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COLLISION OF THE USS MCCAIN AND M/V ALNIC MC ON AUGUST 21, 2017 \* ACCIDENT NO.: DCA17PM024 \*

Interview of: WILFREDO ALBA JABASA

Chief Engineer, Alnic MC

On Board the Alnic MC

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1	<u>INTERVIEW</u>	
2	(2:35 p.m.)	
3	CWO Okay. So the date is 28 August '17, on the Alnic	
4	MC. The time is 1435. We'll be conducting an interview with the	
5	chief engineer. I am Chief Warrant Officer with the	
6	U.S. Coast Guard.	
7	If everyone in the room, please state their name and the	
8	agency that they're working for?	
9	CWO Chief Warrant Officer with U.S. Coast	
10	Guard.	
11	LCDR Lieutenant Commander Coast Guard.	
12	CAPT. NAKRA: Captain Kanul Nakra, TSIB Singapore.	
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21	Lima-Foxtrot-Romeo-Echo-Delta-Oscar. My mother middle name is	
22	Alpha-Lima-Bravo-Alpha. And my family name Juliette-Alpha-Bravo-	
23	Alpha-Sierra-Alpha.	
24	INTERVIEW OF WILFREDO ALBA JABASA	
25	BY CWO	

- 1 Q. Okay. And your position is?
- 2 A. Chief engineer.
- 3 Q. Okay. And how long have you been a chief engineer?
- 4 A. Continue on board is 4 years.
- 5 Q. Four years on --
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. -- on this vessel?
- 8 A. Continue on board.
- 9 O. On this vessel?
- 10 A. This 5 months (indiscernible) on this vessel.
- 11 Q. Okay. So 4 years as a chief engineer?
- 12 A. Yes, continue on board.
- 13 Q. Okay. And 5 months on this vessel?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. How much rest did you have before taking the watch?
- 16 A. Second engineer call me before standby and, you know, 1 hour
- 17 before.
- 18 0. One hour?
- 19 A. (indiscernible)
- 20 Q. So you weren't on watch?
- 21 A. No. Second engineer was.
- 22 Q. Okay. And you just --
- 23 A. Go, you know, second engineer call me. Then go and get on to
- 24 stand by.
- 25 Q. So how long were you -- so the day of the incident, in your

- 1 own words, what did you see, hear, from the time that you were --
- 2 A. At that time in the accident, I already stand by the engine
- 3 room. But I got no what exactly time to have that happen.
- 4 Q. Okay. So you don't know what time it happened, but -- so
- 5 what did you -- did you hear any alarms from the -- or from the
- 6 | bridge before the collision, after the collision?
- 7 A. Only after the collision, only I hear alarm in announcement,
- 8 but not exactly what time.
- 9 Q. Okay. And so you heard an announcement alarm or --
- 10 A. On public address.
- 11 Q. PA?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. Okay. And what was that notification?
- 14 A. Not exact -- I mean, because the engine room too noise that
- 15 | I'm not sure exactly what, what I hear.
- 16 Q. You heard something coming from the PA system?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Before the collision was there any engine commands or
- 19 steering commands from the pilothouse?
- 20 A. Only the -- I see that one only half ahead, I see that. But
- 21 -- because the engine no other really sound bell, the telegraph.
- 22 Q. And before the collision was there any problems with steering
- 23 or the engine or the reduction gear, any of that equipment? Was
- 24 there any discrepancies?
- 25 A. No problem.

- 1 Q. No problems?
- 2 A. No problem.
- 3 Q. So what position was the control of the engine? Was it in
- 4 engine room control or --
- 5 A. Bridge control.
- 6 Q. Bridge control? How about steering?
- 7 A. Also bridge control.
- 8 Q. Bridge control? And do you know -- do you recall if it was
- 9 manual steering or autopilot, or do you even know if that's --
- 10 A. (Inaudible response.)
- 11 Q. Okay. How many steering pumps were on?
- 12 A. Two. Two.
- 13 Q. Two were engaged? Two were on?
- 14 A. Two on. Two were automatic.
- 15 Q. And is that normal to have two online?
- 16 A. Excuse me?
- 17 Q. Is that normal to have two steering pumps online?
- 18 A. Yes, normal.
- 19 Q. And that's all the time or just coming into --
- 20 A. Every time if coming, standby maneuvering, two.
- 21 Q. So that's a standby maneuvering, you would have --
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. So if there was any problems with steering or engine control,
- 24 what is the normal policy from the -- what is the interaction
- 25 | between the bridge and the engine room?

