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 THE FIRE THAT OCCURRED ON : NTSB Accident No.
 THE CARIBBEAN FANTASY THAT : DCA16FM052
 OCCURRED ON AUGUST 17, 2016 :
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INTERVIEW OF: EDGAR CALIBUSO

1:37 p.m.
Monday,
August 22, 2016

Prevention Building
Sector San Juan

BEFORE:

LTJG [REDACTED], USCG
 CDR [REDACTED], USCG
 JIM GALLETTE, USCG
 ADAM TUCKER, NTSB
 NANCY McATEE, NTSB

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(1:37 p.m.)

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3 LTJG [REDACTED]: The matter under
4 investigation is the fire on the Caribbean Fantasy.
5 And that occurred on Wednesday, the 17th of August,
6 2016. This is an interview of Edgar Calibuso.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Today's date is the 22nd
9 of August, 2016. Time is 1:37 p.m. The location is
10 Sector San Juan Prevention Building. Interview by
11 Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED], U.S. Coast Guard.

12 There are others here in this room. If you
13 could state your name and title.

14 MR. TUCKER: Adam Tucker with the National
15 Transportation Safety Board.

16 MR. GALLETTE: Jim Gallette, Coast Guard
17 Investigations National Center of Expertise.

18 CDR [REDACTED]: Commander Mike [REDACTED], United
19 States Coast Guard.

20 MS. McATEE: Nancy McAtee, National
21 Transportation Safety Board.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Manolo Rodriguez from
23 Jimenez, Graffam and Lausell, owners P&I Club.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: And you?

25 MR. CALIBUSO: Edgar Calibuso, crew member

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1 of Caribbean Fantasy.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you, Edgar.

3 And you have given us permission to record this
4 interview?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you so much.
7 May I call you Edgar?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thanks, Edgar.
10 If you can, just tell me a little bit about
11 your background or how long have you been working for
12 this company?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: It's my five years.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: You've been with this
15 company five years?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And in those five
18 years have you always been a motorman.

19 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Last three years
20 to become senior motorman.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Last three years motorman.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So you've been a
24 motorman for three years and then senior motorman?

25 MR. CALIBUSO: Two years. Two years.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Two years. Okay, perfect.

2 And prior to working here where did you used
3 to work? Before coming to this company where did you
4 work before?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: For a ship with the Festival
6 Cruises.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And what was your
8 position there?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: Same. Motorman.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Motorman as well?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So total time,
13 total experience as a motorman, how many years would
14 you say you had?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: I don't know exactly but I
16 think it's been 14 years, 17 I think. 17 years.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: 14 to 17? Okay.

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: So you like it?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: (inaudible) from the beginning
23 but I got my papers (inaudible).

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. Thank you.

25 If you can, I want to hear your version of

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1 what happened that day. So if you could start from the
2 moment that you woke up and then just tell me
3 everything that you remember all the way to the moment
4 that you left the vessel.

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Okay, sir.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Go ahead.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: So it was 7:30 in the
8 morning. I woke up 7:00 o'clock in the morning. So
9 first a little breakfast before sailing that day. So I
10 made coffee in the smoking area. And then I
11 (inaudible) proceed to staging, yeah, staging area.

12 So I go there to (inaudible) because our
13 scenario is in case of any fire we are supposed to
14 bring our breathing apparatus (inaudible) with the team
15 leader. So we put our breathing apparatus every day.
16 But ten minutes then our leader report to messenger
17 that we are ready to attack. And they decided to go
18 inside.

19 So we go. Another person grabs me. So the
20 smoke (inaudible) we go over there to Garage 3. So
21 there was a little bit of smoke. We go to Deck 5, on
22 to Deck 7 and we standby there.

23 So we went under the (inaudible). So when
24 they said the abandon ship that is where we will go
25 because I (inaudible). So we decided to go pass all

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1 the passengers. We wait until the second, second to
2 the last group, our group. We go to relieve the
3 passengers.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay, thank you. So what
5 is your assigned position for firefighting -- or, I'm
6 sorry, for emergencies.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Deputy leader for our fire
8 squad, sir, fire department.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: You, did you say deputy
10 leader?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah, I'm the number one,
12 because we have the leader and if he's not there so I'm
13 the one leads the men.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Fire team leader.

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Fire team leader,
16 yes.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So you were in the
18 galley at the time that you heard Mr. Skelly(phonetic)
19 --

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Crew mess.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- to go to commissary?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Crew mess.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Cromis.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: What is that?

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: The crew mess for our --

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Oh, okay, the crew mess.

3 Okay, thank you.

4 All right, how far is that from Space A or
5 from, I'm sorry, Deck A?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: In Deck 5.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: It's in Deck 5?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you went
10 to --

11 MR. CALIBUSO: As I was in the (inaudible) I
12 go there to Garage A because that's the announcement,
13 staging, our staging area.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And when you went
15 to Garage A was there any smoke in there?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: A little smoke, sir.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Little bit of smoke?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know where that
20 might have come from?

21 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. In the engine room but
22 the door already closed.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: The door was closed?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah, it was closed already.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: So we could not pass through.
2 (inaudible) command center of the (inaudible), sir.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. When you say
4 "command center," who was that?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: The bridge.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: The bridge?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So do you -- you
9 could either receive orders from the bridge or the
10 safety officer?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. Our leader said report
12 to the safety officer. (inaudible) the bridge, the
13 command center.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And who is your
15 leader?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: [REDACTED] Rivera.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So when you left
18 Garage A why did you guys leave?

