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INTERVIEW OF:

ENRICO RILLERA

PRESENT:

ROB JONES, NTSB
ERIK LASALLE, USCG
LEONARDO ESQUEA, NCL

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MR. JONES: Okay. This is an interview with Second Officer Enrico Rillera, who was on the bridge at the time of the incident. And this is June 6, and I would just like to get some background on your first, Enrico. Your crew number?

MR. RILLERA: Seven, seven, five.

MR. JONES: And your safety number?

MR. RILLERA: Seven, one, three.

MR. JONES: And you are employed with, on the Norway, in what position?

MR. RILLERA: Second officer.

MR. JONES: Okay. And what are your emergency duties?

MR. RILLERA: My emergency duties is co pilot.

MR. JONES: Co pilot.

MR. RILLERA: On the bridge, yes.

MR. JONES: So you are on the bridge when the emergency station bell is rung?

MR. RILLERA: Yes.

MR. JONES: Okay. Thanks.

Could you tell me how long you have been working on the Norway?

MR. RILLERA: This is my second contract on the Norway.

1 MR. JONES: Okay.

2 MR. RILLERA: And this is my three month,
3 third month.

4 MR. JONES: Third month on that contract.

5 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

6 MR. JONES: Okay.

7 MR. RILLERA: On my contract.

8 MR. JONES: And how long have you been second
9 mate on the Norway?

10 MR. RILLERA: The second time.

11 MR. JONES: The second time.

12 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

13 MR. JONES: Okay. And if you could tell me
14 that morning what happened or where you were when the
15 incident occurred?

16 MR. RILLERA: I was raising the mast,
17 because -- after finished, preparing for the next
18 place, going to St. Martin.

19 MR. JONES: The next time maybe erase a little
20 slower so I can get some information next time.

21 Okay. And then what were you doing next?

22 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, I hope nothing will happen
23 again.

24 MR. JONES: No, that is okay.

25 MR. RILLERA: Yeah. Then I haven't finished

1 my work, when I heard the explosion.

2 MR. JONES: And where were you at the time
3 when you heard the explosion?

4 MR. RILLERA: -- table.

5 MR. JONES: On the bridge?

6 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

7 MR. JONES: Okay. On the forward part of the
8 bridge?

9 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

10 MR. JONES: Up by the window?

11 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

12 MR. JONES: Okay. Okay. And what did you do
13 next?

14 MR. RILLERA: I, I -- and the gangway pulled
15 down.

16 MR. JONES: Okay.

17 MR. RILLERA: Then I heard the alarm.

18 MR. JONES: Okay.

19 MR. RILLERA: Then all the lights go off, I
20 don't have a chance to go to the Master, because all
21 the alarms came out. I don't know what to do, because
22 I am alone there.

23 MR. JONES: Okay. And you said you didn't have
24 a chance to call the Master.

25 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. What happened, what happened
2 next, the alarms were going off and --

3 MR. RILLERA: No, continue, continue alarm.

4 MR. JONES: That is what I mean, they were
5 going off, they were sounding.

6 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

7 MR. JONES: You continued to hear the alarms.

8 MR. RILLERA: Yes. But, the Captain comes up.

9 MR. JONES: Okay. And what were your duties
10 then, what happened after the Captain comes on the
11 bridge and then what were you doing after that?

12 MR. RILLERA: No, we heard only -- and then we
13 announced Code Bravo.

14 MR. JONES: Okay. And who announced the Code
15 Bravo? Was that one of your duties, was it another
16 officer on the bridge?

17 MR. RILLERA: Another officer.

18 MR. JONES: And who was that?

19 MR. RILLERA: I don't remember because I am,
20 on the side, the navigation room.

21 MR. JONES: Okay.

22 MR. RILLERA: And -- is on the front.

23 MR. JONES: Okay. And what happened next,
24 Enrico? You were silencing the alarms, you were back
25 in the navigation chart room, behind the bridge.

