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WITNESS EXAMINATION

PHILLIP MAURICE GASS

BY MR. CLAXTON

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[9:40 a.m.]

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3 MR. CLAXTON: And for the record, today's date is
4 Tuesday, April 25th. It is approximately 9:40 a.m.

5 My name is Gary Claxton, I am a Special Agent with
6 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations
7 in Region II. I am speaking on the telephone from my office
8 in Atlanta, Georgia to Mr. Phillip Gass, and also in on this
9 conversation is Bill Bearden from the staff here in the NRC
10 Region II, as well as Ed Vigluicci, who is Senior Counsel
11 for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

12 Mr. Gass, first of all, I would like to ask you if
13 Mr. Vigluicci has your permission to be in on this
14 conversation?

15 MR. GASS: He does.

16 MR. CLAXTON: Okay. And do you realize that
17 anything you can tell me, he can share with Tennessee Valley
18 Authority?

19 MR. GASS: Yes, sir.

20 MR. CLAXTON: All right. And have you asked him
21 to represent you in this conversation?

22 MR. GASS: No, sir, I haven't asked him to. It
23 seems to me like, according to the way he put it to me, that
24 it was trying to get some information and trying to come up
25 with the best solution we could to solve the problem. And

1 since I work with TVA, I just assumed that. at the time,
2 that if I happen to need a lawyer, I don't think I do, but
3 he would be the one who would represent me.

4 MR. CLAXTON: All right. Well, let me rephrase
5 the question. Are you asking -- well, Mr. Vigluicci, maybe
6 you had better ask that question.

7 MR. VIGLUICCI: Yeah, I am participating in the
8 conversation as -- Mr. Gass was a former employee of TVA,
9 and he is entitled to have counsel due to his past
10 employment at TVA. These occurrences arose as a result of
11 his TVA employment, so I offered to be a part of the
12 conversation this morning and Mr. Gass agreed, so that is my
13 representation to this point.

14 MR. CLAXTON: Okay. Is that correct, Mr. Gass?

15 MR. GASS: Yes, sir.

16 MR. CLAXTON: Okay. Also, as we were talking
17 before we started the actual interview, I would like to
18 tape-record, and, in fact, I am presently tape-recording our
19 conversation, and you told me at that time that you had no
20 objection, is that correct?

21 MR. GASS: That's correct.

22 MR. CLAXTON: Okay. Where are you speaking from,
23 Mr. Gass?

24 MR. GASS: ~~_____~~
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1 Q What were your dates of employment?

2 A I was -- started out as a border inspector, and
3 then I went to radiographer, and I then I got out of that
4 and went to TVA Lab out at the Chickamauga Dam. And at that
5 job I was just a technician, and I did a lot of work on
6 different jobs for four different -- five different
7 engineers that worked there at the lab.

8 Q Do you remember the approximate dates that you
9 were employed as a technician at the labs?

10 A No, sir, right offhand I don't remember, but it
11 seemed to me like it was probably around the middle of '92
12 to early '93, somewhere in there.

13 Q Okay. When did you retire from TVA?

14 A Ninety-eight, March of '98.

15 Q Okay. What do you -- what did you do from 1993
16 until 1998? From what I understand, you worked in the labs
17 until '93, the middle of 1993, and then you retired in 1998?

18 A That's right. I was at the labs all that time.

19 Q Okay. What were your responsibilities from 1993
20 until 1998?

21 A Well, just like I said, I was just a lab
22 technician, and I worked for all the engineers, getting jobs
23 ready, you know, prepping them and doing the actual
24 inspection and testing and whatever to bring them up to the
25 point to where the engineers could write reports on them.

1 Q I see. Do you recall the engineers' names for
2 whom you worked?

3 A Delsa Frazier, Joe Raippe, Stan Bratt, boy, I just
4 had one to just fly right over my head. I will think of it
5 in a minute. And Daryl Smith. Leslie Blankenship, the
6 other guy. And I worked, from time to time, I worked with
7 all of them.

8 Q I see. Do you recall a metallurgical exam that
9 was performed by Daryl Smith in June of 1995 where he
10 examined some screws and broken screws?

11 A Yes, sir, I did help him on that job. And it is
12 -- there were several pieces of the job, and there were
13 several different tests they wanted done on them. We
14 actually -- some of them we had to cut up to where we could
15 do a carbon sulphur test on them. Some of them we had to
16 kind of put close enough together to where we could put them
17 in an X-ray machine and run the X-ray on them and this type
18 of stuff.

