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Interview of: RYAN HILL

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- 1 INTERVIEW
- 2 MR. DEPAEPE: This will be 2 -- file 14.
- 3 My name is Tim DePaepe, D-e-P-a-e-p-e. I'm with the
- 4 National Transportation Safety Board, and we're here today to talk
- 5 about trouble tickets and items concerning a derailment and
- 6 hazardous materials release as the Paulsboro moveable bridge that
- 7 occurred on November 30th, 2012. I'm going to be focusing on
- 8 trouble tickets from October 27th, 2012, to the accident date,
- 9 November 30th, 2012.
- 10 I'm going to let everybody go around the table,
- 11 introduce themselves. Please spell your last name and identify
- 12 your position and company that you work for. To my right?
- MR. GURA: Cy, C-y, last name Gura, G-u-r-a, Safety
- 14 Engineer, NTSB.
- 15 MR. BILSON: Tom Bilson, Assistant Chief Engineer,
- 16 Maintenance of Way and Structures, Conrail.
- 17 MR. NOON: Thomas Noon, T-h-o-m-a-s, Noon, N-o-o-n, FRA,
- 18 Signal and Train Control.
- MR. TRACY: Doug Tracy, T-r-a-c-y, Assistant Chief
- 20 Engineer, C&S, Conrail.
- MR. HILL: Ryan Hill, H-i-l-l, Supervisor of Structures,
- 22 Conrail.
- MR. KILLINGBECK: David Killingbeck, K-i-l-l-i-n-g-b-e-
- 24 c-k, Chief Engineer, Structures, FRA.
- MR. DEPAEPE: Thank you, gentlemen.

1 INTERVIEW OF RYAN HILL

- 2 BY MR. DEPAEPE:
- 3 Q. We're going to begin by asking you, Ryan -- there's an
- 4 event numbered as 62587. The problem was bridge announcing
- 5 failure to operate on November 3rd, 2012. Repairs were none, open
- 6 and local control. The notes state, "Crew reports bridge is down
- 7 and locked and signal is displayed, but announcement is reporting
- 8 closure failure. Informed supervisor Hill. Informed supervisor
- 9 Vant. Hold for a.m. Next train reported stop signals at bridge.
- 10 Train talked by stop signal by dispatcher."
- 11 Would you please describe to us your involvement with
- 12 this event, when you were called, what you may have done, but in
- 13 your own words, what transpired from beginning to end for this?
- 14 A. Well, you know, thinking about it, I don't -- I can't
- 15 recall this date in particular. I -- if I was called and it was
- 16 me and Supervisor Vant, I don't recall ever talking with
- 17 Supervisor Vant about any of these calls. No one would ever --
- 18 the dispatcher or the -- who called us, they never tell you who
- 19 else they called. So I don't recall ever being told Vant was
- 20 called as well. If I was called, I would've sent out my
- 21 inspector, Gary Golden, and he would've opened up the bridge
- 22 behind the train. But this particular event, I don't recall
- 23 exactly what the details were.
- 24 Q. That's okay. If you don't remember, that's fine. I
- 25 want to move to another event that you may be familiar with. It's

- 1 designated as 62786, no signal northbound; repairs, none;
- 2 operated, tested. The cause it says, "COA, nothing found.
- 3 Supervisors Chris Kneib and B&B Supervisor R. Hill informed." Do
- 4 you have any recollection what transpired relating to this event?
- 5 A. I know on the 17th -- actually, I guess at 12 a.m. -- I
- 6 have it down as the 16th. It was probably -- it was the night and
- 7 early morning of the 17th. On the 16th I did dispatch Inspector
- 8 Golden to the bridge. I do not recall exactly what he reported
- 9 back to me. Most likely it was either the train was up at the
- 10 signal, the locks were not driven, or that the train had passed
- 11 and it did not open up behind them.
- 12 Q. Okay. There is another event, 62792, on the next day
- 13 where it says bridge failed to closed. Repair was reset bridge;
- 14 cause unknown; Ryan Hill notified. Was that a separate event from
- 15 the previous day, or -- or was that possibly a continuation or
- 16 something? Could you -- to the best of your recollection can you
- 17 describe what happened relating to that event?
- 18 A. I know that I did dispatch Inspector Golden on the 17th.
- 19 I don't recalling having to send him twice. Oh, I'm sorry. I
- 20 sent him the 16th. That's right. Not -- I don't recall having
- 21 sent him on the 17th.
- 22 Q. I just have a question because, do you -- are you the
- 23 person that types in these notes or gives the information for
- 24 these notes? Or how --
- 25 A. Either myself or whoever I send out will respond to the

