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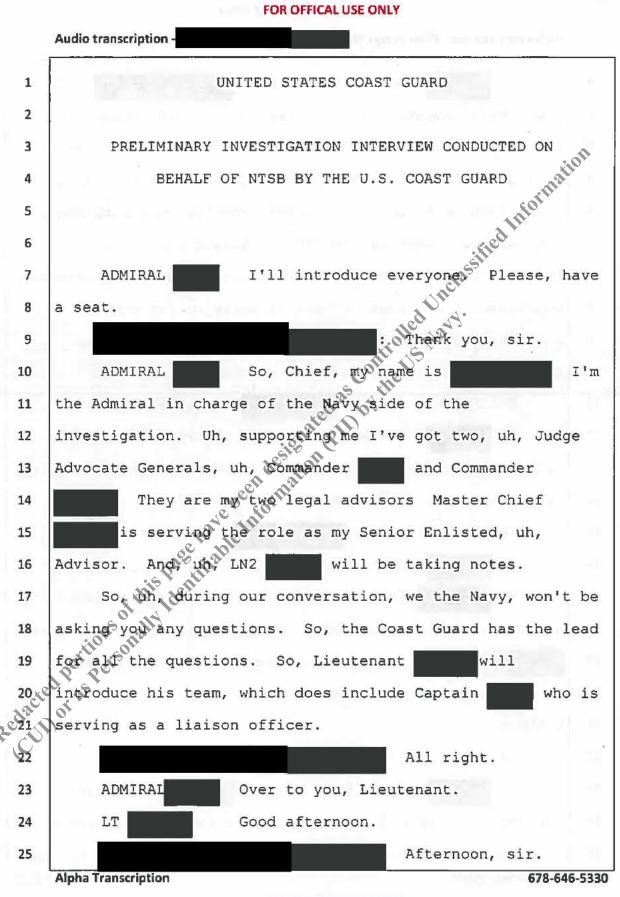
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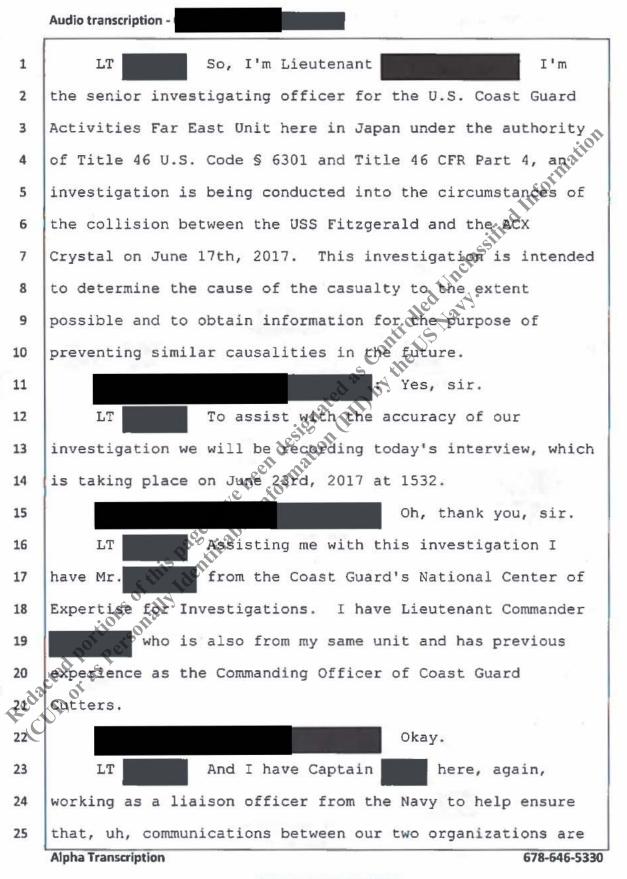
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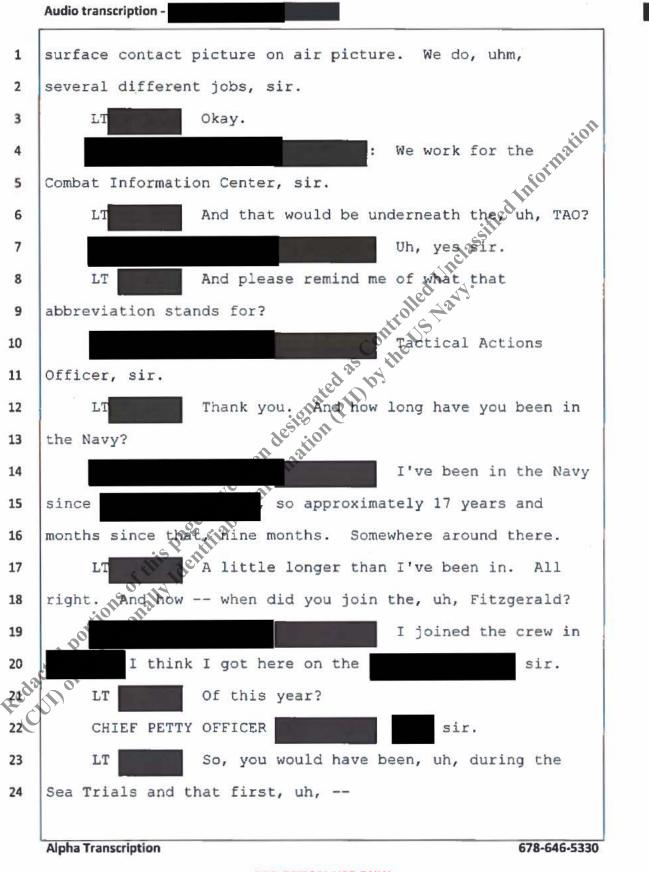
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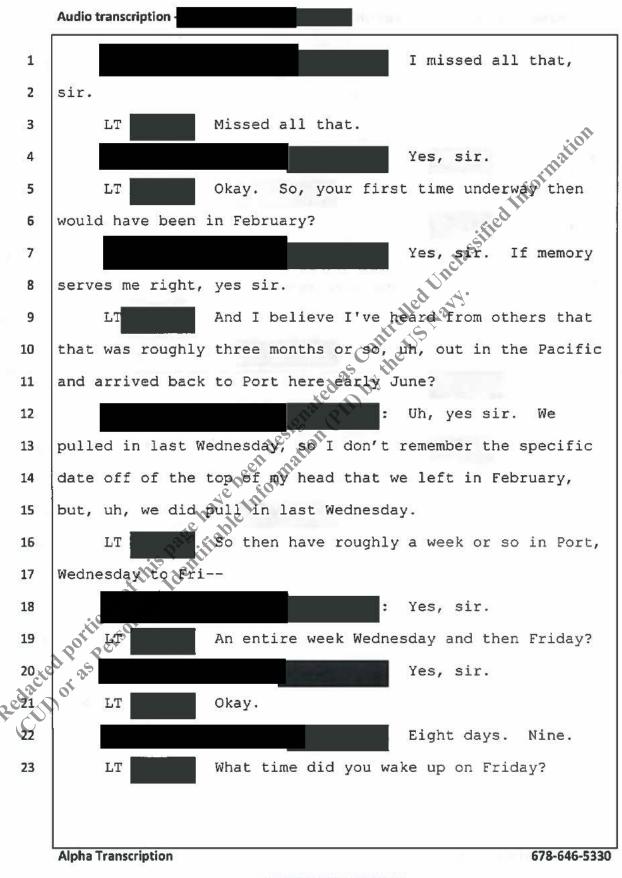


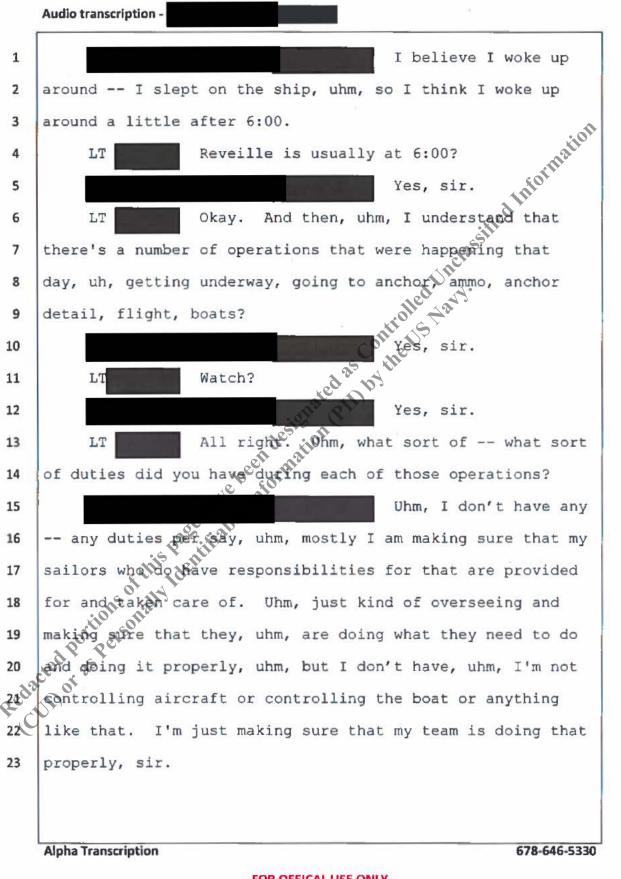
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Audio transcription good and that we understand, uh, Navy Operations as best we 1 2 can. Yes, sir. 3 Uhm, let me begin with a little quick 4 ground rule here. If at any time you need something, need 5 of some water, take a break, take some fresh air, please 6 let us know we'd be glad to provide and pause the recording 7 for you. And likewise, uh, as we're asking you some 8 questions, uh, there may be a few things that you simply 9 just don't know the answer to it and there's no problem 10 just saying I don't know that That doesn't come with my 11 job, whatever the answer may be? 12 Uh, there's no -- no problem at all just not knowing something. 13 14 Yes, sir. Whm, if we could begin by, uh, having your 15 LT name and position aboard the Vessel? 16 17 Uh, my name is I'm the Operations Specialist on board the USS 18 Ficzgerald. 19 S LT 20 And what would your primary duties be aboard the Vessel be in your day to day work? 22 Uhm, my primary 23 duties, sir, are I'm the for the Operations Specialist. We cover, uhm, navigation and, uh, 24 Alpha Transcription 678-646-5330

