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 THE AMTRAK ACCIDENT : NTSB Accident No.  
 IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: DCA16FR009  
 ON JULY 6, 2016 :  
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INTERVIEW OF: DAVID BICKFORD

Thursday,  
July 7, 2016

West Palm Beach, Florida

BEFORE

KALU KELLY EMEABA, NTSB

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 MR. EMEABA: Good morning. This is the NTSB  
3 Railroad Accident, with Case number DCA16FR009 that  
4 happens at West Palm, Palm Beach in Florida on 25th  
5 Street. Before me is Mr. David Bickford, who happens  
6 to be one of the maintainer technicians that was  
7 present after the accident on July 6, 2016.

8 Mr. Bickford, you are allowed to have one  
9 other person of your choice present during this  
10 interview. This person can be an attorney, friend,  
11 family member, coworker, or no one at all. If you  
12 would, please indicate whom you have chosen to be  
13 present with you during this interview.

14 MR. BICKFORD: I am fine with no one at all.

15 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Please, Mr. Bickford,  
16 first of all, my name is Kalu Kelly Emeaba, an NTSB  
17 investigator. Spelled out, K-A-L-U, K-E-L-L-Y, E-M-E-  
18 A-B-A. Please Mr. Bickford, could you state your name  
19 and spell it out as, and also tell me who your employer  
20 is and your job title.

21 MR. BICKFORD: My name is David Bickford.  
22 That's D-A-V-I-D, B-I-C-K-F-O-R-D. I work for VTMI,  
23 and I am a signal maintainer.

24 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Mr, Bickford, can you  
25 tell me a little bit about your work with your

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1 organization?

2 MR. BICKFORD: I'm a signal maintainer in  
3 West Palm. I take care of the crossings and the  
4 signals and switches within my territory. I take care  
5 of trouble calls, regular testing, FRA testing.

6 MR. EMEABA: Can you tell us also how long  
7 have you been in this line of business and how long you  
8 have been with this company?

9 MR. BICKFORD: I've been with VTMI now for  
10 one month, one year, and three months, I believe. And  
11 I've been total on the railroad for three years.

12 MR. EMEABA: Okay, thank you Mr. Bickford.  
13 Please can you go in your word, tell us what happened  
14 on the, on July the 6th, 2016?

15 MR. BICKFORD: Yes. Would you like my whole  
16 day from the start of work?

17 MR. EMEABA: That would be fine.

18 MR. BICKFORD: Okay. At 7:00, I reported to  
19 work at 7 o'clock at Old Okeechobee Boulevard, at the  
20 SX970.34. I brief my manager on our morning call, our  
21 conference call. And I started working at Old  
22 Okeechobee doing a 30-day FRA test.

23 Once I was done with that test, around 8:30,  
24 I went and got some breakfast. And I went, then headed  
25 to Carolina Avenue, at the SX970.3, and while I was

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1 there preparing to start my testing, at around 9:58, I  
2 heard Amtrack 98 call out on the road channel, Channel  
3 91, that they had hit a car.

4 So I listened more on the radio, and he  
5 eventually got on Channel 10, and called out emergency,  
6 emergency, emergency. So I headed towards 25th Street  
7 and I called our PSCC, our backroom. They didn't  
8 answer, so I continued on my way there, and I arrived  
9 at the crossing, 25th Street at 10:10.

10 And Amtrak 98 was in the middle of the  
11 crossing and the gates were down. Once I arrived, Al  
12 Perez was standing at the back of his truck, and he was  
13 pretty -- sorry.

14 (Alarm Sounding)

15 He was shaken up. And I briefed with Al,  
16 and tried to calm him down. At about 10:30, the  
17 officers came and told us to stop doing anything and  
18 just sit in our trucks and wait, as they were doing an  
19 investigation, I imagine.

20 At, John Marquette arrived at around 11:00.  
21 And we briefed with John. And, John asked us to start  
22 the testing that needed to be done in the bungalow.  
23 And we went in there, me and one other maintainer, Josh  
24 Mularchyk, I can't spell his last name.

