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ROGER BLOUGH CASUALTY \*

IN STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN, \*

Accident No.: DCA21FM015

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Interview of: WARD POPPENBERG, Port Coordinator  
Great Lakes Fleet

Bay Shipbuilding Safety Room  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin



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2 CWO [REDACTED]: This is Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED], lead  
3 investigating officer for the Coast Guard regarding the *Roger*  
4 *Blough* fire on 1 February. We are conducting an interview with  
5 Mr. Ward.

6 MR. POPPENBERG: Mr. Ward Poppenberg.

7 CWO [REDACTED]: Ward Poppenberg; and he's given us permission to  
8 record the interview. We have other parties present. We'll now  
9 go around the room and introduce those folks. We are sitting at  
10 the safety room at Bay Ship. Tables are in a rectangular  
11 configuration. We're all surrounded by them.

12 There are two exit points, I have one to my rear and right  
13 and Ward has one directly to his left. There's bottled water in  
14 the back, do you want one or anything like that?

15 MR. POPPENBERG: No, thank you.

16 CWO [REDACTED]: No, okay, that's fine. All right. Ward, you  
17 just state your position and then we'll go around the table so  
18 everybody's on the record here.

19 MR. POPPENBERG: I'm a port coordinator for Great Lakes  
20 Fleet. My job is to make rounds on the boat and make sure my guys  
21 are doing the right jobs and stuff.

22 MR. TERBRACK: Bob Terbrack, counsel for the vessel owner.

23 MR. HARSHMAN: Rob Harshman, fire expert for the vessel  
24 owner.

25 MR. STARR: Derek Starr, forensic engineer here on behalf of

1 Bay Shipbuilders.

2 CWO [REDACTED]: Ward, do you have any identification on you? I  
3 haven't had the privilege to talk to you. Do you have a driver's  
4 license or something to that effect?

5 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes, I do.

6 CWO [REDACTED]: If you can give that to me, I'd like to take a  
7 picture and enter you in our system. You're a new individual to  
8 me to make sure I get your information correct. Thanks Ward.

9 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah.

10 CWO [REDACTED]: That said, I'm going to turn it over to these  
11 folks to ask their questions and I may pop in and out from time to  
12 time.

13 INTERVIEW OF WARD POPPENBERG

14 BY MR. STARR:

15 Q. Ward, I'm Derek. It's nice to meet you, thanks for coming  
16 here. Do you mind just describing, you know, in a bit more detail  
17 your general duties as port coordinator?

18 A. My general duties, my general duties would be like, be like a  
19 ship keeper. I'm a port coordinator; I coordinate the stuff that  
20 gets done. I make sure the engineers get material that they need  
21 and I make rounds on the boats myself for safety issues.

22 Q. So about how many ships are you responsible for helping  
23 coordinate at one time?

24 A. Three.

25 Q. Three. What three ships are those?

1 A. The *Callaway*, the *Munson* and the *Roger Blough*.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you hold a Coast Guard credential  
3 in any capacity?

4 MR. POPPENBERG: No.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have you ever?

6 MR. POPPENBERG: No.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How often are you on the *Roger Blough*  
8 would you say?

9 MR. POPPENBERG: Two to three times a day.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And of the times you're on the *Roger*  
11 *Blough* how often are you making a round?

12 MR. POPPENBERG: Well, I've got the three ships; I'm making  
13 rounds I usually go -- try to get over there every four to five  
14 hours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And if you don't have something  
17 specific you're trying to, you know, arrange for someone or get  
18 it; can you describe generally your process of going through the  
19 ship (indiscernible)?

20 MR. POPPENBERG: I usually go down to the -- my job is to go  
21 down to the tunnels and make sure all the sea (indiscernible)  
22 running properly and stuff, the air is going to them. I just make  
23 sure everyone's working when they're usually supposed to be  
24 working, make sure there's no fire, you know, stuff on the ground  
25 or hazards of tripping over.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How was the *Blough* for hazards and  
2 tripping over?

3 MR. POPPENBERG: I think the *Blough* was in very good shape.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Were you on the *Blough* the day of the  
5 fire?

6 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many times that day?

8 MR. POPPENBERG: I think I was only down there once that day.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time?

10 MR. POPPENBERG: I think it was around 10:30, 11:00.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In the morning?

