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INTERVIEW OF:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. WALSH: This is the second interview on 5/28/03 on the U.S.S. Norway. If you could just give us your name and your safety number onboard.

MR. EUGENE: My name is Reginald Eugene. Safety number is 289.

MR. WALSH: And Mr. Eugene, how long have you been onboard the Norway now?

MR. EUGENE: Two contracts.

MR. WALSH: You have been onboard two years. This is your second contract. And how long have you been on for this contract?

MR. EUGENE: Nine months now.

MR. WALSH: Nine months.

And have you been on any other ships with the Norwegian Cruise Lines?

MR. EUGENE: No, sir.

MR. WALSH: And how long have you been with Norwegian Cruise Lines?

MR. EUGENE: Almost six years now.

MR. WALSH: Almost six years. And were you with any other cruise lines before that?

MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir, Karnar(ph).

MR. WALSH: Karnar.

MR. EUGENE: And I transferred to another --

1 MR. WALSH: And your job onboard the Norway
2 is?

3 MR. EUGENE: Busboy.

4 MR. WALSH: And what are your job duties as a
5 busboy?

6 MR. EUGENE: (inaudible)

7 MR. WALSH: Did you receive any special
8 training as a busboy onboard?

9 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

10 MR. WALSH: And what, could you describe what
11 that training was?

12 MR. EUGENE: We would have a --

13 MR. WALSH: And your hours for a busboy are
14 what? The hours you normally work?

15 MR. EUGENE: Ten hours.

16 MR. WALSH: Ten hours a day and you started
17 about what time this morning?

18 MR. EUGENE: Seven forty five today. Miami
19 6:15.

20 MR. WALSH: So you start work out of Miami.
21 So, last Sunday, the 25, would you have started work at
22 6:15?

23 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

24 MR. WALSH: Could you take us to Sunday and
25 tell us from when you woke up and what happened?

1 MR. EUGENE: I was on duty at 6:15 in the
2 morning.

3 MR. WALSH: You were on duty at 6:15.

4 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

5 MR. WALSH: But, take us from when you woke up
6 in the morning.

7 MR. EUGENE: I woke up 5:40 in the morning,
8 took a shower -- get out at 6:15, checked in and my
9 supervisor tell me that I would work in -- and then I
10 was --

11 MR. WALSH: Ship shape.

12 MR. EUGENE: Yes. So then I was --

13 MR. WALSH: Machinery.

14 MR. EUGENE: Which was the dish washing
15 machine.

16 MR. WALSH: Right.

17 MR. EUGENE: -- sound getting lower and lower
18 and then I realized there was a blackout.

19 MR. WALSH: Do you know approximately what
20 time that was?

21 MR. EUGENE: (inaudible)

22 MR. WALSH: Okay.

23 MR. EUGENE: So there was a blackout. When
24 there is a blackout --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just a little louder,

1 Reginald.

2 MR. EUGENE: Yes. When we have a blackout --
3 When I went down to check our, I went down -- when I
4 was going down the steps, I heard a lot of noise, you
5 know, and -- there is a coke machine -- opened the door
6 and I heard, out, out, I said what is happening. There
7 was an explosion, we have to get everybody out. So,
8 when I -- out, out, so I went out. And then I -- the
9 Chief called me and said abandon ship.

10 MR. WALSH: You abandoned ship with everyone.
11 Can you recall how it sounded?

12 MR. EUGENE: It was like, very loud, very
13 loud --

14 MR. WALSH: Okay.

15 MR. EUGENE: And then I was -- everybody out,
16 I didn't --

17 MR. WALSH: Do you recall any other
18 announcements while you were onboard the ship?

19 MR. EUGENE: Before that, no.

20 MR. WALSH: No, no. Now, can you, this is, it
21 is pointing to Biscayne Deck, can you show us what
22 stairway you came down? You said stairway six.

23 (Pause.)

24 MR. WALSH: Reginald.

25 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

1 MR. WALSH: The, your station, your waiter
2 station, your busboy station that you were leaving,
3 where was that, on what deck?