25 And we, he asked us just to make sure

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1 everything was tight. Make sure the batteries didn't  
2 have ground, you know, the testing that we're going to  
3 do eventually, he wanted to start it. And, then Mr.  
4 Sharp, with RTA asked us, informed us that RTA would  
5 like the house locked up.

6 And after that, I was released from the site  
7 and I drove down the road a little bit and waited to be  
8 called back in case they needed me. And that was  
9 around 12:30 when I was released.

10 MR. EMEABA: Is there another thing you  
11 remember, you can tell me?

12 MR. BICKFORD: Al called me on my way to  
13 25th Street at like 10:05, and asked me to please head  
14 that way.

15 MR. EMEABA: Okay. You mentioned Jack  
16 Marquette?

17 MR. BICKFORD: John Marquette?

18 MR. EMEABA: Yes, the other second person  
19 that met you, join you to do the testing?

20 MR. BICKFORD: Oh --

21 MR. EMEABA: Who does he work for?

22 MR. BICKFORD: Josh Mularchyk? He works for  
23 VTMI as well.

24 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Who does he report to?

25 MR. BICKFORD: He reports to, our manager is

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1 John Marquette, MT Khan and Dave Majors.

2 MR. EMEABA: Okay, his work position?

3 MR. BICKFORD: He is a signal maintainer  
4 too, on Job 4, which is in Boynton Beach, Boca. I am  
5 on Job 2, which is West Palm.

6 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Can you, can you go  
7 through it, what is (unintelligible) depot do in terms  
8 of the familiar test you mentioned?

9 MR. BICKFORD: Oh, after an accident like  
10 that, an annual has to be done on the crossing, a 360  
11 day FRA test.

12 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

13 MR. BICKFORD: Yes. But we couldn't do, I  
14 think I'm going to go do that today.

15 MR. EMEABA: Okay, at the same location?

16 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

17 MR. EMEABA: So --

18 MR. BICKFORD: Because we haven't been able  
19 to, we weren't, we haven't been allowed into the  
20 bungalow --

21 MR. EMEABA: But you say an annual --

22 MR. BICKFORD: Annual. Yes.

23 MR. EMEABA: Annual test.

24 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

25 MR. EMEABA: Okay, was it part of what the

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1 technician who was there prior to your coming, prior to  
2 the accident were doing?

3 MR. BICKFORD: No.

4 MR. EMEABA: Do you know the test he was  
5 also to conduct?

6 MR. BICKFORD: I think he was doing a relay  
7 test.

8 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So you have the relay  
9 test, and you also have the annual?

10 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

11 MR. EMEABA: You have the --

12 MR. BICKFORD: Relay tests are every four  
13 years.

14 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

15 MR. BICKFORD: And the annuals are yearly.

16 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Okay.

17 MR. BICKFORD: Or at an incident.

18 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Can you tell me in  
19 detail from the time of your arrival, and you met the,  
20 the technician, at the, Mr. Perez.

21 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

22 MR. EMEABA: Can you tell me the discussion  
23 you both had and the exchange both of you had at the  
24 time of your arrival?

25 MR. BICKFORD: I --

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1 MR. EMEABA: From the time of your arrival.

2 MR. BICKFORD: I walked up to him and asked  
3 him if he was okay and what happened. And he was, he  
4 didn't really say much. He was pretty shaken up. And  
5 he didn't say much at all, the whole time. He was, I  
6 was scared he was going to have an heart attack.  
7 Anyway, that's beside the point, but.

8 MR. EMEABA: So based on your conversation,  
9 he couldn't tell you anything you could have done to  
10 assist him at that time, or what he wants you to do to  
11 finish up his task?

12 MR. BICKFORD: No. Not at that time. That,  
13 the, well, almost ten minutes after I got there, the  
14 police officers asked us to stop doing anything  
15 anyways. But we hadn't even, I haven't, we never even  
16 started anything.

17 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

18 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

19 MR. EMEABA: On your arrival --

20 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. EMEABA: -- at the site, where was Mr.  
22 Perze actually?

23 MR. BICKFORD: At the back of his truck. He  
24 was backed into the bungalow.

25 MR. EMEABA: Mm-hmm.

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1 MR. BICKFORD: At his tailgate and he was  
2 standing there.

3 MR. EMEABA: At the back of his truck?

4 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir.

