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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: GINO ANTONIO FUNEZ MARTINEZ

Monday,

August 22, 2016

Prevention Building

Sector San Juan

BEFORE:

CDR. [REDACTED], USCG

LTJG [REDACTED], USCG

JIM GALLETTE, USCG

ADAM TUCKER, NTSB

NANCY McATEE, NTSB

[REDACTED], USCG

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[REDACTED]

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

(3:10 p.m.)

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2
3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Matter under
4 investigation is the fire onboard the Carribean Fantasy
5 that occurred on Wednesday, the 17th of August 2016.

6 This is a interview of Gino Antonio Funez --

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Martinez.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- Martinez. Today's date
9 is the 27th -- or 22nd of August 2016. The current
10 time is 3:10 p.m. Location the Sector San Juan
11 Prevention Building. This interview is conducted by
12 myself, Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED] [REDACTED], U.S.
13 Coast Guard.

14 There are other members present in this
15 room. If you could state your name and your title,
16 please.

17 MR. TUCKER: My name is Adam Tucker, and I'm
18 with the National Transportation Safety Board.

19 MR. GALLETTE: My name is Jim Gallette with
20 the Coast Guard Investigations National Center of
21 Expertise.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Nice to meet
23 you.

24 CDR. [REDACTED]: My name is Commander Mike
25 [REDACTED]. I'm with the Coast Guard. I'm the lead

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1 investigator.

2 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Nice to meet you.

3 MS. MCATEE: Nancy McAtee, National
4 Transportation Safety Board.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Nice to meet
6 you.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Manolo [REDACTED] from
8 Jimenez, Graffam, & Lausell, owners of P&I Club.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED], U.S.
10 Coast Guard, Spanish interpreter.

11 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And you are?

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Gino Antonio
13 Funez Martinez.

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) My position on
16 the ship was like a motorman.

17 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. And
18 you have given us consent to record this interview?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you.

21 Okay, Gino. We're just going to start off
22 by just a little background information for you, so how
23 long have you worked with this company?

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Two contract
25 with this company.

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1 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Two contracts?

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And how long is a
4 contract?

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The first is
6 two months.

7 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) And the second
9 is for four months.

10 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Four months.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) But you can see
12 that I cannot finish the contract because this terrible
13 accident.

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Okay. This is
16 (Inaudible.) to bring some people in. So I ask for two
17 minutes to --

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. We're going to
19 take a brief pause.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Sorry. Sorry about
21 that.

22 (Pause)

23 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. We are back from
24 our short break. The time is 3:14 p.m. Okay. So we
25 were discussing that this is your second contract.

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

2 LTJG. [REDACTED]: The first contract was
3 two months, and this contract was for four months.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Four month,
5 yes.

6 LTJG. [REDACTED]: What -- when did you sign
7 on?

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) 25 June.

9 LTJG. [REDACTED]: 25 June?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

11 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And prior to this
12 company, where did you use to work?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Before that?

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Before coming here, where
15 did you work before?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I work -- I was
17 working another company. The company's Danae Arcalia.

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Arcalia?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Arcalia, yes,
20 from the Europa (Phonetic.), Portugal.

21 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And how long did
22 you work with them?

23 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Four year.

24 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Four years?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. But the

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1 contract this time, it was for long time, nine months.
2 Always, I make -- two -- after my contract two months,
3 like 11 months.

4 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you normally do
5 nine months, you said?

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Before in
7 my country it was nine months.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Another
10 company, yes.

11 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Were you also a
12 motorman for --

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Motorman, yes.

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, my
16 contract, it was working the hotel. And then I changed
17 position, and I go to work in engine room.

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: So your experience as a
21 motorman, how many years or how much --

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Like with these
23 two contracts, like five year.

24 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Five year as a motorman?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Yes.

