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#### (CONFERENCE CALL INITIATED)

MR. CASTO: Basically I think our issue was, you know we're not loggies, we're not project managers like that, you know, we don't worry about how to get KMAX from New England to Tokyo.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I'm wondering why we're even involved.

MR. CASTO: Right, we don't want to be involved, that's why we're trying to get out of that business. Trying to get out of business of flowing in equipment, in and out of this country, you know.

MALE PARTICIPANT: I thought that's what the industry consortium was headed for was the larger logistical support, if you would.

CHUCK: Yes, and they may do that when they get stood up. Just like they may take over a lot of things, so you know, I think that this, that probably is the plan eventually is to hand it off to them.

But right now in this little group, and plus what we have back there, we just can't track all this stuff. I mean, these guys want all kinds of things, you know, bottled water, KI, you know, that's a big list, we can't manage that.

MALE PARTICIPANT: No, in fact we need to

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get out of the business.

MR. CASTO: Right, that's what I said, and I said that a week and a half ago. We got to get out of this business of trying to bring in equipment and logistical support. You know, we learned that with the pumping system. That's not our business.



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MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

MR. CASTO: So there was some progress today, a lot of, busy day. Some progress everyday, slight progress. So I also faxed in, you should see an agenda from the Daily Roundup, March 24th, hopefully that came through.

I sent it in about, I don't know what time it was I sent it in. It was this evening sometime. And it had hand written notes on an agenda, and the Agenda is called the Daily Roundup for March 24th. That's my evening meeting with the Ambassador.

I talked to Marty today about if I need to do a better job getting you guys notes from both meetings I have, the morning meeting and evening with him. But that meeting rolls right into the 8:00 meeting so I didn't have time to type it up, but I

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just faxed in the agenda with my notes written on it so you could maybe read a little bit out of it.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay. Did you guys get embedded today with TEPCO?

MR. CASTO: Yes, we went over there and we sent five people over there and they didn't spend a lot of time during the day. But did go in and look at the facilities and my understanding is after we left, we did not say anything about facilities, so don't take this wrong. But my understanding is (b)(5)

facility.

So we, you know, we'll probably have something new tomorrow.

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So we have to go over tomorrow to talk with them about (b)(5). So we'll see what they have set up for us.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Now by (6)(6)

you mean the Reactor Safety Team Strategy?

MR. CASTO: Yes, that strategy report.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Strategy report?

MR. CASTO: Yes, and I have to, I really

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COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS 1323 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3701 need, I regret that I actually came, a bunch of us were walking out after the meeting and I just came back to the hotel. I probably should go back down to work. The fax you got is a couple of documents that we could have a conversation on.

MALE PARTICIPANT: No, get it tomorrow morning.

MR. CASTO: Here's the big flick, you know, yesterday I had to brief 11 stars and an ambassador, you probably heard about that.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

MR. CASTO:

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Then

he ask four other kind of big questions, where are we, you know, what do we need? What role could the industry play, what information do we need to make better decisions?

There were four questions that they posed yesterday, of course you know, I'm not very good so I just kind of stammered my way through it I guess.

But today, this morning the Ambassador asked me, at the morning meeting, he said look, I want more clarity on those questions and the crisis response (b)(5)

So I had to develop a paper today on, to

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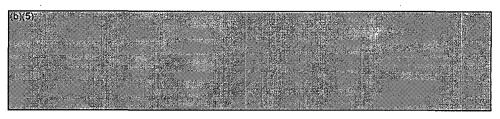
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have that discussion with the Ambassador tonight. So we met after the Evening Roundup to go over it. And I'd sent that, those questions to Marty, and asked for the input from you guys. So I laid that out for him tonight, the questions.



more on it.

Basically there's a regional office, which is called the Local Coordination Center. And then there's J-Village, we were talking about earlier, which is just outside 13 kilometer.





sure from a reactor safety point of view, you know, most of that work at LCC and J-Village is, you know, bringing in shielding.

You know, a lot of just support work that really doesn't have anything to do with reactor safety. Reactor safety is getting water to the cores, or flooding containment. You know, the back story with all the equipment that's needed to respond to the

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tsunami that hit the site. And try to recover the diesel generators and all that stuff that flows through the LCC and J-Village.

So at this point, I'm not sure that that's, course as a battlefield commander you're always, you're always better off closer to the battlefield, there's no doubt about that. But I don't know that that's going to help us with reactor safety right now.

So I'm going to make a trip to J-Village, just to see, I think a couple of us are going to go up Sunday to look at J-Village and see, you know, is there something there, and the LCC to see, you know, are there insights there that.

I can tell you USFJ who is, that's a long

the LCC and J-Village. They're going to put, I think at the LCC their going to put a young Naval, new type that's bilingual, at the LCC. To support General Oriki who is the Japanese general that's running the operation there.

So General Oriki the Japanese General, at the LCC is not a NUKE,  $^{(b)(5)}$ 

him some advice on the nuclear part of it. But that's

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the whole difference, that's U.S. Forces Japan's decision I quess.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Right.

MR. CASTO: So I don't know, that's not our decision (b)(5)

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MALE PARTICIPANT: Now is Admiral Willard, is he PACOM or is he U.S. Forces Japan?

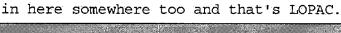
MR. CASTO: He's PACOM.

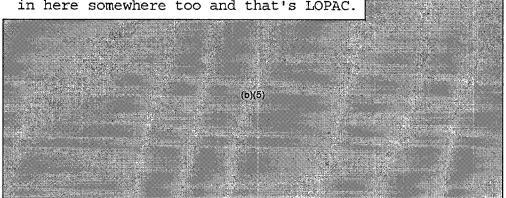
MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, who's U.S. Forces

MR. CASTO: I think that's Walsh.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Walsh, okay.

MR. CASTO: And then you got General Field



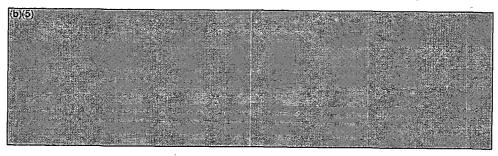


You know, I talked with him about what we all worry about, you know, would he ask consideration what should he be thinking about. That's what we all worry about, they have 20 some other reactors to work on at TEPCO, you know, how much

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is this distracting them from the other reactors, both in terms of people and in terms of resources.



but we can ask them the question.

How do you know the other the reactors are getting the things they need and aren't being supported? Is this distracting you from operating on the units?

Twenty some units they're operating and some of those are damaged as well. You know, Diani and of course, Daiichi 5 and 6, so you know, this one company trying to run all those reactors and several of them are under major damage.

So it just, you know, how does this affect the corporation and their focus to the running reactors and the running reactor safety. So we had some of that dialog tonight, or I did, with the Ambassador.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

MR. CASTO: And as far as the industry influence on their decision making, I think I just said, you know, something to the effect, I've got it

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in my notes, written, and I'll owe you guys that when I get down there. Or Allen could probably find them right on my desk and fax them to you. But basically I just talked about the consortium and what they might be able to do.

The information flow, obviously we're missing a lot of data from the plant, we're also, we've looked at TEPCO's strategic plan. It's not very robust, it's very broad, so we're not, we don't have the big picture on what they, how they really plan to address this.

Other than, the three subcommittee's that they started today, or are starting tomorrow with regard to cleaning up the site, reducing radiation levels.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, but that, I think it will be more, it's just from our mission and agenda it would be more valuable to start the dialog on those Reactor Safety Team strategies.

MR. CASTO: Yes, I agree, you know, I couldn't understand why they was talking about cleaning up the site. First of all, you know, they don't have any place to put it. They don't have a, you know, I mean if that were me in this site, if I were going to do that strategy, of removing the fuel,

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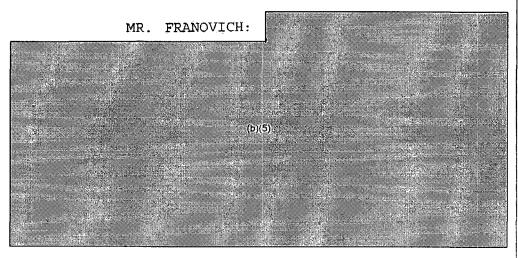
I'd build myself someplace to put them. Put the assemblies. But, you're right, the more immediate thing is, put water in the containment. Yes, and see if it MALE PARTICIPANT: leaks. MR. CASTO: Yes, put it in the spent fuel pool and put it in the containment and see if it They might have to do reactor building leaks. 10 flooding on Unit 2. 11 MALE PARTICIPANT: That ain t exactly great shape. Hey, Mike, had just a question, he came 12 13 out of the INPUT Consortium call. Mike? 14 MR. FRANOVICH: Yes, Chuck just a couple 15 things, I had a couple of action items. Is there a 16 summary that someone can generate from the Cabinet 17 meeting that can be shared? 18 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, we were just 19 talking about that, he has his notes. 20 No, no that's different, I MR. CASTO: 21 have my notes from the Ambassador's Roundup at 6:00. 22 The Cabinet Meeting minutes I sent out, I sent them 23 out this morning from the last night meeting. 24 tomorrow morning I'll send out the minutes from tonight's meeting. 25

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay.

MR. CASTO: Actually you might look for an email that I forwarded to the HOO, probably at around 7:30 this morning, I guess it was, and a lady by the name of Jessica, what's her last name? Jessica, I can't think of her name, but she's from State.gov if you'd just maybe search the HOO's email there for state.gov, and her name's Jessica, I can't remember her last name. She takes the minutes of the minutes of the meeting. I know Marty read them today because he brought them up to me.

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay, so those are okay to share with this consortium?

MR. CASTO: Oh yes, I would think so, I don't see, yes, they're there, yes because INPO started last night, Al Hochivar started attending last night so I don't see any problem with sharing the minutes with the consortium.



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MR. FRANOVICH: Okay, so one of the things, the feedback from the consortium was the frustration they're having, and I think one of the things that we're doing to address that is we're moving, we're going to have another consortium called at AF 2:30 because we're having the same, the consortium's time's the same time we're giving the debrief from you, and so we can't really utilize the latest information.

So our action is to basically forward all the information from the cabinet meetings prior to our 2:30 call with the consortium so we have that to form our activities.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, but they've got their man at the cabinet meeting, we're not going to provide the consortium.

MR. FRANOVICH: Yes, I'd say we're still in the process of wearing the consortium as being the information source.

MALE PARTICIPANT: I mean, our (inaudible) is what did their guy hear, alright we've got some



MR. FRANOVICH: Well, I need to have those

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understand how the role is shifting here I think, as they become more involved in those activities.

MALE PARTICIPANT: So we got to not hold the meeting then until we get this. There's the Cabinet for instance, you know, the Cabinet meetings that the State Department person is putting out, that ought to be the trigger point for getting this information.

MR. FRANOVICH: Yes, what I think I would like to do is go ahead and get the 14 plus three discussion items that Chuck mentioned and get those out to the consortium and try to do that before the 2:30 phone call.

And then say hey, you guys should be getting this from your rep who attends these meetings.

Just to get them on more of a fast track for them so they don't have to wait for us to process it and forward it on to them, okay?

MR. CASTO: Yes, we're working on our battles rhythms here too and there's lot of special interests. But I don't know, see right now see it's like 11:00 so it must be like 10:00 your time?

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, 10:30.

MR. CASTO: 10:30, you know I, you could sit through this call I have every night and try to

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brief everybody verbally but as far as the minutes,
you know, I don't, I'll work on that, I'll think about
that, but I don't think we're going to have Jessica
stay up till like midnight doing those minutes.
MR. FRANOVICH: But you say that there's
already somebody who's putting together the minutes
right?
MR. CASTO: Yes, but they don't get out
until the next morning.
MR. FRANOVICH: So then that's when we'll
adjust ourselves. If you find something that's really
hot then, shoot us an email or you know you can put it
on the call, but other than that we'll just adjust
ourselves to the meeting, you know, for when the
meeting minutes come out.
I'm just sensitive, because you've got
enough things on your plate to be in phone tap to the
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got the industry.

MR. CASTO: Yes, and I don't see any way to adjust, I don't see any way to adjust those minutes because like we start at 7:00 in the morning and by night when that's meeting over with 10:00 at everybody's just tired.

> MR. FRANOVICH: Yes.

MR. CASTO: And nobody wants to sit and

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MR. FRANOVICH: That's okay.

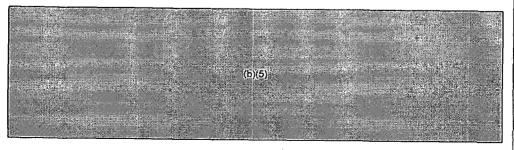
MR. CASTO: But, you know, I can give this verbal briefing and if there's anything hot that you need to know about then you can pick it up from there, Mike.

MR. FRANOVICH: Yes, I think we're going to get in contact with the person you say is on watch over there and get those 14 discussion items.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: We got it, I called Allan Blamey just a minute ago, Chuck, and he's going to fax his hand written notes over to us, thank you.

MR. CASTO: Okay, now there's another, you know we are really trying to get into a battle rhythm and finally got it. I think we've really refined it now and I understand now Mike has a need.

