

August 19, 1994

Mr. Thomas P. Grumbly
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Dear Mr. Grumbly;

Having participated in the panel discussion on Monday, August 8, 1994 concerning the Intern Storage Sites in St. Louis, Mo., I have some things I would like to comment on.

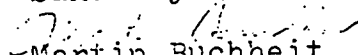
First and foremost, when you recapped what had been discussed you failed to mention my thoughts. I mentioned that I agreed with Mr. David Adler when he said one option was to leave it as is and monitor it. To that I added that at the same time look more closely at the possibility of the treatment process. Please add my thoughts to your list. My main reason for this position is that no records or documents are available to prove that anyone got sick or died from exposure. Probably thousands of people participated in ball games on the fields that show signs of contamination. If someone can prove that it is causing sickness and/or death, then I will agree that it ought to be moved. Until then, remove only the hot spots.

Another point I want to bring up is the fact that this waste was brought to these sites almost 50 years ago, to empty fields far from populated areas. People, houses and buildings came to the area after the fact. Are we always going to blame the government or business for everything that happens when maybe the people themselves should be sharing the blame. Look before you buy.

It appears to me that this panel was stacked with environmentalists. When the chairman for the Mo. Coalition for the Environment is present and in the next seat is a person who is also a member and carries much weight both financial and suggestive, this is unsettling to me. It also appears that most members of the oversight committee are saying the same thing. Please, before you rely to much on the oversight committee for future suggestions and/or direction, maybe you ought to try to get a cross section of representation.

I would be happy to assist you in any way I can, please call on me. Thank you and I know you will do the best you can.

Sincerely:


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