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Show #11 – Halloween Special

“WAR OF THE MuRLoCS”

Dramatic Program script and production outline

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(MUSIC TAG: REPUBLIC RADIO NEWS NETWORK)

NEWSCASTER

From New York – I’m Rachel Riley with a Republic Radio News Update.

No word yet on that apparent accident at the Los Alamos Laboratory that has seen large parts of both New Mexico and eastern Arizona experience power blackouts and unusual drops in municipal water pressure. Details are still coming in, but authorities from the Department of Energy are stating that the disruptions are nothing to worry about. DOE Spokesman, Harrison Sung, from inside Los Alamos:

DOE SPOKESPERSON V/O

“I can confirm that we’ve had an accident involving a test the Los Alamos Labs was running which included electromagnetic fields and drew a larger than normal level of power for the facility, and that was -- the power blackouts being experienced in New Mexico and Arizona are a by product of this accident. While we haven’t re-established communications with the people on the ground at Los Alamos yet, all safety protocols are being followed and the risk to the public should be...well...it should be negligible.

NEWSCASTER

They are having some audio issues there due to the intermittent power. We’ll of course bring you more of this breaking news as we receive it. In other stories:

European Union tests have confirmed a link between the bird flu found in Romania and the deadly virus that has devastated flocks in Asia. The announcement came today after Romania's agriculture ministry said the flu was detected in wild birds found dead in the Danube delta was indeed the H5N1 strain. Romania has imposed a quarantine on residents in the area where the infected birds were found and thousands of them have been slaughtered as a precaution.

The death toll in Pakistan's devastating earthquake rose to nearly 40,000 today, while rain, snow and frigid temperatures compounded the misery of millions of homeless victims.

Heavy rain soaked many quake-hit towns and snow fell in the surrounding mountains, disrupting efforts to help an estimated 2 million people lacking shelter ahead of the harsh Himalayan winter.

In financial news, the entertainment software giant Blizzard Entertainment is mulling a multi-billion dollar lawsuit against the US government after it came to light last week that the Defense Department has been involved with controversial experiments blending the DNA of human stem cells, piranha and sharks. The experimental lifeforms, dubbed MRLCS or Marine Recombinant Lifeform Combat

System apparently resemble a character the company created for their popular “World of Warcraft” computer game. Blizzard disavows any knowledge of the experiments, and joins a growing list of organizations that are seeking answers and damages from the Pentagon over their illegal foray into genetic engineering.

Stay tuned for your local weather from the National Weather Service. This is Republic Radio News.

(Weather NOAA Report)

(Commercials)

MUSIC SHOW ANNOUNCER

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. From the Meridian Room in the Park Plaza Hotel in New York City, we bring you the music of Ramón Raquello and his orchestra. With a touch of the Spanish, Ramón Raquello leads off with "La Cumparsita."

("LA CUMPARSITA" STARTS PLAYING, THEN QUICKLY FADES OUT to REPUBLIC NEWS BULLETTIN

NEWSCASTER

This is Rachel Riley – We have an update now on the apparent electrical accident in New Mexico and the Los Alamos Laboratories – we’re going to listen in live to a press conference already in progress at the state house in Albuquerque, where Governor Bob Richardson is briefing the press:

GOVERNOR NEW MEXICO

--- event quickly moved beyond the confines of the Los Alamos complex. The loss of power in the region is not yet fully understood, but I can tell you that we are receiving reports here and from some of the counties in southern Utah that there are power lines down or transformer stations not functioning as normal. We are working now to get a better idea as to what is causing these disruptions, and if it has anything to do with the earlier loss of power and communications with Los Alamos. Since our information is sketchy at this point we’re advising citizens to stay in their homes be patient. I can try and take a few questions now…

REPORTER 1

Do you have any word yet on what is causing the significant drop in water pressure across the affected areas? Is this a coincidental phenomenon or related in some way to the power outages?

