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11	Robin Isom, Ft. Sill Apache Tribe
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1	(Proceedings commenced at 10:00 a.m.)
2	MR. BULLER: As I indicated earlier, my
3	name is Justin Buller. We have a stenographer here, so
4	we are going to go on the record if that's okay with
5	you.
6	As I indicated before, the reason we have
7	a stenographer is simply so we have a record we can
8	share with persons that were not able to make it today.
9	We do anticipate that other people may come in and out
10	throughout the day, so you're welcome to hang around and
11	see who else comes, or you're welcome to take off, of
12	course.
13	The reason we're here today is to hear
14	anybody's concerns and have an open dialogue with
15	regards to the Carlisle Cemetery. And the background
16	for his is very simply that we have 181 Native American
17	children who are buried in that cemetery. They are not
18	the only persons buried in the cemetery. There are U.S.
19	military service members who are buried in that
20	cemetery, there are spouses of those service members, as
21	well as children of those service members all buried in
22	that cemetery. So it is an Army post cemetery. It is
23	not just a cemetery for the Native American children who
24	died while attending the Carlisle Industrial School.
25	As you may be familiar, the Carlisle

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1	Industrial is operated on the property that is now
2	Carlisle barracks in a interim period between when the
3	Army first occupied the property, and then the Army
4	later took the property back over after the industrial
5	school had closed down.
6	As we're moving forward with this we have
7	received requests from the Northern Arapaho. They were
8	the first tribe to request to disinter and return
9	children back to their families. Those requests have
10	been approved.
11	And this summer LTC. Howser, Christopher
12	Howser who is here with us today, he is the project
13	manager for the actual undertaking of the disinterments
14	and the return of those remains. And so we anticipate
15	that we will start digging in early August of this year
16	and that, within a few days, we will have those children
17	returned to their families and taken back to the
18	location of choosing by the family.
19	I want to emphasize this is not a NAGPRA
20	action. These are disinterment requests from the
21	closest living relatives of the deceased children that
22	are buried there. We certainly do not want to insert
23	the U.S. Army into what we see as a family matter.
24	And so, moving forward, would you like me
25	to answer any questions that you may have, address any

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1	concerns that you may have? So if you have any
2	thoughts, issues, concerns, please feel free to let us
3	know.
4	Christopher, do you have anything that
5	you would like to add?
6	LTC. HOWSER: One of the things that we
7	are doing to help the tribes and the families of the
8	tribes is we are actually paying for the disinterment
9	and commercial transportation of those remains back to
10	their families, to include paying any funeral home costs
11	for the reinter as well. So it's really a no-cost event
12	for the families.
13	We're also paying for the families to
14	travel to Carlisle, along with three members of their
15	tribe of their choosing, to assist them with the
16	disinterment. We understand it's a very personal matter
17	and the families should be there when we do the
18	disinterments and return the remains.
19	So this is different from how the Army
20	normally addresses disinterment requests from families.
21	Normally we do not pay for the family to travel to the
22	cemetery and we normally do not pay for the return of
23	the remains. However, given the circumstances of how
24	the children came to be where they are at and how the
25	regulation applies, we have decided to pay the full cost

1	of the return of these remains.
2	So right now we are paying for the cost
3	of two family members per child and, again, three tribal
4	members. So the Northern Arapaho requested the
5	disinterment of three children in the summer, so that's
6	six family members total, plus three tribal members, for
7	a total of nine.
8	MR. BULLER: Mark, do you have anything
9	you would like to add?
10	MR. GILFILLAN: Not just yet.
11	I'm glad that you are here. Do you have
12	any known family members that you are inquiring about,
13	descendants, individuals that we can help identify? I
14	know that's one of the specialties of our staff that's
15	here today.
16	MS. McLAUGHLIN: I don't know that I have
17	a specialty, but I have been at least researching
18	primary documentation to see if, through cross
19	referencing different sources, we're able to get
20	additional information. And we do have some additional
21	information. Unfortunately, it's in a database on my
22	computer because it didn't get transferred here.
23	There's an archival report that we're
24	working on. It's not yet completed. The contractor is
25	still putting some of the final revisions into that

1 report. That will be available on the website when
2 that's complete.

3 And at the back of that report there is 4 the student name. It's an annotated inventory of the 5 students that are buried at the cemetery, and so it has 6 the student's name that they were given when they 7 entered the school and the name that's on the Army's 8 burial records, and then to that we've added whatever 9 information that we're able to find in primary source 10 documentation. And in some cases we've been able to find 11 a father's name, generally an Indian name versus the 12 non-Indian name that they got when they entered the 13 school.

14 So what we're hoping is that, through 15 cross referencing this information, it assists families in being able to identify if, in fact, they do have an 16 17 ancestor buried there. They may not have recognized them under the non-Indian name, but if we've been able 18 to find the name that they had when they came to the 19 20 school or a name of their father or family member, we 21 are hoping that will assist families. And we're hoping 22 that will be available, as well as any of the primary 23 source documentation that we have been able to find will be available electronically on the website. 24

MR. GILFILLAN: And that website is on

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1	the page after the map. It must be about page 7 at the
2	bottom.
3	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Yes. And, Justin, do
4	you want to go over the documentation that we need in
5	order to provide approval for disinterment?
6	MR. BULLER: Yeah, absolutely. As these
7	are not NAGPRA actions we do have to actually receive a
8	request from the closest living relative. In your
9	package there is some examples of the type of
10	information that we're going to need. We can certainly
11	work with you to assist that. Ltc. Howser's team,
12	myself, we can work with whoever to get us the proper
13	documentation.
14	I want to emphasize it doesn't have to
15	be it can be handwritten. I can be you know, we
16	are very flexible on how it comes in so long as we have
17	the necessary information, and we're happy to work
18	directly with those individuals.
19	I won't bore you with the details of it.
20	But, essentially, what we're doing is making a good
21	faith effort to ascertain whether or not these are,
22	indeed, relatives, because we don't want to create
23	family issues where we have disagreements within the
24	family and then the Army is getting in the middle of a
25	family matter. For obvious reasons we have no business

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1	being in that position. And so we want to ensure that
2	we don't have a disagreement there that we suddenly
3	interject ourselves into.
4	But we can work with you, help you. It's
5	fairly simple. I'll say, you know, from working with
6	the Northern Arapaho, they found it very straightforward
7	and direct and were able to get us the necessary
8	information. So, fairly easy to do.
9	Before you received the faxed flyer were
10	you aware or was anybody in your tribe aware of the
11	ongoing actions at the Carlisle Cemetery?
12	MS. GOODNYWARE: Um-hum.
13	MR. BULLER: Okay. Did you receive a
14	letter? About a year ago we sent out a letter to all
15	the chairmen and the like of all the federally
16	recognized tribes. Did that letter ever actually make
17	it to your tribe that you are aware?
18	MS. GOODNYWARE: What was it, um
19	MR. BULLER: It was a general notice of
20	the pending action and inviting any of the tribes that
21	had questions, concerns or the like to please get with
22	us and we'd be happy to meet or attempt to address any
23	of those.
24	MS. GOODNYWARE: We probably received it,
25	but I don't I don't remember hearing about it.