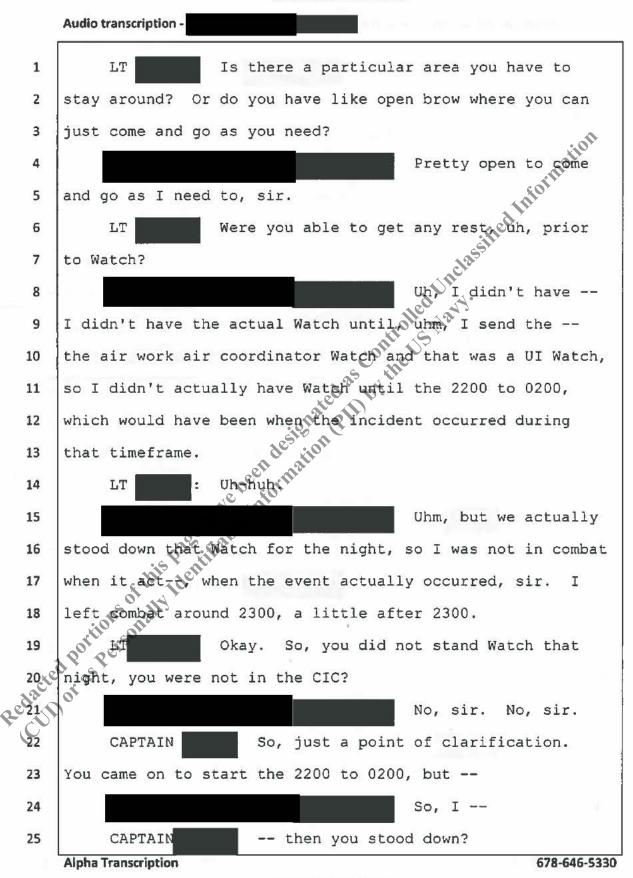


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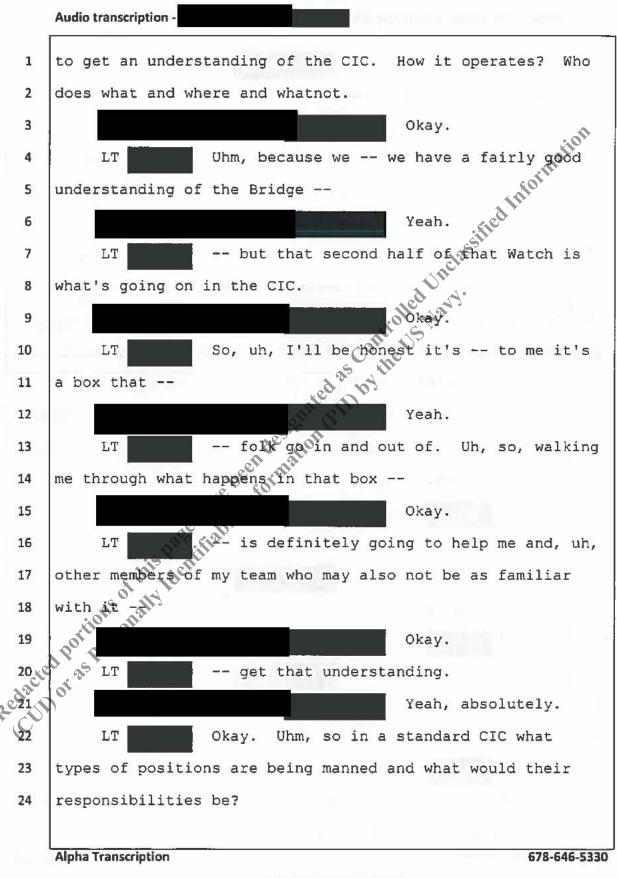
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с	Yes, sir. I did. I
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	ame on to start the 2200 to 0200, uhm, was so we were
g	oing to be standing down because at that point we were
s	till we'd secured from flight quarters, but had put the
r	ib in the water, uhm, so we were too close to land for a
S	PY to be operating, which is our, uh, air search radar.
U	hm, so, uh, that was the reason that we ended up standing
0	n the Watch. And I remember that Ensign had asked
m	e, she was just getting off of the Watch. She had asked
m	e to walk her through combat to help her with her CIC
W	atch officer board, so I had, the walked her around combat
a	nd gone through all the different systems and everything
1	ike that. That's how I the that I left combat a
1	ittle bit after 2300 per 110
	ike that. That's how I compared ber that I left combat a ittle bit after 2300 e <sup>eff</sup> (1) <sup>10</sup> LT LT Ray And then from there, uh, went to
У	our rack, nothing further until the time of the collision?
	Right. So, I went to
	y rack, uhan read a book on my iPad a little bit. I
r	emember it must have been a little bit after 2330 that I
. Sel	at it down and probably fell asleep shortly thereafter,
12 5	dr.
9	LT So, so this is one of the reasons we're
a	sking you to come here today. Uh, one, to see, uh, who
W	as on Watch? Who's the senior personnel? And then two,
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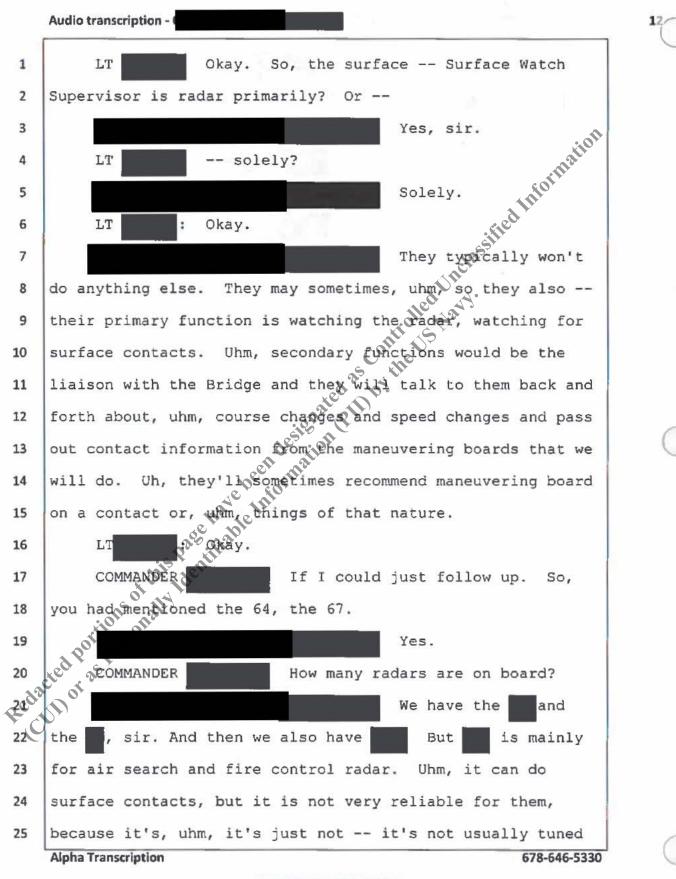
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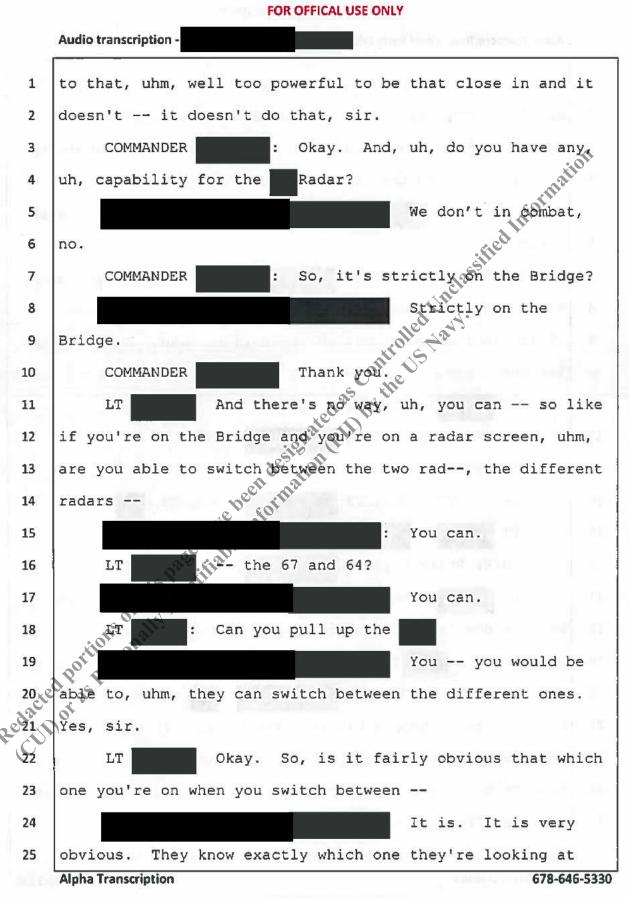
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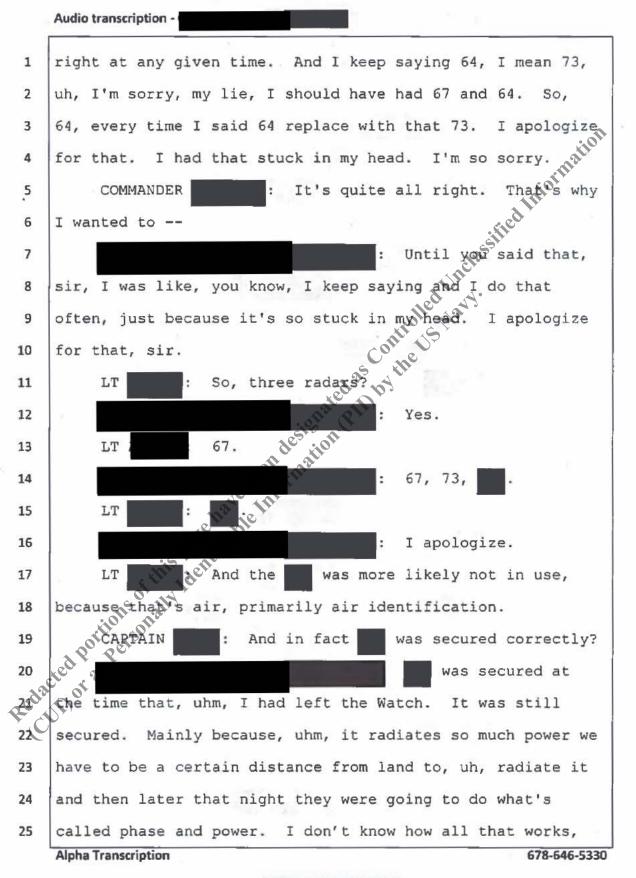
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1	Uhm, so I would start
2	with the CIC Watch supervisor. Uh, they are handling
3	multiple tasks. Uhm, they're making sure that their
4	primary goal is to make sure that the Surface Watchstanders
5	are functioning well and getting everything that they need.
6	Uhm, they will also assist with maneuvering boards, uh, the
7	Watch log. They plot their navigation fix of WMS, so
8	which is our Voyage Management System. Uhm, they are to
9	mainly assist the Bridge, uhm, and backup the Bridge with
10	navigation and the surface picture as well they have
11	responsibilities throughout CIC to whm, talk to our
12	Tactical Information Coordinator, uhm, make sure that they
13	are doing what they need to go with our length picture and, uhm, that's mainly what they stay focused on.
14	uhm, that's mainly what they stay focused on. LT AND Who, uh, is this an Officer, Petty Officer?
15	LT And who, uh, is this an Officer, Petty Officer?
16	Officer? Page Hall
17	No, it's a Petty
18	Officer asually.
19	Uh, any particular specialty or just
20	It's usually the
2203	operations specialist, sir, that's that's one of our
22	Watches, sir.
23	LT And I may have some questions from time to
24	time on what each specialty is, uh, the Coast Guard has a
25	few less than the Navy, so.
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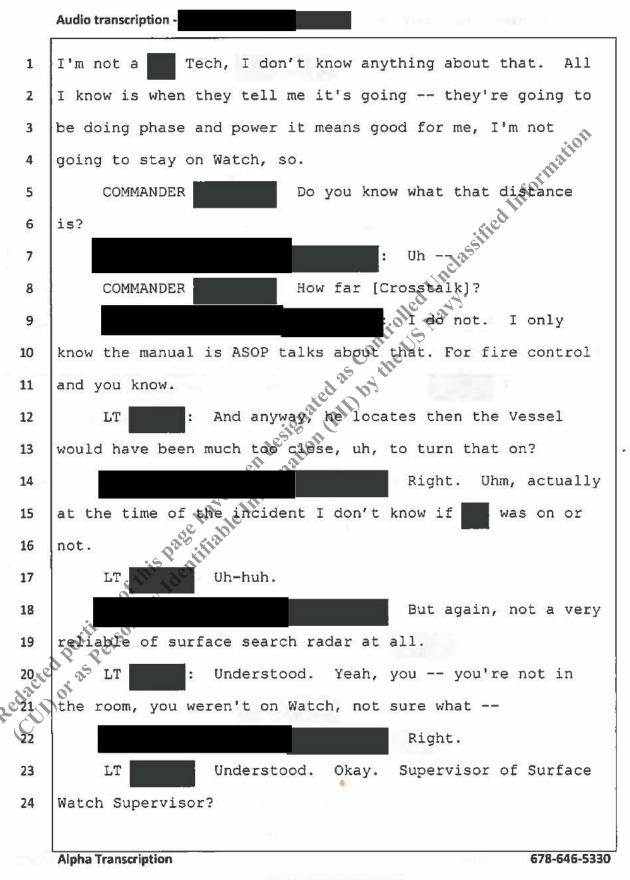
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Audio transcription -Right. 1 2 LT Okay. So, we have the supervisor who is Information 3 watching over, uh, ----Δ Yes. LT -- the other standers. 5 So, then we would 6 7 have our, uhm, Surface Watch Supervisor, which will be SWS for short and the Surface Watch Sup would be at the radar 8 console, they are in charge in the 67 Radar, which is our 9 primary surface search radar, which would be probably what 10 Whm our 64-Radar is also one they were using that night. 11 That is more of a navigation of the radars that they use 12 radar, uhm, and they would be have been using that that 13 They'll use that closer to land because it gives 14 close. better definition and for radar navigation they'll use the 15 For requirer Surface search, they will use the 67-16 64. which is what they would have been looking at that 17 Radar, night sir 18 So, when you say close to shore, what is 19 that range usually? 20 0 21 Uhm, it's probably --22 well it's used more for radar navigation, so mainly when we're pulling in and out of Port, uh, I would say less than 23 20 nautical miles. Maybe even less than that. Maybe even 24 10. 25 Alpha Transcription 678-646-5330







