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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: LUIS ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ

Saturday,

August 20, 2016

Engineering Building

Sector San Juan

BEFORE

CDR [REDACTED], USCG

LTJG [REDACTED], USCG

JIM GALLETTE, USCG

ADAM TUCKER, NTSB

MST3 [REDACTED], USCG

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9:32 a.m.

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3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Fire that occurred on the
4 Carribean Fantasy. This is the interview of Luis
5 Antunez. Today's date is 20 August 2016. The time is
6 9:32 a.m. Location is the Coast Guard Sector San Juan
7 Engineering Building. This interview is conducted by
8 Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Others
9 present in the room, to my left and Lead Investigator,
10 we have Commander [REDACTED]. Next to him, we have Mr.
11 Jim Gallette, who is a Coast Guard Investigator. Next
12 to Mr. Gallette, we have Adam Tucker, who is with the
13 National Transportation Safety Board. We have Mr. --

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Manolo Rodriguez-Bird,
15 P&I representative.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: P&I representative --

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: For owners.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- for the owners. Okay.

19 And we have MST3 [REDACTED], who is our Spanish interpreter,
20 Coast Guard. Okay. If you could, Luis -- what Mr.
21 [REDACTED] is going to be doing, Mr. Luis Antunez, his main
22 language is in Spanish, so I will be asking questions
23 to him in English, MST3 [REDACTED] will be translating it in
24 Spanish and Luis will attempt to answer back in
25 English. Whatever answer or statement that he can't

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1 say in English, he will say it in Spanish and Mr. [REDACTED]
2 will translate it back for us. Okay. Luis, if you
3 can, just give me a little background about yourself,
4 how long have you been with the company?

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay. My name is
7 Antunez. With the company, for this moment is the
8 first contract, only I am working in Santo Domingo and
9 I live in (unintelligible). (Foreign language spoken.)
10 And for this company, I just don't know, I think,
11 because in my first contract, only with company
12 (foreign language spoken) only having about (foreign
13 language spoken) --

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Doesn't have to be exact,
15 just a general --

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: About seven day.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Seven days?

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: About seven day.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: You have been with this
20 company?

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, you started your
23 contract on the 11th of August, first time with this
24 company?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Exactly, 11.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Eleventh of August.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: And your position?

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Wiper.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Wiper? Before this
7 company, do you have experience as a wiper?

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes. I have it
9 before. My experience working onboard in cruise ship I
10 have five year, over five year.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Five years on the cruise
12 ship?

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, on cruise ship.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: As a wiper?

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: In cruise ship,
16 okay, two year working as wiper.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: And three year as
19 motorman. But I come in here and this company working
20 with my position wiper because in this moment, they no
21 have for motorman, only for wiper. Okay, I think so,
22 (unintelligible) my contract going for wiper, no
23 problem. I had (unintelligible) and for that, I coming
24 for this position for wiper, but my position normally
25 is motorman, but here in the ship, my position is

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1 wiper.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Is the motorman a
3 position higher than a wiper?

4 (No audible response.)

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, your
6 qualification or experience level is more of a wiper,
7 but this company just needed a wiper at the time?

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: As a motorman.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: I'm sorry, so your
10 experience level is as a motorman?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, (foreign
13 language spoken), motorman.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Motorman, yes.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And the company just
17 needed a wiper?

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: In this company,
19 they only need wiper, yes.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay, perfect. All five
21 years, cruise ships?

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Cruise ship, yes.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Any other experience as a
24 mariner?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No, (foreign
2 language spoken), only in, working in that area,
3 department, only in engine.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And where did you
5 work previous to this company?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay. Before I went
8 to working in the company Portuscale Cruise Ship.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Port?

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Tuscale, Portuscale
11 Cruise Ship, but this company now is, I think it's all
12 broken. I don't know what happened because this
13 company broke.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Not having nothing
16 job for everybody, this company, (unintelligible) I
17 don't know, because about one year and one year ago,
18 this company finished.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. What I'd like to do
20 now is for you to tell me in your own words --

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- what happened the day of
23 the fire.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Starting when you got on
2 watch.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay. Is okay.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: And then end when you got
6 to the pier.

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: I will not interrupt you,
9 you just speak freely.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay?

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Any details, anything, even
14 if it's minor --

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- we'd like to know.

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Whenever you're ready.

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay. In this
25 moment, this day, I start to this duty 4:00 in the

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1 morning. Okay. Everything was normal. Was normally,
2 check everything normally. And after about 6:40, going
3 to take breakfast and I stayed there about 20 minutes.
4 After come back to the engine, because the motorman was
5 there, and also officer. And when me go in there, back
6 to engine, normally stay in engine room, was do
7 sounding two times, sounding two times, and everything
8 was normally, normally.

9 After going to the second floor, put the
10 sounding, put the, leave it there on the table, and
11 everything normal going to inside the control room,
12 when going to inside the control room, the chief
13 engineer was there also, because about maybe 15 or 20
14 minute (unintelligible) in the port. Okay. Everything
15 was normal. And after going down again, about three
16 minute, going again down, I look in something, I look
17 in another motorman looking because something smell
18 (foreign language spoken) and so, I looking also, I
19 looking for that also.

20 When one piston, I think it was one piston,
21 we have I think some injector pump, when going down
22 again, look in (unintelligible), I do not remember, I
23 could not remember, look in that and steaming out like
24 that. And, man, what's happened? And after chief
25 engineer coming quickly also, checked that, and after

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1 he going to control room, I don't know what's happened,
2 because me look in that and we had one watertight door,
3 okay, I think so. When I look in there, oh, I had to
4 go there to control room, because the chief engineer is
5 there and also officer and also motorman. Because
6 maybe he want to thinking what we have to do.

7 When me passed the watertight door, going
8 for one ladder, in the (unintelligible) room, generator
9 room, about I think so two minutes, maybe two minute or
10 three minute, when me back from the ladder going to
11 second floor again. For me, not possible pass to
12 control room because this fire coming very fast, very,
13 very fast. I think (unintelligible) what happened?
14 Why this fire? And when me went to pass for the
15 control room, me not possible, because too much smoke,
16 too much smoke very quickly, very, very quickly.

17 And everybody when they started working
18 there, we had one rag in the pocket, I take one rags
19 and put here in my mouth and I think so, what happened
20 with me? No, not too much (unintelligible) goes bad,
21 only had to thinking from where I had to go outside.
22 Oh, okay. I remember from here, for this side, we had
23 one, it's an emergency. I going for then was to lock
24 it, take out all this, lock it. And after going for
25 this, out to Garage B.

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1 When going there, but when me going up, it
2 (unintelligible) because too much smoke down, too much
3 (foreign language spoken) and when coming from there,
4 about three minute before everybody, was to rally, was
5 to rally for going to supposed to be for going to check
6 this fire. All things was to rally, also the chief
7 engineer, I look in there. And after coming, the
8 officer, the other guy say, what happened down? No, we
9 had problem, but we have some problem because the
10 wiper, he disappear, wiper he is lost. Wiper, he lost.
11 When I listen that, I tell to him, no, no, my friend, I
12 not lost, you see, I stay here.

13 Oh, for that the (unintelligible) was to
14 looking for you there down for that no coming here.
15 No, I stay here. Okay. Do you want me to call to
16 chief engineer or captain? (unintelligible) no
17 problem, I stay here with you. Okay. He was too happy
18 also because looking to me because these people were
19 not looking to me in engine, these people, what
20 happened with this guy? But for me, not possible going
21 to control room because me going there made impossible
22 because too much smoke, had to take this decision for
23 me alone.

24 Not possible me going there, had to going
25 for this door, because what I have to do, no can doing

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1 nothing because not possible, because the smoke. I
2 said to you, this very, very fast, this fire. And so,
3 going out, everybody there state (unintelligible)
4 rally, but I have to say, not possible going in the
5 engine because too much fire. And after going there,
6 going to my position abandon ship, but where to going,
7 too much smoke also there. And, okay, I think some
8 (unintelligible) and after that passenger
9 (unintelligible) because I don't know what happened
10 with these people.

