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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
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MEMORANDUM FOR All Newcomers

SUBJECT: Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Hazards Orientation

1. Welcome to White Sands Missile Range. You will find your visit to this National treasure both interesting and enjoyable. As you are undoubtedly aware, the nature of our mission and the rugged geography encompassed by the Range create some very real hazards to visitors and employees at our facilities. With this in mind, I ask that you carefully read and sign this document in the space provided below. Should you have any questions, please ask any of your escort personnel and they will address your concerns or provide any additional information you might desire on a particular issue.

2. White Sands Missile Range has been used as an Ordnance and Explosives Test Facility since its inception as a Proving Ground in 1945. Prior to that, some areas of what is now the Southern part of the Range were used as artillery impact areas by troops training at Ft. Bliss. As a Tri-Service Department of Defense Range, we have tested nearly every type of deployable ordnance that has been developed in America since 1945, as well as many items from other countries. Quite a number of these were deliberately designed to blend in with the terrain, and their presence may not be immediately obvious to a casual observer. As a result of these operations, significant areas of the Range are known to be contaminated with UXO. Other areas are potentially contaminated or occupy safety fans and safety exclusion zones. All of these areas present a very real hazard to personnel moving around the Range and we ask you to proceed carefully when you are in or near any area placarded or identified as a hazardous area.

3. Most importantly, many areas of the range may have been impacted by accident or impromptu testing in the past, and we have no assurance that any area of the Range is truly 100% cleared of UXO. In general, if you see something man-made while on the Range, please avoid it. If it looks like an ordnance item, please report it to your escort or sponsor without disturbing it or its immediate vicinity.

4. Finally, the isolated nature of the Range, our rugged geography, and the Southwest's extreme climatic conditions combine to create health hazards of their own. Severe sunburn can occur in as little as 10 or 15 minutes at this altitude, and just about all of our wildlife and insect life come equipped with fangs or venom of some kind. Even the exotic Oryx you will see during your visit have long horns and a bad attitude. So, remain vigilant and keep your safety awareness at a high level while enjoying your visit to America's premier testing facility. Upon signature, please present this to your Range sponsor for official filing.

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5. Thank you for your attention to this important safety orientation. Have a safe visit!

DONALD E. GENTRY
COL, FA
Commanding

Acknowledge Commander's Range Hazard Orientation Briefing.

Signature

Date