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1	MR. BULLER: Okay. Went in the circular
2	file?
3	MS. GOODNYWARE: The only other I know,
4	at NCAI last year there was supposed to be a session on
5	that subject, but I don't know if it ever took place.
6	MR. BULLER: It did, actually.
7	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Was it in Spokane,
8	Washington?
9	MS. GOODNYWARE: No. That was in
10	Phoenix.
11	MR. BULLER: Oh, that's news to me. I
12	didn't know about there was one in the Spokane
13	meeting.
14	MS. GOODNYWARE: They talked about having
15	one in Phoenix, but I didn't know if it ever
16	MR. BULLER: Yeah. That never occurred.
17	MS. GOODNYWARE: took place or not.
18	But that was the only one we had heard about.
19	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Well, we're glad you're
20	here now.
21	MR. BULLER: Absolutely.
22	MS. GOODNYWARE: We're just here to
23	listen. We're gathering information. So that's why we
24	are here, to see what you guys are or what is
25	happening.

1	MR. BULLER: Well, as I have already
2	indicated, you know, fundamentally we're moving forward
3	with any of the requests we have received and we are
4	going to when we receive a fully complete request it
5	will be approved and then, at that point, we will move
6	forward in executing the disinterment at an appropriate
7	time that works from the standpoint of the weather.
8	Because Carlisle, being in the area it
9	is, we can't do them just at the drop of a hat. Some
10	time of the year the ground is frozen, there is snow on
11	the ground, there is various logistical challenges that
12	we have to work through. So we generally target the
13	summertime as the timeframe when we are going to be
14	doing these disinterments.
15	So not saying that it couldn't happen
16	this summer, but most likely any request we receive
17	moving forward would probably be in a future summer, so
18	look at probably a year from now that we would be
19	spinning up to arrange that disinterment. And so, as
20	Christopher indicated, the Army is paying for it and so,
21	you know, we'll certainly work with you with regards to
22	that matter as well.
23	One other thing to be aware of is there
24	are some citizens in the Carlisle area that hold
25	themselves out as having particular knowledge or

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1	information with regards to this cemetery, and they have
2	been charging tribes for copies of that information and
3	charging them a great deal. And I would suggest to you
4	to come to us first because we will provide any of our
5	historical information that we have to you through the
6	website, or even directly if that's more efficient, and
7	there's no charge whatsoever for it.
8	MS. GOODNYWARE: What kind of information
9	are they doing?
10	MR. BULLER: Archival type documents and
11	that sort of stuff. Frankly, what we have found is
12	so far what other tribes have shared with myself
13	personally that they purchased from these individuals
14	was information that we have and would have happily
15	given to the tribes for free, and they spent a pretty
16	sizable amount of money to obtain copies of documents
17	from various historical databases and that sort of
18	thing.
19	So we're happy to provide that for free
20	to you. I'm not trying to disparage anybody here, of
21	course, but I just don't want you guys spending your
22	very limited funds on something that you could get for
23	free.
24	MS. McLAUGHLIN: And some examples of
25	some of the things that we have, the school, in some

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1	cases, maybe 70 percent of the students listed within
2	our database, there is either a death record on a card
3	that was scanned in by Dickinson College because
4	Dickinson College has a huge repository of information.
5	And so there is an electronic record of that original
6	card. There also was a handwritten log that provides
7	some information.
8	And we have we've downloaded those
9	scanned copies. That's what I'm saying. We're trying
10	to organize those and will be happy to share electronic
11	copies of these with anyone that wants an electronic
12	copy of that.
13	MR. BULLER: And that's a good example of
14	some of the information that was being provided at a fee
15	by third parties. So, you know, I appreciate people's
16	entrepreneurial spirit and attempt to hustle and make a
17	buck, but I get that. I don't want you guys spending
18	your limited resources on something you can get for
19	free.
20	We have done a GPR study of the cemetery.
21	So there's been no invasive I do want to be really
22	clear: We have taken no invasive means with regards to
23	any of the graves.
24	But a GPR study was recently done. I
25	will let Ltc. Howser talk that piece, since he was

1	directly involved with that and can talk with you in
2	detail if you like.
3	LTC. HOWSER: Yes. So, again, we hired a
4	contractor who does do quite a few GPR surveys of areas.
5	We decided to do this at the request of the tribes. It
6	was conducted last summer. And the results, the entire
7	survey is actually posted on our website right now and
8	it is downloadable. Again, as Justin had mentioned, you
9	can download it for free. It did cost us money, but
10	that's okay. I mean, that was our intent was to make it
11	available to the public.
12	MS. GOODNYWARE: Is that part
13	of the (Indicating)
14	LTC. HOWSER: Yes, ma'am, which is part
15	of our verification efforts. Not only did we survey the
16	current cemetery that's on Carlisle, but we also
17	surveyed the area that is surrounding the old burial
18	ground to include a 20-meter zone around the known
19	Carlisle Indian Industrial School cemetery, the original
20	one. There were some anomalies that were found during
21	the survey. And as people look at these surveys they do
22	ask us about these anomalies. They are outside of the
23	original cemetery.
24	So the known bounds, we know these
25	anomalies are outside of it. We have no reason to
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1	believe that those are human remains. It could be
2	anything, because there is a lot of construction that's
3	happened in the area from the time of the Carlisle
4	Indian Industrial School until the war college, the Army
5	War College being built in that vicinity.
6	So there's what's most important, what
7	we like to tell people is that we have a very good
8	record of who was interred in the original cemetery.
9	And every single name that is on in fact, if you go
10	to I will show you the copy of that original record,
11	which is slide number 6. It looks like a blueprint.
12	That is the original plat. (Indicating)
13	You can see that is the original cemetery
14	with names. And we know that every name that is on this
15	original cemetery map, there is a corresponding
16	headstone and name on the existing in the new cemetery
17	as well. So we're very confident that any Native
18	American child that was buried in that cemetery was
19	moved over to the new one in 1927.
20	MS. GOODNYWARE: And so were they buried
21	the same way that they were at the other or
22	MR. BULLER: No.
23	LTC. HOWSER: No. Actually, so we have
24	record of a casket being purchased for every known
25	Native American that was in that cemetery, good caskets,