19 MR. CALIBUSO: We were told Garage B, sir,
20 upstairs.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: So why did you leave A?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: A to B?

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Uh-huh.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: To C. Then C to Deck 5. So
25 when smoke come into Deck 5 in the crew area so we

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1 decide to go up in the Deck 7, the open deck and we
2 stand by there.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm not following,
4 not understanding. So I'm sorry.

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: I'll try to break it down
7 a little bit.

8 You were in Garage A.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Because that's where your
11 fire team got assembled.

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: And then you were going to
14 attack the fire?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: What happened that you did
17 or did not? Did you attack it?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Because the order there
21 didn't go. We are ready to attack but they said don't
22 go inside.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Don't go?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: They said that's where the,
25 where the smoke become the smoke, they sent messenger

1 because we don't receive the message on the radio to
2 transfer. And they said that's where we were, that's
3 where we staged.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So the order came
5 from [REDACTED] to not enter the space?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: No, no. The safety officer.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Safety officer, --

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- do not enter the space.

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes. The leader. This is
11 [REDACTED] our leader. So he had the radio.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. CALIBUSO: And relayed to us.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know if the
15 boundary door to go into the engine room, was that ever
16 opened or --

17 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. That's why we
18 don't see anything inside because it's already the
19 boundary, the hold.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So that boundary
21 was never opened?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: That's why we cannot see
25 inside.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you went
2 to Deck B?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Could you attack the
5 engine fire from Deck B?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. But we can see the
7 smoke there because we have the, on top of the engine
8 we have the skylight door. And you see the smoke
9 coming off the building, yes, sir.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: From the --

11 MR. CALIBUSO: The engine room. Because
12 assembly top we have a skylight door here. Because we
13 (inaudible) broke in the ceiling (inaudible) smoke.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. CALIBUSO: And that you can see. But we
16 cannot attack from Garage B.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know what
18 the plan was after they moved you from A to B if you
19 can't attack from B? Were you going to attack from
20 another location?

21 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: No.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Because I notice already that
24 there is the place (inaudible) in Garage B. I think
25 they are in Garage B, before they move to Garage B,

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1 holding on top of the engine room.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then there's a
3 CO2 system in Garage B as well?

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Yes?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes. Garage B have.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know if anybody
8 tried to activate the CO2 when you were in Garage B?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you moved
11 to Garage C?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: When you left to Garage C
14 was anybody still in B?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: I think the safety officer is
16 just there.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Safety officer.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you were
20 in C. Were you still dressed out with fire fighting --

21 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes. Yes, the complete set.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: With the Deck 7.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. CALIBUSO: Still complete because we are

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1 waiting somebody with the instruction.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So you guys

3 continued to move up --

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- because of the smoke?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: So you went to Deck 5?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Deck 5.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: What's on Deck 5; is that
10 where the galley's at?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Crew mess?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah, crew mess. The, for
14 the crew areas.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And that was full
16 of smoke?

17 MR. CALIBUSO: That one was (inaudible)
18 smoke from the, from the engine room. Because the way
19 to engine room is that led to Number 5. So we just
20 wait.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: A little bit of smoke there.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: A little bit of smoke
24 because the door, --

25 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- the seal that was
2 coming out?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Maybe the seal --

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. CALIBUSO: -- was a little.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you recall seeing the
7 door open or closed?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: It's closed, sir. This was
9 in Deck 5.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. CALIBUSO: It's hard to smell smoke if it
12 closes.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. Okay. And then
14 from there you went to Deck 7?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Deck 7, port side.
16 We stand by there.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: And that's outside?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir, that is.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And when you
20 started to stand by did you still stay dressed in the
21 fire suit?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Stay dressed and
23 we needed masks for standby.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. CALIBUSO: We didn't want to leave

1 (inaudible).

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then what did
3 you do? So at Deck 7 did you do anything else, or from
4 the time that you left the boat what, what were you
5 guys doing now at Deck 7?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: We assembled in the
7 passengers to see where we are, and they don't know
8 they are supposed to just go there, on Station B.
9 Anyway, they leave just standby, wait for instruction.
10 But we did not receive instruction to go out.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. CALIBUSO: But we have all our things
13 complete there.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you're
15 just assisting passengers at that time?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. At that time because
17 they didn't know if they go left or right. They stayed
18 still for a while.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. For abandon ship
20 what's your position?

21 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Lifeboat Number 3.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Lifeboat Number 3.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Passengers only.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Did you, did you go to
25 Lifeboat Number 3?

1 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. I just help the
2 passengers first.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Because I leave that safe
5 until the last group, all the crew members in the
6 group, all the passengers first.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: So you decided instead of
8 going to your abandon ship station --

9 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- that it was you decided
11 to stay and assist the passengers out?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Because when for
13 the abandon, the guys coming from shore we take them
14 inside and we take them with us. But I was (inaudible)
15 standby maybe they will use or what. I think three
16 (inaudible) I just come and check the people.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm glad you
18 mentioned that. So you were aware of the people from
19 shore coming onto your vessel?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And you mentioned
22 that did they use your equipment or --

23 MR. CALIBUSO: No. They have that already.
24 (inaudible) standby, they were meeting us for standby
25 with cylinders.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. CALIBUSO: So we standby in Deck 7.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: So you put cylinders
4 available for that fire team if they needed it?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know if they used
7 your cylinders?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: I think those are, no,
9 because they did a standby again, to step outside. I
10 didn't know if they (inaudible).

