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6 REAR ADMIRAL The Fitzgerald collision of And 2 ultimately when we speak again at a later date Vyou'll find 7 out, and I'm going to repeat for now the purpose of the 8 investigation is to do a couple of things. Try to figure 9 out what happened and why it happened and that's going to 10 be real important for closure for the Navy, the Nation, and 11 certainly for the Fitzgerald sailors. 12

Today, though, we don't want to talk about the 13 collision. I've asked you to come over because I'd like to 14 just sort of understand Fitzgerald, the ship, and I figure 15 between you and the Combat Systems Officer, you two are 16 probably in the best position to just tell me just a little 17 bit about your ship, a chance to brag about your ship a 18 little but and tell me some of the good things that are 19 going on, but help me understand how Fitzgerald does 20 21 business. In the room, I just want to make sure you're aware of 22 who all is here. So, as a Lead Investigator, I have 23 24 Lieutenant Commander she's my Legal Advisor and

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then my Counsel for that, LN2

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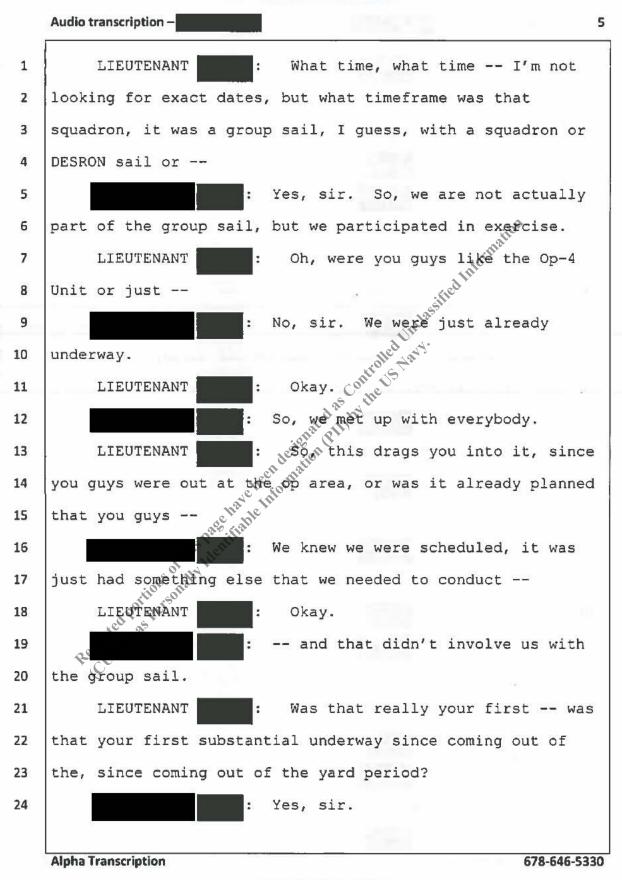
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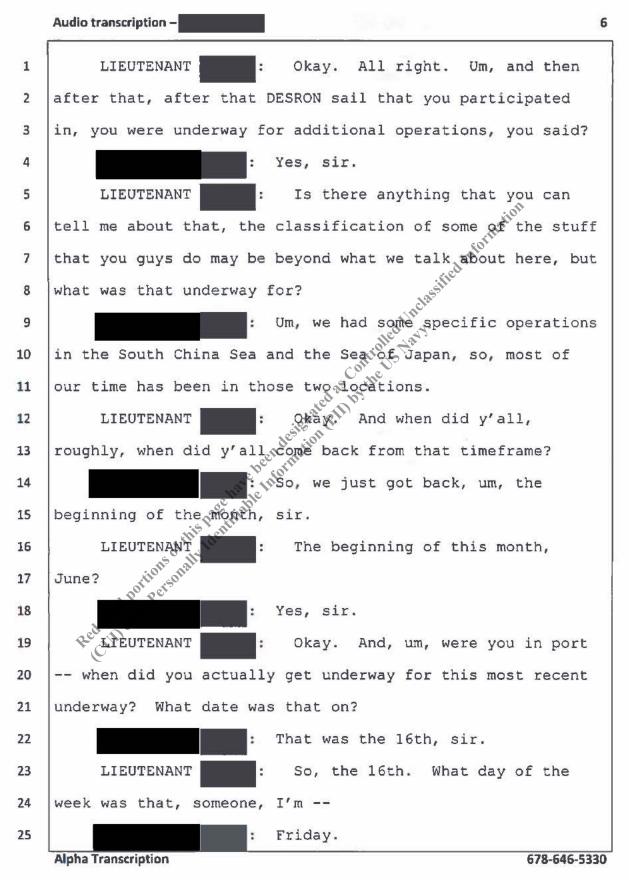
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1	she's going to keep notes on everything. And you'll see
2	some of us writing things down, and that's just maybe a
3	question that's popped into our head or something we want
4	to ask.
5	Commodore is DESRON 21, he's actually
6	supporting the Coast Guard and the National Transportation
7	Safety Board, so he's here as a liaison. And he doesn't
8	work for me in that capacity; he's actually supporting the
9	Coast Guard and the NTSB.
10	And over here is Lieutenant , um, and I'll
11	let him introduce the Coast Guard Tolks that are with him.
12	LIEUTENANT South just again good morning
13	I'm Lieutenant
14	Officer for U.S. Coast Guard Activities Far East Japan.
15	And under the authority of Title 46, Code 6301 and Title
16	46, CFR Part 4, We're conducting an investigation into the
17	circumstances of the collision between the two vessels,
18	which occurred on June 17th. This investigation is
19	intended to determine the cause of the casualty to the
20	extent possible and to obtain information for the purpose
21	of preventing similar cases in the future.
22	To assist with the accuracy of our investigation, I
23	want you to know that we will be recording our interviews,
24	which are occurring today on the 21st of June at 9:15. And
25	assisting me today, I have Mr.
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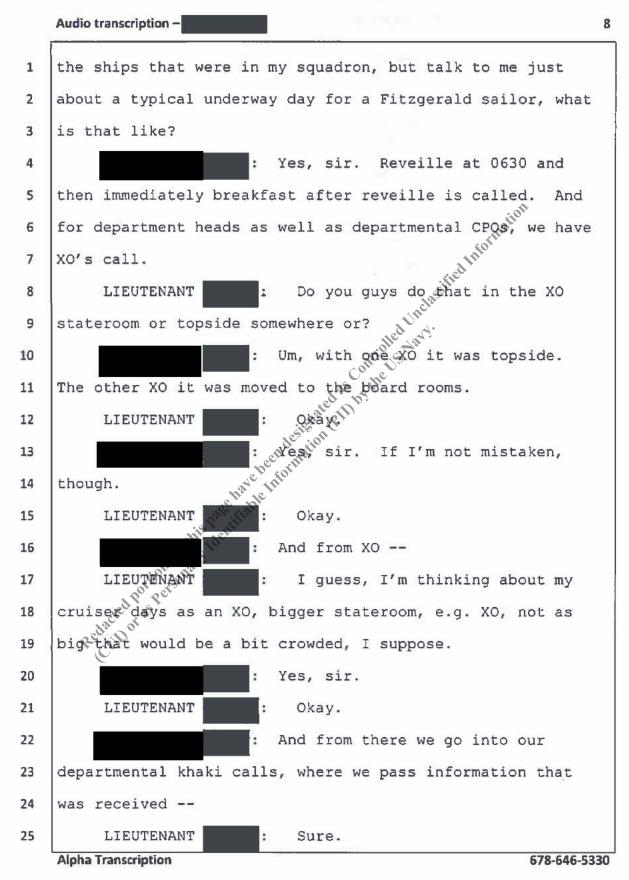
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1	National Center of Expertise. I also have Lieutenant
2	Commander Commander , who works in our office and has
3	prior experience as a CO of our Coast Guard Cutters. Thank
4	you again for your time today.
5	LIEUTENANT So, get Ops 1. Let's not talk
6	about the collision, let's just talk about Fitzgerald, the
7	ship, and her sailors, and help us understand, you know,
8	how business is done onboard the Fitzgeralde
9	So, first of all, how long have you been on board as
.0	the operations officer, Lieutenant? Ned and
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2	ated as hy the
3	LIEUTENANT : Joe And took on the role as Operations
.4	LIEUTENANT : Jookay. Officer, January 19th Jelijan LIEUTENANT: Okay Great And where was the
.5	Officer, January 19th je h
.6	LIEUTENANT : Okay. Great. And where was the
.7	ship what was the ship doing at the time that you
.8	checked on board. Were you guys in an underway period,
.9	SRA, what was the ship doing when you checked on board?
0	: The ship was in a stand-down
1	LIEUTENANT : Okay.
2	for the holidays.
3	LIEUTENANT : Good.
4	: And it had just come out of the
5	yards.

