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SUBJECT/TITLE: Interview and TA-36 site visit with Mr. Zenas (Slim) Boone

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Computer Output	Form	Microform	Purchase Request	Transcription
Contract	Interview	Notebook	Receipt Acknowledgment	Video
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Drawing	Logbook	Photo	Review	Other

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Abandon
Aboveground Tank
Absorption
Abstract
Accelerator
Access
Accident
Accumulation
Acid
Active
Administrative
ADS (Activity Data Sheet)
Adsorption
AEC (Atomic Energy Commission)
Aerial
Agenda
Agreement
Air
Alpha
Americium
Analysis
Analytical
AOC (Area of Concern)
Approval
Aquifer
ARAR (Applicable, Relevant, or Appropriate Requirements)
Archaeology
Archive
Area
Arsenic
Asbestos
Asphalt
Assessment
Audit

Backfill
Bacteria
Barium
Baseline
BCP (Baseline Change Proposal)
Beds
Bermed Area
Beryllium
Beta
Biology
Blank
Boiler
Boneyard
Bunker
Buried

Burn
Burn Site

Cadmium
Caisson
Calibration
Canyon
Capacitor
Caustic
CEARP (Comprehensive Environmental Assessment and Response Program)
Cement
CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act)
Certification
Cesium
Chain of Custody
Chamber
Change Control
Change Order
Charge
Chart
Checklist
Chemical
Chromium
Cleanup
Clearance
Closure
Clothing
CMI/RA (Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action)
CMS/FS (Corrective Measures Study/ Feasibility Study)
Cobalt
Comment
Committee
Community Relations
Compliance
Compressed Gas
Computer Modeling
Computer Output
Concern
Concrete
Concurrence
Configuration
Construction
Container
Containment

Contaminant
Contract
Control
Controlled Distribution
Core
Corrective Action
Correspondence
Criteria
Cyanide

Data
Deadline
Debris
Decision Analysis
Decommission
Decontamination
Deficiency
Deliverable
Demolition
Description
Detection
Detonation
Development
Discharge
Disposal
Documentation
DOE (Department of Energy)
Dose
DQO (Data Quality Objectives)
Draft
Drainage
Drainline
Drawing
Drilling
Drop Tower
Drum
Dry Well
Dump
Duplicates

Ecology
Effluent
EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)
Emission
Engineering
Environmental
EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
Equipment

ERDA (Energy Research and Development Administration)
Erosion
Error
ES&H (Environment, Safety, and Health)
Estimate
Evacuation
Evaluation
Evaporator
Excavation
Exclusion
Exhaust
Experiment
Explosive
Exposure
Extension
Extraction

Facility
Fallout
Farm
FAX
Fence
Field
Figure
Filter
FIMAD (Facility for Information Management, Analysis, and Display)
Finding
Fire
Firing Site
Fiscal
Fission
Five-Year Plan
Flow
Flow chart
Fluid
Form
Framework
Free
Fuel
Fume

Gamma
Gas
Generation
Generic
Geochemistry
Geology
Geophysics
Glass Beaker

Glove Box
Graph
Guidance
Gun

Handling
Hazardous
Health
HE (High Explosive)
History
Hole
Home Owner
Hood
HSWA (Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments)
Hydrology
Hygiene

Impact
Implementation
Implosion
Impoundment
Inactive
Incident
Incinerator
Industrial
Infiltration
Injection Well
Injury
Inorganic
Inspection
Installation
Interim
Interim Action
Internal
Interview
Inventory
Investigation
IRM (Interim Remedial Measure)
Isotope
IWP (Installation Work Plan)

Lab Job
Laboratory
Lagoon
Land
Landfill
Laundry
Leach
Lead
Leak
Legal

Letter
Limit
Lines
Liquid
List
Log
Logbook

Magazine
Management
Manhole
Map
Material
MDA (Material Disposal Area)
Media
Meeting
Memo
Mercury
Metal
Microform
Minimization
Minutes
MIS (Management Information System)
Mixed Waste
MOA (Memo of Agreement)
Model
Modification
Money (Allocation, Appropriation, Budget, Cost, Funding, etc.)
Monitoring
Monthly Report
Mortar Impact Area
MOU (Memo of Understanding)
MSA (Major System Acquisition)

NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)
NFA (No Further Action)
Nitrate
NMED (New Mexico Environment Department)
NMEID (New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division)
NOD (Notice of Deficiency)
Nonexplosive
Notebook
Notification
NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)
NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)
Nuclear

Observation
Off-gas
Oil
Open
Open Burning
Operation
Order
Organic
Organization
OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)
OU (Operable Unit)
Outfall
Outline

Pad
PA/RFA (Preliminary Assessment /RCRA Facility Assessment)
PCB (Polychlorinated Biphenyl)
Permit
Personal Notes
Personnel
Personnel Qualification
Photo
Pilot Study
Pipe
Pit
Plan
Plant
Plutonium
Pollution
Polonium
Polaroid
Potential
Presentation
Prevention
Priority
Procedure
Program
Programmatic
Project
Project Leader
Propellant
Property
Proposal
Protection
Protocol
PRS (Potential Release Site)
Public
Pump
Purchase Request