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know who was
12 in charge of that operation, who was talking to the
13 fire team?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: I don't know, sir.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: No. Okay.
16 Do you know if they planned on going down to
17 the engine room?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: What did you say?

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know if they were
20 planning on going down to the engine room or they were
21 just going to put out other fires that might have been?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: I think they went to check on
23 (inaudible) They needed laser.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Did they have a
25 laser?

1 MR. CALIBUSO: I think that they have
2 apparatus that makes laser if they wanted one.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: But they have the -- I see it
5 in their hands.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: They said (inaudible). Let's
8 go.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay, that's fine. Okay,
10 so now I'll go back to where you were at assisting the
11 passengers --

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- leave rather than going
14 to Lifeboat 3. Did you see anybody? Did you report to
15 anybody to let them know that you're not going to go to
16 Lifeboat 3?

17 MR. CALIBUSO: Only the, only our leader
18 said was our group, and then stay there. Because
19 (inaudible) because sometimes we need to assist
20 (inaudible).

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Because I'm not afraid of the
23 smoke.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. CALIBUSO: (inaudible) was all garage

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1 the same thing. (inaudible) that was.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And did you see
3 Lifeboat 3 leave? Did they lower Lifeboat 3 while you
4 were assisting passengers?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Number 3 they said
6 they had (inaudible) passenger to dictate in this --

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. CALIBUSO: -- because the life preserver
9 (inaudible) is in Deck 5.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. CALIBUSO: So they had to go down two
12 decks so they don't know if they pass.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: So you assisted the
14 passengers go down from 7 to 5 --

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- to go down there and --

17 MR. CALIBUSO: And there is the swimming
18 pool, They still have another deck to going down in
19 Deck 5.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. CALIBUSO: So we stand right there.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you for that.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: And then you said you were
25 on the second to the last crew?

1 MR. CALIBUSO: No, not the last crew. We
2 left the group, we're staying group by group.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Now as far as you leaving
4 the vessel, you were --

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- the second to the last
7 group --

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Group.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- to leave?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: How did you know that you
12 were second to last?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Because all we go at first to
14 (inaudible) can get us there.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. CALIBUSO: So we are in the (inaudible).
17 Then they said, okay, with us.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. CALIBUSO: So maybe were on the

20 (inaudible) [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. CALIBUSO: Because I check my stuff to
22 the engineer (inaudible). Then we make round.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: You made a round?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: From the (inaudible) on Deck
25 6 to Deck 5. So we didn't see anybody there.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Where do the
2 passengers start as far as the decks, are they on 5?
3 Are they lower than 5?

4 MR. CALIBUSO: They are assembled on Deck 7,
5 sir.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Deck 7?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: And then you made rounds
9 of Deck 7, Deck 6 and Deck 5?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. Because we are very
11 concerned somebody late more.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Maybe somebody in there and
14 maybe somebody had injured or what.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Are you aware of
16 anybody re-entering, say, Deck 4 and Deck 3 to look for
17 anybody?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Look for passengers?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Because I don't
21 like when they nobody go back in the face, we don't
22 have anybody go in there.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: And they already didn't wear
25 the breathing apparatus.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. All right, thank
2 you.

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: I am done with my
5 questions. I'm going to open up the floor now to my
6 colleagues if they have any follow-up questions. And
7 we'll go from there.

8 MR. TUCKER: Hi, Edgar.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

10 MR. TUCKER: Adam Tucker with the NTSB. And
11 just to let you know, I'm different, I'm not the Coast
12 Guard. We work always together with Coast Guard on
13 accidents. And our role is, of course, we make a
14 different re -- different type of report. We try and
15 find out what happened. And on the back end we try and
16 make any recommendations for safety to, of course, try
17 to prevent this from happening again.

18 So I did have a few questions for you. And
19 they're more related to your job.

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

21 MR. TUCKER: Because a senior motorman it
22 sounds like an important job on board a -- on board the
23 ship. And it sounds like you have a lot of experience.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

25 MR. TUCKER: So could you just tell me what

1 your job is?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: Most of the time I just
3 assist the passengers, sir. (inaudible) They open
4 something or what.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So because you're senior
6 do you have any guys that work for you?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Sometimes I take only one
8 other to work with.

9 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So your boss is the
10 first, first engineer?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

12 MR. TUCKER: And he tells you what to do?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

14 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So I'm sure by now, of
15 course, you've talked with some of the engine guys and
16 you have an idea of the fire started in the engine, or
17 at least based on the fire fighting that's where,
18 that's where it most likely took place, and that's
19 where we're going to look. But the question is, first
20 of all, do you have -- well, do you know of any
21 problems with either the port or the starboard engine
22 before the accident took place?

23 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

24 MR. TUCKER: No? Okay. Nothing, nothing
25 even like a small, any small problems?

1 MR. CALIBUSO: That's why as the motorman
2 (inaudible) port side, how come? It was some problem
3 which they're having with it.

4 MR. TUCKER: Uh-huh.

5 MR. CALIBUSO: And this day I work whole day
6 in that place because we have a little leaking of
7 water.

8 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: From the bottom of
10 (inaudible). Because I had to remove the whole line.
11 So I go down, I go up. So I don't see any leakage. It
12 gets wet, it is wet. So I don't see any leak, that's
13 my job to (inaudible) check (inaudible).