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1 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you have some
2 experience, as well.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

4 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you for
5 that.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Okay. Thank
7 you, sir.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: What I'd like to do now,
9 if you could just talk to me about the day of the
10 accident of the casualty. Just start from the moment
11 that you woke up all the way to the moment you got off
12 the boat. Take your time. Just any details that you
13 remember. If you forgot stuff, it's fine, we
14 understand. But just start from the moment you woke up
15 to the moment that you left the boat.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) In this -- in
17 this moment, I start my work 8 o'clock in the morning.
18 And then I wake up, like, at 7 o'clock. I was on the -
19 - to call my wife this morning at 7 o'clock, when I saw
20 the smoke in the you know -- when it start to -- but I
21 can listen about the announcement about the fire. But
22 in this moment, I think maybe it's from the -- this is
23 a drill from the pilot. And then but they say, no,
24 this is a real case. And then when I saw that, I can -
25 - I cannot believe that because the last night -- the

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1 last night I was working until 8 o'clock in the noon,
2 10, 12 o'clock, it was -- everything was good. But I
3 don't know exactly because, you know, I wasn't in
4 engine room this moment. I was outside to call my
5 family. That why I can't understand in the world why
6 it start a fire, you know.

7 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

9 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And then what happened?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Then this
11 moment when they -- they call everybody go to position
12 because the smoke -- they cannot extinguish the fire,
13 you know. That why I go. I was in my cabin to take my
14 belt, and then I was in my position there.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I guess my life
17 raft is 13.

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because and I
20 cannot stay inside because it was -- it was
21 (Indiscernible due to accent.), you know, with my
22 chest. And I cannot take too much smoke because it's
23 not was good for me. That why I directed to -- I go
24 outside to wait the information to abandon ship --

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then -- so I'm

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1 going to set you back a little bit. Thank you for that

2 --

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

4 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- by the way. But so
5 you were -- you were on the phone with your wife around
6 7 o'clock?

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And then you saw smoke?

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

10 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Where did you see the
11 smoke?

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) In the -- in
13 the chimney. (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. MARTINEZ: The exhaust.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: In the exhaust?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The exhaust,
17 yes.

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So it was more
19 than normal, the smoke? Or was it --

20 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, no. It's
21 not normal. It was not normal.

22 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) It's lots of
24 smoke.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: A lot of smoke?

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Continue,
2 you know.

3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

5 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And what color was that
6 smoke

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Like really
8 dark. Yes.

9 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you hear
10 the alarm. Did they say anything or did they say fire,
11 there's a fire? Or like how do you know if it was a
12 fire?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because we know
14 when they -- because we -- sometime we make drill, you
15 know. That way we know when there is a real alarm.
16 It's a drill, the fire.

17 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) But they called
19 for the speaker.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. That why
22 they made announcement about the problem in the engine
23 room.

24 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And do you -- do
25 you recall what was called through the PA system,

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1 through the speakers what exactly they said? Did they
2 say fire in the engine room, or did they say something
3 else?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, no. They
5 call Mr. Skylight, you know.

6 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Well, I
8 tell you because in this moment I cannot believe it
9 because the engine room, it was everything good in the
10 nighttime. And then when they call I think this is
11 maybe drill from the pilot. Because, you know, he's
12 United States for dedicate this is very, very serious,
13 you know. That why I think this moment I cannot
14 believe it that -- that I can saw the smoke, you know.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And when Mr.
16 Skylight is called, did you have a position?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. Because it
18 wasn't a Skylight, you know. It was only in the -- my
19 position is must we go to reception and then await the
20 announcement for abandon ship. And I go to the life
21 raft number 13. That is me (indiscernible due to
22 accent.)

23 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: So you don't have a fire-

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1 fighting responsibility?

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, no, no.

3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, no.

5 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So they called Mr.
6 Skylight. Did you get to the receptions?

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: No?

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because they
10 say no move. You must stay outside because the smoke
11 is coming inside to the all -- all in the area, the
12 corridor area, you know.

13 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So from the moment
14 that you were talking to your wife --

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

16 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- you never reentered
17 the vessel? You stayed outside the whole time?

18 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. It wasn't
19 safe. Yes.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) When they say
22 this is the real -- the real fire, and then I go in my
23 cabin, I take my life jacket, I take some paper,
24 document, and then I coming out again.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

2 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And then you went
3 straight to life raft 13?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. We must
5 wait outside.