- 1 trouble desk. I -- we do not type out these notes.
- Q. Okay. I guess what I'm getting at, this is like the
- 3 third event you said that your employee Golden would have gone out
- 4 there, but I see no mention of him being dispatched out there. Is
- 5 that just a glitch in communications between you guys or, you
- 6 know, between maybe Golden and the desk?
- 7 A. Yeah, I would never tell the trouble desk who I've
- 8 dispatched. I would --
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. -- just say we'll get somebody out there. I'd, you
- 11 know, I'd never tell them exactly who it was.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And typically Golden would call, after he had responded,
- 14 back to the trouble desk.
- 15 Q. The next event is 62816: Bridge did not open after
- 16 train. It was clear upon arrival; under investigation. Crew
- 17 reports bridge was closed upon arrival, but they did not have
- 18 signal. Crew visually inspected bridge; were talked by signal --
- 19 were talked by signal by dispatcher. After train cleared bridge,
- 20 bridge announced failure to operate. Informed Supervisor Hill.
- 21 This was on October 21st, 2012. Can you explain that
- 22 incident?
- 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: November. November.
- BY MR. DEPAEPE:
- 25 Q. Excuse me. November 21st, 2012. That was a mistake on

- 1 my part. November 21st, 2012.
- 2 A. Yeah. The trouble desk called me after the train had
- 3 cleared, and they reported that the bridge failed to close. I had
- 4 -- already had scheduled for two guys to go down and grease the
- 5 bridge that day. I told them to go first to Paulsboro and open up
- 6 the bridge before they greased. And those employees were Newt
- 7 Wallen and Frank Forant.
- 8 O. Okay. The next event shows 62854: Bridge failed to
- 9 lock. Removed debris. The cause was debris. Ryan Hill notified.
- 10 Do you have any recollection, or can you explain what
- 11 transpired during that event?
- 12 A. Do we know what day the 26th would've been?
- 13 Q. That would have been Monday.
- 14 A. Monday?
- 15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
- 16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
- 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Monday after Thanksgiving.
- 18 MR. HILL: Okay. I mean, I can't recall if I had
- 19 dispatched Gary Golden or if I went down there myself on the 26th.
- 20 But I'm -- I see it was at 7:19 in the morning when the guys were
- 21 already on duty.
- 22 MR. DEPAEPE: All right. Well, thank you. I'm going to
- 23 pass the questioning along to Mr. Cy Gura.
- 24 BY MR. GURA:
- Q. Ryan, as part of your duties did you by any chance do

- 1 the quarterly bridge inspection also?
- 2 A. No, I didn't. I've never done a quarterly bridge
- 3 inspection on Paulsboro bridge.
- 4 Q. Okay. I don't know if we covered event 82810 [sic].
- 5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 62.
- 6 BY MR. GURA:
- 7 Q. Yeah, 62810. 62810, where it said no signal southbound.
- 8 No signal southbound; reset bridge circuit; under investigation,
- 9 and it had your name there. I don't know if we -- we covered that
- 10 one.
- 11 A. Yeah. That -- on this call, I dispatched Gary Golden
- 12 out to the bridge.
- 13 O. And --
- A. And he locked it up for the crew, and they went over.
- 15 Q. Okay. He locked it up and the crew went over.
- 16 Now back in your office, when you dispatch somebody, do
- 17 they report back to you what they found and what have you? Is
- 18 there like a log of that?
- 19 A. I don't have a log, but they will call me and tell what
- 20 they did.
- Q. Okay. So you don't have any written documentation or
- 22 some kind of Excel spreadsheet or something of that nature saying
- 23 that, you know, I had this event, had this event, had this event,
- 24 and then this is what they did to fix it?
- 25 A. No, I don't have that. The only time I did ask for