1 MR. RILLERA: No, I kept listening to the
2 walkie talkie and writing all the details on what
3 happened.

4 MR. JONES: Okay.

5 MR. RILLERA: Because I don't know we have
6 explosion. The boiler that exploded.

7 MR. JONES: And where were you writing those
8 details?

9 MR. RILLERA: On a piece of paper.

10 MR. JONES: Okay. How about, what was going
11 on next? Just kind of try to take me through, through
12 what you did next. You were keeping track of the
13 events on a scrap piece of paper, you were silencing
14 the alarms, and --

15 MR. RILLERA: Yes, and listening to, listening
16 to the walkie talkie.

17 MR. JONES: Okay.

18 MR. RILLERA: And I am assisting because the
19 officer is also in microphone. He is doing, for
20 example, --

21 MR. JONES: Okay.

22 MR. RILLERA: I am assisting him.

23 MR. JONES: Okay. You were assisting the first
24 officer?

25 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

1 MR. JONES: Of staff captain or --

2 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

3 MR. JONES: Or, so all your superior officers,
4 you were just up there assisting.

5 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

6 MR. JONES: Okay. And about how long do you
7 think this process last? Were you on the bridge the
8 entire time and --

9 MR. RILLERA: Yes, I was there until 11 or 11
10 or 12 o'clock.

11 MR. JONES: Okay. And if this incident hadn't
12 occurred, what were your normal duties that morning?
13 What was your normal watch that day?

14 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, I am four to eight.

15 MR. JONES: You were the four to eight.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

17 MR. JONES: So you were on the bridge while
18 the vessel was docking.

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 MR. JONES: Okay. And then you would have been
21 relieved and gone off watch at eight o'clock.

22 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

23 MR. JONES: Okay.

24 MR. RILLERA: This really -- my duty, I do my
25 and then I go up --

1 MR. JONES: Yes, okay.

2 All right, anything else that you did on the
3 bridge that morning besides what you described right
4 now? Taking the scraps of log, silencing the alarms,
5 assisting with the phones and the walkie talkie.
6 Anything you remember? Did you look out the bridge
7 windows and see anything from the stack?

8 MR. RILLERA: Yes, I am, I am going around and
9 I was seeing the bridge wing.

10 MR. JONES: And what did you see out on the
11 bridge wing?

12 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, because the helicopter
13 is --

14 MR. JONES: Was that a Coast Guard helicopter,
15 news helicopter?

16 MR. RILLERA: I think it was --

17 MR. JONES: What did it look like?

18 MR. RILLERA: A helicopter.

19 MR. JONES: Did it have a flashing light?

20 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

21 MR. JONES: Was it white?

22 MR. RILLERA: I don't know, I don't remember.

23 MR. JONES: Was it white? Was it orange?

24 MR. RILLERA: I don't remember the color.

25 MR. JONES: Okay. Did you see anything else

1 about the vessel, itself?

2 MR. RILLERA: No, I see the, the fire fighters
3 and the ambulance.

4 MR. JONES: Down --

5 MR. RILLERA: The ambulance.

6 MR. JONES: Down on the dock.

7 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

8 MR. JONES: So you were on the starboard
9 bridge wing at that time?

10 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

11 MR. JONES: Did you go out on the port bridge
12 wing at all?

13 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

14 MR. JONES: Look out over the harbor.

15 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

16 MR. JONES: Did you notice anything out there?

17 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, because we are checking if
18 somebody goes to the water.

19 MR. JONES: Okay. On the outboard side, on the
20 port side.

21 MR. RILLERA: Yes, port side.

22 MR. JONES: So you checked both sides.

23 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

24 MR. JONES: Okay. Anything else, did you see
25 any of the smoke coming out of the stacks, anything

1 unusual there? Were you out there at that time?

2 MR. RILLERA: I did not see the smoke coming
3 out of the, I didn't see, I didn't see that.

4 MR. JONES: Okay. Okay. So you saw the medical
5 teams or the fire fighters arriving down on the dock.

6 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

7 MR. JONES: Anything else on the dock, were
8 there a lot of people down there?

9 MR. RILLERA: Yeah. There are a lot of people
10 there.

11 MR. JONES: Any crew members? Did you see any
12 of your own crew members down there?

13 MR. RILLERA: I didn't see the hospital team
14 taking out to the from ship to shore. I did not see
15 them.

16 MR. JONES: Okay. So the injured, you didn't
17 see them remove the injured.

18 MR. RILLERA: No.

19 MR. JONES: Okay. Do you remember how many
20 passenger gangways were along side the ship at that
21 time? The elevated ones that will be up on Norway
22 Deck?

