Chairman: Now I believe you said the Pain Clinic has given you some, like given you some shots, things of that nature, to try to help with the back pain.

DUMMY [redacted]: Correct.

Chairman: Has that provided any type of long term relief at this point?

DUMMY [redacted]: No. I think the shots seem to help for maybe a couple of weeks, and then that was about as much relief as I had gotten out of it.

Chairman: All right, Sir. Well, what we'll do after the hearing is we'll ask for the records from the VA Medical Center, Durham and make sure that we've got complete records there including the Pain Clinic reports.

DUMMY [redacted]: Okay.

Chairman: One other question I had in reviewing the record, initially you had asked for a video conference hearing with the Board of Veterans Appeals, and then subsequent to that we received the statement from Ms. Bell which indicated that you wanted a local hearing prior to your claim going to the Board of Veterans Appeals. Do you want another hearing before the travel section of the Board of Veterans Appeals if I can't grant an increase? Is that your intent, or does today's hearing satisfy your request at this point?

DUMMY [redacted]: You'll have to explain that to me.

Mr. Sims: There are two types of hearings. Once he makes a decision, if… If it's… Let's say if it's not an acceptable decision, you still have an option of having another hearing with a member of the Board of Veterans Appeals from [redacted] Washington, D.C. They can do that either through sitting here in Winston or through video conference. My take is the fact that, you know, this hearing probably would not… I mean, any additional hearing would not have anything any different than this hearing, and I think this venue here would probably be sufficient enough, because the transcript will be in the file regardless of whether you have six more hearings. They could, you know, one of them they could read the transcript. I would think that this hopefully will

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satisfy that. Of course, you can change your mind at any time, but for right now, I would think that you may want to consider just withdrawing the aspect of a video conference hearing at this time.

DUMMY [redacted]: Okay. So the video conference hearing would just be basically the same thing, and it's…

Mr. Sims: It would just be a different version, but the same thing.

DUMMY [redacted]: It's just records to send to Washington, if it goes to that point?

Mr. Sims: Exactly.

DUMMY [redacted]: And you can change your mind at any time?

Mr. Sims: Yes, Sir.

DUMMY [redacted]: Well, I can withdraw. I don't have a problem with that. I'm just doing what my VA rep. mainly suggested.

Chairman: Yes, Sir. Certainly at any point in time… This is just for purposes of assuming that I can't change the decision, just to explain what would happen.

DUMMY [redacted]: Right.

Chairman: Certainly you could supplement the record with a written statement at any time, a certified statement, or if something changed and you did want a hearing at a later point, you could certainly ask for that if there was some change in your condition that you want to discuss at that point.

Mr. DUMMY [redacted]: Right.

Chairman: As I said, we will ask for the records from Durham…

Mr. DUMMY [redacted]: Okay.

Chairman: …And as soon as I can get those, then I'll review your testimony, and certainly if you can get a signed statement of that statement, if you want to provide that or if you…

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