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METAL TUBES FOUND
AT CHEMICAL DISPOSAL SITE

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FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska, Oct. 2, 1993 -- A civilian contractor employed by the Army Corps of Engineers to dig up old decontamination products at Fort Richardson's Pole Line Road chemical site today discovered two tubes, each approximately one foot by four feet. The contents are as yet unidentified.

There is no known public hazard, but as a precautionary measure, military police have sealed off the site while soil and container samples are tested. The area, which is about one acre in size, is posted as potentially hazardous and is being fenced to ensure people will not wander into the site.

Units participating in the investigation and in controlling the site include military police, explosive ordnance detachment, fire department and post environmental personnel.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Environmental Protection Agency have been notified.

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EDITOR NOTE: Any questions about Pole Line Road should be referred to Major Tom Rheinlander or Chuck Canterbury at the Fort Richardson Public Affairs Office at 384-2072 during duty hours, or at 1-800-478-7588 on weekends or after duty hours.

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