GOVERNOR

Ah…I’ve heard those reports as well, and we’re looking into that. (mumbles off mic for a sec – like he is being advised by someone else) Yes – the county engineers are assuming it’s due to the loss of power to the pumping stations but that’s just a guess for the moment. (motions to crowd) David?

REPORTER 2

Governor. Given the controversy coming out of Los Alamos over the past week regarding their illegal cloning and genetics tests and the M-R-L-C (say each letter) program, do you think these power blackouts stemming from there have anything to do with their recent bio-warfare experiments?

GOVERNOR

I would think not…no…look…this was…the Defense Department is telling us that they were running a scheduled electro magnetic pulse test, and the nature of such a test is to disrupt power and --

REPORTER 2

- but what about the downed power lines and the reports of fires at substations in the area?

GOVERNOR

I'm not sure – we need some time to assess the situation obviously.

REPORTER 3

There are reports of other areas now – in Utah and in Texas – where similar blackouts and loss of communications are occurring. Have you heard anything about this?

GOVERNOR

No. We're focused on the problems here in New Mexico at present. I've not heard of any other areas being affected. -- That's all for now folks.

(commotion for a second)

NEWSCASTER

That was Governor Bob Richardson of New Mexico, talking to reporters about the – now – "electromagnetic pulse" accident at Los Alamos labs that seems to be wreaking havoc with some states in the Southwestern United States. We have just confirmed here that the power blackouts, which began some two hours ago in New Mexico and then Arizona, have now spread into western Texas and southern Utah. There are unconfirmed reports that say a drop in local water pressure immediately precedes the loss of power. Now – yes – we have another report, now from the northen Dallas, Texas suburb of Farmers Branch - a significant drop in city water pressure and strange rumbling noises from certain parts of area's underground sewer system. This confirms earlier reports received from New Mexico. Republic Radio News will return you to this story as it develops. Now, we take you back to our scheduled programming – in progess…

(MUSIC SHOW Wraps up)

(RRN ID tag)

(GAMECAST ONLINE – beginning of show, then interrupted)

NEWSCASTER

This is Rachel Riley again in New York. Strange power blackouts, sudden drops in water pressure and complete loss of communication in the affected areas continue to plague the United States tonight – New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Texas are all in the dark at the present moment. We are looking to confirm that the outages and strange events are moving north and east – Louisiana, no stranger to recent disasters is now reporting blackouts – as is Colorado, we have on report from Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. We apologize for the lack of concrete information coming out of these areas, but once the outages hit we have to rely on cel phone or secondhand reporting as communication grinds to a halt. We understand now that we have – yes – we have RRN correspondent Carl Phillips live via celphone from Poplar Bluff, Missouri – that's – yes – in Dent County which is southwest of Saint Louis. Carl can you hear me?

(PAUSE. THEN CROWD NOISES, POLICE SIRENS...)

CARL PHILLIPS

I can you hear you Rachel.

NEWSCASTER

What's going on there from your vantage point?

CARL PHILLIPS

I'm here, in – ah – Poplar Bluff, situated in Southeast Missouri midway between St. Louis and Memphis, Tennessee – a city of around 17,000 people – where tonight – those people are a little nervous. Strange things are happening here in Poplar Bluff. No power outages as of yet – but odd sightings of small human like animals – sounds from the ground…I... hardly know where to begin. About 15 minutes ago the water pressure all around this area dropped and no one was able to run a sink, flush a toilet or take a shower. I'm here, just outside of the downtown area in a small suburb, surrounded by local homeowners, a few members of the local police department and – yes – it looks like a firetruck has just pulled up some hundred yards or so from our position. We're all standing near one of the street manhole covers here, and we're hearing what sounds like…rumbling…and some kind of occasional whining sounds, coming from below – from down there in the city's sewer system. I have one of Poplar Bluff's police officers here with me now – Officer…

POLICEMAN

(OFF-MIC) What's that?

CARL PHILLIPS

What is your name, sir?

POLICEMAN

Ted Ideson.