- 1 someone to write down the codes was the 21st. I had them write
- 2 down what codes were on the screen and report that back to me.
- 3 Q. Okay. And on those codes on the 21st that was 82816
- 4 [sic]?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. I see you mentioned Neubauer (ph.) and Frank Barak
- 7 [sic]?
- 8 A. Yes, Newt Wallen -- are you talking about the employees
- 9 I sent out?
- 10 Q. Yeah.
- 11 A. Oh, yeah, Newt Wallen and Frank Forant. Yes.
- 12 Q. Oh, Newt Wallen.
- 13 A. Wallen.
- 14 Q. And do you recall what the codes were by any chance?
- 15 A. I believe they are 7 -- they were codes 78, 79, and 26,
- 16 but I'm not positive. I should have that still on my desk, the
- 17 notes they gave me.
- 18 Q. Okay. Is that something that you could provide?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Please provide that.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 MR. GURA: I have no further questions.
- MR. DEPAEPE: Mr. Bilson?
- MR. BILSON: Yes. Thomas Bilson.
- 25 BY MR. BILSON:

- Q. Starting at the top again there, Ryan, 62587 --
- 2 A. Uh-huh.
- 3 Q. -- 11/3. Your name is mentioned there. Is it normal
- 4 for Mr. Golden to go out there and close the bridge? And who does
- 5 he report back to? To you, right?
- A. He reports back to me. And typically he does call back
- 7 the dispatcher or trouble desk.
- 8 Q. But is -- you know, the answer is, "No repairs, open and
- 9 local control. The bridge is closed. Unknown." So you don't
- 10 recall reporting back? Or did he -- would he?
- 11 A. I don't recall.
- 12 Q. The next one that your name is also mentioned in, again,
- 13 Mr. Golden -- Mr. Golden for 62786. Now, that's -- that reports
- 14 no signal northbound. Is it normal for them to call you out for a
- 15 signal when it reports no signal, the trouble desk?
- 16 A. I would say they would. It's not out of the ordinary
- 17 that they would call me.
- 18 Q. For --
- 19 A. For --
- Q. -- a no signal?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Not bridge not working, but the -- and what do they tell
- 23 you when they call you? Just --
- 24 A. They would call me and say that they have a red light at
- 25 the bridge. That's all they would tell me, and then I would

- 1 dispatch -- I would dispatch someone.
- 2 Q. Okay. Like a first-responder type --
- 3 A. Right.
- 4 Q. -- to go down --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- and see what it is?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. The one I'm interested in and I don't think we covered
- 9 it was 62810, and it was to PA21, crew reported the bridge
- 10 announced self-closed but got no signal. Apparently, you
- 11 dispatched Gary Golden. He closed the bridge. Did he get a
- 12 signal at that point? Did he report back to you bridge is not
- 13 locked; he closed it?
- 14 A. If he did close it and didn't get a signal, I don't
- 15 remember if he told me what color the signal was, red or green.
- Q. Okay. Well, moving on to that same incident. Mr. Vant
- 17 was here and he said that he got involved because you called
- 18 him --
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. -- for help, and that's when they found a bad proximity
- 21 switch?
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And that's why I'm asking whether you know whether it
- 24 was green or red or --
- 25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. -- what that led to?
- 2 A. Right. Well, I think after the 20th, I was just trying
- 3 to put some people together to try to figure out what was going
- 4 on.
- 5 Q. Right.
- A. And, you know, being out there, I think the C&S thought
- 7 that they had a proxy switch out.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. But, you know, my goal was just to try to put some
- 10 people's heads together and figure out why we're having these
- 11 problems.
- MR. GURA: I'm done.
- MR. DEPAEPE: Mr. Noon?
- MR. NOON: Thomas Noon. I just have a couple questions.
- 15 BY MR. NOON:
- 16 Q. On a normal situation, dispatcher calls trouble desk.
- 17 Trouble desk calls you, tells you there's a red signal. The
- 18 bridge isn't -- and they -- and it's not locked. Okay.
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- 20 Q. You send yourself out or you send somebody out.
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- 22 Q. He goes out. He looks at it and sees it has an error
- 23 code. That's the first thing he does?
- 24 A. Right.
- Q. He clears the error code?

