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7	MARK BODOH :
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11	Conference Room B
12	Administration Building
13	Nine Mile Point Nuclear
14	Power Plant, Unit Two
15	Lake Road
16	. Scriba, New York 13093
17	Monday, August 19, 1991
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19	The interview commenced, pursuant to notice,
20	at 10:22 a.m.
21	PRESENT FOR THE IIT:
22	John Kauffman, NRC
23	William Vatter, INPO
24	PRESENT WITH MR. BODOH:
25	Mike Colomb, Niagara Mohawk

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	[10:22 a.m.]
3	MR. KAUFFMAN: It's August 19 at 10:22 a.m. We're
4	in the Nine Mile Point, Unit Two, P admin building. We're
5	here conducting an interview of Mark Bodoh concerning the
6	Nine Mile Point Two event of August 13, 1991.
7	I'm John Kauffman, NRC. I'll be leading the
8	interview.
9	MR. VATTER: I'm Bill Vatter. I work for INPO.
10	MR. COLOMB: I'm Mike Colomb. I work for Niagara
11	Mohawk. I'm the operations manager at Unit Two.
12	MR. BODOH: I'm Mark Bodoh. I'm a reactor
13	operator, control room operator. I've had a license for
14	approximately a little over a year and a half. Prior to
15	that I was a non-licensed operator, and prior to that I was
16	a nuclear machinist's mate in the Navy for six years.
17	MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay, Mark. My understanding is,
18	you were on the midnight shift the night that the UPS
19	transformers were lost. I'd like for you to tell us the
20	plant conditions, a little bit about the equipment out of
21	service prior to the event, and then, when the event
22	occurred, the indications you saw and the actions you took
23	and that others were taking, to the best of your
24	recollection.

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MR. BODOH: You want me to give you a dissertation

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of everything I saw and did?

2 MR. KAUFFMAN: As best you can. At certain 3 points we may interrupt and ask questions about specifics, 4 but just kind of walk us through the event, if you can.

MR. BODOH: All right.

6 MR. VATTER: Maybe you could start by saying in 7 general what your responsibility was during the shift and 8 where you were before it happened and when it happened, that 9 kind of thing.

MR. BODOH: I was the control room reactor operator. My specific duties are to take direction from the CSO and monitor the electric plant and balance of plant. That's not all that I do. The CSO and myself basically share the responsibilities of monitoring both the reactor plant, the electric plant, and the balance of plant.

16 Normal shift duties, aside from monitoring 17 everything, is to respond to annunciators in the control 18 room and, I guess, give orders to the non-licensed personnel 19 in the plant in accordance with what's put out at the night 20 notes. As such, I'm not specifically assigned to be in the 21 control room the whole time. At the time of the incident, I 22 was in the locker room. I was changing my shoes. This was 23 just prior to the event.

24 MR. VATTER: You had taken a break to go out of 25 the locker room? .

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MR. BODOH: That's correct.

2 MR. VATTER: What was your reason for going there? 3 MR. BODOH: I was changing my shoes. Normally I 4 wear tennis shoes. If I have to go out in the plant, I have 5 safety shoes that I put on, so I put them on at the 6 beginning of shift and I change them just prior to the end 7 of shift.

8 MR. VATTER: Oh, okay. So you were getting ready 9 for the end of shift.

MR. BODOH: For shift turnover, correct.

In the locker room, I heard a boom, and the lights dimmed. Immediately I called the control room on the telephone and talked with the CSO. I asked him what was going on. His response at that time was, I don't know. I told him that I was on my way up to the control room.

Upon entering the control room, the biggest thing I noticed -- I came in the back door -- was that it was very, very quiet. Normally you hear the alarm typers or printers; you hear the fans; there was no sound whatsoever. It was very, very quiet. As I came up at the controls area, I noticed that we had no annunciators, except for a few that were flashing, but there were no sounds, no audible alarms.

23 MR. VATTER: Excuse me. When you came into the 24 control room, was Don Bosnic coming into the control room at 25 about the same time? Do you remember seeing him?

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MR. BODOH: Not when I first entered.

MR. VATTER: That was later.

MR. BODOH: Yes.

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MR. VATTER: Okay. Excuse me. Go ahead.

5 MR. BODOH: Upon entering the control room, the 6 SSS, Mike Conway, directed me to go to the relay room and 7 look at our relay instrumentation for the normal station 8 service transformer. I exited the control room and, on my 9 way down, noted that we had no emergency lighting or egress 10 lighting in the hallways going down to the relay room.