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1	the best of the day; not what we have today, but, again,
2	the best caskets they had for that day.
3	So they did use the best means available
4	they had at the time to transfer those remains from the
5	old cemetery to the new one, and then re-interred them
6	in a manner that doesn't really fit any particular
7	pattern. We do know it was done quickly, but we also
8	know that there is, again, a corresponding name from the
9	old cemetery to the new one, and that there is an exact
10	number of caskets that were very good for the day, the
11	best for their day, in the new cemetery.
12	MR. BULLER: Yeah. We have not been able
13	to figure out the method in which they decided if you,
14	you know, a child from the old cemetery, why they went
15	from one space to the new space. We can't find the
16	rhyme or reason for that, but we can certainly account
17	for all 181 of those graves that were moved from the old
18	cemetery to the new one. And as Christopher indicated,
19	the other piece was they purchased 181 caskets, which we
20	know to be the number of persons interred in the old
21	cemetery.
22	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Well, the known
23	interments. We do need to address the fact that
24	MR. BULLER: Well, that includes the
25	unknowns that were

1	MS. McLAUGHLIN: That includes the
2	unknowns?
3	MR. BULLER: Yes, that includes unknowns.
4	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Okay.
5	MR. BULLER: There were some unknowns in
б	the old cemetery, and that 181 number includes the
7	unknowns from the old cemetery moving over. And there
8	is the same number of unknowns that were in the old
9	cemetery that are buried in the sections with the Native
10	American children in the new cemetery.
11	There are some additional unknowns in the
12	new cemetery that were added to the cemetery after the
13	move from the original location to the present location.
14	We have no reason to believe that those are or are not
15	native American children. We have no records.
16	We can find nothing to indicate where
17	those sets of remains came from, why they are there, nor
18	do they correspond to any interments associated with the
19	old cemetery. We simply do not know why those are
20	there. We just know that they weren't in the old
21	cemetery as marked graves and no records that they were
22	ever moved.
23	And the fact that we have records that
24	show we bought 181 caskets when we moved the cemetery
25	also indicates to me that those weren't graves that they

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1	had in the old cemetery.
2	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Well, and the history of
3	the land use at Carlisle as far back as the Seven Years'
4	War in the 1750s, you know, there has been some sort of
5	military activity going on. There are also records of a
6	British cemetery on that property.
7	There are records that indicate that
8	there had been a private land owner that had, perhaps, a
9	family cemetery on that property. And then his land was
10	transferred or he sold his land to the United States
11	government, so they acquired the land that had a family
12	cemetery on it.
13	And in the Revolutionary War there was an
14	area on maps called "Old Burial Ground," and these
15	cemeteries are all in the same general vicinity as where
16	the school placed the school cemetery. And so the fact
17	that when we moved the cemetery, when the Army moved the
18	cemetery in order to expand it and allow burial of
19	soldiers in 1927, if they had unknown interments it
20	could easily have been attributed to some of these older
21	previous cemeteries.
22	Because, apparently, in around the 1870s
23	the Army was transferring burials from a burial area
24	over to the Carlisle Ashland Cemetery. And the records
25	varied on estimates of how many were buried there prior

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1	to the school being established, and we don't have clear
2	records indicating how many were actually moved.
3	So there may have been some remains from
4	these other war engagements or from the old family that
5	had owned it previously. There may have been some of
6	those remains in that vicinity and we're not sure. And
7	so when we have these unknowns, unknown burials, we
8	really don't have any way to better define who or how
9	old.
10	MR. BULLER: Those burials are separate
11	from the unknowns that were in the school cemetery. We
12	know which unknown graves in the current cemetery were
13	the unknowns that are listed on that particular map that
14	you have in front of you.
15	MR. GILFILLAN: Fort Sill represents both
16	Chiricahua and Warm Springs; right?
17	MS. GOODNYWARE: Yes.
18	MR. GILFILLAN: Do we have any
19	identifying information to that extent? Is it just
20	Apache affiliation to
21	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Well, in some of the
22	primary source documentation records it indicates San
23	Carlos Agency.
24	MR. GILFILLAN: Okay.
25	MS. McLAUGHLIN: In fact, I think most of

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1	these scanned cards, these scanned death record cards,
2	for those that we have that indicate Apache, most of the
3	agency listings say San Carlos.
4	MS. GOODNYWARE: Even though they were
5	taken from Fort Marion?
6	MS. McLAUGHLIN: I can't speak to that
7	issue. You know, all I have to go on is the records
8	here. And that's one of our goals in consultation is if
9	tribal families have more information on their history
10	of a child having gone to Carlisle School then that's
11	why we are reaching out to tribes, to talk to the
12	families and see if we can help anyone that has a
13	relative buried there if they want to bring them home.
14	That's our goal.
15	MR. BULLER: I am making no guarantees
16	that these records, these cards are accurate, because
17	there is so many ways that misinformation could have
18	been introduced into that. You know, first and
19	foremost, the persons that maintained these records were
20	not Native American, and so I'm not sure how accurate
21	first of all, what their understanding was of the
22	difference between various tribes and the like.
23	So there's your first source of potential
24	err is that they just didn't understand. So in many
25	cases they just put a very broad affiliation. They did

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1	not put a particularly precise one.
2	Second of all, I think assumptions were
3	made by the persons maintaining these records and didn't
4	necessarily get hard and fast information from the
5	children that were brought.
6	Third, I'd suggest that the children, for
7	many various reasons, may not have given all of the
8	information, or it may have been disregarded even if
9	they did.
10	So you can see how there is, you know,
11	all these opportunities for incorrect information to get
12	entered into these records. And then finally, when we
13	are dealing with the death records, where did they
14	acquire that information from? We don't know. And so,
15	you know, it could have been from friends of the
16	children who may have had inaccurate information
17	themselves. It could have been from other inaccurate
18	documents.
19	So we just simply have no way of
20	guaranteeing this information is accurate. Right now
21	it's all we have, so we have to work with it. But any
22	information that the tribes or families can provide to
23	us would certainly be appreciated, and we're hoping to
24	get a more complete and more accurate records created
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long term.