11 They didn't help us and I tell them, help to
12 everybody there. Say to all the passengers, stay calm
13 because no problem, no problem, and put some children
14 in, or girl or men, everybody, take down jacket and put
15 and help to everybody. And after that finish,
16 everybody stay in the lifeboat. Everybody was to help
17 the passenger. And after they going, I don't remember,
18 for the life raft, going for the, I don't know how to
19 say this, for come down, the (foreign language spoken)
20 --

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: You can describe it, you
22 don't have to say the name.

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay. After I going
24 for down and take one life raft and help too much
25 people for go inside.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Are you talking about the
2 slides?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: The MES?

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, he's talking
11 about -

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Can you please translate,
13 was he talking about the slides?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: He's talking about the MES.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: The MES? Okay.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: And I go in there.

19 And one guy and me, no two guy more and me, three guy,

20 they stay down with a rope, tie the life raft. And

21 after coming to all the passenger, put inside, put all

22 inside, and after going there also me, because me was

23 too, very, very tired, because having to work this

24 time, no? Me coming 4:00 in the morning to duty and

25 after this problem, everybody similar crazy, but for

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1 that (unintelligible) I think so doing very, very
2 (unintelligible) because everything was okay.

3 And after with me going inside there, this
4 life raft, me going inside and everybody
5 (unintelligible) the passenger say, water, I need
6 water, I need water. Okay. We have something for
7 water, I open that, then give water to everybody.
8 After give water to everybody, everybody, somebody
9 (unintelligible), I don't know, but everybody was okay.
10 And me, I stayed there and near to this boat to water,
11 but me was too tired, tired, tired. And after one, I
12 think so, one worker was, he going to help everybody
13 for pass these people from the life raft to this boat.
14 And after put all the people there, they give
15 something, water, Gatorade, or something, because
16 everybody was too tired. Okay. And after finish that,
17 come into the -- (foreign language spoken)?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: Pier.

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Pier, after coming
20 to the pier. And after that, only have two
21 (unintelligible) I took something clear, green color.
22 And after going inside one bus and after going to the
23 terminal. Yes.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Thank you.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Thank you. Okay. That was
2 a lot of stuff that happened. I want to applaud your
3 efforts. I'm not sure if you know, but everybody made
4 it off safely. There was no death, if you will, from
5 personnel. So, you guys, you, the crew, did an
6 excellent job getting all the passengers off.

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Very good work. I have
9 some follow-up questions.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. I'd like to break it
16 down into different steps. We'll start with the engine
17 room. Your actions when you left the engine room and
18 then the abandon ship.

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I try to remember.
25 I have to speak same, because anything I say before.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, starting with
2 the engine room and the engine space, your duty is from
3 4:00, what time do you get off?

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: 8:00.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: 8:00?

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: 4:00 to 8:00, okay. You
8 had said that at 6:40 --

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Going to breakfast,
10 going to 6:40, 6:30 about, going to the motorman, he
11 say to me, okay, you want to go to eat? Go eat now,
12 because in --

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Oh, breakfast.

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, breakfast.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Breakfast, okay. 06:40,
16 did you go? You went for breakfast?

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, yes.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: After come back
20 about 7:00. Only go to eat and after come back quick.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you'd say you were back
22 in the engine room around 7:00?

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: About, yes.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. About 7:00?

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay. And then, you
2 were sounding some tanks?

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, sounding.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Then you went to the engine
5 control room?

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: When I was through
7 sounding, everything was okay, no look nothing,
8 nothing, nothing. And after going to second floor and
9 for going to leaving the sounding, leaving on the
10 table, and after going to control room, only take
11 little water, it's about I think so one minute, it
12 about one minute. And after come down again, I looking
13 to other motorman looking something, hey, what's
14 happening?

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Only looking, a
17 smell. Oh, okay. And after going down together and
18 look at that, I think so it engine --- I think so that
19 coming (inaudible) diesel oil or fuel, I not remember.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: By the spout or by the
21 color, how did you know it was diesel?

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I think so diesel, I
23 think so diesel.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you remember the color?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken) don't remember too much --

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: -- because, how can
7 I say (foreign language spoken).

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you saw spray, you saw
12 a lot --

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Same, same spray.
14 And but the chief was to up also checking that.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: The chief engineer
17 was --

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: I'm going to back up --

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: -- checking that.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- just a little bit. You
21 finished your soundings, sounding the tank?

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Where are those tanks in
24 relation to the engine?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.) This is near to (foreign language spoken)
3 near to start to engine, (foreign language spoken) I
4 don't remember the name but --

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's okay.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: -- Stanton, I think
7 it Stanton, we have to turn, we have to turn. And --

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Distance from the engine
9 that had the issue, how far would you say were those
10 tanks?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.) Two meter, about two meter in the starboard
14 and port side.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: You go into engine control
18 room after soundings, to you leave your sounding tapes
19 there.

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Grab some water.

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: And then, you see the
24 motorman looking for something.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: When come out.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: When you come out --

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- the motorman is looking
4 for something and you asked him what's going on?

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: He going together
6 with me down.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: And looking that, I
9 (unintelligible) I through here about two minute before
10 and now I go back down. Oh, okay, we check. But when
11 we checked, the motorman going to say to chief
12 engineer, chief engineer coming to check that. But
13 knowing the floor from down here, it's in the up. We
14 go from down, looking with the flashlight like that.
15 And from up, looking more near.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. What side of the
17 engine were you looking?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Port?

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: The starboard side?

4 No.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Port? Starboard?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: All right. (Foreign
8 language spoken.) Port side.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Port engine? Port side
10 engine?

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know where the pump
13 was at? The injector pump you had mentioned, you said
14 you think it was the injector pump?

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I think so is that
16 injector pump --

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: That it was --

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: -- because this
19 floor, this engine I don't know too much, because I new
20 there. I not know too much, I new there.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: And also told me
23 what to check. I think so that is the injector pump.
24 I think so this same pump, I don't know, but that is
25 very, very quickly. Only going to say this very

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1 quickly.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. That's fine. So,
3 you saw spray, you think coming from the injector pump
4 --

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- port side?

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. In relation to that
9 engine, is that pump forward or towards the back of the
10 engine?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.) It's in back.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Is there any other -
15 - are you familiar with an engine?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was there a turbo nearby?
19 Do you know what cylinder it was by?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Where the pistons are at?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: The cylinders?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Or you're not familiar with
3 the cylinders of the engine?

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's okay. That's okay.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, I'm trying to see where
9 in relation is this pump that he is assuming is
10 spraying towards the turbo.

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.) Is near to that, is near to turbo.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Could it have sprayed it?

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I no look in that --

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: -- only look in the
22 (unintelligible) I think so, I think so, maybe or maybe
23 not because when I look in that, past the watertight
24 door for going to control room because this is very,
25 very fast for that. No can look into much, only going

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1 to there for say to chief engineer and also motorman,
2 what we have to do? Now when me going to on this
3 ladder, cannot pass from there.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Cannot pass from
6 there because the fire coming very fast.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Can you draw the engine?
8 You said the chief was up and you were down, do you
9 mind just, it doesn't have to be perfect, just where
10 you were at in relation? And you're speaking of a
11 watertight door that you left, because you could not go
12 to engine control room, would you be able to draw that
13 out for me?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. We'll get to that
21 later. But that's something that I would like.

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Oh, okay.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. So, the

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1 -- when you were investigating where it was coming
2 from, you had mentioned you saw the spray and then, did
3 you see the fire then smoke or it went from fuel and
4 you just saw smoke?

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Oh, okay. Please say that
20 in English.

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: When a pipe has pressure,
22 basically, he was explaining to him, when the pipe has
23 too much pressure, it just bursts out.

