

23 MARY STONE: Hi, I'm Mary Stone, and I  
24 printed this out so I will remember everything.

25 I can't understand how any human being can give  
1 away -- give any sound and thoughtful reason for killing  
2 or harming anything. Aggression and violence in any  
3 form comes from ignorance of our own desire for  
4 understanding of our needs and meeting them in a way  
5 that respects others, honors their place in our world.  
6 We share our planet Earth, and we need to support and  
7 care for every living thing on it.

8 When over half of the U.S. debt budget is going  
9 to the military budget with an endless war as a seeming  
10 objective, isn't it time to find a better way to operate  
11 in the world than universal occupation by the military?  
12 The U.S. spends over -- or spent and is spending  
13 billions, specifically this man says 487 billion in the  
14 war in Iraq, which the U.N. estimates less than half of  
15 that could provide clean water, adequate diet,  
16 sanitation services and basic education to every person  
17 on the planet. So this was from a book by a man called  
18 John Perkins, title of which is Confessions of an  
19 Economic Hitman.

20 So my point is that I just wonder why we need  
21 to militarize our Pacific. I don't feel that that's  
22 accomplishing the future that we want for ourselves and  
23 the rest of the living organisms on this planet. Thank  
24 you. (Applause.)