But for our needs we finally got into a good battle rhythm here and so we're able to, everyday it looks like yesterday, it's getting a little bit more stable.



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MR. FRANOVICH: Like I say, from our perspective, I think the getting an understanding on a common strategy for mitigating and stabilizing these three reactors and the fourth pen fuel pool is, you know.

MR. CASTO: Yes, that's paramount.

Absolutely, and that's, we're going to do that tomorrow. So well, have a good day guys, I appreciate the support.

MR. FRANOVICH: Hey, Chuck?

MR. CASTO: Yes.

MR. FRANOVICH: One, just, you know the Yokota Air Force base vessel pumping thing? Did the, I think I understood, you said that the training took place today and are they shipping that pumper truck down?

MR. CASTO: They ran, they have to run a little more training, they're going to start at 7:00 in the morning and they're going to run another round of training but it should be being hauled up there by

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midday tomorrow, is what we expect.

They had a little delay, because today they had the training, and then I think Bill Cook got his helicopter ride, they went down to Yokosuka to look at he water barges to make sure that the fittings on the water barges and everything matched up.

So they may have lost a little bit of time flying down there. Admiral Rowden got them a helicopter I think. And flew them down there and then flew them back then the TEPCO people, who are actually contractors, they're not really TEPCO people.

I think there's another round of training tomorrow and then SDF Forces have eight tractor trailers ready to haul it up there.

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay, have a good night, get some sleep.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry, just one quick question, do you have any news, all of our news here it says a lot of stuff about Unit 3, at a breach, do you have anything? I mean, it's all over the news and so I was just wondering of you had anything more?

MR. CASTO: I think that's the unit that we're talking about that they had the exposures?

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Right, and exposures.

MR. FRANOVICH: So what you said is that,

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I think that it's getting portrayed here as the breach of the containment and the fuel, as opposed to, it could be from the spent fuel pool.

MR. CASTO: Yes, it could be for the spent fuel pool, I don't know that that confirms that it's breach, but you know, that could be, you know it's definitely from fuel.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay.

MR. CASTO: Yes, you know, they blew up the building that has the spent fuel pool in it too, so you know, nobody really knows where that stuff came from.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, I just wanted to ask because you know it's getting traffic here, lot of phone calls and meetings and crap because it's just all over the news.

MR. CASTO: Yes, you know, we've all suspected that, you know, I think we're pretty confirmed now that Unit 2 has a breach in primary containment because it's still steaming and the spent fuel pools full, so that steam can only be coming from one place.

And then, you know, from the heat signatures that we're seeing, as I told, I said earlier is that it looks to us like maybe the drywell

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FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Alright, I just

wanted to ask that, thank you.

MR. CASTO: Yes, no problem.

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FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, Marty, it's OPS here in ET room. Dave just found out, or he found out that there is --

MR. FRANOVICH: Marty how's your view on that (inaudible) report that FEMA puts out and having to come across the industry consortium was mentioned and it looks like, this has been an audited report.

And so it looks like what they did is they pulled it out of ours and put it into the FEMA's and so it just got us thinking about, it's already out



So we had indicated we would get back to you that day, which we did, saying there was no publicly available information that we want to release and that we suggest deleting the bullet referencing.

But now upon coming across this document and looking at it, we could just reiterate the information that's in our Sit report and indicate that

available. And USA, we did confirm, they're on distribution for our Sit report.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: They already have the information.

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FRANOVICH: They already have the MR. information, it's just they haven't used it.

MR. VIRGILIO Yes, as long as we tell them that, you know, until industry makes it available it's you know it's not ours, it's inappropriate for us to unveil this.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: So if they do disseminate it in any way, it's got to be for official use only and not for the public.

MR. VIRGILIO: Yes, until it's, you know, until industry makes it publicly available. Yes, I think that would be a good approach.

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2	MR. CASTO: Well they have one by 6:00,
3	what time do they need it to get it to me by?
4	MALE PARTICIPANT: Have it here, we've go
5	to have it by their time 0430.
6	MR. CASTO: 0430 and if they do it at 6:00
7	a. m. they need it at 0430.
8	FEMALE PARTICIPANT: We have Marty
9	Virgilio, (inaudible) Zimmerman.
10	MR. CASTO: That's a lot of horse power, I
11	don't have a big issue, but I do have a request.
12	FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, what's up?
13	MR. CASTO: The status update that you all
14	put out at 6:00 a.m. I don't know how to say this
15	but, what would help us, is if you could put that out
16	by 4:30 a.m. instead of 6:00 a.m.
17	FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, that's an hour
18	from now.
19	MR. CASTO: That s an hour from now?
20	Well, it doesn't have to happen today, but for
21	tomorrow.
22	FEMALE PARTICIPANT: You're talking about
23	the situation report, right?
24	MR. CASTO: Yes, the Sitrep. Are you
25	going to send it to Bill for that. But the problem is

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it's coming in, it took me all this time to realize it, but it's coming in after the Ambassador meeting. And it, you know, I'm giving him old data. So we're still working on the refinement of our battle rhythm and I realized that that report's coming too late. FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, we'll try to do I think we'll be able to swing that. I meet with him, I do a MR. CASTO: roundup with him at 6:00 p.m. our time. Which is 5:00 a.m. your time and I need you know a few minutes to read it. MALE PARTICIPANT: We need operationalize that for the future, we need to figure out, we might be able to make it happen this morning. FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I think we'll be able to do it because he's been working on it for a while. But I think one issue is getting all the updates maybe from (inaudible) but we'll try to make it happen. MR. CASTO: Okay, it doesn't have to happen today, but down the road we need it done, 4:30 your time.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Hey, Tim, (inaudible), Chuck Castro's on the phone. Do you

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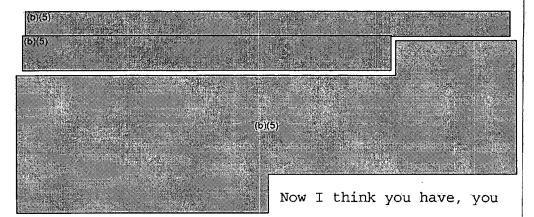
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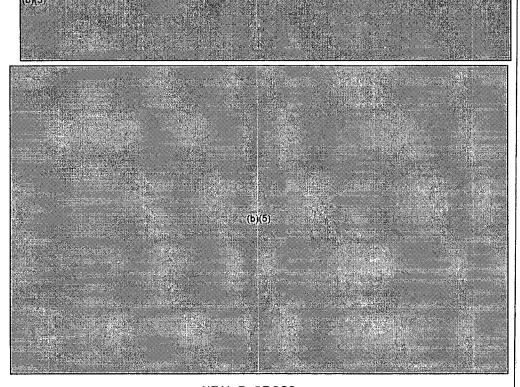
think we maybe get the Sitrep by 4:30? MALE PARTICIPANT: (Inaudible.) MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, he's saying he can do it. MR. CASTRO: Awesome. MALE PARTICIPANT: Hey, Chuck, any changes with the second report that comes out or is that one okay, when that one comes out? MR. CASTO: I think that one's, let's see 10 that one comes out at 1800 which is 7:00 a.m. and my 11 first meeting with the Ambassador is a 9:30. 12 actually you could run that one a little bit later if you wanted to. I meet with him at 9:30 and 6:00 p.m. 13 14 So that 7:00 one's fine or you can run it a little 15 bit later, an hour or two later if you want. 16 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Is that all you've 17 got? 18 MR. CASTO: Yes, that wasn't a big issue, I probably could have done it by email. 19 20 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Oh no big deal. MR. CASTO: Everything okay back there, 21 22 anything we can do for you guys? 23 MALE PARTICIPANT: Chuck, we just got this 24 email from you with the four questions, can you give 25 us some context so we can start working on that?

MR. CASTO: Yes, those were four painful questions for me. You know, I tried to, in the bottom

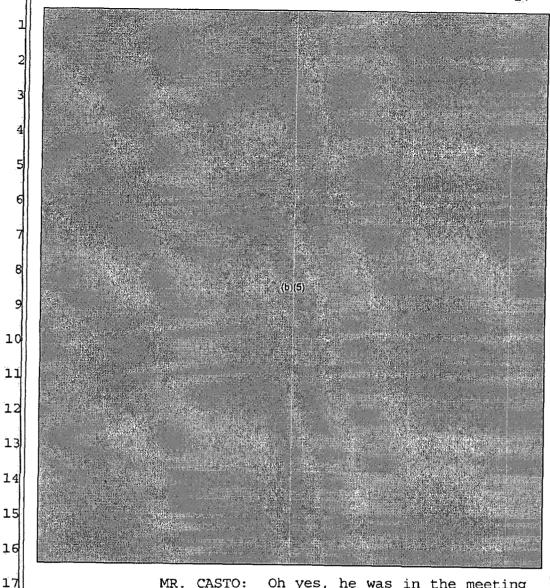


should have a chart down there somewhere, that's called Fukushima Response Organization, it's the Japanese ORG chart for this event.

And, like tonight, I've got to go up with the Ambassador, and walk him through the little you know spaghetti and meatball chart to tell him which of



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MR. CASTO: Oh yes, he was in the meeting and that's why I'm answering these questions tonight.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, so are you answering the questions, I don't understand, maybe you can go back.

MR. CASTO: Admiral Willard and General Field and Admiral Walsh asked these questions of me yesterday during the meeting. During my debrief to them, two and a half hour debrief of them, these are

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the questions they asked. Along with 100 others but these were the important questions that the Ambassador thought needed to be answered from us.

So today, this afternoon he said, hey you going to answer those questions tonight at 6:00? And I said absolutely I am, you know. So, you know, I have to go in tonight at this 6:00 round up, show him the work chart and answer these four questions. So that gives you context.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, it does.

MR. CASTO: For instance, I don't know if you have this ORG chart, it starts in the upper left corner.

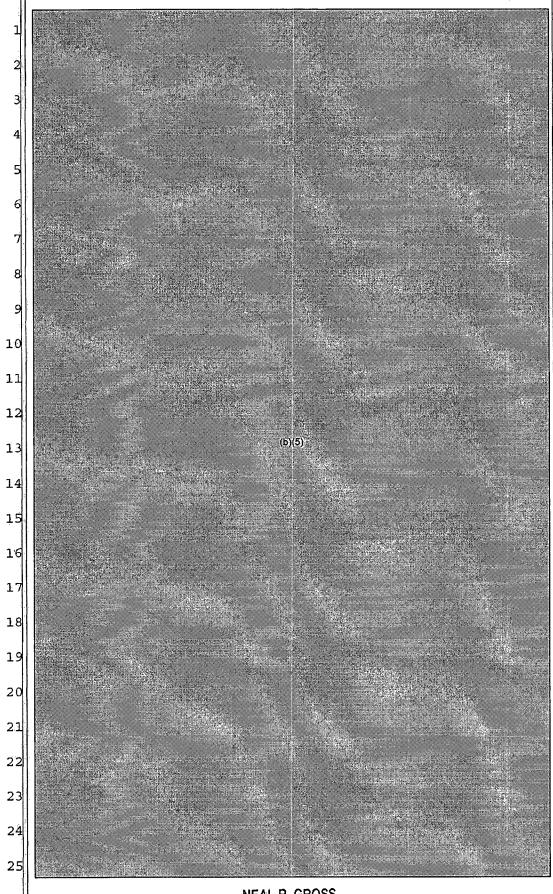
FEMALE PARTICIPANT: We don't seem to have it.