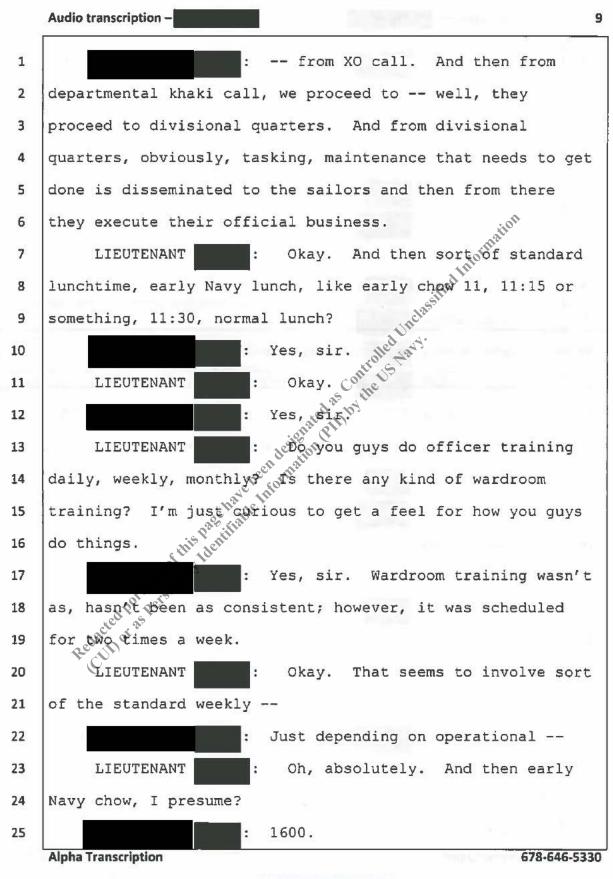
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1	LIEUTENANT Control Con
2	all of the yard period, then?
3	: Yes, sir.
4	LIEUTENANT Control : Oh, that's usually good for an
5	operations officer. Uh, okay. So, um, can you tell me a
6	little bit about what the ship was doing from the time that
7	really from I was looking for January, cause that
8	timeline works perfect. So, from when you took over as
9	ops, up until, you know, last week, what kind of operations
10	has the ship been doing? What has Fitzgerald been doing as
11	far as how she has been doing underway, maintenance
12	periods, et cetera? And I'm not I've never been an FDNF
13	sailor. So, I'm not up to speed on everything that FDNF
14	does, so. If you can just educate me on what the
15	Fitzgerald has been doing since January.
16	: Yes, sir. Um, after a stand down
17	concluded, the ship began with sea trials, coming after the
18	yard period. And then after that, ammo anchorage to get
19	our weapons back unloaded and then we had exercises with
20	the discharge squadron. So, we did get underway very
21	shortly after that as well as based on an extended yard
22	period that means certifications had to occur. So, going
23	through different certifications, such as damage control.
24	And after our exercise with the rest of the DESRON ships,
25	we had adopted underway operations.
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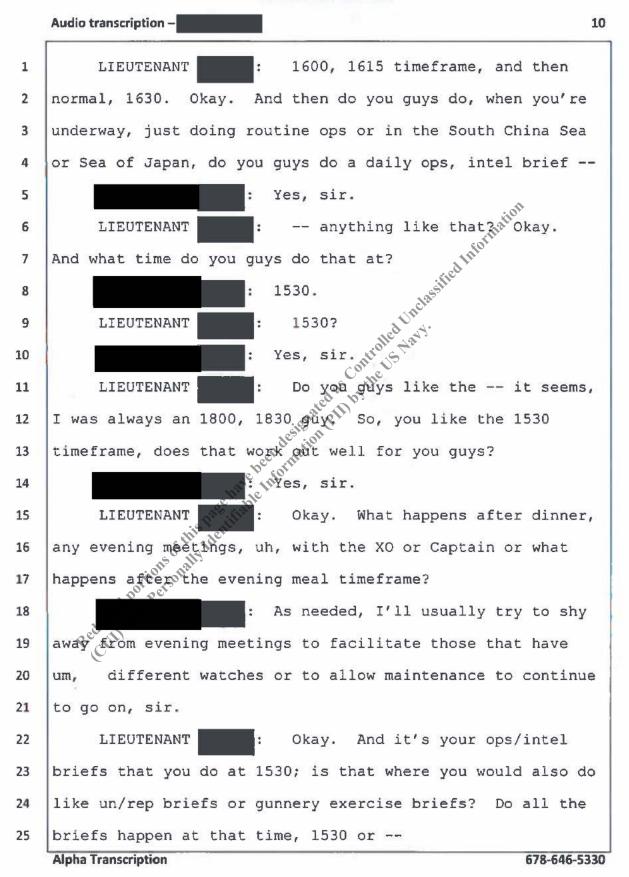


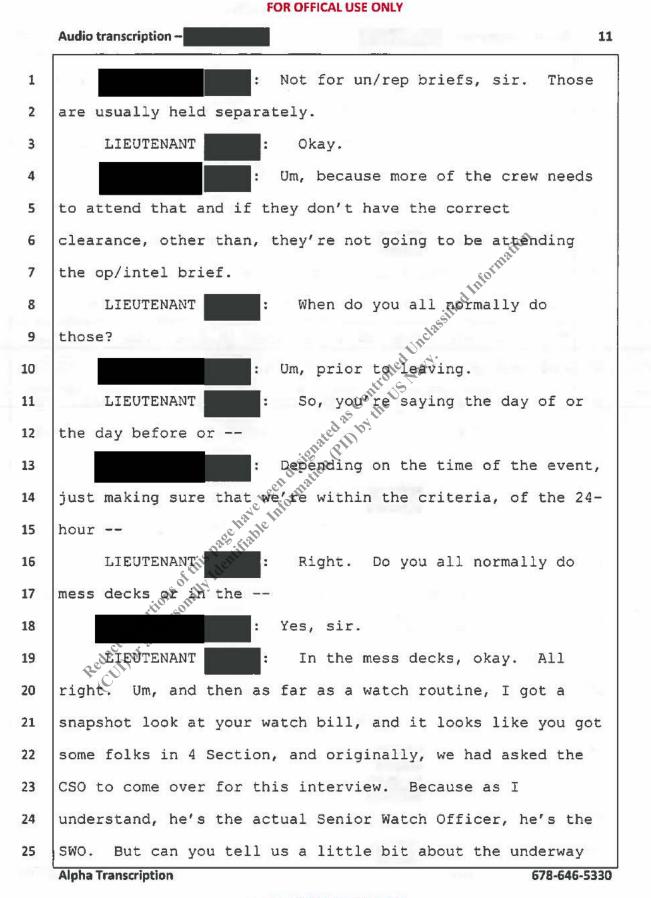


	Audio transcription – 7
1	LIEUTENANT Friday, I'm still adjusting to
2	being here in Japan. So, you got away on Friday, the 16th?
3	: Yes, sir.
4	LIEUTENANT : Okay. And how long were you in
5	port prior to that?
6	: We pulled in the 7th of June, sir.
7	LIEUTENANT : 7th of June. So, you pulled in
8	on the 7th, and then back underway on the 16th. It just
9	seems like, that's a pretty good amount of time you guys
10	had underway since coming out of the yards then, over
11	how much, how many days do you think you were underway
12	between coming out of the yards and this last period?
13	: Un; T can't give a specific number,
14	sir. We did have a few, om, port visits within that entire
15	underway period. UM but most of it was underway.
16	LIEUTENANT But an opportunity for at least a
17	few sea and anchor details
18	: Yes, sir.
19	ELEVITENANT : with the crew? Okay. Well,
20	good. All right. So, tell me about, uh what is sort of
21	a typical underway day for Fitzgerald sailors? And what I
22	mean by that is, you know, is it department head, do you
23	guys have a call with the XO and then what is the sort of
24	work routine after that? I mean, I just, I can clearly
25	know how it was done onboard my ship, when I served in all
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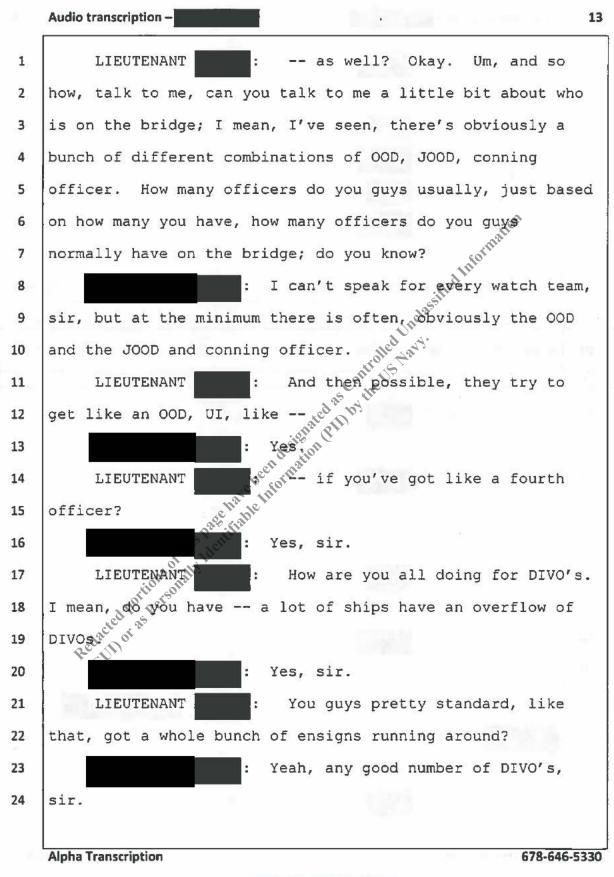


