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FRANK MOLITOR: My name is Frank Molitor,

7 M-o-l-i-t-o-r, and my interest in nuclear matters comes from  
8 having served on a committee in McDermott for a monitored  
9 retrievable storage program. It was a federal program for a  
10 different form of nuclear storage. It was an interim process,  
11 I guess, until they got Yucca Mountain going. And that  
12 committee, we got all the dog and pony shows from the feds and  
13 all the hysterics from the crowd. And it was our job to sift  
14 through this and find facts to make a decision.

15 In this case it would have been -- the NRS would  
16 have been located on the Indian reservation in McDermott, so  
17 we were free of Nevada Nuclear Office's influence. So we  
18 found out a lot of facts. We pretty much came to the  
19 conclusion that in most cases the benefit of nuclear storage  
20 would outweigh the risks, provided that sufficient economic  
21 benefits were guaranteed somehow, guaranteed in writing or by  
22 some program, and provided safety was monitored by a third  
23 party.

24 And a model that we came up with was the state  
25 office in Oregon, on nuclear matters, whatever the name of it

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1 is. But it has to do with nuclear power plants. They were a

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2 pretty good model, we thought, because many wanted to stay  
3 away from NRC. NRC does licensing, I know. But they are a  
4 federal agency, and we didn't trust federal agencies.  
5 McDermott's project phased out because it was awarded to OSHA,  
6 the project in Utah.

7 I agree that Yucca Mountain is inevitable, and  
8 that we should get something for it. My proposal many years  
9 ago to the governor was that the feds fund the chair at the  
10 University of Nevada for nuclear waste management education,  
11 and let that become a world center for that. That seems to be  
12 in line with the thoughts here.

13 And other economic benefits, well, that could be  
14 all kinds of things, the land, the water, and the cash that  
15 was mentioned here. That was kind of beyond our  
16 consideration. As far as the Indians were concerned, they  
17 would have probably got cash.

18 I guess the matter here that's under  
19 consideration as far as Winnemucca is concerned at this point  
20 is transportation, movement through -- and in the case of  
21 McDermott, and when it clears up, Highway 95, across the  
22 Oregon border -- and would have to do with INEL and probably  
23 nuclear power plants in Oregon and the Northwest.

24 Under the current problem with terrorists, I can

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25 see where transportation is wide open for trouble. So I don't

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1 don't know if your plans -- I'm sure they will take that into

2 consideration as time goes on. I would hope, anyway.

3 That's about it, I guess, at this point. I'll be

4 glad to discuss further anything you might want to talk about.