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1	We are certainly going to add all of this
2	information to the database and, once again, put it on
3	our public-facing website so the public can see it and
4	potentially provide additional information. Because
5	these days it's so easy to put something out there and
6	allow the public to come back with information and help
7	correct the record. So we're hoping that, if nothing
8	else, that we get to that point.
9	Now, certainly families may, and we have
10	actually had several families from other tribes indicate
11	they want to leave their loved ones where they are
12	currently buried. We are certainly very supportive of
13	that. Anybody that elects for that decision, their
14	loved one will remain in the cemetery exactly where they
15	are currently interred.
16	There will be perpetual care of that
17	cemetery by the Army. The Army takes great pride in the
18	care of its cemeteries and we have a very robust program
19	that ensures that those cemeteries are maintained to a
20	very high standard. So there will always be appropriate
21	care for those grave sites if that is the choice of the
22	family.
23	Do you guys have any questions for us
24	that we can possibly try to answer?
25	MS. GOODNYWARE: Well, one of the
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1	things well, you kind of answered the one about the
2	anomalies that were found. Are there any plans to try
3	to figure out what they are?
4	LTC. HOWSER: We've discussed that
5	MS. GOODNYWARE: How many different areas
6	were there?
7	LTC. HOWSER: It's seven. There are
8	seven anomalies that are outside the original industrial
9	school cemetery. We have discussed that. We are making
10	plans at the moment or discussing plans to ground truth,
11	if you will, what those anomalies are.
12	We are not planning on doing that anytime
13	soon, and the reason being is that, again, given the
14	records that we already have and the family requests
15	that are coming through, there is no reason why we need
16	to rush into finding out what those anomalies are. We
17	are focusing on the families right now and taking care
18	of their needs and requirements.
19	But perhaps in a year from now we may
20	revisit ground truthing those anomalies to ascertain
21	exactly what they are. But, again, there is no reason
22	why we need to rush into it at the moment given our
23	responsibilities to the families.
24	MS. McLAUGHLIN: We would also need to do
25	outreach and do NAGPRA consultation prior to any ground

disturbance in the area on the offhand chance that those
 are human remains.

3 Since they fall outside what had been the fenced boundary of the school cemetery, we have been 4 5 discussing that. And our NAGPRA consultation would 6 focus on tribes that had some sort of aboriginal land 7 ties to that Carlisle area, because we think those would not have been associated with the school, but had been 8 earlier. So we need to do consultation before we make 9 10 any firm plans for any ground disturbance to check on 11 those anomalies.

12 MR. BULLER: I will also suggest that the 13 area in which these anomalies are located is an area 14 that has been heavily disturbed for a hundred years. 15 It's been a long time that they have been building, cutting into the ground, this sort of thing. So it's my 16 17 very uneducated guess that the chances of those being human remains is exceptionally low. It's far more 18 likely it's something else. 19

And I'm basing this solely on the fact that that ground has been so heavily disturbed for a hundred years with building and construction and that sort of thing, and that when they have built on that area they have had an archeologist overseeing the construction and they have not found any remains in that

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1	area. And they had built in that general area
2	significantly over the past 30, 40 years and have found
3	absolutely no remains in that past 30, 40-year window.
4	Are you folks tracking any specific
5	persons from your tribe that you're aware of are buried
6	at the cemetery?
7	MS. GOODNYWARE: Yeah. We have a
8	listing.
9	MR. BULLER: You have an internal list?
10	MS. GOODNYWARE: Um-hum.
11	MS. ISOM: Yes.
12	MR. BULLER: If and I want to
13	emphasize if if you feel comfortable sharing that
14	with us that would be you know, that you identify as
15	specifically being from your tribe, that would be very
16	helpful to us to, once again, kind of build that
17	administrative record that we're trying to make sure
18	that they have accurate information.
19	MS. GOODNYWARE: Yeah. We usually have
20	to discuss those kinds of things first before we can
21	MR. BULLER: Oh, yeah, absolutely.
22	MS. GOODNYWARE: before we can do
23	that.
24	MR. BULLER: That's why I said if you
25	feel comfortable. And we understand if you don't.

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1	MS. GOODNYWARE: Yeah.
2	MR. BULLER: Not a problem.
3	MS. GOODNYWARE: I understand the
4	importance of getting the information correct and stuff,
5	and so that will get discussed with our Business
6	Committee.
7	MR. BULLER: Thank you. We appreciate
8	that.
9	MS. GOODNYWARE: Yeah.
10	MR. BULLER: We really do.
11	MS. GOODNYWARE: Yeah. Because I didn't
12	know there was, like, death certificates that were a
13	listing of them.
14	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. And as I said,
15	that information, not all the blanks on those cards are
16	filled out and we don't have a card for each student.
17	But maybe
18	MS. GOODNYWARE: What you do have?
19	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. Maybe 60 to 70
20	percent of the students buried there, we may have either
21	information on a card or information from the
22	handwritten log or registry, and the school newspaper.
23	The students published a number of
24	newspapers and small documents. And, again, Dickinson
25	College has scanned those in and they also have a

database available where they have transcribed the information into the database that gives an indication of the first and last name of the student, either their tribe or home town, the name of which paper it was in, because they had a number of papers, different names, and then a brief explanation of what was in that reference.

And, again, through that we've been able to, maybe, further identify, perhaps, a tribe or, if it was a student that died there, you know, what they died from. And that's just another of these kind of streams of information that we're trying to use to cross reference.

LTC. HOWSER: One of the things that we plan to do with our website that we're working on -- it was actually at Kathleen's suggestion -- is build a folder per student and place in that folder every document or every source document that is available that relates to that student in that folder.

So that way whoever wants to look at a particular student won't have to go through a mountain of files that we plan to put on the website. They will be able to hone in on that one particular student just with a click of a mouse. So we are trying to make it as user friendly as possible.