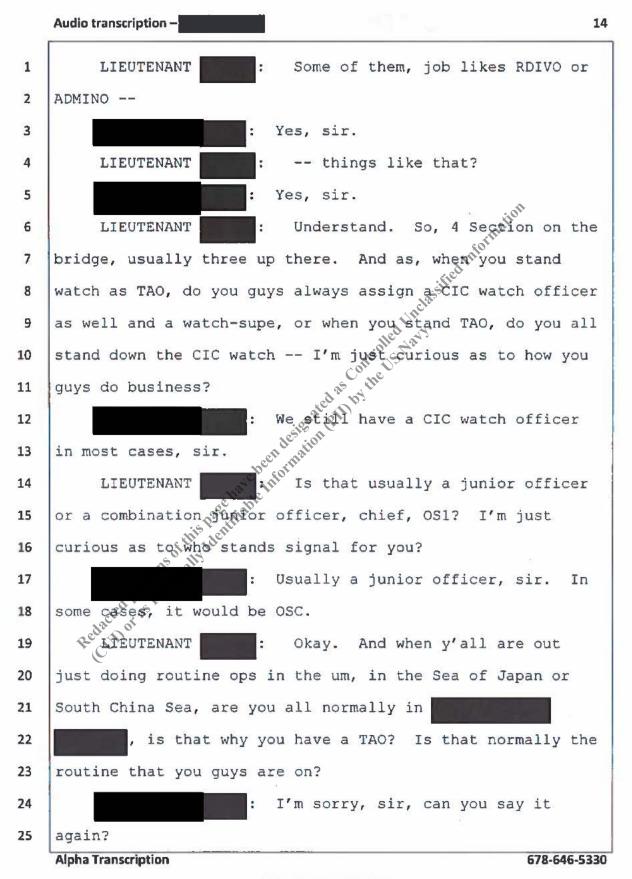


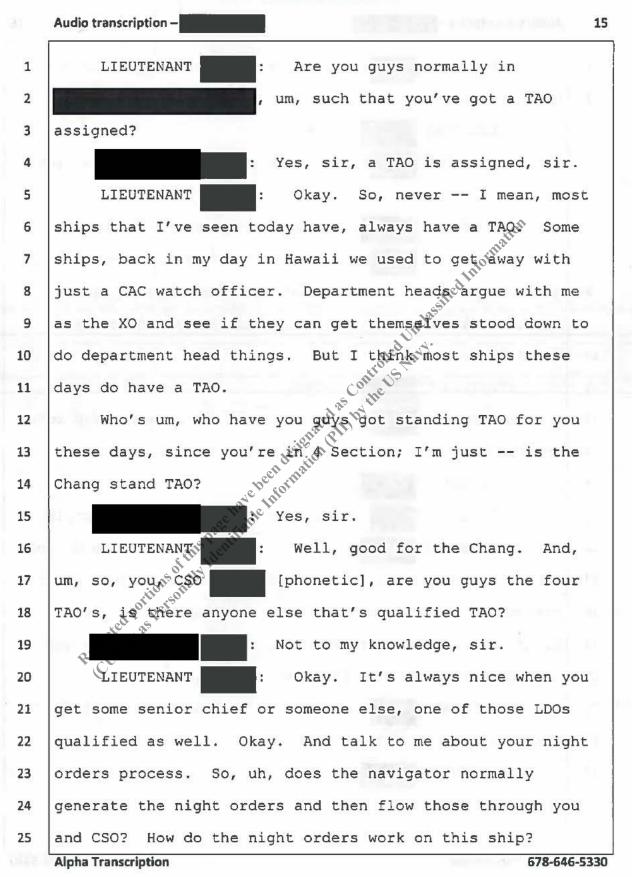


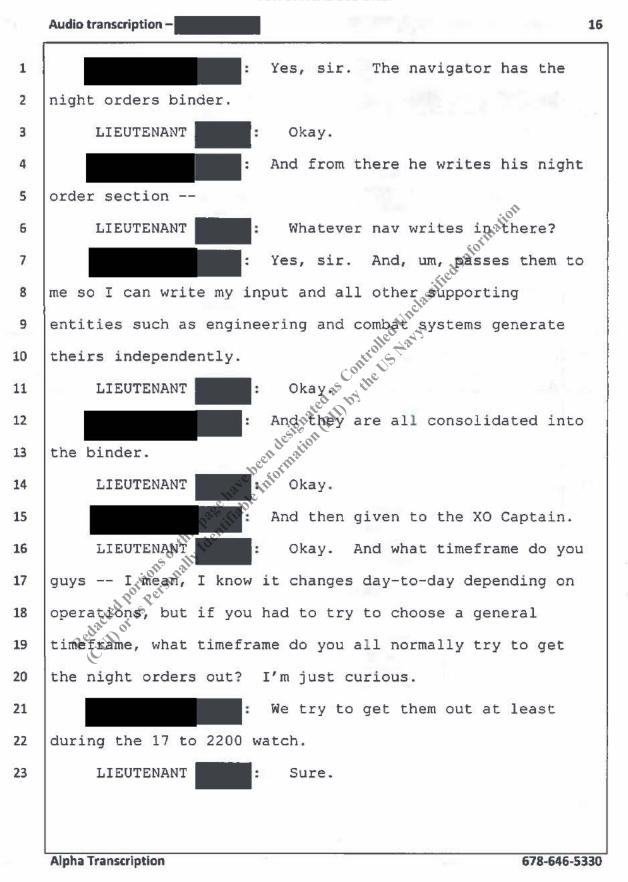


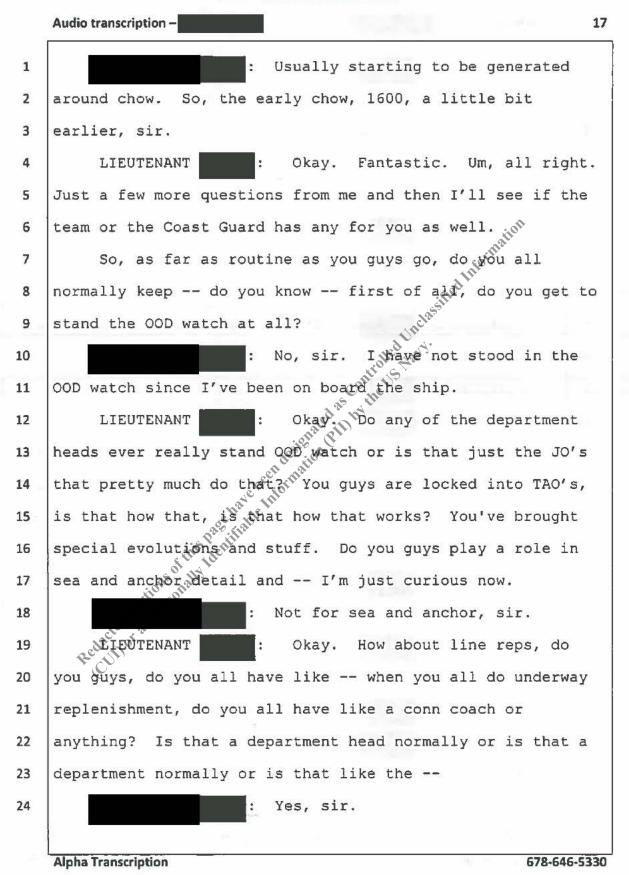
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1	watch routines? Um, it looks like there was a combination
2	of some 3 Section, some 4 Section, and tell me about your
3	OS's are they typical OS's in port and starboard or are you
4	fortunate enough to put them in three sections? Just give
5	me a little bit about the watch routine, itself.
6	: Yes, sir. I can't specifically
7	speak to all the details, um, to the detail that the
8	Surface or the Senior Watch Officer would be able to.
9	However, yes, there are groups that in 4. Section and groups
10	that are in 3 Section, just based on the number of
11	that are in 3 Section, just based on the number of qualified personnel that we have to stand the watches. And for the OS's, um, they are patent more fortunate as some of our other sections are. ended by more fortunate as some of LIEUTENANT
12	for the OS's, um, they are a but more fortunate as some of
13	our other sections are. of desired
14	LIEUTENANT
15	that. Almost all of the OS's are in fact, every time
16	I've tried to put OS's out of port and starboard in 3
17	Section, they we always fought me and they seem to want to
18	be in sort and starboard, at least in the Atlantic fleet,
19	maybe out there in FDNF it's a little different.
20	Um, okay. So, your OS's are in 3 Section. As TAO, do
21	you guys stand in 3 Section or 4 Section?
22	: We have been in 4 Section, sir.
23	LIEUTENANT C. Oh, good for you, that's good.
24	Um, and it looks like the bridge is also in 4 Section
25	: Yes, sir.
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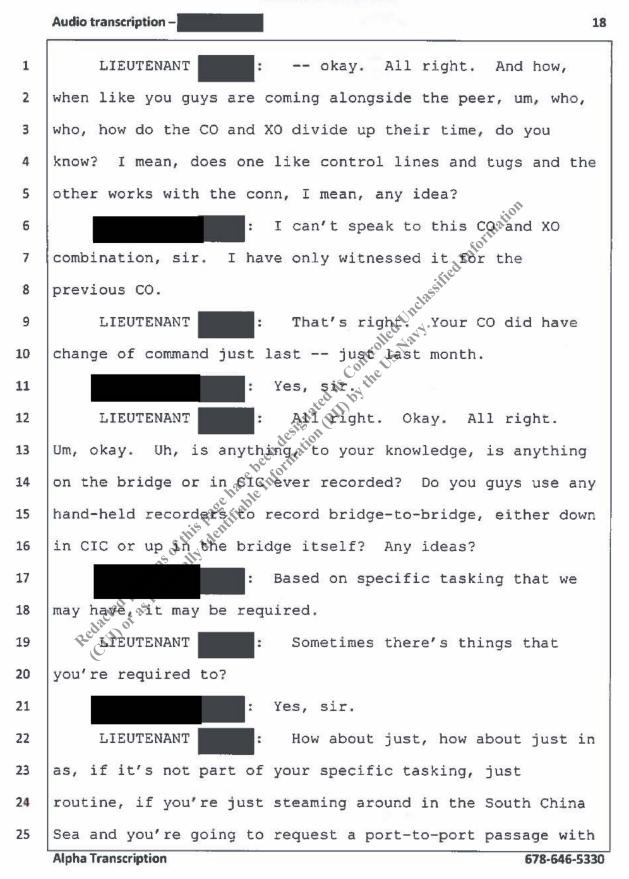