6 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Until they
8 ordered them to abandon ship.

9 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. Because
11 the first -- the first is the passenger, you know. You
12 must do abandon all passenger because he was -- they
13 was scared in this moment. Not only the passenger, we
14 all are scared in this time.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Right.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

17 LTJG. [REDACTED]: So you assisted the
18 passengers?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. No. But
20 can -- there's no passenger.

21 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

23 LTJG. [REDACTED]: So where were you
24 assisting them to?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) In the -- when

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1 they allowed to say abandon, the passengers go must to
2 the outside. I go inside and take number 7. And then
3 say the passengers take care, don't scare, because
4 everything will be fine, something like that.

5 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

7 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And then did you take
8 them anywhere or show them to -- how to get outside?
9 Did they go to, like, any life boats or life rafts?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I do.

11 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Which one were you
12 sending them to?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I sending to
14 life raft number 4.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) It's in the
17 starboard side, you know.

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Do you remember around
21 what time abandon ship was given?

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) To what? When
23 they speak abandon ship?

24 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I don't

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1 remember exactly the time.

2 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) But they speak
4 abandon ship, yes. Because I think they wait for the
5 order from the Coast Guard.

6 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And do you know who said
9 abandon ship? Was it the ship's captain? Was it the
10 cadet? Was it the staff captain?

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) At this time I
12 cannot, you know, really speak it's captain or no.
13 Only I take care about when they say abandon ship.

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

16 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because this
18 time everybody nervous, you know.

19 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Yes.

20 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because I think
21 -- well, I can remember never something look like this
22 like a real fire, you know. Becuase it my first time,
23 you know, in this -- in this case.

24 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. That why

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1 sometime we -- I feel like nervous because this is the
2 real fire.

3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

5 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Did you leave the boat on
6 life raft 13 or --

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. I -- it
8 was for the -- all -- when the safety they say must
9 wait because the passenger is first, you know.

10 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) That why the
12 first -- yes, after passenger is out we go to the --
13 you know, to the jumper to the out the ship.

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So all the
15 passengers leave the boat, and then --

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

17 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- a safety officer tells
18 you you could go to the slide, the jumper?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because when
22 everybody is go out we are -- we are out on the outside
23 like maybe 20, 20 crew member to waiting for everybody
24 go out to tell abandon ship.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

2 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And when you were out on
3 the deck, did you report to anybody to let them know,
4 hey, I'm safe? Did you tell anybody that you were
5 there? Or like, was anybody taking --

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) To --

7 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- names accounting for
8 people, that you know of?

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I think not.

10 LTJG. [REDACTED]: No? Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No.

12 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. But everyone got
13 off safely so --

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. But the
17 safety officer, he was good because she always run, you
18 know, having to try to follow the people to abandon
19 ship. Becasue maybe I think they go inside to look in
20 the -- in the cabin to warn everybody inside, you know,
21 to take -- to go outside. Becuase this is the first
22 thing, you know, try to tell people abandon because you
23 cannot stay inside because too much smoke inside.

24 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So inside you were
25 in deck 7?

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. I live in
2 deck number 5.

3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Deck 5.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Next to
5 the engine room, like, how many -- one, two, three,
6 like three, four deck more down, you know, downstairs,
7 the engine room, yes.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So at deck 5
9 that's where you were helping people to leave?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

11 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Was there smoke in
12 deck 5?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. In deck --
14 no. It started in engine room.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Right.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) But it's coming
17 all in the -- in the corridor. You know, what is the -
18 - like (foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. MARTINEZ: Where the cargo is?

20 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) In the (foreign
21 language spoken.) Yes.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Where the cargo is?

23 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, the cargo.
24 Yes.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So it went through

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1 all the cargo spaces.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

3 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And then before you left
4 deck 5, was there smoke in that space too?

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. It's
6 coming to the deck 5.

7 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So the smoke just
8 kept rising?

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Yes.

10 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Do you remember
11 the color of that smoke?