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: And that's what he saw?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: He's describing like an example
6 of what happened with the --

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Something under pressure?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- something under pressure and
9 then with the injector as well. So, he's explaining,
10 giving, like, an example of that.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thanks for the
12 example. I'm trying to see, understand exactly what
13 you saw, if it was a spray, like a spray bottle?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Or was it straight liquid
19 gushing out?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: It's like when you close a lid,
22 right --

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- that has pressure. And when
25 it has a lot of pressure, the pump just continue to

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1 run. (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: So after he saw that, basically,
5 when he say the whole spray, but it was more like it
6 was shooting -- (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: It was shooting a lot of liquid.
13 (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: After it started leaking, it was
17 more like just, kind of like an explosion.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Like a rupture?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: Like a rupture. (Foreign
20 language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. The color of it --

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- do you remember if it
2 was --

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I remember, it's not
4 --

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I can't -- (foreign
7 language spoken).

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: It wasn't black and it wasn't
9 clear.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: What about thick?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST2 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: It was not --

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: It was not --

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- thick.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- a thick, okay.

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: It didn't come up,
2 (unintelligible) it didn't come up.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, if I'm
4 understanding, something ruptured, you believe that it
5 was the fuel injector. And it caused this liquid to
6 come gushing out.

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: He's not sure, but he thinks that
15 was the reason.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's fine. Did it
17 ignite? Did you see it catch on fire?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: He didn't --

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- when it caught fire.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, when you saw that
25 happen, what did you do?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: So when he saw what happened, the
5 chief engineer was upstairs.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: And when he looked at the chief
9 engineer he passed the watertight door which is like
10 two meters. He got there and he was going up the
11 ladder.

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Say that.

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: To be at the generator room.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Let's stop there
17 real quick. So, you saw the spray and you left through
18 the watertight door. This exit that you went up, was
19 it an emergency exit?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: That led into --

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- the emergency room?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: To the generator room,

3 sorry.

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: His intention was go up the
8 generators cross the watertight door to go to the
9 control room to reunite with the chief engineer. When
10 he goes up the ladder he couldn't go to the other
11 watertight door because it already caught fire and it
12 was smoky. Like something would explode really quick.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: He was a little bit nervous it
17 didn't happen before on the ship but he received the
18 training to keep calm. He grabbed a rag and put it on
19 his face like they train you. He looked for an
20 emergency exit and that's -- (foreign language spoken)?

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- when he exit through the
24 generator room.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Left through the emergency

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1 exit located in the generator room?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: In the generator room, they have
9 one watertight door and they have another watertight
10 door with the emergency exit.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Where did that lead?

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: To the Garage B.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay, so he passed
17 through the watertight door, didn't see the fire, saw
18 the smoke. During your initial conversation, you were
19 saying that the emergency exit had locks?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Or was it dogs, like from a
22 door, a hatch?

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)
4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)
7 LTJG [REDACTED]: And you left through that
8 exit that had the dogs?
9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)
12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)
15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)
18 MST3 [REDACTED]: He used the exit.
19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)
21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)
24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, it's like a hatch and he
3 opened it with his two hands and got out through there.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. I'm going to
5 summarize really quick what I understand to where we're
6 at right now, okay? Let me just tell you what I
7 understand. You had the 4:00 to 8:00 watch. Around
8 6:40, you went for breakfast, came back down about
9 7:00.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: You did your soundings.
12 Went into ECR, put down your sounding stick, grabbed
13 some water. The motorman and you, you went to go --
14 the motorman said he smelled some fuel.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. You followed the
17 motorman down to the lower level of the engine, looking
18 up. Chief was located up.

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: You believe you saw the
22 fuel injector, the pump, something rupture. It was not
23 a spray, but it was rather a gush of fluid that was not
24 thick, was not dark, but was not light. You believe
25 it's either oil or fuel, your personal opinion as an

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1 engineer.

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: It was not oil.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. It was not oil?
9 Okay. As soon as you saw something rupture, you left
10 that area. Your plan was to go to the generator room,
11 leave the emergency exit, and then go to ECR, engine
12 control room, was your initial plan. However, as you
13 were heading towards the engine control room, you saw a
14 lot of smoke, saw the fire --

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- put a rag over your
17 nose, and you decided to leave through the emergency
18 exit, which lead into the Garage B.

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: B, yes.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, that's where we're at.
23 Perfect. Okay. And at Garage B, you saw the fire team
24 getting ready?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: They were already ready?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: They were ready.

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. You had stated that
10 someone saw or somebody was stating that the wiper is
11 lost.

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, the officer which was with
19 him on watch --

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: He say, yes, the
21 wiper is lost.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was it -- who was that
23 officer that was in the engine room, that was asking
24 for you?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: It was an officer on watch, two
4 motormans.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: An officer.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, specifically the person
8 that was asking for him was not the motorman, but the
9 engineer of the watch?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, chief engineer, the officer,
14 and the motorman were to the other end and all three
15 were asking for him when he was trying to come in the
16 engine room through that generator room.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know who was the
18 officer on watch?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: What's his rank?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: He thinks he's second officer.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know a name?

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't remember the name.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, I understand
9 you're saying that there was an officer on watch with
10 you and that the two motormen, they were asking for
11 you. Specifically though, in Garage B, you had stated
12 when you were talking -- am I going too fast? Sorry.
13 When you got to Garage B, you said that somebody was
14 asking, where's the wiper? And you said, I'm the
15 wiper, I am here.

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: And he said, okay. Who was
18 that somebody? I understand that you're saying that it
19 was one of the officers in the engine room, however,
20 specifically I'd like to know who was in Garage B that
21 saw you to say, oh, the wiper is safe. Who was that?

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: Can you repeat the question?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Yes. When you went through
9 the emergency exit and went to Garage B you stated
10 somebody was asking for the wiper.

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Accountability.

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, the officer that was with him
19 on watch --

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- got out --

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- and they asked him if
25 everybody was out.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who?

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: The officer.

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Say that, please.

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: Can you repeat it? (Foreign
9 language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: Okay. When he got out it was the
16 whole firefighter squad in there already and he grabbed
17 onto the air. He was tired. He was looking and the
18 officer was coming out. He was coughing too much and
19 they asked him, is everybody out the engine room?

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. The person that asks
21 him, I'm getting the impression, is from the fire team
22 asked the officer that was on watch with him.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Was it the safety
2 officer or you don't know?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Safety.

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: He says the safety officer was
12 there but he didn't (inaudible).

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.) He say, my wiper is lost.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay. So, to brief
16 really quick so that everybody understands. You got
17 into this space. The engineer that was on -- you got
18 into Garage B specifically. The engineer that was on
19 watch with you, which you don't know his last name, but
20 you believe he's either the second or the third, came
21 out and he had a conversation with somebody from the
22 fire team that the fire team asked, is everybody out?
23 The officer on watch with you, the second or the third,
24 said, no, we're missing the wiper.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: And you said, I'm here, I'm
2 the wiper.

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: When he looking to
4 me, I look, oh, good, good, good. And after coming to
5 the motorman also, coming to the motorman, I looking
6 the chief engineer with (unintelligible) the fire, but
7 the officer say, not possible, because too much smoke,
8 not possible go inside.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, you saw in
10 Garage B the motormen, the officer on watch with you,
11 and the chief engineer?

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Chief engineer, yes.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Everybody went to Garage B?

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: The squad of fire
17 was too ready there.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was there anybody else that
19 was in the engine room unaccounted for or was everybody
20 in Garage B that you know that was in the space?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: All four were out.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: All --

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: All in Garage B.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: All four were out --

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- and you saw everybody in
9 Garage B?

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Who made the
12 decision that it was too much smoke, that they can't
13 enter?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: He can't tell who --

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- make the decision.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's fine.