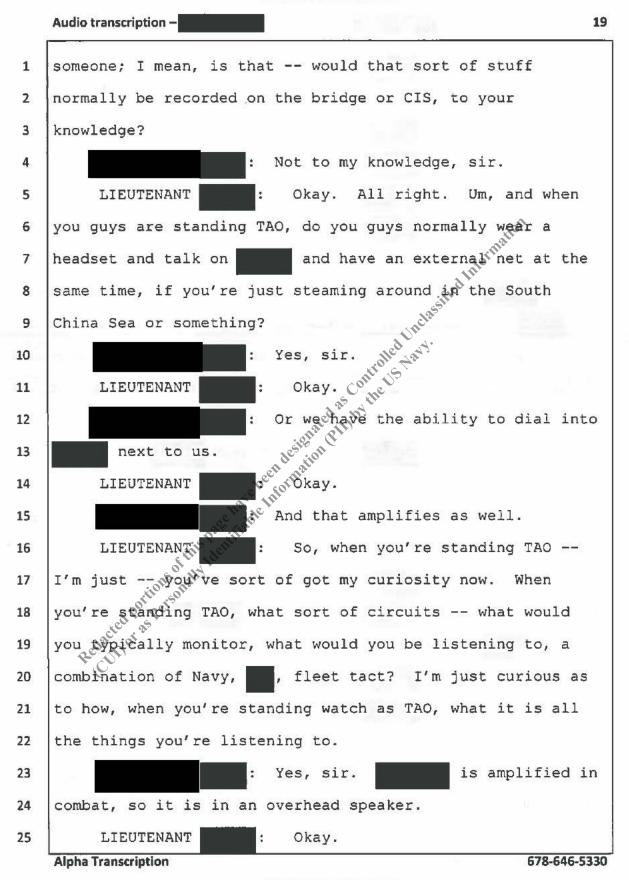


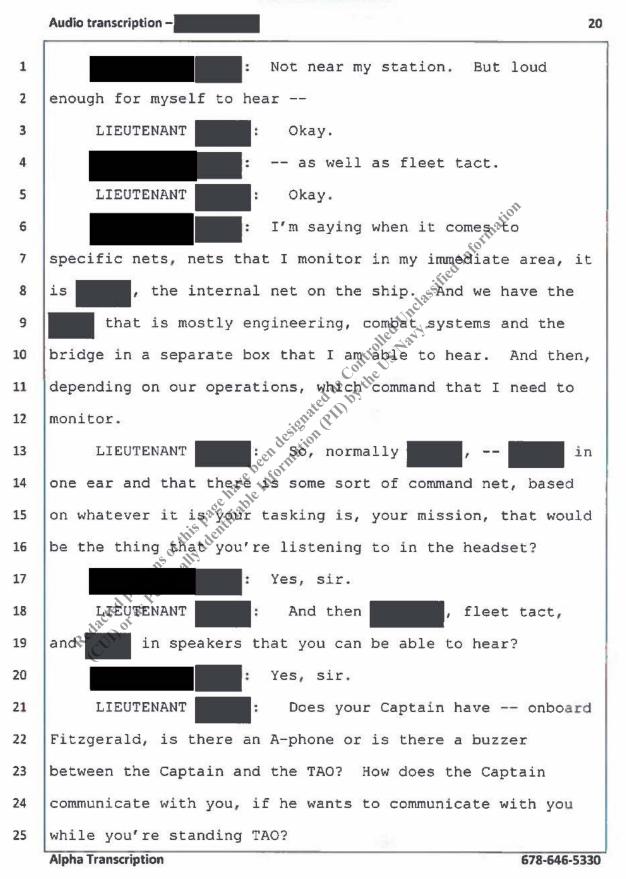


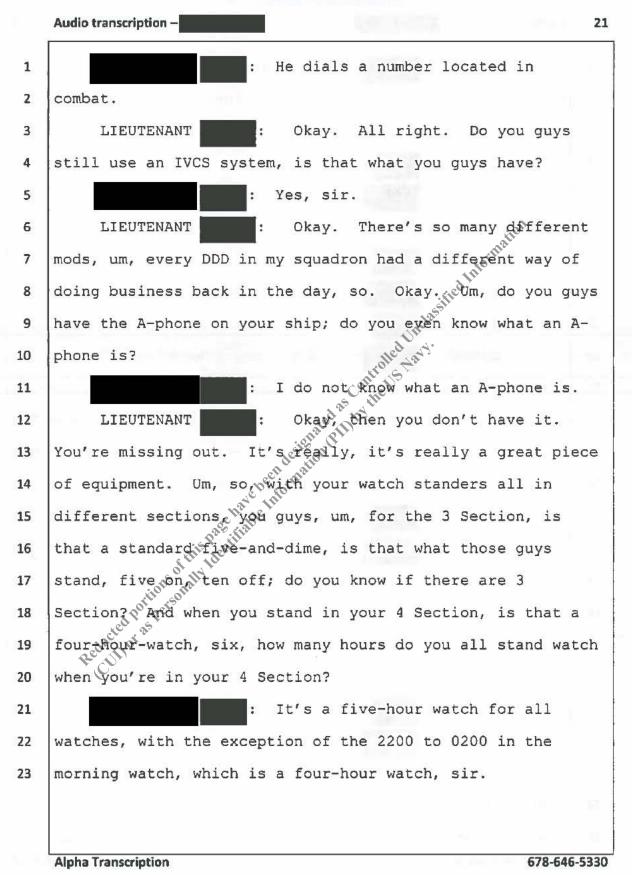


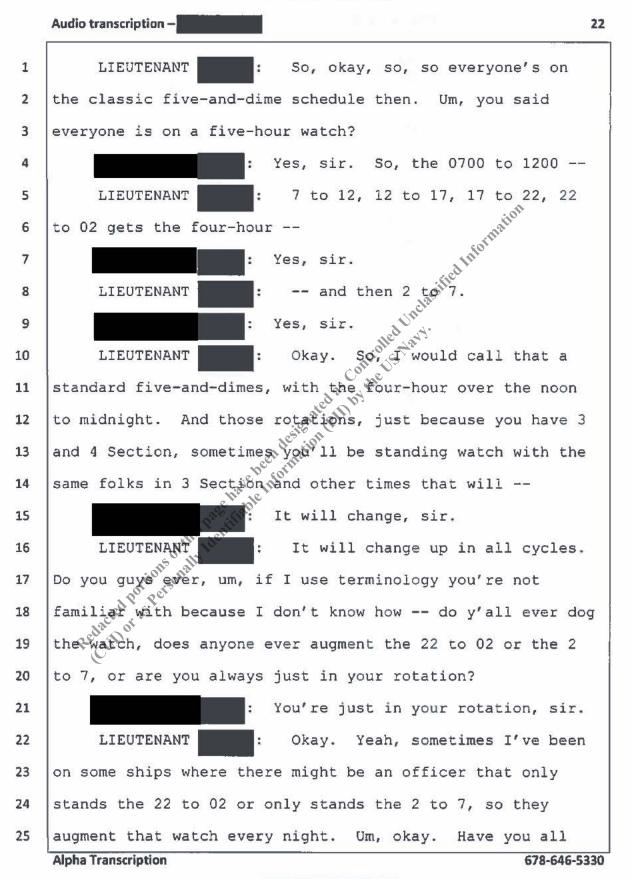


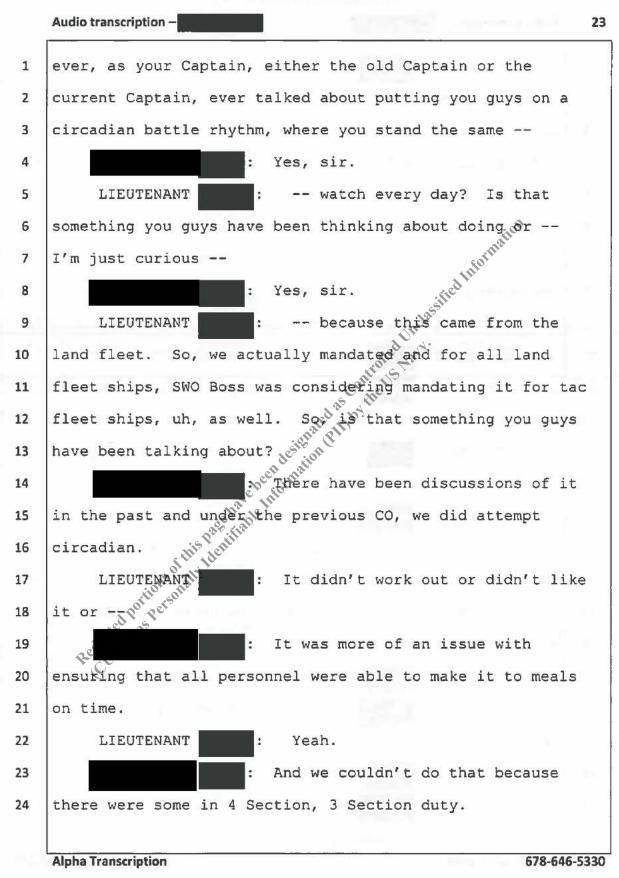












	Audio transcription – 24
1	LIEUTENANT : There's a lot more to it than
2	just there's a lot more to it than just the actual
3	watches. You've got to regulate your entire ship's routine
4	and schedule, that's why I kind of asked about some of that
5	as well. Okay. Um, I think most of my other questions
6	would be relevant to the actual collision, and that will
7	come at a later interview. Um, oh, I'm sorry, I did have a
8	come at a later interview. Um, ch, I'm sorry, ^{fol} I did have a few others. Uh, so, you said you got underway Untrastituding, the 16th? Interview : Yes, sir. Hole Take LIEUTENANT : What was the alls, what was your
9	Uh, so, you said you got underway on Friday, the 16th?
10	: Yes, sir. https:// Par
11	LIEUTENANT : What was your
12	mission, what were y'all getting underway for that day?
13	LIEUTENANT : What was y'alls, what was your mission, what were y'all getting underway for that day? : cooperations in the South China Sea, sir. LIEUTENANT
14	sir. have high
15	LIEUTENANT Chay. Got it. That tells me what
16	I need to know to be an op, I'm trying to keep this right, is
17	your was there an op, I'm trying to keep this right, is
18	there an op area that you go to? Is there a place that you
19	go do your operations?
20	: Yes, sir.
21	LIEUTENANT Contraction Chay. And you guys were in route
22	to that area or
23	: Yes, sir.
24	LIEUTENANT : Okay. All right. Um, okay. I
25	think I think probably the remainder of my questions
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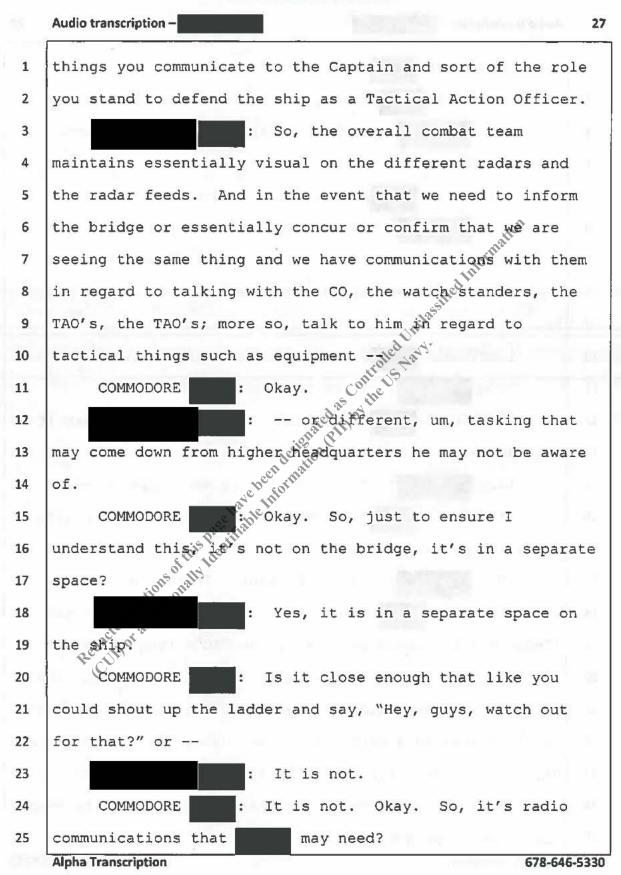
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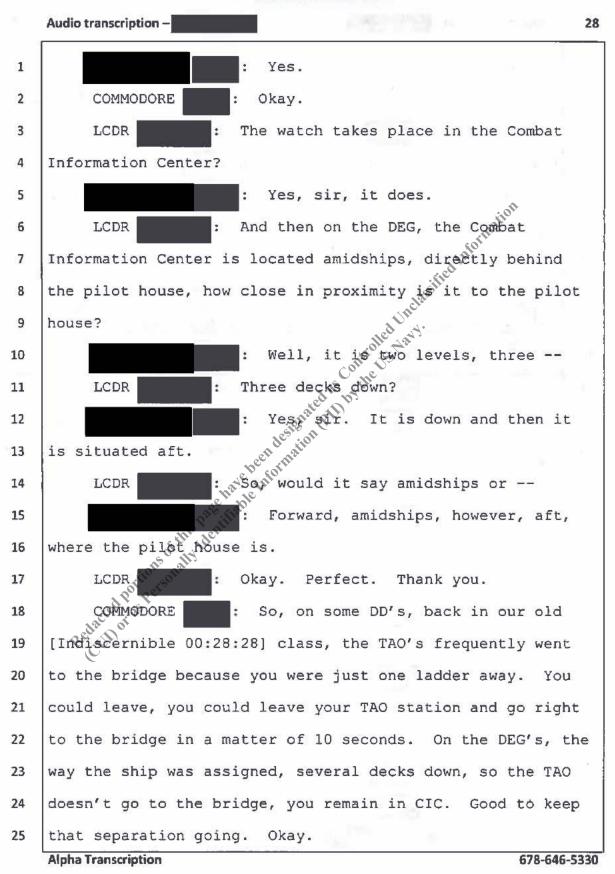
1	will be relevant to the collision. We'll ask you to come
2	back at a later time, uh, for those types of things. Um,
3	I'm going to ask the Lieutenant if he's got any questions,
4	again we're only focused today, this morning on just
5	trying to understand the ship's routine and how business
6	was done on the Fitzgerald and we're not here to ask you,
7	you know, your opinions or assessments of how the ship was,
8	but just sort of give us a feel for the day to-day
9	routines. So, I'll ask the Lieutenant if he and the Coast
10	Guard have any and then I'll ask, you know, Commodore
11	if he has anything. He's an FDNF sallor, he commanded
12	so, he understands operations simply way better
13	than I do. I haven't operated the 7th Fleet since 2003, so
14	than I do. I haven't operated the 7th Fleet since 2003, so it's been a long time performation
15	ge Yes, sir.
16	
17	add?
18	COMMODORE : Yes.
19	LIEUTENANT add? COMMOBORE : Yes. COMMOBORE : Yes. COMMOBORE : Yes.
20	COMMODORE : So, just a couple of questions,
21	again. My field is primarily with commercial vessels, so
22	I'm hearing a lot of Navy jargon and things that um, I'm
23	pretty sure are similar to commercial vessels, but I just
24	want to ask a couple of questions to make sure that I know
25	what we're talking about and make sure we're all on the
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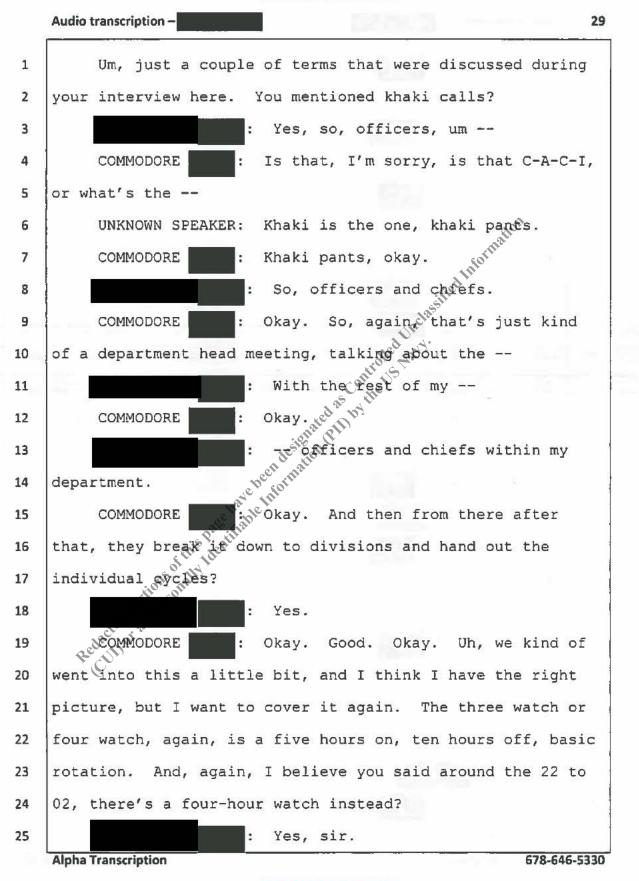
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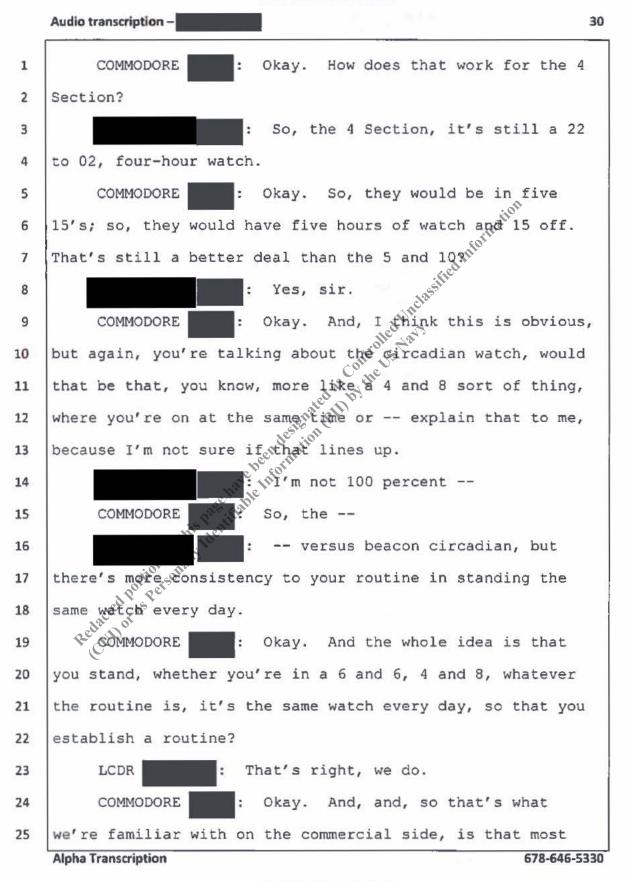
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	Audio transcription – 26
1	same page here. Um, so the first question, and I should
2	have had this at the very beginning. What is your position
3	onboard the vessel?
4	I'm TAO of the TAC watch officer.
5	COMMODORE Control Commodel Com
6	there. I had no idea what TAC was, or TAO. And as a TAO,
7	what are the normal day-to-day duties of your position?