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1	MS. GOODNYWARE: So is that for every
2	student that went there?
3	MR. BULLER: Just the ones that are
4	buried.
5	LTC. HOWSER: There are thousands of
6	students.
7	MS. McLAUGHLIN: I think approximately
8	10,000 from when the school opened to when the school
9	closed. Approximately 10,000 students passed through
10	Carlisle for some amount of schooling.
11	MS. GOODNYWARE: My grandfather on my
12	Comanche side went there.
13	MR. GILFILLAN: And there could be a
14	disparity in, kind of, the record of how tribes know
15	individuals went to Carlisle and passed, but may not
16	have been buried at Carlisle Indian school cemetery.
17	And I think the archival report, correct me if I am
18	wrong, does it talk about the history of the
19	MS. McLAUGHLIN: The archival report, as
20	far as I know, it's only talking about the students that
21	we know that are buried there. But there are some
22	records again, this was the the Carlisle death
23	records that Dickinson College had scanned in and this
24	one has been cross referenced with the Army burial
25	plots, and so we have an indication of what grave the

1	student was buried within.
2	But on here there are a couple where it
3	indicates "Taken home for burial." And so it wasn't
4	always it wasn't automatic that if a student passed
5	away at Carlisle that they were buried in that Carlisle
б	student cemetery.
7	Sometimes children were working and
8	living off of Carlisle because they were on what they
9	called the outing system where they would be living with
10	a family in, perhaps, a surrounding community, perhaps
11	as far away as Philadelphia I have seen some. And if
12	they became ill when they were there and passed away
13	they may have been buried there or they may have been
14	transported back to their families.
15	But we do have on this list there is a
16	young woman's name, and it said that she died at
17	Rozine (phonetic) Home Hospital in Philadelphia, another
18	died at a Methodist hospital in Philadelphia, and others
19	that say they were taken home for burial.
20	And these are names that we don't have on
21	our list, on the Army list of who was buried within the
22	cemetery. And so, again, just trying to cross reference
23	as much information as we can find from the primary
24	source documentation.
25	MR. BULLER: What other concerns or

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1	questions might you have for us?
2	MR. GILFILLAN: The Army doesn't
3	necessarily need a no action request officially.
4	MR. BULLER: No. The only way we will do
5	anything is if we get a request to disinter; otherwise,
6	the children will remain, rest in peace right where they
7	are and their grave site will be taken care of in
8	perpetuity.
9	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. And the Army
10	also, and has, replaced the grave markers if the
11	information on the grave marker was inaccurate.
12	MR. BULLER: So, for instance, in some
13	cases the only name we have for a child is the Caucasian
14	name that was given to them by the school that they had
15	to take when they came there and we don't have a record
16	of what their native name was.
17	So, for instance, if there was
18	information where a family or tribe could provide us,
19	Hey, this student's real name was this and here is the
20	supporting information for that and we'd like the
21	headstone replaced with their correct name on there, we
22	would certainly work with you to make that happen. So
23	that's an example of something we can do.
24	MS. GOODNYWARE: But that's a family
25	request?

1	MR. BULLER: We can work with the tribe
2	historic preservation office on that as well. But we
3	try to work with both the family and the tribe on those
4	sort of requests. So, please, you know, that would be
5	another example of where some historical information
6	would be very helpful to us.
7	Additionally, for some reason,
8	unfortunately they put a Christian cross on every single
9	headstone. And I'm here to tell you I know every one of
10	those students wasn't necessarily a Christian. We don't
11	want to assign a religion to anybody.
12	We have had requests from a tribe that
13	two of the headstones be replaced with no religious
14	symbol on it because they were not Christian at the time
15	of their death. And so we actually accommodated that
16	and the headstones were replaced a few months ago and
17	there are new ones in place with no religious symbol.
18	So we can certainly work with that kind of request as
19	needed.
20	MS. GOODNYWARE: I think that was just
21	the
22	MR. BULLER: Default.
23	MS. GOODNYWARE: Well, no. I think the
24	Army did that with everybody, didn't they?
25	MR. BULLER: Yeah.

1	LTC. HOWSER: Well, it wasn't necessarily
2	the Army. Later on, yes, the Christian cross was added
3	as the Army when the installation reverted back to
4	the Army. And as we replaced headstones I don't know
5	if the original markers had a cross on them or not.
6	MR. BULLER: No evidence to say one way
7	or the other. I understand where you are going, and you
8	are correct that back in the day there was two religious
9	markers. You put one or the other on every headstone.
10	It's either Christian cross or Star of David. Those
11	were the only approved religious symbols for a
12	government headstone, you know, World War II era. It
13	was one or the other.
14	Obviously, we've come a long ways because
15	we have vastly more approved religious symbols, so we
16	can certainly use one of those if that's appropriate for
17	the student, or we could simply leave it blank if that
18	would be the preference.
19	MS. ISOM: It's nice to know the cemetery
20	is being well taken care of and that they don't have to
21	be moved.
22	MR. BULLER: We take great pride in that.
23	And, you know, even after the disinterments are done the
24	cemetery will be resodded. It will be maintained in a
25	pristine condition.

1	There has been discussion about putting
2	up a historical information sign of some nature there
3	that reflects a little bit more about the cemetery. And
4	so, certainly, we will reach out to the tribes. That's
5	kind of an action for when we are kind of done focusing
6	on the disinterments. And we'll certainly reach out to
7	all of the tribes who have persons buried there for
8	their input on how that should be done.
9	MR. GILFILLAN: As a take away for them
10	as going back and informing their council and staff, is
11	there a time line that's helpful for them to relay back
12	to the tribe or the families about how soon is soon to
13	consider engaging on disinterment if they choose?
14	LTC. HOWSER: Well, we don't have a
15	definitive time line. Lead time is very important, very
16	important to us. At least 90 to 120 days, three to four
17	months, and that is because of the amount of resources
18	that we have to bring well, the amount of resources
19	that we have to schedule with, like archeologists. I
20	mean, they have other jobs too. So we have to ensure
21	they have time to assist us with the excavations, not to
22	mention funeral homes. So 120 days would be like the
23	absolute bare minimum.
24	Right now the Northern Arapaho, they sent
25	us their requests. I think we received them three

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1	months ago, and we're looking at an August disinterment
2	date. So August, that is the time that is best for,
3	seems to be, for everybody for us to do a disinterment.
4	So if you back off 120 days, six months from then is
5	about the minimum amount of time we will need.
6	Because, again, the archeologists,
7	anthropologists, and also working with the tribe to
8	understand where they would like the remains of their
9	ancestors transferred to, all of these things come into
10	play. So the further out, the better.
11	We could potentially receive a request
12	from another tribe in the next three months. We
13	probably won't be able to get to them. We probably
14	won't be able to honor that request by August. It's a
15	very short time. It's a very short window that we have
16	to work with.
17	So it's anywhere from four to six months
18	would be the minimum amount of time. But that's not to
19	say that if we get a request tomorrow that we will not
20	honor it. We certainly will honor it. It may not be
21	until August of 2018 that we properly disinter and
22	properly return those remains, transport them back to
23	their families.
24	MS. McLAUGHLIN: I think in general we're
25	focusing on summer months, July or August of whatever