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Like I told you
13 like a dark. Yes.

14 LTJG. [REDACTED]: So it was the same dark
15 color --

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

17 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- as the --

18 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) With the
19 exhaust. Yes.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: The exhaust.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Same color?

23 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Same
24 color.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. And then when you

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1 down the slide, did you get on a raft or --

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I went on
3 the raft.

4 LTJG. [REDACTED]: You went on the raft?

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, no. It's
6 coming in one boat special to rescue the people, you
7 know.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) That's why I
10 jump and I go there and the life rescue.

11 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So you went down
12 the raft to the platform?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. On the
14 platform. Yes.

15 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And from that platform
16 you got on one of the boats that was there?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

18 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I do that.

20 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You're welcome,
22 sir.

23 LTJG. [REDACTED]: I don't have any further
24 questions. But like I said, what I'd like to do now is
25 to open up the floor for my colleagues, if anybody has

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1 any questions.

2 MR. TUCKER: Hi, Gino.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Hi, sir.

4 MR. TUCKER: My name is Adam. I'm with the
5 National Transportation Safety Board. When accidents
6 like this happen, we work together with the Coast
7 Guard.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Okay.

9 MR. TUCKER: But we're separate. We're not
10 the Coast Guard. And we do a report on what happened
11 in the accident. And the biggest thing we do, of
12 course, is make recommendations that any level of
13 government to -- or within the company, to improve to
14 hopefully make sure it doesn't happen again. Some very
15 basic questions for you.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

17 MR. TUCKER: I just wanted to clarify. So
18 you mentioned you got off duty that night at midnight.
19 Is that correct?

20 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. 8 to 12.

21 MR. TUCKER: So you're 8 to 12?

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

23 MR. TUCKER: So you're watchkeeping?

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes,

25 watchkeeping. Yes.

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1 MR. TUCKER: Okay. You're a 8 to 12 guy.
2 And you already answered my question. I just want to
3 ask a little more specific. So as I understand, you
4 said when you get off at midnight everything was
5 normal. No problems.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

7 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Were both of the engines
8 running when you got off duty?

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. It was
10 everything good.

11 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

13 MR. TUCKER: Everything good?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Everything
15 good. Yes.

16 MR. TUCKER: And so both of the main -- the
17 main engines, they were -- they were both, like,
18 running?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, sir.

20 MR. TUCKER: They were online?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Normal.
22 Everything was normal. Yes.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Thinking back to other
24 watches or other days, were there any problems --

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, sir.

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1 MR. TUCKER: -- with both of the port --
2 either the port or the starboard engines that you
3 remember?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, no, no.

5 MR. TUCKER: No?

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Everything was
7 -- the problem was when the -- because the ship -- the
8 ship, it was in the shipyard in Tunisia (phonetic.)
9 When the ship is coming, it's no problem with there
10 with the generator in this time. We weren't like
11 having on the ship. We don't have line, you know.
12 That why the ship is stuck in the general dock. They
13 coming, two people from shore. They repair the two
14 generator. That why they come -- there was like a
15 three month from one in the -- in the shipyard, you
16 know. They repair the ship. I don't know exactly what
17 they do in this moment. Because no was good, the three
18 generator. But now they come in Tunisia from the
19 (indiscernible due to accent.) They repair. No --
20 because no -- we was long time there. You know, we
21 were come into the (indiscernible due to accent.) They
22 fix it very, very, very nice. Then I don't know what's
23 wrong exactly. Why it started a fire there in the --
24 we come in Puerto Rico. Because the Coast Guard, it
25 was there. They were like three, four day ago. I

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1 don't know when exactly. But everything good. But I
2 don't know exactly this moment why it started a fire.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So -- and just to make
4 sure. So you talked about the generator.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

6 MR. TUCKER: The generator, not the main
7 engines?

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. It's --
9 the three generators, is -- no -- it's not to the main
10 engine.