5 MR. EMEABA: Okay, was the door of his truck  
6 open?

7 MR. BICKFORD: I think his driver's door was  
8 open. Not the passenger door. Yes.

9 MR. EMEABA: Okay, while you were there at  
10 the site and by the bungalow, can you, did you go, you  
11 went into the, did you go into the bungalow?

12 MR. BICKFORD: No. No.

13 MR. EMEABA: So you just met him --

14 MR. BICKFORD: And talked to him.

15 MR. EMEABA: -- outside the bungalow --

16 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. EMEABA: -- by the side --

18 MR. BICKFORD: Outside.

19 MR. EMEABA: -- of the vehicle, or the back  
20 of the vehicle?

21 MR. BICKFORD: The back of the vehicle.

22 Yes, sir.

23 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So, I know you are an  
24 experience technician, as you mentioned. Do you know  
25 anything about the, the status of the NSA operating

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1 recorder inside the house? The position of it at the  
2 time of your arrival?

3 MR. BICKFORD: No, because I never went into  
4 the house. I didn't look at it. It's in the, I  
5 believe at that crossing it's in the back corner. Yes.

6 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So, eventually, is there  
7 anything you can tell me, your observation concern the  
8 status of the things, components in the house then at  
9 the time of your arrival?

10 MR. BICKFORD: The status of equipment in  
11 the house?

12 MR. EMEABA: Yes, in the house.

13 MR. BICKFORD: I didn't go in the house.

14 MR. EMEABA: You didn't go. Okay. Thank  
15 you so much.

16 MR. BICKFORD: No problem. I wish I could  
17 be more help.

18 MR. EMEABA: No, it's okay. I mean, if  
19 there's anything you remember, you can still give me a  
20 call.

21 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir.

22 MR. EMEABA: I'll give you my business card.

23 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir.

24 MR. EMEABA: And right on top of your head,  
25 even after we've gone, you're able to remember, we'll

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1 gladly appreciate that because whatever we can do to  
2 help us in this interview is very important.

3 MR. BICKFORD: Well I, I did go in the house  
4 after, later, when John asked me to go in the house.

5 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

6 MR. BICKFORD: And who is John?

7 MR. EMEABA: John Marquette. I'd mentioned  
8 that earlier. I was talking about when I first  
9 arrived.

10 MR. EMEABA: Okay, when you first arrived  
11 you went into the house? Okay.

12 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, I, no, I did not.

13 MR. EMEABA: Okay, you did not. Okay.

14 MR. BICKFORD: Sorry. At --

15 MR. EMEABA: Just go through.

16 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

17 MR. EMEABA: Just relax. Just go through  
18 it.

19 MR. BICKFORD: At later when John asked us  
20 to start the test, we went in the house, me and Josh.

21 MR. EMEABA: Okay. You went into the house,  
22 and with Josh?

23 MR. BICKFORD: Yes. John asked us to start  
24 the test.

25 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

1 MR. BICKFORD: John Marquette. Me and Josh.

2 MR. EMEABA: Okay. And, oh you and Josh,  
3 the, another maintainer?

4 MR. BICKFORD: Maintainer. Yes.

5 MR. EMEABA: So, but you arrived there  
6 first, before Josh came?

7 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, I did. I arrived before  
8 Josh.

9 MR. EMEABA: Okay, and so when Josh, before  
10 Josh came, you've not started doing the test.

11 MR. BICKFORD: No.

12 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So when Josh joined you  
13 --

14 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

15 MR. EMEABA: Did you and Josh start doing  
16 the test?

17 MR. BICKFORD: Not, no Josh got there  
18 probably 30 minutes after I arrived.

19 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

20 MR. BICKFORD: And Marquette, John Marquette  
21 was already there.

22 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

23 MR. BICKFORD: And he asked us to start the  
24 test around noon.

25 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

1 MR. BICKFORD: And so, we started, we, we  
2 started, we, I think we got five minutes in once Mr.  
3 Sharp asked us to lock the bungalow up and not touch  
4 anything.