23 MR. RILLERA: Yes. I remember one forward,
24 aft and the Norway Deck was.

25 MR. JONES: Okay. Just one right now.

1 MR. RILLERA: No, one forward, one aft and one
2 Norway forward is open.

3 MR. JONES: Okay. So, three, three
4 passenger --

5 MR. RILLERA: No, one passenger.

6 MR. JONES: One passenger.

7 MR. RILLERA: And Norway, and Norway Deck.

8 MR. JONES: And Norway Deck.

9 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

10 MR. JONES: And the other ones you are
11 describing, were those the ones on the dock, go right
12 up to the dock?

13 MR. RILLERA: Yes. Forward and aft.

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 MR. RILLERA: And the mid ship gangway because
16 we had, taking fresh water.

17 MR. JONES: Okay.

18 MR. RILLERA: Every time we go to Miami.

19 MR. JONES: So that is three ramps to the dock
20 from --

21 MR. RILLERA: Not the mid ship, no, no ramp.

22 MR. JONES: Okay. All right. Okay.

23 MR. RILLERA: I think that is starboard also
24 because we were taking -- We usually open that one,
25 starboard, eight o'clock.

1 MR. JONES: Okay. On the port side?

2 MR. RILLERA: Yes, the port side.

3 MR. JONES: Okay. When you were up on the
4 bridge, did you see the bumping barge coming at all?

5 MR. RILLERA: No. Because it was coming
6 eight, nine o'clock, something like that.

7 MR. JONES: Not until eight or nine o'clock.

8 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

9 MR. JONES: So, it wasn't even in your view at
10 the time.

11 MR. RILLERA: No.

12 MR. JONES: Were any calls made to the bumping
13 barge or did they call you?

14 MR. RILLERA: No. I don't, I don't receive
15 any.

16 MR. JONES: All right, so they weren't really
17 in the area at all at the time.

18 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

19 MR. JONES: Okay. Enrico, just, where did you
20 get your training, where did you get your license?

21 MR. RILLERA: In Philippines.

22 MR. JONES: Philippines.

23 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

24 MR. JONES: And how long have you had that
25 license?

1 MR. RILLERA: Since 1994.

2 MR. JONES: Okay. Have you sailed second mate
3 on other ships before?

4 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

5 MR. JONES: Okay. With cruise lines or --

6 MR. RILLERA: This is my second time in cruise
7 lines, but my experience is container, cargo ships.

8 MR. JONES: Okay.

9 MR. RILLERA: And boats.

10 MR. JONES: Okay. Enrico, I am just going to
11 open it up to the Coast Guard and, if they have
12 anything.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- U.S. Coast Guard.

14 I just wanted to ask you, what are your
15 duties on evacuation drill?

16 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, my duties are co pilot.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, can you say
18 that again?

19 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, my duties, my duties?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

21 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, I am co pilot.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What do your duties
23 consist of?

24 MR. RILLERA: Excuse me?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What do they consist

1 of? What do you have to do during assisting the --

2 MR. RILLERA: Assist watch officer on the
3 bridge.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What do you do to
5 assist him? Assist him in what?

6 MR. RILLERA: Giving orders, or if he is busy
7 for other things, he is telling me what to do.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, have you practiced
9 evacuation drills before, during the time that you have
10 been on the Norway?

11 MR. RILLERA: Evacuation, no.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have you done any
13 drills?

14 MR. RILLERA: Oh, yeah, we are practicing.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You have practice.
16 When you practice these drills, what do you do?

17 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, I am only on the bridge.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You are on the bridge.

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You just stay on the
21 bridge.

22 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And what do you do on
24 the bridge during these drills? You observe anything?

25 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, I am --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you make radio
2 calls?

3 MR. RILLERA: Yes. Mostly I am getting the
4 passenger crew and giving to the radio communication
5 account and the position. Then I was the one who make
6 announcement --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you make
8 announcements on the radio?

9 MR. RILLERA: No, the PA system.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: PA system.

11 MR. RILLERA: And also on the radio. After
12 that I was the one who closed down the ventilation,
13 ventilation system, if there is any fire.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When you say closed the
15 ventilation system, what do you do to close the
16 ventilation system? How do you close it?

17 MR. RILLERA: There is, the release button.
18 But, I am not doing because only drill.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. What else do you
20 do? What are you other responsibilities?