11 MR. KAUFFMAN: Can you give me -- I'm not 12 familiar with your plant. If you could tell me the 13 elevations.

14 MR. BODOH: I left from elevation 306, and I was 15 headed to elevation 288 in the control building. In the 16 stairwell, there were no lights. I didn't have a flashlight 17 with me when I exited the control room. At that time I felt 18 a sense of urgency to get to the relay room to see what 19 indications we had for the normal station service 20 transformer, so I used the handrail and went cautiously down 21 the stairs. Roughly halfway down to the elevation, you 22 could see light coming through the door from the next 23 elevation, so I continued down.

I entered the relay room, and I went to the normal station service transformer relaying. I noted that the

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primary and backup protection -- the 86 relays were all in, the lock-out relays. I also noticed that we had the generator phase differential over current flagged. At that point I headed back up to the control room and relayed that information to the SSS. Then I stationed myself at panel 603 to see if I could determine what reactor power, reactor pressure, and reactor vessel level were.

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8 The mode switch was already in shutdown, and a 9 portion of the immediate scram actions had already been 10 carried out.

MR. VATTER: Do you know who put the mode switch in shutdown?

MR. BODOH: The CSO.

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14 MR. VATTER: And you were there when that 15 happened?

MR. BODOH: No, I was not.

MR. VATTER: Was that between the time that you left to go to the relay room and came back that that happened?

20 MR. BODOH: That was done prior to my first 21 entering the control room.

22 MR. VATTER: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. BODOH: When I got to panel 603, vessel level 24 at that point was just -- I'm not sure of the exact level. 25 We were just above the EOP setpoint at 159.3, and the SSS

had gone to the EOP desk, and he had directed -- At that
 point we weren't in the EOPs. The CSO had stepped back.
 While I was monitoring the 603 panel, we hit 159.3, which is
 our entry level for the emergency operating procedures. The
 SSS asked for what systems we had available for injection.

At that point, I noted that the feed pumps had both tripped. The Alpha condensate booster pump had tripped, and the Charlie condensate booster pump had started.

10 MR. VATTER: The Bravo pump was ---

MR. BODOH: The Bravo pump was running andcontinued running.

MR. VATTER: Is that the first time that younoticed that the feed pumps had tripped?

15 MR. BODOH: Yes.

MR. KAUFFMAN: And that's after you had gone to the relay room.

18 MR. BODOH: That's correct.

I informed that we had two condensate booster pumps and two condensate pumps available for injection. At that point our pressure was roughly around 960 pounds. Another operator was directed to monitor reactor vessel level and reactor pressure using the post-accident monitoring recorders.

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MR. VATTER: Was there any attempt to restart a

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MR. BODOH: No.

3 MR. VATTER: What does the procedure say about a 4 feed pump if it's tripped? To just leave it off and use 5 other water sources?

6 I would look at our procedure for a MR. BODOH: 7 tripped feed pump, and I would have to look at that to tell you exactly what it says. Normally, before we get to a 8 9 condition where we're going to have to trip a feed pump, we 10 take the action so that we make sure the feed pump is in 11 standby and ready to operate. At this point, the feed pump 12 had been warmed up and was available for service and had a 13 hold out on it -- the one pump that we weren't operating, 14 which was Alpha. It had a hold-out on it because we needed 15 for Chemistry to obtain a sample due to a maintenance 16 activity where we had to inject some fermanite into a 17 leaking valve, and they wanted to sample that prior to placing it in service to see that we didn't have any 18 19 contaminants possibly leaching out of the fermanite that we 20 put in and possibly causing us problems with the reactor 21 plant chemistry.

22 MR. VATTER: What would you have needed to do to 23 start a feed pump -- just turn it on, or is there to it than 24 that?

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MR. BODOH: Once the feed pump is in standby, if

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the SSS directed that the feed pump be started, we would still send an operator down and have him look everything over quickly before we actually started it.

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4 MR. VATTER: To put it in standby required you to 5 do what?

There is a whole series of valve line-6 MR. BODOH: 7 ups, checking to see that there is seal water, checking to 8 see that there is cooling in your normal valve line. Along 9 with that, an operator would also have to be sent down to 10 the con-demin system to make sure that we had the proper 11 line-up for demineralizers in service or take them out of 12 service, as necessary, to support the starting of the feed 13 pump.

14 When we entered the EOPs on vessel level, the SSS 15 directed the CSO to manually initiate reactor core isolation 16 cooling, to restore vessel level. The CSO verified that the 17 turbine had tripped, and he manually initiated reactor core isolation cooling using the manual initiation pushbutton. 18 19 At first, the controller is in automatic, and there was some 20 erratic operation of reactor core isolation cooling, so the 21 CSO took manual control and operated it manually until he 22 got all his parameters stabilized to inject to the vessel.