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: But he knows that the safety
22 officer was there, from what he can tell.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So now, in Garage,
24 you're in Garage B, you're safe. Through the process
25 as you were leaving or while you were in the engine

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1 room, is there any capabilities to put out a fire
2 inside the engine space?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Do you mean the --

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: I just want to know --

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- fire extinguishers?

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- if he's aware of if
10 there's an engine fire, how they could put out that
11 fire.

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Ask him what systems do
16 they have in place.

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: Fire extinguishers are there
21 always. They're always there.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: You're doing very good,
23 thank you. Can you try to do it in English and then if
24 you get stuck, then we'll try to go Spanish?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, to put out an engine
11 fire what systems do you know that the engine room has
12 to put out an engine fire?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: I no remember the
15 name, but we have three Class II extinguisher.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, fire
17 extinguishers you have?

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes. Yes, fire
19 extinguisher we have.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: What else?

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: And --

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: You don't have to say the

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1 name, what does it do?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Don't worry about the name,
6 what does it do?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: It can combat any type of fire.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: How?

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Foam?

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: They have one foam. He's talking
19 about (inaudible), they have one.

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you have a spray system
23 that sprays on top of the engine?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: Do you mean like in the CO2
3 system?

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: The one that activates, that
7 everybody has to be out?

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, CO2 is one thing,
9 correct?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, I'm asking you if that's the
11 question.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Yes, I don't want to lead
13 him into his systems, so I just want him to tell me
14 what he has. This is the engine, it's on fire, big
15 fire, what do you have to put out that fire?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: It's on fire.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: Fire extinguishers, they have
21 them. They have big fire extinguishers. If the fire
22 is big, they can use those ones.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: They use the fire extinguishers.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you have a water that

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1 sprays on top?

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: On top, they have, the, I guess,
5 CO2. Okay. They have to activate that one, but nobody
6 can be in the engine room.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Did you -- do you know if
8 they activated the CO2?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: They supposed to, but they didn't
13 have any radio.

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: After that, he just went to help
17 -- after they say to abandon ship, he just went to help
18 the passengers evacuate the vessel.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, my
20 understanding, you did not see water being sprayed on
21 top of the engine?

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, because at that moment, he

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1 went out. He didn't know when he ---

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, you left the
5 space before knowing if they tried to put it out with
6 water?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you hear the CO2
11 system go off?

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, they did so, because -- they
19 didn't want to use it because they didn't know if he
20 was out. That's why they want to know if he was out.
21 They were talking together and that's when they told
22 that they have to go to the meeting point (inaudible).
23 He thinks that's why they want to know that there was
24 nobody left behind, to activate that system.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: The CO2 system?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, to summarize
3 really quick, you do not know or didn't see if there
4 was water being sprayed on top of the engine. You know
5 that they took accountability of everyone. And you
6 left before you saw or heard if the CO2 was activated.

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, he didn't know, because once
11 they were all together, he went to his meeting point to
12 help the passengers.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, before we go
14 into what your role was for abandon ship, I'd like to
15 discuss some of the things in the engine room and your
16 training. Just specifics, I'm going to stay in the
17 engine room, just so you can stay focused.

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Have you received
20 firefighting training from this vessel?

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: When you go into the vessel since
5 the first day and the second day, they give you the
6 training. The safety officer gives the training and
7 then they give him all the, his vest. And they give
8 you a card of what they're going to do at the meeting
9 point. And the sounds, they got them memorized, in
10 case of the emergency. And they show them all the
11 emergency exits. And what they're going to do in case
12 of abandon vessel. How to utilize the fire
13 extinguishers and they show them all the emergency
14 exits.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Is there any
16 maintenance that was conducted on the port engine that
17 you're aware of while you were underway?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: No maintenance going on?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: They always give maintenance.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So you always do
2 maintenance, any work done on the port engine?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Where it happened?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: Everything was normal. Normally,
11 when they did work at an engine they will notice,
12 because they are right there. This was a surprise for
13 him, he was surprised about what happened. He had been
14 past like two or three minutes ago, that's (inaudible).

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. How many engines
16 are, main engines, are in that space?

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: Each one of them has eight or
21 nine pistons in each side.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, how many? He has two -
23 -

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: Two.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- main engines? Okay.

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was the starboard engine
13 on?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Any generators?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: The generators are normally on
23 because --

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Sorry --

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- they're providing power.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: How many generators?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: He thinks all three were working

6 --

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: So there's three?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- normally. (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, three.

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: And one more that they have,
16 which is the emergency generator. They use that one in
17 case the generator, the main generators are not
18 working.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, there's two
20 engines, port and starboard, both were energized. You
21 have three generators and, to your understanding, all
22 three were running at the time.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't remember that well,
2 but he thinks that all three were on, because sometimes
3 they turn two on, sometimes they turn on all three to
4 get more power or in case they working in one of them
5 doing maintenance.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Before the voyage,
7 before the trip, when you left Santo Domingo to come to
8 Puerto Rico while the boat is pier-side and the engines
9 are off was there any work done on the engine that
10 caught on fire?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: They were cleaning in the engine
15 room. As the wiper, they clean, so he was cleaning.
16 He didn't see nothing out of normal, everything was
17 normal at the moment.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Before they left?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, before.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. You said you were
24 given these cards that says your responsibilities in
25 the event of an emergency.

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: In case of
3 emergency.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: We'll start with
5 firefighting what's your job?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: His meeting point is at the life
10 raft and they have a leader that tells him what he
11 needs to do.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, that's the general
13 alarm?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you hear the general
18 alarm, you have this meeting point, where is that
19 meeting point for you?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: Where the life rafts are.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Which one?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.) At the starboard side.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: Starboard side life rafts.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know the number?

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't remember --

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- if it was numbered.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. That's fine. And
12 when you say raft are we talking about, does it have a
13 motor?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No, on the life
16 raft, it's only (foreign language spoken).

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: The life rafts are the one that
21 you throw in the water --

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- and they --

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Just wanted to make sure
25 that we had a clear definition of the life rafts and

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1 the lifeboats. So, you're saying the raft is the ones
2 in the capsules?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: They are the one from the
9 capsule.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, your meeting
11 station is by the life rafts, by those capsules on the
12 starboard side?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.) Starboard side in front of the life raft.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. That's for general
17 alarm and they'll tell you what to do. Do you or have
18 you practiced on any part of the fire team?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: He recently got to the boat and
23 they give the training. In the general drill, he
24 hasn't done it, because he's new. Yes, he received the
25 training, but he was not doing --

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Simulation?
2 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- simulation, yes.
3 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you received lecture,
4 video --
5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)
8 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- that was your training?
9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)
12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)
15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)
18 MST3 [REDACTED]: They gave out paper with all your
19 (inaudible).
20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So since you
21 reported on August 11, more or less, you haven't done a
22 fire drill?
23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: When you first get to boat, they
2 give you the training. Just the new people when they
3 get to the boat.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's fine. You're not
8 under investigation. Like I said, this is just, we're
9 just trying to find out the processes that are going
10 on. You're not at fault, we're just trying to find out
11 what happened. So, my understanding is that you
12 reported onboard the vessel and they did give you
13 training, but the training, what it consisted of, is
14 just reading material, possibly lecture, talking
15 through it. But you haven't done a fire drill where
16 you're actually going to a space. You have not done
17 that, is that correct?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: In paper, but they have a
22 training that all the new guys have to go through
23 training to know all the jobs and obligations. After
24 they went through that they give him another ---
25 (foreign language spoken)?

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: They gave him another document to
4 know more about the jobs.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, firefighting.
6 What about abandon ship? Is it similar, same type of
7 training?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: It's the same process. They
12 haven't practiced. He worked five years with another
13 company, so he's knowledgeable. When it's a new boat,
14 you just have to learn the new exits, that's all. In
15 his case, his experience, he used to -- he needs to get
16 familiarized with the vessel.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. What is your job for
18 abandon ship?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: His job is after they give the
23 alarm to abandon ship they have to go to --- (foreign
24 language spoken)?

