's history, and is now turning it over to the

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11 federal government, to the American taxpayer. The

12 destiny must remain in the hands of the people, not in

13 agencies from Washington.