4 MR. EUGENE: International.

5 MR. WALSH: International deck. Was it on the
6 forward end of the ship?

7 MR. EUGENE: Aft.

8 MR. WALSH: Aft end of the ship.

9 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

10 MR. WALSH: So you came down the stairway
11 close to where your station was or was it a distance?

12 MR. EUGENE: No, from my station, from the
13 International Deck, I left to go to my cabin.

14 MR. WALSH: Okay. So where is your cabin?

15 MR. EUGENE: It is on B deck.

16 MR. WALSH: And what is the number?

17 MR. EUGENE: C-1144.

18 MR. WALSH: C-1144.

19 MR. EUGENE: That is on the port side of the
20 ship.

21 MR. WALSH: So, now, C-1144.

22 (Pause.)

23 MR. WALSH: Does that help? Is that your
24 cabin?

25 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

1 MR. WALSH: We are looking at Caribbean Deck
2 now, port side.

3 MR. EUGENE: Yes, that is where my cabin is, I
4 came down -- And then I take a chance to go down to my
5 cabin.

6 MR. WALSH: So, did you go to your cabin?

7 MR. EUGENE: I didn't have time.

8 MR. WALSH: Didn't have time.

9 MR. EUGENE: -- explosion was, and out, out.

10 MR. WALSH: So --

11 MR. EUGENE: --

12 MR. WALSH: So you are going to your cabin,
13 which is on Caribbean Deck.

14 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

15 MR. WALSH: But, you --

16 MR. EUGENE: I opened fire door and --

17 MR. WALSH: You opened the fire door.

18 MR. EUGENE: When I get to Biscayne Deck --
19 said out.

20 MR. WALSH: You opened the fire door here.

21 MR. EUGENE: Yes. And all the crew was
22 shouting out, out, out. So when I get --

23 MR. WALSH: So, we are pointing to Biscayne
24 Deck now on the center line stairway.

25 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

1 MR. WALSH: And you are saying you opened a
2 fire door, where?

3 MR. EUGENE: -- machine.

4 (Pause.)

5 MR. WALSH: When you opened the fire door, did
6 you go left or right?

7 MR. EUGENE: Left.

8 MR. WALSH: You went left. And how far left
9 did you go? How many feet, how many steps?

10 MR. EUGENE: To the --

11 MR. WALSH: No, how many feet when you opened
12 the fire door and you went left, how far did you go?

13 MR. EUGENE: Just about five steps.

14 MR. WALSH: Five steps.

15 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

16 MR. WALSH: So you went left, five steps.

17 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

18 MR. WALSH: And what were you seeing when you
19 did that?

20 MR. EUGENE: Everybody running out.

21 MR. WALSH: You saw lots of people.

22 MR. EUGENE: Yes, going out.

23 MR. WALSH: And shouting.

24 MR. EUGENE: Out, out.

25 MR. WALSH: And they were all saying out.

1 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: And they were all, is that the
3 gangway that you normally would use to go out?

4 MR. EUGENE: No, that was the gangway we used
5 to --

6 MR. WALSH: Bring on the --

7 MR. EUGENE: Forward --

8 MR. WALSH: Okay. So you saw lots of people
9 running out that gangway, and --

10 MR. EUGENE: Out, out.

11 MR. WALSH: Out, get out.

12 MR. EUGENE: And --

13 MR. WALSH: And you saw the Port Security
14 where?

15 MR. EUGENE: -- shouting, right on the port,
16 end of the --

17 MR. WALSH: So, they were on the outside of
18 the gangway.

19 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

20 MR. WALSH: Yelling out.

21 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

22 MR. WALSH: So when you came to the opening of
23 the gangway, you saw that?

24 MR. EUGENE: Yes, I saw that and everyone was
25 shouting --

1 MR. WALSH: So you got out and then what did
2 you do?

3 MR. EUGENE: Coming out, almost everybody was
4 on the ship.

5 MR. WALSH: And so you were out there --

6 MR. EUGENE: Coming in --

7 MR. WALSH: Do you remember hearing a signal
8 at all while you were out there?

9 MR. EUGENE: The only signal -- I heard the
10 signals --

11 MR. WALSH: For vantage. And you were out
12 there for --

13 (Pause.)

14 MR. EUGENE: Two o'clock.

15 MR. WALSH: About two. And your emergency
16 station is where on the ship?

17 MR. EUGENE: My emergency station is
18 International Deck.

19 MR. WALSH: International Deck is where you
20 are working as well.

21 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

22 MR. WALSH: Aft deck.

23 MR. EUGENE: I was going around --

24 MR. WALSH: And was there a reason you didn't
25 go to your emergency station?

1 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: And that was?