21 MR. RILLERA: -- Staff Captain will take
22 over, if he is on the bridge.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Doing this particular
24 incident, did you hear an evacuation sound or an
25 emergency call?

1 MR. RILLERA: Yes, I heard. Captain said that
2 the passengers must go to one, I think International,
3 Olympia, because, to get themselves there, put in one
4 place.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To Olympia Deck?

6 MR. RILLERA: I think Olympia.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you remember if he
8 said on the PA or on the radio?

9 MR. RILLERA: On the PA, the PA system.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did they, did you hear
11 any emergency signal?

12 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What was the signal,
14 what did it sound like? Well, what is the signal for
15 ship?

16 MR. RILLERA: Seven short and one long. But,
17 the crew is ashore at that time.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

19 MR. RILLERA: Is ashore, that is why Master --
20 to Master, crew members, but it is difficult because
21 the other crew is ashore. We cannot count which is
22 missing or who is present.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. What time more or
24 less was that emergency signal given?

25 MR. RILLERA: Between nine, nine to ten,

1 10:10.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you want to clarify
3 whether this is during the drill or whether this was
4 the morning of the incident?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He specified that it
6 was during the morning of the incident.

7 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time did you see
10 the other crew ashore? That you physically see them.

11 MR. RILLERA: I heard through the radio
12 because we cannot check on the starboard mostly,
13 especially, nobody is there. And I heard the other crew
14 members, they cannot come in, because, I don't know
15 who, the police or they don't want them to allow them
16 to come in, coming back.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When they mustered, did
18 you hear by any chance, recall any of the numbers back
19 to the Captain?

20 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, there is one in charge and
21 one is stationed, who is the missing, then the other,
22 but, it is, because there are, there is an -- crew
23 number, not safety card. That is why it is mixed.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Did they say more
25 or less how many persons were missing on that muster?

1 MR. RILLERA: No. Because it is hard to
2 count. They are ashore. And the Captain decided to
3 put in one, inside the -- We all go there, after that
4 mustering, because they said, he said all the crew must
5 report to -- Saga theater to --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, report to
7 where?

8 MR. RILLERA: -- Saga theater.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Yes.
10 What is your muster station?

11 MR. RILLERA: Muster station --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have a muster
13 station?

14 MR. RILLERA: Yes. Five, station, it was
15 number five.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: After everyone
17 mustered, what, was there another announcement made
18 that told everyone else to go back, go somewhere else
19 or what happened?

20 MR. RILLERA: No, because, because they did
21 not say anything because it is difficult to count on
22 that time. The crew is, and he make announcement
23 again, don't leave your post, the Captain said.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did he say this on the
25 radio or on the PA?

1 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, the PA.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The PA.

3 Afterwards, after the muster station, where
4 did you go next?

5 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, because it is difficult on
6 the, because our station is Olympia, we are taking all
7 the crew there. Then he said that, they decided to
8 assemble in one place, that is where we go to Saga
9 theater.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, after the Saga,
11 after you went to the Saga Theater, where did you go
12 after everything was controlled or what happened?

13 MR. RILLERA: Yes, after they dismissed our
14 crew.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They dismissed the
16 crew.

17 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who dismissed the crew?
19 The Captain or --

20 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did he do this on the
22 PA, on the PA system?

23 MR. RILLERA: Yes, he said under control, the
24 fire is under control.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And after he dismissed,

1 where did you go?

2 MR. RILLERA: Me?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

4 MR. RILLERA: I stayed on the bridge, I wait
5 for my relief.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is all the
7 questions I have. Thank you very much.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. Your
9 last name is Rillera, R-I-L-L-E-R-A?

10 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What is your license,
12 what sort of licenses do you have?

13 MR. RILLERA: As second officer.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You have second officer
15 license.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have an DMBS
18 license?

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And you said you went
21 through school in 1994. You took your exam in 19 --

22 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Before that, how many
24 years altogether have you been at sea?

25 MR. RILLERA: I started sailing since 1982.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 1982.

2 MR. RILLERA: Yes. But, of course, I had --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Of course.

4 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, maybe 15 years.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. When you heard
6 the explosion, how long from the explosion until the
7 Captain came to the bridge, approximately?

8 MR. RILLERA: Less than 30 seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Less than 30 seconds.

10 In that time, how many was on the bridge at
11 that time?

12 MR. RILLERA: I am alone, but I am not sure if
13 the first officer is, maybe he is working on computer.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But, you are not sure,
15 perhaps the first officer was there.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which will be the
18 pilot.

