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1 Caliente, 89008. I've lived in the county  
2 since 1934. Well, my concern is the economic ruin  
3 it's going to do to our economy, especially around  
4 Caliente, because in the 2000 census I counted 200  
5 homes being lived in and 19 trailers, and that was  
6 the 2000 census. And I would say that there's a good  
7 50 that's been added since then, according to what  
8 I've seen up there. I have a step granddaughter  
9 living up there on Indian Ridge.

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11 And to me, after they build this railroad,  
12 the economy is -- the railroad is not going to bring  
13 in that economy for our county. And if they have to  
14 buy out these people, it's going to discourage people  
15 from coming here too. They're not going to come in.  
16 Right now they're coming here right and left.  
17 They're coming out of California. They're coming out  
18 of Vegas, Henderson, and they're paying bucoos of  
19 money for that property too. To me I just can't see  
20 why we have to give up something good for something  
21 bad.

22 And the transportation of this stuff worries  
23 me no matter how they do it across country. That's  
24 my biggest concern is the transportation, no matter  
25 where they do it or how they do it.

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1 And another thing I objected to the last  
2 time is they have this corridor and it goes up and it  
3 comes down very close to our Test Site and our firing  
4 range for the Nellis Air Base. Well, I feel that one  
5 bad accident out there near that air base or firing  
6 range, the Pentagon will pull that Nellis Air Base  
7 out of here just like that. And that's how I feel.  
8 And Nellis means more to Nevada economically than  
9 this ever. That's my two objections.

10 I've been reading a lot lately and what I've  
11 been picking up is the research they have been doing  
12 is they feel right now that the people, they're  
13 pretty close to some process that they can recycle  
14 this stuff. And to me recycling is the answer.  
15 That's the way I feel. I think we should put a lot  
16 of money that we're throwing out here and throwing  
17 out there, we should put it into research and see  
18 what we can come up with.

19 Well, they tell me that they can take energy  
20 from those rods, create something. Maybe we can do  
21 away with a lot of our atomic plants and have some  
22 other source of electricity. I'm not a hundred  
23 percent against it, but, you know, I've been through  
24 Lincoln County and Caliente, especially where the  
25 economy has been up and down and up and down, and

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1 when you see something like that, you don't want to  
2 let go.