- 1 A. Because that one only the engine room only selector. After
- 2 | time the engine on the local side, then we need to change over to
- 3 the bridge control.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. During --
- 6 Q. Now do they -- how do you know that they want you to take
- 7 | control? Do they --
- 8 A. Have a selector.
- 9 Q. They have a selector?
- 10 A. They have a selector to engine room -- from engine room to
- 11 bridge control.
- 12 Q. Okay. But how do you get notified from the bridge to take
- 13 | control of the engine or steering? Do they call you? Do they
- 14 radio you?
- 15 A. For?
- 16 Q. For you to take control. If there was a casualty up on the
- 17 bridge, how do they contact you?
- 18 A. They call by telephone.
- 19 Q. By telephone?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And can you hear that telephone when you're in the engine
- 22 room?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. So -- but -- so it's louder than the PA system?
- 25 A. Yeah, it's (indiscernible) outside the control, I hear,

- 1 because of sound and then have a like a telephone or alarm.
- 2 Q. Okay. So if the telephone rings, it alarms?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. So were you in the -- so you couldn't hear the PA
- 5 system because you were in the engine room? You weren't in the --
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. -- control station?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. All right. And to your recollection there was no
- 10 request for you to take control of steering or --
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. -- engine? When did you become aware of the collision? You
- 13 said before that you heard something on the PA system. Did you go
- 14 into the control room then to find out what was going on or --
- 15 A. For me that one, what happen, only shaking. Then I'm
- 16 thinking like, what happened? But I cannot know what happened
- 17 outside. Only shaking ship.
- 18 Q. So you felt the vessel shake?
- 19 A. Yeah, shake only.
- 20 Q. And -- okay.
- 21 A. But I cannot know that time without (indiscernible).
- 22 Q. Did the captain contact you to do anything after --
- 23 A. No.
- 24 O. -- collision?
- 25 A. No. Only that when he say stand by the (indiscernible)

- 1 because I waiting for what's -- move again, when we start or --
- 2 because that time the engine already stop.
- 3 Q. The generator stopped?
- 4 A. Main engine.
- 5 Q. Oh, main engine stopped. Okay. So the main engine stopped
- 6 because of the collision or somebody stopped it?
- 7 A. That one I think the captain.
- 8 Q. The captain?
- 9 A. Yeah. Because that's on the bridge control. The engine room
- 10 cannot stop because of the bridge control.
- 11 Q. So there's -- to stop the engine from the bridge --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. -- is that throttle or secure the engine as it stopped the
- 14 engine?
- 15 A. Yeah. Because have the control in telegraph in the bridge
- 16 | control. From engine room no. Because that selector is at bridge
- 17 control.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. That's why remote there in the bridge, not the engine room.
- 20 Q. Okay. So they stopped the engine?
- 21 A. The bridge.
- 22 Q. From the bridge. Okay. So by stopping the engine, do you
- 23 mean that it was no longer propelling the boat or it secured the
- 24 | engine, shut the engine off?
- 25 A. Yeah, shut the --

- 1 Q. It shut the engine off?
- 2 A. After that when stop the -- after the telegraph stop
- 3 position, the main engine stop already.
- 4 Q. Okay. So it -- bear with me here, Chief.
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. I'm trying to get this. So when you say stop -- so I'm on
- 7 | the vessel, I'm going through the water --
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. -- and they select stop.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Does the engine just go into neutral or does the engine shut
- down to where you have to restart the engine?
- 13 CWO Let me interject real quick. This is Chief
- 14 Warrant Officer
- 15 BY CWO
- 16 Q. You have a two-stroke diesel direct engine.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Main propulsion.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. So when you secure the engine to stop, the engine stops,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Yeah, engine.
- 23 Q. If you half ahead, it restarts the engine; half astern it
- 24 | restarts it in reverse?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. So a two-stroke diesel direct engine?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 (Background conversation.)
- 4 BY CWO
- 5 Q. So when you -- when the selector from the bridge goes to
- 6 stop --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- the engine stops?
- 9 A. Stops running.
- 10 Q. Stops running. That's typical for a two-stroke diesel direct
- 11 engine.
- 12 CAPT. NAKRA: (Indiscernible) what would happen would be that
- 13 the engine is still usable from the bridge until they take over
- 14 control in the engine control room and then bridge can't use it.
- 15 So until the time they take over control in the engine room, the
- 16 engine is still usable from the bridge by moving the telegraph.
- 17 | So in this case, they would have stopped it if they moved the
- 18 | telegraph whichever way, the (indiscernible) turn, the engine
- 19 would move.
- 20 BY CWO
- 21 Q. Can you take control at any time?
- 22 A. Yeah, but permission from bridge that -- because the bridge
- 23 control cannot operate when the engine control.
- CAPT. NAKRA: The bridge has to press a button for them to
- 25 take over. They can't take over without the bridge giving them

