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MEMORANDUM: For Record

FROM: Daniel Noble, Spring Valley Project Manager

SUBJECT: 4825 Glenbrook Road Items Recovered Week of 25 JAN 2010

- On Monday, January 25, while digging in the front yard at 4825 Glenbrook, our crews recovered a modest collection of broken glass pieces, obviously from fairly large size containers (3 to 5 gallon). What made the find interesting was that 3 of the pieces were bottle necks....they look very much like they could have come from bottles of the kind visible in the Sgt. Maurer photo.
- On Tuesday morning, the Corps shared that photo with Steve Hirsh of EPA and Jim Sweeney of DDOE and noted the similarity to the glass containers in the Maurer photo. At that time, we were in the process of testing the glass to see if residual chemical agent could be detected on the pieces; but I had no results.
- Two reporters from separate news organizations (one the Current) sent the photo to the Corps Public Affairs Office and asked for information on it - at a time when I didn't really have any further information to share. The Corps responded to the press outlets that we were in the process of obtaining more information on the items, and didn't have any comment on them at this time.
- The Current decided to run the story without comment from the Corps.
- If I can put a couple of things in perspective; we have found a small amount of glassware that very much resembles the type of container seen in the Maurer photo.
- What we don't know, and no one will ever be able to know, is whether these containers are absolutely the ones seen in the photo (the glass we recovered tested clear for chemical agent), nor do we know much about where the glass that we found was originally deposited in the WWI era, there has simply been too much disturbance and soil movement at this location from post WWI real estate development.
- We have NOT, at this time, located another disposal pit. We have found a small glass debris field, and are recovering other laboratory glass items as we work our way through it.

- To re-emphasize a point made before; we are never going to know if we have or have not located the "Maurer" pit. There is simply not enough information to know whether the Maurer pit is Pit 1, 2, or 3; or a pit that is no longer present due to post WWI development in the Glenbrook Road area; or is a pit that we haven't found yet. At this time, the only way I would feel comfortable calling any pit the "Maurer pit" is if we find Sgt. Maurer's dog tags in the pit.
- I do agree that the Maurer pit was in the Glenbrook Road area, and most likely on either 4825 or just across the property line on 4801.

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