MR. CASTO: I'll fax it to you, I know we sent it in but you got a bazzillion documents in there. I'll fax it in to you and on the upper left hand corner, it has a box called Joint Crisis Action Center, and on the right hand side it has Fukushima Response Organization. I know we sent it in a few days ago but, you know, things get buried.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Right



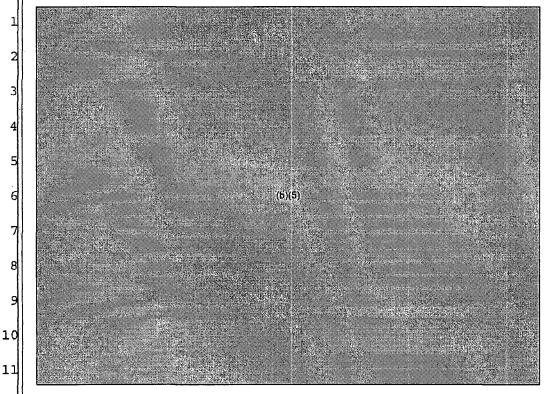
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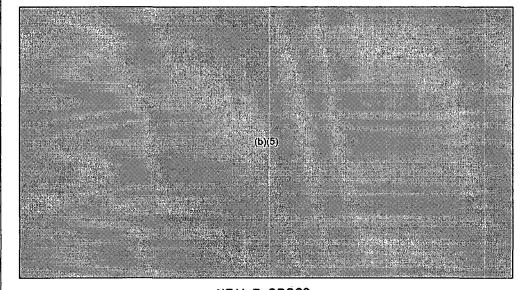
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And he's not resource MALE PARTICIPANT:

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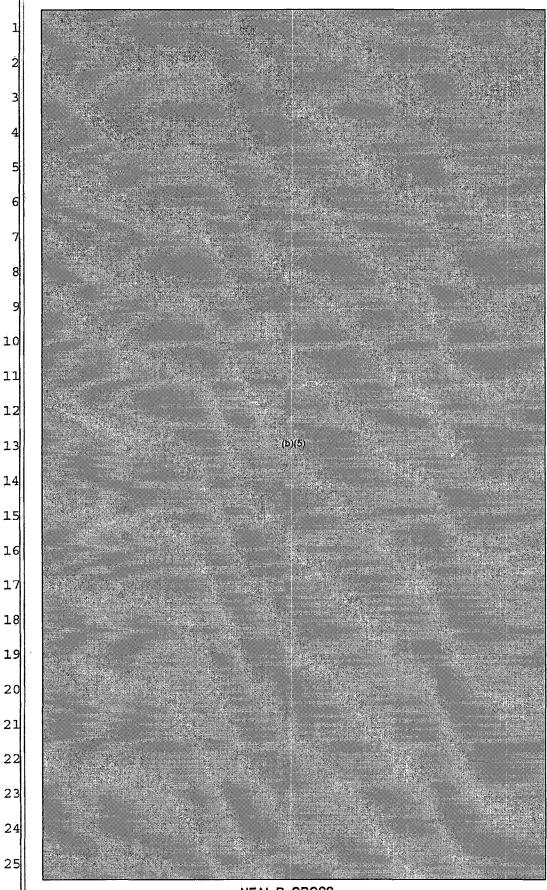




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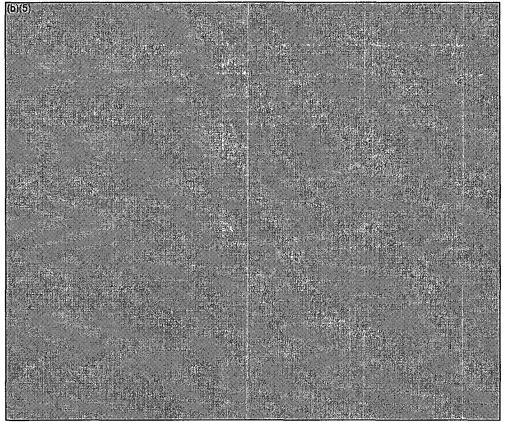
MALE PARTICIPANT: But I mean, your vision is that once we get this, (inaudible) team in place



MR. CASTO: I think so, and I certainly like the logistic people you talked about should be there.

MALE PARTICIPANT: No, I mean maybe that's part of your answer, that well we're not there now,





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And, you know, I can't do that. Well I



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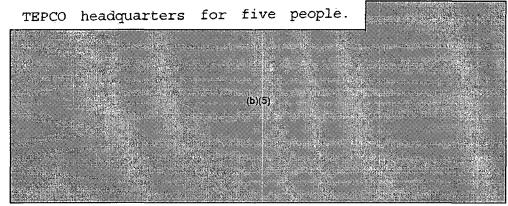
MALE PARTICIPANT: So that's the big where do we need to be question.

MR. CASTO: Yes, and if you're standing across from 11 stars and trying to explain, you know, and you know what they know as far as, you know, fighting a war, it's hard to say well we're not at the front line. I mean that makes you swallow really hard and feel really stupid.



further involve and (inaudible) on a day to day basis

MR. CASTO: They just accepted us yesterday into a conference room in, you know, in

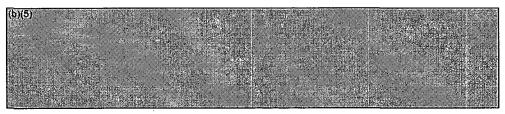


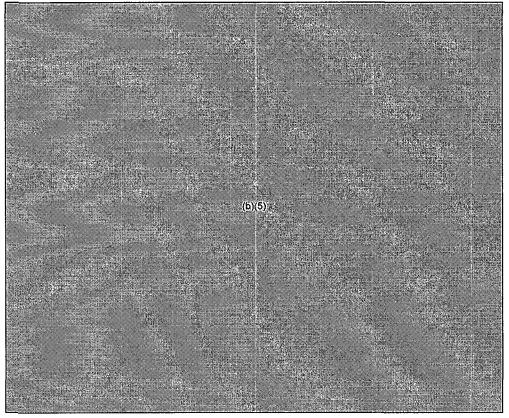
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He's very pleased with what we're doing.

And, you know, if you had heard his comments yesterday, you know, they were very sincere,

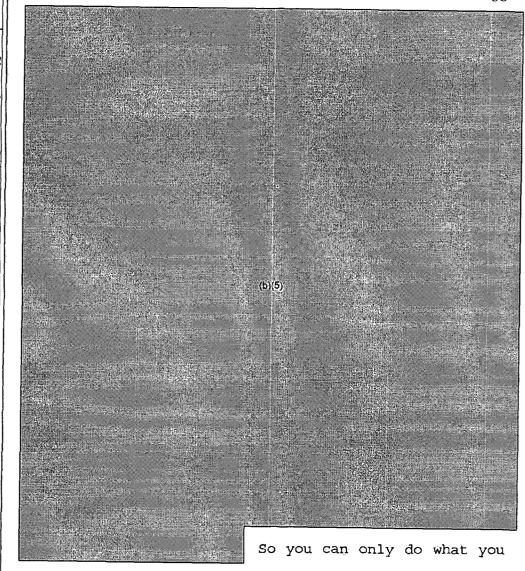




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think is right, you know. What I do is what I think is right, if you listen to all that stuff, there's going to be a left wing and a right wing, you know.

And you're not going to make all those people happy. So in then end you just have to trust, you know, you have to get advice and counsel and listen to the boss, like Marty, and do the what you think is the right thing to do.

You know, last night at the 8:00 meeting I

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had more people telling me what to do in that meeting. what you think is right when you're sitting at the table looking across at the Cabinet Minister. You just have to do what you think is the right thing, be yourself, you know. And anyhow, that's all philosophical but, and I think we're doing okay, I really do, I think we're keeping balanced, you 1.0 11 12 traffic up the chain. 13 14 15 Now something that, FEMALE PARTICIPANT: 16 (inaudible) mentioned, I mean 17 18 19 consultation to them and they get the message further 20 21 up the chain? MR. CASTO: Well I think we do that when 22 it serves, you know, our interest. Like on the 23 pumping system and all that, you know, 24 25

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You know, so you have to find the right person it's not really the right organization, it's sometimes the right person, that can carry the right



for, who was in the room yesterday with me.

he's been fantastic, he sits next to me in the cabinet meeting and, you know, last he did a wonderful job.

It's a lot of organization and a lot of people and a lot of interest. You just have to weed your way through it.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Just as a follow up you going to send us that matrix?

MR. CASTO: Yes, I'll send you the spaghetti and meatball chart. And then also I need, they have strategic plan

get a copy of that and send it to you too. We have a copy. Well anyhow, really I just called for the Sitrep. Change the Sitrep time, if you can support us on that.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, and then we're

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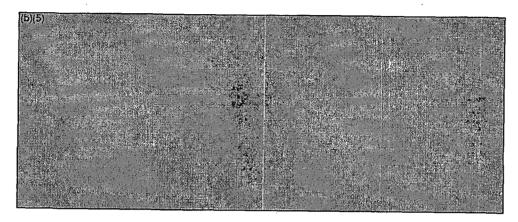
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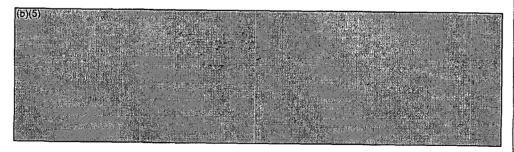
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all just giving a final look to the document that was produced the Reactor Safety Team. A reactor by reactor, set up the conditions and recommended action. So we should be able to squirt that out to you here pretty soon.

But if you're looking at clearing the



MR. CASTO: Okay. Yes, and I don't know, and I was trying to think how else I could serve you with regard to preparing for the Chairman's meeting with the Ambassador.



I've been calling in and briefing people on him, but
I'm thinking I need to write it down better.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, we haven't got much of a turnover from the meetings with the

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really comprehensive was somebody's taking really good notes for --

MR. CASTO: Jessica, our department at state friend has taken really, she's taken really good notes there.



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I think I've called you and talked to you about various things from the (5)(5)



that stuff but I haven't been writing it down and I'm going to start tonight at six.

I'm going to write those notes down and I take notes on my little agenda sheet, but I need, but it's hard because I have to leave that meeting immediately and go over to the cabinet meeting, you know so things really start picking up about 5:30 here.

And then it's 10:00, 10:30 at night before you stop. And then, you know, you're tired and we have to debrief here and then it all starts over again the next morning. So, you know, I haven't really had time to, I'm going to make time, to type up at least some simple notes so that you know, so you know what's on his mind.

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You know by the time this is over with I'm going to get organized. We started in the last couple days, getting a good battle rhythm and our daily agenda, we sent it in the other day.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I saw that.

MR. CASTO: That battle plan, and it's been modified again, so we probably need to retype it up and send you in the changes.

It's just steady meetings all day long and you know, but Dan and Allen and those guys are doing a great job of managing all that. And I'm basically



But I think we're slowly, the last couple of days we started our battle rhythm or we're making refinements to it and so things are rolling. Bill's down at Yokota, and what I heard was, there's been a delay, they want to train some more people.

And it may be instead of, we were hoping that that would shipped tonight but they're training more people and then Bill has, their jumping a helicopter, (b)(5)

there and they're going down to Yokosuka to look at the water barge to make sure that the fittings and all the connections and everything are compatible.

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so they're, I tried to call Bill a minute ago so I know he's in the air, they're flying down there now because he didn't answer. So they're flying done with the Aussie's checking out the connections then they're, once they do that.

And I think they may have to fly back down again tomorrow, what I heard, tomorrow morning. And then they'll start shipping the barge up. Meanwhile the site is using as many industrial water sources as they can hook up.

They're trying to hook up to some city water and other water supplies that are not sufficient. But they'll at least improve the situation as far as fresh water. I suspect by the end of the day, they're going to tell us they're on fresh water.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: We've got on the news, that the U.S. can provide fresh water. So yes,



MR. CASTO: Yes, I heard he was having a press conference.

MALE PARTICIPANT: We're watching him now.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, maybe that's
just bottled water.

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MR. CASTO: Well they're doing that too. We're doing that too, you know we're providing all the bottled water we can, because this city's out of bottled water.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, Chuck, I guess that wraps it up for the moment.

MR. CASTO: Alright, thank you, sir, gentlemen and ladies. I'm going to fax you the ORG charts.

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#### (CONFERENCE CALL INITIATED) 0:52:28

MR. DYER: Just an overall status of what's going on, plan status, really remains unchanged, we have one issue that somewhat influxed and we're getting mixed information as to Unit 1 was ever on fresh water.

CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MR. DYER: It was reported yesterday, I believe, that they were, and then it was report that they weren't, and so we're going to run that to ground today. Also and then the fresh water barges that the Navy's transporting down, we haven't heard that they've left or got a target arrival date yet.

And then this past shift, they've submitted the list of priorities for stabilization recovery of each unit that were worked on yesterday with

of the government agencies.

They were provided to the Japan team yesterday for review to engage with the Japanese government through the Ambassador.

And let's see, the other thing, the protective measures team of areas we're working on is a compilation of all the site and configuration management have accomplished and all the NARAC runs

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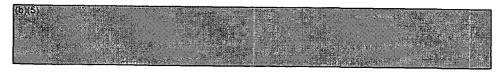
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that we've conducted.

And we're also looking at alternative ways to get a more realistic assessment of doses. We talked about that. As far as the Japan team, engagement with the crisis management in Japan.

I think, I believe we told you that Chuck had been invited to the TEPCO Emergency Operations Center in Tokyo. And we have not heard the results of

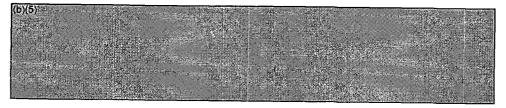


We are going to go to the EOC during day shift today. We have not heard back what the results of that participation on that is so far.

And then the last thing is the liaison team has put together a briefing package for you in preparation for you're 11:00 call with the Japanese Ambassador. I think that's it. Any questions?

CHAIRMAN: No, so what are you looking at for your shift for the priorities?

MR. DYER: The priorities for the (inaudible) one of the priorities we want to do is to



feedback from the site team concerning the strategies

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that we put together yesterday. Okay. CHAIRMAN: And then for the Protective MR. DYER: Measures team, And also to try to get this, MR. DYER: try to get these (inaudible) more realistic. Okay, do you know if there's CHAIRMAN: any update on whether or not 10 I have not heard yet, we're MR. DYER: 11 follow up on that too. Yesterday 12 understood that we were going (b)(5) 13 had not cleared them. 14 CHAIRMAN: Okay. 15 So we'll follow up on that MR. DYER: 16 today too. 17 Just in general Okay, good. 18 CHAIRMAN: then the site conditions are generally unchanged but 19 how would you summerize the status right now? 20 A lot of unknowns, I mean, MR. DYER: 21 overall the our summery of the status is it's stable 22 but with a lot of uncertainty. 23 CHAIRMAN: Okay, and with that uncertainty 24 trend to a negative or a positive direction? 25

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The uncertainty is, in the MR. DYER: negative direction, is the concern with the salt water going into the vessel, and in the positive direction is everyday we get past shutdown we have less decay heat to remove and less challenge on the containment.

CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. DYER: So it's kind of a plus on one side, minus on the other. I think everyday we don't have a quantum change to those it tends towards stabilization.

CHAIRMAN: Yes, okay. Well, thanks anything you need from me right now?

MR. DYER: No, sir.

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# (CONFERENCE CALL INITIATED) 1:00:13

MR. DYER: Just for an overall status, no significant changes with plant status at the site in the last 24 hours, there is some clarifications, we still leave some uncertainties.

I think we were reporting yesterday that Unit 1 was on fresh water, we thought from (inaudible) storage tank. It appears now that the report is that Unit 1 is on seawater, similar to Units 2 and 3 and they have not shifted to fresh water.

The other thing going on with the plant is the (inaudible) equipment to fire trucks sent up is at the Yokota Air Base and yesterday the plan, or today, the plan was to get the Japanese Defense Force down for training and then to move the equipment on trucks to the sites.

We haven't heard yet whether that in fact occurred or what the target is for delivery at the site of the equipment.

Also yesterday, or today in Japan the, Chuck and our Japan team was invited to the TEPCO, EOF, Emergency Operations Center in Tokyo. And the

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we have not yet heard the results of that. But our understanding is they did do that.

The status of the barges, the freshwater barges, being sent to the site is still uncertain, at last we heard the Navy was still going to have to do some work to determine whether or not the harbors were cleared sufficiently that they could get the deepwater barges in.

And there was also a question as to when they could get the fleet tug to transport the barges from their current location.

Here at the Emergency Response Center, last night we provided the Reactor Safety Team assessment of the three units that would work together

Those were provided to the site team and we anticipate today we'll get feedback form the site team and any of any issues that we need expand or clarify or resolve from them.

With respect to the protective measures team, we're still working on the second NARAC review of the Japan area. Some of the initial review on that yesterday indicated that they had some non conservative assumptions with respect to. particular containment leakage. So we were working

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yesterday with NARAC to revise those assumptions, we believe those runs will be made today. Also at 11:00 this morning the Chairman is scheduled to speak with the Japanese Ambassador and we put together a briefing package that will work its way through OIP for the Chairman on the status of activity. That pretty much is an overview of what's

MR. ORDERS: Yes, this is Bill Orders, if



going on. Any questions?

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MR. DYER: I can't Bill, we'll get the DMT statement.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Any others while we're trying to get the team leader to answer that question?

MALE PARTICIPANT: This is (inaudible). Sitrep that the Unit 2 RPS is at (inaudible). would mean that (inaudible), is that not correct?

MR. DYER: Probably not. You know, for a ballpark estimate is in my mind it just means that been atmospheric.

Okay we have Terry Reis here, Bill can you

MR. ORDERS: Hey, Terry, this is Bill the

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1	question is I understand that 70 percent core damage,								
2	but then you were looking at ten percent release rate								
3	although it looks like primary containment is intact.								
4	MR. REIS: That's correct. That ten								
5	percent is for venting.								
6	MR. ORDERS: For venting, okay. And on								
7	Unit 2 maybe I missed it but five inch hole that								
8	resulted the damage from the previous (inaudible) or								
9	what?								
LO	MR. REIS: Bill, we don't really know what								
Ll	date that occurred, all we know is we got reports from								
L2	TEPCO that they have five square inch hole.								
L3	MR. ORDERS: Okay, one more question, the								
4	100 percent release rate on Unit 3?								
.5	MR. REIS: Yes, that was originally, we								
.6	brought that to 100 percent because on the original								
. 7	data we got was actually 300 percent and we assumed								
.8	what that meant was three containment turnovers per								
9	day. So we're just saying it's 100 percent breach.								
o	MR. ORDERS: Okay, what's that based on,								
1	do we have sounds like we have an equipment hatch open								
2	or something?								
3	MR. REIS: Bill, I think it's just an								
4	assumption we put into the analysis.								
5	MR. ORDERS: Well, the only thing that								
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unnerves me a bit is we're still working on, I guess hypothetical so instead of conservatism. observation.

This is Pat Castleman, MR. CASTLEMAN: (inaudible).

MR. DYER: Pat, you're breaking up.

MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay, how's that?

MR. DYER: Okay, thanks.

A little more on those MR. CASTLEMAN: What's the start time on those, in other words are we going back to the beginning of the event two weeks ago or did it start today?

MR. DYER: Pat, it does not, it goes back and forth, I don't have the dates in front of me but it looks like going back and forth, I believe that's in the Sitrep, isn't it?

Pat, one of the things that we turned over on it from the mid shift and it's one of the things we're focusing on in the PMT is to take a look at the realism of the projections and the runs being done right now, and whether or not we can sort of benchmark it with what we know to be measured dose rates and identify contamination.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I think they're working internal with the (inaudible) at the moment to

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J	see if there is more (inaudible), you know, whether									
2	the requirements can be backed out. But, they don't									
3	know (inaudible).									
4	MR. VIRGILIO: The other thing you may									
5	have heard last night, we're working hard to put									
6	together, to dismiss all this lack of clarity, a									
7	compendium of all the runs that we've done with the									
8	state's assumptions, source-term and the results, so									
9	that we can all (inaudible) the same play book.									
10	MR. CASTLEMAN: When you all are done with									
11	that is that going to shared that with the commission									
12	offices?									
13	MR. DYER: You're breaking up again, Pat.									
14	MR. CASTLEMAN: When you all are done with									
15	that, Marty, are you going to share that with the									
16	commission offices?									
17	MR. VIRGILIO: If we can.									
18	MR. CASTLEMAN: That would be really									
19	helpful because we're kind of, you know, getting									
20	information in drips and drabs and that's probably one									
21	of the reasons why we're asking so many questions.									
22	FEMALE PARTICIPANT: They are working on									
23	that.									
24	MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay, thanks and then also									
25	there was something in the Sitrep that talks about a									
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summary of contamination levels, dose levels, forth, what's the --MALE PARTICIPANT: Pat, you're breaking up. FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Pat, are you talking about trending? MR. CASTLEMAN: Yes, I'm talking about the trending. FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Pat, we're only getting about every third word, I don't know if it's 10 11 your phone or what but --12 MR. DYER: Other questions? 13 MR. FRANOVICH: Jim, this is Mike 14 Franovich, good morning. Let me change topic a moment back to the seawater analysis. The analysis with the 15 (b)(5)16 17 18 we're going fresh water versus RHR. 19 Using RHR, getting that back in service. Is this the nature of the report that's going back to 20 That we are in agreement and the 21 the Ambassador. 22 23 Well I think we've got, we are 24 MR. DYER: getting a one government position as I detect the 25

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differences it's just the urgency. And whether we've got hours, days weeks, to get onto fresh water but there's no disagreement that putting seawater into the reactors is not a good thing.

That's not the issue, the question comes down to what else are you going to do? I think the

That's not the issue, the question comes down to what else are you going to do? I think the Reactor Safety Team assessment I haven't read it in its latest form, talks to the different vehicles for getting, the approaches for getting fresh water into the cores, the three cores.

So it's not, I think the



vas really the vehicle for delivery and that whether or not (inaudible).

MR. FRANOVICH: Could you do us a favor, whatever report we're as a U.S. Government planning to share over there with their government, could the commission offices get a copy of that?

MR. DYER: Okay.

MR. CAMPER: While they're hooking up I'll tell you all those runs, assumptions were made and at this point it takes several negotiations with NARAC to finalize the assumptions because some of them are several days old.

That's why you don't get updates. It takes a bit of time to do that, to agree upon any

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updates, and the other thing is as Terry pointed out we're going to put together that compendium that will show you each run that's been made, what the assumptions were, what the outcomes were, sourceterms, because it's getting difficult to understand all of -back online. I don't know how much of that last question or request you caught but let me repeat it, I ask if we could get a copy, the commission office, 10 11 could get a copy of whatever U.S. Government position 12 is on further actions on these three units, if we could get a copy of that analysis? The RST analysis, 13 whatever consensus analysis is I think it would be 14 helpful for us to see the recommendations.

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MR. DYER: Right, we'll work that through the Chairman's office.

MR. FRANOVICH: Jim, it sounds like you're

MR. FRANOVICH: Thank you.

this is Bill MR. ORDERS: Hey, Jim, Orders, and I have request Commissioner Magwood would like a copy of the package being provided to the Chairman for his talk with the Japanese Ambassador?

MR. DYER: Okay, we'll work it through the Chairman's office.

MR. ORDERS: I understand.

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MALE PARTICIPANT: Jim, this (inaudible) I guess, what I took as the big difference between last night's call and this mornings is on Unit 1, the temperatures are going 100 degrees, 172 Celsius.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I'm sorry we're losing you, from wherever you're speaking, I don't know if it's your end or ours, but could you try again?

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, I just wanted to what I took as the big difference between last night and this morning is the RPD temperature in Unit 1 going from 400 degrees, 172 degrees Celsius, that was (inaudible) how do we think that (inaudible) what caused, is resulting in the reduction in temperature?

MR. DYER: Let me give it to Pat Hiland who's the Reactor Safety Team leader.

MR. HIGHLAND: I got a turnover, we noted that temperature decrease and it's just attributed to the continuation of the seawater injection. They've not yet, it's noted all three units they're attempting to swap over to the fresh water on today, 3/25, don't know when that is today but that's all the explanation that we have for that temperature decrease.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, because what we got last evening at 8:00 was they thought that the

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temperature was 760 degrees Fahrenheit, at the core at (inaudible). That's good news if the temperatures is down.

MR. CASTLEMAN: This is Pat Castleman, do we have any more update on what was the brief last night, the Unit 1 and 2 cores may have (inaudible).

MALE PARTICIPANT: No information.

MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay, thank you.

MR. ROGGE: This is John Rogge, Region I.

I noticed that you said that the Japanese are going
to swap to the dam source, do we know what that means?

MALE PARTICIPANT: No we don't, John, what I understood was that in fact that's part of the mixed messages we're getting on fresh water injections. Originally we heard that they were, Unit 1 was being, using fresh water injections because they had to had a (inaudible) storage tanks with a couple hundred thousand gallons in it.

And they were going to use that until the depleted it and then at that time they were going to, there was efforts underway to set up a water transfer from a local reservoir and to provide fresh water injection.

And then yesterday we heard that that was not going to be ready and wasn't thought to be

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feasible for the reactors and that they were working on this getting fresh water through two Navy barges that would hold 350,000 gallons each. And it's not clear to me whether they decided to resume the efforts to get the reservoir water now, they're focused on the barges and when the barges will get there.

JOHN: Also just want to let you know that just before I came in today to work I watched Japanese TV, that's channel NHK, they did announce that the U.S. Navy is sending fresh water barges and they also tied it to that the U.S. Government is concerned about salt water, the usage of salt water in the reactors.



MR. DYER: Yes, I don't where the source is.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Well TEPCO's has expressed that concern themselves.



MR. DYER: Any other questions?

MR. RICH: Hey, Jim, this is Dan Rich from Region II, yesterday they were seemed to be ongoing confusion as to whether deaths were already occurring at, among the plant workers. Is there any update on that?

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MR. DYER: Yes, we had heard some earlier results that there were some but everything we've heard subsequent to that is the highest dose is on the order of about 18 to 20 rm and there's been some report of beta burns on the bottom of feet and that's it.

MR. RICH: Thank you.

MR. FRANOVICH: Jim, this is Mike Franovich again I got one last question for you on the, just the physical features of this plant, now that we're well into this disaster, unfortunately, have we confirmed whether or not these units had the hardened vent mod installed. I've been hearing different stories that they have, do have the mod, did the mod, they have the hard pipe feature.

MR. DYER: I've heard mixed sources on whether they did or they didn't. You know, when Chuck gets access to the TEPCO EOC, I'm hoping we'll get some additional information.

MR. FRANOVICH: Yes, because I think that might have some bearing on how the, I know there's a TI out for the inspection to do a quick look and whether or not that needs to be something more explicit, explicitly discussed in TI as a supplement.

MR. FRANOVICH: This is Mike (inaudible)

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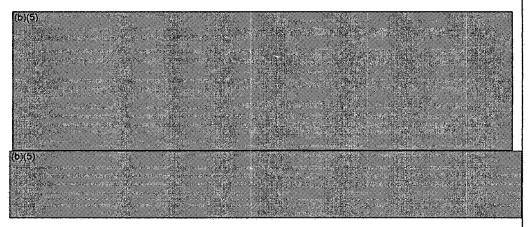
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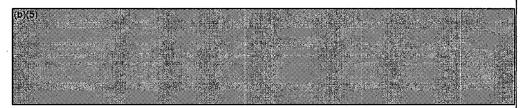
yesterday I had a drop in visit with (inaudible) Bradley of NEI and we were told that Unit 1 did have the hardened vents installed. There is a hard pipe, and he had drawings of the system, so someone may want to contact NEI and confirm that but that was what we were told yesterday by NEI.