- 1 permission. Bridge (indiscernible) to press.
- 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, you match throttles, requested,
- 3 they gave you permission to --
- 4 CAPT. NAKRA: Yeah. So typically they would have to
- 5 (indiscernible) throttle to zero, stop. And the bridge, when they
- 6 say I want to take over engine control, the bridge has to
- 7 | acknowledge the engine control room. Then they can take it. So
- 8 (indiscernible) --
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
- 10 CAPT. NAKRA: -- they can, they can proceed to
- 11 (indiscernible) --
- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's typical, yeah.
- 13 (Crosstalk.)
- 14 CWO All right. Let's stop. Let's stop. Let's stop.
- 15 | If you're going to speak, please state your name and who you're
- 16 | with, okay?
- 17 BY CWO
- 18 Q. So after the collision, did you -- what did you do?
- 19 A. Just stand by in the control room.
- 20 Q. Just stand by in the engine room control room.
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. So no --
- 23 A. I cannot know what happened outside.
- Q. But nobody asked you to go check if there was damage or
- 25 anything like that? You stayed in the --

- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 Q. -- engine room control booth? Okay.
- 3 CWO Okay. That's all I have. Anybody else?
- 4 CWO I have a few questions.
- 5 BY CWO
- 6 Q. This is Chief Warrant Any alarms during the collision
- 7 or when you felt the shuddering? Any alarms at all?
- 8 A. No. Not -- I hear nothing.
- 9 Q. So at the time -- we looked at your alarms earlier today.
- 10 You had one alarm for a high-high alarm on one of your fuel tanks.
- 11 A. No, that one, because before -- that one alarm before.
- 12 Q. So that had nothing --
- 13 A. Nothing, uh-huh.
- 14 Q. Unrelated? Okay.
- 15 A. Unrelated.
- 16 Q. When you're -- when you are entering a TSS or a restricted
- 17 | area, is there a specific nav detail that the engine room has to
- 18 cover? Like we just found out that on the bridge there is a
- 19 requirement that there's four people on the bridge watch when
- 20 you're entering a TSS or in restricted maneuver. Is there a
- 21 similar requirement in the engine room to have extra manning in a
- 22 restricted or in a traffic separation scheme arrangement?
- 23 A. Yeah, that one, because the second engineer call me 1 hour
- 24 | notice to stand by. That's why I go down to engine room for
- 25 standby.

- 1 Q. Okay. So normally you -- you said you weren't on watch. You
- 2 | were just there as part of the requirements for a nav detail
- 3 entering the traffic separation scheme?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And the -- were your bilge -- high-level alarm, bilge
- 6 alarms --
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. -- inhibited or were they working properly?
- 9 A. That time were working properly.
- 10 Q. They were worked -- they were working properly. When you're
- 11 -- you're manned fully, right? The engine room is always manned?
- 12 A. Yes, always manned.
- 13 Q. If you have a high-level alarm in the engine room, does it
- 14 also ring on the bridge?
- 15 A. No. I think.
- 16 Q. Are there any alarms, other than steering --
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. -- problems, that if it alarms in the engine that it also
- 19 | alarms on the bridge?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What systems are those?
- 22 A. But no, mostly no conning alarm in the steering. Because
- 23 that was only for testing conning alarm. But normally in the
- 24 navigation, no conning alarm in the steering.
- 25 Q. Okay. So if you had a -- well, part of the nav detail -- I

- 1 forgot. Sorry. I want to back up. Part of the nav detail, you
- 2 have extra manning. Do you also have an extra generator running?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You have two generators running?
- 5 A. Two running.
- 6 Q. Did you have both the generators running?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. Were they load sharing?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Always two are running.
- 12 Q. Load sharing -- did they have plenty of room on either one to
- 13 put more load on?
- 14 A. Not more.
- 15 Q. There was -- it had enough --
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. -- it had enough to cover any load that you needed?
- 18 A. Yes, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. So if you have, for instance, a failure of one of
- 20 those generators and it had an overspeed or it had an issue, would
- 21 | it alarm on the bridge or would it only alarm --
- 22 A. Engine room. Engine room.
- 23 Q. Only in the ECR?
- 24 A. ECR.
- 25 Q. Main engine problem, would it alarm on the bridge or --