19 Q Do you recall how you received those screws, or
20 how they were packaged?

21 A When they came in there, the best of my knowledge,
22 they were in a little plastic bag.

23 Q Was there more than one little plastic bag?

24 A Well, the first ones that came in, I think it was
25 just one little plastic bag of them that came in.

1 Q Okay. Do you recall whether those were broken
2 pieces or whether those --

3 A The ones I am talking about are the broken pieces.
4 We had a couple or three other little bags that came in, I
5 don't think they all got there at the same time. They came
6 in right along the same time. But the originals was I
7 think, just like I said, was the broken screws, and they,
8 just like I said, I am thinking that they might have got
9 there like a day ahead of these other pieces, the other full
10 -- new screws.

11 Q Okay.

12 A The best of my -- that I can remember it.

13 Q How would you normally receive those bags, would
14 someone hand carry them in, or did you receive them by
15 inter-office mail?

16 A Usually somebody hand-carried them in, and most of
17 the time I actually logged them in on a book as to when they
18 come in, the date, the time and everything, you know, made a
19 record of it so everybody would know. Well, we had to have
20 the record to go back.

21 Ms. Delsa Frazier assigned people to work on the
22 jobs. And as you go down the list, you know, maybe each
23 engineer got five or six different jobs assigned to him, and
24 she kind of got to assign them to people with the least
25 number of jobs, the new jobs that was coming in. And just

1 like I said, there were three of us technicians in the lab,
2 and I -- most of that stuff I received and signed it in the
3 book. And, you know, it was -- that was the way it was
4 brought in.

5 Anyway, I would log it in the book that we had
6 received it, where it was from and all this kind of stuff,
7 and then Ms. Delsa Frazier would go through it, assign the
8 engineer that was most available at the time to work on it.

9 Q What did you call that book or what was it
10 referred to?

11 A It was the receiving log.

12 Q And where is that maintained?

13 A Well, at the time it was kept in the receiving
14 room there with -- laying on a desk. And just like I said,
15 it was there. Everybody that -- if I happened not to be
16 there or something, one of the other technicians would
17 receive it and log it in. There was no set procedure on who
18 logged them in, but that was where they came in.

19 Q Do you recall how you actually went about testing
20 those screws or do you recall anything about your
21 involvement in that examination?

22 A Well, not that much. It was like I said, that was
23 the way we received them and everything. And like I was
24 telling you earlier, we had several tests we had to do on
25 that stuff, you know, like carbon sulphur and low volt

1 X-ray. We had to do etching or acid bath, the frames of
2 them, you know, to make sure they was clean enough to where
3 you would be picking up the actual metal instead of the
4 corrosion and stuff that was in with them. But a lot of
5 them we had to -- a part of them, you know, we had to take
6 photographs before we done anything else.

7 Q Do you recall, or did you discuss with Daryl or
8 anyone else anything unusual about any of those screws?

9 A No, sir, not that I know of.

10 Q Do you recall whether any of those screws
11 exhibited anything, any unusual physical properties?

12 A No, sir. Just like I said, I done -- the
13 technicians done most of the receiving, photograph and like
14 I was telling you, I do -- I read most of the X-ray and the
15 carbon and sulphur stuff. And as far as looking at it under
16 the microscopes, and stuff like that, you know, you pick up
17 one of those screws or anything else and look at it, you
18 don't see a lot of stuff. But when you put it under a
19 microscope, you know, you bring out the bad then.

20 Q All right. Do you recall when you received those
21 baggies or little plastic bags --

22 A Yeah.

23 Q -- with the screws and screw pieces in them, do
24 you recall whether or not you maintained all those screws
25 and screw pieces in the same bag that they came in? Did you

1 just open one bag at a time? Can you tell me something
2 about how you actually handled them?

3 A Well, just like I said, once they -- like I was
4 telling you, we receive it, and at the time we receive it,
5 we wait from that point till it is assigned to an engineer
6 to work on it. With this particular job that you are
7 talking about, it was assigned to Daryl Smith, and it has
8 been -- when we go to work on it, you know, he comes and
9 tells me, or one of the other guys, but this time it was me
10 that he wanted to help with him. And so when you go get the
11 pieces out, why he decides how he wants to label them and
12 mark them up, whatever, you know, where you keep up with
13 that particular thing.