8	: So, my job as the TAO is to
9	maintain the overall technical picture.
10	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER : just to clarify, are
11	you asking about her watch-standing role or her day job on
12	the ship?
13	the ship? COMMODORE : A said both.
14	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER : Okay.
15	COMMODORE So, um, and again, making the
16	commercial vessel comparison, an officer would be like a
17	second mate and so they are primarily updating like
18	navigation logs, standing watch, and just taking care of
19	the basic bridge items. So, as a TAO, your assignment is
20	to maintain overall tactical picture and would that be
21	telling the boss where we're going, getting us like
22	COMMODORE Kind of explain
23	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Rough picture.
24	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: How do you how, explain to the
25	Lieutenant as a TAO how you work with the bridge, what
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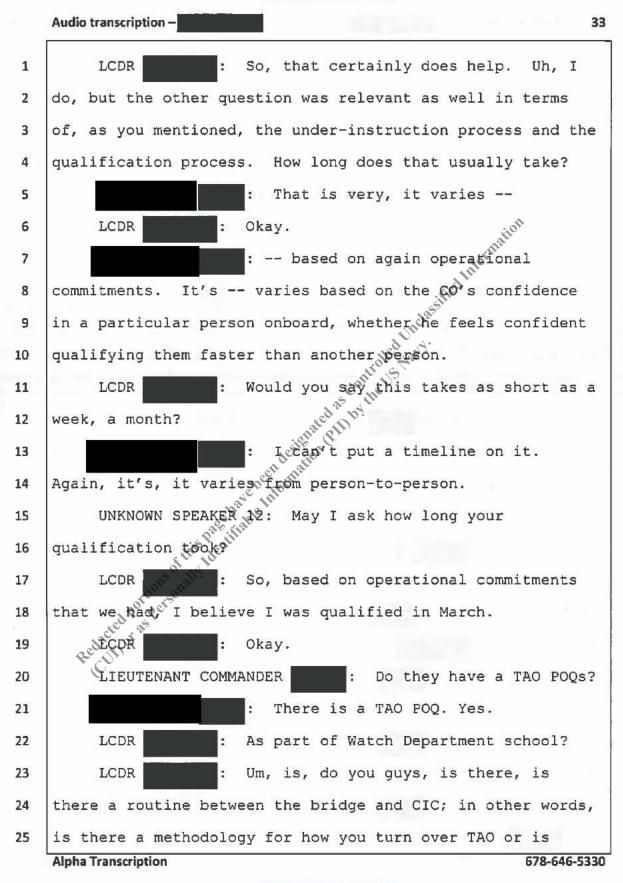
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1	crew are on a four-hour watch, 8 hours off, and then
2	they're on again, 12 hours. So, they're always on like 4
3	and 8, whether it's a.m., p.m., 4 and 8, that's when
4	they're doing their duty, so. Okay.
5	LCDR : All right. You had mentioned that the
6	vessel had their dry dock period, uh, last year, holiday
7	period, and then the basic underway, getting unother
8	certifications, all of that kind of happened earlier this
9	year, around January. Are you aware of any issues from
10	following that dry dock period or any orgoing mechanical
11	bugs that were plaguing the system phoard the vessel?
12	COMMODORE : D'When you come back for the second
13	LCDR : Okayesternet
14	COMMODORE : When you come back for the second
15	interview, we, probably for all the watchers, all the
16	typical things we all ask is, what active cas reps you would
17	have had on many of your systems on the day of the event,
18	whether they be, you know, engineering or combat or
19	navigation related, just sort of understand what you all
20	would have had active.
21	: Yes, sir.
22	COMMODORE : Okay.
23	LCDR . Since we were just talking about watch
24	standing a little bit, I'll ask this question then. Is
25	when you get put on watch, is there a familiarization
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1	period, like do you get slowly broken into it or do they
2	say, "You've got the 12 to 17 for today, get out there?"
3	: Are you speaking just more in how
4	do we know which watch we have?
5	LCDR : Well, that's part of it, but
6	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER : Do you guys have under
7	instruction before you stand TAO for the first time, do you
8	stand TAO-UI?
9	stand TAO-UI? Yes, we have an under-instruction process and then we have a qualification process that's
10	process and then we have a qualifyication process that's
11	conducted by the Captain, the final one.
12	LCDR I I think the Lieutenant may be
13	asking, how does your torn over process work? So, let's say you're going to stake the um, the 7 to 12 watch, what
14	say you're going to take the um, the 7 to 12 watch, what
15	would be your process for once you get up, have breakfast,
16	and, you know getting ready to go stand watch? What's a typical turnever routine for you as the TAO?
17	typical twinever routine for you as the TAO?
18	: As the TAO, it's walking into
19	combat and then observing anything that may be on the
20	displays and then talking to the TAO that is currently on
21	watch about any major events that had happened or are
22	upcoming as well as anything that our boss essentially,
23	DESRON, or any other higher headquarters may be requesting
24	information on.