- 1 A. Yeah, conning alarm the bridge.
- 2 Q. Okay. Because they have control over it?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Bilge alarms would not alarm on the bridge, only in the ECR?
- 5 A. Only ECR.
- 6 Q. ECR. Okay. I'm trying to track down the alarms.
- 7 What about if they took steering from autopilot to manual,
- 8 would that alarm?
- 9 A. Yes, conning alarm.
- 10 Q. And what would that alarm sound like? And it would just be
- 11 | in the bridge or in ECR also?
- 12 A. Here in the bridge, it will sound the bridge, yeah.
- 13 Q. What would that sound like?
- 14 A. Alarm (indiscernible) at that time.
- 15 Q. So would it be a continuous alarm or would it be a --
- 16 A. No, (indiscernible).
- 17 Q. Okay. But when you switch that from auto to manual --
- 18 A. Manual.
- 19 Q. -- you get an alarm.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Is that a solid beep or is it a beep-beep-beep or type --
- 22 A. Sound.
- 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)
- 24 CWO Yeah.
- 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's it sound like?

- 1 BY CWO
- 2 Q. What does it sound like?
- 3 A. Same sound alarm.
- 4 Q. Is it solid? One tone?
- 5 A. What -- (indiscernible) alarm. Same alarm the engine room.
- 6 Q. So is it -- excuse me here, but beeeep or beep-beep-beep-
- 7 or --
- 8 A. No.
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the engine room it's a horn. It's
- 10 a loud horn.
- MR. ALBA JABASA: By air. It's by air.
- 12 CWO Okay.
- 13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) he would know what the
- 14 alarm on the bridge sounded like.
- Okay. Anybody else? Any more?
- 16 CAPT. NAKRA: Yeah, a few questions.
- 17 BY CAPT. NAKRA:
- 18 Q. Since we started this topic of the alarms, I just want to
- 19 clarify.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. When the bridge changes from autopilot to hand steering,
- 22 | there's an alarm on the bridge, correct?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you get an alarm in the engine room as well?
- 25 A. Yes. But that's only that when it change over here in the

- 1 bridge officer on watch or the engineer wants -- so example, a
- 2 changeover, because --
- 3 Q. Let me rephrase. When the AB on the watch changes from
- 4 autopilot to hand steering --
- 5 A. No conning alarm.
- 6 Q. -- does it alarm on the bridge?
- 7 A. No conning alarm.
- 8 Q. So that (indiscernible) --
- 9 A. No conning alarm.
- 10 Q. -- clarifies there is no alarm in the engine room when the
- 11 AB --
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. -- changes from autopilot to hand steering?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So we're clear on that. Okay.
- 16 A. No conning alarm.
- 17 Q. You said engine room is always manned on this ship?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So your class --
- 20 A. Every time.
- 21 Q. -- your (indiscernible) is set manually?
- 22 A. Yeah, manual, every time.
- 23 Q. What rpm were the engines on when you came down to the engine
- 24 room?
- 25 A. Excuse me?

- 1 Q. What rpm?
- 2 A. Rpm?
- 3 Q. Yes.
- 4 A. 85.
- 5 Q. 85?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And is that maneuvering rpm or is that --
- 8 A. Yeah, it's full maneuvering.
- 9 Q. Full maneuvering.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. So when you're at full maneuvering at 85 rpms --
- 12 A. Yes, rpm.
- 13 Q. -- can the bridge reduce it if any problem as per their
- 14 requirements?
- 15 A. Yes. Yes, because bridge control.
- 16 Q. It's on bridge control and 85 rpm and you had two generators
- 17 | running --
- 18 A. Yes, because --
- 19 Q. -- and the bridge has no concerns (indiscernible) --
- 20 A. Yeah.
- 21 Q. You mentioned that there are two steering motors, right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I just want to clarify. There are two steering motors on
- 24 this ship, yes?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. But is there are indication in the engine control room that
- 2 both steering motors are running?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. So you're saying before the incident both steering motors are
- 5 on?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you're sure of that?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. A couple of more questions. When you were in the engine
- 10 room, not within the ECR, you were outside and you were in front
- 11 of (indiscernible) the vessel shake?
- 12 A. Yeah, before that time I enter, enter that door.
- 13 Q. You were entering the door of the --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- ECR, from the engine room to the ECR?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. You saw the vessel or felt the vessel shake. Did you check
- 18 | what time it was?
- 19 A. No, not I remember.
- 20 Q. Approximate timing that you can think of?
- 21 A. No. They check that, what time.
- 22 Q. And regarding the PA system, inside the ECR you can hear the
- 23 PA system very clearly?
- 24 A. What you mean?
- 25 Q. The PA system, can you hear it within the ECR?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. So the PA announcement was after the collision or before the
- 3 | collision?
- 4 A. After.
- 5 Q. After the collision. And you were within the ECR at that
- 6 time?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. So what was the announcement that you heard in the ECR?
- 9 A. I know (indiscernible) because -- but I don't --
- 10 Q. Was the speaker clear?
- 11 A. Yeah, yes.
- 12 Q. Or it was -- so it's not that you don't, you can't hear, but
- 13 you (indiscernible). Is that how I understood it correctly?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 CAPT. NAKRA: That's it for me.
- 16 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
- 17 Q. Chief, in the engine room --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- you have a second engineer and a chief engineer?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And which one (indiscernible)?
- 22 A. (Indiscernible) engineer.
- 23 Q. Fourth engineer and third engine?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. All on duty?

