

FPR I understand that's what's going to be happening here. But I'm talking about . . . I'd would like to . . .

BB Two . . . two minutes.

FPR . . . ask a question. That's all I want.

BB I'm obviously very biased . . . so you're not going to be happy with my answer so I'll apologize at the onset of this . . . I understand the books and the things that have been written about Blackwater in the (couldn't make out word) mercenaries. I've got a couple letters here I'd like to read and I'd prefer nobody comment on them after I've read them but it speaks a little bit to the mercenaries. I'm not a mercenary and I don't represent a mercenary company. You read the bad but you don't hear about the 2200 people. A helicopter that was owned by Blackwater plucked people off the rooftops of Katrina. The private army was a thought process by the CEO of the company to go into Rwanda and stop 15 year old boys and girls from getting their hands chopped off. Not to go into Liberia and take over the company . . . or the country; excuse me. That's what the . . . our company stands for. Our men and women right now are not private contracts in Iraq. They're working for the State Department. And Afghanistan. They're working for the State Department or other government agencies. Everything that we do is monitored by the Commerce Department, the Department of State with regard to technical assistance agreements and those kinds of things. The GAO is always in my back pocket, wanting to know what we're doing. Our books are wide open to our government to make sure that we're not passing information or doing things for the almighty dollar that's gonna be used against our people and have them killed at a later date. That's not who we are; that's not who we represent. So, Ma'am, I understand the book I've read it. And I read it because Eric's name was mentioned in it, but it does bother me because our honor and our integrity is being challenged because that's not who we are. That's not the group of people who wants to go into Iraq.

FPR That's what I wanted to hear. I wanted to hear some facts and get some information because I really don't feel we've been getting both sides of the infor . . . both sides of the story here because our Planning Group has already voted in favor so, you know . . . that's where we're at.

BB I'll throw this out then Gordon I won't take up another second of your time.

GH Brian, I would like you to read the letter.

BB I would. Y'know, when we first came to California the first person I asked to speak to was Diane Jacob because we were looking at this region and I wanted to get my orders from her. Period. I didn't want her support. Diane's not going to give it. But I wanted to know what she would require, and what the Board of Supervisor's required because I'm not a California guy. So I wanted to make sure we stayed within the law. After that we came and spoke to the planning board and I have been wide open ever since coming here. I'm an open book. My number and my cards – everything gets thrown around. Guys, I'm not trying to pat myself on the back but I don't have to be here. I want to be here because I want to pass information on to you because I can only imagine how I would feel with my wife and my daughter if I saw this big, black cloud rolling into my neighborhood. And perceptions sometimes become reality, and then reality gets spun a little bit out of control. I just want to provide you facts. You can believe me or you can think I'm full of crap but at the end of the day I have no problem answering questions and giving you the data that I have to give you today in regard to water, noise, biology, traffic, everything. Not my studies. Done by consultants and issued to the County. They're you're watchdog. Say what you will about the County – they're not making it easy for me at all.

CM You did talk to Duncan Hunter before you . . . .

GH Brian. Read the letter.

BB Duncan Hunter is a client. We talk with Duncan about *many* things.

LW Brian.

BB Yes, Ma'am.

LW Would you please tell them about the eagles. That touched my heart. Would you (couldn't make out most of what she said) . . . it's an amazing story.

BB Has anybody seen eagles?