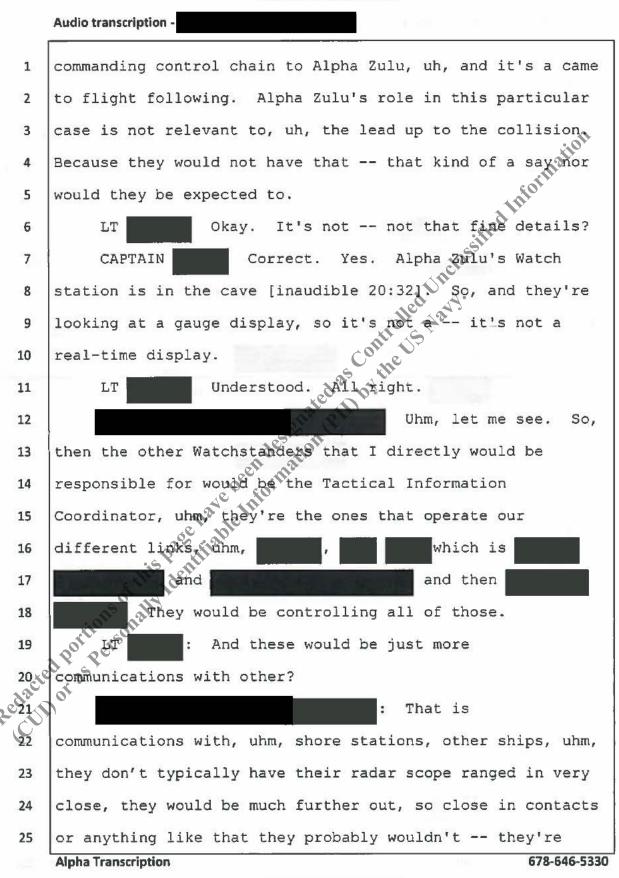


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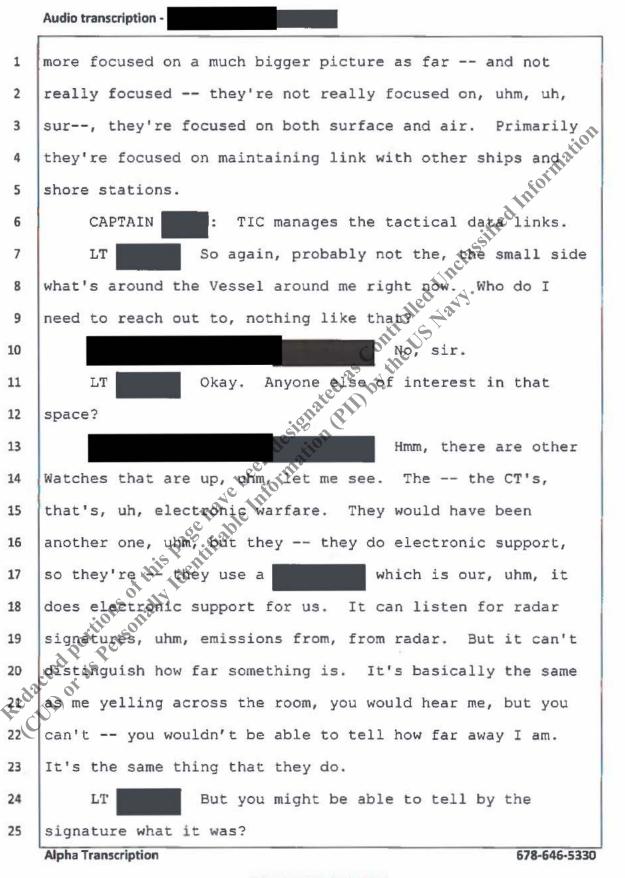
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	Audio transcription -
1	Uh, the next person
2	over would be the Surface Warfare Coordinator and as far as
3	for the radar picture and the surface, uh, warfare
4	coordination they are the ones that are responsible for nation
5	that. So, they actually have the, uh, Surface Warfare
6	Supervisor and the, uhm, OSS Optical Sight System They
7	will be working for and coordinating with the Surface
8	Warfare Coordinator. Uhm, they would be talking to people
9	off of the ship, which would be Alpha Zylu basically is who is above them off the ship. LT So, would you say not necessarily shore
10	is above them off the ship.
.1	LT So, would you say not necessarily shore
12	based, but other personnel who have a bigger picture of
13	what's going around in the area?
14	Uhm, more of more
15	of their boss, uhan on the person that is coordinating the
.6	surface picture for everybody, so all the ships that are
.7	out, uhm, they se getting, they're taking reports from
8	everybody that's
.9	OCARTAIN I'm going to give that a quick voice
20	viller 3
erd?	Yeah, please sir.
22	CAPTAIN Okay. Alpha Zulu is DESRON 15, that
23	is their theatre surface warfare commander function. In
24	this particular case with an independently esteeming
25	destroyer Fitz would be reporting in terms of the
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	Audio transcription -
1	You'd be able to tell
2	what it was, but usually if it's a commercial radar,
3	they'll only know that it's a commercial radar is all that
4	they'll get.
5	LT Right. Because they're looking for that
6	they'll get. LT Right. Because they're looking for that unique signature that says whoa, this is something and that
7	we don't want out there?
8	Yes, they're
9	Yes. Yes, they're looking for a more unique signature as far as like an incoming missile or something like that is what they're
10	incoming missile or something like that is what they're really looking at.
11	really looking at. LT Understood to kay. Again, some of these smaller ones that probably don't have to do with navigation
12	LT Understood Okay. Again, some of these
13	
14	and whatnot we can continue with these like quick little
15	blurbs of chave Info
16	Right.
17	L'I this is what they do.
18	Right. Some of the
19	others, uhm, don't have anything to do with
20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2	Okay. So, primarily Surface Warfare
Re21	Coordinator or the Surface Watch System is is certainly
22	of interest
23	Surface Warfare
24	Supervisor.
25	LT And the Surface
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1	SWS, I'm sorry.
2	Surface Warfare Supervisor and, uhm, Surface Warfare
3	Coordinator.
4	LT : I'm not sure how I got Surface Watch
5	Supervisor. All right. And then all of these kind from come
6	up to the TAO as the
7	The TAQ as going to
8	be overall in charge of, how do I describe it best. Uhm,
9	probably would describe best as she would be in charge more
0	of fighting the ship, uhm, she is more in charge of, uhm,
1	any threats coming in and, uhm, she would have she has
2	weapons release authority, things like that. But as far as
3	navigation goes, uhm, she would know about she overall
4	would be resp, know that we have contacts out there, we
5	have, uhm, or if something is close, but as far as
16	navigation she addash't really have anything to do or play a
7	major role on prigation and the only way that she does is
.8	if we are fighting then she can kind of direct or say, you
.9	known Bredge, we can't turn that way or do something like
0	Shat because of a certain situation. Like the week before
ag3	when we were prosecuting a submarine and the Bridge was
zC	like hey, we need to turn this way, the TA would have been
3	like no, we can't do that right now because we have
4	we're prosecuting the submarine we have this other stuff