CARL PHILLIPS

All right, Officer Ideson – when did you first begin to hear these sounds?

POLICEMAN

Well we started getting calls around 10:30 about the water pressure and this neighborhood especially started calling in all of these weird reports about hearing noises from underground and what not – some of the folks reporting little green men running out from the woods down there by the river, and others coming out from viaducts and such. I would of thought it was just another one of those damned UFO goose chase calls until I got here…and uh…we've got Fire coming in here to take a look down in there – see what's going on -

FIREMEN

One side, there, one side.

CARL PHILLIPS

While the firedepartment is pushing the crowd back, here's Mrs. Wilmuth, owner of house across the street here. She may have some interesting facts to add.

Mrs. Wilmuth, would you please tell the radio audience as much as you remember of this rather unusual evening? Step closer, please.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is Mrs. Wilmuth.

MRS. WILMUTH

Well, I was listenin' to the radio.

CARL PHILLIPS

Closer and louder please.

MRS. WILMUTH

What’s that?

CARL PHILLIPS

Louder, please, and closer.

MRS. WILMUTH

Yes, sir — I was listening to the radio and kinda drowsin', listening to all that’s going with the blackouts out west and all, so I was half dozin' and half...

CARL PHILLIPS

Yes, yes, Mrs. Wilmuth. And... then what happened?

MRS. WILMUTH

Well, as I was sayin', I was listenin' to the radio kinda halfways...

CARL PHILLIPS

Yes, Mr. Wilmuth, and then you saw something?

MRS. WILMUTH

Not first off. I heard something.

CARL PHILLIPS

And what did you hear?

MRS. WILMUTH

A rumbling sound.

Kinda like thunder or maybe when those kids stomp their feet on the bleachers at football games…

CARL PHILLIPS

Yes, then what?

MR. WILMUTH

I turned my head out the window and would have swore I was to sleep and dreamin'.

CARL PHILLIPS

Yes?

MRS. WILMUTH

I seen what looked like a little man or something…running down the street – and another one over there by the Johnson’s trash cans…like a little man, but short and…and quick!

CARL PHILLIPS

Well, were you frightened, Mrs. Wilmuth?

MRS. WILMUTH

Well, I — I’m not quite sure. I reckon I — I was kinda startled.

CARL PHILLIPS

Thank you, Mr. Wilmuth. Thank you very much.

MRS. WILMUTH

Want me to tell you some more?

CARL PHILLIPS

No... That's quite all right, that's plenty.

Ladies and gentlemen, you've just heard Mrs. Wilmuth, owner of one of the houses near where I am standing. I wish I could convey the atmosphere... the background of this... fantastic scene.

Hundreds of onlookers have gathered near this manhole cover, and a few it looks like to another cover just to the east of us. Cars are backed up in the road just behind us and the police are trying to rope off the entrance. Now some of the more daring souls are venturing near the edge of the manhole cover, where some firemen are prying open the metal cap and prepping lines to go down inside.

(FAINT RUMBLING and GURGLING SOUND)

CARL PHILLIPS

One man wants to go get his gun and go along with the firemen ... he's having an argument with a policeman. Now, ladies and gentlemen, there's something I haven't mentioned much in all this excitement, but now it's becoming more distinct. Perhaps you've caught it already on your radio. Listen, please...

FAINT RUMBLING and GURGLING SOUND))

CARL PHILLIPS

Do you hear it? It's a curious rumbling sound that seems to come from down inside the sewer. I'll move the microphone nearer. Now...

(PAUSE)

CARL PHILLIPS

Now we're not more than twenty-five feet away. Can you hear it now? Oh, Officer Ideson!

POLICEMAN

Yes, Mr. Phillips?

CARL PHILLIPS

Can you tell us anything you know yet of that rumbling noise down beneath the street there?

POLICEMAN

Possibly the strained water pipes – something with the pressure drop.

CARL PHILLIPS

I see, do you put any credence in these reports of little men running around?