14 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So you were working, you
15 said you were working there in that area the whole day?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And you didn't see
18 anything?

19 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

20 MR. TUCKER: No smell, no --

21 MR. CALIBUSO: No.

22 MR. TUCKER: -- no smoke, no nothing? Okay.
23 And that was the day, so that was the day
24 before. So that was the 16th?

25 MR. CALIBUSO: 17th. 16 went on board.

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1 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And you said you were
2 fixing something, the cooling water or something?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Cooling water, the
4 small pipes. Of the cooling water injector. Cooling
5 water, sir.

6 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Because that is also that's
8 why I see oil. Because I determined it was oil on the
9 cylinders. Also on the straight pipe. So I got up. I
10 go down.

11 MR. TUCKER: And I'm not -- I haven't seen
12 the engine yet so I don't really know or understand the
13 location. But where you said you were working --

14 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

15 MR. TUCKER: -- was it near where the guys
16 said the fire started or?

17 MR. CALIBUSO: What did you say?

18 MR. TUCKER: You said you were working in
19 that area?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

21 MR. TUCKER: Where? Where was that area?
22 Like if I had -- would you be able to point and tell me
23 where, roughly, you were working that day?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: I --

25 (Opening diagram.)

1 MR. TUCKER: Yeah. That's okay, I can --

2 MR. CALIBUSO: This was an engine?

3 MR. TUCKER: Yeah. It looks like the, yeah,
4 that's the starboard engine and that's the port engine,
5 and that's the engine control.

6 MR. CALIBUSO: So I was more towards this.

7 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Between this big pipe. This
9 is the air pipe.

10 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

11 MR. CALIBUSO: And this is what we did. So
12 I removed this like a small pipe here. Here until the
13 end.

14 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So and this is cylinder
15 number one?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

17 MR. TUCKER: Two, three, four, five, six,
18 seven, eight. So you were working --

19 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

20 MR. TUCKER: -- on the port side of that
21 engine?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

23 MR. TUCKER: And from the front to the back
24 working on that pipe?

25 MR. TUCKER: Yes, sir. I think that was the

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1 cylinder, yes.

2 MR. TUCKER: By the scavenger. Until the
3 end of the cylinder.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

6 MR. CALIBUSO: Most of the pipe is here
7 between this big pipe and the engine.

8 MR. TUCKER: Yes.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: I go in to make all the
10 connections. That's why I say I go up, I go down.

11 MR. TUCKER: Okay. When you say you go up,
12 that means you go up to the top of the engine?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

14 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes. And then I go in the
16 bottom center, center of the engine.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And just to clarify, so
18 when you were working there, there was no problems and
19 --

20 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

21 MR. TUCKER: -- no smell and no vibration
22 noise, nothing?

23 MR. CALIBUSO: No.

24 MR. TUCKER: Okay, good.

25 Now with the, with the starboard engine, had

1 you done any jobs, any work on the starboard engine
2 that you remember in the past few weeks or anything?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Starboard, yeah, the gasket.
4 The end line of the oil diesel.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

6 MR. CALIBUSO: In the gasket.

7 MR. TUCKER: The gasket.

8 MR. CALIBUSO: I think the gasket, sir.

9 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Do you --

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Monday. Just on Monday I
11 think. Starboard side.

12 MR. TUCKER: So, so again I'm sorry, because
13 I haven't seen the engine, so.

14 MR. CALIBUSO: I was there Sunday or Monday.

15 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Which was only the gaskets.

17 MR. TUCKER: Only the gasket. So and what
18 was the gasket for?

19 MR. CALIBUSO: The main line, sir, for fuel,
20 to the fuel pump.

21 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So that's the fuel line
22 that's on the engine. And from that fuel line that
23 goes to the injectors?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: To the fuel pump, sir.

25 MR. TUCKER: To the fuel pump. Sorry, yeah.

1 For the cylinder.

2 MR. CALIBUSO: Fuel pump to the cylinders.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Okay. So can you tell
4 me about that, that job? You said you just replaced a
5 gasket. What, what kind of job was that?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: To enable them in the morning
7 for the report? The other chief engineer called me and
8 said to me (inaudible) standby because I (inaudible)
9 starboard side.

10 MR. TUCKER: Okay. You said other chief
11 engineer.

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah, because we have the --
13 remember, sir, little one?

14 MR. TUCKER: I don't, no. That's okay.

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Because that's the one who
16 bring the (inaudible).

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So you had two chief
18 engineers on board? I just want to make sure I
19 understand, sir.

20 MR. CALIBUSO: And it was agreed that this
21 one is one with the office and the other one -- they
22 said it was engineer but I don't know is really who
23 showed me.

24 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So he, he showed you the
25 leak or you saw it?

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: He showed me the item.

2 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so he showed you the
3 leak. Did he tell you to fix it?

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So just because, again I
6 don't know the engine, but can you tell me like how you
7 do that job? How do -- what's the process to do the
8 job?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: So working on the gasket,
10 sir, I am from the duty, motorman duty that I need to
11 close the inlet and not let the fuel starboard moving.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

13 MR. CALIBUSO: So I did that, so I go and
14 flush the inlet and the outlet of fuel before I open
15 that line where is the leak.