11 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

13 MR. TUCKER: So it was the generator but the
14 engine -- the port and starboard engine, no problems?

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No problems.
16 No.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. The -- part of the
18 motorman's job is you have to do rounds around the --

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Do watches.
20 Yes. Do watches. Do, you know -- if you have some
21 problem, we report at once to the officer on duty.

22 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so the night before
23 the accident, when you -- you know, during that watch -
24 -

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

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1 MR. TUCKER: -- any -- nothing? No smell,
2 no sounds --

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No.

4 MR. TUCKER: No?

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Nothing,
6 nothing, nothing.

7 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So because you work on a
8 watchkeeping job, had you done any maintenance or any
9 small jobs with any of the engines?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Nothing.

11 MR. TUCKER: No? Say thinking back, maybe
12 one week, any jobs with the -- with the engines?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No, never.
14 Never. Because only we take care of our watch. We
15 take care about this.

16 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

18 MR. TUCKER: Did you ever do any repairs on,
19 like, any -- or help anybody with a repair on any of
20 the fuel manifolds recently?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Oh, yes.
22 Before I think, like, six day ago, we start to help the
23 people to repair the exhaust, you know, where they go
24 with the smoke. But everything was good on this time
25 when they -- after they fix it up.

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1 MR. TUCKER: Can you tell me what
2 specifically, the exhaust. So was that on the port,
3 starboard side? What do you remember?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I think the two
5 starboard side, port side. We check the (foreign
6 language spoken.)

7 MR. [REDACTED]: Oh, the --

8 MR. TUCKER: Lagging.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: The lagging.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

11 MR. TUCKER: On what sides?

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The starboard
13 side, port side.

14 MR. TUCKER: So this -- the lagging. Is
15 that right?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Uh-huh.

17 MR. TUCKER: This -- what's the lagging?
18 What is that?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The lagging. I
20 think -- I think they shake because sometime it's
21 coming -- it's -- no, not too much but sometimes coming
22 to smoke when they start. It's normal, you know. It's
23 normal. Only to smoke. And only -- and then they
24 changed to the --

25 MR. [REDACTED]: The lagging.

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) -- lagging.

2 Yes.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So when you saw they
4 changed, they put like new?

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. They put
6 new.

7 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

9 MR. TUCKER: And this was all around the
10 exhaust manifold?

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. The
12 exhaust. Yes.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And the exhaust manifold
14 -- I haven't been on board yet so I haven't seen the
15 engines. So exhaust manifolds is going to the turbo?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so did they put
18 lagging around the turbo or --

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Always.
20 We put the filter on the turbo.

21 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

23 MR. TUCKER: Who is -- who is supervising
24 that job? Who is in charge?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) In charge?

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1 (Foreign language spoken.) Oh, this. I think the main
2 -- the main motorman. The senior motorman for
3 (indiscernible due to accent.)

4 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So you said there was
5 sometimes smoke, but you said it was normal?

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, normal.
7 It went the engine room to start.

8 MR. TUCKER: So when the -- when the engine
9 is starting --

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. When they
11 start the thing, is -- would be normal. Yes. Yes.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So only when starting it
13 will smoke?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) When starting,
15 yes, it will smoke.

16 MR. TUCKER: And then continue, no smoke?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Yes. No
18 smoke.

19 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Did -- so I understand
20 the exhaust you worked -- helped work on the lagging
21 and you replaced with new?

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And that when all the
24 way back to the turbo and the filter?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, all.

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1 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) We change the
3 filter always, maybe one -- after one day we change
4 every -- after one day. Yes.

5 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So do you know after the
6 job was done, was anybody coming to check?

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.
8 Everybody.

9 MR. TUCKER: Everybody?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Everybody. The first thing
11 when you come in to receive the duty and order, you
12 must check around.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) So they do --
15 if another motorman, they don't check, you must ask why
16 don't you check this. And you must do report.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. This the
19 duty, the motorman duty.

20 MR. TUCKER: So after the job, no problem?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No problem.

22 MR. TUCKER: So you said that was six days
23 earlier, or roughly. So when -- after that, when you
24 start the engine, any smoke or not?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. Only when

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1 I told you, when they start the engine room. Only
2 that.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

5 MR. TUCKER: But after you replace, it's
6 still the same?

7 MR. MARTINEZ: No. This is -- only when the
8 start engine room. Always. But not much. It's only
9 when the start engine room. It's tiny little smoke.