- 1 A. Well, he'll inspect -- visually inspect as well.
- Q. Visually inspect the bridge?
- 3 A. Right.
- Q. Okay. Does he -- he visually inspects the bridge and if
- 5 he thinks it's safe, he'll give the okay to go -- to move the
- 6 train?
- 7 A. Yes. I would say if Gary felt it was -- or if anyone
- 8 felt it was safe, what -- that they would -- they would walk a
- 9 train by.
- 10 Q. And then they would troubleshoot the trouble?
- 11 A. Well, I can't say that, because if the bridge is locked
- 12 and someone would see that and the train went over, I don't know
- 13 if it would've opened up by itself behind the train or not. So I
- 14 don't -- I can't say that he troubleshooted it.
- 15 Q. How would he -- if he was going to troubleshoot, how --
- 16 what would be the first thing to do? Let me run it by this way,
- 17 all right? He goes out. He sees the train waiting. He goes out.
- 18 He walks the track. He sees that the running rails are safe, that
- 19 the bridge is locked up. He can't get a signal, but he sees that
- 20 it's safe. He okays for the dispatcher to give him a pass on the
- 21 red signal. Okay. He then goes back. He operates the switch
- 22 back and forth. Is that troubleshooting?
- 23 A. I don't know if you would call it troubleshooting. I
- 24 would --
- 25 Q. But that would be the procedure?

- 1 A. -- what the train -- right. He would test it behind the
- 2 train. I don't -- you know, I don't know if you would call that
- 3 troubleshooting.
- 4 Q. And if it worked correctly, would that be considered
- 5 COA?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And, of course, if it didn't work, then he'd go further
- 8 into whatever the issues were?
- 9 A. Yes.
- MR. NOON: Okay. I'm done.
- MR. DEPAEPE: Mr. Tracy?
- MR. TRACY: No questions.
- 13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just go ahead.
- MR. KILLINGBECK: This is Dave Killingbeck --
- 15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I knew that.
- 16 MR. KILLINGBECK: I really don't have any questions.
- 17 MR. DEPAEPE: This is Tim DePaepe again with the NTSB.
- 18 BY MR. DEPAEPE:
- 19 Q. Do you have any knowledge how that signal clears? You
- 20 know, do you have any knowledge of signal circuitry?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. No. So basically your function, as you said, you're a
- 23 B&B supervisor. You basically work on the bridge portion, like
- 24 the limiting switches, things like that. Do you have knowledge of
- 25 how the limiting switches function?

- 1 A. Very limited. You know, something like that I would
- 2 have to count on an electrician or maybe ask supervisor, someone
- 3 who would know a little more than me.
- 4 MR. DEPAEPE: Okay. We're going to go off the record
- 5 here. It's 5:01, and we will be back shortly.
- 6 (Off the record.)
- 7 (On the record.)
- MR. DEPAEPE: This is Tim DePaepe. We're back on the
- 9 record. It's 5:03.
- 10 BY MR. DEPAEPE:
- 11 Q. Mr. Hill, could you tell me how long you've been working
- 12 in your current position with Conrail?
- 13 A. I started working around beginning of August for around
- 14 2 months with the previous supervisor, Dave Ohr. In the beginning
- 15 of October, I was the sole supervisor of the B&B.
- 16 Q. Okay. All right. So approximately 4 months -- 2 months
- 17 in training with Mr. Ohr and then almost 2 months since Mr. Ohr
- 18 departed for his next job. Thank you.
- 19 I'm going to switch gears a little bit. Do you have any
- 20 knowledge of anything that may have happened with the bridge on
- 21 the accident day, November 30th, from approximately 7:30 a.m., 24
- 22 hours before that? Were you involved in any trouble tickets with
- 23 that bridge? I know this may have --
- 24 A. Yeah.
- 25 Q. -- been covered in a previous interview, but very