16 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

17 MR. CALIBUSO: So when I replace the gasket
18 I inform them that I do it to the engineer, to open all
19 the valves (inaudible).

20 MR. TUCKER: Did you do, do you remember did
21 you do that like when you were alongside or when you
22 were at sea?

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Alongside, sir.

24 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Do you remember what
25 port?

1 MR. CALIBUSO: Whatever day it was.
2 (inaudible) somewhere. 17th I think. I don't
3 remember, sir. But somewhere around Santo Domingo. I
4 think on Friday or Saturday. Don't remember exactly.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay. That's fine.

6 MR. CALIBUSO: But (inaudible) on this one
7 because the same engine, the starboard, that had jobs
8 before.

9 MR. TUCKER: It had jobs before?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Maybe the starboard side,
11 too. One way or the other (inaudible) for the engine,
12 sir.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So you said you, you put
14 the gasket back?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. I make another
16 gasket.

17 MR. TUCKER: Uh-huh.

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Had them (inaudible) with
19 weld.

20 MR. TUCKER: Say again; sorry?

21 MR. CALIBUSO: The gasket with weld in the
22 center --

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: -- of the (inaudible).

25 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And how do you make, how

1 did you make the gasket? How, how do you do that?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: I make sure, sir, the launch.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Then I make a -- I
5 (inaudible) gasket for him to -- So I make this one,
6 afer I close, I relap because I put the -- and they
7 splice that.

8 MR. TUCKER: So let me try and understand.
9 So you secured the inlet and the outlet and they're
10 valves? Do you --

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Just valves.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And did the engineer do
13 that or do you do that?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: I did that, sir. But I
15 inform them before I touch.

16 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And then isolate. And
17 then you go and so you take -- was there, you said
18 there was a tape. So did you have to take the tape off
19 or what?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. I remove the one, all
21 the anti-splash tape.

22 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: In that case I get another
24 three rounds.

25 MR. TUCKER: Three rounds.

1 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

2 MR. TUCKER: And it's called anti-splash
3 tape. Okay.

4 And do you remember like how many bolts were
5 on the flange?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: Four of them.

7 MR. TUCKER: Four. Okay.

8 Do you -- was there like, do you have to
9 tighten them to a certain tightness of anything or?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Until I can only
11 because it's all by touch. You have, you know how much
12 tight.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So it's just hand tight
14 or --

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Then I make an extension to
16 make another one, sir.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay, so it's a spanner with
18 extension?

19 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

20 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so you don't have
21 like torque --

22 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

23 MR. TUCKER: -- torque wrench?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

25 MR. TUCKER: No.

1 MR. CALIBUSO: The last (inaudible) torque
2 wrench.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And you said Reina,
4 Reina?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: I said the splash tape --

6 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Because they are the one,
8 that was before, three years ago or so.

9 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

10 MR. CALIBUSO: But we have to put all the
11 plans. This one was like (inaudible).

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And after you finished
13 the job you told the engineer on watch, and what
14 happened again?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: So I told, reported that I
16 finished --

17 MR. TUCKER: Yes.

18 MR. CALIBUSO: -- with the new welds. If
19 you like, I can start, I can check, I can check also
20 have any leakage more or not.

21 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: So don't have leakage, so
23 that's it.

24 MR. TUCKER: So you checked and no more
25 leaks and everything was good?

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. And I put most of
2 the motormen after starting again we have to also as
3 our duties to check every time, which may be why you
4 have leaks before.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay. I just want to make
6 sure. So you said -- what did you say again with the
7 other engine? Did you, you said you had to turn
8 something over?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. When we were
10 finished --

11 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

12 MR. CALIBUSO: -- I told the duties to,
13 there are the other duties to check also.

14 MR. TUCKER: Oh, okay. To tell the other
15 duties --

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

17 MR. TUCKER: -- to check to make sure no
18 leak --

19 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

20 MR. TUCKER: -- on the starboard engine.

21 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

22 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: All the engines I told.

24 MR. TUCKER: All the engines.

25 MR. CALIBUSO: That's what I said, to check

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1 also on the other side.

2 MR. TUCKER: The other side of?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: All also. Check on the
4 starboard. Sometimes you say I'm going to leave this
5 so they make round.

6 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So they did rounds.

7 And do you remember, if they did any rounds,
8 did they find anything else?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: I was on my day work.

10 MR. TUCKER: Oh.

11 MR. CALIBUSO: I would know only if they had
12 this included.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So when you did that job
14 was that an emergency or were, were you day working?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Normal, sir.

16 MR. TUCKER: That was normal hours?

17 MR. CALIBUSO: Normal hours.

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So you said you -- the
19 gasket was leaking, you removed the tape. Do you
20 remember what you did with the gasket, the old gasket,
21 the leaking gasket?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: The leaking gasket, sir,
23 yeah. That was, it had really become damaged like
24 washing, washing through. It's just if the gasket is -
25 - because I check around first, --

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1 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

2 MR. CALIBUSO: -- it's okay. But then I
3 open valves so I see the damage.

4 MR. TUCKER: It's hard for me to understand
5 -- or to, not to understand. I understand you. It's
6 hard for me to create a picture in my head.

7 Could you draw a picture of where the damage
8 was? Could you show me like the gasket and roughly
9 where the damage is?

10 If you -- Are you okay with that?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay. It's just that I can't,
13 I don't have a picture in my head.

14 (Interviewee draws.)