MR. CASTLEMAN: This is Pat Castleman again, do we have, well actually, last night we were



any reason or understanding of why the approach changed?

MR. DYER: Well the reason, I spoke to



And there's a nice IG report on that issue, saying we've abused the IN process for that so we took lessons learned and decided we should use the risk process.

MR. CASTLEMAN: Oh, okay. Is the

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MR. REIS: Pat, Terry Reis. We'll do that, what we're working on, we're going to receive the data and transmit it to (b)(5)

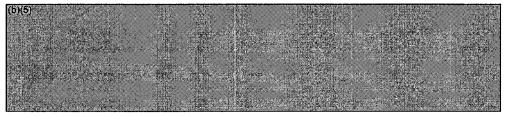


that data and manage the communication of that data.

So it's still a work in process.

MR. CASTLEMAN: And then the last question

I have here regards the reentry criteria, are we
looking at, is anything being done to evaluate where



anything like that?

MALE PARTICIPANT: Pat, it got turned over to me that Randy Sullivan's team finished it up and we're looking for comments on it, but personally I've not seen the revised version since yesterday.

MALE PARTICIPANT: It's something we'll be working on today.

MALE PARTICIPANT: It's a work in progress as well.

MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay, thanks.

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CINDY: What I was hoping to do is just get kind of the latest and greatest status about the Japanese facilities that we can talk about publicly. In that I'm going to be testifying at, well I guess they're calling it a public forum.

For the two U.S. Senators of Illinois this afternoon. And I wanted to make sure that I took them appropriate status without going to far into OUO, it is public so I need to be mindful of that.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, you know, we're doing all OUO, I'm not sure were we cross the line quite frankly. But, you know, I think --

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Cindy, would OPA be a better source of public available information? We could call somebody.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I'm not quite

are on the particulars of the units themselves.

MALE PARTICIPANT: I think what we probably can say is that right now all three units are stable, you know they're not getting worse. They're all being cooled with salt water, you know seawater.

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The Japan group is working with the U.S. Navy and I don't know if that, but they're working with the U.S. to start cooling with fresh water and they have couple of initiatives underway to do that.

CINDY: What could we say about damages of fuel. I think we've publicly gone out, I think Borchardt actually mentioned It in his commission meeting that all three have suffered some damage of the core.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes.

CINDY: What have we said about the condition of the fuel in the spent fuel pools publicly?

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I can work that question through public affairs.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I don't think, Unit 1's undamaged.

CINDY: Three and four I think are the ones of interest.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I don't know how much we've said publicly.

CINDY: Yes, I don't know either, I can check with public affairs to see what the (inaudible) on that is. Right I've got that that is several days old now I wondered if we have.

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MALE PARTICIPANT: We haven't said anything, what we have said I think is that they've restored cooling and levels in all the spent fuel pools using seawater.

CINDY: Alright. What's the status of electric, offsite electric power to the units?

MALE PARTICIPANT: Power to the site, not to the units. I mean five and six, they never lost power, one to three and four.

CINDY: Okay, I'm thinking if they, you know if the Senators ask well today what's the status of, you know, the Japanese units, I want to be able to say something.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Cindy, do you have the latest, I have a 3:30 p.m. edition of the OPA talking points. There's a section in there apparently on the situation in Japan.

CINDY: I don't know that I have that version, I think my OPA was earlier than that.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: I see I have one, it says update generated each day, I don't know it would help but it might be a worthwhile document to try to get into your hands.

CINDY: Okay.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Want me to try and

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see if I can do that? CINDY: No, I'll work it from here, okay thanks. MALE PARTICIPANT: Do you have GO book. CINDY: I have a GO book that has lots of things in it but not anything that came out of headquarters. They have a GO book MALE PARTICIPANT: mailing that has the talking points updated. CINDY: Oh, no, I must not be on that 10 distribution. 11 FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I don't think 12 that has been going right now outside of a couple 13 people who have been going down to congress to brief. 14 But I would ask okay to get you this latest talking 15 point. 16 MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, that's one of the 17 18 enclosures --FEMALE PARTICIPANT: Because that at least 19 would give you some current information. 20 Alright, I think I've got enough 21 to work with so I can say at least something, and I'll 22 23 check with OPA. So I appreciate your time folks. MALE PARTICIPANT: Good luck. 24 25 (CONFERENCE CALL ENDED) 1:30:42

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MR. CASTO: Someone sent me an email wondering if I was going to call in tonight after the 8:00.

MR. DYER: I'd like you to, this is Jim Dyer.

MR. CASTO: Well, I'm running a little bit late here so I'm sorry I didn't get right back to you. Well, thought I'd just give you little bit of a debrief on tonight's meeting.

MR. DYER: This is the cabinet meeting?

MR. CASTO: Yes, cabinet meeting. It was an equipment discussion tonight mainly. A lot of details on the flow of various equipment we had offered them. Some measurement devices, and other equipment they wanted the details on so we spent a lot of time talking about that.

Spend a lot of time talking about KMAX and

My point with that was well,

you know, I think we have over, well, not just we,

little bit. So we just wanted to make they understood it's capabilities.

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You know, make sure they re going to use it before we spend the money on it.

MR. DYER: Okay.

MR. CASTO: So we went through that with them they were asking questions about measurement of vegetation, tap water, detection devices and food survey equipment.



the lead on the radiation detection equipment and robotics. So they talked through that a little bit.

We talked about KI about liquid KI, and also some help effects advice Dr. Norm Coleman who was here from CDC, Public Health Service, he's been here for the last few days so they offered his services to them for health effects studying.

We talked a little bit about, word had come across the wire kind of through the chain today. There's a number of American companies who are seeking to do business with TEPCO and of course that's their business, whatever they want to do with any American company is their business.

But we had understood that come of these

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meet with them. And then there's another company, the You know, there's a lot of offering them services, and as I told him, that's your business, it's not ours. But you know a company shouldn't be using us as a reference. And then probably from the Unit 3, they'd probably line it up to fresh water tonight. MR. DYER: For Unit 3? For Unit 3, yes. 10 MR. CASTO: Of course 11 they're still having trouble with water supplies, you 12 a tank, move over to fresh water from a (inaudible) 13 14 water tank that they have. 15 And we talked to them tonight about the 16 water barge that Admiral Rowden is moving up there and 17 they're finishing tomorrow, they're finishing the 1.8 training on the pumping system sometime tomorrow. 19 Thought that it would be done today, but I think they 20 21 sent some more people down there so it's going to be, I think they're finishing the training starting at 22 (b)(5) 23 7:00 tomorrow. to move it north. 24

MR. DYER: Hey, Chuck, we've been getting

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mixed reports on whether Unit 1 is on reservoir water or not. MR. CASTO: But we have not verified it. MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, but that's the same thing you're hearing? MR. CASTO: least, I don't know why, I mean, TEPCO came out today and said Unit was on reservoir water and (inaudible) 10 11 12 13 and, you know, we'll try to check that out. 14 Okay, the other one was we 15 MR. DYER: heard through, from (b)(5) morning that there was 16 Was it basically the Unit 3 turbine building, 17 lower level that they flooded? 18 MR. CASTO: Yes. 19 MR. DYER: And believed to be from RCS? 20 MR. CASTO: Right, and they had exposures 21 22 down there, 17R I think it was. 23 MR. DYER: Okay, so that's the source of 24 25 the three exposures? **NEAL R. GROSS** 

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MR. CASTO: Yes. Fission product or something, you know, it's definitely fuel. MR. DYER: Yes, but that was recent, the way we understood it was that they'd gone down and done surveys like 24 hours before, But I mean, they thought they understood one level and when they went down there they found some flooding and in fact the levels were much higher. And fission products which would indicate that they'd had some sort of a breach in the containment.

MR. CASTO: Or from the fuel pool.

MR. DYER: Or from the fuel pool, okay.

MR. CASTO: That was the trouble, it's not altogether clear on Unit 3 I don't think, you know what the cause of the explosion was. It could have been if it was a breach in containment, and the hydrogen or was it, you know, the drainage of the spent fuel pool and explosion.

I don't think it's all together clear on Unit 3 you know what happened. Now we're seeing heat signatures from like right in the center of the you know, reactor building, and there is speculation here that on our side that the drywall, you know that seal up at the drywall, on top of the

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drywall, underneath the shield plugs that they blew out the seal on the drywall head with over pressure.

So that's, you know, because the pressure went above design and they didn't vent and they blew that seal out. And that's probably where the hydrogen came from in the reactor building but it's not certain.

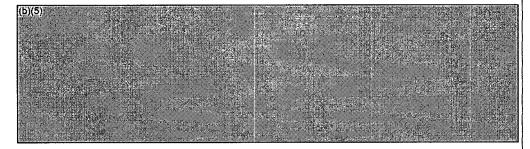
They announced tonight that they were having three project teams, (b)(5).

They announced tonight that they were sending up three project teams, one of them focused on shielding one of them focused on spent fuel removal and on focused on remote robotics. You know, I ask a couple questions about it and but I'm not sure I understood.

MR. DYER: This was at he cabinet meeting?

MR. CASTO: Yes, the cabinet meeting, and

it was kind of an odd cabinet meeting, so it was you



MR. CASTO: Yes, you know, lets make sure

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look, you know, this fresh water is important, you know, it's important and it's urgent but, you know,

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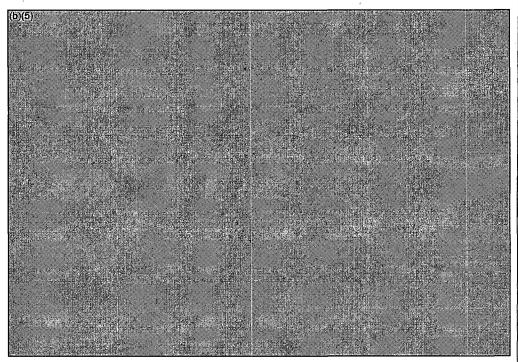
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there's much more to do as far as reactor safety. And spent fuel pool safety, there's much more to do.

And then tonight they came in with well, you know, basically they're saying we're going to start the cleanup program and I turned them back to, and the it's a long story but I'll try to make short.



don't get me wrong, he's really a good guy, I really like him and he does a great job for us, particularly on the water barge and all that.



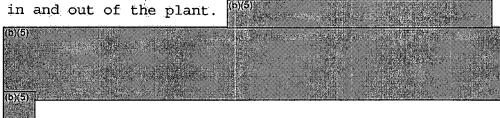
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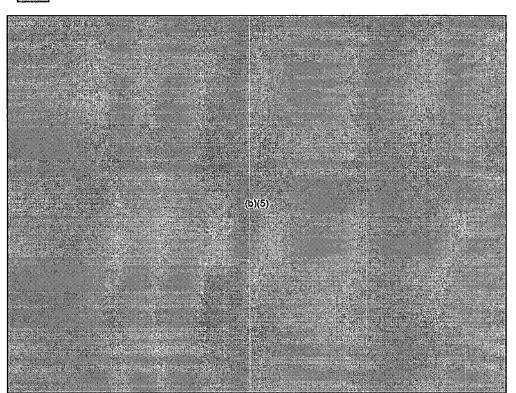
MR. CASTO: I'm sorry, that's a Japan village, it's outside the EP, you know the 13

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I don't really understand, I was a bit confused, I mean they wanted to de fuel the spent fuel pools and I don't know where they're going to put it.

And some of that stuff came out of Unit 4, if it's left, if there's anything left there, let's put that way, you know, it's hot, where you going put it.

You know, you don't have a spent fuel pool, a spare spent fuel pool off somewhere. So I'm a little bit confused about their plan. You know we

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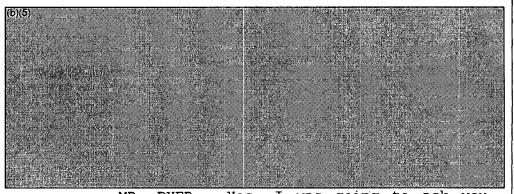
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all know that (inaudible) with the end in mind so you got to have the end in mind?

And they don't have anyplace to put all that stuff. So I don't know what they're plan is. We'll deal with it tomorrow when they start standing up these groups, but they want to consider everything from sand to a sarcophagus, they're defueling the plant and they want to look at all their options.



MR. DYER: Yes, I was going to ask you whether or not, how that was received?