3 MR. EUGENE: I didn't hear any signals in the
4 bridge.

5 MR. WALSH: And that signal to go to your
6 emergency station would have been?

7 MR. EUGENE: Seven short.

8 MR. WALSH: Seven short.

9 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

10 MR. WALSH: And you never heard seven short at
11 any time.

12 MR. EUGENE: No, sir.

13 MR. WALSH: Okay.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just to clarify,
15 working on the International Deck, how many decks did
16 you have to come down --

17 MR. EUGENE: --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You went from, you
19 heard the shake, and saw the lights go out, and you
20 were headed away from your work station.

21 MR. EUGENE: Yes, there was no lights.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No lights. So you
23 headed back to your room.

24 MR. EUGENE: Yes. (Inaudible) blackout.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And you heard no

1 announcements --

2 MR. EUGENE: None.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- between leaving
4 your work station and getting, did you ever get back to
5 your room?

6 MR. EUGENE: No.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You never got to your
8 room.

9 MR. EUGENE: No.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, and your room is a
11 deck below.

12 MR. EUGENE: Deck below.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

14 MR. EUGENE: It is --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And did we indicate
16 what stairwell he came down?

17 (Pause.)

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We know that he went
20 left when he came out.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right, well, you
22 made your way, you made your way from your work station
23 on International Deck down to Biscayne.

24 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As soon as you got to

1 Biscayne, that is when you --

2 MR. EUGENE: That is when --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And you saw the
4 people --

5 MR. EUGENE: Everybody running out, shouting
6 out, out, out.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And then did you hear
8 signals when you were out on the dock?

9 MR. EUGENE: No, sir. When I was on the dock?
10 When we were on the dock, we are out, out of the --
11 They wouldn't let anybody come back in.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you try to come
13 back in?

14 MR. EUGENE: They wouldn't let nobody come
15 back in.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who was not letting
17 anybody come back in?

18 MR. EUGENE: The Port Security, would let
19 nobody come back, nearby.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Reginald, from the
22 International Deck, I would like you to point -- how
23 much time you --

24 MR. EUGENE: --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Now, the

1 blackout, from the International Deck down to the exit
2 to the gangway, could you describe what you saw as far
3 as blackout?

4 MR. EUGENE: When I was on Biscayne Deck?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just from the
6 International Deck down. You went down -- what did you
7 see as far as lighting or --

8 MR. EUGENE: As far as the like the emergency
9 lights and the --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes --

11 MR. EUGENE: -- because there was --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did that help you?

13 MR. EUGENE: Yes. (Inaudible)

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Your
15 emergency -- what exactly is your responsibility?

16 MR. EUGENE: I --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible)

18 You mentioned, was it a fire door to open to
19 make your way out?

20 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many doors --

22 MR. EUGENE: Two.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two.

24 MR. EUGENE: When I came down stairwell six,
25 down to another deck -- because -- when I took a right

1 turn I was in -- and I go down, went to my --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

3 MR. WALSH: Leonardo?

4 MR. ESQUEA: No, I don't have any questions.

5 MR. WALSH: Erik.

6 MR. LASALLE: I have a few questions. Did
7 you ever make it to your C deck?

8 MR. EUGENE: No, sir.

9 MR. LASALLE: Okay. You opened the door of the
10 Biscayne Deck and then what happened?

11 MR. EUGENE: By that time, I saw everybody
12 running out and shouting out, out, out, explosion,
13 explosion.

14 MR. LASALLE: And who were these, who were
15 these people who were leaving and shouting explosion,
16 everybody get off?

17 MR. EUGENE: It was -- on Biscayne Deck and
18 everybody was shouting -- come out.

19 MR. LASALLE: So, then when you opened the
20 door and heard everyone shouting, and then you just
21 followed them and got off?

22 MR. EUGENE: -- out.

23 MR. LASALLE: And that is both Port and Ship
24 Security.

25 MR. EUGENE: Security.

1 MR. LASALLE: Were telling people to get out.

2 MR. EUGENE: Yeah.

3 MR. LASALLE: Had people not been telling you
4 to get off, what would you have done?

5 MR. EUGENE: What would I have done?

6 MR. LASALLE: Yes.

7 MR. EUGENE: I would have got my flashlight,
8 and I would follow -- something was inside the ship and
9 I didn't what it was. And then the explosion and --