POLICEMAN

I don't know what to think. All I know is we’re getting calls from the Sheriff in Doniphan now and he’s going on about the power going out and some kind of --

CARL PHILLIPS

Just a minute! Something's happening! Ladies and gentlemen, this is terrific! The manhole cover from down the street has just blown off – it flew some 10-15 feet in the air and landed on a small car and --

(SUDDENLY THE CLANKING SOUND OF A HUGE PIECE OF FALLING METAL - SCREAMING)

FIREMEN

Look out there! Stand back! Get Back!

CARL PHILLIPS

The cover near me has just come flying off – it hit two of the Firemen who are -- Ladies and gentlemen, this is the most terrifying thing I have ever witnessed... Wait a minute! Someone's crawling out of the sewer. Someone or... something. I can see peering out of that black hole two luminous disks . . are they eyes? It might be a face. It might be...

(SHOUT OF AWE FROM THE CROWD)

CARL PHILLIPS

Good heavens, something's coming out of the shadow like some kind of little creature – rearing up on two legs. Now there's another one, and another one, and another one! They look like the size of children - but with some kind of frill or maybe a fin attached to their backs - it glistens like wet leather. The eyes are black and the overall appearance is quite like a fish…a kind of land-shark…or something. The crowd falls back now. They've seen plenty. This is the most extraordinary experience, ladies and gentlemen. I can't find words... I'll pull this microphone with me as I talk. I'll have to stop the description until I can take a new position. Wait – there's screaming coming from down the street – the crowd is surging – panicking – my Lord, the things are everywhere! Thousands of them! They're swarming out of the sewer now like bugs – like ants – attacking the people – twenty feet away now --

(ABRUPT DEAD SILENCE)

NEWSCASTER

Looks like we have temporarily lost Carl Phillips due to some technical issues in the field – we'll return to him at our earliest opportunity. In the meantime – we have a late bulletin from the Illinois State Police. Reports are coming in there of a large group of unidentified…creatures…yes…it says creatures…swarming up from the Mississippi River into the southwestern side of the state and heading northeast. Reports are confirming that the power lines and substations are being destroyed by these…these creatures as they move. The Illinois State troopers are saying that the small fish-like animals seem to be appearing in large numbers almost wherever there is water – rivers, lakes, streams, and our own water pipe and sewer systems. Scattered reports coming in from across the effected blackout regions seem to confirm that something other than electrical malfunctions are at the core of the blackouts we have been reporting all evening. Just a moment…

(Long Pause)

NEWSCASTER

Ah…Ladies and Gentlemen – we are going to need to take a short break as we correlate the immensity of this new information…we're going to briefly return you now to our network feed – and GameCast Online, which is still in progress.

(GAMECAST – is interrupted and goes off the air when air raid sirens sound in Chicago)

(EMERGENCY BROADCAST SYSTEM interrupting – play first brief radio broadcast)

NEWSCASTER

This is Rachel Riley – as you just heard, the federal emergency broadcast system has been activated – we're going to continue broadcasting, but we may be interrupted at any time in order for the government to relay important information.

It appears we've lost the network feed from our Chicago stations – our technicians here in New York are working to restore that line. We still do not know the condition of our correspondent Carl Phillips in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, but we continue trying to re-establish that connection here as well.

In the meantime, I can update you on a number of new things. America seems for all purposes to be under attack at this hour. All power and communications with most of the states in the southwest part of the United States has been lost – we've received no word at all of the situation inside an area bracketed by California on the west, Montana to the north and Alabama to the east. It seems that once these odd disruptions begin, no more information comes from the effected area. Whatever is going on, we are fairly certain it is not a natural occurrence, nor the act of terrorists. The California National Guard is reporting that it is engaged in heavy fighting just south of Los Angeles with what can only be described as "fish-monsters". As extraordinary as that sounds, we have similar reports flooding in from other areas, including the city of Chicago which went dark just moments ago. No word yet from the White House or any other authority on these events, but I am told that they are also still somewhat taken aback by the speed and confusion of these events. Ah…Yes…it looks like we have Brian Colson in the field now – he's with the Illinois National Guard outside Chicago. His connection is very weak -- Brian are you there?