5 MR. EMEABA: Mr. Sharp?

6 MR. BICKFORD: Sharp.

7 MR. EMEABA: Who is Mr. Sharp?

8 MR. BICKFORD: Jim Sharp. He's a, he works  
9 for RTA in transport. I don't know his official  
10 position.

11 MR. EMEABA: All right. Jim Sharp?

12 MR. BICKFORD: Jim Sharp.

13 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So the ten minutes, what  
14 you were able to do, accomplish?

15 MR. BICKFORD: We checked all the crown nuts  
16 on the backboard. And we were getting ready to do  
17 grounds on the crossing and then we got, we never got  
18 to do it.

19 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So, while you were  
20 inside the house doing the tests you were performing --

21 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

22 MR. EMEABA: By the way, the tests you were  
23 doing, what does it involve?

24 MR. BICKFORD: The annual?

25 MR. EMEABA: Yes.

1 MR. BICKFORD: You're checking everything on  
2 the cross --

3 MR. EMEABA: Just based what you did.

4 MR. BICKFORD: Oh, what I did at that point?

5 MR. EMEABA: Yes.

6 MR. BICKFORD: I was just checking to make  
7 sure all the nuts on, for that, that lock down the  
8 wires on the backboard, on the back of the house were  
9 tight. Just that things get lose, so you, you do that  
10 every, while I do it every 60, anyways. Marquette  
11 asked us to check the nuts, do the grounds and do the  
12 voltage on the batteries.

13 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

14 MR. BICKFORD: So we started with the nuts.

15 MR. EMEABA: Okay. All right. Which of  
16 them did you complete?

17 MR. BICKFORD: The nuts.

18 MR. EMEABA: Okay, what, what else was you  
19 were still working on?

20 MR. BICKFORD: We were getting ready to do  
21 the grounds.

22 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

23 MR. BICKFORD: And I was going to assist  
24 Josh with that.

25 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Okay, so while you were

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1 inside the house, you checked the nuts. You were about  
2 to start on the ground.

3 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. EMEABA: Was there any safety net that,  
5 or procedure you need to follow before you start doing  
6 your work? What you need to do, any procedure you  
7 follow?

8 MR. BICKFORD: For safety?

9 MR. EMEABA: Yes.

10 MR. BICKFORD: Besides my PPE, no. I don't  
11 need time to, I don't need protection on the track to  
12 walk into my bungalow or to check the nuts, or do a  
13 grounds test.

14 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So, while you were  
15 walking inside the house --

16 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

17 MR. EMEABA: What did you see as in the  
18 condition of the operating recorder or the event  
19 recorder?

20 MR. BICKFORD: It was off.

21 MR. EMEABA: It was off?

22 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

23 MR. EMEABA: Okay. And was the light off,  
24 too? If, since it was off, was also the light off, or  
25 was it on?

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1 MR. BICKFORD: For the bungalow?

2 MR. EMEABA: The lights worked. The switch.  
3 The light switch worked. Yes.

4 MR. EMEABA: But the, that, the operating  
5 recorder, you say it was off?

6 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, there's a toggle switch  
7 on the top.

8 MR. EMEABA: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. BICKFORD: And it was down.

10 MR. EMEABA: Okay, it was done.

11 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

12 MR. EMEABA: Okay, and I believe, can you  
13 describe where, where the event recorder is located?  
14 If you go into the house --

15 MR. BICKFORD: Okay, then if you walk into  
16 the house, it will be on the west side, in the south  
17 corner of the bungalow.

18 MR. EMEABA: Okay, just coming by the door -  
19 -

20 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

21 ME. E: -- the same --

22 MR. BICKFORD: And it will be on your right.

23 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

24 MR. BICKFORD: In the back corner of the  
25 bungalow.



1 MR. EMEABA: And what, can you describe the  
2 other position of other items and the status you made  
3 them when you went in there?

4 MR. BICKFORD: Of other what?

5 MR. EMEABA: Can you --

6 MR. BICKFORD: Oh the --

7 MR. EMEABA: -- describe the other component  
8 that are there, their location --

9 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

10 MR. EMEABA: -- and what status they were  
11 in.

12 MR. BICKFORD: When you walk in the door,  
13 immediately to your right are the relays on the rack.

14 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

15 MR. BICKFORD: They were, the crossing was  
16 done so they were activating and then, your GCP unit is  
17 on, there's two GCP units. I forget, on your left on a  
18 shelf. And then there's batteries everywhere.