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1	going on so kind of fighting, she doesn't know the
2	navigation.
3	LT Right. Much, much like how a
4	Quartermaster would say you can't go that way there's ation
5	reef, uh, that's outside of our range. All right. Who
6	then is responsible/can reach out to a Vessel by radio?
7	: That would be all
8	that would have to be all done on the Bridge. Uh, we
9	actually have, uhm, we have a Bridge to Bridge radio NCIC
10	and it is over by the where the Watch or the Watch would
11	stand, but we don't have the control down there to go out
12	on that. We can only hear what s going on unless the pass
13	
14	LT Solong story short is the couple of radar
15	screens that, up that are being watched if there's a
16	contact that Hooks like it could, uh, interfere of
17	operations that gets communicated up to the TAO. Or are
18	they the Watchstanders calling up the Bridge
19	directfy? Or do they have to go through a supervisor who
20,0	then goes up?
Re 21	: They will do contact
22	management directly. They they coordinate with the
23	Bridge, uhm, and do contact management directly. They
24	don't typically involve the TAO and the only time that she
25	might be involved is in a close quartered situation where,
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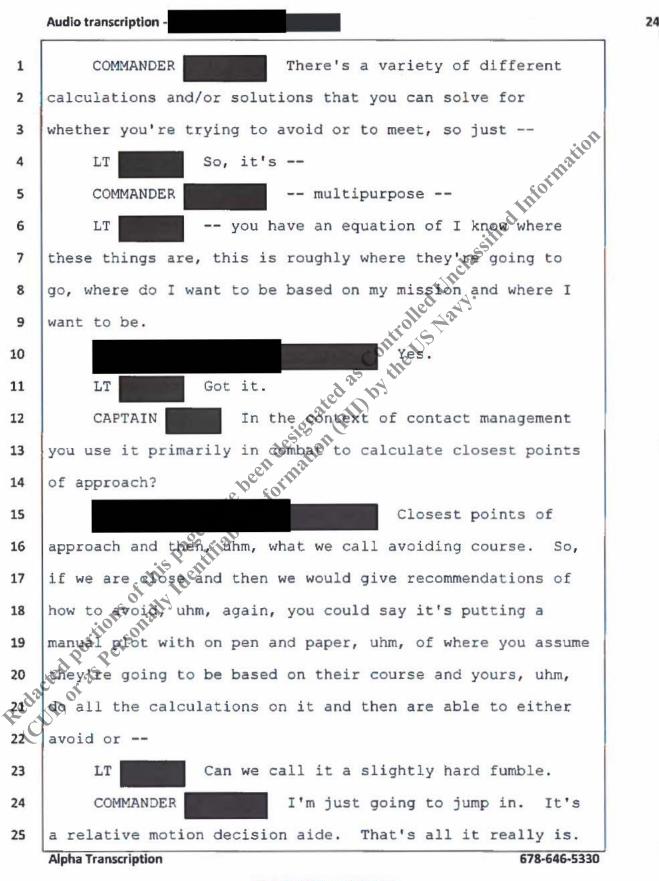
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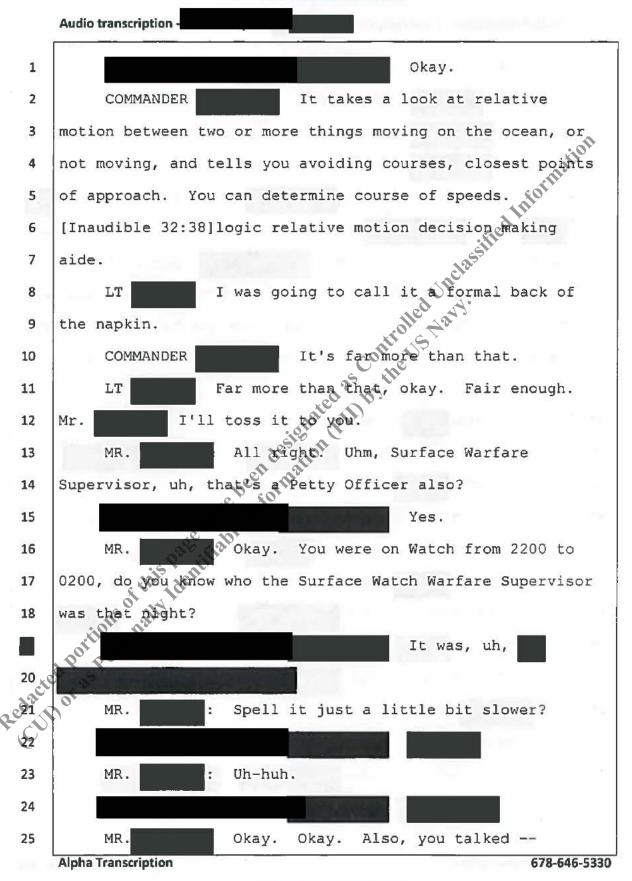
1	uhm, but typically again they will call, they will talk to
2	the navigation team on the Bridge and do coordination there
3	and then the navigation team on the Bridge will be the ones
4	who decide whether they're going to call the captain or at 101
5	not. That usually isn't done by us in CIC. The only time
6	that would be done typically is if we are not in the second sec
7	concurrence, then we would probably more than Fikely
8	involve with TAO and try to figure out why we're not in
9	concurrence and get the Captain involved.
10	LT And you mentioned something earlier, I'm -
11	- I wish I had made it a little more clear in my notes.
12	But there is a I don't even know how I want to do it. Uh, there's like a board of contacts that's kept up to date in the CIC?
13	Uh, there's like a board of contacts that's kept up to date in the CIC?
14	in the CIC?
15	Hmm, we have a
16	contact management board, but it's not really for it's
17	more it is more designed for friendly contacts and it
18	would be more when we're working with other, uhm, friendly
19	assets. We don't typically utilize it when it's, uhm, or
20	when we're independently standing, sir.
Rada	O <sup>d</sup> LT Okay.
22	They do have a
23	contact log that they'll put contacts in though.
24	LT And what's the criteria for being put in
25	the contact log? It was observed?
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1	: It could be, it just
2	depends on Watch center. Because we encourage them to put
3	every contact in there, uhm, typically again, unless it has
4	a close, uhm, uh, close point of approach then they mail
5	typically won't do that. And even if that, even if it does
6	have a close point of approach they'll be more focused on
7	doing the maneuvering boards and making recommendations in
8	doing things like that and they usually don't utilize that.
9	LT All right. So, you wist hit on a word
10	that I want to clarify. Maneuvering boards. Uh, could you
11	explain that to me?
12	Maneuvering boards,
13	oh boy. How long do you have? Just kidding.
14	COMMANDER There's a manual there's a
15	manual for it. Manuelli
16	Yeah.
17	LT Well, just a rough description.
18	Rough description is
19	a maneuvering board is a paper, uhm, you have to see one,
20 20 21	it it hard to describe. Uhm,
ROZI	COMMANDER Would it be fair to say it is
22	what ARPA is to radar in paper format?
23	We could probably go
24	with that.
25	LT Paper ARPA. Alpha Transcription 678-646-5330

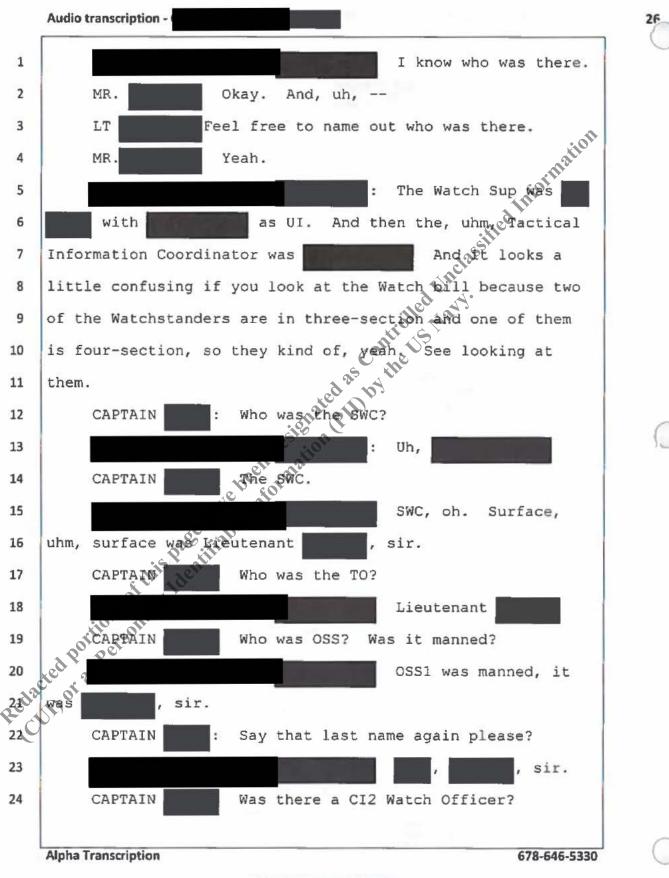
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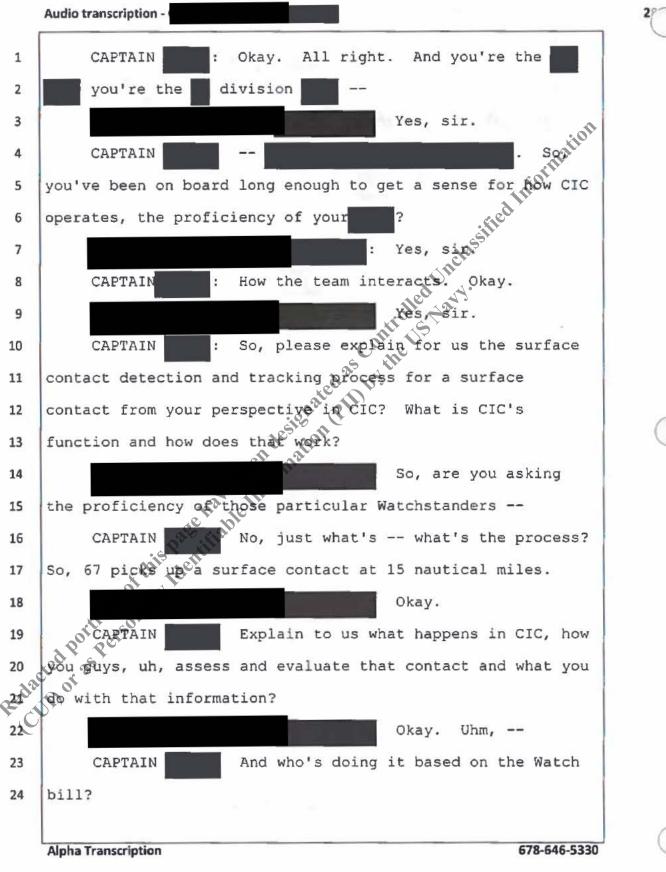


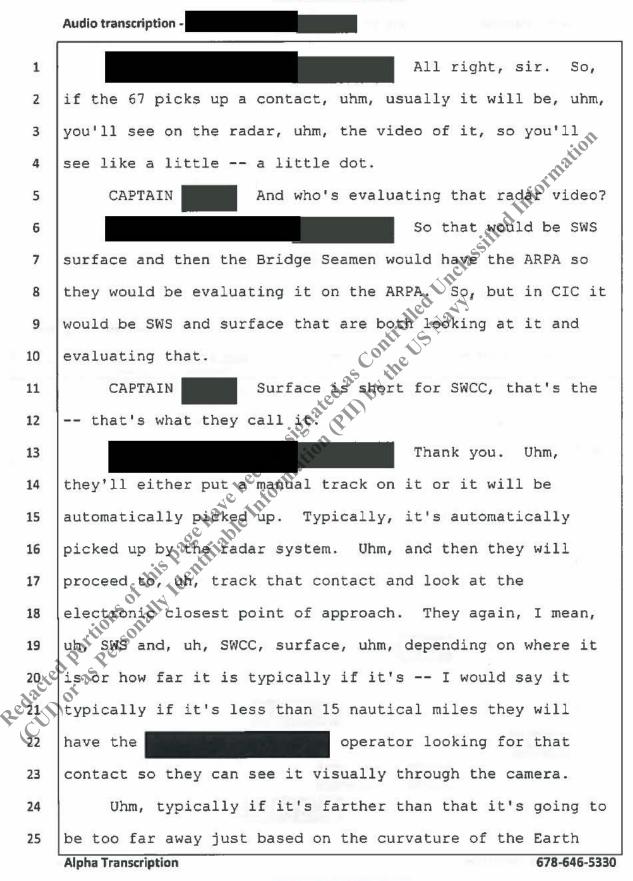
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Audio transcription 1 Yes, sir. Uh, I do 2 not actually know who that was. It was Mr and were the Watch 3 So, Mr. Mr. officers. 4 Let me, I want to go next CAPTAIN Okay. So, 5 you've been -- you've been operating in that CIC since 6 Since February. 7 when? 8 So, and Dthink -- I think we 9 CAPTAIN Okay. can probably credit you with about three months of underway 10 P time? 11 12 Yes, sir. And what Watches have you stood in CIC CAPTAIN 13 format not including air? veel 14 15 Uhm, as a -- just a qualified CIO Watch officer. 16 So, you stood Watch officer 17 CAPTAIN Okay. got put on the air tri-ag after you qualified air, 18 then Nou 19 okay 20 I was, well I was in 221 the process of getting qualified air. 22 CAPTAIN Okay. You're under instruction, 23 sorry. Yes, sir. 24 **Alpha Transcription** 678-646-5330