15 MR. CALIBUSO: As I said, but not totally
16 broken. This is the gasket. So this would be all of
17 the bolts --

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

19 MR. CALIBUSO: -- that they tied, and
20 passing here.

21 MR. TUCKER: Ah-ha.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: But not totally broken the
23 gasket.

24 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And --

25 MR. CALIBUSO: Passing through.

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1 MR. TUCKER: -- do you remember what end?
2 You said so it didn't go all the way through. Do you
3 remember was that on the end of the blank or the end of
4 the, end of the flange? So like what side would that
5 have been on, would that have been --

6 MR. CALIBUSO: This one, sir. This forward.
7 Right side, right side.

8 MR. TUCKER: Forward and right side.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: Right side.

10 MR. TUCKER: So if, if this was the -- can
11 you draw -- I'll draw the picture of the pipe.

12 So if the pipe is like this, and the flange;
13 right?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

15 MR. TUCKER: And then the blank?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

17 MR. TUCKER: So and then the bolts are here?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

19 MR. TUCKER: So what, do you remember what
20 side was it on, that this damage was on?

21 MR. CALIBUSO: This one here.

22 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So --

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Right side. Towards the
24 engine.

25 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

1 MR. CALIBUSO: Turbo.

2 MR. TUCKER: So it was on the engine side
3 and not the turbo side?

4 MR. CALIBUSO: And cooling.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So it was on the, on the
6 engine --

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

8 MR. TUCKER: -- not the turbo side. Okay.
9 And so it didn't go all the way through?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Because this one
11 had the (inaudible) strong one.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

13 MR. CALIBUSO: I showed that when they
14 showed me the first time (inaudible).

15 MR. TUCKER: And this damage, was it -- so
16 is this the top of the pipe and this is the bottom of
17 the pipe?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Bottom's there.

19 MR. TUCKER: That's the bottom.

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

21 MR. TUCKER: So the drops were falling down?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And it was just like
24 drops, it was not a spray or --

25 MR. CALIBUSO: No.

1 MR. TUCKER: Okay. How much pressure is in
2 that? Is there a lot of pressure, do you know?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: I don't know exactly. But I
4 think for this, four to five. It was up on this speed,
5 RPM.

6 MR. TUCKER: Okay. But four to five. Okay,
7 so but if you were, if it was leaking when did they see
8 it was leaking, when the engine was working or was it
9 leaking when the engine was off?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: The engine was actually, is -
11 - it was, it was the (inaudible). So they can hear
12 when somebody was in control --

13 MR. TUCKER: Uh-huh.

14 MR. CALIBUSO: -- change this (inaudible).

15 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Because they said this one.
17 Which I don't know (inaudible) strong, small --

18 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

19 MR. CALIBUSO: -- what they say it was.

20 MR. TUCKER: So you, this old one, the
21 broken one --

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

23 MR. TUCKER: -- did you, did you take it
24 away, did you put it in the garbage? Where did you put
25 the broken gasket?

1 MR. CALIBUSO: I put it in the garbage in
2 the workshop.

3 MR. TUCKER: Garbage in the workshop.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: They put a, (inaudible)
5 showed them. I wonder to put or not, it was put
6 already garbage.

7 MR. TUCKER: Did they take pic --

8 MR. CALIBUSO: They take a picture. Because
9 I don't like to throw anything if I don't have the
10 permission.

11 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so it went to the
12 garbage in the workshop?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

14 MR. TUCKER: Do you think that garbage is
15 still there or did someone take it away?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Maybe the shop is there. But
17 I just forget about that until now.

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Where's the workshop?
19 If we -- you're probably going to need your glasses
20 again, but can you tell me where the workshop is on
21 this, on the diagram? Or if it's not there, then fine,
22 but --

23 MR. CALIBUSO: This one, sir. Because it's
24 going up right?

25 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: So this one right here.

2 MR. TUCKER: So that's the engine control
3 room?

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. It's right side to
5 side.

6 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So it's on the, where
7 are we, port side of the ship?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Portside engine.

9 MR. TUCKER: And kind of port side in the
10 forward compartment?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay, that's fine.

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Forward of the control room,
14 sir.

15 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Forward of the control
16 room.

17 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

18 MR. TUCKER: Thank you.

19 So the first engineer, did they come after
20 and they checked your jobs and everything or they just
21 checked the --

22 MR. CALIBUSO: I told them, sir, check also
23 my job because my boss (inaudible) senior motorman.

24 MR. TUCKER: Uh-huh.

25 MR. CALIBUSO: So we are all responsible.

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1 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Was anybody else working
2 with you or just by yourself?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: (inaudible) Because that's a
4 big job.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

6 MR. CALIBUSO: (inaudible)

7 MR. TUCKER: And my last, my last question
8 on this. I may have another when my, my co-workers are
9 done but --

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Certainly, sir.

11 MR. TUCKER: But my last question about the
12 gaskets and everything. Did you do any similar jobs on
13 the port engine?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

15 MR. TUCKER: No. Okay. So port engine,
16 nothing?

17 MR. CALIBUSO: No.

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And did you ever see
19 this happen before? I know you were on board for five,
20 or you worked on this ship for five years, but did you
21 ever see something like that before?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: I see before the starboard
23 side, sir. Only the starboard side.

24 MR. TUCKER: Only starboard. Okay.

25 And how long have you been on the ship this

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1 time? How many, how many months?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: Maybe eight months, sir.