(Sounds of gunfire and fighting)

BRIAN COLSON

I'm here…I'm currently just south of downtown Chicago, in the suburb of Cicero with a detachment of the Illinois National Guard. The sounds you hear are gunfire and armored vehicles – as we are some 300 yards from a massive battle taking place between members of the guard here…and these things…whatever they are. From here I can see the downtown area – smoke rising from the vicinity of the Hancock building down to the Sears tower all the way to the lake. I've been told by several guardsmen that they were called into duty earlier this evening as reports about what was going on in Missouri reached the governor's office – and shortly after arriving to their posts the power went out and these things started swarming into the city. I've never seen anything like it outside of some kind of science fiction movie. So far the soldiers here are keeping them at bay, but I'm watching a commotion to the left of me now - they are running low on ammunition - these creatures, even when you kill them, are…"respawning"…if that term makes any sense – soldiers are coming back to where I am with frightening stories of these things being shot and sort of sparkling with a strange iridescent glitter – soon they seem to just pop back to life and continue their carnage not far from where they fell. Everything seems to make them more and more aggressive. These…these things are nothing like any lifeform any of us has knowledge of.

(PAUSE)

BRIAN COLSON

Alright. Now I'm told that the main group of these creatures has split into two – one engaging us and trying to move southeast at amazing speed and the other has been hurling themselves into Lake

Michigan – apparently, these things, the water makes them multiply even more – like they subdivide and grow faster in the water – this could be why we've seen the drop in water pressure across the country all evening. Now one moment…some activity behind our position. My God – they've somehow gotten around us! Soldiers are backing up now – forming a perimeter – the howls and screams of these things are horrible – they're rushing us! 100 yards – they just keep coming – 50 yards -- They're everywhere!

(GUNFIRE, MURLOC SCREAMS, PANIC AND THEN ABRUPT SILENCE)

NEWSCASTER

-- Did we lose it? -- Brian are you there? -- Ladies and Gentlemen – you are hearing the same thing we are – it looks as if we've lost Brian Colson from Chicago – I don't…

(PAUSE)

Alright – I'm told that our affiliate in Washington DC, W-A-R-Z has got some audio ready now from a short press briefing with members of congress – Apparently this was recorded a few minutes ago…

(COMMOTION, MANY PEOPLE SHOUTING)

CONGRESSMAN

--- am saying is that we are struggling to parse all the information as it comes in, and it's coming in pretty fast as you people all know.

REPORTER 1

Congressman! Congressman! There are reports on all the wire services that these disruptions are not accidents but rather the cause of some kind of alien creatures that seem to be –

CONGRESSMAN

Like I told you before this is a national crisis and your government is working to—

REPORTER 2

Are these creatures in any way related to the Defense Department's M-R-L-C experiments?

REPORTER 3

We're getting some word that these in fact are the MuRLoCS…

CONGRESSMAN

We're going to hold a full inquiry into this MuRLoC thing, but right now the most important thing for us to do is take care of this growing power outage and –

REPORTER 2

Are you denying that the MuRLoCS are real, Senator?

(Newsroom interrupts)

NEWSCASTER

We're going to interrupt here - Ladies and Gentlemen – I have a grave announcement to make. Incredible as it may seem, both the observations of science and the evidence of our eyes lead to the inescapable assumption that those strange beings who have been viciously attacking our cities and states, taking down power grids and destroying lives are in fact an invading army of our own design; MuRLoCs – the very same laboratory experiments that were discovered being created by the military just last week. Now they are turning against us – fighting the same country they were created to defend.