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And you are the co
21 pilot.

22 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, you two guys are
24 two on duty.

25 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And then the Captain
2 comes in.

3 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When did the staff
5 captain come in?

6 MR. RILLERA: Less than one minute.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Less than one minute.

8 MR. RILLERA: Yes. Everybody came because it
9 is a big, big --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 MR. RILLERA: Big alarm.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I understand
13 that.

14 And you are mainly, what you did then was to
15 execute order that the Captain gave you.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Like answer the
18 telephone, if the telephone was ringing.

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You did not announce
21 yourself at any time, anything on the PA system?

22 MR. RILLERA: No.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. That is all I
24 have. Thank you.

25 MR. JONES: I am all done.

1 MR. WALSH: Jim Walsh, NTSB. Enrico, from the
2 time from the explosion to the Captain was 30 seconds
3 on the bridge.

4 MR. RILLERA: Yes, yes.

5 MR. WALSH: And 60 seconds from the explosion
6 is when the first officer approximately.

7 MR. RILLERA: Staff captain.

8 MR. WALSH: Staff captain.

9 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

10 MR. WALSH: So 60 seconds.

11 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

12 MR. WALSH: The first announcement for Alpha
13 and Bravo were they doing this time that you heard on
14 your radio?

15 MR. RILLERA: Yeah. After they came.

16 MR. WALSH: After they came.

17 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

18 MR. WALSH: Then you heard the, on the radio,
19 when was the first time you heard Alpha, Code Alpha
20 called?

21 MR. RILLERA: Because -- thinking, I think
22 after one minute, we announced Code Alpha, first
23 because we heard there were some injuries.

24 MR. WALSH: And you heard that how?

25 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, in, in walkie talkie.

1 MR. WALSH: So, you heard it walkie talkie.

2 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

3 MR. WALSH: Did you hear it by telephone at
4 all?

5 MR. RILLERA: No, only on walkie talkie,
6 because I cannot leave my post.

7 MR. WALSH: Okay. So you heard it over the
8 radio.

9 MR. RILLERA: Yes, the radio. And they make
10 announcement in PA system, through PA system.

11 MR. WALSH: And that was the Captain that made
12 the announcement on the Code Alpha and Code Bravo?

13 MR. RILLERA: I think the staff, the first
14 officer.

15 MR. WALSH: The first officer. From the bang.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, I think one or two
17 minutes.

18 MR. WALSH: Okay. I was a little confused in
19 listening when I was taking some notes. When the
20 Alpha, how many Alphas do you recall being sent out
21 through the ship, through the public address system?

22 MR. RILLERA: How many calls they made? I
23 heard Code Alpha and then heard man overboard.

24 MR. WALSH: You heard man overboard.

25 MR. RILLERA: Yes. Because one, one of the --

1 It was --

2 MR. WALSH: Was there a man overboard called
3 over the public address system?

4 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

5 MR. WALSH: Okay. And --

6 MR. RILLERA: And then the stretcher team and
7 Code Bravo.

8 MR. WALSH: Stretcher team and then Code
9 Bravo. From the bang to Code Bravo, that was about one
10 to two minutes.

11 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

12 MR. WALSH: Okay. The signal, seven shorts
13 and one long that you mentioned.

14 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

15 MR. WALSH: That was used to do what? Who
16 sounded that signal and why did they sound it?

17 (Pause.)

18 MR. RILLERA: I am not sure who sounded the
19 alarm.

20 MR. WALSH: And what would be the reason they
21 sounded that alarm?

22 MR. RILLERA: I think they, he said that under
23 control, the crew got panic, they go out because they
24 are --

25 MR. WALSH: The crew is panicked.

1 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: They go out.

3 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

4 MR. WALSH: What does the Captain do when he
5 sees that happening?

6 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, he said he can bring, they
7 can let them in to check, but, they cannot come in,
8 they can stand up.

9 MR. WALSH: Who did the Captain tell that to?

10 MR. RILLERA: To the on scene, on scene
11 commander. On scene, I think the safety manager.

12 MR. WALSH: Safety manager.

13 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

14 (Change to tape.)