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1	calendar year, in order to do the excavations, and
2	that's because of the influence of weather and ongoing
3	activities at the Carlisle barracks.
4	And through what year, Christopher, is
5	Army, at this point, hoping to accomplish all the
б	disinterments and return of remains for those that make
7	that request?
8	LTC. HOWSER: 2022 is when we are hoping
9	to hear from all families one way or the other. If it
10	turns out that a family asks us in 2023 or 2024, we're
11	not going to turn them away if they send us a valid
12	request to disinter their ancestors. But 2022 is when
13	we will, essentially, stop engagements like this and
14	stop putting out the word. So, again, that is our
15	planning date.
16	MR. GILFILLAN: And I can think of one
17	more thing that I think might be helpful. If there is
18	an opportunity to share information at some point where
19	you say, Well, maybe these are the individuals we would
20	like to engage further on, I know the team is available
21	to go and meet the council or the families in a more
22	opportune time or place for further discussions for
23	their consultation, logistics.
24	I know we have been successful in doing
25	it by letter and by email. So there is an opportunity

1	to continue collaboration and communication on further
2	details.
3	MS. McLAUGHLIN: And to that end I would
4	like to give both of you my business card, and, if there
5	is an individual that you want to see if we have further
6	information on, you can just send me an email and I will
7	look through whatever records I have and get those back
8	to you.
9	(Ms. McLaughlin provided her card to
10	Ms. Goodnyware and Ms. Isom.)
11	MS. McLAUGHLIN: I'm not going to ask for
12	specifics, but do you have some of the names on your
13	list, do they match some of the names on our list?
14	MS. GOODNYWARE: I don't know. I can't
15	see them. I haven't seen your list.
16	MS. ISOM: We don't have your list. We
17	just have ours.
18	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Oh, okay.
19	MR. GILFILLAN: That was just internal.
20	That was just for us.
21	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Oh, okay.
22	MR. GILFILLAN: Our web page would be a
23	good place to put that archive information
24	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Okay.
25	MR. GILFILLAN: at some point, whether

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1	it's the original list. You know, I'll let you nail
2	down the right list because
3	MS. McLAUGHLIN: We have multiple lists.
4	We do have version control issues right now with
5	multiple lists. And that's why we were hoping in this
6	archival report that we'll have that annotated inventory
7	of students, and that will be pulling in information
8	from the various sources and indicating where it came
9	from.
10	MS. ISOM: That's good.
11	MR. GILFILLAN: And it's best to stick
12	with the 181 list and really not go too far outside of
13	that at all.
14	MR. BULLER: Right.
15	MS. McLAUGHLIN: But I thought that when
16	we sent out that letter a year ago at the very least we
17	had sent out
18	MR. GILFILLAN: I think you are correct.
19	MS. McLAUGHLIN: this. (Indicating)
20	MR. BULLER: Oh, that list absolutely
21	went.
22	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Yeah. And this list
23	does list quite a few affiliated with the Apache. And I
24	will let you have this copy.
25	MS. GOODNYWARE: Okay.

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1	MS. McLAUGHLIN: And there are others
2	that we have been able to assign into an Apache tribe
3	through cross referencing. So this is not complete, but
4	this was our starting point, because this is what was in
5	the initial database that the cemetery had.
6	MS. GOODNYWARE: Do you have an age? Are
7	there ages on here?
8	MS. McLAUGHLIN: There are not ages on
9	there. We were able to obtain the age for some of the
10	students. For instance, this the Dickinson College
11	death log that they transcribed, it does have an age
12	listed.
13	MS. GOODNYWARE: Okay.
14	MS. McLAUGHLIN: And on some of the
15	student cards and on some of these student I'm
16	calling them death cards as opposed to the log. And
17	it says when the student arrived and it has an age, and
18	generally that seems to be the age of the student when
19	they arrived at the school. And then it provides a date
20	of when they passed away.
21	And sometimes this can be cross
22	referenced with this. And that seems to support that
23	the age on here is when they arrived. And the age as
24	recorded on this is their age when they passed away.
25	And again, that information should be in that annotated

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1	inventory when we get that archival report published.
2	MS. ISOM: So maybe they are listed as
3	the Apache Tribe instead of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe?
4	MR. GILFILLAN: Yeah. Other than San
5	Carlos Agency, I don't believe we have any other tribal
6	affiliation identified for the 45 or so Apache.
7	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right, yeah. Now, in
8	some of the student publications they gave, perhaps, a
9	little more detailed information for some students. It
10	was inconsistent. It was just students publishing a
11	newsletter.
12	But, for instance and this is
13	incomplete. This was just looking at the, basically,
14	the Sioux and the Arapaho. And in some places it tells
15	us it was the Rosebud or they were the Sisseton Agency,
16	Pine Ridge Agency, or it indicates maybe Northern
17	Arapaho. So it provides a little bit more information
18	in some other sources. But, for the most part, that
19	initial list that we started with was very broad, and in
20	some cases that's problematic. It's challenging if all
21	it says is "Alaska" or "Pueblo."
22	MR. GILFILLAN: Right.
23	MS. GOODNYWARE: Were there any small
24	children, do you know, that are buried there?
25	MS. ISOM: Babies?

1	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Babies?
2	LTC. HOWSER: Soldiers' children.
3	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Well, but not Native
4	American. I mean, there were children that on some
5	of these cards I have seen children that were as young
6	as, you know, six or seven when they entered the school.
7	But they were, I think, what we would consider school
8	age children.
9	MS. ISOM: I think there are several
10	people that think that since they are buried they
11	shouldn't be moved, and then there are some people that
12	want them moved, I mean, they think it's a big deal. I
13	don't know if we would actually most of our tribe, we
14	believe that when you're buried you don't get dug up and
15	moved. So I don't know.
16	I'm not sure if we would be interested,
17	but and that's just my opinion. There's a lot of
18	different opinions. So I don't want it on the record.
19	But I don't know what we will do.
20	MS. McLAUGHLIN: And, again, that's why
21	we are working with tribal families and leaving it to
22	the families to make the request.
23	MR. BULLER: I want to really emphasize
24	the Army has no predetermined outcome here. As far as
25	we are concerned, this is a family matter and the

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1	families need to make those determinations, and then we
2	will honor the family's decision.
3	MS. ISOM: What were most of the ages of
4	the students at the school?
5	MR. BULLER: They range widely. They
6	range from being, you know, your typical beginning of
7	grade school age. Seven, eight is about the youngest
8	that I have generally seen, right around there.
9	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. I think most of
10	them were probably in their teens when they arrived at
11	the school.
12	MR. BULLER: Like preteen, early teen,
13	12, 14, 15 kind of range is what I have seen.
14	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. But I have seen
15	some that entered at 18.
16	MR. BULLER: Oh, yeah. We know there is
17	one young man who is in the cemetery that died in his
18	early 20s. So there is kind of a range there.
19	MS. McLAUGHLIN: The oldest one that I
20	see that had a recorded age the oldest recorded age I
21	see is 27 and a couple 26. And then oh, no. Here is
22	someone who was 28. But generally I think mid to older
23	teens is recorded on here as age of death.
24	MS. ISOM: With that age of kids and that
25	many kids, were there very many babies born or probably

2 MS. McLAUGHLIN: I haven't seen any 3 primary source documentation to show that there were any 4 infants born to any of the young students who were 5 attending the school. Now, I mean, I have seen references in some of the news articles about if 6 7 students got married. But then a lot of the information 8 that was in these papers was also in that the school would send out questionnaires to former students to ask 9 10 where are you and what are you doing now. 11 And so some of the information in here is 12 referencing, well, the student is back home or the 13 student died at home or died after having entered the 14 Army. And so not every reference within those news 15 articles or papers or publications is what had happened

16 at school, but it was things that had happened to,

17 perhaps, former students.