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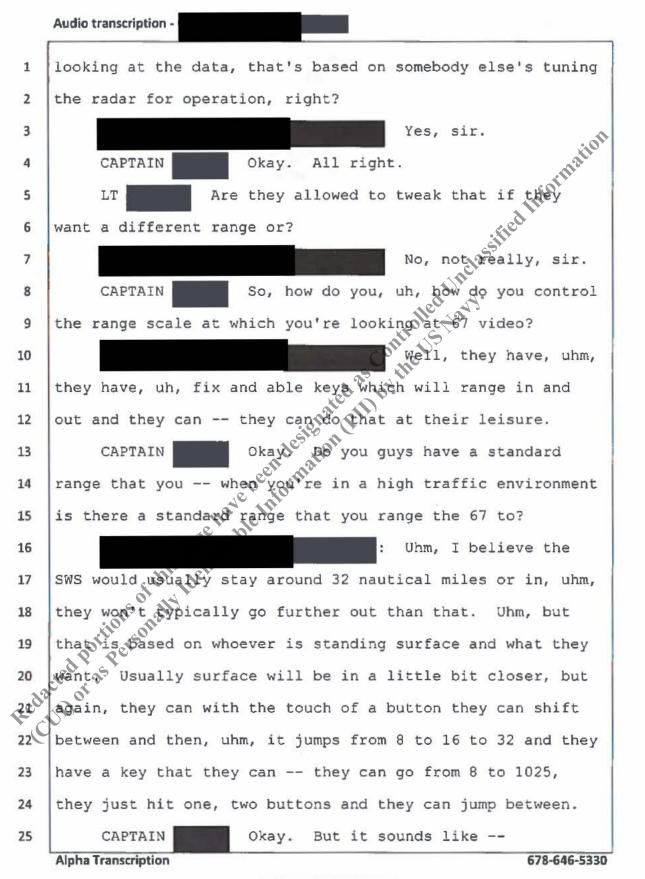
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1	for the, uhm, for the camera to see it. So, 15 NM and
2	they'll start looking for it.
3	Uhm, once they have if there's an electronic
4	closest point of approach of less than I believe their with
5	captain standing orders say less than 5000 yards at 10,000
6	yards then they will put it on paper, which is a contract of the second se
7	maneuvering board and then get a contact a uhm, a
8	maneuvering board solution and then a recommendation for
9	for avoiding course. And they will all be coordinating and
10	passing this information up to the Bridge constantly. So,
11	they will let them know when they have a new contact and
12	they will let them know, uhm immediately what is what
13	track it's going, if it's headed away from us or towards us or anything like that end of the swards of the swards are solved by the swards of
14	or anything like that control
15	So, and it can be either one. It can be the SWS Sup
16	has the information up or it could surface. Sometimes it'll
17	be the Watch Sup, but somebody is passing that information
18	up and detting concurrence and backing up the Bridge.
19	OTCARTAIN Okay. What circuit is that
20	communication preparing
12303	CARTAIN Okay. What circuit is that communication preparing : That's that's over
22	sir.
23	CAPTAIN CAPTAIN Okay.
24	Yes, sir.
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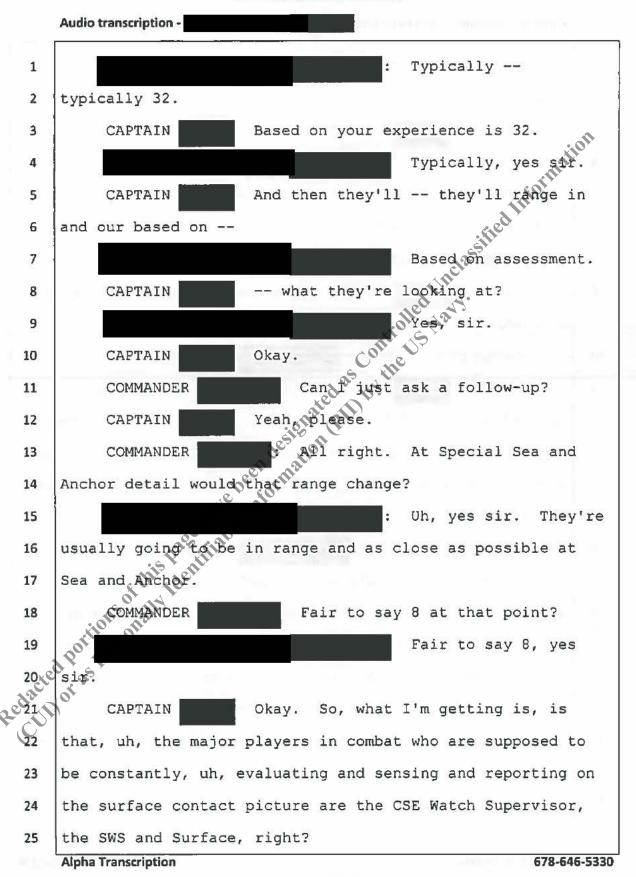
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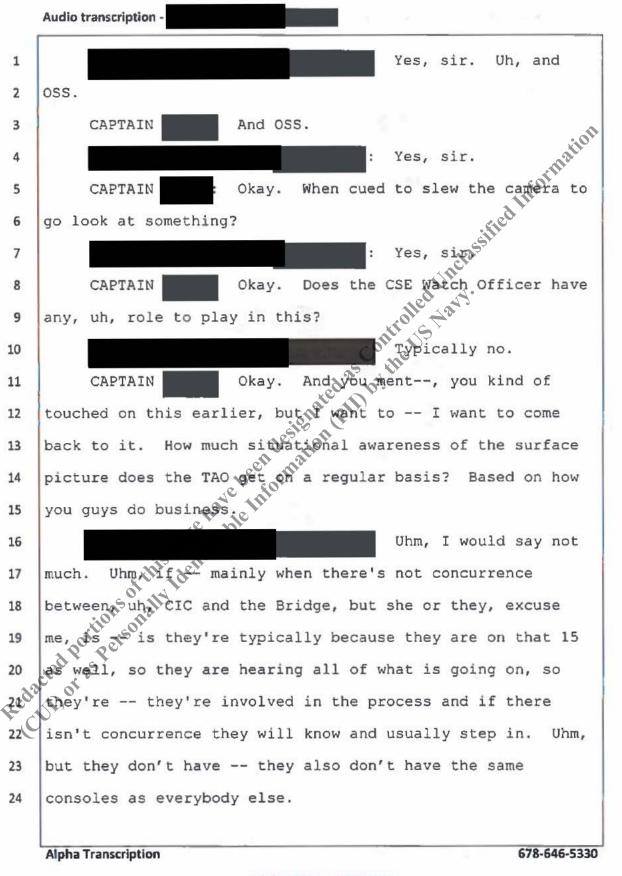
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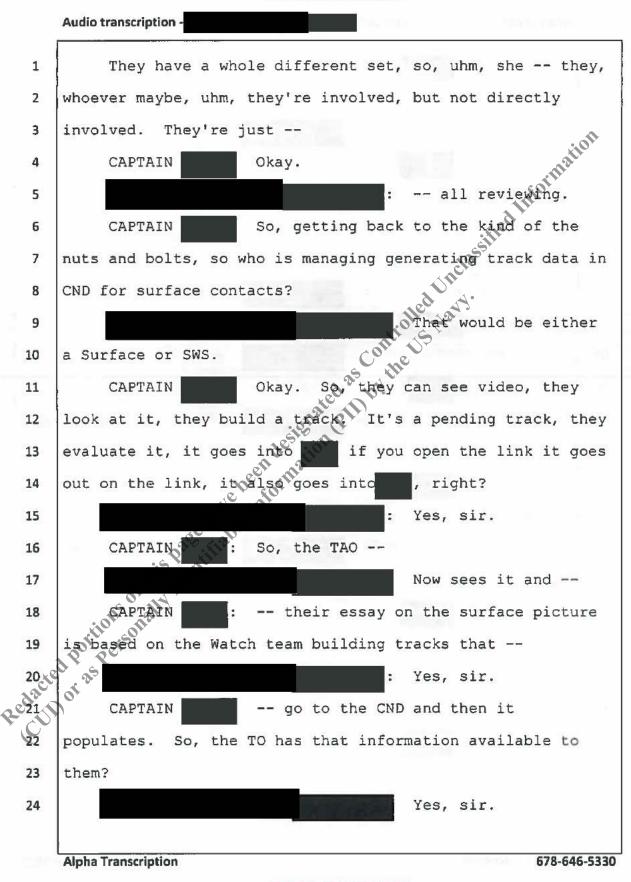
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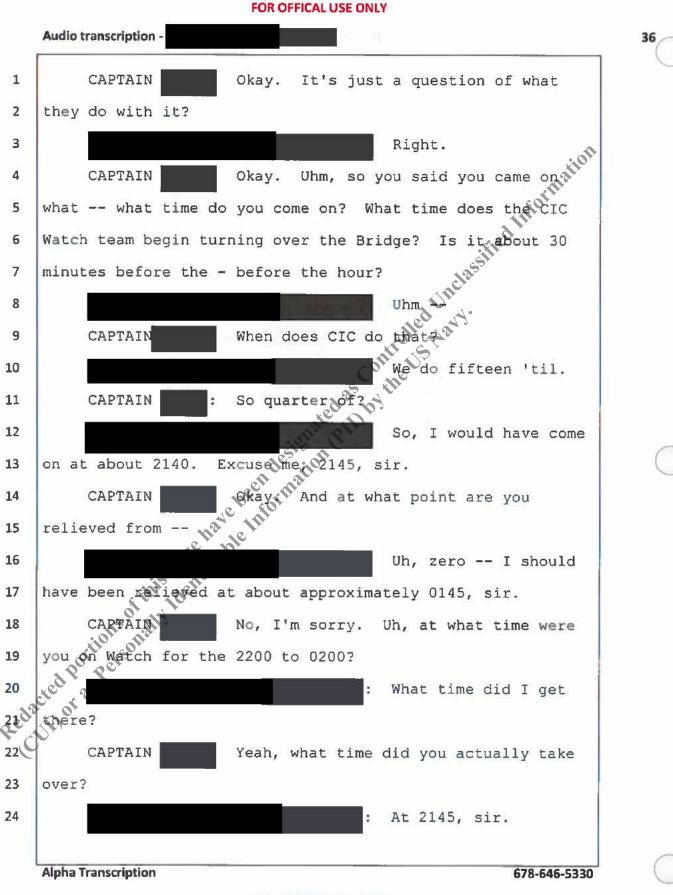
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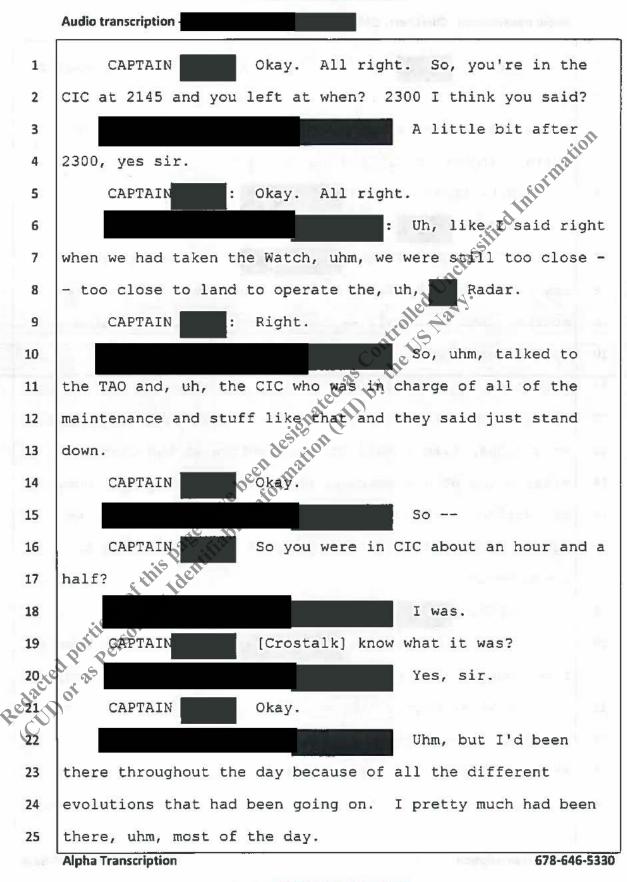