- 1 briefly can you just tell me what may have transpired in the 24
- 2 hours preceding the accident?
- 3 A. Okay. Well, I guess it was on the 29th -- I guess that
- 4 was Thursday. So early Thursday morning, I did get a call from
- 5 the trouble desk that the train was at the bridge and the bridge
- 6 was reporting open. I dispatched Gary Golden. By the time he had
- 7 gotten there, the train was -- there was no train there, and he
- 8 heard them reporting south at Woodbury. He talked to the
- 9 dispatcher who said that he had the train back up off the shunts,
- 10 come back up to the bridge, at which point it locked, and they got
- 11 the signal. Once the train passed, it did not open up behind it,
- 12 at which point Gary did open the bridge.
- The next day, I went out with Gary Golden, Jerry
- 14 Kaminski; we also had Charles Hanby, and we adjusted the hog rod
- on the east side on the north end as well as grease the bridge
- 16 seats on the bridge. And that was the last time that we were
- 17 there or that I had gotten a call at the bridge before the
- 18 derailment.
- 19 Q. About what time did you finish that work approximately?
- 20 A. I would say around 11 a.m.
- O. On November 29th?
- 22 A. On November 29th --
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. -- 11 to 12 a.m., sometime late morning.
- MR. DEPAEPE: Okay. Well, I appreciate that. I have no

- 1 additional questions. I'm going to move again -- I'm going to
- 2 move to my left this time.
- 3 MR. KILLINGBECK: All right. This is Dave Killingbeck
- 4 again.
- 5 BY MR. KILLINGBECK:
- 6 Q. Going back to the 29th when you and Mr. Kaminski and
- 7 Mr. Golden and Mr. Hanby --
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. -- were out there and adjustments were made to one or
- 10 both of the hog rods?
- 11 A. It was one hog rod.
- 12 Q. And that was in which location?
- 13 A. Called the northeast hog rod.
- 0. Okay. So that was lifting -- that was in order to lift
- 15 the corner or the girder that would approach the bridge seat first
- 16 as it was swinging closed?
- 17 A. That's correct. We witnessed the girder hit the west
- 18 bridge seat as it was closing. So we tighten the hog rod to lift
- 19 it up enough where they wouldn't hit while closing.
- 20 Q. Okay. When you finished making that adjustment, that
- 21 tightening of that eastside hog rod, how did you determine whether
- 22 or not a side -- you knew it was lifting far enough at that point
- 23 because --
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 Q. -- it wasn't striking. How did you determine whether

- 1 when it released that it was fully seating?
- 2 A. Well, we did test it, and we would get a seated light on
- 3 the PLC. The PLC was reporting the bridge seated. That's how --
- 4 Q. Okay, so --
- 5 A. -- we determined the bridge was seated.
- Q. All right. So you were basing the seating on the limit
- 7 switch that was telling the PLC it was seated, not --
- 8 A. And I also visually did witness the bridge lower. I
- 9 can't say that I -- witnessing that, I could say it was actually
- 10 seated, but based on watching the bridge lower and getting the
- 11 seated signal for the PLC, that's how we determined that the
- 12 bridge was seating.
- 13 Q. Okay. One last question, unless I think of something
- 14 more. Do you know where or how the span seat is detected or
- 15 determined, where the limit switch is that tells the PLC that the
- 16 bridge is seated?
- 17 A. I believe it's in the -- there's a cam switch in the
- 18 motor that drives the bridge up and down to seat it. There's a
- 19 cam switch in there, I believe.
- 20 Q. Okay. So the cam switch is counting or measuring the
- 21 degree of rotation of the output shaft from the motor drive from
- 22 the gear reduction?
- 23 A. I can't speak to how it actually works. I just --
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. -- am aware that there's a switch in that motor.