MR. CASTO: We hadn't, we gave it to them this afternoon when we got it, and they hadn't digested it so they were not prepared to talk about it. But they ask us to be at TEPCO to discuss it and we said certainly. You know we're going to be there to discuss.



people here are definitely going to run that report up

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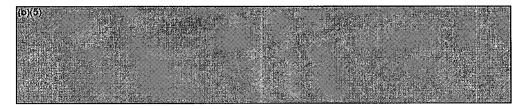
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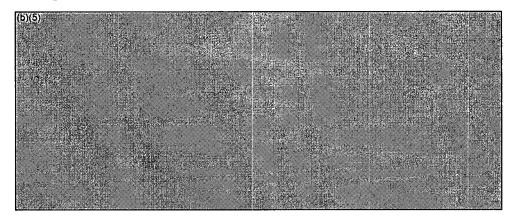
I tried to talk to them tonight about you know this is a discussion piece this isn't you know it's not, you know it's an evaluation. But, you know,

MR. DYER: Chuck, just a minute I've got an interrupt you here. Can you just your point, to reiterate your point, that what's the issue on the Reactor Safety Team?



MR. DYER: Right.

MR. CASTO: Okay, we provided that to NISA you know, we didn't want to give it to TEPCO we wanted to give it to NISA first and have a dialog on it.



And I tried to explain to them it's a discussion piece and we need to have a dialog about it

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that it's an evaluation. I don't know that's it's management reviewed or if it's the NRC official position, I said it's a discussion piece, you know, for us to discuss and they were.

MR. DYER: That's our best thinking.

MR. CASTO: Right and you know these are the guys that you know, alright.

MR. DYER: Alright, we'll bring them in.

Hey, Mike just came back from the Consortium call.

MR. FRANOVICH: Chuck, there's a lot of

know, they've made, they've responded to requests about what equipment could be made available for certain specific issues.

But they're wondering, basically they haven't got any specific requests or authorized actions to take and I think they're kind of expecting that to come back from the team somehow.

I don't know how you're plugged into to that with your meetings at the cabinet level. Are there any, how do we anticipate the Japanese government or TEPCO approving these items that we said we could make available?

MR. CASTO: Well this is a real dance, Mike, and it's very difficult to understand. But what

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I'll say is the number one premise is all requests from the Japanese government to the United States, are fed through the cabinet meeting.

them and he needs the cabinet meeting to say yes we want this device or no we don't want that device.

He's the only guy and they give us a list at night that I think today, last night was the first night actually we got it this morning, was the first list that we got from them.

And then but you have to be very careful, you get that list, and that's a list, that list they give you is a list of discussion items. You know, I think there's 14 items on that list, and then on the back page there's three more. And that is a list of, these are the pieces of equipment we want to discuss, they have, under each piece of equipment, they have who's in charge of working out the details. Then you have to do all that, then it goes back up to the cabinet where they say yea, we want this.

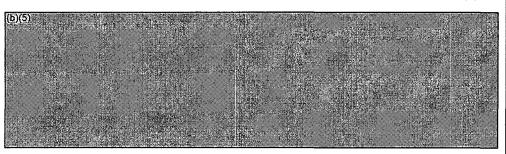
MR. FRANOVICH: Okay so that's the process it's going to take, at least two days to go through to get the request, get information back, and then potentially discuss I the next cabinet meeting?

MR. CASTO: Yes, it will take at least two

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MR. FRANOVICH: The items that you discussed, the 14, the list of the discussion items, do you think that's sent back here yet?

MR. CASTO: I can't tell you if that list was sent back to you today or not, Mike, and I don't know that I have it with me.

MR. DYER: Hey, Mike, you know what, you can call Allen.

MR. FRANOVICH: Chuck, what I was going to say, is Al Hochevar, is accompanying you to these meetings isn't he?

MR. CASTO: Yes, Al Hochevar? Yes, he sits right in the meeting with me, he sits behind me.

MR. FRANOVICH: So he has those items?

MR. CASTO: No, what I was going to say is Allen (inaudible) in our conference room, he should have that list of items. He's there tonight. If you call that 50-59 number Allen's in there, and I may have a copy of it hee with me if I look through my documents but it's certainly Allen (inaudible) has it in the conference room. He has the list of items

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requested by the Japanese Government, to the United
States, I think is the title of the Document. There's
like 14 items on the page. So if you call that 50-59
number he'll have it. But remember they're items,
even though it says requested, those are items that,
you know.
MR. FRANOVICH: It's a request for
additional information.
MR. CASTO: Yes, that's a good way to put
it, yes it's a request for additional information. So
they're very, it's very slow to get through to the
actual yes, to get the yes.

MR. FRANOVICH: And who, you said there's a single point of contact at the cabinet level, and what's his name?

MR. CASTO:





MR. CASTO: Yes, he's the only one who can speak for the government, (6)(5) He has to approve it, and when you get that list from Allen, remind him that there's three items on the back page, it's two sided.

There's a list of ministries that have Each individual line item, the interest in that.

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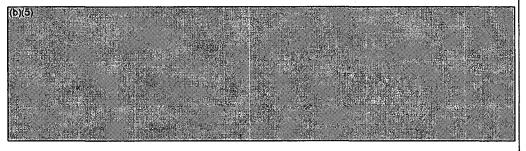
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ministry that's underlined is the lead ministry for that item.

What we're trying to do, what Allen I think will do tonight is he's taking that list and we're building an excel spreadsheet or a power, you know, what's the other thing called? A share point site. I think Allen's trying to either build a share point site or a Excel spreadsheet to track all that stuff. And presumably when the Chairman's logistical organization gets set up, you know, they would deal with all that.

MR. FRANOVICH: You say the consortium Logistical Organization?

MR. CASTO: No, no, the Chairman has



with a logistical support organization to track and flow all that equipment.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Headquarters Operations
Officer, Jim Dyer, is coming to the bridge.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: I think you are already on top of this issue, I'm trying to find my notes on it, but (inaudible) call it was mentioned that we want to

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pull together the cost of this endeavor, it's due tomorrow at noon? HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS OFFICER: We already submitted our costs. Okay, I thought that's MR. ZIMMERMAN: what you were telling me but I didn't put it together with the request because I hadn't heard the request come in yet. You guys were all over it and we did our part. HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS OFFICER: Yes, we 10 submitted it at 3:30 this afternoon, we were suppose 11 to submit to OMB, now that's the request that was 12 talking about. 13 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, that was it. 14 HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS OFFICER: 15 Okay, 16 yes it went in at 3:30 this afternoon. MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, you over achieved as 17 18 usual. HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS OFFICER: Yes, it 19 was about 2 million bucks so far. 20 21 (CONFERENCE CALL ENDED) 22 23 24

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(CONFERENCE CALL INITIATED) 1:55

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Chairman (inaudible)
You're on the line.

Thank you for calling in, I want to let you know that we untangled the earlier issue with



(inaudible) will be going over. Okay, I just wanted to get that off of your mind.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you, I appreciate that.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: The (inaudible) call I can include that in what I send you at 10:00, from the secure video teleconference. I can give you a quick rundown or I can just put it in what we send you at 10:00 so I don't disturb you too much.

CHAIRMAN: Yes, if you want to give me a rundown right now, that's fine.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, I covered the point that you raised in terms of the dynamic situation. The fact that, you know, we've had good days and bad days and (inaudible) the events from day to day, how things are going as well as the challenges with

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communication, they all basically said they re experiencing the same thing with their communications.

They have some basic questions in terms of the status of the facility, and what's happening in the cores and so forth. And at a high level, I walked them through that. (inaudible) what was occurring at Unit 3, so they've got that information.

liquid KI that they're ready to provide to the Japanese should they formally request it. And I indicated (b)(5)

It's down to the (inaudible) one of the fresh water barges is underway to the site. Which is information we did not yet have. So that was good news that hopefully the barges will get thee sooner rather than later.

CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry, I'm getting terrible (inaudible), I didn't get that last point, something about the tug?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: The fresh water barges and that it looks like one of them is on it's way, and considerably along it's way, maybe 20 hours into the trip. That was better news than we had been able to put together here so far.

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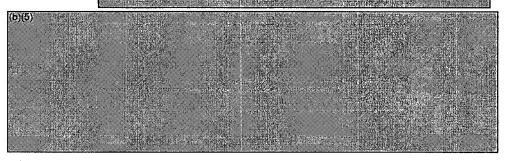
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Considerable discussion about what they term book ending, the modeling. They're interested in a full (inaudible) document from DOE that other agencies including us would respond to. We're trying to be able to understand what worst case could look like, what is the more optimistic view, and that's an activity that continues to work.

It was interesting that (inaudible) made the comment that there's just too many opinions, he's not a big fan of these models, and making decisions from, you know, from what's on the ground is a key component of this.

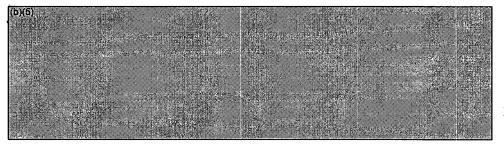
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But they're requesting from us that we maintain tight communication with them and as soon as



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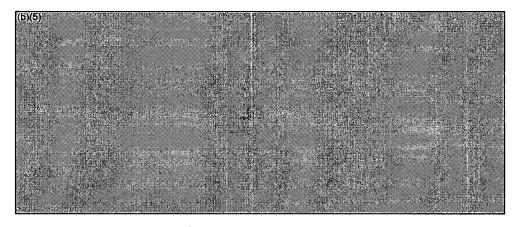
indicated we would do that.

There's hoarding of water taking place, and Coca Cola and Cosco have offered donations for Japanese which looks like they're going to accept because they are running low on water.

I think that's probably the highlights for now, I don't want to take up too much of your time.

CHAIRMAN: Did you get a sense on the logistical support team, was there any progress for that?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Well, I told them what we were doing in terms of trying to set that up, and being having more in country, I mean, that's encouraging but they seemed very much like us, you know, a step forward, a step backward. That we see the (inaudible) and they recognize no two days are the same.



CHAIRMAN: Good and if you could just send me all this too in a quick write up it would be

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1	helpful so I could just refer back to it if I need to.
2	MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, you ask a question
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4	that would be 6:30 EST. From Chuck's perspective. If
5	that works for you then we'll put that on the dance
6	card.
7	CHAIRMAN: Good and that's in the morning
8	or the evening?
9	MR. ZIMMERMAN: In the evening, 6:30 p.m.
10	Eastern time. Okay that will start when, tomorrow?
11	CHAIRMAN: Yes, that's perfect.
12	MR. ZIMMERMAN: Alright, very good, that's
13	all for now, thank you.
14	CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Roy.
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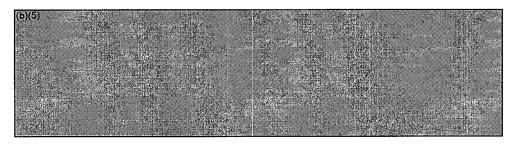
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# (CONFERENCE CALL INITIATED) 2:07

ELLIOT: Hey, Roy and Bill, this is Elliot. Listen I apologize for interrupting I cannot be on the 8:00 call, but I just wanted to pass something on. I have been working (b)(5) getting some kind of PR associated with their machine, when and if it ever works.

And just in case people ask about it we're



I would need some NRC person to be available for an interview on the NRC side, Bill or members of his team, who are involved in drawing the drawings, that kind of stuff. So just a heads up on that regard.

MALE PARTICIPANT: What day are you looking at, this is next week sometime right?

ELLIOT: Well, hopefully next week. I told them don't do anything until they are absolutely certain that the machine is both deployed and working

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MALE PARTICIPANT: Very good answer, thank you.

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MALE PARTICIPANT: We're going to revise that in there that the Japanese government is asking people within 20 to 30 kilometers to evacuate.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay, so I'm going to tell you what came out of the Sitreps and a little bit of what I pickup up during the day and then I need you to tell me things that would be appropriate for the (inaudible) brief.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: You've have a copy of the 6:00.

(Off the record comments. This section comes in and out on the audio, but seems to pertain to the incident.)

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, I should have that now, I don't know if I do but it went out. This is the secure video teleconference brief. There was a lot of interest on trying to understand from us the projectory and prognosis for what's going on. So I walked them through that, I told them that things are very dynamic, so it changes day to day.

So once we get optimistic it doesn't last

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I told them communications did improve when it comes to the team but it's still difficult to get (inaudible) and accurate information. (inaudible) did report today that a million bottles of liquid KI to assist the Japanese, if it's requested. I told them I didn't know, (inaudible) similarly they had a million doses (inaudible) I don't know if they're double counting, I don't think they are.

FEMALE PARTICIPANT: (b)(5) are tablets, (inaudible) are liquid.

MALE PARTICIPANT:



their story on the barges was, one barge has left is a long way there. It's something like a 30 hour trip and it's 20 hours underway. Best news we had is that it hadn't left yet, and he said oh yes it left. One barge has left. (inaudible) was asked whether Tokyo has potential to be (inaudible) and he indicated that was highly unlikely.

A lot of discussion about book ending (inaudible) scenarios a less conservative, the

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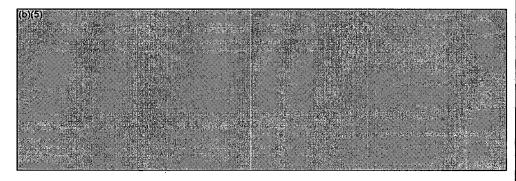
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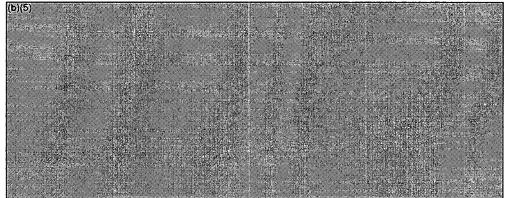
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workers and competitive conflict and the conflict and the

optimistic one and the worst case, whatever we're calling it. (inaudible) so he has it (inaudible) indicated that there's just too many opinions to factor into the modeling decisions and he prefers to make decisions on what's happening on the ground. He recognizes the importance that modeling plays in the factor but (inaudible).

