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U.S. COAST GUARD INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Subject: BARATARIA BRIDGE- ALLISION

Interview of: Elena Foret (Bridge Tender)

Date/Time: 0026 23Nov2020

Phone: N/A

MMLD: N/A

Interviewed by: LT [REDACTED]

Others Present:

Interviewer Summary:

Elena FORET has worked as a bridge tender and lock operator for DOT for the last 25 years. The ITV Trient Joseph was coming from the North going South pulling two barges. Pulling two barges. One barge had a big cement structure on it and behind that barge was the ITV George C as the guide boat pushing the barges through. The vessels did not try to stop after hitting the bridge. She immediately radioed the ITVs and told them she would have to make an accident report. She noted these vessels did not have any man on the barges and they should have.

Elena Foret affirms this statement is true and accurate to the best of her knowledge.

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