10 MR. LASALLE: So you would have gotten your
11 flashlight, your torch.

12 MR. EUGENE: Yes, because of blackout.

13 MR. LASALLE: And then what would you have
14 done?

15 MR. EUGENE: -- emergency from the bridge,
16 notice from the bridge.

17 MR. LASALLE: Wait for notice from the bridge,
18 in what form would that notice have taken?

19 MR. EUGENE: Well, you have the seven shorts
20 and proceed to your emergency station, which -- and
21 they would have told you what to do --

22 MR. LASALLE: Did you ever hear the seven
23 shorts? Did you ever hear the signal?

24 MR. EUGENE: You mean the same day?

25 MR. LASALLE: Yes, that day.

1 MR. EUGENE: --

2 MR. LASALLE: How soon after did you hear it?

3 MR. EUGENE: Two to four minutes after --

4 MR. LASALLE: How often do you practice that,
5 hearing the signal and then going to your station?

6 MR. EUGENE: Every Sunday and every Wednesday.
7 One week we will have it on Wednesday, one week we will
8 have Thursday and every Sunday.

9 MR. LASALLE: So, every Sunday and every other
10 Wednesday? Okay. Thank you. I don't have any more
11 questions.

12 MR. WALSH: You are coming down the Norway
13 Deck, on a passenger stairway?

14 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

15 MR. WALSH: Okay. So you are passenger
16 stairway, Norway Deck. You make a right turn on
17 Norway Deck and crew passageway number six. And that
18 is the ladders going down to the crew, stairway to the
19 crew.

20 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

21 MR. WALSH: From Norway Deck, you take that
22 ladder, the crew stairway down to Biscayne.

23 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

24 MR. WALSH: Fire screen doors are closed. Now
25 you hear a noise, what kind of noise was that?

1 MR. EUGENE: People shouting.

2 MR. WALSH: People shouting. So, then you
3 opened that door. Was the door hot, was the door
4 handle hot?

5 MR. EUGENE: No, it was like --

6 MR. WALSH: Did you smell anything?

7 MR. EUGENE: When I was coming down the stairs
8 I smelled oil.

9 MR. WALSH: Oil. Did you see any?

10 MR. EUGENE: No.

11 MR. WALSH: No flame.

12 MR. EUGENE: Not until I get outside.

13 MR. WALSH: Okay.

14 MR. EUGENE: All the smoke was on the --

15 MR. WALSH: You saw smoke coming out of the
16 stack.

17 MR. EUGENE: When I got outside.

18 MR. WALSH: Did you see any smoke inside other
19 than smelling it?

20 MR. EUGENE: No, not really because --

21 MR. WALSH: So approximately how many people
22 do you think you saw when you first opened that fire
23 screen door into the passageway?

24 MR. EUGENE: Eight to ten.

25 MR. WALSH: Eight to ten. But, is a lot for

1 that small area. And when you went outside, about how
2 many people were out there? Approximately?

3 MR. EUGENE: About 15 --

4 MR. WALSH: Fifteen, something. And then --

5 MR. EUGENE: (inaudible)

6 MR. WALSH: So at the end how many people were
7 there approximately?

8 MR. EUGENE: About 100.

9 MR. WALSH: A hundred. And do you recall
10 giving your name to anybody?

11 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

12 MR. WALSH: About what time was that?

13 MR. EUGENE: Half a hour.

14 MR. WALSH: Half a hour. Okay. And you did
15 hear then the ship bells?

16 MR. EUGENE: When I was inside.

17 MR. WALSH: And that signal was --

18 MR. EUGENE: Seven

19 MR. WALSH: Which is?

20 MR. EUGENE: Seven short, one long.

21 MR. WALSH: Okay. Seven short, one long. Is
22 that the same as the emergency signal? Are they the
23 same signal?

24 MR. EUGENE: Seven shorts is the emergency
25 signal.

1 MR. WALSH: And abandon ship signal is the
2 same. Okay. Thank you.

3 I don't have any other questions.

4 (Pause.)

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When you were on the
6 International Deck, where your duties at the passenger
7 galley, that is all?

8 MR. WALSH: Your job?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your job. You bused
10 tables for the passengers.

11 MR. EUGENE: When I was in the International.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

13 MR. EUGENE: There was like, I have to clear
14 the cups from the table for the guests --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Is that a dining
16 room?

17 MR. EUGENE: Yes, just a dining room.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

19 MR. EUGENE: It is --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does that have a name
21 like the Great Outdoors?