10 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Where you just (indiscernible
12 due to accent, you know.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

15 MR. [REDACTED]: Can I tell him -- I don't
16 think he's -- didn't quite catch the question.

17 MR. TUCKER: Yes. Yes.

18 (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. [REDACTED]: He said that once they put
20 the new lagging, smoke didn't come out.

21 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So --

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. This is
23 the first when -- you know, when the ship is coming to
24 the sailing.

25 MR. TUCKER: No more smoke. Okay. And that

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1 was both engines, starboard and port?

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Yes.

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And so -- okay. So work
4 was on the exhaust. And then -- but you didn't see any
5 work on any of the fuel -- the fuel --

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No.

7 MR. TUCKER: -- fuel supply for the fuel
8 pumps?

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. No.

10 MR. TUCKER: No? Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. I cannot -
12 - nothing that.

13 MR. TUCKER: No problems with the fuel?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No problem.

15 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Have you ever seen like
16 a leak in the fuel? Any fuel leaks before?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I may --
18 no. I can't see nothing there.

19 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And you always are
20 underneath and around the engine?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, around
22 nothing. Yes.

23 MR. TUCKER: And you check and smell?

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Because
25 we take care about this. This is not where -- when I

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1 duty, every motorman must take care about. Because if
2 he has saw something like a leaking to the fuel, I can
3 report to the -- to the officer.

4 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because we
6 cannot sailing like this because it's dangerous. You
7 know. Yes.

8 MR. TUCKER: Okay. I appreciate your --

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You, too, sir.

10 MR. TUCKER: -- telling me this information.
11 And then, most importantly, I'm happy that you're okay.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

13 MR. TUCKER: And everything is good. So --

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Thank you.

15 MR. TUCKER: You weren't injured, huh? No
16 injuries?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No.

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Good. All right.

19 That's all the questions I have. I may have another
20 one but --

21 MR. GALLETTE: Hi. I'm Jim Gallette with
22 the Coast Guard. I just have one question, I believe.
23 And it has to do with after you woke up, you said you
24 went and talked to your wife on the phone when you were
25 outside. What deck were you on?

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Say again,
2 please.

3 MR. GALLETTE: What deck were you on when
4 you were outside --

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Outside on the
6 top where is the life boat.

7 MR. GALLETTE: Is there a deck number?

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Number 7.

9 MR. GALLETTE: Seven.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Took to
11 the hospital. Took me to the bridge too.

12 MR. GALLETTE: Are you close to the chimney?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

14 MR. GALLETTE: Were you in the middle of the
15 ship, forward of the ship?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. I was -- I
17 was near to the bridge.

18 MR. GALLETTE: Near the bridge?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

20 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. The chimney's behind
21 towards the stern?

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Behind,
23 yes. Because the -- it's an open deck, you know.

24 MR. GALLETTE: It's an open deck?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Open

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1 deck. Yes.

2 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. And then you heard Mr.
3 Skylight --

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

5 MR. GALLETTE: -- while you were up on there
6 on the phone?

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because when I
8 was talk -- I was look everything, you know. And then
9 when I listened when they speak on the speaker, you
10 know, about Mr. Skylight, Mr. Skylight, this is the
11 real fire. This is not a -- but I told him the first
12 when I hear I think maybe this is a another drill for
13 the pilot, you know. That why -- when after I saw
14 that, this is the real fire. That why I say to my wife
15 I cannot talk because now is the real -- the real case,
16 the fire. And then I switch off the telephone, you
17 know, talk, and I go to my cabin to take my life
18 jacket, and I take my document too. Left the cabin
19 again to go up on deck to try to take all those people
20 from the passenger to say go to position.

21 MR. GALLETTE: Now when you got out there to
22 help passnegers --

23 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I --

24 MR. GALLETTE: -- was that your job to help
25 them? Or did someone tell you to go help passengers?

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Only I
2 explain the passenger go to their -- to their position.
3 Because we wait for the abandon ship, you know.