The battle which took place tonight in Chicago has ended in one of the most startling defeats ever suffered by an army in modern times; fifteen thousand men armed with assault rifles and armored vehicles pitted against a monstrous horde of MuRLoCS, who were unarmed aside from a simple pipe or tree branch – the mutated genetic aberrations doubled and tripled in size and power with every relentless attack until our soldiers were overrun. There are one hundred and twenty known survivors. The rest strewn over the battle area from Chicago to Gary, Indiana – crushed or trampled by the scaled monsters or, more gruesome still – half eaten by these devilish fish-heathens of science gone wrong!

The monsters are now in control of the middle section of America and have effectively cut the country through its center. Highways east of the attacks are clogged with frantic human traffic. Police and army reserves are unable to control the mad flight. By morning the fugitives will have swelled the eastern states to twice their normal population. Martial law prevails throughout much of the country and…and yes…alright…we've learned that the President of the United States is about to make a brief statement from an undisclosed location – we're told the quality of the transmission may be erratic due to the protective security at the President's location and the unstable power throughout the country at this time. Here is the President…

(PRESIDENT BUSH SPEECH ON MuRLoC INVASION)

ANNOUNCER

You've just heard the President – in what could be called…a…historic statement. We…our military appears to have been taken completely by surprise. I don't know if I have ever heard a President sound this resigned to defeat.

(PAUSE)

Bulletins too numerous to read are piling up in the studio here.

We are informed that the MuRLoCS are now being seen in Michigan, throughout Indiana and in Western Ohio – Memphis, Tennessee has been completely overrun – Birmingham, Alabama has stopped communicating and there are reports that the creatures are running in huge numbers along the gulf coast.

Here is a special bulletin – Cape Canaveral, Florida – NASA reports that satellite imagery of the Los Alamos Laboratory shows a destroyed complex teeming with millions of MuRLoCS – many of which now seem to be utilizing tools and even the weapons of fallen security personnel.

MuRLoCs are now being reported throughout lower southern Canada, not yet to Windsor. The

Canadian Military is already engaging the creatures along the U.S. Border.

Word now in from Los Angeles, California – the National Guard there has been reinforced by a fighter wing from the nearby U.S.S. Ronald Reagan out of San Diego – reports are coming in that bombs are being dropped throughout Orange County at this time.

Langham Air Force Base, Virginia: Scouting helicopters report three large groups of MuRLoCS, advancing at express-train speed, visible moving north towards Somerville with population fleeing ahead of them. They seem to be making a conscious effort to avoid wanton destruction of cities and countryside. However, they stop to uproot power lines, overpower and kill any people they come across and utilize every source of water in their path to breed more of their kind. Their apparent objective is to crush resistance, paralyze communication, and disorganize human society.

Remnants of the U.S. Army 10sup>th/sup> Mountain Division and the 5sup>th/sup> Armored Assault Force have linked up just outside of Parkersburg, West Virginia in an effort to stop the advancing MuRLoCS at the Appalachians.

Uh….this just in now…this is…are we sure about this?

Ahem – the Pentagon is announcing that it is preparing to launch a tactical nuclear strike on the overrun city of Chicago, where a large number of the MuRLoCs are still using Lake Michigan to spawn further copies of themselves. The Pentagon believes human casualties to be low as the area was so quickly and brutally overrun just a short time ago. The Department of Defense is stating that they feel launching a decisive strike at a center of MuRLoC power at this time might stop the frenzied rush east. Ok….ok…we're being informed now that the Pentagon is providing us access to the radio communication feed from the forward observation position on Lake Michigan from the Coast Guard cutter … I'm sorry we don't have the name of the ship available at the moment … at any rate we will bring you the audio of the nuclear drop on Chicago once the attack is underway. If you are in or near that city and can hear this broadcast – get into a safe shelter if one is available immediately.

We've got a connection now with the hosts of World of WarCast – Starman and Lindyen – both of them do their show out of an affiliate in New Jersey, which is now some 30 miles from one of the largest groups of advancing MuRLoCs. We're going to let them give you a first hand report from the area while we move some of our mobile recording gear to the roof of our building here in Manhattan in the event the MuRLoCS make it across the river to New York – we'll do our best to stay on the air as long as we can.