12 MR. POPPENBERG: Morning.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So the 31st 10:30?

14 MR. POPPENBERG: 10:30 to 11, somewhere in there.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How long were you onboard?

16 MR. POPPENBERG: Probably 45 minutes.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 45?

18 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Is that something that we can  
20 substantiate with the, with the video we have of the yard that  
21 shoots at the vessel, is that --

22 MR. POPPENBERG: You can probably see me go on and off there.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

24 MR. POPPENBERG: I don't know if you've got cameras inside  
25 but --

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. That just helps. You know,  
2 we're all covered up with these masks and hard hats and --

3 MR. POPPENBERG: Right, right.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- it's hard to tell who's who.  
5 Thanks.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So in general that morning what were  
7 you doing and where did you go on the *Blough*?

8 MR. POPPENBERG: I made rounds on the boat. I usually start  
9 out in the engine room. I either start out in the engine room, go  
10 down to the lower engine room and work my way all the way up to  
11 the top, do the galley, do the unloading area, the whole works and  
12 usually take the tunnel up to the forward end, go through the  
13 whole forward end and I walk, usually walk the deck back.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many steps are you getting in in a  
15 day?

16 MR. POPPENBERG: Quite a few.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So you're all over the place between  
18 the --

19 MR. POPPENBERG: I don't normally go up forward or something  
20 twice a day.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

22 MR. POPPENBERG: But I'll -- you know, definitely hit the  
23 engine rooms.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have you -- did you know Bruce Bishop  
25 here in town that used to kind of do stuff for a little bit?



1 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah, yep, I used to talk to him. I used to  
2 get advice from him and stuff sometimes when I needed something.  
3 I'd call him when I used to do it in Duluth.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Always full of advice whether you want  
5 it or not.

6 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep. Yeah, and I used to work -- do it out  
7 of Duluth so --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Good deal, not new to you.

9 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How long have you been working in that  
11 capacity?

12 MR. POPPENBERG: I've been working for the Key Lakes for --  
13 between Key Lakes, Great Lakes Fleet for 20 some years, 23, 24  
14 years.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And the best word or two to describe  
16 your position again would be?

17 MR. POPPENBERG: Port coordinator right now.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Port coordinator?

19 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah, that's my, that's my title.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible). Go ahead, sir.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Notice anything unusual the day of the  
22 fire when you were making your rounds on the *Blough*?

23 MR. POPPENBERG: No.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Was anyone else on the ship while you  
25 were?

1 MR. POPPENBERG: Isaac Johnson was on there.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You went down to the engine room, the  
4 lower engine room, did you take the water tight door through the  
5 tunnel to go forward?

6 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep. Well, it's not a water tight door, it  
7 was a wooden door there.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, behind there's a big old --

9 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah, there's a guillotine door.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. So you went through that door?

13 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time would you have been in that  
15 area?

16 MR. POPPENBERG: Oh, I would say it was probably about 10:30  
17 quarter to 11.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you notice any odd smells in that  
19 vicinity while you were going through there, smell fuel?

20 MR. POPPENBERG: No.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Anything like that?

22 MR. POPPENBERG: Nope.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. Any burning rubber smell?

24 MR. POPPENBERG: Nope.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Get a sour taste or anything like that

1 in your mouth walking through there?

2 MR. POPPENBERG: Nope.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And you said what time would that have  
4 been when you probably walked through, I know it's hard to tell?

5 MR. POPPENBERG: I would say somewhere between 10:30 and 11,  
6 somewhere in there.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

8 MR. POPPENBERG: 11:00.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So you went through that door.  
10 There's a furnace there.

11 MR. POPPENBERG: Winter furnace.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Did you guys do anything with  
13 that or --

14 MR. POPPENBERG: Nope.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. Not in your wheelhouse?

16 MR. POPPENBERG: No, not in my budgetary, my work ethic so --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. If somebody called and said  
18 that one of the heaters on the boat was down or something like  
19 that, you get that phone call what do you do?

20 MR. POPPENBERG: I usually don't get that phone call, I  
21 usually notice that stuff when I'm making a round I'll shut it  
22 off.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So if there's a problem you  
24 (indiscernible)?

25 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah. If I see an electric heater that's

1 sitting there buzzing but no fan running --

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

3 MR. POPPENBERG: -- I'll just shut them off and tell the  
4 engineer or whatever.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So you would call Christian in  
6 a sense?