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: They have to go to the point of -
3 - (foreign language spoken)?

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: They know they have to go to the
7 point so they can get reunited with his leader. The
8 leader makes the decisions and orders them what they're
9 going to do. They try to (inaudible) passengers first.
10 The problem is the passenger is the first one that has
11 to (inaudible).

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay. I think I'm
13 fine so far with your training, that you've
14 established, the training that they gave you. When you
15 went to your muster station, when you went to your
16 station was somebody there making sure that all the
17 crew members were there?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: He didn't went to his meeting
22 point, because there was too much smoke.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: We're talking about outside
24 on the starboard, by the life rafts?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: You did not go there
4 because there was too much smoke?

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: The majority of the passengers
15 were in the life rafts, in the lifeboats.

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: I don't know if you're
19 going to say it in English, but maybe you want to stop
20 him because you're missing some details in the
21 translation, I think. So, why don't you stop him and
22 go --

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: That's why --

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: -- a little bit slower?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: That's why I'm stopping him and

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1 having him repeat it.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Because he's talking
3 very fast. A lot of details.

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: Whoever was down there -- he went
17 to his meeting point and there was nobody, because
18 there was smoke and --

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Outside?

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Outside, yes.

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: Outside.

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes, outside.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: On the starboard side,
24 there was a lot of smoke and there was nobody there?

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: Inside there's a passageway.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: There was a little bit of smoke,
13 nobody can go through there because there was a lot of
14 smoke.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: And that was his route to
16 his meeting place?

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, that was the route to his
21 meeting point. (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: And then he, after that, he went
25 to where the lifeboats are.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: He was trying to calm down the
11 passengers that were there at the meeting point. He
12 helped and grab life jackets and put the life jackets
13 on.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. Let's
15 back up real quick. Who do you report to specifically?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: For your meeting station.

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: I understand you didn't go
22 there, you went somewhere else --

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- who are you supposed to
2 report to at your meeting station?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: They have a leader.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who's the leader?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't remember the name,
12 because he was new. He hasn't familiarized with
13 everybody in the vessel.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: His position, do you know
15 his position?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No. The leader, no.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, you didn't go to
19 your meeting station because of the smoke and you went
20 to where the lifeboats were at and you started to
21 assist passengers put on life jackets or life vests.
22 Did you find your team leader to tell him that you were
23 there?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, he didn't find the leader
3 because there were -- because all the passengers were
4 there. No passengers were going to be anywhere else,
5 they going to be in there. And he was not going to go
6 down there because he was going to provide the
7 passengers help.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. I feel
9 like I'm jumping around and I'm sorry. I feel like I'm
10 jumping around and I may be confusing you a little bit,
11 so I'm going to try to slow it down and just back up
12 just a little bit because I'm not clear on some things,
13 okay? So, let's go to when you left -- all right. Let
14 me just sum up the training portion of it, just so we
15 can get passed that. Okay. So my understanding for
16 training, I'm going to sum up what I got. Okay. So,
17 the training that you got for the general training for
18 fire fighting and abandon ship you've received years
19 ago.

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And specific to this
24 vessel you received cards with your assignment.

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And the safety
8 officer took the new people in small groups --

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- and showed them the
13 specifics of the vessel.

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, what I mean by
18 specifics are emergency exits --

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- life raft locations --

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- fire stations --

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- and where all the
6 emergency equipment, fire equipment.

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then,
14 additionally they gave you another sheet of paper with
15 further information.

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Is there anything else that
20 I missed as far as the training that you received
21 specific to this vessel? With the summary I just gave,
22 is that accurate?

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

1 LTJG [REDACTED]: Anything in addition for
2 training?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: It's similar to other --

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- location.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: It's similar on the other ones.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, he did say that that is
12 correct, what I just summarized?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, I'm going to
15 move on from the training aspect. Okay.

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Well, wait. He said,
18 the normal. He said, the normal way they put safety on
19 other ships. That's what he said.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's what I said. So,
21 he's received training prior --

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: Prior --

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- to this vessel.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- on other vessels.

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, they were taken in

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1 smaller groups and they were shown specifics about this
2 vessel, but he has this training through his
3 experience.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: Right, when he was
5 training (unintelligible) in this ship, he said, the
6 normal, same as I have received in other ships.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: I don't think that came
9 out clearly (unintelligible).

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. All right. So, I'm
11 going to move from training specifically and your
12 actions when you left the Garage B. Okay. So, you had
13 stated -- did you hear, at Garage B, did you hear
14 abandon ship?

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: Exactly in that moment, no,
19 because --

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- he was nervous.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Okay. You had
23 stated that then you had went to the starboard side to
24 your meeting area, but you could not get to your
25 meeting area, and you started to assist passengers into

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1 the MES.

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: What's the proper term for

5 MES?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: MES?

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, I --

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Don't worry -- okay. So,
10 the slides, you went and helped passengers down the
11 slides to the rafts.

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: MES, marine evacuation
16 system, is what it's called.

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. You got to slow it
21 down. I know you have a lot of information, thank you.
22 I just want to get the order correct --

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- for my record. You left
2 Garage B --
3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)
6 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- and then you went to
7 where the lifeboats were.
8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)
11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was that before the MES or
12 after?
13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)
16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
17 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)
19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)
21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
22 MST3 [REDACTED]: He was first on the boats --
23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
24 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- because right there, there
25 were all the passengers. So, all the passengers were

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1 right there.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you went to lifeboat
3 and assisted giving the passengers their BFDs.

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Did they lower the
9 lifeboat?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: When you were out on deck,
18 did you know it was already abandon ship?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: How?

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, because when he was in
4 Garage B and he was going upstairs, he was nervous, he
5 didn't listen at that moment, but his coworker --
6 (foreign language spoken)?

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: His coworker mentioned to him.
10 He was nervous. He asked his coworker if they sounded
11 the abandon ship and then he say, yes. And
12 his coworker say, yes.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: And then they left.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. You saw the
16 lifeboats lowered, so you assisted in putting on the
17 BFDs, you saw the lifeboat lowered --

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: Once they were going down, when
25 he saw that the lifeboat was full, he left to go to the

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1 life rafts.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Did you see the
3 lifeboats touch the water?

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: Not the one that he assisted, but
8 the other ones, yes, he saw.

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Any issues that you saw
12 with the lifeboat? Any lifeboat?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, because he left to the MES.
17 Yes, so, there was an MES and there was a life raft at
18 the end of the MES system. There were three people in
19 there and they started -- the life rafts were inflated
20 and ready. They pulled the life rafts and they started
21 to put passengers through the MES system.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Is the MES next to
23 his life rafts station? His meeting point?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, that's where the life rafts
7 are.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Left the small boat,
9 went to the MES, and started to assist at the MES. He
10 said there was three people there?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes. So, it was him and two
15 other guys that basically went to the MES system.
16 (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: They basically took the MES
20 system --

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: They went down the --

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: They went down the --

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- they slid down the MES?

24 Okay.

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- MES system, yes --

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- to pull the life rafts.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who else was -- he said
5 there was two other members --

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- does he know who they
8 were?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, he does.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: One of them his name is Marco and
18 the other one Frankie.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Does he know their
20 positions or what they do?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: No.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Older? Younger?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: One of them is young like him and
7 the other one is not, was a senior.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Which one was the younger?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Frankie.

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: Frankie.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Frankie is the younger? Is
13 that a nickname?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: He's not sure of that. He heard
18 that --

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- they call him by that.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: I'm just trying to figure
22 out who these people are without birthdays or anything
23 like that. Did they speak Spanish?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Have you received training
5 to use the MES system?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: They showed them what to do --

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- (inaudible).

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who deployed it? Activated
16 it?

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. That's --

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: When they activate them, he was
24 with the passengers --

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- in the lifeboats.