4 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

6 MR. GALLETTE: Did somebody tell you to help
7 passengers, or did you just help passengers?

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. I just
9 help the passenger.

10 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

12 MR. GALLETTE: You mentioned something about
13 your safety officer. You said that the safety officer
14 was good talking to people?

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. He was
16 good talking to people.

17 MR. GALLETTE: And could you kind of explain
18 that a little more, what they did that was good?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Ah, they take
20 care. They always -- she -- running of the ship. She
21 go to -- go to the passenger, to everybody. Everybody
22 is good or no good. They talk with the speaker, with
23 the radio. Please take care. This will be fine,
24 everything. You know, she was to take care of all the
25 case, you know.

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1 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Thank you. Thank you
2 very much.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You're welcome,
4 sir.

5 CDR. [REDACTED]: Good afternoon.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Good afternoon,
7 sir.

8 CDR. [REDACTED]: This is Commander Mike with
9 U.S. Coast Guard.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, sir.

11 CDR. [REDACTED]: I have a couple of questions.
12 When you said you knew what your job was, how did you
13 know what your job was?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I know because
15 this is not my first contract.

16 CDR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I know what the
18 -- what I can do, my duty.

19 CDR. [REDACTED]: Does the company give you an
20 assignment?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

22 CDR. [REDACTED]: And where do you find that
23 out at?

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) When I come.

25 CDR. [REDACTED]: When you come?

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) But I know
2 because I don't know where the -- how the ship because
3 I am -- for example, if this is my first contract, I
4 have another motorman, he explain me where I need to do
5 and my position, you know, and my duty. They come and
6 take care of all of this. If you see any fire, you see
7 any leak in the maybe fuel, diesel, whatever. Yes.

8 CDR. [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. How about for an
9 emergency?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) How --

11 CDR. [REDACTED]: How do you know what your job
12 is for an emergency? Sorry.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Oh, because the
14 safety, he showed.

15 CDR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

17 CDR. [REDACTED]: Do they give you a document?

18 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. He give
19 me document.

20 CDR. [REDACTED]: Do you have the document?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. By my --
22 in the ship. Yes.

23 CDR. [REDACTED]: Oh, okay.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

25 CDR. [REDACTED]: Okay. When -- thank you.

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1 Now I want to talk about the flange for a little bit.
2 When you fixed the flange, did you run the engine
3 without the flashing on it at all?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Say again,
5 please?

6 CDR. [REDACTED]: Before you put the lagging on
7 the --

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Oh, okay. Yes.

9 CDR. [REDACTED]: -- flange, did you ever test
10 it before you put the lagging on it?

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. They
12 tested it. Yes.

13 CDR. [REDACTED]: How long?

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Maybe like 20
15 minutes, I think.

16 CDR. [REDACTED]: 20 minutes?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. 20
18 minutes.

19 CDR. [REDACTED]: While the engine was running?

20 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Yes.

21 CDR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) And this time
23 when we check it was in Santo Domingo.

24 CDR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

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1 CDR. [REDACTED]: How much fuel do you think
2 that lagging would hold if it was -- if you filled it
3 up?

4 MR. [REDACTED]: He said what fuel? He
5 doesn't know.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I don't know.

7 CDR. [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

9 CDR. [REDACTED]: Thank you.

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You're welcome,
11 sir.

12 MS. MCATEE: I don't have any questions.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Oh, I did. I have two
14 questions. Very simple. This is Adam with the NTSB
15 again. You mentioned you were on the deck talking with
16 your wife?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

18 MR. TUCKER: Do you remember what -- so and
19 then you saw the -- you looked at the stack and you saw
20 smoke, dark smoke?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Dark red smoke.
22 Yes.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So when you saw that,
24 what direction was the smoke going? Do you remember?
25 Was it going behind the ship, on the side, on the side?

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. On the --
2 on the side. On the side. Yes.