22 MR. EUGENE: The Great Outdoors.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is the Great
24 Outdoors.

25 MR. EUGENE: Restaurant.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And were there
2 any passengers in there at the time?

3 MR. EUGENE: Oh, yes. Yes, they were
4 eating.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They are eating at the
6 time of the shake. Did any of them ask questions with
7 regards to the lights going out and the noise?

8 MR. EUGENE: No, nobody asked me about it.
9 They may have asked my fellow members, but they didn't
10 ask me.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But not you.

12 MR. EUGENE: Because I was more inside in
13 the -- the cups.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So, you felt the
15 shake and the lights dimming, you thought you would
16 leave at that time to go get your lights?

17 MR. EUGENE: Yes, because --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

19 MR. EUGENE: There was nothing to do.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right, so there
21 were passengers in there. Now on your way down to your
22 room to get the lights, did you see any passengers on
23 the stairwell?

24 MR. EUGENE: Some.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did anybody ask any

1 questions of you of what was going on? Did you talk to
2 anybody?

3 MR. EUGENE: One of them asked me what is the
4 blackout about, and I say, I don't really know.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You told them what you
6 knew or didn't know.

7 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And just kept going to
9 your room.

10 MR. EUGENE: Yes. No information from the
11 bridge or nothing, so I cannot give anybody any
12 information.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did the passengers at
14 that time look worried or --

15 MR. EUGENE: They weren't looking --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And, all right,
17 now, you say you have drills once a week, on Sundays.
18 Do you know the drill, what time the drill is going to
19 be?

20 MR. EUGENE: Sundays and --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you know what times,
22 do they announce that there is going to be a drill at a
23 certain time?

24 MR. EUGENE: They are announced just a minute
25 before they start.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So, and what are
2 you doing, where are you five minutes before the drill
3 occurred?

4 MR. EUGENE: Sometimes I will be still working
5 like 15 minutes before the drill. And then -- we have
6 like, you know -- the fire drill and then we are -- the
7 emergency.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you are working
9 sometimes before the drill, the announcement is being
10 sounded. The whistle sounded.

11 MR. EUGENE: We wait for the --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You wait for it. Okay.

13 MR. EUGENE: And then we go up to the
14 emergency station --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

16 MR. EUGENE: Those who are on the station --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Do you ever, or
18 do you remember ever having unannounced drills? The
19 drill, it is the drill that you don't have any prior
20 knowledge to it, at a different time than every Sunday?

21 MR. EUGENE: Every Sunday and every Wednesday.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you always know
23 ahead of time a drill is coming at a certain time.

24 MR. EUGENE: Like we know --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

1 MR. EUGENE: But, we -- and every Sunday.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All right, thank
3 you.

4 MR. WALSH: Your emergency station is a --
5 leader, and what do you understand your job as is at
6 the emergency station personnel?

7 MR. EUGENE: You make sure the passengers are
8 safe.

9 MR. WALSH: You make sure the passengers are
10 safe.

11 MR. EUGENE: And everybody up on the station.

12 MR. WALSH: How do they, what training have
13 you gotten that would show you how to do that?

14 MR. EUGENE: I --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Could you just talk a
16 little bit louder?

17 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

18 MR. WALSH: So you get trained every week,
19 and what your duties. Could you tell us if this had
20 been a explosion/fire outage and you had heard the
21 signal, and the signal for you to go to your emergency
22 station at what again?

23 MR. EUGENE: Emergency station.

24 MR. WALSH: Yes. What is your signal to go
25 the emergency station?

1 MR. EUGENE: Seven shorts.

2 MR. WALSH: Seven shorts. You go to your
3 emergency station, now if there are passengers, what
4 are you suppose to do?

5 MR. EUGENE: (inaudible)

6 MR. WALSH: About how many passengers do you
7 have at your station?

8 MR. EUGENE: Sometimes 110, sometimes 118.
9 Depending on how much we have.

10 MR. WALSH: So you have to take off close 110
11 or 118 passengers How many people do you have helping
12 you do that?

13 MR. EUGENE: There are two of us and the
14 leader.

15 MR. WALSH: Now, from your team, do you know
16 if any of your team members went to the emergency
17 station that day?

18 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

19 MR. WALSH: How many of them went?

20 MR. EUGENE: I know my leader was there.

21 MR. WALSH: Your leader was there. How about
22 the third man?

23 MR. EUGENE: I don't think so.

24 MR. WALSH: So, just the team leader was there
25 that day.

1 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: Reginald, I know sometimes because
3 you are not used to us and we ask these questions all
4 the time. I just need to be very clear. The abandon
5 ship drill and the emergency drill are usually done
6 around the same time. Can you, are the signals the
7 same?