Okay another thing of importance, (inaudible) is trying to look at the fact that they





so I told them I understand that we're going to get them as early (6)(5)

can. I made that commitment for these, that's a tough call right?

MALE PARTICIPANT: No, given time line.

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MALE PARTICIPANT: What it means is we need to be conservative, and when things go bump in the night we need to let them know, and if that means, part of that is well buddy up with us that there's not a lot of yapping time or they don't know what we're doing. (inaudible) really pick it up and when Vince goes out there he'll be doing a lot that contact for us. 10 MALE PARTICIPANT: This the guy that's 11 going to Hawaii? 12 MALE PARTICIPANT: So that tack on piece 13 is important that we need to be on the front end to 14 15 16 (inaudible) Japanese 17 are government is wiling to take donations from Cosco and 18 Coca Cola have offered and they're accepting. 1.9 then their were questions if equipment goes to Japan 20 and gets contaminated, the answer is if it goes in 21 22 clean (inaudible). 23 24 25

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MR. ZIMMERMAN: I believe you've got the briefing sheet it has 0600 on it and then pen and inked over to 1500? Or maybe it hasn't made it to you yet.

CHAIRMAN: I don't think it has, or it's made it to my office but not to me.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, let me run through the things that are on that sheet. Fresh water injection is being provided to Units 1 and 3. The big issue of the day, as I'm sure you're well aware is on the media, the flooding of the turbine building of Unit 3. That shows evidence that the is water contaminated with radioisotopes from the fuel itself. Not from the spent fuel pool but from the reactor.

So that flow (inaudible) is something that is not yet clear to us, likely in Japan they're working on that as well, trying to understand what that flow (inaudible) is.

CHAIRMAN: Do we know what the source of the fresh water is at this point? Did the barges

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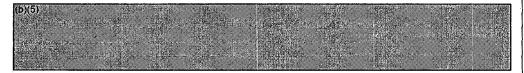
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MR. ZIMMERMAN: It's the later, they have reservoir that has a limited amount of fresh water, and they're using that. It sounds as though the barges may not have even left yet. They have to get pulled by tugs, the tugs apparently had priorities so they've been trying to work out the logistics to free up, (6)(5)

And then the value I heard is about 30 hours to be able to be able to transport the barges up to the unit. Again, not sure that's exactly accurate times but those are at least ballpark of what we're hearing.

CHAIRMAN: What can we do to kind of help move these things along?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Well, one of the things is probably to continue to work (b)(5) as they requested. One of the things that we were working on yesterday evening (b)(5)).



happening (inaudible) to his organization but his interest which I was told you were aware of us, his interest last night is they were looking for us to

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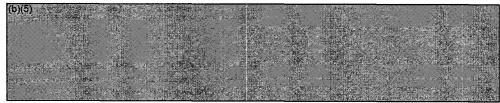
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provide somebody to Honolulu to stay with him to drive things to completion. Similar to what Chuck Casto is doing with the Ambassador.

And I guess over the last couple of shifts we opted that that was not something that we felt we could support. I don't know if that's news to you or not?

CHAIRMAN: Yes, that's complete news to me and I would have liked to have been involved in that decision making. I would like us to be able to support that.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, we'll run down how we got turned off. But the request that was made last night was similar to what you just indicated. I had





things to him so we can get things done. But then when I took the shift today I was told that that was something that we were not going to do. I also heard that you were informed of that. I could take it from there, let us work that back.

But if you're saying you are supportive

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let's try to move somebody out to Honolulu to be to able to work with Admiral Willard.

CHAIRMAN: Well if he's in Japan then we would just, I think supply somebody to Japan.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: I think that's only for a short period of time. I don't think he's, from what I understand he's not going to Japan, he's going back to Honolulu.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, wherever, if he needs a support person then I think we should look to do that.

Now we also have this logistical team that's suppose to have been stood up or is in the process of being stood up. It's gotten the green light, so it needs to be stood up.

That may also maybe be addressing that concern, so that may have been why that got turned off, but yes if you could just give me an explanation, but let's get it turned back on again and see how we could support that.

BILL: I'm sorry, this is Bill, you know Eric had a call with I think Admiral Willard today and he was quite satisfied with the communication channels we were going to prepare or going to set up, by telephone, just to keep him appraised of NRC activities.

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MALE PARTICIPANT: There's confusion,
Bill, because I got an email from the gentleman within
the last hour that I spoke to last night, asking how
we were coming along with supplying somebody.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, why don't you just double back, Roy, let's try and track it down. I'm supportive of trying to support them because I think the more we have communication there I think the more it helps keep us from getting dragged off into other directions. So if we have a good contact with him then we can help kind of keep them focused on the right things.

But hopefully this logistical support team will fill this void, and alleviate the need to do it but see what you can do, track it down, figure out exactly if they still need it or not. Okay, if you can get back to me with that by 7:00 tonight.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay.

MALE PARTICIPANT: And, Roy, I just forwarded an email from Eric Leeds that described the results of his phone call with (inaudible)

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Right that's why there's some confusion that we'll try to figure it out. Other items, DOE is taking the lead of working with Japan on the robotics. The Japanese are very interested in the

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The Japanese are training on the pumping system that came in from Australia, looks like we want to do one more day of training tomorrow, then they'll be looking at moving the equipment out to the site.

We talked about the barges already, not yet left for the site. The severe accident management strategies that were coordinated by the Reactor Safety Team have been provided to Chuck and then over to (inaudible) and will get discussed with TEPCO tomorrow.

And other than that, again, I think the big interest is, the big news of the day was the information about the turbine building flooding. I got a (inaudible) call at 4:00 today that will pick on the last call that was done a few days ago. Interest there was on the reentry guidance, a view of citizens to be able to go back to retrieve belongings. And that has been pulled together by the DMT.

And the other (inaudible) item had to do with providing information coming from the U.S. power plants, the various radiation monitoring stations and providing that and that looks like that's working well (inaudible)

CHAIRMAN: If you can continue to

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I think if you can continue to reinforce the fact that we have not turned the corner and there's still the potential, and again, correct me if I'm wrong, but there's still the potential for more serious degradation in the situation.

I think that needs to be emphasized and if you can also try to get information, if you have the opportunity, about the logistic team and what the time line will be to have that, you know, with a person in Japan who will be doing that.

Because that was basically signed off on last night, so I think hopefully this will be a focus of the effort now to get somebody there, things like the barges, the robotics, it would be a person who would be coordinating all that and make sure it gets done, you know, can track it and complete it.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Will do Chairman.

CHAIRMAN: So in terms of your priorities for your next shift, what are you looking at?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Initially preparing for the (inaudible) call, during our first conversation with the in country team with Chuck we'll see what we

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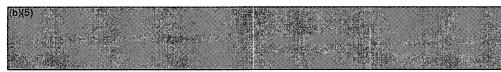
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can do to be able to support them.

High on the list other than that is trying to make sure we have as accurate as data as possible,



Try to understand whether their satisfied with the (inaudible) briefs or whether they're still looking for somebody to be out there to try help with some of those statistical issues.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, good. And I would like to talk to the team at least once a day, to Chuck, so can we figure on a time to do that. Either, you know, whatever is most convenient for him. Either in the evenings or mornings depending on what how his schedule works out. So you could work on that and set that up if we could do it maybe this evening, or like I say whenever he's got a good time.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Very good, we'll work on it.

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(CONFERENCE CALL INITIATED)

MR. ZIMMERMAN: The plan for today is similar to go over some of the more significant updates through the day and then answer your questions.

Are the on again, off again, aspects of the fresh water injections to the units, right now they do have fresh water injections at Units 1 and 3.

However they are not yet from the barges, they are from tanks that have limited sources of reservoir, I don't think we have a good feel for how long those reservoir are will hold out.

But at least they're getting fresh water injection and greater flow going into Units 1 and 3. And I'll talk more about that importance in a moment. The issue that seems to capture the day in the media, was the flooding in the turbine building at Unit 3. Where they found elevated of iodine and (inaudible) which appear to have been leakage from the core. Which would indicate a likely breach of containment,

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COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS 1323 RHODE ISLAND AVE., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3701 primary containment. We don't have a path at this time for how that may have occurred. That is something that we are looking into.

The (inaudible)toured on Unit 5, and electrically power has been supplied to all six units let me say, up to the front gates and at varying levels to each of the individual reactors as they continue to measure equipment and see what's operable what needs to be skid mounted, and turn lights on in the control rooms and so forth.

The power comes back or it comes back in a somewhat unique fashion for each facility, depending on what the damage was. The DMT has been working on short term dose runs of NARAC per in country of, and I'll speak a little bit more about some of the modeling that's been done.

robotics, (b)(5)
robotics and environmental issues, so that's being pursued.

The pumping system that came in from Australia, the Japanese have taken a day of training thus far on it and have another day of training planned for tomorrow. And then the Self Defense Force is ready to move the equipment to the site. So

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hopefully before the weekend is out we'll have some information about the pumping system.

With regard to trying to have a greater longevity of fresh water injection, the Navy is using tugs to bring up the two fresh water barges. At least one of those barges has left and is probably more than halfway to the facility. So hopefully it'll be at the facility sometimes tomorrow.

I don't have a good status on the second barge, but hopefully it's not far behind. The info representative and the in-country team continue to get seats at the table with TEPCO's emergency op center. And hopefully that chemistry will continue to grow with each passing day.

We have provided the severe active management strategies that talk about fresh water inerting the dry well, et cetera too. The NRC came and they've shared it with counterpart at NISA Regulator and it'll be discussed with TEPCO. If not today, tomorrow.

Other issues is, again, it looks as though



logistics together for this. They've asked for additional support.

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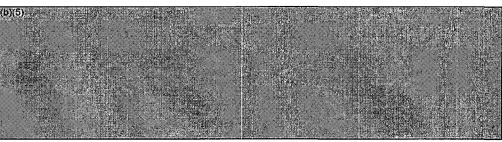
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MR. ZIMMERMAN:



Honolulu starting on Monday. And again, it's somebody

can depend on for background on the

ins and outs on the NRC and concerns that the NRC may

have where he may feel that he has some leverage where

he can try to break some things free.

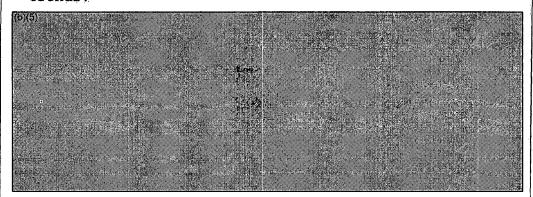
So that's an oversight, just a quick overview of today. I wanted to share a little bit from a secure call that I was on. I need to be careful recognizing we're on an open line. But I will share a little bit of information that I feel comfortable with.

There was a lot of information that was posed to the NRC about how we see the issued trajectory and prognosis for the present site. And made it clear that it's been a roller coaster ride and it's a step forward, a step back. And very, very dynamic. And can't really trend direction more than a few hours at a time.

And the attendees seem to understand that

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There was a question raised about, and I'll kind of fuzz this up a little bit, in terms of Tokyo and any dangers in Tokyo beyond what you've read about with regard to (inaudible) in tapwater. And it's viewed as unlikely that there would be other radiological significant problems for Tokyo.

And there was some dialogue about there's so many different opinions on, once you go into the modeling, that in a lot of cases it's using the information that you have on the ground and using it effectively and continuing to take active readings.

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we will maintain a tight connection with them, with Vince going out to Honolulu will be part of that.

If something bad is forthcoming they're interested in having an advanced notice of that so

they can do that. And I won't go any further on that topic.

With regard to hoarding of water which is taking place in Japan. Coca Cola and Costco have offered donations that have been accepted by Japan.

And a couple other things that I think are of lesser importance. I think I've hit the highlights. Before I ask the team to correct or add on to what I've gone over and then go to your questions, I'll mention this while I'm thinking of it so I don't forget it and we hang up the phone.

The briefing for tomorrow can really be your call. There's no reason it has to occur at 7:30 in the morning and put a burden on yourself. If you all prefer 8:00 or 8:30 for the TA Brief tomorrow we'd

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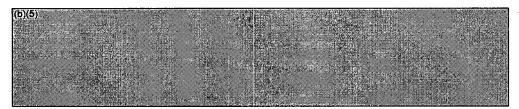
be glad to do that from here.

So when this call's over, unless you've already made up your mind you like it, we'll close on what time you want your brief.

Okay so let me ask the team here, before we go to questions, anything that you want to add or correct in what I went over? Okay, we're ready to take questions.

MR. ORDERS: Roy, this Bill Orders. The salt accumulation in the vessel, is that going to prevent any cooling activity?