3 MR. TUCKER: Do you remember what side?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) I remember the
5 ship is like this. It's going to the left side.

6 MR. TUCKER: Going to the left side.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Because
8 it was too much wind too. The wind. Then the smoke is
9 going left side. Yes.

10 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So when you're -- when
11 you're looking --

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. It was --
13 it was seated like you now.

14 MR. TUCKER: Yes.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) And there I saw
16 there the smoke is going there. The left side.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So you saw on the left
18 side. So does that mean the port side or did -- or was
19 the smoke going on the starboard side? Do you remember
20 what side?

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The port side.
22 Port side.

23 MR. TUCKER: Port side of the ship.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

25 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And left --

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1 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Because --
2 sorry. Sometime it's coming -- it coming fast, the
3 smoke. And then sometime it coming slow, the smoke.

4 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Like a --
6 you know, like a explosion like this. Yes.

7 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So from port side, smoke
8 is going port side.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Port side.
10 Yes.

11 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And my last question --

12 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

13 MR. TUCKER: -- because you had a phone --

14 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

15 MR. TUCKER: -- did you -- did you take any
16 pictures?

17 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I take --

18 MR. TUCKER: -- at any time anywhere?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I --
20 where is my telephone?

21 (Pause)

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I did.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Can I -- can I scroll?

24 Or is that the only one?

25 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The only one I

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1 have.

2 MR. TUCKER: The only one.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Let me see
4 another --

5 MR. TUCKER: That's a good picture. That's
6 a nice -- that's a good phone.

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. It's --

8 MR. TUCKER: It's a very good phone.

9 (Pause)

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) That way I told
11 you. You see.

12 MR. TUCKER: Oh, huh.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) It's going to
14 the -- yes, the port side.

15 MR. TUCKER: That was at the beginning?

16 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Right
17 from the beginning. Yes.

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay. So going to the port
19 side.

20 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

21 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Now I understand. Okay.
22 That's a lot of smoke, huh?

23 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. A lot of
24 smoke.

25 MR. TUCKER: Are you okay to share these

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1 pictures? Can we have?

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. Yes. But
3 I can check.

4 MR. TUCKER: Yes? No. You can -- you can
5 give us the pictures? You send them to --

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Sure.
7 Yes.

8 MR. TUCKER: Yes? We appreciate. Because
9 we don't have so many pictures yet. So I'm going to
10 show my coworkers.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Okay.

12 MS. MCATEE: Oh, wow.

13 MR. TUCKER: So we have two pictures. And
14 that was -- that was just after talking to your wife?

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. I saw --
16 I saw this picture for my wife.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

19 MR. TUCKER: All right. If you can share
20 with us, we'd be really happy. So thank you.

21 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You're welcome,
22 sir.

23 MR. TUCKER: That's all the questions I
24 have.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. I have a quick

1 question about the picture. Is -- could you see the
2 time that you took that picture? Does your phone have
3 that --

4 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes. Let me
5 see. 7:57.

6 LTJG. [REDACTED]: 7:57 --

7 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: -- is the time. Okay.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

10 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) The morning.
12 17 hours.

13 LTJG. [REDACTED]: And what time does your
14 phone say it is right now?

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) What? When I
16 call my wife?

17 LTJG. [REDACTED]: No, no. Right now. What
18 time does your phone say? What time is it right now?

19 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Now it says
20 3:50.

21 LTJG. [REDACTED]: That's 3:50?

22 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

23 LTJG. [REDACTED]: 3:50?

24 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes.

25 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. So it's the same

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1 time in Puerto Rico.

2 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) Yes, in Puerto
3 Rico.

4 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you for
5 sharing that.

6 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You're
7 welcome, sir.

8 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Do you have any questions
9 for us before we --

10 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) No. I
11 understand everything. Yes.

12 LTJG. [REDACTED]: Okay. Well, the time is
13 3:50, and this has concluded your interview. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: (For Himself) You're welcome,
16 sir.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
18 off the record at 3:50 p.m.)

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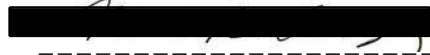
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