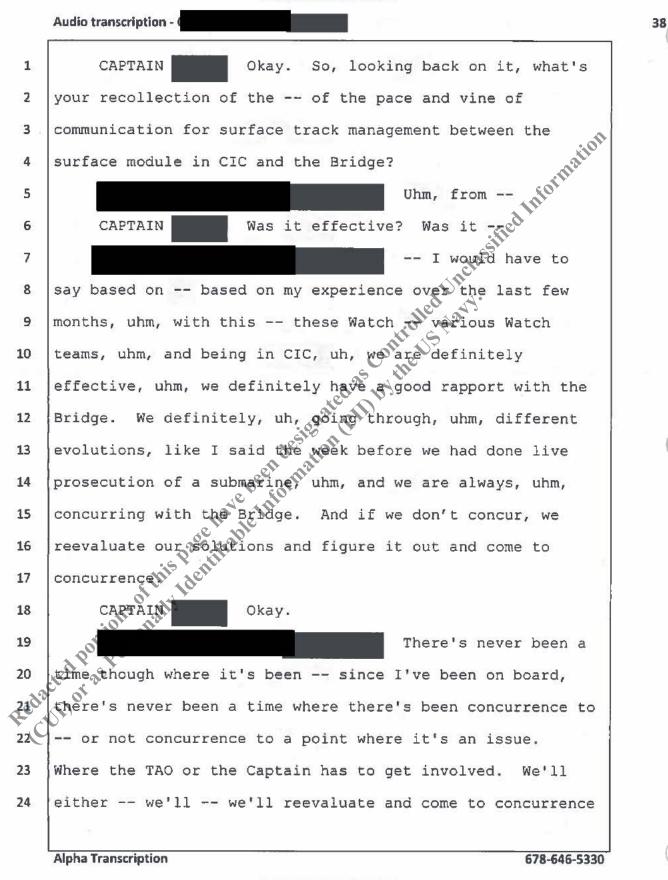


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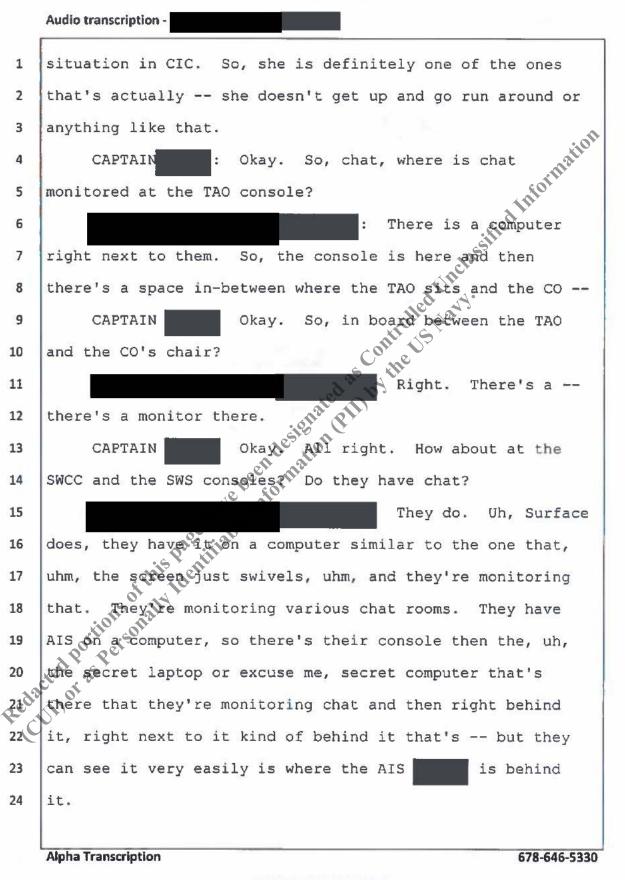


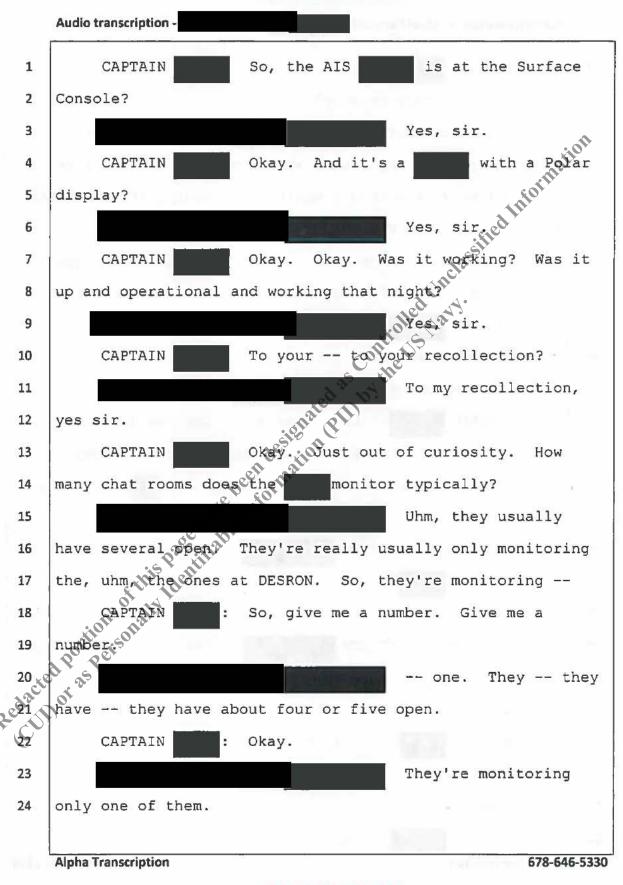
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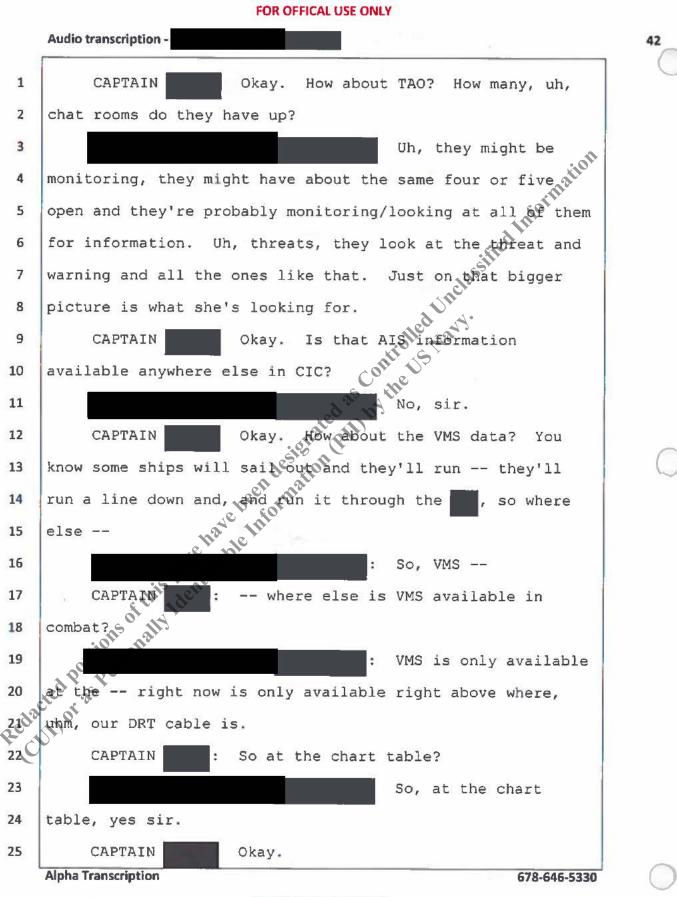
Audio transcription or well, we never come to a point where it's just us 1 2 butting heads. CAPTAIN Uhm, so if I remember this Okay. 3 right, you left right about the time Boat Ops was wrapping 4 up and it was a little before the transit, this op started. 5 6 Somewherecaround 7 there, sir. CAPTAIN And you were still up by the Europe 8 : Peninsula, up by the [inaudible 49:49] 9 Yes, sir. 10 the ship hadn't started the trip --CAPTAIN 11 12 Yes, sir. Okay. 13 CAPTAIN 14 No, we hadn't. Uh, from my recollection the boat was still in the water when I 15 left. 16 CAPTAIN So -- so what was the TAO doing 17 Okay. bow was she spending her time, uh, during the 18 well, 19 little bit of the Watch that you were there? 20 Lieutenant always sits at her station, she always has her headset on, 22 uhm, she is always paying attention. I've stood multiple Watches with her and, uh, she's definitely one of the ones 23 that is in the seat, headset on, paying attention to -- she 24 -- she monitors chat, she monitors ADS, she monitors the 25 678-646-5330 Alpha Transcription

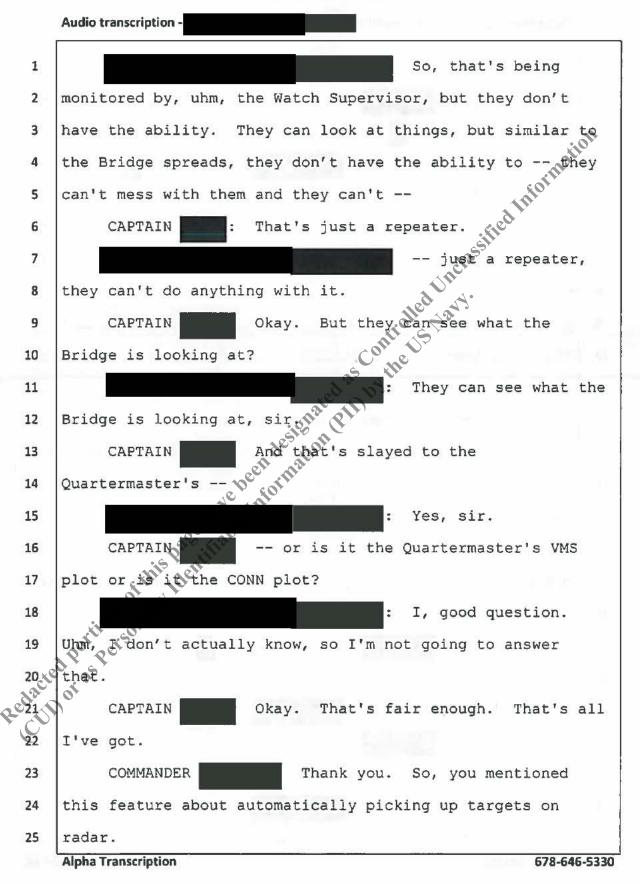
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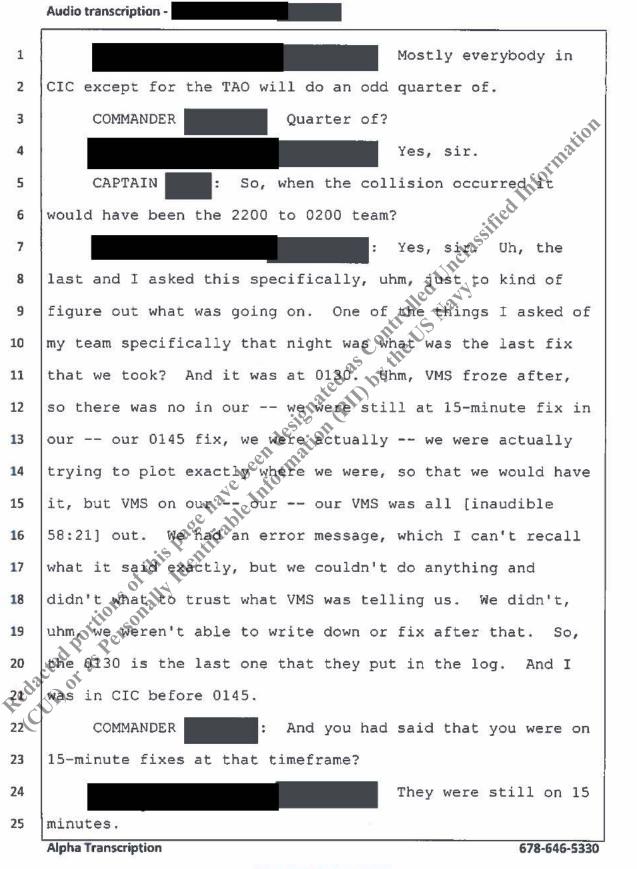
1	would depend on that. Uhm, it will see it will pick up
2	clouds, it will pick up different things. So, uhm, it
3	it will distinguish between different things, but again,
4	that's based on a lot based on the operator and making
5	sure that, uhm, if we are using the auto feature that
6	they're as well looking at it and making sure that the
7	video that's on the screen and what the radar is saying is
8	actually video, because it will pick up sea clutter, uhm,
9	and it will pick up, like I said it will pick up marine
10	clouds and things like that. It will pick up seagulls if a
11	bird flies by, it will pick that up. Uhm, so, we'll pick
12	up different things. It's up to us to distinguish if the
13	radar is actually seeing something or not. And evaluating
14	that is part of what we do.
15	COMMANDER : Is the auto feature something you
16	have to select of is it part of the default settings?
17	I don't know.
18	SOMMANDER : So, when do, uh, the Surface
19	Watchstander and the Surface Supervisor come, correct?
20,50	When do they when do they switch out normally in the
2.0	in the there's a progression so that not everyone is
22	changing out at the same time. What what time are they
23	normally changing out or conducting their reliefs for
24	Watch?

