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THOMAS GORDON: My name's Thomas Gordon. I am
25 building a three-story teepee here in Goldfield. I've
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1 been here about six years now. I'm looking forward to a
2 future up here with my property for my son and my
3 grandchildren.

4 And I feel the Yucca Mountain site, possible
5 site -- I've been on the tour -- I really don't believe
6 it's as safe as everybody may think. And on top of
7 that, the transportation and how the nuclear waste might
8 affect the residents of the area.

9 And if you put forth a program of compensating
10 people for the danger, that's one way. Another way is,
11 I believe, more emphasis on more research to make this
12 deadly radioactivity somehow less destructive power in
13 time.

14 I feel that because of the San Andreas Fault
15 and how it would affect the Pacific Rim, that if a major
16 earthquake came through there, I think it would wipe out
17 Yucca Mountain. Now, how protective is it if it's
18 released?

19 I've heard stories, and I don't know if they
20 are true, but I heard that the radioactivity came back
21 from beneath the ground up to the test site and the
22 people that are in charge know about this. And that's a
23 potential threat on our water and everything up here,
24 and that's already on the books.

25 You, I feel, would be responsible for
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1 everyone's property and homes if any kind of catastrophe
2 were to occur. And I don't know how much warning could
3 be alerted for us to evacuate, if the need be; but you
4 got to be ready to pay people what they invested here.
5 And if you are not ready to do that, you shouldn't even
6 be considering the possibility of an accident happening
7 by transportation.

8 I feel we really need to solve the problems
9 that we have with this waste by using some technology
10 that maybe we haven't achieved yet, but put money into
11 that program. My own opinion, shoot something off to
12 the back of the sun. Shoot it back to the sun. And if
13 you could develop a program that's 99.9 percent
14 foolproof that you're going to launch and get it out of
15 here without a catastrophe, that's my way to solve the
16 problem.

17 That's what I think is what should be done with

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18 it. Thank you.

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