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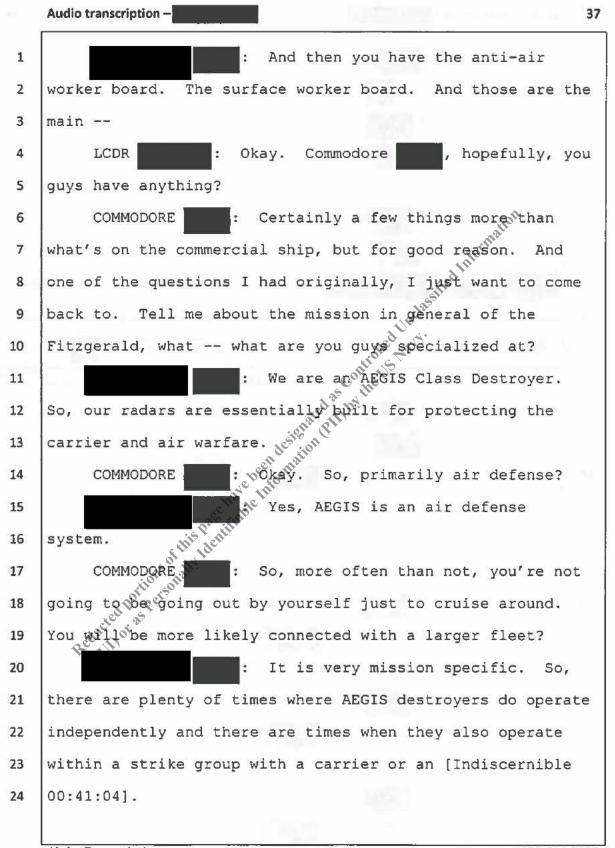
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1	there sort of is there a mandate that as TAO you turn
2	over last? Um, is, in other words, I've been on some ships
3	where you may be air and surface turnover first and then
4	the CSC would turn over and then once all the subordinate
5	watches are turned over, then the TAO would turn over, um,
6	and the same sort of thing on the bridge. I know you said
7	you haven't been standing bridge watch, but usually the OOD
8	is the last, you know, boatswain Quartermaster etc. is
9	there any sort of mandated routine by that or as TAO you
10	just turn over when you arrive and how does that work
11	there any sort of mandated routine by that or as TAO you just turn over when you arrive and the how does that work onboard the Fitzgerald?
12	· Spatifically for the bridge and
13	TAO, um, those two stations, the bridge is already on watch
14	and they've turned over before the TAO. And then the TAO
15	turns over after the bridge is already taken over.
16	LCDR So, is that mandated on a standing
17	order, someone says the OOD turns over in
18	: Yes, sir.
19	ACDR : half hour and
20	COMMODORE : quarter till or something, okay.
21	And then after
22	COMMODORE : : I'm sorry, I jumped in,
23	Lieutenant. Prompted me to think of a few things.
24	COMMODORE : : After, is there do you do a
25	or any kind of turnover brief, once you have the
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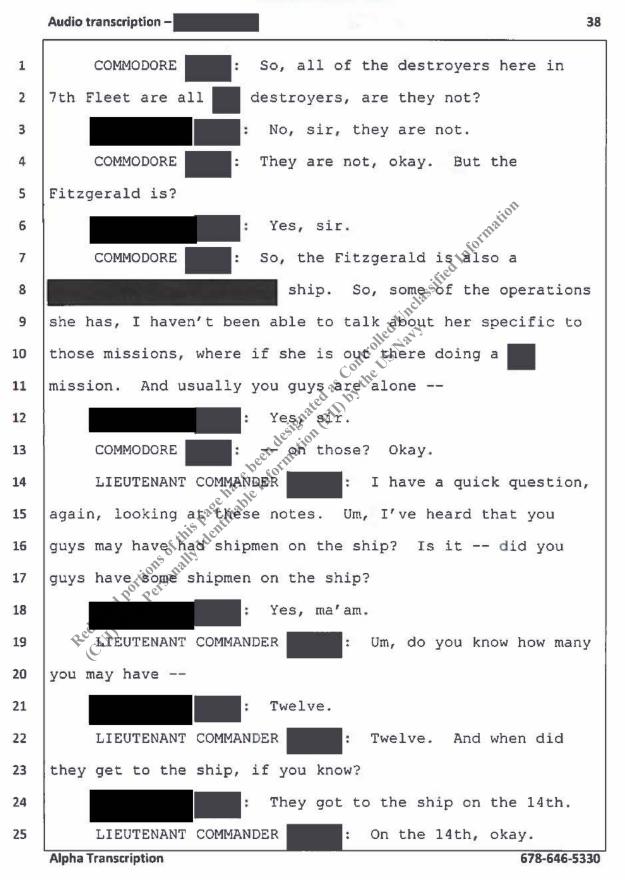
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	Audio transcription – 36
1	LCDR Control : Okay. Just curious. Different ships
2	do it different ways, just curious. And there is no
3	prescribed way to do that, it's just personality of the CO.
4	LIEUTENANT . And again, this is showing my
5	ignorance of Navy operations. Could you give me, I guess,
6	a rundown of who's in charge of what watches because I'm
7	hearing conn officer and TAO and this fellow and this lady
8	over here, and I'm not quite sure who does what.
9	: The officer of the deck is the
10	person that is in charge on the bridge. And the Tactical
11	Action Officer is the person that's in charge in combat.
12	LCDR : Why don't you give the Lieutenant who
13	works for the OOD and who works for you as TAO, just the
14	main support net watch stations for you?
15	So, for the officer of the deck,
16	they have a junior officer of the deck that works with him.
17	The conning officer, the quartermaster of the watch. The
18	Boatswain Mate of the watch. The helmsman. Those are the
19	mathewatches on the bridge.
20	LIEUTENANT Cokay.
21	: And for the tactical action
22	officer, the main controlling stations are the CSC
23	LCDR : Combat
24	: Combat Systems Coordinator.
25	LCDR : Okay.
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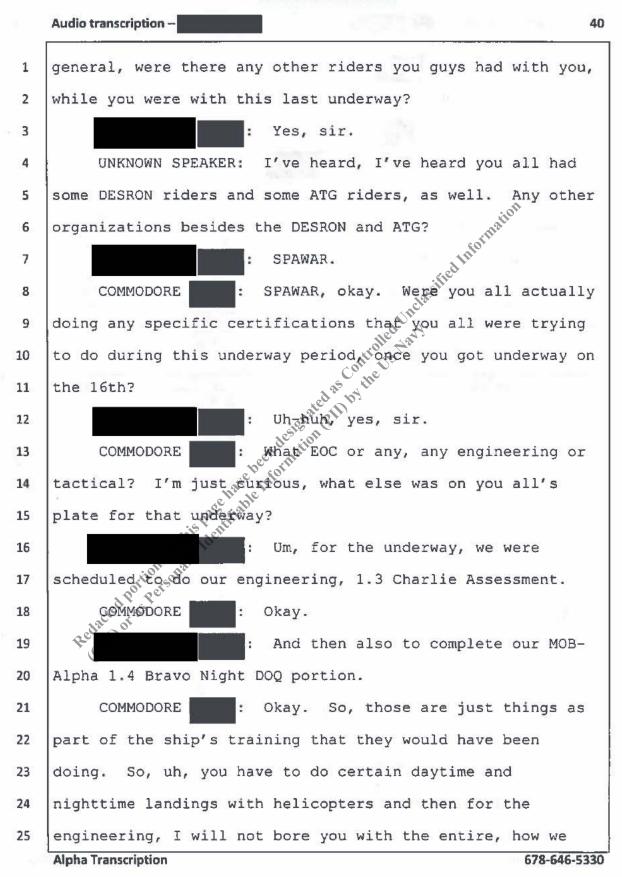
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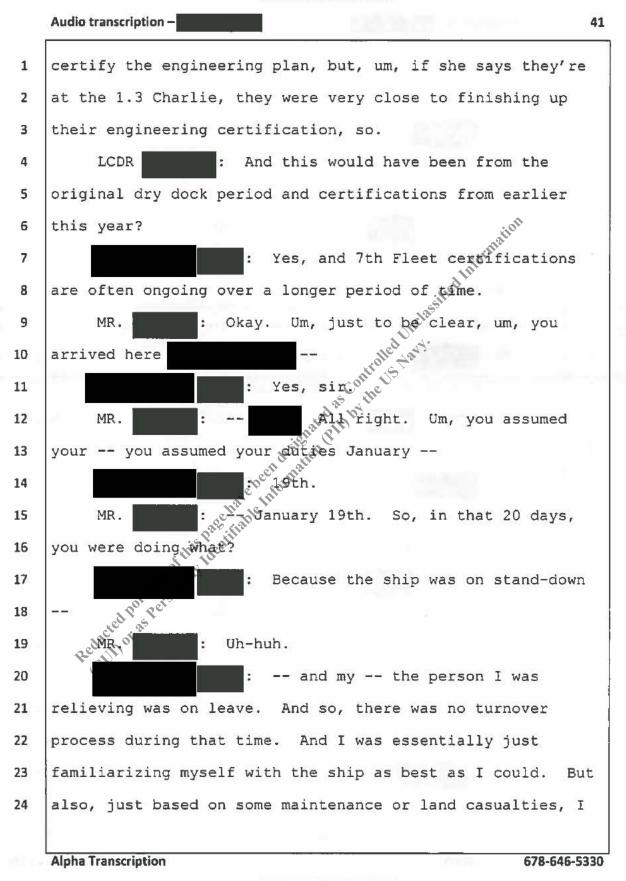


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1	COMMODORE : What were the mids, was it was part
2	of their summer, one of their summer cruises?
3	: Yes, sir.
4	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER . And were they at all
5	sort of I know when we have mids on our ship, we sort of
6	augment the watch with the midshipmen. Do you know
7	whether, you may not be able to speak to this obut do you
8	know whether they augmented any of the bridge watches or
9	any of the combat watches with the midshipmen?
10	: I cannot speak to any combat
11	watches because I did not see any midshipmen on combat
12	watches and I did not physically see any midshipmen on a
13	bridge watch. However, I know that they were going to
14	stand watches with the trong mates. So, with someone who
15	who gehatten
16	COMMODORE: Was this a First Class or Second
17	Class crew, ndo whow, were they officer running mates or
18	petty of floers or a combination?
19	Both, yes, sir. So, we had two
20	First Classes that were on the ship and so the First Class
21	with the officer running mate would have stood bridge watch
22	with their officer running mate.
23	COMMODORE Was there anyone else, and I'm not
24	looking for, I'm not looking for a list of everyone, but in
	a Section of the sect
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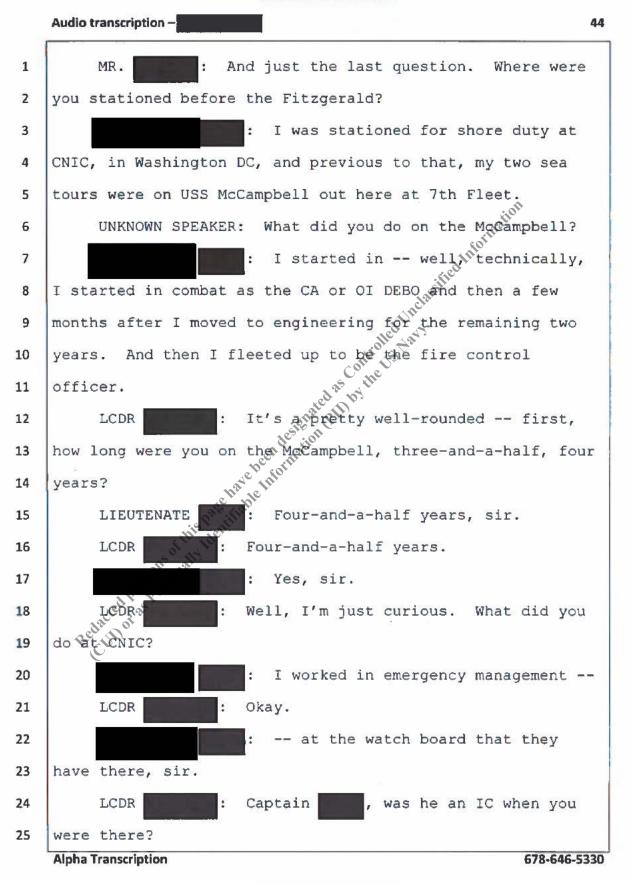


