

24 JANET ASHKENAZY: First, I'd like to thank
25 you for being here. I'm really glad that you're
1 visiting all the Hawaiian Islands to get public input,
2 and I'm very happy to you know that you go to San Diego
3 as well. But I don't think this is enough. I think
4 that the entire Pacific Coast needs to be covered
5 because people in California, Oregon, and Washington,
6 they all need to give their input into this very urgent
7 situation.

8 And I'd also like to say that really an EIS
9 wouldn't be necessary if it were not for this endless
10 push of weapons testing, weapons production for endless
11 wars. This is pure insanity. In fact, this is not for
12 the defense of the country. This is for the benefit of
13 the war contractors; Raytheon, General Electric,
14 Lockheed Martin to name a few. This is so wrong. These
15 people are making huge profits with war.

16 Now, I remember, Commander, I saw you in the
17 newspaper where Raikaohi (ph) was blessing you and
18 telling everyone that a balance had to be struck between
19 culture and the military. Well, let me tell you about
20 the balance. I have a relative at Jeju Island in South
21 Korea, and she is seeing the results of the testing of
22 the Aegis missile that has gone on here. And I'm going
23 to read you some of the things that she wrote me.

24 She said, Well, the testing of the Aegis
25 missile is resulting in an Aegis missile base forcibly
1 shoved down the throats of the brave people of Jeju as
2 if the U.S. Military doesn't already have enough bases
3 in Korea.

4 Remember, we have a thousands bases worldwide.
5 Why do we need another base on this beautiful island? I

6 mean, I find it amazing that the military always picks
7 the most beautiful places to set up housekeeping.

8 But anyway, as I said, it's about money and the
9 rape of people to get it. Shame on anyone supporting
10 PMRF which cannot possibly justify the jobs that it
11 provides for the people of Kauai. The money which
12 supports PMRF could provide so many more jobs, many more
13 jobs for a peaceful economy such as education, health,
14 environmental progress, alternative energy, housing,
15 public welfare, and the the list goes on. Shame, shame,
16 shame. (Applause.)