3 MR. TUCKER: Eight months. It's time to go
4 home.

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

6 MR. TUCKER: All right.

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Just hoping.

8 MR. TUCKER: Were you supposed to sign off
9 soon or?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

11 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. I just put last
13 Monday my new suitcase.

14 MR. TUCKER: Oh, okay.

15 MR. CALIBUSO: On the ship.

16 MR. TUCKER: All right.

17 MR. CALIBUSO: So I prepare already.

18 MR. TUCKER: Hopefully you get to go home
19 really soon. All right.

20 And so you were on board in the drydock,
21 too?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

23 MR. TUCKER: Yeah.

24 What jobs did they do in the drydock? Did
25 they do any work on those, on the fuel systems or

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1 anything do you remember?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: They did basic work.

5 MR. TUCKER: Did they do any type of
6 overhauls or anything on the engines in the drydock?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Well, there was the removal.
8 Only the blocks stayed.

9 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

10 MR. CALIBUSO: The fuel pumps and the pipes,
11 the pipes, no, they didn't touch.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Only the blocks stayed,
13 huh?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

15 MR. TUCKER: And when you say you worked for
16 five years with the company, did you -- five years only
17 on this ship or --

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

19 MR. TUCKER: -- a sister ship?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: This ship.

21 MR. TUCKER: Only. Okay.

22 And how many guys on the fire squad?

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Six, sir.

24 MR. TUCKER: Six.

25 And you, just so -- my writing is not good -

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1 - but you said Fire Squad Number 2?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Said Engine Department.

5 MR. TUCKER: So Fire Squad Number 2. You
6 said Engine Department. So all the guys in Fire Squad
7 2 are from Engine?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

9 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so because you're
10 all engine, if there's a fire in the engine that's the
11 team that goes in?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And do you ever -- when,
14 so you had all your equipment, your fire equipment?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

16 MR. TUCKER: Did you ever, did you put the
17 mask on?

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

19 MR. TUCKER: And you have air or no?

20 MR. CALIBUSO: Have, sir.

21 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: From the, from that.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And who is the leader
24 for the Fire Squad?

25 MR. CALIBUSO: [REDACTED] Rivera.

1 MR. TUCKER: Oh, [REDACTED]. Okay. And who is
2 he?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Plumber.

4 MR. TUCKER: Plumber, okay.

5 And you said you saw smoke when you went
6 down to the garage. What color was the smoke, do you
7 remember?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Best that I remember it was
9 not white, not black but mixed.

10 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And just to clarify, you
11 said you were the second to last group. So do you
12 remember who stayed on board, who was the last group?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: The last group I think the
14 people in the MES, the guy in the last of the lifeboat
15 (inaudible).

16 MR. TUCKER: Okay. That's -- Thank you very
17 much.

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Certainly. Any time.

19 MR. TUCKER: I appreciate it. You have a
20 very important job. And but most importantly, I'm
21 happy you're safe. So thank you.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Thank you, sir.

23 MR. GALLETTE: Hi. Good afternoon.

24 MR. CALIBUSO: Hi, sir.

25 MR. GALLETTE: Jim Gallette with the Coast

1 Guard. I just have a few questions. Some of them are
2 just follow-up.

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

4 MR. GALLETTE: One, you were part of the
5 fire team. Have you ever had fire training, have you
6 had any formal training?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: In the ship, sir?

8 MR. GALLETTE: Yes.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Every week we have
10 a drill.

11 MR. GALLETTE: Every week you have a drill?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, we have a drill.

13 MR. GALLETTE: Have you ever had any formal
14 training at a fire fighting school or instruction from
15 anybody off the ship, like how to fight fire?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. Like this one, we
17 last (inaudible) They didn't direct us. So there was a
18 scenario (inaudible) So they had to have another boat
19 to bring our apparatus. Because we go up (inaudible)
20 We arrive to (inaudible) time. That's why when this
21 one happened we go there (inaudible) apparatus.

22 So we didn't (inaudible) didn't go inside
23 because they said, no go enter.

24 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. As far as just fire
25 fighting education --

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

2 MR. GALLETTE: -- like learning how to fight
3 fires, how to be a fireman and respond to engine room
4 fires, have you ever had to go to any class or any
5 school on how to do that position?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Only my perfecting
7 my duties in the training center.

8 MR. GALLETTE: So you have had fire fighting
9 training in --

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

11 MR. GALLETTE: When did you last go to that?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: That's -- I don't remember,
13 sir, my certificate.

14 MR. GALLETTE: You have a certificate for
15 it?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. We just (inaudible) on
17 our certificates.

18 MR. GALLETTE: Who has the certificates now?

19 MR. CALIBUSO: I don't know, sir.

20 MR. GALLETTE: Are they on the ship? Do you
21 have to provide them to somebody on the ship, your
22 certificates? Do you have to provide the master with
23 your certificates or the second officer? Does somebody
24 keep your certificates on the ship?

25 MR. CALIBUSO: No, they keep all our

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1 certificates, sir. They will only be (inaudible). The
2 original certificates you mean?

3 MR. GALLETTE: Yes.

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah, the originals are sent
5 to us.

6 MR. GALLETTE: Who does; the school?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

8 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. But do you provide a
9 copy of it to the ship?

10 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

11 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Do you know who you
12 provided it to?

13 MR. CALIBUSO: The safety officer.

14 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Safety officer?