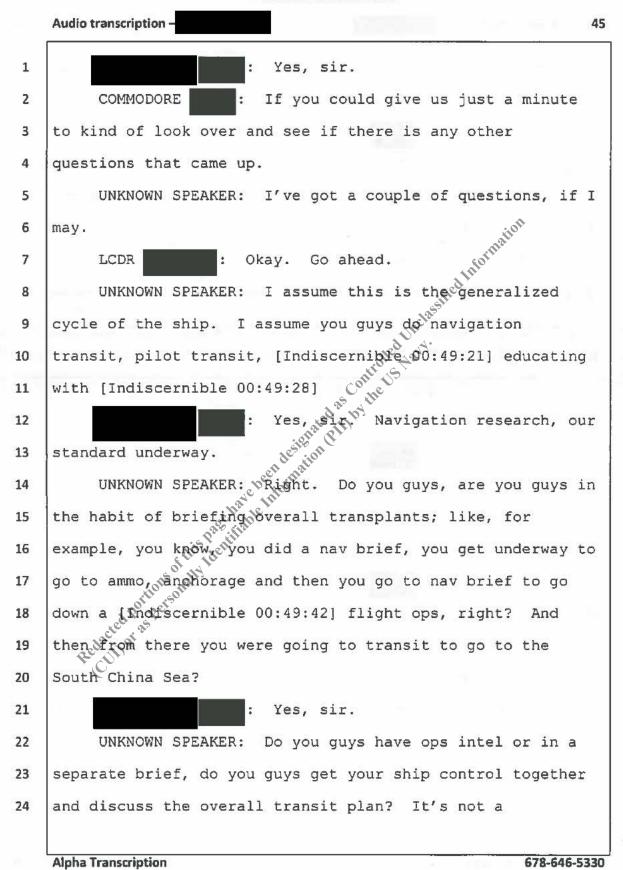


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1	couldn't really explore the sheer drives on the ship as
2	much as I wanted to.
3	MR. So, you assumed your duties January
4	19th. You got qualified in March, I think. So, during
5	that timeframe, you know, what exactly were you doing?
6	: Um, the operations for the ship.
7	So, getting the ship underway, sea trials, and unload,]
8	exercise that we participated in with the other DESRON
9	ships and that was my main focus during that time.
10	MR. So, the person that you were relieving
1 1	was on leave when you got there nav.
12	: They picked me up from the airport.
13	So, he was there and then checked out.
14	MR
15	So, he was there and then checked out. MR
16	they departed ship?
17	: No. The handover took place before
18	the turnover took place before January 19th, as we went
19	through essentially the status of the department that I was
20	about to take charge of. And then he left in order to do
21	some schooling; however, he is still attached to the ship.
22	He took another position on the ship.
23	LCDR : So, typically, most for the department
24	head level, so for the operations officer, the chief
25	engineer, those officers will usually have about a week's
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1	worth of sort of turnover and then that other officer will
2	depart the ship and the new officer will have the job. We
3	have one department head on a destroyer, the weapons
4	officer, who will be there for 18 months and then fleet-up
5	to become the combat systems officer. He will turn over to
6	another officer. Sometimes, as ops mentioned, there's a
7	case or a reason where an officer might remain on the ship
8	for some reason, awaiting a school, or awaiting his next
9	assignment. But usually for the operations officer and for
10	the combat systems officer, the supply officer, the chief
11	engineer, those officers transfer as soon as the handover
12	is done. All right.
13	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER : And just to clarify in
14	case this wasn't clear before, you said your day job is as
15	operations officer what you took that over in January and
16	had a good week or so turnover time before you took over
17	that job. tions of the lat
18	: Yes, ma'am.
19	ELECTENANT COMMANDER : Your watch standing
20	capacity is that as tactical action officer. For that, you
21	were training during from January to March before you
22	qualified and then took over those duties?
23	: Yes, ma'am.
24	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER : Okay. I don't know if
25	that's helpful or not, but just to clarify.
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Audio transcription – 46
requirement. Not all ships do it, I'm just curious, as to
what you guys do on the Fitz.
: No, sir.
UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. Um, um, CO, XO, kind of flow,
battlefield circulation on the bridge, and the other major
control stations. Can you give us a sense for, you know,
how frequently the CO and XO kind of cycled through the pod
house other than the times when they were required to be
there, right, sea detail, un-reps, maybe flight operations,
typically on the bridge, but just wondering what the daily
flow, say in open-ocean transit, how frequently would the
XO and CO come cycle through the bridge?
flow, say in open-ocean transit, how frequently would the XO and CO come cycle through the bridge? But I, I UNKNOWN SPEAKER. I regular basis or the bridge come through combat on a
But I, I have Info
UNKNOWN SPEAKER Did they come through combat on a
regular basis or the
: Yes, sir.
UNKNOWN SPEAKER: All right. You kind of ran us through who was on a typical bridge watch team. I didn't
through who was on a typical bridge watch team. I didn't
hear you talk about lookouts. Can you, can you give us a
sense for are there dedicated lookouts on the bridge watch
and if so, you know, where they stand, is it aft lookout,
is it bridge lookout?
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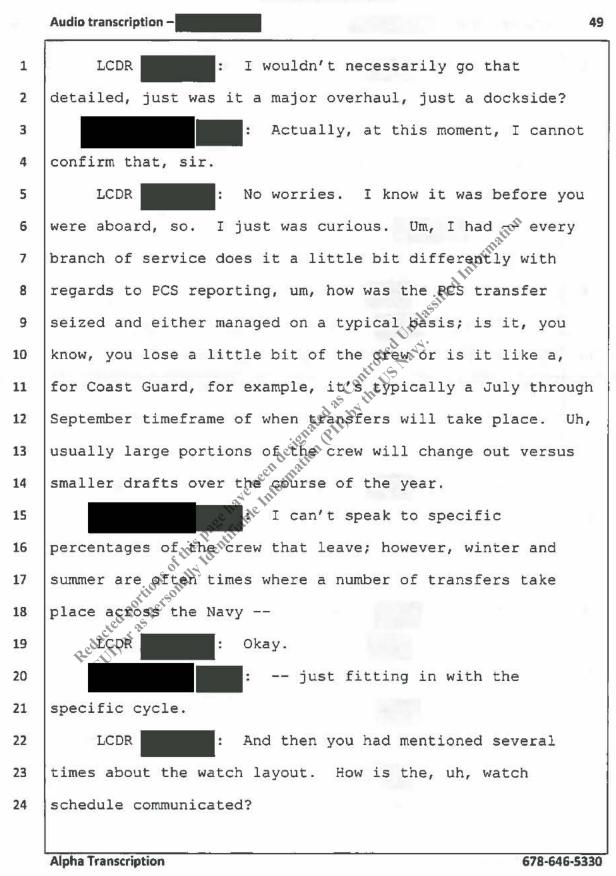
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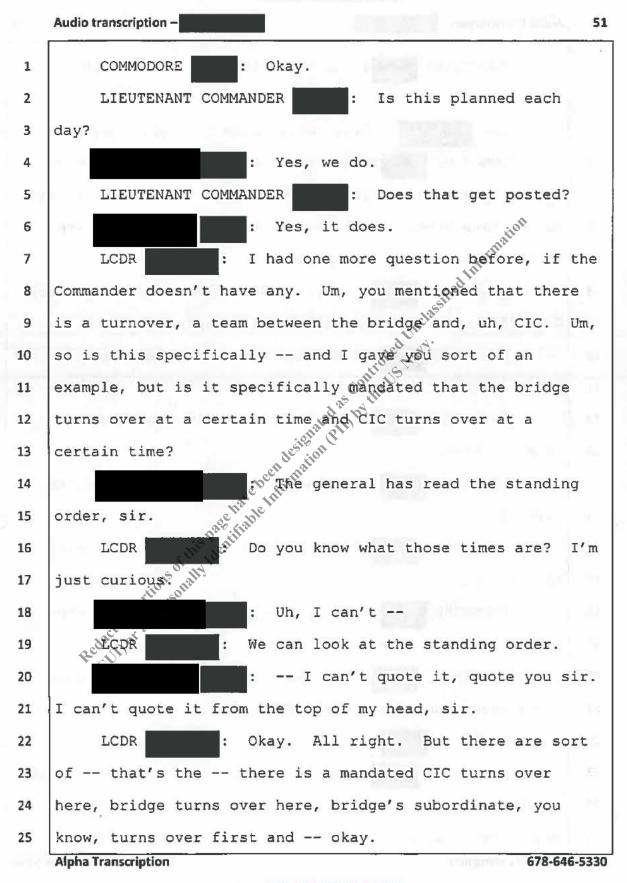
	Audio transcription – 47
1	: Yes, sir, we do have an aft
2	lookout. I can't speak to the rest of the watch, though.
3	The senior watch officer would be able to speak to that.
4	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. And, if I'm tracking this
5	right, so, you're an FDNF warrior. You did your back-to-
6	back tours here on McCampbell and you came back to the ops.
7	So, you obviously got your TAO, excuse me, your OOD qual
8	when you were here as an JO. You reported in December you
9	took over the ops job in January. And if I understood you
10	right, you requalified OOD in March Nis that correct?
11	: That was speaking to tactical
12	action officer, yes, sir.
13	action officer, yes, sir. UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay UNKNOWN SPEAKER: O
14	
15	so, what was that process for you?
16	: The process was under the previous
17	Captain in which I got my OOD re-qual and I was the conning
18	officer for a transit inbound to Sasebo.
19	WINKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. So, was it am I hearing
20	you right where it's a standcon proved to me you can drive
21	the ship and then you got a re-qual letter; is that how
22	that happened? So, you
23	: Yes, sir.
24	UNKNOWN SPEAKER: So, it sounds like you did not, you
25	weren't required to stand in a series of watches as an OOD
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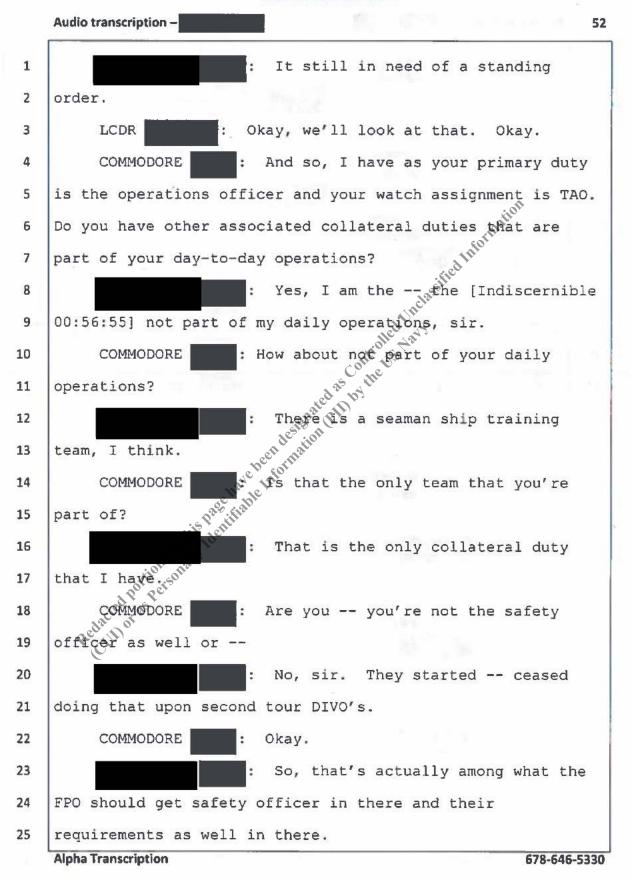
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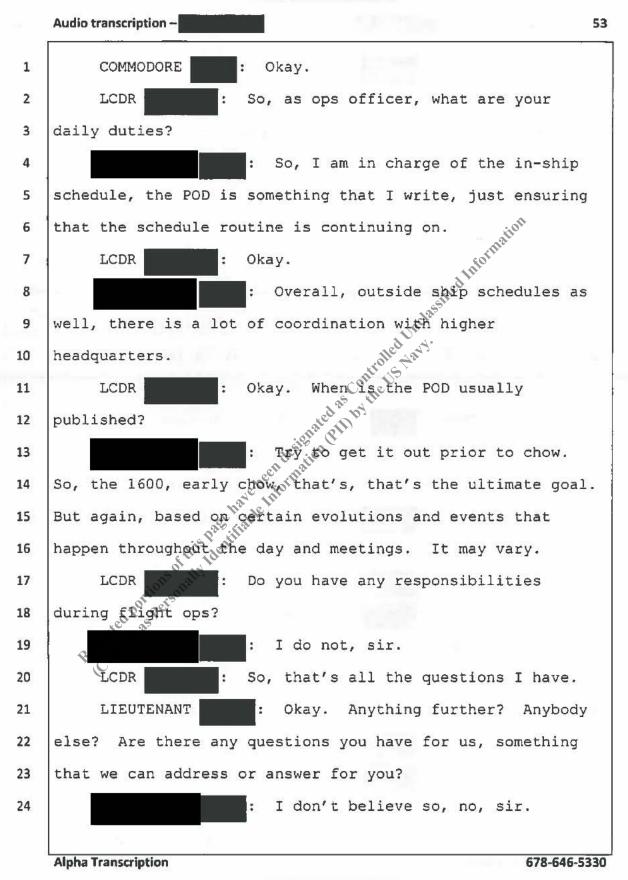
	Audio transcription – 48
1	under instruction, but you were getting requalification.
2	That's all I have.
3	COMMODORE : And all right. Just one follow up.
4	And you may not know, it's really a question for the CSO,
5	but you might know based on second tour DIVO's, et cetera.
6	Is the is the re-qual for OOD's, whether it be for a
7	department head or a second tour DIVO, is that typically
8	just based on their experience, like if you had a DIVO that
9	came from a frigate, I presume they would get some sort of
10	tailored qual, as opposed to maybe a DIVO that came
11	straight from another, you know, FDNFDG, their re-qual
12	might be similar to yours, you know, accomplishes, any
13	ideas?
14	the thir can't speak to that, sir.
15	COMMODORE That's fine, I was just curious.
16	We're running out of frigates, almost everyone is coming
17	from a DEG navy cruiser or in that, I guess.
18	LATETÉNANT : Mr. I believe vou had
19	some questions.
20	LCDR Sure. So, do you happen to know that
21	the yard period work was prior to any sailings that took
22	place in 2017?
23	: Are you talking about the extent of
24	the yard training, what equipment was worked on, sir?
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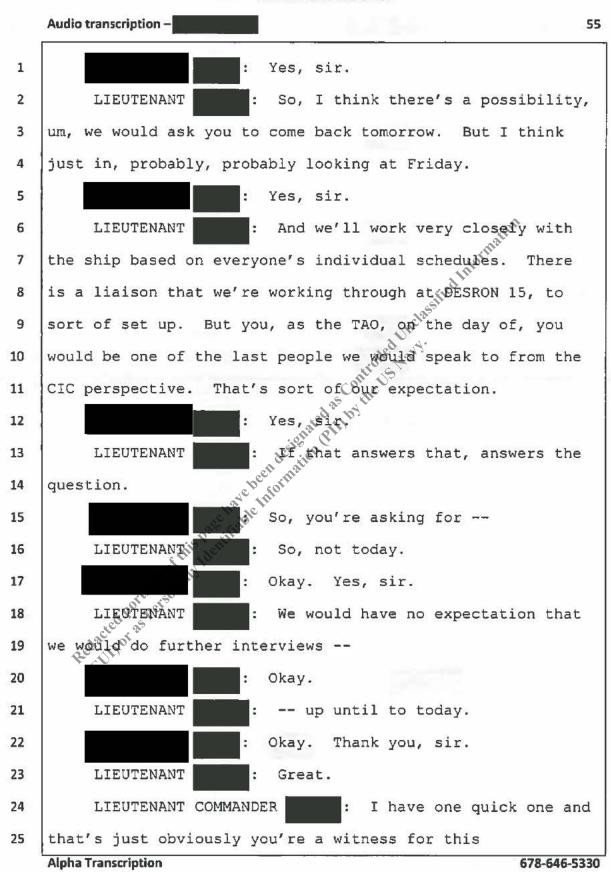
	Audio transcription – 50
1	: So, it is, um, it's posted in
2	specific locations on the ship. And then, when our lan was
3	working or when our [Indiscernible 00:54:49] working, also
4	posted on our internal share point. Our internal ship
5	website.
6	LCDR : So, both electronic and hard copies
7	were present?
8	LCDR : So, both electronic and hard copies were present? : Yes.
9	COMMODORE : Can, now about watch bill changes,
10	if the watch bill change happens, its that just would the
11	cabin XO's or someone just do a pen and ink on the watch
12	bill or for some reason you're going to change; how does
13	that occur? been rinatio
14	bill or for some reason your religing to change; how does that occur?
15	happen instantaneously, the Captain will authorize it and
16	will physically write on the watch bill. However, if there
17	is enough time, it will be re-routed
18	COMMODORE : Rerouted.
19	: with the anchor people, reassign
20	it.
21	COMMODORE So, when you talk about the routing
22	process, how far in advance is that watch bill drafted?
23	: Uh, senior watch officer would have
24	to address the timeline of routing watch bills, that's
25	online.
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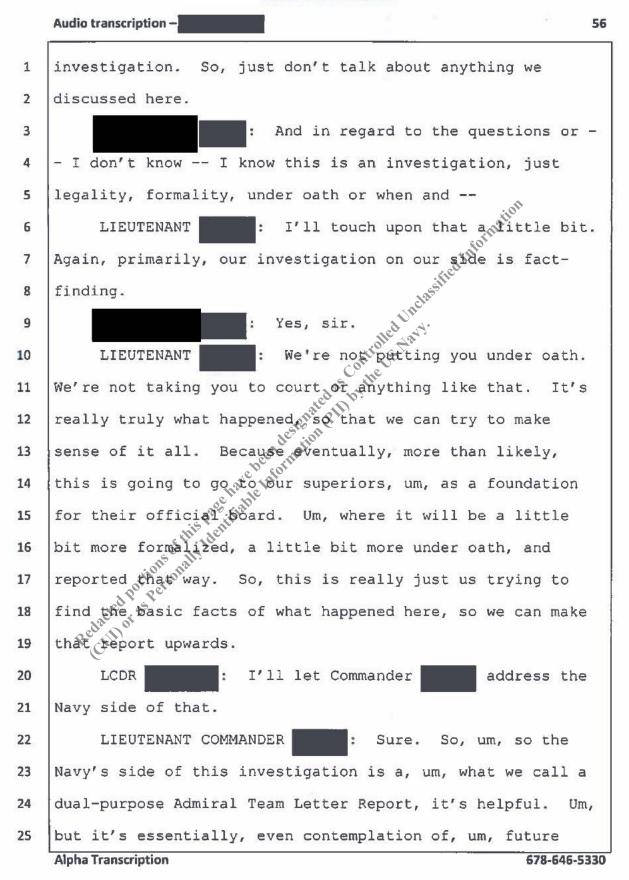