19 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So a GCP, is it a GCP  
20 3000, you're talking about?

21 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, GCP 3000. Yes, sir.

22 MR. EMEABA: What did you observe when you  
23 entered there, or while you were working there on the  
24 GPC, GPC?

25 MR. BICKFORD: On the GCP island was down

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1 because the train was on the crossing and the unit was  
2 activated.

3 MR. EMEABA: Okay. And then from what you  
4 said, the event recorder was off.

5 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

6 MR. EMEABA: Okay, no light from that area?

7 MR. BICKFORD: Uh-uh.

8 MR. EMEABA: Okay. And do you know much  
9 about the models and the CPUs that are part of the  
10 recorders?

11 MR. BICKFORD: No. That, our communications  
12 maintainer takes care of those.

13 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

14 MR. BICKFORD: Dave Nudick.

15 MR. EMEABA: Okay. So do you ever have any  
16 part in working with that?

17 MR. BICKFORD: Sometimes we have to reset  
18 the DNF, the, what is it called, the card in the unit  
19 that controls the radio for the key down feature on our  
20 crossings.

21 MR. EMEABA: Okay, and do you have, does  
22 your work entail the need to remove the CPU or the  
23 memory or to maintain them?

24 MR. BICKFORD: No. We connect to the CPU  
25 for getting downloads --

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1 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

2 MR. BICKFORD: -- at crossing troubles.

3 MR. EMEABA: So your, your group connects to  
4 the CPU?

5 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, I believe it's the CPU  
6 on the recorder, yes.

7 MR. EMEABA: Okay, is that part of your  
8 annual test?

9 MR. BICKFORD: No, that's only if there is  
10 an issue at the crossing, as in we, we, we get a call  
11 to go take care of a crossing. And once we get there,  
12 nothings happening, you go into the recorder with your  
13 laptop and you do a download from a certain time to a  
14 certain time, just to see if there are any irregular,  
15 irregular, something wrong.

16 It'll give you a list of how many times the  
17 crossing activated and what went on.

18 MR. EMEABA: And you get that information  
19 from the CPU?

20 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

21 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Can you remember when  
22 last you performed such action at that location?

23 MR. BICKFORD: At that location?

24 MR. EMEABA: Yes.

25 MR. BICKFORD: Not in the past year. That's

1 not my crossing.

2 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Which other technician  
3 is in charge of the crossing? Do you know?

4 MR. BICKFORD: It was Matt, what's that  
5 fellow's last name. Geez. But he was injured a month  
6 ago. Now Adam Peters just recently took over the  
7 territory.

8 MR. EMEABA: Adam Peters took over?

9 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, he did.

10 MR. EMEABA: But the prior person's name is  
11 what? Matt?

12 MR. BICKFORD: Matt, hold on a second. I  
13 can tell you.

14 MR. EMEABA: Take your time please.

15 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir. Matt Seacrist.

16 MR. EMEABA: Matt Seacrist.

17 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

18 MR. EMEABA: Can you spell that?

19 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, M-A-T-T.

20 MR. EMEABA: Mm-hmm.

21 MR. BICKFORD: S-E-A-C-R-I-S-T.

22 MR. EMEABA: C-R-A?

23 MR. BICKFORD: C-R-I-S-T.

24 MR. EMEABA: I-S-T. Okay. So he used, he  
25 used to do the same thing you. The same work as like

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1 you?

2 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, he was a signal  
3 maintainer.

4 MR. EMEABA: So signal maintainer.

5 MR. BICKFORD: Both of those gentlemen are.

6 MR. EMEABA: Okay, and either of them in the  
7 process of their work can download information from the  
8 CPU.

9 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

10 MR. EMEABA: And then check the status in  
11 order to cover some time interval?

12 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

13 MR. EMEABA: Okay. House updates. Okay.

14 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm. That's our main way  
15 of check to see what's going on at our crossing, the  
16 recorder.

17 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Have you performed such  
18 activity at other signal crossing yourself?

19 MR. BICKFORD: Yes. Yes, it's at Okeechobee  
20 Boulevard, I've had to do that one, get a download from  
21 the recorder several times.