14 And as far as when I worked on them, I tried not
15 to open but one bag of anything at a time because it is too
16 easy to get mixed up, as much stuff as we had in there.

17 Q Now, when you say that you labeled them, how did
18 you label them in fact? I mean if you had a baggie full of
19 screws, how would you actually label those when you used
20 them?

21 A We actually had to take pieces of tape and put on
22 some of the screws. On any of the real small pieces. The
23 reason being that they weren't big enough to where we could
24 engrave it or etch it, or whatever you want to call it, you
25 know, with an electric pencil. And we would actually have

1 to put them on pieces of tape and stuff and write on the
2 tape as to what they was. Put a number on it to make sure
3 this is number 4, number 5 and number 6, whatever number.
4 You know, we -- there was no way of setting the numbers, we
5 just picked up the piece and this is number so-and-so. And
6 then we had to put it on tape or something to keep up with
7 it as that number.

8 Q All right. So, let's say you had a bag and it
9 had, let's say 10 pieces of screws in it.

10 A Yeah.

11 Q Would you take all those pieces out and then
12 number them individually?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Either by, I think you said either an engraving
15 pencil or you would apply a piece of tape, and then each
16 piece would have a unique number to it?

17 A Yeah, it has its own number. And then a lot of
18 those pieces, like I was talking about, we would have to fit
19 them together to where they, you know, we might have to
20 grind them or whatever to get them to fit close enough
21 together to where we could put them on the X-ray machine.
22 And if it took three pieces or four pieces to make a wide
23 enough area to where we could fit them together and grind
24 them down, to where we could do an X-ray on it, and those
25 [inaudible] no longer existed, we would mount them in those

1 plastic mounts, and they were used for X-ray. And on that
2 plastic mount, when we would get them mounted, we put the
3 job number, what it was assigned to, and the piece on the
4 back of it.

5 Q Okay. Now, if you had a whole screw, how would
6 you -- or where would you put the identifying mark on that?

7 A We would actually go the same route on those
8 little old pieces because there is no way, you know, it so
9 little, you would have to have a piece of tape on it or
10 something. And, well, we will say like we decide that this
11 whole screw is going to be number 1, because it is a whole
12 screw, or maybe -- however you pick them out, you know, it
13 just don't make any difference. And once we pick them up,
14 then they would get a number. But it is all kind of ways to
15 -- as far as -- it all had to be on tape on those small
16 pieces. You know, there just wasn't enough to number them.

17 Q And that is true of the whole screw?

18 A Yes, sir. It is so small that it is -- you would
19 have to stick a piece of tape on it. It might -- you know,
20 we are talking about working with different acids and
21 whatever, and they were marked and identified with pieces of
22 tape and then you would write on the tape as to what they
23 was. But those whole screws is only like close to a half
24 inch level, they are not very big.

25 Q But you would only work with one bag at a time

1 that you recall?

2 A Yes, sir, that was the only way I could keep up
3 with them. There was so many pieces if I -- I guess what I
4 am saying is if you have got them scattered out all over the
5 office, you don't know what you are picking up. I always
6 tried to just work with one set at a time because there is
7 no way that I can keep with, you know, a bunch of stuff
8 laying out there.

9 Q Where would the other bags be maintained? Are
10 they in a larger bag? How would you --

11 A Well, we usually kept them in a -- we had a little
12 cabinet in there that had drawers in it.

13 Q Yeah.

14 A And they were usually kept in those little
15 drawers.

16 Q Okay. Was the plastic bag kept inside another bag
17 or anything else to further contain them or separate them in
18 case they fell out?

19 A Well, like if you had two or three sets come in,
20 we might have these little bags, all of them in one big bag,
21 and then we would have, you know, the bags with one each one
22 be numbered as a different label, different numbers. Like
23 if you had the broken screws come in, it would list it
24 broken screws or whatever, and then if you had another bag
25 in there that was new screws, it would be listed as new

1 screws, that type of thing, and it would also have a
2 different lab number on it.

3 Q Did you recall having to do some additional tests
4 on those same screws after the July -- after the June 2nd
5 test?

6 A Like I said, I don't remember the dates. But I do
7 definitely remember them coming back. Mr. Woods, Terry
8 Woods, he came in two or three different times we worked on
9 -- well, we worked on a lot of different jobs for him over
10 and over, you know, at different times. But this particular
11 one I remember him coming in and asking about it. That one
12 time -- we are only required to keep that stuff for 90 days.