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: When he got there, they were
5 already activated --

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- the MES system.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. What's the
9 procedures to send passengers through the MES?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: There's always two leaders on top
14 besides the MES and they grab passengers and they
15 explain to passengers how to slide on the MES, how to
16 go down.

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. You had mentioned
18 you went down the slide?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Did you have a job to do at
23 the bottom?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: What was that job?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Pull the life rafts.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. After you pull the
8 life rafts, are you done?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: They tie them down. They tied
13 them down where they end up.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: And they started to bring
18 passengers in there.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was there any problems with
20 the MES when you were trying to tie it off?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, the MES system has like a
3 cleat to tie it down --

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- to tie the life rafts.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. In your opinion, was
7 the MES functioning the way it was supposed to
8 function?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Is the slide, the MES
16 slide, is it supposed to be straight?

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: The slide --

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- straight?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, it's normal to make it all
8 the way down to --

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's fine.

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- jumping off the side to the
11 water.

12 LTJG [REDACTED]: I saw some video of the
13 slide and we have pictures that there's a bend, like
14 this, a kink. Instead of like this, it was like this,
15 it was like an L almost.

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: Because they got two lanes.
20 There's two lanes. And when he went down, there was
21 three guys that first of all slid down and it was
22 normal.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So there was three
24 guys that went down, was that Frankie and Marco?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you stated that there's
4 also two leaders that stay on top, who were those
5 leaders?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Staff captain?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: Staff captain.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: He thinks that it was the staff
15 captain.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, we got Marco and
17 Frankie down with him assisting passengers. Now, back
18 to the slide, did you notice that there was a kink?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, he slid down normally.
23 Before pulling down the life rafts he helped two
24 passengers sit down --

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

1 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- at the bottom of the MES.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, at the time that
3 you went down, at the time that you were there, the
4 slide was straight and was operating the way it was
5 intended to operate.

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then, once one
10 life raft got full, what happens?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: They can leave.

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you go with the life
16 raft?

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, he did. So, all those three
23 members, they went with him, after it was full. After
24 they ended up filling the life raft, they went with
25 them to help the passengers. So, to help the

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1 passengers (inaudible) water in the raft, they assist
2 them.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. How many life rafts
4 can you fill at that station?

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Rafts.

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: I'll rephrase. From the
11 slide, can you only fill up one life raft and then
12 that's it? Or is it multiple rafts they can fill from
13 that station?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: There were four that were ready.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Three or four?

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: Three or four that were ready
25 there.

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. To your -- do you
4 know if you were on the first life raft out that was
5 released?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: The first one that they filled,
10 that's the one he left.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: The passengers that were in there
15 -- to assist the passengers that were in there.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: You, Marco, and Frankie
17 left in the first raft.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Did you receive an order
21 for that or did you tell anybody that you were leaving?

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: Some of the leaders, he doesn't

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1 know them, told him to go there to help the passengers.
2 LTJG [REDACTED]: From up top, they yelled at
3 you?
4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)
7 MST3 [REDACTED]: When they filled the life rafts,
8 they left with them. They told --
9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Them as the passengers?
10 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.
11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)
13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)
15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
16 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, the passengers.
17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)
20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.
21 MST3 [REDACTED]: Always the passenger first.
22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Continue, I'm sorry.
23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)
25 MST3 [REDACTED]: They cannot fill anymore, so he

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1 left because he had no --

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: The raft was full --

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: The raft was full.

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- you were at capacity.

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know who gave the
10 order for you to get on?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: To --

15 LTJG [REDACTED]: Both.

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: The leaders told him to go help
20 there and they went there. And they sent some
21 passengers and they got the passengers on. Once they
22 were to the capacity, the life raft leave.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was somebody taking count?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: Them, basically.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: How many passengers were on
4 the raft?

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: About 35 to 40. Normally, there
9 have to be 50, he thinks.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Why didn't you wait to get
11 50?

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: The people that were there, he
16 was not sure if it was 35 or 40, but they were very --
17 and they cannot put passengers on top of passengers,
18 because some of them basically wanted to pass out.

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: They were passing out?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, they were not passing out.
21 Some of them wanted to pass out.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: I don't understand.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: They felt like they were going to
5 pass out. There was a pregnant woman -- (foreign
6 language spoken)?

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: The pregnant woman was with
13 nausea. Not only her, but almost all of them. And
14 they were asking for water. Frankie was filling the
15 raft with more passengers, he was giving water to the
16 passengers that were already inside. He --

17 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who was in charge of the
18 raft? Who was the one making decisions inside the
19 raft?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: All three.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, who said, let's
25 cut the raft and let's go?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Frankie.

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: Frankie?

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, he had a radio, Frankie had a
19 radio.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, Franklin, all
21 three of you were in charge, so to speak, Franklin gave
22 the order to release --

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: To release the raft.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- and Franklin -- is it
25 Franklin? I'm sorry.

1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Frankie?

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: He thinks it's Frankie.

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Frankie had a radio at the
7 time.

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, he don't know if the radio
15 functioned, because he left the antenna.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. That's fine. So --

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: There was something, a
18 minor thing that was lost in the translation, if I can
19 mention it, if not, I can do it at the end.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, please.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: When he was talking
22 about that they let go because of the pregnant woman
23 and that they thought they were going to faint, he
24 says, we let go because we wanted to go to the Coast
25 Guard to get help. And that part didn't come up in the

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1 translation.

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

3 So, you, Frankie, and Marco got into the raft, cut the
4 raft, left, did you see or do you know if any other
5 crew members went down the raft to assist with the
6 other new passengers that were coming in the other
7 rafts that were there?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: Can you say that again, sir?

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Sure. So, my understanding
10 of the procedures is you have a lead up on top giving
11 orders, who at this time was possibly the staff captain
12 and then three of you went down to assist passengers.
13 So, the way I'm understanding is the system, the way
14 that it operates, you have somebody up top and somebody
15 at the bottom --

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- from the crew,
20 assisting.

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, the three that stayed,
25 or the three that went down initially got into the raft

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1 and left.

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's --

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, because --

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: That's fine.

10 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- they fill the raft.

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Who, if you saw, from the
14 crew came to replace you, to assist passengers down
15 below?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: More members were pulling the
20 rafts when they were leaving, as they were leaving. As
21 they were leaving, more rafts came to --

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- fill with passengers into.

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, I understand that as
25 you're in your raft assisting the passengers that are

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1 there, you saw other crew members down getting the
2 other raft ready.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, they were ready.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: You released and then you
12 left.

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, they released their raft and
17 other members basically put the other raft --

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- in their place. So, they
20 replace it with other raft.

21 LTJG [REDACTED]: Do you know or did you
22 recognize who those crew members were?

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: He was inside. He was inside
5 with the passengers. He was basically assisting the
6 passengers.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. What type of
8 assistance do they train you as far as for assisting
9 passengers?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: For the raft?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: First of all, basically control
18 and make the passengers feel comfortable. Show them
19 that they're there for them.

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, you released the
21 raft, you guys are floating --

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- then you had mentioned

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1 you started to move passengers from the raft to a boat.

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, he didn't mention that,
6 because -- (foreign language spoken)?

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: The Coast Guard took the
10 passengers on the raft to assist them --

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- and provide (inaudible).

13 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, he releases,
14 just to summarize, you release the raft, you guys are
15 floating, the Coast Guard came and took the passengers
16 from your raft --

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- and put them on their
21 boat.

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 LTJG [REDACTED]: How did you know it was the

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1 Coast Guard, a Coast Guard boat?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: He thinks that that's what it
6 was.

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: What color was it?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't remember. So, they
12 passed from the boat to another one. From one boat to
13 another one.

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, you went to two
17 boats, we're assuming they're Coast Guard.

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, as they were taking off
23 passengers, not everybody fit on the Coast Guard boat?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: In one, they put some passengers
3 and then another one, they put more passengers, that
4 was close by.