7 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah, I'd call Christian or (indiscernible)  
8 whoever's on that ship or even Dave that's on port --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

10 MR. POPPENBERG: -- port engineer know.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Do they have you doing any  
12 maintenance or work on machinery?

13 MR. POPPENBERG: No, not really, no.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A lot of your job related to cleaning  
15 and prepping, painting and getting parts to the boat when the  
16 engineers say, hey, can you run to wherever?

17 MR. POPPENBERG: I usually just pick up stuff and drop it off  
18 for people.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

20 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's my understanding of what  
22 Bruce's duties were and I wasn't sure how much has changed.

23 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah. Bruce was a real -- Bruce was very  
24 good so --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have a written description of

1 your duties?

2 MR. POPPENBERG: No.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They didn't give you anything like  
4 that?

5 MR. POPPENBERG: No.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

7 MR. POPPENBERG: I just --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is there a written expectation with  
9 how many rounds that you do on a vessel in a day?

10 MR. POPPENBERG: Nobody pushes me to do them, I do what I  
11 feel I've got to do when I -- if I've got people working. We've  
12 got good people that -- you know, if there's hot work I make sure  
13 they stay after to make a round.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

15 MR. POPPENBERG: Like the afternoon crew they'll dial you at  
16 12:30 at night.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. When did you first get to  
18 Sturgeon Bay?

19 MR. POPPENBERG: I got to Sturgeon Bay I believe it was I  
20 want to say the 16th.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Of January?

22 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes, I think it was a Thursday or a Friday I  
23 got here so --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many times have you been on the  
25 *Roger Blough* since then?

1 MR. POPPENBERG: Every day at least twice a day.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Including weekends?

3 MR. POPPENBERG: Including weekends.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

5 MR. POPPENBERG: Haven't took a day off yet.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And you do rounds as you see fit --

7 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- based on what you see and what you  
9 hear? Did you -- were you aware of any hot work since the 16th of  
10 January onboard the *Roger Blough*?

11 MR. POPPENBERG: No, I don't recall any hot work.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

13 MR. POPPENBERG: There was no hardly -- I didn't. I seen  
14 some -- I seen -- I did not see any hot work, none.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Does anyone smoke that you know of  
17 onboard the vessel?

18 MR. POPPENBERG: Does anybody smoke?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 MR. POPPENBERG: Isaac smokes but he doesn't smoke in the  
21 vessel or on the property --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

23 MR. POPPENBERG: -- that I know of.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If there's work going on on the  
25 vessel, do they tell you or are you aware of it or does that kind

1 of just goes on and you do (indiscernible)?

2 MR. POPPENBERG: If we have another vendor come in I usually  
3 know they're coming.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

5 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Has a vendor been on since the 16th of  
7 January?

8 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes, I believe there's somebody retubing the  
9 boiler by the engine room.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Has Tweet/Garot, Tweet/Garot been  
11 onboard at all?

12 MR. POPPENBERG: Tweet/Garot. I don't know, recognize that  
13 one.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 MR. POPPENBERG: Another one was Vance (indiscernible).

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Vance (indiscernible), yeah.

17 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tim and Andy down there.

19 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who is Vance and what do they do?

21 MR. POPPENBERG: They do fire protection.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On the 31st of January. So the night  
23 prior --

24 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- did you, did you and Isaac go out

1 for dinner or anything like that or --

2 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So you were with Isaac at  
4 dinner?

5 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where did you guys go to dinner?

7 MR. POPPENBERG: We went to, what was it Brick Lot and then  
8 we went to Poh's and played pool.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hitting the circuit in Sturgeon Bay?

10 MR. POPPENBERG: That was it, yeah.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time did you guys leave Poh's?  
12 What time did you leave Poh's?

13 MR. POPPENBERG: I think it was around 10:00, 10 to 10:30.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you guys go your separate ways or  
15 how did that work?

16 MR. POPPENBERG: I dropped him off.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You dropped him back off  
18 (indiscernible)?

19 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Who drove to Poh's?

21 MR. POPPENBERG: I did.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time did you drop him off the  
23 vessel?

24 MR. POPPENBERG: I would say between 10 and 10:30.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you leave your vehicle when you



1 dropped him off?