13 Q What stuff is that?

14 A Any of the materials that comes in that we worked
15 on. And after we write the reports on it, the parts, we are
16 required to keep for 90 days. And after that we can discard
17 the excess materials. But on this particular job, it was
18 after the time had done run out, you know, that we could
19 have got rid of them, and they came in and told me they
20 needed them, and I got back there and got to going through
21 my stuff and, you know, the cabinets and the little trays
22 and came up with them. And we had to do some additional
23 tests of them, yeah.

24 Q Okay. I may have misunderstood you. At first I
25 thought you said the time had run out, but you are saying

1 the time had not run out?

2 A No, sir. The 90 days as far as -- you know, we
3 didn't -- there wasn't no set date that we had to go through
4 and get rid of all this excess stuff.

5 Q Right.

6 A And what it was, if it was something small and
7 wasn't in the way or something like that, why, you know, we
8 could keep it for a year, or maybe two, it didn't make any
9 difference, as long as it wasn't taking up a lot of space.
10 It is the bigger stuff that we tried to get out, you know,
11 we carried it over on the yards and occasionally I have had
12 to go over on the yard and pick up something. But this
13 particular thing was small enough, and it was still in the
14 tray, in the bin. And I went in and got to looking and
15 found them, and we got them out to do some rework on them.

16 Q Do you recall whether that was a matter of days or
17 weeks, or months?

18 A It was months. It was months after the original
19 report was done.

20 MR. BEARDEN: This is Bill Bearden. I think what
21 you are saying is, to clarify that, that there was a minimum
22 requirement of 90 days, but you customarily had stuff past
23 the 90 days.

24 THE INTERVIEWEE: Right. Right.

25 MR. BEARDEN: Okay.

1 BY MR. CLAXTON:

2 Q Could it have been as much as a year later that
3 Mr. Woods came by?

4 A It was way on up close to a year, if it wasn't a
5 year.

6 Q Okay. And do you recall what test he wanted done
7 subsequent?

8 A No, sir, I don't.

9 Q Did you help out on those tests?

10 A We done the tests on it. I probably did, unless
11 -- if it wasn't some of the actual material retested, the
12 possibility is very good that I did. But if he just wanted
13 photographs or a look, why then I probably wasn't involved
14 in it. It would have been the engineer.

15 Q All right. Do you know which engineer did the
16 later test that Mr. Woods requested?

17 A I think Mr. Daryl Smith would have done all of it,
18 because they usually look to the same person that done the
19 jobs originally to do the follow-ups and everything.

20 Q Do you recall whether any more tests were done on
21 those screws after that second test?

22 A No, sir, I don't.

23 Q Now, you are saying you don't recall, or --

24 A I don't recall any.

25 Q Okay. Do you recall sitting in a meeting, or

1 meeting with maybe Daryl Smith and some others and trying to
2 determine why there was some differences between two of the
3 reports that were written?

4 A I wouldn't have been involved in that. I wasn't
5 the engineer. And, you know, I could have sat in on the
6 meeting, you know, if they had wanted me to, or if I had
7 been in the room and they had come in to discuss it, I could
8 have sat there and listened to it, but most of the time when
9 they were discussing anything like that, it remained with
10 the engineers to take care of it.

11 Q Yes, sir. Did Daryl ever come to you and have any
12 questions about one or more of his reports and why something
13 may have happened? I mean did he ever seem to have a
14 question in his mind why something happened or why something
15 was reported?

16 A A lot of times. He was -- I felt like he was a
17 real good engineer. Just like I told the lawyer yesterday,
18 that I was an old guy and Daryl was young. And just like I
19 said, I felt like he was a very smart young man. And if
20 something turned up, there is no telling how many times that
21 he has come back and asked me about jobs that we worked on,
22 or that I had worked on for him, getting something ready,
23 and he would want to look at it. A lot of times we have
24 retested it, just to make it was sure what he thought it
25 was. That is so with all of them, with all the engineers.

1 If we had something that was -- the numbers didn't come out
2 just so-so, well, then we would go back and retest it for
3 them to make sure it was what they -- it was what the
4 numbers was coming out.

