

15 MARJORIE FITTING-GIFFORD: I haven't had
16 the opportunity to read your draft environmental impact
17 statement in completeness, but I did notice one
18 particular little item. And I hope that the rest of the
19 report was not done with as much brevity and lack of
20 concern as this one. It's on page 13, and it's about
21 social economics. And it reads, Impacts from the
22 proposed action on social economic resources would be
23 short term and temporary and, therefore, negligible.

24 If we look back over the economic impact of
25 having the military here in Hawaii since 1940, later,
1 during my lifetime at any rate; I think that we find
2 that the social economic impact is tremendous. The
3 report talks about the practice in bringing people out
4 here to serve and giving them practice in different
5 techniques on the way out. But they don't say anything
6 about taking them back.

7 And our habit has been here that when someone
8 comes to Hawaii and loves our country as much I do, that
9 they don't want to go home. And one of the impacts, the
10 long-range impacts, is certainly the governor's and the
11 state deciding that we should take a thousand acres of
12 our farmland on Oahu and turn it into houses for people
13 to live in.

14 Clearly the military has contributed
15 significantly to the demand for homes on Oahu, if not
16 here on Kauai as well. Hence, I would like to see in
17 particular this item expanded and some of the
18 ramifications of our social economic policies as far as
19 the military goes in terms of permanence be considered
20 more fully. Thank you. (Applause.)