

**APPENDIX C**  
**INTERVIEW**

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## **DANA ROBERTS**

Mr. Roberts was employed at Concord from 1977 to 1980. He was a Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and worked in Building 93 assembling and “canning” missiles. By the end of his assignment at Building 93, he had been promoted to supervisor of the canning operation. Canning was the term used for putting missiles into shipping containers. When the missiles were canned, the cans were sealed and filled with nitrogen prior to removal from Building 93. He said that he worked on missiles that got conventional warheads and those destined to be fitted with nuclear warheads. No nuclear warheads were fitted or stored in Building 93: the missiles destined to be tipped with them were marked with black dots and sent to the Alpha Area where the warheads were to be installed. Black dot missiles did not get canned, but were put into transport slings for movement to the Alpha Area following their final inspection in Building 93. The workers in Building 93 were a mix of civilian and Navy personnel.

Mr. Roberts said he witnessed three accidents in Building 93: a fire that consumed a Harpoon weapon; a dummy warhead that was dropped from a sling to the floor, causing one of the employees to wet his pants; and a forklift driven through the side of a missile. He alleged that workers would leave the building for lunch, go to one of the Navy clubs on the base and drink. They would return to work in a state of intoxication.

While he did not work in the Alpha Area, Mr. Roberts stated that there was an elevator system that was large enough to lower semi-trucks to an underground work area. He thought there might have been an underground railroad between the Alpha Area and the Q Area on the Tidal side of the base. When questioned how this might have been done, he used the BART system as an example of constructing such a system in the Bay area. He did not have any specifics of either the elevator or underground railroad. He suggested locating quality assurance (QA) personnel who might have worked in the Alpha Area to get more details about the facilities there. He said the QA inspectors were rotated through work areas so they did not get too familiar with the workers. It was suggested that since work in the Alpha Area was classified, it probably would be difficult or impossible to get anyone to discuss it in detail. He agreed and said that what he was telling me was also classified. He recalled that the Alpha Area was closed in about 1980 and all activities there were transferred quickly to the Q Area.

Mr. Roberts suggested three potential contacts for further information: Richard Rabun, Terry Crowder and Gary Krieger. He did not know how to contact these individuals. He also said there might be a police officer on the Concord police force who was a Marine guard at the Alpha Area, but he did not know his name. He also suggested contacting a PVogel@together.net.

At the end of the interview, Mr. Roberts said that what he had told me he also told public television station KQED, the Contra Costa county Times and the University of California-Berkeley School of Investigative Journalism. He also explained that Roberts was not the name he had when he worked at Concord, but that he had legally changed it after he left there. His previous name is not known.