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then you rode
6 those boats into the pier?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

11 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. Would
12 you like some water? I have finished my questions, my
13 follow-up questions. Thank you for answering the
14 questions. I'm going to open it up to my colleagues
15 that are here to see if they had any follow-up
16 questions. You're doing really good. Again, any
17 details, anything that you remember, it would be
18 helpful.

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: He wants to go to the bathroom.

2 LTJG [REDACTED]: Yes. We're going to take a
3 small break so he can use the bathroom. Time is 11:30.

4 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
5 off the record at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 11:35 a.m.)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. We are restarting
7 the interview and we are back from break. The time is
8 11:35. Like I had mentioned, at this point, we're
9 going to have follow-up questions. We'll start with
10 the Lead Investigator, Mr. [REDACTED].

11 CDR [REDACTED]: Good morning. My name is
12 Commander Mike [REDACTED], I'm with the U.S. Coast Guard.
13 And I have just a few minor questions here. During the
14 evacuation, did you observe anything that you thought
15 was unusual?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: Everything was normal, they acted
25 like they were trained.

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1 CDR [REDACTED]: So, there were no problems
2 during the evacuation that you can think of?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No.

5 CDR [REDACTED]: Even though there might not
6 have been any problems, do you have any recommendations
7 on how to make this better, from the beginning to the
8 end?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
11 spoken.)

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't see how. He was
16 saying that everything was perfect the way that he was
17 looking at it, it was perfect.

18 CDR [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. I have no
19 further questions.

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. GALLETTE: Hi, my name is Jim Gallette,
22 with the Coast Guard Investigations National Center of
23 Expertise. I just have a few questions as well. I
24 know you've been here a long time and answered a lot.
25 One of the questions I have is, in the engine room, you

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1 had stated, after you did your soundings and you went
2 into the ECR for water, a motorman came in and he had
3 spoke to you and others in the room saying that he had
4 smelled fuel.

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: When he got out of the control
9 room, he saw him and then he asked him, hey, what's
10 going on? It was weird because one minute he was there
11 and he didn't saw anything.

12 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. I'd like to kind of
13 slow it down, because I'm a little confused. Did the
14 motorman come into the control booth or did you see him
15 out of the control booth?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: When he finished sounding, when
20 he put the sounding tape on top of the table, then he
21 look at him, at the motorman. He went to drink water
22 and he went back with him, he asked him what's going on
23 and then he smelled something. They went with the
24 flashlight to see and they went down to the second
25 floor and then that's where they saw that happening.

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1 But he's still looking at it and then the motorman went
2 to tell the chief engineer. The chief engineer was on
3 top, looking at it. After that, he went to the control
4 room to do something, do some --

5 MR. GALLETTE: Who went to the control room
6 to do something?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: The motorman went upstairs where
11 the chief engineer was and then he left through the
12 watertight door to the generator room. He went
13 upstairs when he wanted to go to the control room, he
14 couldn't because the fire was too fast, it came really
15 fast.

16 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. So, just to clear up,
17 again, you're in the engine room, you saw the motorman
18 over by the engine --

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: He was at the engine room where
23 the pump was shooting --

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MR. GALLETTE: The motorman was by where the
2 --

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: The motorman was not there at the
6 moment because everything was normal. When he came
7 back, put the sounding tape at the table --

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MR. GALLETTE: Where is the table located?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: At the second floor.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MR. GALLETTE: Not inside the control room?

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, it's outside.

22 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. So, at the table, is
23 that when you saw the motorman?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: When he put down the sounding
3 tape and went to the control room to drink water, there
4 was the motorman. They have a -- (foreign language
5 spoken)?

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, he put the sounding tape on
12 the table. After that, he went to the control room to
13 drink water. When he got out of there, out of the
14 control room, he saw the motorman close to where he put
15 the sounding tape.

16 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: He smelled something.

20 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: He asked him what happened. And
24 they went to look at what was going on. That's when
25 they found --

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1 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- the spray.

5 MR. GALLETTE: Did you see the spray when you
6 were on top with the motorman or when you went
7 underneath?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: When they went down together.

12 MR. GALLETTE: So the first time they saw the
13 spray, they were underneath the engine looking up?

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: He was down there --

23 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- looking up.

25 MR. GALLETTE: Then the motorman left you?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: He went to tell the officer and
5 the chief.

6 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. All right. And you
7 remained down there --

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. GALLETTE: -- did you continue looking at
10 it?

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

17 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Now, you had said that
18 -- was there smoke or fire? What made you leave?

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
21 spoken.)

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: When he look at the chief

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1 engineer, which was -- he knew that what was going on
2 when he looked at the chief engineer. He was going to
3 go to the control room to see what they were going to
4 do.

5 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: And it wasn't even one minute
9 when he passed the watertight door, when he got up the
10 ladder to be at the generator room, he got off when
11 that door. When he got off the ladder to go through
12 that door, the fire was already there, so it happened
13 fast.

14 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. So, he was down, he
15 went out, he saw the motorman, the motorman was
16 investigating a smell.

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MR. GALLETTE: He assisted him, they went
21 below the engine.

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MR. GALLETTE: While they were under there,

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1 they saw a spray.

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 MR. GALLETTE: The motorman left and went to
6 the ECR.

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: To tell the chief engineer --

11 MR. GALLETTE: To tell the chief engineer.

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- what was happening.

15 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
16 spoken.)

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: Chief engineer came down. When
18 he look up, the chief engineer was looking down, and he
19 noticed what was going on.

20 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. Okay, I got it. And
21 then, when you left, you had mentioned that you put a
22 rag on your face.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

1 MST3 [REDACTED]: He did that when he was going to
2 go to the control room, but he couldn't cross the door
3 because the smoke was getting into -- he couldn't go
4 there. He wanted to reunite and then he was -- he
5 wanted to reunite with them, but he was (inaudible).
6 And that's it. He grabbed the rag and put it on his
7 face and he was looking for the emergency exit.

8 MR. GALLETTE: Okay.

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: So, he's basically saying, thanks
12 to the training, he knew where the exit was.

13 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. And then, with that, do
14 they have what's called EEBDs, emergency evacuation
15 breathing devices?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

20 LTJG [REDACTED]: May I interject? Ask him
21 if there's anything, any device that will provide
22 oxygen used to exit.

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't remember at what
2 point, but he thinks that there is some.

3 MR. GALLETTE: Okay. That's fine. Let me
4 see here. That would be everything for me.

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. TUCKER: All right. My name is Adam
7 Tucker and I'm with the National Transportation Safety
8 Board. We're different from the Coast Guard. We do
9 another investigation, all safety investigation. I
10 have some small basic, very basic, questions for you.
11 Number one, when you were leaving to go out to Garage
12 B, did you push any buttons, turn any valves, anything?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, because he was -- there was
17 no time.

18 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Do you remember what type
19 of fuel --

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. TUCKER: -- that the engines were
22 burning?

23 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
24 spoken.)

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: It was not thick. (Foreign

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1 language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: It wasn't thick. He thinks that
5 it was diesel.

6 MR. TUCKER: Was it -- so, it was fuel coming
7 from the purifiers? Or from the forward? It was
8 heated fuel?

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: Can you repeat that?

10 MR. TUCKER: So the -- basically, I'm trying
11 to find out if it was heavy fuel oil or another type of
12 fuel.

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: He think it was diesel because
22 the smell and the way that it was spraying.

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Do you remember the color
24 of the smoke?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: It was like grey. It was like
4 grey and blackish.

5 MR. TUCKER: And now, back up to the assembly
6 station. The color of the smoke?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: Grey and black. Between grey and
11 black.

12 MR. TUCKER: We talked about training, this
13 is a very basic question. Is your training, onboard,
14 is it done in English or in Spanish?

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
17 spoken.)

18 MST3 [REDACTED]: Both ways.

19 MR. TUCKER: Both ways? Can he explain both
20 ways?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: What is what you want to ask him
25 on the training?