15 MR. WALSH: I am just asking what you were
16 aware of.

17 The seven shorts and one long, what does that
18 mean to you? What is that a signal for?

19 MR. RILLERA: Emergency.

20 MR. WALSH: Okay.

21 MR. RILLERA: Go to station.

22 MR. WALSH: So, all crew members go to their
23 emergency stations.

24 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

25 MR. WALSH: The passengers were mustered

1 during that signal.

2 MR. RILLERA: But, before he announced that,
3 all the passengers is cleared.

4 MR. WALSH: Seven shorts and one long, what
5 did the passengers do when they heard that signal?

6 MR. RILLERA: I think before the Captain
7 announced that, all the passengers left, we cleared the
8 passengers first.

9 MR. WALSH: What is the abandon ship signal?

10 MR. RILLERA: Abandon ship. One long blast.

11 MR. WALSH: Okay. So, when you heard seven
12 short and one long, what did the passengers do?

13 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, go to their stations also.

14 MR. WALSH: So, the passengers went to their
15 stations.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

17 MR. WALSH: Crew mustered and went to their
18 stations.

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 MR. WALSH: People that were missing, the
21 passengers that were missing, what did the Captain do
22 when he heard passengers were missing?

23 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, we searched, but on that
24 time, the passengers did not go to their station. We
25 assembled in, we assembled them in one place to keep

1 them safe.

2 MR. WALSH: You assembled the passengers in
3 one place.

4 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

5 MR. WALSH: Where was that?

6 MR. RILLERA: I think Olympia, Olympia Deck.

7 MR. WALSH: Is Olympia Deck where the
8 passengers would muster for abandon ship?

9 MR. RILLERA: No, International.

10 MR. WALSH: International.

11 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

12 MR. WALSH: When did the Captain know that
13 passengers were missing?

14 MR. RILLERA: No, no report, there is a
15 passenger missing.

16 MR. WALSH: You don't recall receiving that
17 there were 41 passengers missing from muster stations?

18 MR. RILLERA: I did not hear that.

19 MR. WALSH: You do remember that the Captain
20 saying though to search cabins for passengers.

21 MR. RILLERA: Yes. I remember.

22 MR. WALSH: Do you remember the Captain
23 receiving muster lists from International Deck?

24 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

25 MR. WALSH: For the passengers.

1 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: Do you remember any passengers
3 missing from that list?

4 MR. RILLERA: No, I don't remember it.

5 MR. WALSH: Okay. When the passengers were
6 mustered at International Deck, then what did the
7 Captain tell them to do?

8 MR. RILLERA: Search the areas where their
9 cabin is.

10 MR. WALSH: Okay. What did the Captain tell
11 the passengers to do at International Deck once they
12 were all mustered?

13 MR. RILLERA: I don't remember what he said.

14 MR. WALSH: Okay. So, the passengers are at
15 their muster stations.

16 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

17 MR. WALSH: You are sure of that?

18 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

19 MR. WALSH: Okay. The Captain is sure of it as
20 well.

21 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

22 MR. WALSH: And --

23 MR. RILLERA: He make announcement that we
24 have explosion, and things like that.

25 MR. WALSH: Okay.

1 MR. RILLERA: For safety, we, we transfer you
2 to one place.

3 MR. WALSH: And then how did the Captain tell
4 the passengers to go ashore?

5 MR. RILLERA: When, when it is under control,
6 then he said to let go all the passengers first for
7 their safety.

8 MR. WALSH: And for their safety. And where
9 did he tell them to go?

10 MR. RILLERA: I am not sure if he said stair
11 tower one or stair tower three. Because we opened to,
12 to galley, to let them go quickly.

13 MR. WALSH: Do you recall if any of the
14 passengers went back to their cabins?

15 MR. RILLERA: I am, I am not sure.

16 MR. WALSH: Are you aware if the Captain had
17 the cabins searched once the passengers were dismissed
18 from the muster station?

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 MR. WALSH: You are aware of what?

21 MR. RILLERA: There is, they were checking the
22 cabins, if there is a passenger missing or left from
23 the group.

24 MR. WALSH: And then what does the steward do?

25 MR. RILLERA: He, he report if somebody there

1 or -- He reported to the bridge.