5 Q When you retrieved those screws or pieces of
6 screws from the little cabinet you were telling about, --

7 A Yeah.

8 Q -- do you log those in and out?

9 A Yeah. Well, no, sir. We just -- just like I
10 said, we had these little trays in this little cubby hole
11 here on a shelf like with these little trays in it, and we
12 were -- there wasn't no logging out, they was out where
13 everybody could get to them. And we would just go pull the
14 tray and find what we was looking for and go from there.

15 Q Okay. Do you recall, when you were doing any of
16 these tests, that either you -- well, let me ask this first
17 of all, did anybody else ever help you with those, with the
18 preparation of that material? In other words, --

19 A Well, Daryl, just like I said, he was -- he tried
20 to get his jobs done, and he worked hard at it. And if
21 there was something that needed done and I was doing
22 something else --

23 Q Can you hear me? Can you heard me? Hello.

24 A -- he would come and -- well, all the engineers
25 would, if you were too busy right now to get on what they

1 had, well, they would come and do it theirselves and a lot of
2 times they would holler for one of the other technicians to
3 help them.

4 Q Okay. Do you recall, in any of this testing, that
5 you may have either confused, gotten some screws mixed up or
6 thought you may have gotten some screws mixed up, or there
7 was a possibility you may have gotten some screws mixed from
8 one bag to another? That you had -- maybe you had to stop
9 and think about it and ask Daryl or ask someone else where
10 this screw came from?

11 A Well, most of the time, just like I said, I tried
12 to keep all of my, the jobs that I was working on, broke
13 down as to -- if they were in a little bag, I tried not to
14 open another little bag till I got all these cleaned up, put
15 back in the bags or whatever. Well, there was always a
16 possibility that something would be laying there or to get
17 one of them misplaced or something like that. There is
18 always that possibility.

19 Q Do you actually, or is there -- well, I know there
20 is a possibility, but do you recall that happening in this
21 case?

22 A No, sir, you know. It could have happened, since
23 there were so many pieces and all. And I guess I am
24 probably one of the world's worst -- I know I can't keep up.
25 What I am saying is that if I get a whole bunch of pieces

1 laying out there, if I don't get them numbered or get them
2 put back where they go, why I have always worried about
3 getting them all mixed up and not knowing which was which.
4 So that was the reason for me trying to work with one little
5 pack at a time instead of getting them any of them mixed up.

6 Q Okay. So as a general rule, you would normally
7 try just to take one package or one piece at a time?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Is that what you are saying?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q While you were talking a few minutes ago, we had
12 another one of our staff members walk in. This is Al
13 Belisle, who is involved in this also, so he is here with
14 us.

15 A That is okay. I have no problem with it.

16 MR. CLAXTON: I am going to turn the recorder off
17 here just a minute so we can discuss this. Ed, do you need
18 to talk to --

19 MR. VIGLUICCI: No, I am okay.

20 MR. CLAXTON: Okay.

21 [Recess.]

22 MR. CLAXTON: Okay. We are back on the record.

23 BY MR. CLAXTON:

24 Q And I would like to ask, Mr. Gass, if you can
25 think of anything else that you would like to add? I mean

1 what we have talked about, has that jogged your memory about
2 anything?

3 A Well, there was one point there we were talking
4 about getting the screws misplaced.

5 Q Yes, sir.

6 A I have always been pretty bad to look at numbers
7 and put -- be looking at one number and put down another
8 one, and that is like, say, there is 10 screws, and I have
9 been known to actually count, you know, had to come back and
10 catch it, and that is true as far as like we were talking
11 about these pieces of screws, and whole screws. There is
12 always the possibility that, like if you have got a bunch of
13 pieces of screws and one whole screw in them, and I am just
14 talking about me now, I ain't talking about nobody else,
15 just jotting down notes on it and what, I might put down new
16 screw or used screw, like so it will catch me the next time
17 I come by, to make sure what is there. Do you follow what I
18 am saying?

19 Q Yes, sir.

20 A Okay. I just wanted to make sure that -- we had
21 talked about all these pieces, and all that stuff, and whole
22 screws and whatever. And just like I said, if you have got
23 a bunch of pieces and a new -- and a whole screw in there,
24 there is always a possibility. Like when I go to work on
25 it, or go to line it out to make sure what I have got there,

1 and a lot of this stuff is done, like what I done, I made
2 all kind of little notes and wrote down on little pieces of
3 paper and whatever as to whether it was a new piece or a
4 used piece, or like the screws we are talking about now.

5 Q Would you keep those --

6 A If I just happened to run one piece, one whole
7 screw in there, I might put down new screw or whole screw or
8 something like that so I can keep up. That did go --

9 [Tape change.]