Quality
QA (Quality Assurance)
QP (Quality Procedure)
Quarterly Report

Radioactive
Radiochemistry
Radionuclide
Radium
Rationale
RCRA (Resource, Conservation, and Recovery Act)
Reactor
Receipt Acknowledgment
Recommendation
Reconnaissance
Records
Recovery
Recycle
Reduction
Reference
Regulation
Release
Remediation
Removal
Report
Request
Requirements
Research
Resin Bed
Resolution
Resource
Respirator
Response
Restoration
Restriction
Results
Review
Revision
RFI/RI (RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation)
Risk
RPF (Records-Processing Facility)

Safety
Salamander
Salvage
Sample
Sampling Plan
Sanitary
Satellite
Schedule
Scope

Scrap
Scrap Detonation Site
Screening
Scrubber
Search
Security
Seep
Seminar
Semivolatile
Septic
Sewer
Shaft
Sheet
Shell
Shot
Silver
Site
Sludge
Soil
Solid
Solvent
SOP (Standard Operating Procedure)
SOW (Statement of Scope of Work)
Specific
Spill
Stack
Standard
Statistics
Steamline
Steel
Storage
Strontium
Structure
Study
Subcontractor
Subsurface
Summary
Sump
Support
Surface
Surveillance
Survey
Swipe
SWMU (Solid Waste Management Unit)
System

Table
Tank
Task
TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure)
TDD (Technical Document Description)

Technical
Technical Team
Technology
Telephone Record
Test Area
Testing
TLD (Thermoluminescent Dosimeter)
TOC (Table of Contents)
Townsite
Toxic
Tracking
Training
Transcription
Transfer
Transformer
Transport
Treatment
Trench
Trip Report
Tritium
TRU (Transuranic)
TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act)
Tuballoy
Tuff

Underground
Uranium
Urine
USGS (United States Geological Survey)
UST (Underground Storage Tank)
Utility

Validation
Variance
VE (Value Engineering)
Ventilation
Verification
Video
Volatile
Volume

Warehouse
Waste
Water
WBS (Work Breakdown Structure)
Weapon
Well
Work
Working Group

Zinc

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TO: OU 1130, LANL-ER FILE

MAY 18, 1992

FROM: Sharad Kelkar, EES-4, MS D443, 7-4318

SUBJECT: INTERVIEW AND TA-36 SITE VISIT WITH MR. ZENAS (SLIM) BOONE

Sharad Kelkar and George Guthrie (EES-1) visited TA36 with Zenas (Slim) Boone on May 18, 1992. Slim is a retiree from LANL, and currently resides at [redacted]. His telephone is [redacted]. He made the following observations during the site visit:

- He came to Los Alamos with the Manhattan District in 1945 and retired from LANL in 77, came back to the lab as a Laboratory Associate Technician in 1980.
- Work started at the Kappa site in 1951-52.
- He worked at Lower Slobbovia for 25 years.
- At the Minie site, the old sand-bag structure that is to the south of the current bunker was used for housing large detonator units.
- The biggest shots fired at Lower Slobbovia was about 5000 lbs. Once the state road 4 was closed during the operations.
- Pieces from shots at the R site landed near Minie.
- Depleted Uranium (DU) was used at all Kappa sites.
- A lot of old DU is found at IJ in the sand. It oxidizes and looks yellow when left exposed.
- At the disposal area to the East of the Minie firing point, leftover explosives from the various firing sites are piled up and exploded, this is done under a permit. He does not know of any DU there.
- Lots of gun work is done at Meenie. Shots have been fired into the cliff to the North and embarkment to the South of the firing site.
- Area to the east of Mo, (seen on the areal picture 6-28-65) was used for disposing the debris generated by the road cut going to Lower Slobbovia. There was no firing site debris disposed there. This was done in about 1951-52.
- East of Mo, on south side of the road over the hill, there is a ruin. Shards of pottery are found there. There are ruins all over the Kappa site.
- There is a long-standing honey comb on the cliff North of Mo, it may be of interest to somebody to test it for radiation.
- Area East of Mo, North of the road heading towards Lower Slobbovia, was a burn site in early 50's, prior to the establishment of the trenches (MDA-AA) at Lower Slobbovia. This area was not filled in. Mostly wood and such from small shots were burnt there.
- Big pieces of DU oxidize on the surface and that can flake off.
- The big shots at Lower Slobbovia were to the North of TA-36-12 (the bunker).
- Big shots and DU were fired next to the bunker, to the East of it.
- Tom Boyd was in charge of the Skunk Works, passed away a few years ago.

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- There were three or four trenches at Lower Slobbovia (MDA-AA), starting in may be around mid 50's, but not sure. Do not recall any paper work about it.
- The older trenches were between the most recent one and the road (picture no. RN 86060024). The trenches were about 8' deep. There should not be any unburnt HE in the trenches. Expect to find Copper, Aluminium, cables, plastic and wood.
- There was a 500 lb shot in the early days on the South of the road to the East of Mo, about 0.25 miles from the road, near the cliffs. The shot was bare HE, no metals, with 1 detonator.
- There was one shot just above the group office, about 0.5 miles, with bare HE, no metals.
- When the Kappa site was just opened, already there were pieces of metal lying around on the mesa tops, probably from some army work.
- There were buried shots at Lower Slobbovia, about 30' deep. Bill Davis knows about them.
- At Eenie, mostly small shots were fired.
- A lot of DU was fired at R site.
- Johny LeBarge (Laboratory Associate Technician, White Rock) worked a lot at IJ.
- Max Avila (M-8) works a lot at IJ.
- Old IJ was built prior to the Kappa site.
- The building near the sump was once used for makeup.

Reviewed and corrected by Zenas (Slim) Boone.

Date: 6-8-92