22 MR. EMEABA: Okay. How often do you need,  
23 at the, at your own crossing, the Okeechobee?

24 MR. BICKFORD: Only when there's a call for  
25 the crossing. There's a station just north, so

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1 whenever the train's coming to the station, the  
2 crossing activates and it comes back up, because the  
3 trains coming. And then stops.

4           So the unit's doing exactly what it's  
5 supposed to do. But people don't understand that, so  
6 you get a trouble call in the crossing. And I know  
7 what it is but I still have to show proof that there  
8 isn't an issue. So I download the information from the  
9 recorder and I send it to my managers.

10           MR. EMEABA: Okay. All right. Thank you so  
11 much.

12           MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir.

13           MR. EMEABA: You've, if there's any other  
14 thing you remember or not, a few days has passed by,  
15 you could have, you know, remember or not, remember  
16 something. But if there's still any other thing before  
17 we end that you think of, I will gladly want to hear  
18 from you.

19           MR. BICKFORD: Okay.

20           MR. EMEABA: If you have any other thing, I  
21 would appreciate it.

22           MR. BICKFORD: Okay.

23           MR. EMEABA: So out of the top of your head,  
24 do you still think of any other thing?

25           MR. BICKFORD: No.

1 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Yes, so, and I know you  
2 did observe the recorder was off.

3 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. EMEABA: What about the, what, do you  
5 see the status of, status of the CP of this unit?

6 MR. BICKFORD: No. I just saw that the  
7 switch was off.

8 MR. EMEABA: But you didn't look at, but you  
9 are used to working on the CPU, like your own crossing.

10 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

11 MR. EMEABA: You download the information.

12 MR. BICKFORD: Mm-hmm.

13 MR. EMEABA: So, what were you, what were  
14 you thinking about this particular one?

15 MR. BICKFORD: It was off.

16 MR. EMEABA: It was off. But you didn't  
17 think about considering getting information from the  
18 CPU on this one?

19 MR. BICKFORD: Not at that point. There was  
20 other things to do first --

21 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

22 MR. BICKFORD: -- that I was asked to do by  
23 my manager.

24 MR. EMEABA: So it, was there any other  
25 action you could have taken that would lead you to

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1 download any information on this particular one?

2 MR. BICKFORD: I imagine they would want,  
3 they would have wanted the download eventually.

4 MR. EMEABA: Okay.

5 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

6 MR. EMEABA: And did you look at it, to  
7 notice that also of the CPU, of this one?

8 MR. BICKFORD: No.

9 MR. EMEABA: Was it there or not?

10 MR. BICKFORD: What?

11 MR. EMEABA: Was it or not?

12 MR. BICKFORD: I believe so. What, was it  
13 not there?

14 MR. EMEABA: No, I'm just asking.

15 MR. BICKFORD: Oh, I think it was there. I  
16 think it was there, sir. I just noticed that the  
17 switch was off.

18 MR. EMEABA: Okay, the switch was off.

19 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

20 MR. EMEABA: Okay. And you believe you saw  
21 the CPU?

22 MR. BICKFORD: Yes.

23 MR. EMEABA: What about the memory card?

24 MR. BICKFORD: I think all the cards were on  
25 it? That -- I know, I can't tell you I looked at it.

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1 I just saw the light was off. The switch was down.

2 And then I went back to what I was doing.

3 MR. EMEABA: Okay. All right. Thank you so  
4 much.

5 MR. BICKFORD: Sure.

6 MR. EMEABA: I really appreciate that. And  
7 as I said, if you have any other thing, you know, give  
8 me back a call, and --

9 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir.

10 MR. EMEABA: -- whatever, you remember  
11 differently from what you said now, I will gladly want  
12 to hear that from you.

13 MR. BICKFORD: Yes, sir.

14 MR. EMEABA: Okay. Thank you so much, Mr.  
15 Bickford.

16 MR. BICKFORD: Thank you sir.

17 MR. EMEABA: I appreciate the time we spent  
18 on this.

19 MR. BICKFORD: Thank you.

20 MR. EMEABA: Okay, bye friend.

21 MR. BICKFORD: Bye.

22 (End of recording.)

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