2 MR. WALSH: The steward has a radio?

3 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

4 MR. WALSH: So when were you aware that all
5 the passengers left the ship?

6 MR. RILLERA: I am not sure what time the
7 passengers left.

8 MR. WALSH: Are you aware of any officer
9 telling you all the passengers have left the ship?

10 MR. RILLERA: I am, he did not tell me, I only
11 listened to the radio.

12 MR. WALSH: So, you are helping on the bridge.

13 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

14 MR. WALSH: You are keeping notes.

15 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

16 MR. WALSH: Did anyone tell you log all
17 passengers had left the ship?

18 MR. RILLERA: No one tell me. I think I am
19 the one who --

20 MR. WALSH: So, how do you know that all the
21 passengers had left the ship?

22 (Pause.)

23 MR. RILLERA: No one tell me.

24 MR. WALSH: Okay. So, now passengers left the
25 ship, the Captain, did he make an announcement to the

1 crew? Did he sound the signal? What did the Captain do
2 now?

3 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, mustering, we mustered for
4 the crew, missing crew.

5 MR. WALSH: So, what did the Captain tell the
6 crew when the passengers had left the ship?

7 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, mustering, we, we, he said
8 that stay on your post to, for mustering.

9 MR. WALSH: Stay in your emergency post or
10 your abandon ship post?

11 MR. RILLERA: Emergency.

12 MR. WALSH: Do you --

13 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

14 MR. WALSH: Go ahead.

15 MR. RILLERA: Stay in, because they abandon
16 ship, I think.

17 MR. WALSH: Okay. So, was there a signal
18 sounded to abandon ship?

19 MR. RILLERA: No. No signal.

20 MR. WALSH: Was there an announcement?

21 MR. RILLERA: Yes. Announcement to abandon. I
22 did not, no, abandon ship announcement, only mustering.

23 MR. WALSH: And then how did the Captain get
24 everybody to their station to muster them?

25 MR. RILLERA: Yeah, because when they are

1 reported, we muster, we take all the missing ones.

2 MR. WALSH: So you have emergency stations,
3 and everyone is there.

4 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

5 MR. WALSH: An emergency stations are people
6 can be at their passenger life boats, they can be at
7 life rafts, they can be in fire teams, they can be in
8 Alpha teams.

9 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

10 MR. WALSH: When you mustered the crew for a
11 muster, is it at the emergency station or at the
12 abandon ship station?

13 MR. RILLERA: Abandon.

14 MR. WALSH: So, how did the crew get from
15 emergency station to abandon ship station?

16 MR. RILLERA: I think announcement on the PA
17 system.

18 MR. WALSH: PA system.

19 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

20 MR. WALSH: And do you recall what the Captain
21 said?

22 MR. RILLERA: He only, seven shorts, so that
23 the crew will go to their stations.

24 MR. WALSH: Seven short is the emergency
25 signal?

1 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: Abandon ship signal is what?

3 MR. RILLERA: No, he did not -- for emergency
4 signal --

5 (Pause.)

6 MR. RILLERA: Because when, after the -- that,
7 staying the emergency duty.

8 MR. WALSH: So, in a normal drill, forget
9 Sunday, in a normal drill, you have your emergency.
10 And then the Coast Guard would say, this drill now goes
11 to abandon ship. How does everyone go from that
12 emergency to abandon ship in a drill every week?

13 MR. RILLERA: Yeah.

14 MR. WALSH: How?

15 MR. RILLERA: By signal.

16 MR. WALSH: Okay. And you know, you have
17 already said that the Captain made an announcement.

18 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

19 MR. WALSH: Does that ring a bell now that
20 someone also sounded a signal for Sunday or you just
21 don't recall?

22 MR. RILLERA: I just don't.

23 MR. WALSH: Okay. So, when everyone is out
24 their abandon ship station.

25 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

1 MR. WALSH: Do you remember people being
2 mustered at their abandon ship station, all crew
3 members at their abandon ship stations, their life
4 rafts and life boats?

5 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

6 MR. WALSH: And when those musters were taken,
7 were they reported to the bridge?

8 MR. RILLERA: Yes.

9 MR. WALSH: When that abandon ship
10 announcement was made, did crew members at around eight
11 to nine o'clock also leave the ship?

12 MR. RILLERA: No. No. The Captain said that
13 nobody, they must stay there because we are having
14 difficulty counting the crew members.

15 MR. WALSH: Thank you.

16 MR. JONES: All right, thank you, Enrico.

17 That concludes the interview.

18 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)