- 1 MR. KILLINGBECK: Okay. Fair answer. That's all I
- 2 have.
- 3 MR. DEPAEPE: Mr. Tracy?
- 4 MR. TRACY: Nothing more.
- 5 MR. DEPAEPE: Mr. Noon?
- 6 MR. NOON: No more questions.
- 7 MR. DEPAEPE: Mr. Bilson?
- 8 BY MR. BILSON:
- 9 Q. Yeah, Ryan, could go back to the incident where the --
- 10 the pull up on circuit and backed off.
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- 12 Q. Can you explain that again?
- 13 A. When Gary Golden got to the bridge, there was no one
- 14 there.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. He heard the crew south at Woodbury. He called the
- 17 dispatcher, who told Gary that he had told the train crew to back
- 18 up off the circuit and pull back up.
- 19 Q. So they didn't get the permit to open or close or
- 20 whatever it is because they -- I guess they weren't shunting?
- 21 A. I'm not sure why they didn't get the -- get it to close.
- MR. BILSON: Okay. Thanks.
- BY MR. DEPAEPE:
- Q. I have a follow-up question for you, Ryan. And it's
- 25 more about protocols or procedures when B&B is doing work out on

- 1 this bridge.
- 2 You stated that on the 29th you guys had to make some
- 3 adjustments because of error codes and things you observed. Are
- 4 you required to call like the signal department after you make any
- 5 adjustments to the bridge so that they come out and check the
- 6 signal to make sure that it works because -- first let me ask that
- 7 -- that's the question.
- 8 A. As far as I know, we're not required to --
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. -- to contact C&S.
- 11 Q. The reason I ask that question is because you may have
- 12 made adjustments that may have affected the slide lock or slide
- 13 rail and they may -- you know, you might make an adjustment to
- 14 where they don't get a signal for some reason, you know. I'm not
- 15 a bridge expert, but there's a possibility something you did to
- 16 correct your issue may have affected their system. And that's why
- 17 I asked if you have to call them. So there's no written procedure
- 18 that you have to notify signal personnel after making adjustments
- 19 on the bridge?
- 20 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. All right. Thank you.
- 22 MR. DEPAEPE: I'm going to just look around the table.
- 23 If there are any other questions, go ahead.
- MR. KILLINGBECK: Dave Killingbeck with a follow-up
- 25 question.

- 1 BY MR. KILLINGBECK:
- 2 Q. Ryan, you had said that the dispatcher instructed the
- 3 train -- I don't remember which incident it was --
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. -- but I believe you said it was a southbound train to
- 6 back up off the circuit and then reapproach the signal and come
- 7 back into the circuit?
- 8 A. That's what my inspector was told --
- 9 Q. That's what your --
- 10 A. -- by the dispatcher, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. In your short tenure on having this territory is
- 12 that a common procedure that the dispatcher will try?
- 13 A. Not that I know of, no.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.
- BY MR. DEPAEPE:
- 16 Q. All right. At this time, I just want to give you the
- 17 opportunity, Ryan, if there's anything you can think of or
- 18 anything that you may think is pertinent to the day of the
- 19 accident that you may have knowledge of, if you'd like to offer
- 20 that to us, this is your opportunity to do so. If you don't have
- 21 anything to add, that's fine also too. So I ask, do you have
- 22 anything you'd like to add to this interview?
- 23 A. I would just say that whenever I was contacted by the
- 24 trouble desk there's never a time where we didn't have someone
- 25 respond to a call.

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        Q.
              Okay.
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              That's all I would say.
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              MR. DEPAEPE: All right. Well, it's -- it's 5:13 p.m.,
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    and I'm going to call this interview to a close. Thank you very
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    much.
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             (Whereupon, at 5:13 p.m., the interview was concluded.)
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