8 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

9 MR. WALSH: Okay. All right.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: By the time you found
11 the ship -- until you went outside, roughly, how long
12 was that?

13 MR. EUGENE: Five to six minutes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Five to six minutes.
15 It took you five to six minutes to, to go down -- And
16 then you said somebody -- Okay. How long after you
17 been outside?

18 MR. EUGENE: About a half hour.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Half hour. Do you
20 realize that we have an emergency -- when you were
21 coming down to the -- and going ashore? Do you know we
22 have an emergency indoors?

23 MR. EUGENE: (inaudible)

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You didn't know
25 anything. Only the blackout.

1 MR. EUGENE: Blackout --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you at any moment
3 thought about going to your emergency station?

4 MR. EUGENE: Usually when we have blackouts --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You didn't think about
6 going to your emergency station.

7 MR. EUGENE: The only thing --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The only reason you
9 left the International Deck to go to your cabin was to
10 get --

11 MR. EUGENE: To get my flashlight --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I don't
13 have any other questions.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In your training, when
15 you practice the drill, before you hear the alarm, the
16 signal, where are you generally located when you
17 practice the drill?

18 MR. EUGENE: Before I hear the alarm?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

20 MR. EUGENE: In my room.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In your room. Okay.
22 So, in all the times that you have actually been
23 through these drills, and this emergency, the first
24 time you were not in your room, when you heard the
25 signals?

1 MR. EUGENE: You mean Sunday? On Sunday?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. This Sunday
3 morning, this was the first time you were ever not in
4 your room.

5 MR. EUGENE: That was, and then Wednesday we
6 would not work all that --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now when you practice
8 these drills, are they always practiced the same time?

9 MR. EUGENE: Yes, sir.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time is that?

11 MR. EUGENE: Ten o'clock.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the morning?

13 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do the passengers
15 participate also?

16 MR. EUGENE: No, sir.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Just the crew.
18 But always at ten o'clock. And you always in your room
19 at the time.

20 MR. EUGENE: Sometimes you may be working --
21 like five minutes before 10 and you go to your room,
22 wait for the signal and then --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, you went to your
24 room, you get --

25 MR. EUGENE: Five minutes before 10 -- and

1 wait until you hear the Captain's announcement of the
2 emergency --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, therefore, had you
4 gone to your room, you would have also gotten your life
5 jacket, too, is that correct?

6 MR. EUGENE: Yes, life vest.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And your flashlight.

8 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Safety -- So, you heard
10 the signal, and had you gone to your room and gotten
11 your life vest and safety flashlight, then you would
12 have proceeded to your emergency station.

13 MR. EUGENE: Emergency station.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As you are trained.

15 MR. EUGENE: Yes. -- make sure everybody is
16 out.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now, once you got to
18 your emergency station, we have asked you what your
19 station was, what would have told you it was time to
20 abandon ship?

21 MR. EUGENE: What would have told me to
22 abandon ship?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. What information
24 would have, would you have received to know that it was
25 time to abandon the ship?

1 MR. EUGENE: When the Captain give me the
2 signal.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And what is that
4 signal, when the Captain gives you the signal, does he
5 announce it or is it a horn or something else?

6 MR. EUGENE: It is a horn.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And what --

8 MR. EUGENE: Seven short and one long.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So, actually to
10 abandon ship, first you would get the seven short.

11 MR. EUGENE: Yes.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You would go to your
13 emergency station, and then you would hear another
14 seven short and one long.

15 MR. EUGENE: One long, one long ring.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One long ring and that
17 is abandon ship. So did you ever hear the abandon ship
18 signal this past Sunday?

19 MR. EUGENE: One long, yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. And what signal
21 was that?

22 MR. EUGENE: One long.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One long. About, do
24 you remember about what time you heard that one long
25 signal?

1 MR. EUGENE: Two to three minutes after I
2 got -- I was already --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just for, to clarify,
4 abandon ship signal is one long. To go to your station
5 the signal is seven shorts.

6 MR. EUGENE: Seven shorts.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All right. I
8 have no further questions.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have nothing.

10 MR. WALSH: Thank you very much.

11 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)