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- 1 A. Yeah. No, no.
- 2 Q. Who was on -- no, who was on duty?
- 3 A. Second engineer.
- 4 Q. No wipers?
- 5 A. Have (indiscernible) wiper. One (indiscernible)
- 6 Q. So a total of three?
- 7 A. Three.
- 8 Q. Wiper, second, two?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No further questions.
- 11 CWO Anybody else (indiscernible)?
- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One quick follow-up.
- 13 CAPT. NAKRA: The alarm -- chief, we have some alarms --
- 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One quick follow-up. Sorry.
- 15 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
- 16 Q. Half ahead is 85 rpm?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Okay. So you said -- you mentioned half ahead.
- 19 A. That -- half ahead, yeah.
- 20 Q. Was that right before the collision?
- 21 A. Yeah, before.
- 22 Q. Like immediately before the collision?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. So but when you got on -- or when you came down there, it was
- 25 at 85 rpm?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What rpm is half ahead?
- 3 A. I think -- rpm is 55 or -- but I'm not sure it is 55
- 4 (indiscernible)
- 5 Q. All right.
- 6 CWO All right --
- 7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're all done?
- 8 CAPT. NAKRA: I just have the alarms that I'd like to --
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well --
- 10 CAPT. NAKRA: (indiscernible) --
- 11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. If you want to play them back,
- 12 | fine, but he's not a bridge watchstander, so if you play bridge
- 13 alarms for him it may --
- 14 CAPT. NAKRA: My personal experience is being on board for
- 15 | such a long time, he may be (indiscernible) some alarms. So I
- 16 suppose --
- 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I mean, I -- if you want to, go
- 18 ahead.
- 19 BY CAPT. NAKRA:
- 20 Q. Chief, we have some alarms from the bridge. Can you help us
- 21 to identify any alarms that you think sound familiar? It's okay
- 22 | if you can't, that's fine.
- 23 A. What -- I mean, (indiscernible) alarm?
- 24 O. The alarms which we recorded from the VDR. We have some
- 25 alarms, so we're just trying to see if you can help us identify

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- 1 some of the alarms. It's okay if you cannot.
- 2 A. Okay. Okay.
- 3 Q. Just try.
- 4 (Tone played.)
- 5 A. That one I think would be the telegraph.
- 6 Q. First one, telegraph?
- 7 A. That one -- I don't know what sound is that sound.
- 8 Q. This one?
- 9 (Tone played.)
- 10 A. No, I'm not (indiscernible) because I know (indiscernible).
- 11 Q. So none of these alarms (indiscernible)? That's fine. It's
- 12 okay. That's fine.
- 13 CAPT. NAKRA: All right. That's it.
- 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have one question, Chief.
- 15 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
- 16 Q. When you first came to the engine room --
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- you're sure the engine was on 85 rpms?
- 19 A. Yeah, and full -- because the full rpm is 85.
- 20 Q. Yeah, but that's not what I asked. I know full rpm is 85.
- 21 But were you on -- doing 85 rpms or were you doing more than 85
- 22 rpms?
- 23 A. No, because I go down in the engine room, second engineer was
- 24 there. Because that one when we stand by always 85.
- 25 Q. So do you know how -- have you ever looked at the VDR on the

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1
    ship?
2
         No.
 3
                So you don't know if the VDR is accurate with respect
         Okay.
 4
    to what the -- it records, as opposed to what the engine's
 5
    actually doing?
 6
         I don't know.
 7
         You don't know.
                           Okay.
8
         UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I have no questions.
 9
         CWO
                     Okay. All right.
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    interview with the chief engineer. The time is 1501.
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          (Whereupon, at 3:01 p.m., the interview was concluded.)
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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the attached proceeding before the

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

COLLISION OF THE USS McCAIN AND M/V ALNIC MC ON AUGUST 21, 2017 Interview of Wilfredo Alba Jabasa

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On Board the Alnic MC

DATE:

August 28, 2017

was held according to the record, and that this is the original, complete, true and accurate transcript which has been transcribed to the best of my skill and ability.

Kay Maurer
Transcriber