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MR. HARVEY: My name is Corbin Harney I'm a Shoshone Indian from this world of ours we talk about. Somehow the DOE, the Nuclear Energy Department, look to me as a people, one of the people that don't care if we get life at all. But they are saying beautiful things. They are telling us it's not that dangerous. But at the same time, they on the other hand, they say it's dangerous, we're going to have to really take care of this.

Look what they are doing at the Nevada Test Site for one. I'm from there. I have been there many many years. They are dumping all this stuff, the nuclear waste as they call it, low grade, don't harm you at all, they are dumping it in open pits, open trenches.

What does the wind do to that? Does it leave it there? It seems to me like it picks it up and it brings it wherever we're at.

A lot of my people on this part of the continent, the native people own the land here in this part of the continent, that we all enjoy living here, making our living on this part of the continent, enjoying our life. At one time we survived on this land with all the food that was produced by the nature itself.

I think most of you people know our berries, for one. It's already disappeared because of the radiation.

The food that we use as a native people for thousands of years, the food that we really enjoyed, the medicine that was put here before you people ever came into this part of the continent, there was medicine of all kinds for different kinds of sickness. That was put here by the nature. And today those things are gone because on account of the radiation.

The DOE, the Nuclear Energy Department, never came to us and asked us questions about those things. Because they get money, they get paid. Them guys that was here this morning, they get somebody else to do their thing to give us a good report that we believe in them.

I think their bosses right now, when I do talk to them people in Washington, D.C., they all say that there is somewhere the truth is going to have to come out. This is something that we got to

learn, and today most of you people in here, you are going to have grandchildren. What kind of water are they going to be drinking? What kind of food are we going to be eating? And today the wind carries those particles throughout the country, throughout the world in other words.

In this part of the country my people survive on pinenuts. It was a very important part of our life. When the particle gets on the tree and the rain comes down and washes it down to our ground. They never have reported to us for many many years, what do they do with this water, the nuclear rods they say they cool it off with? Where do they dump it at? Do they take it to some other planet, or what are they doing with it? They never told you that. They never told us nothing about those things.

And today, every living thing on this planet of ours has suffered from cancer. Since 1953, most of my people died from cancer. And today, there's a lot of them out there suffering.

Cancer has taken over the country, not only for us humans but all the living things out there. They never report those to us. They never will. As long as they get paid, they don't care. They don't care about your life. They never have, they never will.

This is what they done to us from the beginning, and today it's still you are in the same boat that we were in a few, just about 500 years ago.

Then we talk about the radiation is going to be with us for 250,000 years, the half life. And today, let's think about Hanford for one. Just think about it. In 60 years, those containers are leaking.

1 [Then they tell us they are going to find something that's really going to be safe, hundred percent safe. I think each and every one of us know there's more train wrecks today throughout the country. Somewhere an accident is going to happen.] Then what do we do?

Them guys up here is not going to save your life. All they are going to say, we didn't know this was going to happen.

2 [I have been told by many of them people there, if accident ever happens out there, we're going to get the robots out

here from back East, two of the robots. They are going to handle it.

I think that's under no agreement, or I don't know what you call it.

Let's all think about it. What are we going to do if accident ever happens? Today throughout the world the water is not pure, is not strong. The way we as an Indian people look at those things, they got spirit like we do.

I have been asked not too long ago, about three years ago when I was invited to go to Kansas City, the people, the grain raisers keep asking the question, why is my water not doing what it's supposed to do here 10 years or 15 years ago? That is simple to know. And today each and every one of us know that. The more water you drink, you never get quenched with thirst because your water is not strong.

And today we're killing our water, the spirit in the water.

Everything on this mother earth is dying. We all know that. We all see that.

But them guys are telling us the other way around. It's not that dangerous. You can live with it. Same with all the stuff that came here.

This is something that we have to think about, all of us. Think about our young generation behind us.

And today the trees are dying, the animal life is disappearing. The ocean has began to be contaminated with radiation.

Look at the radiation that's coming from submarines, nuclear submarines. What do they do with their rods when it gets old, gets weak? They dump it into the ocean. What is the life in that ocean doing today? Why are there so many on the shorelines, the creatures that used to live in that water?

5 They are not telling us those things. But I wish they would ask us questions. Invite the native people, because you're living on this native land. They are the ones you should go to to begin with. They can give you a lot of pointers here.

What we're doing today throughout the world, sending

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these missiles into the air, how much radiation is it leaving behind?

What are we trying to do, eliminate some of the people, or what are we trying to do?

The Nuclear Energy Department employees are not going to live for thousands of years. They are going to die like we do. Some of us already are suffering, already dying with cancer. But they are not telling the truth.

Somehow we're going to have to start telling the truth. We as a native people always say, went one out in circle, it will come back to you. So that way we already know those things.

3 Let's think about it, ladies and gentlemen. If this continues, we are going to be the ones to suffer. [Yucca Mountain is not big enough tunnel to hold all the waste they are talking about. Transporting it there from throughout the world, that's where it is going to come from, around the world, to Idaho, into Nevada. It's going to be passed to your front yard, through your land.]

We are the ones that are going to suffer out of this deal because we have seen so many youngsters today dying with cancer, even three year olds. Let's all unite ourselves together and say no to this Nuclear Energy Department.

4 [I don't want it in my land at the Nevada Test Site, or at Yucca Mountain. I don't want bad things to be transferred throughout the country. If they want it, leave the waste where it's at. No use spreading it over the land more than what it is today.] We already talk about if it stops in one place so many hours, it is going to affect you.

Let's not put it on the railroad or on the highway or on the land. Let's leave it where it's at. If those people who wanted it, they should live with it, not shipping it around the country.

So let's think about our life. Let's think about the younger generation. How are they going to survive? All the living things on this planet today, like the alfalfa for one, like I talk about the particles that blow by the air on to that alfalfa, and animals that eat that grass, they get affected by it. They are not telling us that. They never will.

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So this is something that we all are going to have to think about, how important our life is for the younger generation. Remember, they, the older people, they fought for our life. They suffered for our life, and today, we should suffer for the younger generations, how their life is going to be.

Because we're running out of water, we're running out of air, we're running out of this mother earth of ours. We should be taking care of it instead of trying to destroy it.

Like I talk about the water, where does it go when they dump that? What are they saying about the water that they using to cool off the nuclear rods? Where are they dumping it?

Today it's coming down on to us and all the water throughout the world. So I wish they would address those things and tell us the truth, not those lullabies that they say they call them. Thank you.