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1 MR. TUCKER: I'm -- when he said both ways,
2 I'm confused. So, is the Spanish when he's with
3 somebody by themselves doing the training and is the
4 English when there's all other crew members around? Or
5 how does that work?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: Both ways. Both ways.

10 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Let me ask it more
11 specific then. When the safety officer does the
12 training, in Spanish or English?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: Both languages.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: There is a lot of --

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And the paper, he said
24 they got a card and paper, English or Spanish?

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: Both languages too.

4 MR. TUCKER: Both languages?

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Yes.

6 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And --

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: Because he was, he mentioned that
8 there's people from all over the world, right?

9 MR. TUCKER: Yes.

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: And that's why they do it that
11 way.

12 MR. TUCKER: Okay. And the video?

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: He didn't watch the video.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: In the other company before, yes,
21 he did. They're new and around ten days, if they
22 continue, they show you the video.

23 MR. TUCKER: Back to the other company and
24 the experience. Did the other company or other ships
25 you've worked on, did they have the slide?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, because it was cruise ships,
5 they have the rafts and the lifeboats.

6 MR. TUCKER: Does he know the type of engine?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No.

9 MR. TUCKER: I know this was asked, but did
10 he know of any problems with the engine for his time on
11 the ship?

12 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

13 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
14 spoken.)

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, everything was normal.
16 That's why he was surprised.

17 MR. TUCKER: Okay. I know his time was
18 short, did he witness any of the ship's crew,
19 engineering staff?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: He says that -- can you repeat
24 the question and emphasize --

25 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

1 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- so I can explain it?

2 MR. TUCKER: I'll make it full, sorry.

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

4 MR. TUCKER: Did he witness any of the
5 engineers, any of the engineering staff ever doing
6 testing for hot spots, like with the camera or
7 anything?

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

9 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
10 spoken.)

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: No. In the control room, there
12 is all temperatures.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Did he ever witness
14 onboard the lights flickering, changing?

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

16 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: No.

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: No.

18 MR. TUCKER: To clarify, I may be
19 (inaudible), what is his emergency number?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: He's saying, what is this?

24 MR. TUCKER: The number for his card, for the
25 system.

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: He thinks it was number 20. He
8 says the meeting point and the evacuation route and
9 there's a number there too.

10 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: So with that card, they know
14 where they have to go.

15 MR. TUCKER: Okay. In the engine, before the
16 fire the watertight doors were they open or closed?

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: They were open. In the moment
24 that they were inside, they were open.

25 MR. TUCKER: They were open?

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Can you ask him as well,
4 we'll see the ship, but are they the automatic doors
5 where they close automatic or you have to close it
6 manually?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: With (unintelligible), with the
11 electricity, they have to close it manually, but they
12 have automatic as well.

13 MR. TUCKER: Okay. Just to clarify though,
14 before the fire, during his watch, the watertight doors
15 were open?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, they were open.

20 MR. TUCKER: Okay.

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MST3 [REDACTED]: They always leave it open.

24 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
25 spoken.)

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1 MR. TUCKER: To clarify again, he went down
2 on the starboard side slide?

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

7 MR. TUCKER: Starboard? Okay. Does the -- I
8 know you said you don't have a radio, does the
9 motorman? Does he have a radio?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: No.

14 MR. TUCKER: Okay. The last question is, I
15 see you have a cell phone.

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MR. TUCKER: Did you take any pictures?

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 MR. TUCKER: No pictures?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: No pictures.

25 MR. TUCKER: Okay. That's my last question.

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 CDR [REDACTED]: Sorry, this is Commander

3 [REDACTED] with the U.S. Coast Guard and I have two more
4 questions, I think.

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 CDR [REDACTED]: If, during an emergency, if you
9 have time, are you permitted to shut the engines off?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: The officer that is with him has
17 the authorization to make that decision.

18 CDR [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: To shut it down.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: He said that he does not
21 have it.

22 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't have it, sorry.

23 CDR [REDACTED]: Do you know how to do it?

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language

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1 spoken.)

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: Some engines that they use --

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 CDR [REDACTED]: Do you know if the vessel has
6 an emergency fuel shutoff?

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ-BIRD: (Foreign language
9 spoken.)

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: It has to have. In control room
14 is where they stop everything, where the gauges are.
15 So the motorman (inaudible) is the officers.

16 CDR [REDACTED]: Thank you very much.

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you. I have a
19 few more --

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay.

22 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- follow-up questions,
23 it's just small details that I wasn't too clear on, and
24 then we're done. Thank you for your time.

25 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: Okay. No problem.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: At the life rafts, you
2 believe that it was 50 max and there was about 35 to 40
3 that were in there?

4 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: It's between 35 and 50.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Was there enough
9 space for more people?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, they could have not filled
14 the boat any more because there was people who were
15 nauseous.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So --

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: Feeling sick.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then, last
19 question, with your card that they give you, do you
20 know if you're required to always have it with you?

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

22 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
23 spoken.)

24 MST3 [REDACTED]: Normally, they have to memorize
25 it, but when they do the drill, they have to have it.

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1 LTJG [REDACTED]: So, you train to grab it
2 for drills --

3 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

4 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
5 spoken.)

6 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- but you're not --

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- you're not required to
10 have it on you at all times?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, because if he gets lost or
15 some of them, they have (inaudible) and then put
16 another -- (foreign language spoken)?

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: They don't have it with them
20 because they can lose the card. But when it's a
21 general drill, he has to bring, to have it with him,
22 but he has it on his other vest. When it's a drill,
23 they just grab that vest and they (inaudible).

24 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. So, the vest we're
25 talking about is your life jacket, correct?

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1 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

2 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
3 spoken.)

4 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

5 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
6 spoken.)

7 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes.

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: Where do you keep your
9 card?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: In the drawer in the cabin.

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Was there any attempt for
15 you to get your card?

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

17 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
18 spoken.)

19 MST3 [REDACTED]: No, because at the moment there
20 is a fire (inaudible) they know what they have to do.
21 He was in the engine room, so he didn't have it with
22 him. It was in the cabin.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. May I have some
24 contact information --

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- so if I have further
4 questions, may I --

5 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

6 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
7 spoken.)

8 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- contact you for
9 clarification?

10 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

11 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
12 spoken.)

13 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

14 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
15 spoken.)

16 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes. He can give you an email
17 address and he has WhatsApp, he's from Honduras.

18 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
20 spoken.)

21 MST3 [REDACTED]: But he's using it right here
22 right now, his number.

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: I must give you my pad, if
24 you could write down --

25 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

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1 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
2 spoken.)

3 LTJG [REDACTED]: -- your phone number, your
4 email, and you had mentioned WhatsApp, is that through
5 phone number?

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

7 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
8 spoken.)

9 MST3 [REDACTED]: Yes, that's through phone number.

10 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Yes, please. Actually, let
15 me give you a clean sheet. Okay. Right here. Thank
16 you.

17 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

18 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
19 spoken.)

20 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

21 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
22 spoken.)

23 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. And then, the last
24 thing, it's not a question, but if you could draw the
25 engine that caught on fire, more or less where the exit

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1 was, and where you were?

2 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

3 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
4 spoken.)

5 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

6 MST3 [REDACTED]: That's his phone number and --

7 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

8 MST3 [REDACTED]: -- his email address.

9 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay. Thank you very much.

10 Do you have any questions for us before we conclude?

11 MST3 [REDACTED]: (Foreign language spoken.)

12 MR. ANTUNEZ ALMENDAREZ: (Foreign language
13 spoken.)

14 LTJG [REDACTED]: Okay.

15 MST3 [REDACTED]: He doesn't think so.

16 LTJG [REDACTED]: Well, this has concluded
17 the investigations of the fire on the Carribean Fantasy
18 and the interview of Mr. Luis Antunez. Time on deck is
19 12:09.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
21 off the record at 12:09 p.m.)

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