18 I did see -- and I'm sorry, I don't have There was a reference to a student -- to 19 it with me. 20 two students that had been married and it did talk about 21 them having a child, but they had already moved back, 22 they had moved away from the school, and so it was 23 talking about the child they had had just as an 24 interesting article for students who were still 25 attending the school and may have known them when they

1	were there.
2	MS. GOODNYWARE: So those are the ones
3	that are on the Dickinson College
4	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Yes, ma'am.
5	MR. BULLER: It is rather interesting to
6	me that you have a lot of students who are in their late
7	teens and early 20s and that there isn't any record, at
8	least that we have found, of children being born,
9	because you would kind of think that that would be a
10	logical outcome.
11	But I have seen absolutely nothing,
12	anything. And I have read a fair amount of the
13	available research out there and have seen no evidence
14	of that either.
15	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. There may have
16	been references that we don't have access to, if, in
17	fact, there were letters written home or diaries or
18	journals kept. We haven't found that type of record.
19	But everything we've seen hasn't mentioned at all births
20	at the school or infants that had been born and passed
21	away.
22	MR. GILFILLAN: And that's an interesting
23	aspect of the hospital, who might have different records
24	on a different subject matter of birth, but isn't part
25	of what we're looking at as death record, which is how

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1	they were moved from sickness, through the hospital, to
2	the grave locations. You would think the hospital would
3	have multiple use, birth, death and treatment, triage.
4	But I don't think I have actually
5	never even seen that at Dickinson.
6	MS. McLAUGHLIN: I haven't seen any
7	hospital records at Dickinson.
8	MR. GILFILLAN: Me either.
9	MS. McLAUGHLIN: And that's been our
10	primary source is Dickinson College with their archival
11	records that they have. The National Archive and
12	Records Administration that had the records from the
13	Indian Bureau, you know, archived their records at the
14	National Archives and Records Administration, and then
15	the local is it Cumberland County Historical Society
16	has some original records as well as some of these
17	original school publications?
18	And that was part of looking at those
19	was part of what the historians were researching as they
20	are pulling together that archival report for this
21	effort. And, again, when those when that report is
22	complete, that will go on that website. And it will
23	contain it will give you the citations of where the
24	records were found.
25	And I've also I'm not sure if we're
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1	going to get electronic scans of all of that primary
2	source documentation, but I know that's something that I
3	had wanted to get copies of so that we can help
4	disseminate those.
5	LTC. HOWSER: And we have asked for it
6	too. And when this becomes available, that will be
7	posted to the website. I keep referring back to the
8	website. There are about two documents that are on it
9	now, but please let everyone know to check it now for
10	the next year, because we continue to post new
11	information that we find as we continue with our
12	archival research.
13	MS. GOODNYWARE: So I wonder if the
14	counties kept records of anything?
15	MR. BULLER: That is one of the things
16	that, you know, the historians are looking at, whatever
17	the source documentation is. Once again, we're dealing
18	with such an old subject and with such a small window in
19	time. You know, unfortunately, often no records were
20	kept, or what were kept were ultimately destroyed for
21	one reason or the other, so it does lead to these gaps
22	in information.
23	MR. GILFILLAN: Kathleen, both the GPR
24	and the archival, when it's pushed up to the database,
25	will cite all primary sources, whether we have them in

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1	the web link or not?
2	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Right. It will source
3	everything that they looked at, you know, whether or not
4	we have a copy of it. It will at least provide that
5	citation and where they found it.
6	MR. GILFILLAN: So you can reference that
7	link if you want to.
8	Christopher, can I ask you a question
9	about the relationship to the deceased on the required
10	documentation?
11	LTC. HOWSER: Um-hum.
12	MR. GILFILLAN: What does that look like?
13	Let's say a tribe has a has found a family member
14	related to someone deceased on this list and they are
15	fourth generation, twice removed, could be maybe even on
16	another tribal roll. Does it matter? How do you
17	identify is there any specific relationship that's
18	necessary?
19	MR. BULLER: No. I can answer that
20	question very easily. No. They just need to be a
21	family member. And so we're looking for the closest
22	known living relative of the deceased.
23	I mean, as of right now we have no
24	evidence that any of the persons buried in that cemetery
25	have any descendants because they died young. And as to

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1	the question you were discussing a minute ago, we have
2	no evidence they had children, especially the younger
3	ones I will presume didn't.
4	And so, as such, we know there isn't
5	going to be, you know, a great-grandson or something of
6	that nature. There certainly could be nephews, nieces
7	at various levels of removal and that's perfectly okay.
8	We understand that it is a unique situation where we are
9	dealing with persons that almost uniformly have been
10	deceased for more than 100 years, so that's a big a
11	chunk of time. So we're very willing to work with you
12	on that point.
13	And so my recommendation is, you know, if
14	you do have family members that come forward in their
15	interest in this, I am happy to talk personally with
16	anybody about this as the legal counsel. I am probably
17	the best person to talk to them so they can reach out
18	through we have an email box that's on there. And so
19	that is monitored all the time and they will forward to
20	me any questions of a legal nature and I can certainly,
21	you know, draft a response, as well as I'm happy to talk
22	on the phone with somebody if it's a very complex
23	matter. We can search through it. We have very little
24	issue with the Northern Arapaho, working through it with
25	them.

