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Attn: **Planning**, Programs and Project Management Division

Dear Ms. Hagerty,

- 31-1 [I have read your lovely and expensive booklet on the EA for Camp Daybreak. I find it full of numbers, often inaccurate and mostly meaningless. The figures used in most cases are only guesses and products of their and the Corps' imagination. Zambrana has done a fine job of trying to put one over on Johnson County and its residents.]
- 13-11 [Let us start with their estimation on the use and disposal of water. There is no projection of what the use of many thousands of gallons of water a day will do to our aquifer. Many areas are in trouble for lack of water. Do we want to join them? Then there is the problem of wastewater. In only a brief mention Zambrana thinks the wastewater from over 100 people a day can be disposed of easily. Yes it can. They can just dump it in the lake. That way the problem goes on downstream and has no impact on those of us who have chosen to live out here. In past years the beaches downstream had to be closed because of the water quality. More filtration upstream will certainly not do the corps swimming areas, such as the one upstream from the dam, any good.]
- 13-25 [Let us speak of Scales Bend Road. I doubt if the people who did the counting ever saw the road. Its meandering way probably started out as a game trail centuries ago. Have they ever covered in their seats as a drunken teenager came barreling through? I realize this is not their problem but it is a problem out here and having a camp will not make it go away. We don't need more cars on the road, and those unfamiliar with the lay of the land, to complicate the problem.]
- 5-7 [We have a relatively crime free area out here. What assurance do we have it will stay that way after bringing in urban minority youth. What is urban minority youth? Are we talking about girls or boys? Moslems are notorious for discriminating against women. Will this be the case here?]
- 30-10 [Does the corps think it good public relations to simply ignore the county Board of Supervisors? The Johnson County Board did not mince words. They thought the idea of a camp in this location was a bad idea. What is the big deal with you people? Is it those who have the most money to offer? I would hate to think so. This may be an area of 106 acres, but it is not an area of 106 usable acres, if that many people are going to be brought out onto this fragile piece of ground every day, week, year, they will soon be spilling out onto land belonging to others. Then there will be trouble. The forest will be gone, the land dug up and forever changed, the soil polluted, the wildlife gone.] And we are supposed to be happy that a group of people, in the name
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of religion, are trying to come in?

This **only covers a few of my concerns, the most disturbing to me. I think it is perfectly clear that we, the prospective neighbors, do not want this "camp" here. We like our neighborhood just the way it is, residential. I wonder if a hundred or so of us came to visit you in Rock Island and camped on your premises, would the environment change.?**

Sincerely,
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