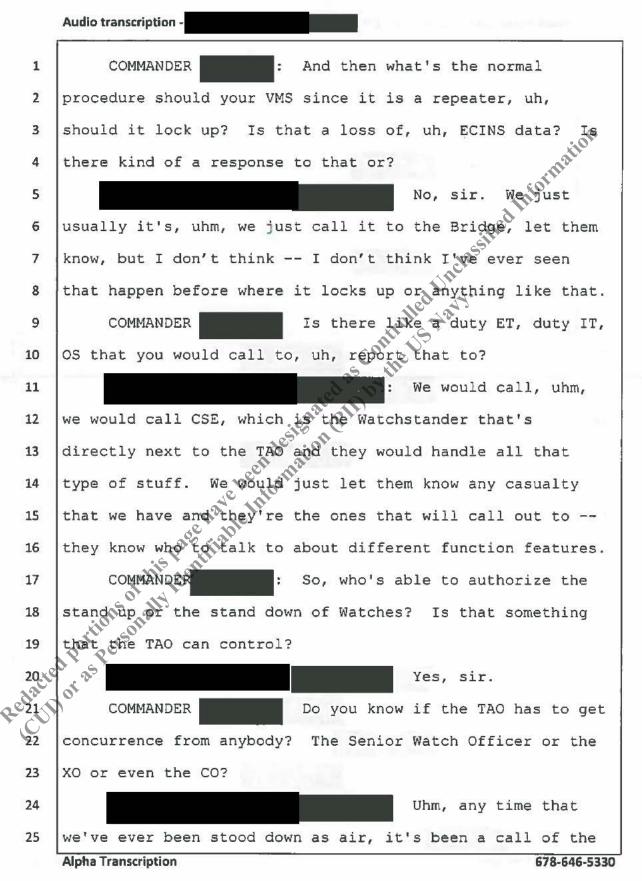
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1	TAO. Uh, as far I don't know if they already have pre-
2	determined concurrence, so I don't really know the answer
3	to that question, sir.
4	to that question, sir. COMMANDER No worries. I don't know the fination answer.
5	I don't know the
6	answer.
7	COMMANDER And then, uh, for MOBOARD
8	training, that's a proficiency, that's an art that you've
9	got to kind of maintain?
.0	got to kind of maintain?
1	COMMANDER Yeah. So uh, how often is
2	MOBOARD training conducted?
.3	COMMANDER Yeah. 3 Sao Juh, how often is MOBOARD training conducted? Hat Rill Constantly. We do
.4	we do MOBOARD training all the time. Every Watch somebody
.5	they're doing they're either doing it live or they're
.6	doing, uh, training every single Watch, sir. They're doing
.7	amothing Walkha Watch Cung and the other
.8	Operations specialists are pretty proficient in their MOBOARDs
.9	MOBQARDS
0	ROMMANDER Who is your best MOROARD person?
203	I know
2	COMMANDER Aside from yourself.
3	Not me, definitely
4	not me. Uhm, I'm pretty good at them, but, uh, I don't
.5	know. is, is very good.
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FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY Audio transcription -1 COMMANDER And then, uh, in your opinion who's the most experienced officer of the deck that you've 2 3 worked with? 4 don't know. really -- as far as opinions go, I don't really have one on 5 Serry sir. 6 that. 7 COMMANDER Okay. 8 And, uhm, how would Fair enough COMMANDER 9 you, uh, how would rate the, uh, the crew in terms of, uh, 10 morale and excitement for getting underway? Everybody 11 happy, let's go get it? 12 13 Uhm, the opinion questions. Uh, I would - I would say that -- I will go 14 ahead and answer that one and say not very enthusiastic. 15 Uhm, based on we were only supposed to be out -- when we 16 left in February we were only supposed to be out for a 17 couple of weeks. It turned into a couple of months. Uhm, 18 I thigk as you guys will find out is we were actually 19 scheduled to -- we were on our way home at one point and 20 got turned back around. Uhm, so the crew wasn't very all 22 too thrilled about, uhm, the amount of time that we ended up being -- spending at -- spending. And then the fact 23 that we were only supposed to be in for a week. We were 24 actually supposed to pull in on Friday, but based on a 25 Alpha Transcription 678-646-5330

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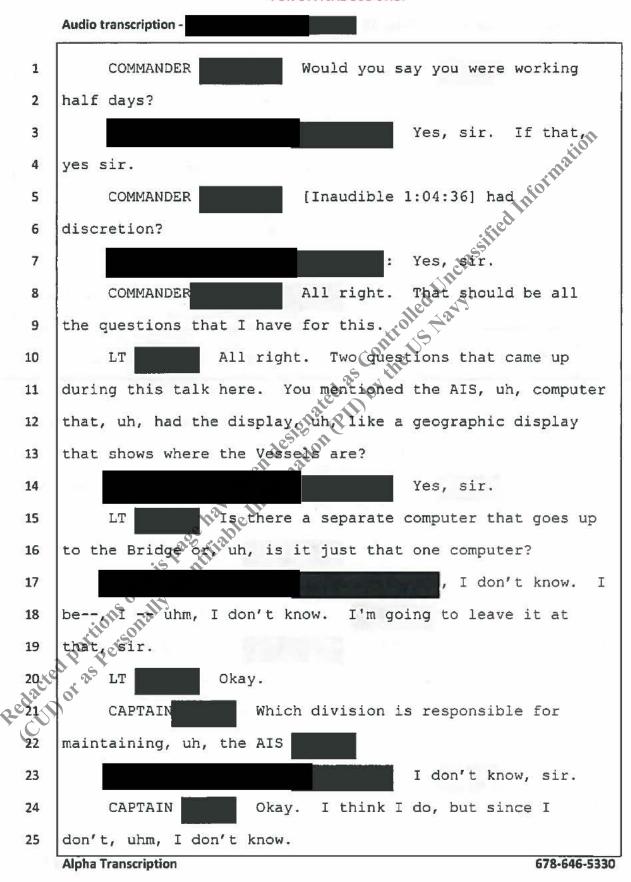
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1	casualty that we had, a loss of power was why we ended up
2	pulling in on Wednesday, but regardless of that, we were
3	only spending a very short week in Port and no, nobody was
4	only spending a very short week in Port and no, nobody was overly excited about that short amount of time and going at the short amount of time at
5	right back out.
6	COMMANDER How would you evaluate wh, the
7	in-Port period. Was everybody well rested and ready to get
8	out of there at least?
9	Absolutely. So, that
10	week was very, uhm, the CO made it very clear that his
11	intentions were for people to - based on the amount of
12	time that we spend out his intention was very much for
13	people to be cut off as early las possible, take care of
14	what they needed to take sare here in Yokosuka and then,
15	uhm, be with their families, so, uhm, and to him that was -
16	- it wasn't just, you know, come and muster and go back
17	home and go back to bed. It was, you know, come and
18	muster, do allittle bit of work and then go and take care
19	muster, do all little bit of work and then go and take care of that you need to in the time that we're here and then go
20	det some rest.
red?	So, there was definitely in that week, there was
22	definitely time for people to take advantage of their time,
23	make use of their time and as well get rest and see their
24	families, sir.

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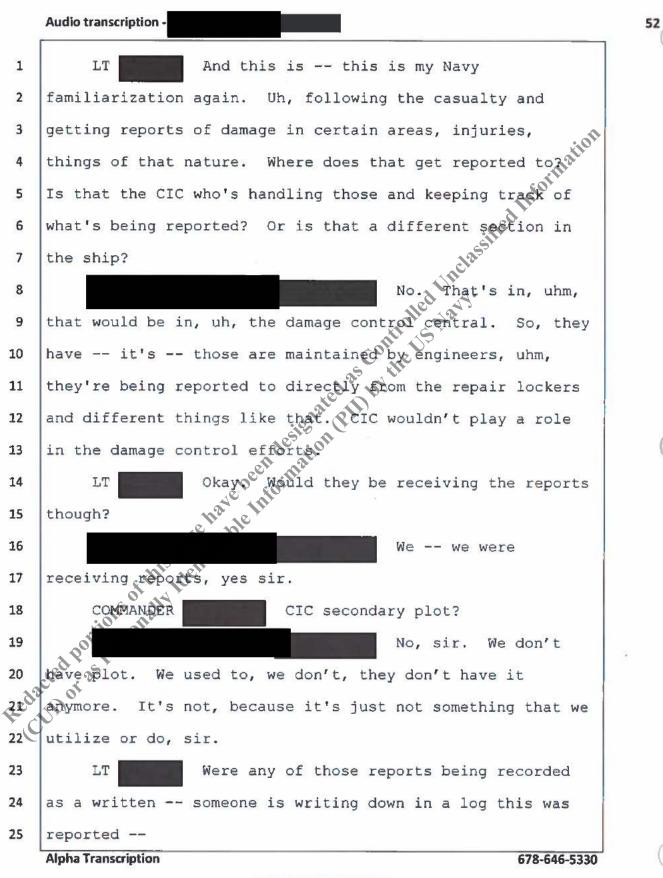
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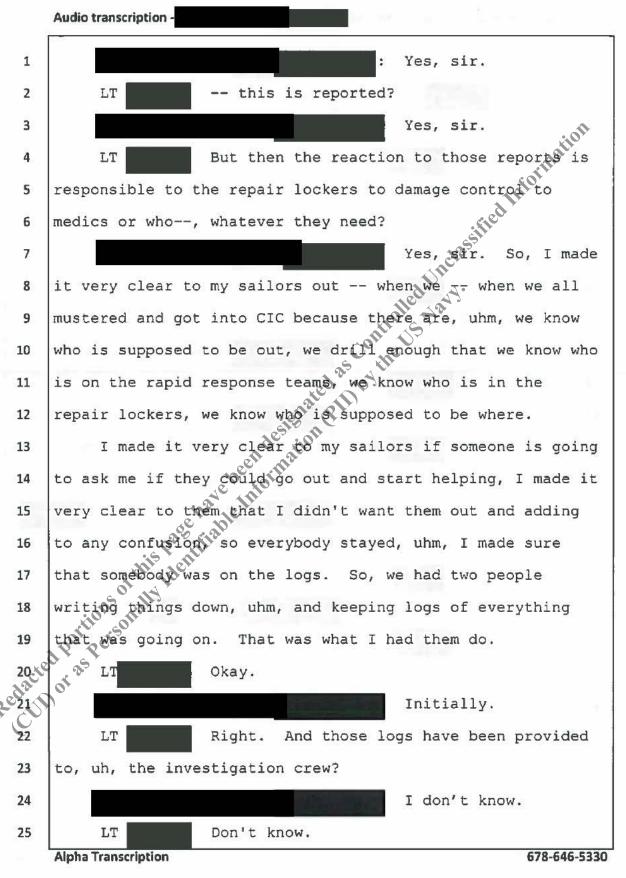
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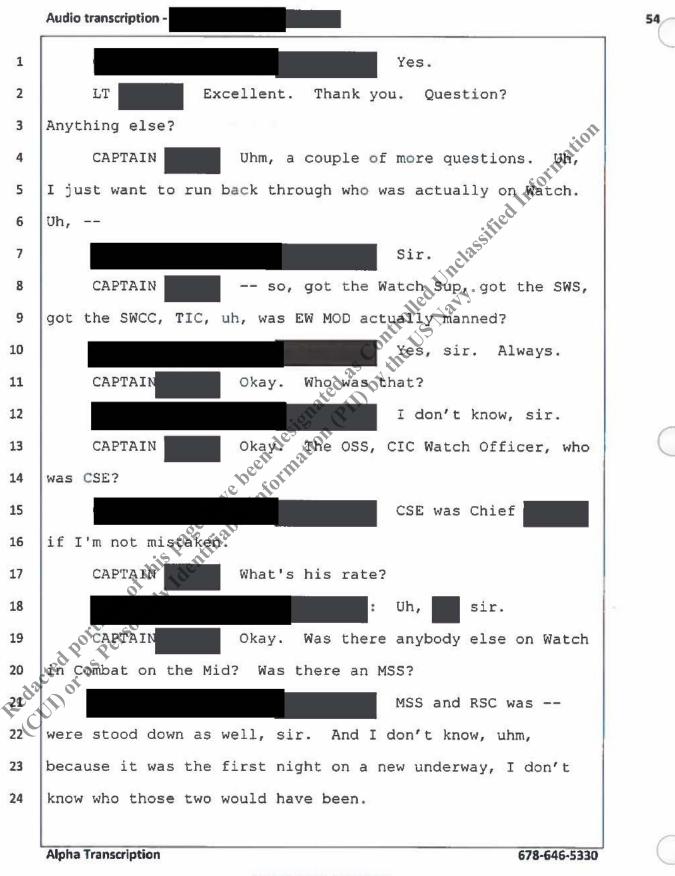