10 MR. CLAXTON: All right. We are continuing with
11 the interview. I have turned the tape over to Side B.

12 BY MR. CLAXTON:

13 Q Mr. Gass, do you have anything else you would like
14 to add? You have just told us a little bit about your
15 personal practice of how you would try to keep up with
16 different types of evidence that you would examine.

17 A That's right. I had to do that, just like I said,
18 there are so many pieces, you know, I had to make little
19 notes and whatever. It was like -- we wrote the stuff down.
20 We would put tape, put them on tape, and then we would write
21 on the tape as to what it was.

22 Q Where would you keep those notes?

23 A I usually kept them in my desk or in a little pad
24 that I carried in my pocket. My desk was down on the
25 corner, pretty close to -- well, it was in the work area. I

1 believe the other guys had desks in a separate office away
2 from the work area.

3 Q Would you include those notes, or would you put
4 those notes in any type of permanent file?

5 A No, sir. That is just something that I done to
6 make sure I could keep up.

7 Q I see.

8 A You know, as far as what I keep saying is I keep
9 up. If something come up and somebody questioned it or
10 something as to like when we done this or whatever, at the
11 time, I could have went back in my desk and I would have --
12 well, whenever they asked me to do this. I can get out my
13 little pads and little -- I kept a little bag in that with a
14 lot of those little notes in it. When I left there, I
15 throwed all those in the garbage. They was no good to
16 nobody but me.

17 Q Uh-huh.

18 A There were just something I done just to make sure
19 that I didn't misplace stuff.

20 Q So are you staying that you still had those notes
21 when the original examination, when you were asked to
22 reexamine those pieces?

23 A Yes, sir. I kept all of it till I left there.
24 Whenever I left, just like I said, they were thrown in the
25 garbage bin.

1 Q Okay. So you would have kept that notebook that
2 long? I think you said it was close to a year?

3 A I kept that notebook from the time I went in there
4 till I left. I said it was a notebook, I had this little
5 pad, plastic bag, there was two or three of them all total,
6 but I would just take them little old clips of paper that I
7 would write stuff down on and pitch in that bag. And I did
8 have quite a few of them.

9 Q Uh-huh. Did you recall anything about that
10 examination when Mr. Woods came to you and asked you about
11 it?

12 A I got some of those little old papers out and went
13 back to it, and at the time, yes, sir, I remembered a pretty
14 good bit about it then. But we are talking about a short
15 time later, compared to now.

16 Q Okay. All right. Now, I may be a little
17 confused. You said a short time later. I thought earlier
18 you said that it --

19 A Well, I said a year, compared to the time from
20 then till now.

21 Q Oh, I see.

22 A It was a very short time.

23 Q I see.

24 A In other words, I could remember a little better
25 then than I can now.

1 Q Now, do you recall -- did Mr. Woods talk to you
2 personally, or did you get your instructions from --

3 A I got my instructions from the engineers. He
4 talked -- I knew him and we talked, you know, when he would
5 be in there, but as far as giving me instructions, no, sir,
6 he didn't do that.

7 Q Okay. So he didn't talk to you about what kind of
8 further examination he wanted on these particular screws?

9 A No, sir. He would go through the engineers. And
10 if they happened to be back in my area when they was
11 talking, he might be telling the engineer, or talking with
12 the engineer and myself.

13 Q I understand.

14 A And, you know, we would do it from what he said
15 that way, but he was actually giving instructions to the
16 engineer in charge.

17 Q I understand. Now, I may have asked you this
18 earlier, and I apologize if I did, but did you understand
19 why they wanted that first report revised, did Daryl ever
20 tell you that?

21 A No, sir.

22 MR. CLAXTON: Okay. Well, all right. Well, I
23 don't think we have any further questions here. Ed, do you
24 have anything?

25 MR. VIGLUICCI: No, I don't have anything else,

1 Gary. Thank you.

2 MR. CLAXTON: Well, Mr. Gass, again, I appreciate
3 your information. And I think what I will do at this time,
4 it is 10:18 a.m., we will conclude the official interview.

5 [Whereupon, at 10:18 a.m., the interview was
6 concluded.]

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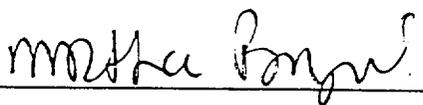
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