(off mic) Can we get that connection to the WarCast show now?

(WORLD OF WARCAST)

(WoWCAST IS INTERRUPTED AGAIN BY THE NETWORK)

NEWSCASTER

We need to cut in here for a moment to bring you this historic event – we've gotten word that the Air Force B2 bomber carrying a 200-megaton nuclear device is nearing Chicago. As promised, the Pentagon is allowing all the networks to listen in to the communications from the forward command position out on Lake Michigan – the next sounds you hear will be from a Coast Guard cutter some distance offshore from the great city of Chicago where all of hopes are now placed…if you are of an

inclination to pray, now might be the time that it is most needed…

(FOREWARD COMMAND POST AUDIO - Prerecorded)

(SHORT PAUSE AFTER THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK)

(CIVIL DEFENSE WARNING INFORMATION – FULL MESSAGE)

NEWSCASTER

This is Rachel Riley again – you have heard the same things I have – you now know where we all stand. The last reports we have received show the MuRLoCS outside of Miami, Raleigh, North Carolina – they're inside Washington DC – apparently with some fierce fighting going on there – the New Jersey National Guard has been routed – the MuRLoCs are within miles of the Hudson river now. I don't know how much time we have here short of a miracle – we're going to get set up here – we're 65 stories up – I understand that the Warcast guys are still transmitting – let's pick back up on their feed for a moment --

(WORLD OF WARCAST – INTERRUPTED SUDDENLY AT END WITH MURLOCS BREAKING INTO THEIR STUDIO)

NEWSCASTER

(off mic) - -- what? -- yes – are we on yet? - ok - Ladies and Gentle… (moves closer) Ladies and Gentlemen, we've relocated now to the roof of the Republic center here in New York. There's a few of us still here – my technician Aric – production assistant Marianne…People are holding service here below us... in the cathedral. Now I look down the harbor. All manner of boats, overloaded with fleeing population, pulling out from docks. Streets are all jammed. Noise in crowds like New Year's Eve in city. Wait a minute... The... I can see a mass – a large moving mass of these fish-like monsters nearing the Palisades. Hundreds are wading into the river now – crossing the Hudson like an armada…

The first of the MuRLoCS are reaching the shore – They're not moving – watching – maybe they're waiting for the others. Some sailboats, cabin cruisers – they're trying to escape but the creatures in the water are climbing aboard – swamping the boats – flipping them over like toys …

There's some fighting on the west side – near the river – can't see it clearly from here – oh now I can – a group of police – maybe a SWAT unit – they're so quickly overwhelmed - This is the end now. Thousands of the creatures are swarming up the banks - People in the streets see it now. They're running towards the East River... thousands of them, dropping in like rats.

I can see more MuRLoCS now – a new group – hundreds of thousands of them – they're entering the city across the Brooklyn Bridge – the first group has already reached Times Square. New York is lost! People are trying to run away from them, but it's no use. The creatures move like nothing I've ever seen before. If we get taken off the air – and you can still hear this station – the government will continue transmitting information as long as it can – as long as it can…

Now the main group of creatures is crossing Sixth Avenue... Fifth Avenue... a... a hundred yards away... (off mic) give me the recorder! (Commotion) -- they're in the building! I -- they're actually scaling the sides of the skyscrapers here – we've done our best here – (more commotion-shocked scream) – They're fifty feet now – climbing right at us – back, back ,back, back - (gunfire / murloc screams) – get--

(BODY FALLS- MURLOC HOWLS)
(SOUNDS OF CITY IN TURMOIL, SIRENS, EXPLOSIONS...)
(ABRUPT END TO AUDIO – SOME LOW AND IRREGULAR STATIC)
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(GARBLED AND LOW POWER EMERGENCY TONES - CONTINUATION OF GOVERNMENT CODES)
(FADE TO STATIC THEN SILENCE FOR 5-10 SECS – END OF SHOW)