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1	So I'm very confident in our ability to
2	easily solve that problem, Mark. Great question.
3	MR. GILFILLAN: Yeah, thanks.
4	MR. BULLER: Oh, no, I realize
5	MR. GILFILLAN: It's years worth and
6	extended family and no direct decendents.
7	MR. BULLER: It's a challenge.
8	MR. GILFILLAN: It is.
9	MR. BULLER: But it's very solvable is
10	what we're finding.
11	MS. GOODNYWARE: So you are the attorney
12	for the
13	MR. BULLER: For the cemetary's program.
14	The Army actually has hundreds of private cemeteries on
15	their property I'm sure you are familiar with the one
16	at Fort Sill for example as well as a variety of what
17	we call post cemeteries, which are like the main
18	cemetery right in the middle of Fort Sill as Chiefs
19	Knoll and that area. That's the post cemetery there.
20	And then we also have two national cemeteries, Arlington
21	National being the largest.
22	So in total the Army has some variety of
23	cemeteries, you know, well over 700 in total across the
24	United States, to include Alaska and Hawaii. So it kind
25	of keeps a full-time job for a lawyer.

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1	MS. McLAUGHLIN: But the majority of
2	those are private cemeteries
3	MR. BULLER: Private family type
4	cemeteries.
5	MS. McLAUGHLIN: that are on Army
6	land. And when the Army expanded it's training needs in
7	the buildup, like, to the world wars it acquired land,
8	and that land very often had existing cemeteries, either
9	small community or family cemeteries, and so there are
10	hundreds of those.
11	And we try to well, we don't try to.
12	We do. We keep those up. We make sure they are tended
13	to. But we we don't treat those as Army post
14	cemeteries. They are private.
15	MS. ISOM: She was showing me on her list
16	that one of the girls that married is buried at
17	Carlisle, and the person she's married to is at Fort
18	Sill.
19	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Oh, wow.
20	MS. ISOM: We had a couple on our list
21	well, we have a list of who all went and who came back
22	and who died there. There were some that died and they
23	didn't know if they died at Carlisle or somewhere else.
24	One of those is on that list. So they did they are
25	at Carlisle.

1	What's the majority of people? Do they
2	think they should be moved or they should be left?
3	MR. BULLER: I have seen no real
4	consensus, honestly. It really varies. And I think a
5	contributing factor to that are two things. Number one,
6	that there's probably three.
7	One, the passage of time. So, you know,
8	this isn't somebody there's no one alive today that
9	knew these children, and so I think that certainly
10	influences things.
11	Number two, the varying difference in
12	personal beliefs. As you the spoke to very eloquently a
13	moment ago, there is a vast difference in what people
14	believe, so that will influence this. Some people
15	believe very strongly that they need to be home, where
16	they came from; and others feel that where they are
17	properly buried, they should remain wherever they are
18	properly buried.
19	And I think the time factor that also
20	makes this a challenge is this is certainly a it's a
21	well-kept cemetery where they are interred with proper
22	headstones and that sort of thing, so they are buried in
23	a respectful and appropriate manner knowing they are in
24	the area in which they died. So all of those things, I
25	think, contribute to this wide variety of opinions on

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MS. McLAUGHLIN: And the requests that we have received so far have been that, you know, at least two tribes want to have the children disinterred and moved. Another tribe has asked us to replace the grave markers with corrected information because they intend on leaving the children in place.

And then a third tribe has indicated that they are thinking of that. They said if there's -- if the cemetery is going to still be there, and it will, then they are leaning more towards leaving them in place and -- since it will still be, you know, a respected area, it's not going to be impacted by future work at the installation. It's a protected spot.

MR. GILFILLAN: I would actually throw a fourth thing in just for fun. Geographically several of the tribes that I have talked to in the Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska area would generally consider Carlisle to be aboriginal lands of long ago as they were moved west.

So many tribes may not elect to disinter a family because, in their mind, they are on original homeland. However, a few of the folks that we have talked to in Alaska would not come to that conclusion. And I would say that many tribes west of the Rocky

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1	Mountains may not come to that conclusion as eastern			
2	homeland. So that has some merit to consider for			
3	individuals and family.			
4	It is interesting to note that my tribe,			
5	the Sac and Fox, is actually two tribes in three			
6	locations, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma. Of the four folks			
7	that are on the list identified as Sac and Fox, I'm not			
8	sure well, at least Sac and Fox in Kansas where I'm			
9	from, they are not likely going to elect to disinter,			
10	even though they know one of the individuals came from			
11	that specific location, mostly because our THPO can			
12	claim that's our original homeland in Pennsylvania at			
13	one point or another. So to go through the level of			
14	effort to disinter doesn't equate to the benefit that			
15	they can come up with in the family.			
16	But I would say quite a few folks,			
17	especially the Northern Arapaho that have stepped up,			
18	have an incredible interest to disinter immediately, as			
19	quickly as possible. So I think it runs the whole range			
20	of family desires and benefits to pursue disinterment			
21	over no action and leaving in place.			
22	Whether that's a collective tribal			
23	government decision plays, in some part, a role. But			
24	generally the family that can ascribe descendancy is			
25	obviously the player that we are looking for to make the			

1	decision.
2	MS. ISOM: We still have members now that
3	have died and they are still being buried on Fort Sill
4	Cemetery, our cemetery there. Lori is on the Cemetery
5	Committee, so we don't have a problem with them being
6	buried on military cemeteries. We're still not really
7	back where we came from.
8	You all gave us a lot of information and
9	we'll probably be checking out that website and checking
10	our information and working on our listing. This is
11	we had some other lists, too, and information. So we
12	will probably be going through that and double checking
13	all of it first.
14	MS. McLAUGHLIN: Okay.
15	MS. ISOM: This has been helpful and it's
16	a lot of information.
17	MR. BULLER: Great. Well, I'm glad we
18	could be of assistance. If you collectively decide that
19	you can share some information with us, I'll say in
20	advance we would be most appreciative. You know,
21	anything we can do to get as correct a record as
22	possible would be fantastic, because we do want to allow
23	the public to see the background on these children.
24	And I think, if nothing else, it's a good
25	story to let people know kind of the rest of the story

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1	and that they aren't just 181 headstones. There is				
2	people behind those headstones.				
3	MS. ISOM: I think we have stories and				
4	interviews and things, but trying to make sure				
5	everything is correct.				
6	MR. BULLER: Fantastic.				
7	Well, I'm afraid that that's probably all				
8	the information that we have that we can share with you.				
9	You know, we're a little limited, obviously, and we're				
10	still working on that, but don't hesitate to reach out				
11	to any of us. We'll be happy to get back with you and				
12	try to work with you on any questions you may have.				
13	MS. ISOM: Okay. Thank you for your				
14	time.				
15	MS. GOODNYWARE: Thank you.				
16	MR. BULLER: Thank you. We really				
17	appreciate it.				
18	(Proceedings concluded.)				
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