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15 MR. PATRICK: My name is Donald Patrick.

16 D-O-N-A-L-D, P-A-T-R-I-C-K.

17 I am, well, I was born in the United States.

18 I served during World War II. I'm an old veteran and I

19 live in Pahrump. I have lived in Southern Nevada 30

20 years and ten years out here in Pahrump. And it

21 doesn't make me a brain, but anyhow, everybody seems to

22 think that Yucca Mountain is a volcanic formation and I

23 agree with them; it is. But, you know, I don't believe

24 the volcanoes become extinct. I think they become

25 dormant. There's a difference between extinct and

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1 dormant. And I think they do go dormant, but they have

2 their own time clock and they answer to their own

3 system, whatever you want to call it.

4 But you remember back, Mount St. Helens, does

5 anybody remember Mount St. Helens? You know, six

6 months before Mount St. Helens blew, you couldn't have

7 found anyone with any credibility that said, Mount St.

8 Helens is going to blow. And yet there it was, it

9 went. Thank goodness it was not a hot eruption where

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10 you got molten lava, et cetera, et cetera. It was,
11 shall we say, a cold eruption, but devastating, very
12 definitely.

13 And then you can go on over to Clark Air
14 Force Base in the Philippine Islands and there was Mt.
15 Pinatubo, I believe it was the name of it, but it was
16 50 miles away from the, where they built the Air Force
17 base. And everybody said don't worry about the volcano
18 because it's been there for 500 years and nothing's
19 ever happened. Yet, they turn right around and it
20 blew. And there it was, the United States government,
21 in all their majesty, figured out they could not clean
22 up the mess and they closed the Air Force base there.
23 We spent billions and billions of dollars there and,
24 but they didn't clean it up. They just closed it up
25 and walked away from it and just does what it wants

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1 without regard to human beings.

2 And down here around Mexico City, we've had a
3 volcano that keeps popping up every once in a while.
4 And, okay, sometimes they'll say, but that doesn't
5 worry us, but it does. It does worry me because --
6 just because it's another country doesn't mean it's not

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7 important.

8 And about 30 years ago, I drove up to Reno,
9 up to that area, and there on 95 above Tonopah a ways,
10 I remember seeing a sign talking about an earthquake
11 that occurred there and the sign -- I believe it was
12 somewhere around '52 when this earthquake occurred --
13 and the sign there said something to the effect that
14 the Earth had been shifted 40 some feet. That's a
15 serious thing. Thank goodness I didn't live around
16 there.

17 And then does anybody remember three years
18 ago up here at the Yucca Mountain when they had that
19 earthquake up there? They had an earthquake up there
20 at Yucca Mountain and they admitted that there was over
21 \$1 million worth of damage to their buildings up there.
22 Now, the government builds their buildings to
23 earthquake specifications, et cetera, et cetera. And
24 if they admitted \$1 million in damage, I wonder how
25 much there really was.

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1 Let's see here -- they can't even build a
2 building, now they're wanting to, talking about wanting
3 to put up something that will handle it for 10,000

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4 years. And, of course, in Boston, we had the big train
5 derailment up there in that tunnel right in the middle
6 of their town. And I mean, what if that would have
7 been nuclear, some of this junk they want to transport,
8 what if that had been that when they had this wreck?

9 Of course, the highways, we know they're not
10 safe to haul things around on. I mean, here drunks,
11 inept drivers, anything you want to call them,
12 mechanical failures, you'd have another big wreck.
13 They say they've got their casks that can handle it.
14 But what would happen if Yucca Mountain were to come up
15 with a hot eruption, hot molten lava flowing down
16 around the countryside, and what if this molten lava
17 had nuke waste mixed into it? I mean, can you see what
18 that can be? A real M-E-S-S.

19 And then, of course, you got something here
20 you just got to think about -- it's only a month old --
21 but what about the terrorists? If they found out about
22 where something was going to be shipped, they could
23 figure out some way to cause a minor problem. They
24 could be spilling nuke goodies in anybody's hometown.
25 Not in mine, but anybody's, including mine.

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1 Okay. Thank you, ladies.

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2 MS. SWEENEY: Thank you, sir.

3 MR. PATRICK: Hey, I just feel real serious

4 about it. That's all.

5 MS. SWEENEY: Great. I appreciate you coming

6 in and giving comments.