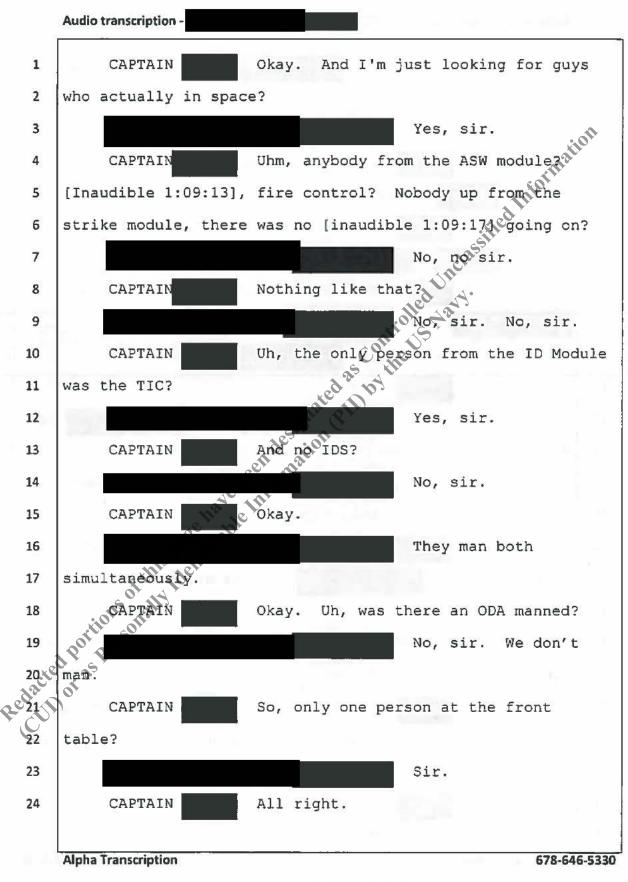
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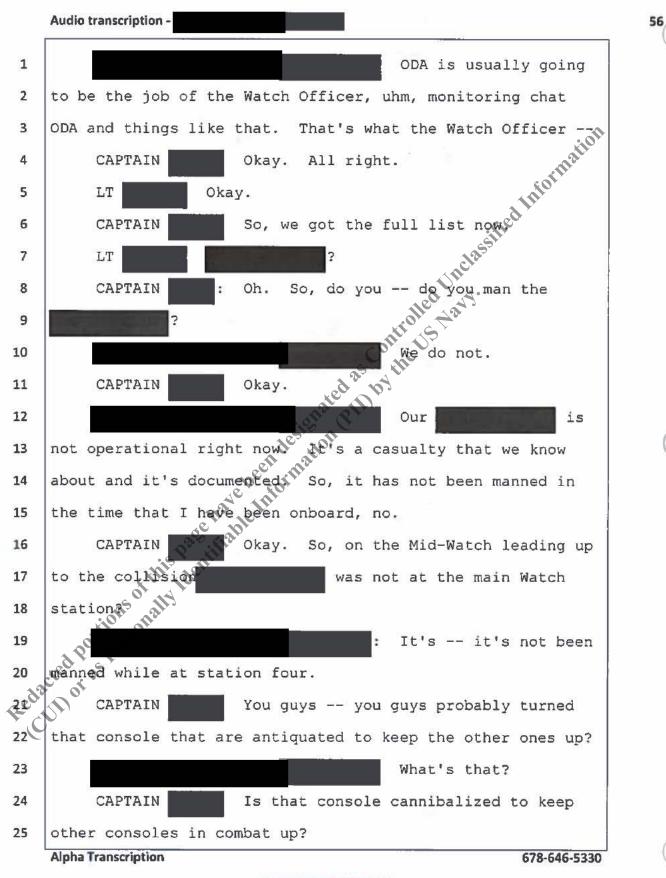
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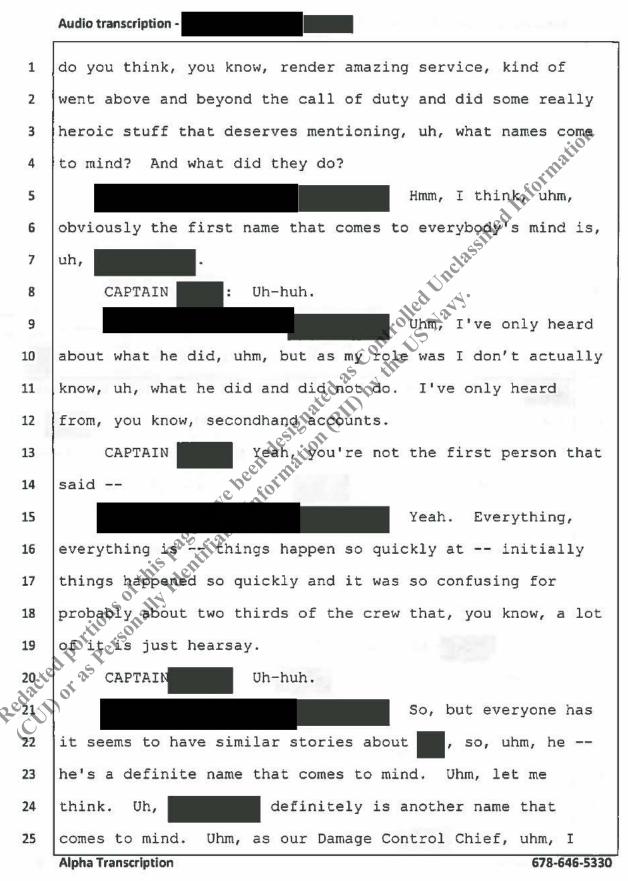
FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY Audio transcription -I don't know. 1 2 CAPTAIN All right. Okay. . 3 I don't know if they Sorry, sted Informatif 4 take parts out of it. 5 CAPTAIN Uhm, 6 How, uhm, to kind of shift into a 7 CAPTAIN What's the -- how different line of questioning here. 8 frequently do the CO, the XO, Ops Officer, Senior Watch 9 Officer, how much time do they spend in combat in a -- in a 10 transit situation where you're not executing some kind of 11 tactical mission, right? But V transit situation going 12 point A to point B in condition 3, which is what you guys 13 were in at the time  $e^{e^{i\theta}}$ How -- how frequently do the CO and 14 XO come through combat, how much time do they spend in 15 I mean is it not much? Is it a lot? 16 combat? Is it never? 17 Uhm, --CAPTAIN Kind of give us a sense of --18 Typically, uhm, every 19 day we will have -- at particularly underway, uhm, we will 20 have our operations and intelligence brief. 22 CAPTAIN Uh-huh. 23 So, everybody will be 24 in there for that. 25 Uh-huh. CAPTAIN **Alpha Transcription** 678-646-5330

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1	: Uhm, as far as the
2	personnel that you're asking about will always be in there
3	for that. Uhm, it typically takes anywhere from 30 to 45
4	minutes. Uhm
5	for that. Uhm, it typically takes anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes. Uhm COMMANDER What time is that normally for ination It's usually dat 1530,
6	It's usually at 1530,
7	sir. Uhm, I don't recall it wasn't I don't want to -
8	- I don't believe it was at 1530 on Fridax. Ub, I don't
9	recall what time it was, but I believe it was earlier. I
10	don't recall. Uhm, but in general on cafter that they may
11	come through sporadically, uh, of they need to talk to
12	somebody, uhm, the Operations Officer if she's on Watch of
13	course, but, uh, XO/CO, they II come in sometimes. Uhm,
14	it's just in a transit situation, not combat situation,
15	it's not very often, sir.
16	CAPTAIN Okay. Okay. Just one more question
17	for you. So, why, you know, you and your crew, uh, went
18	through quite an experience
19	
20	Okay. CAPTAIN during the collision and after the Odlision on the casualty response. Taking care of your
REDS	Ollision on the casualty response. Taking care of your
22	shipmates, taking care of the ship and getting Fitz back
23	into Port. So, I'm sure you saw some pretty incredible
24	things done by by some folks. So, uh, if somebody were
25	to ask you what what individual or groups of individuals
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1	would say that he was he just, uh, when you talk to him,
2	you'll see. He's a very calm, very collected, very level-
3	headed person and even in with this going on he was the
4	entire time from when I talked to him and when other people
5	talked to him, the same. Uhm, level headed, calm cool
6	collected. This is what we need to do. Uhm, this is how
7	we need to counter flood, this is what spaces we need to
8	he was very, uhm, directing everyone and never lost his
9	cool or anything like that. Because he's not that way.
10	But definitely is another name that comes to mind. And
11	is another name that comes to mind. Again, based on
12	hearsay and I don't remember who uh, Petty Officer
13	goes out with, but they're part of the rapid response team
14	and it was actually DOC who told me, who was talking
15	about that team and I know ET3 is part of that team,
16	uhm, giving all those initial reports of where there was
17	flooding. Now much damage. What spaces were not
18	recoverable and things like that. So, uh, again, I don't
19	know who goes out with, but whoever he does go out
20	With Was mentioned by DCC , but those names, uhm,
12eds	everyone else, uhm, really everyone else did exactly what
22	they're trained to do. I went directly to CIC as did my
23	sailors and we did what we're trained to do in there.
24	Repair Lockers, everybody.
25	CAPTAIN Okay. Thanks, Chief.
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Audio transcription -1 : Yes, sir. Well, I definitely appreciate all your LT 2 time today and for presenting this information to us and N 3 certainly broadening our understanding of the Vessel and 4 its operations. We want to give you this opportunity to 5 open the floor in case you had any questions for us or if 6 there's anything that was on your mind that maybe didn't 7 come up in our questions that you want to make sure that we 8 understand. 9 Uhm, no not 10 This is the poont where I'll remember this particularly. 11 part in like 10 minutes from ow, I'll be like oh man, I 12 but, uhm, <sup>esten</sup> Initially I have nothing herein, that leads to my next statement to should have -- but, uhr 13 else. 14 15 LT say if you do remember something that comes to mind after 16 this please, wh, reach out to us. We'd be glad to, uh, 17 take that information or speak to you again. And likewise. 18 In we go over our notes and we find something that we wish 19 20 weThad asked you, uh, we may reach out to you as well. All right. 22 LT Uhm, finally, as this investigation is 23 ongoing, we ask that you, uh, not discuss, uh, this 24 interview with other individuals of the crew, because we 25 want to keep everyone's stories, uh, separate, uhm, so that Alpha Transcription 678-646-5330