2 MR. POPPENBERG: Did I leave my vehicle?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. So did you drop him off like  
4 right at the brow over there with the car or something or --

5 MR. POPPENBERG: I dropped him right off at the gangway.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, at the gangway, okay. And then  
7 you went --

8 MR. POPPENBERG: I went back to my hotel.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where are you staying?

10 MR. POPPENBERG: Staying at Bridgeport.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's a nice spot.

12 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's a good cell phone number for  
14 you?

15 MR. POPPENBERG: (218) --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep.

17 MR. POPPENBERG: -- 349 --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

19 MR. POPPENBERG: -- 1913.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 1913?

21 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I will be getting back in  
23 contact with you regarding some other matters at a later point.

24 MR. POPPENBERG: Okay.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And we can discuss that just you and I

1 some other time. I just want to let you, let you know --

2 MR. POPPENBERG: Yeah.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I'll be reaching out to you.

4 MR. POPPENBERG: Okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Those are the questions I have for Mr.  
6 Ward, at this time.

7 MR. POPPENBERG: All right.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to be on the call if  
9 possible.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In that matter that will not be  
11 possible as a matter unrelated to -- not unrelated but without a  
12 specific letter of representation that will be a separate  
13 investigation from this one.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd be happy to talk with you later,  
16 Bob.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah. That's fine. We can sort  
18 it out.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, yeah.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ward, are you typically in Duluth, is  
21 that correct?

22 MR. POPPENBERG: I'm from Duluth, yes.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Someone had mentioned, someone  
24 else we talked to mentioned that you might be bringing a smoke  
25 alarm back to the *Roger Blough*, is that correct, do you know

1 anything about that?

2 MR. POPPENBERG: I've got smoke -- I've got -- for winter  
3 alarms we have a bunch of extra heads for our winter alarms. If  
4 we have them on hand, if they don't have a green light on them we  
5 put a new one up because they're damaged.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

7 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes, I've got a lot of them back there.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So were you aware of the status  
9 of the smoke alarms at the *Roger Blough*?

10 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So do you know which ones were  
12 working, if any of them weren't working?

13 MR. POPPENBERG: All of them were working but one.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Do you know which one wasn't  
15 working?

16 MR. POPPENBERG: The lower engine room. When I put it --  
17 when I plugged it in I'd plug it in and it would go off and set  
18 the alarm off by just putting it in there and telling me it was  
19 faulty.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you guys have a plan for when you  
21 were going to address that?

22 MR. POPPENBERG: No, I was going to Duluth on Tuesday to pick  
23 this stuff up and bring back a bunch of stuff and --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You were headed out there to get it?

25 MR. POPPENBERG: I had a contractor's class and I was going

1 to grab all that stuff.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Gotcha. So you planned to replace  
3 that item when you got back?

4 MR. POPPENBERG: Yes.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When do you think that might have  
6 happened if this incident happened?

7 MR. POPPENBERG: Well, I was going Tuesday and I would have  
8 been back today. I would be back tomorrow, excuse me.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Planned to replace on Friday the 5th?

10 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's all I have.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In talking with you later on offline  
13 is just to establish some, some timeline sorts of things.

14 MR. POPPENBERG: Okay.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Anyone have any other questions for --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just, just a moment.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Of course.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And how do you say your last name,  
19 Poppenberg?

20 MR. POPPENBERG: P-O -- yeah, Poppenberg.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: P-O-P-P-E-N?

22 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I think that covers it for me.

24 Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Yeah, we appreciate it.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, thanks, Ward. It was nice to  
2 meet you.

3 MR. POPPENBERG: Yep.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think that's the (indiscernible)  
5 sitting around and waiting. Is there anybody else I can run and  
6 grab?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There was one (indiscernible).

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dave Hunt.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I think --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's in the front conference room.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Front conference room.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bob, don't let me forget to talk to  
14 you offline later about --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- another investigation.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Because I'll forget, I'm focused on  
21 this one as well then. I just don't want to leave you hanging.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. (Indiscernible).

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Outstanding. There's other stuff  
24 going on but it has nothing to do with what you guys got so --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Got it, yeah. I think we get the gist

1 of it.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, did we already mention something  
3 like that? Oh, we did.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I apologize if I'm a bit of a  
6 broken record, I've gotten eight hours of sleep in the last four  
7 days tops maybe or since whenever this happened two, three days  
8 ago.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Believe me, I understand, yeah.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So you've got to bear with me a  
11 little bit.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. No, it's --

13 CWO WIGHT: All right. This concludes the interview.

14 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)  
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