MR. RULAND: This is Bill Ruland. As you're no doubt aware our assessment, and when I say



that were already in place of how to fight a casualty the salt is probably the only thing that wasn't considered.

So when you look at the SAM-Gs you've got to think about, okay, these are really good recommendations. But how does the salt in the, you know, the salt accumulation alter the recommendations. So that has been considered. Our best estimate is that the salt is probably at the bottom of the core

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And, in at least one case, the salt has probably plugged up the core spray nozzle. So the salt has, you know, there is literally tons of salt in these reactor vessels. And the exact configuration of the salt mixed in with core debris is frankly unknown at this point.

So it is a recognized problem that we're trying to deal with, I mean the Japanese are trying to deal with and we're trying to provide them recommendations.

As you've heard about the briefing, both Unit 1 and Unit 3 are now injecting freshwater and our recommendations to the site team, which is passed along to the Japanese is, in fact, that it's of paramount importance to get freshwater injection from here out.

So yes, let me go back to your question.

The salt, in fact, could be hampering heat removal for some of the core or core debris.

MR. ORDER: Okay. Thank you. One other question. On a number of the units it says that the reactor recirc pumps, the seals could be failed. Does that mean we're pumping water in, it's going to the floor? And primary containment?

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MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, yes it is. (b)(5)
the original source of that assessment and we don't
disagree with it. You know, they said it's very
likely that the seals have failed. I think at least
on two of the reactors that was our conclusion, that
those seals had failed.

They have, those seals have like a breakdown orifice associated with them to release at high, at operating pressure, that if they sprung a leak that would limit the leakage rate. But with salt and the low pressures it's unclear exactly how much is going there.

We've done some preliminary calculations about, you know, given assumed flow rates there's about a million and a quarter gallons of volume, at least in drywell. And depending on the calculations and assumptions about how much water has been going in there, there could possibly be 750,000 gallons of water has been injected.

And these numbers, please don't take these numbers, and I know you won't, to the bank. But these numbers could be widely varying. But there has been substantial amounts of water injected into the, or ended up in the drywell.

MR. ORDER: I understand. One more

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111 question and then I'll yield the floor. Unit 3, Turret Building, contaminated. How did that happen? MR. ZIMMERMAN: We just have theories but

that's all we have at this point. You know it could be a number of things. And really at this point we really don't know. It could be, you know, some sort of condensation, it could be water has gone down the main steam lines. You know, like I said at this point and I'm feeling that the fact that I even mentioned something, I'm starting to hesitate.

MR. ORDER: Yes, I understand. Got you. What about, let me ask you this. The people that were contaminated on their feet, was that Turbine Building or Ops Building?

CINDY: Turbine.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Turbine Building.

That's what I thought. Okay. MR. ORDER: I'm done. Thank you.

MR. CASTLEMAN: Hi, this is Pat Castleman. In today's EDO Daily Notes they mentioned the fact that there was a TI that was issued for our inspectors to go out and verify that beyond-sign basis measures are still in place and functional. Is that TI available on the internal web? And if not, can we get a copy of that please?

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1	MALE PARTICIPANT: Hey, Pat?
2	MR. CASTLEMAN: Yes?
3	MALE PARTICIPANT: I'm not sure that
4	we're, the OP Center, is actually following that but
5	that's one of the things that NRR is looking into. I
6	would check with NRR in the morning on that.
7	MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay. Sounds good. And
8	just as an administrative note, an 8:30 conference
9	call works for me.
10	MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, since you raised it,
11	does it work for the other TAs as well so we can
12	settle that? Or is there a preferred other time?
13	MALE PARTICIPANT: I concur on that.
14	MALE PARTICIPANT: Me too.
15	MR. HIPSCHMAN: This is Tom Hipschman, I'm
16	okay with anytime the other guys want to.
17	MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay.
18	MALE PARTICIPANT: They're all good.
19	MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, hearing nothing
20	different, the call tomorrow will be at 8:30. But if
21	there's no questions we remain here, we have nowhere
22	to go:
23	MR. ORDER: Hey, this is John Order, I've
24	got one more question. Are you ready, Roy?
25	MR ZIMMERMAN: Yes.

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긔	MR. ORDER: On the secure call. The items
2	that you list ?? Not want them repeated? Usually I
3	formulate and email them.
4	MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay. What was your
5	question, John.
6	MR. ORDER: You had a secure call, but
7	then you felt comfortable telling us six things. And
8	I want to know if that's okay to repeat those six
9	things or did you want it held in closer?
10	MR. ZIMMERMAN: No, you can release them
11	to people that you feel have a need to know.
12	MR. ORDER: Okay. All right, that's fine.
13	Thank you.
14	MR. ZIMMERMAN: I wouldn't put out an
15	office-wide broadcast of it though.
16	MR. ORDER: Well, that's what I'm worried
17	about. So the (inaudible) command is still a
18	decision, right?
19	MR. ZIMMERMAN: That's how we have, is
20	that (inaudible) command is going to be picking up the
21	lead for the Federal Government.
22	MR. ORDER: Yes, and I don't know if I'll
23	repeat any of this stuff. I just wanted to make sure
24	if it was stuff you didn't want spread.
25	MR. ZIMMERMAN: No, I mean sitting down

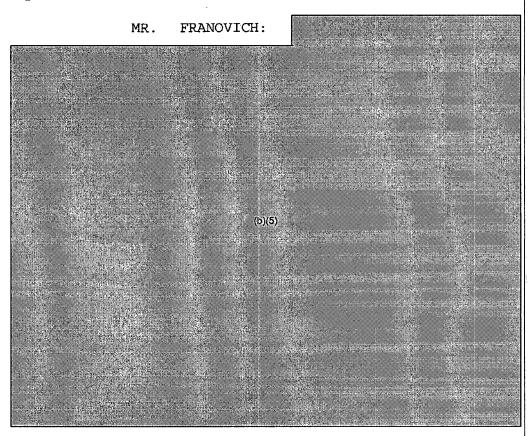
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MR. ORDER: Yes. And the secure call was with who? Was it with everybody, like all those entities?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, it was with the acronyms.

MR. ORDER: Okay. All right, thank you, Roy.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: You're welcome. Any other questions?



MR. FRANOVICH: If you look at them real close there's some interesting things. In particular

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around Unit 3. You have to study it really hard, but it would explain an awful lot of what we're seeing in terms of doses. I'll just put it that way.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Well, that's why we're trying to be able to get folks to take a look at it. We haven't given up on it. I think we're going to be successful, it's just taking longer than any of us would like.

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay, and then this morning we talked about, with Jim Dyer, I'll call it



Whether or not RHR should be put in service, those kind of issues.

I had asked this morning if we could get a copy of that recommendation and analysis whenever it's, at your leisure, but we would like to see, I know my principle would be interested in seeing that.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay. We're drawing blanks here a little bit. Why don't you just give it one more time and we'll try to make sure we know what you're asking for.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Let me ask a question about that. The Reactor Safety Team has produced a document that is much broader than what you had

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described. And it has the plant status for each unit.

It has our assessment of that information. And then
it has a recommendation about what should be done with
that unit.

And by and large it's what the SAM-Gs recommend, with some additional information in it.

And that is the document that we've been working, you know, we've produced two different versions of that document.

So that's the document we've been working from. You know, I don't have the document, well, I have the document here with me. Can you say again what unit that was?

MR. FRANOVICH: That was no specific unit, in fact we were not even told that was by unit.

That's new information so I appreciate that. But I had an impression that we were coming to some

And that was one of the issues that was going to be resolved between our two agencies and then we --

MALE PARTICIPANT: Bill, that's the document.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Yes, that's how it was

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resolved, through the document that Bill's got in front of him.

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay, and that's what we requested this morning, if we could see that. At least our office. I'd imagine the other offices are interested as well.

MR. ORDERS: This is Bill, the answer's yes.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Okay we can get this to you. There was, as a matter of fact, the document has references to all the parties that have been supplying information to this document. And recently, maybe a couple of hours ago, I had a phone call

And based on that conversation we need to correct this document a little bit.

As you know are sensitive about how we use their name. Or about whose recommendations these are, these kinds of things. So we're in the middle of correcting this document right now. So I would propose that once we get that corrected version, it's that corrected version we would forward to you.

MR. FRANOVICH: That's fine. That's very appropriate so I don't have an issue with that.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Now what you all have

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to recognize is that's a snapshot in time. And that we're going to be working with Chuck and the site team to advance that document.

MR. FRANOVICH: Understood.

MALE PARTICIPANT: Once again, it's about the best information that we have at this moment. But I would expect over the next 24 hours it's going to evolve significantly.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: We've changed it, there's been the original document went out, probably last night at about 10 o'clock. At revision went out about 2 o'clock or 3 o'clock, today, was the revision to it.

And we're using this document as a really, not only a focus point, or communication tool so all the parties have an understanding of kind of what we're saying. And it also helps us get by, make sure we're inclusive to basically bring in all the relevant expertise on this matter.

MALE PARTICIPANT: In future generations of this document we want to try to convey where we see TEPCO relative to each of the recommendations that we're making. And this is something that Chuck and the site team are going to have to help us complete.

And this is a U.S. document only, meaning TEPCO hasn't bought into it yet.

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119 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Well not only that, it's my understanding this document is not going to be given to anybody. This is a NRC document. So we would use it as the site team would use it as a point of discussion. With our Japanese colleagues. MALE PARTICIPANT: And we've resolved the issue, you know, at one point (b)(5) We're not going to do that? a matter of fact MR. ORDERS: Yes, as

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MR. FRANOVICH: Okay, great. Thank you.

MR. ORDERS: And there has been (6)(5) representative, at least during the day, here in the incident response center. With the Reactor Safety



MR. FRANOVICH: Great, thanks, Bill.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Any other questions.

this Pat CASTLEMAN: Yes, I have a couple of questions. First, do Castleman. we have any more information on radiation health affects, both onsite and offsite?

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CINDY: We do not.

MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay. And then the next thing is, it was briefed this morning that the staff was compiling a summary of the RASCAL runs that have been performed to date. And also that there was going to be a compendium put together of the different offsite contamination levels. Is that done yet?

CINDY: The RASCAL runs are, for the most part done, we're trying marry them up with NARAC summaries, of which we do not have all of the NARAC summaries because of the more urgent higher priority ones that NARAC is doing (6)(5)

We have two orange binders that contain that information. As far as the air monitoring data that we get from around the plant. A couple of people have taken the information and tried to plot it. So that we can see what it looks like in trends.

And that's still a work in progress. But we certainly can see looking at it, just a few slides right now, we certainly can see over the past week, week and a half, where there were increases in radioactivity releases that jive at the same time that the plant had a problem or explosion.

So that's still a work in progress. The data sheets that come in are about four or five pages,

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in Japanese, that are translated. We then painstakingly put those in a spreadsheet to try to get a plot.

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay. Sounds good. And then next question I have is that the last pages of Sitrep discusses the latest results from the NARAC run? How do those results jive with the 50 mile evacuation recommendation?

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Why don't you repeat that one more time?

MR. FRANOVICH: Okay. The last page of tonight's situation report discusses the latest results from the NARAC analysis. And what I was wondering is how do those results jive with the 50 mile evacuation recommendation?

recommendation still is a very conservative estimate. These runs that are done, which are called plausible realistic (inaudible), which I understand is going to be changed, perhaps a term like hypothetical model, is still within the existing Japanese protective guidelines of 20 kilometers for evacuation.

MALE PARTICIPANT: And, Cindy, You indicated earlier that the Japanese have a voluntary evacuation out from 20 to 30 kilometers?

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CINDY: Right. And that's in the updated version you got of the Sitrep, I think, at 8:00 or 8:10, the updated version of this says there was press release that was issued by the Japanese indicating that any residents within 20 to 30 kilometers could voluntarily evacuate. And that was not from any situation at the plant.

But rather it's just very difficult for people to get around and move around that area, between 20 and 30 kilometers, so there is a request for a voluntary evacuation from 20 to 30. But that's not based on radiation dose estimates.

MR. FRANOVICH: Wow, that's interesting. You know, because what I had seen on the news is that the tsunami went in maximum of six miles and so forth. So that's pretty much a testament to the amount of disruption that's occurred to the whole infrastructure there.

CINDY: exactly.

MR. ZIMMERMAN: Any other questions?

MR. CAMERON: Hey, Roy. This is James Cameron. You mentioned the other night about information that the in-country team had obtained from a NISA rep, is there any progress on getting that translated and has it given any insight?

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MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, we've had it translated. And actually the next task is to take that data and bounce it against the assessments that we've made and to see if it changes any of our viewpoints. That hasn't been done yet. MR. CAMERON: Okay. MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay, going once. Last call. MR. CASTLEMAN: Okay, this Castleman, and no I don't have a last call. I'm going 10 to spare everybody, thank you. 11 MR. ZIMMERMAN: All right. We wish you 12 13 all a pleasant weekend. MR. CASTLEMAN: And thank you. Thank you 14 for the good briefing. 15 16 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Thanks very much. Good 17 night. (CONFERENCE CALL ENDED.) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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