

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Distribution

DATE: September 23, 1964

FROM : Engineering Department

SUBJECT: LOCATIONS OF BURIAL AREAS IN PAJARITO CANYON AND TA-8

SYMBOL : ENG-3

On the morning of September 17, 1964, Harold A. Hidy and Ben P. Williams accompanied Harry Allen, SP-DO, to Pajarito Canyon and TA-8 where they were shown the approximate locations of burial areas known to have been used for disposal of objects, near the end of World War II.

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(1). Pajarito Canyon. From the point on Pajarito Road where the stream crosses under the road, being approximately 2,000 feet southeast of TA-18, Hidy and Williams were shown twin pine trees, near the canyon wall on the north side of the canyon floor, said to mark the approximate southeast limits of a narrow strip about two hundred yards long, within which some navy gun barrels, some old ammunition, and probably natural uranium, were buried in a trench cut by a bulldozer, to a probable depth of ten to twelve feet. The canyon floor in this vicinity had been extensively excavated from approximately 1949 through 1962 by road contractors and The Zia Company, to obtain road base course materials. The amount of cover removed from this burial area as a result of producing base course material would be difficult to ascertain, as well as the exact location. The general locality of this burial is indicated on the attached map, Exhibit "A".

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(2). In an area south of Building AW-1, TA-8, near the top of the access road around the west end of the building, as shown on the attached map, Exhibit "B", were buried several navy gun barrels, at least one gun mount, and perhaps some additional sections of gun barrels. According to Harlow Russ, W-3 Alternate Group Leader, (in a telephone conversation with Harry Allen, 9/17/64), one gun mount was recovered in 1947, used for some experiments, and is now at TA-33.

Mr. Allen stated that he might recall names of other people familiar with these disposal areas, if it should be considered necessary to ascertain their exact locations; particularly the burial containing the ammunition. He thought R. J. Van Gemert, SP-DO, might possibly have some idea as to the exact locations.

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2	RUSO	
1	SIZER	9/24
3	WILLIAMS	9/23
6	HIDY	
2	BYERS	9/24
3	BARTSELL	9/23
8	MINNICK	
7	MONTOYA	9/23
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 set of dumps, future surveys, milled, etc



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The above information was relayed to R. W. Drake, GMX-DO, especially with regard to the burial of ammunition in Pajarito Canyon. R. W. Drake said he would talk with Harry Allen and R. J. Van Gemert, and determine what additional information might be available from them, and then contact C. A. Burch, H-3, to obtain his evaluation of the desirability of accurately locating the materiel, for the purpose of fencing the location; the inherent risks involved in digging into the old ammunition must be taken into consideration with regard to its disposition. R. W. Drake will relay any information he receives to ENG-3, for the purpose of keeping Record Drawings and Maps up to date.



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S. E. Russo


Records and Land Surveys

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Attach: Maps

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Harry Allen, SP-DO  
R. J. Van Gemert, SP-DO  
R. W. Drake, GMX-DO  
Roy Reider, H-3  
C. A. Burch, H-3  
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