	Audio transcription – 54
1	LIEUTENANT Content Con
2	so, this afternoon, we'll start interviewing bridge watch
3	standers and then we'll, after break, try to move on to
4	CIC. So, at some point we'll ask you to come back in and
5	we'll talk about specifics at that point of the actual
6	interview. But thank you very much for your time. You've
7	given us the understanding and feeling about the Fitzgerald
8	and how business is done. That will help us understand the
9	routines that the ship is in. So, once we start asking
10	sailors questions, we'll at least have a feel for how
11	business is done routinely onboard the ship, so.
12	: Yesh Sir. I do have a question,
13	just based on the timeline you just gave. Can I be expected to come back today for an interview or
14	expected to come back today for an interview or
15	LIEUTENANT : I don't see that happening. We're
16	gonna we normally start junior to senior.
17	: Yes, sir.
18	LIEUTENANT : Um, so, we'll start with the junior bridge watch standers. I think we'd probably be
19	junion bridge watch standers. I think we'd probably be
20	fortunate to get through a couple of them today. Um, so I
21	think that the earliest would be tomorrow.
22	: Yes, sir.
23	LIEUTENANT . And we're not going to ask anyone
24	to do any interviews on the weekend. We don't have any
25	planned for that. So, what's, today is Wednesday?
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	Audio transcription – 57
1	litigation the Navy might get. Um, so, there's a couple
2	purposes to the investigation. We certainly want to find
3	out what happened. Um, and we have some mandates that we
4	have to hit, um, in our own appointing order. Um, so in
5	terms of the formality and legal things, um, you are
6	certainly able to consult with counsel, if you'd like to.
7	Um, that would be at the state to the state of the state
8	just right across the street in the PCS building on the
9	second deck. Um, at this time, you're not being, um, read
10	your Article 31 Bravo Reg. If that happens in the future,
11	you will get read those and then you are. But you
12	have the option to consult with counsel, if you like. And
13	I can show you where that is uh, it's right across the
14	I can show you where that eight uh, it's right across the street.
15	I just wanted to
16	LCDR So, for all the interviewees, there's
17	no intention to read anyone their rights. If we felt
18	during the proceedings, um, that that would become a
19	necessity, we would stop and whoever the interviewee is, we
20	would say, "We think it's appropriate to read you 31 Bravo
21	Rights." So, but that will not be our entering argument
22	with anyone coming in.
23	: I just wanted to make sure, sir, a
24	goal
25	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER : It's a fair question.
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