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

16 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. All right, thank you
17 on that.

18 And then you did mention -- I'd like to kind
19 of go down to the engine room and the gasket. I may
20 have heard some things different.

21 You mentioned after you took the gasket off
22 on the starboard engine --

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

24 MR. GALLETTE: -- that before you throw them
25 away you would show them to the first --

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

2 MR. GALLETTE: -- engineer and the chief
3 engineer?

4 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

5 MR. GALLETTE: Did you say that you took a
6 picture of it?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Didn't because if
8 they work I didn't like that. Also because I do not if
9 I work with them. If you want to take a photo of work,
10 it's up to you. So sometimes I just have (inaudible)

11 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Nobody --

12 MR. CALIBUSO: It's what I know of the
13 drums, the garbage.

14 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Nobody took a photo of
15 that?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: I don't think so, sir.

17 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Okay, thank you very
18 much.

19 MR. CALIBUSO: You're welcome, sir.

20 CDR [REDACTED]: Good afternoon. My name is
21 Commander Mike [REDACTED] with the U.S. Coast Guard.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

23 CDR [REDACTED]: I want to talk about your
24 flange here for a while. On the end of that flange is
25 that piece of metal is it, is it straight?

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1 MR. CALIBUSO: Straight, sir.

2 CDR [REDACTED]: Straight?

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Straight.

4 CDR [REDACTED]: Did you look at it when you
5 took it apart?

6 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

7 CDR [REDACTED]: Was it -- was there any damage
8 on the inside?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: No.

10 CDR [REDACTED]: It was nice and flat?

11 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes. I showed, I showed them
12 also. And I cleaned with some paper, brush.

13 CDR [REDACTED]: Okay. That's all the
14 questions I have.

15 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay, I have a few follow-
17 up.

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: I think we're almost done
20 here.

21 You said that there was two chief engineers
22 on board recently?

23 MR. CALIBUSO: Before, sir, when --

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Before --

25 MR. CALIBUSO: -- it happened.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Before Coast Guard?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah. Yeah, when (inaudible)

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: All right. Maybe the 8th
4 or something like that?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes. (inaudible)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: I don't know on the last
7 one.

8 MR. CALIBUSO: You were on the ship?

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Yes, I was there. But I,
10 I don't remember.

11 MR. CALIBUSO: This is the boat.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Correct.

13 MR. CALIBUSO: Okay, the 8th on the ship.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you know when he
15 signed off?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: Saturday.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Saturday. So Saturday --

18 MR. CALIBUSO: Let me look. Saturday. What
19 day was Saturday?

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Saturday would be the
21 13th?

22 MR. CALIBUSO: 13th?

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: The 13th of August is when
24 you believe he signed off?

25 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. CALIBUSO: 13th was when. Yes, sir.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you have
4 said that the pressure is 4 to 5 bars?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: And it's depending on the
7 RPM?

8 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was the RPM in your
10 opinion, your experience, was it operating normal that
11 day or higher?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: Normal. Normal, sir.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: It was normal. Okay.

14 Do you know where the RPM is normally at?
15 How much RPM?

16 MR. CALIBUSO: I don't know, sir, because it
17 was not a part regular of my job.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Right.

19 MR. CALIBUSO: So I don't make the rule.
20 Also they don't tell me.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. CALIBUSO: Because I don't have the
23 (inaudible)?

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you said
25 two or three years ago Reina made the requirement of

1 putting the splash tape?

2 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. That was I don't
3 remember exactly when. But Reina because this
4 (inaudible).

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: So the leakage that that
6 system had before you put the splash tape on it, did
7 anybody -- or where was the leakage, on both port and
8 starboard side?

9 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. In the -- no,
10 (inaudible) But because the Reina was on the joints of
11 this one.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: So every joint in the
13 engine has the tape?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. The (inaudible) so
15 other people make this their responsibility, something
16 with (inaudible) the splash tape. So when I finish I
17 ask them we have more splash tape or what? (inaudible)

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So a splash tape
19 requirement wasn't just for the port and starboard
20 engines?

21 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir. Only just for oil.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. CALIBUSO: I think we have to put on
24 like only the engines but all the joints of the oil,
25 the fuel oil, diesel oil.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Because those
2 joints --

3 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- tend to leak sometimes?

5 MR. CALIBUSO: Yeah, all of those.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: As a safety?

7 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. In your five years
9 on the vessel do you know if that, this specific joint
10 that failed on the starboard engine had that leak
11 before, before you put the tape on it?

12 MR. CALIBUSO: No, sir.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: No?

14 MR. CALIBUSO: Never had that leaks.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And port side, do
16 you know if it ever leaked?

17 MR. CALIBUSO: No. No.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. All right, I don't
19 have anything else unless there any?

20 MR. TUCKER: This last question, really
21 simple. So with the splash tape, where do you go get
22 that? Do you -- is there a place where you keep the
23 splash tape?

24 MR. CALIBUSO: Yes, sir. They have them on
25 the boat. And they have some guys who are stocking

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1 (inaudible) because sample (inaudible) sometimes.

2 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

3 MR. CALIBUSO: So that I go meet them, talk
4 with them (inaudible).

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay, that's it.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay, thank you. The time
7 is 2:37, our finish time. And that has concluded our
8 interview with Edgar.

9 MR. CALIBUSO: You're welcome, sir.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, at 2:37 p.m., the interview was
12 concluded.)

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