During this time, I was still trying to see if I could find any indication for where the rods were, what power was. I noted also that narrow range instrumentation

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for the A channel was down-scale. Bravo and Charlie were
 indicating a normal condition for the scram.

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MR. VATTER: Which was about what?

4 MR. BODOH: I would be speaking from simulator 5 experience on what vessel would be following the scram.

6 MR. VATTER: So you don't remember what they were 7 reading this time?

Initially upon the scram, it hadn't 8 MR. BODOH: 9 reached 159.3. At 159.3 we received our setpoint set-down, 10 which reduces the setpoint to maintain vessel level lower, 11 so that, after the water is added to the vessel and the subs 12 can swell, the cooler water doesn't cause us further problem 13 by possibly swelling to a point where we would reach our 14 high setpoint and possibly secure our injection, trip our 15 feed pumps.

16 Initially I don't know exactly what level was. I
17 know it was about 159.3.

MR. KAUFFMAN: About long into the event are we talking here about, 6:00, 6:05, 6:10? We're trying to get a ball park on times, because normally we have alarm printouts.

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MR. BODOH: Right.

23 MR. KAUFFMAN: Just a ball park.

24 MR. BODOH: This was prior to 6:00. This was, 25 I'll say, approximately seven, eight minutes into the

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2 From here, a couple other relief operators and an 3 operator off the other shift -- reactor operators -- had 4 come into the control room. One operator was directed to place RHS loop Alpha in suppression pool cooling, and 5 6 another operator was directed to take level control with 7 reactor core isolation cooling. MR. KAUFFMAN: Do you recall what level band he 8 9 was asked to maintain? 10 [Pause.] 11 MR. KAUFFMAN: It's okay if you don't remember. 12 [Pause.] MR. BODOH: I know what level band he would have 13 14 been asked to maintain, but I don't remember specifically 15 hearing it. 16 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. You didn't hear it, but 17 what level band was appropriate? MR. BODOH: From 159.3 to 202.3. 18 19 MR. KAUFFMAN: That's what they would have 20 typically asked? 21 MR. BODOH: Yes. 22 MR. KAUFFMAN: But you don't recall hearing them 23 ask this time. 24 MR. BODOH: I know he asked for a band, but I 25 can't recall what parameters he said.

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12 1 MR. KAUFFMAN: That's fine. 2 MR. COLOMB: Can I ask a question? 3 MR. KAUFFMAN: Sure. MR. COLOMB: You said, what level band would have 4 5 been appropriate. I'm not sure what Mark's basing that "would have been appropriate" on, but --6 7 MR. VATTER: Okay. Some clarification. What would he have expected to hear, based upon experience in the 8 9 simulator, probably more than anything. 10 MR. BODOH: Our EOPs directed us to restore and 11 maintain vessel level, 159.3 to 202.3. 12 MR. VATTER: Right. What I'm really driving at 13 is, would it have been common to have a more narrow band 14 than that for a guy controlling RCIC? Is that what they 15 typically do in the simulator, control at 159.3 to 202.3, or 16 could they --17 MR. BODOH: That is what is directed by our EOPs. 18 MR. VATTER: Okay. That's fine. 19 MR. BODOH: I mean, what's up to the SSS's 20 discretion, what band he gives to the operator. 21 At this point, level was being restored, and we 22 did have indication that level was rising by the PAM 23 recorders -- post-accident monitoring recorders -- and also 24 that our pressure was dropping. And at this point the 25 operator, which was Brian Hilliker, on the controlling level 4 •

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had started to take the steps to place RCIC on a test flow
 path from tank to tank, or the tank that takes the suction
 on the CST and returning to the CST.

In this time frame was when the SSS notified all the control room operators that he was declaring a site area emergency based on having no annunciation and the plant having gone through a transient, and possibly still in the middle of a transient.

9 At this point he also entered one of our 10 contingencies, C-5, for vessel level control. In this 11 interim, I was still looking for and carrying out the 12 immediate actions of the scram. I don't know if you want to 13 know all those, but verifying that the house loads had 14 transferred to off site, the turbine was tripped, clean-up 15 was secured; continuing to drive in all our IRM and SRM 16 detectors so that we could possibly get some indication of 17 what power we were at. The IRMs had already been driven in, 18 and they were still on range 10 and indicating down-scale, 19 although there was no indication on APRMs on panel 603. 20 Also, there was no indication on rod sequence control, the 21 full core display, or the rod worth minimizer at that time. 22 MR. VATTER: Did you select to arrange an IRM that 23 you could see the power?

24 MR. BODOH: I started following power down, and I 25 ended up with all range switches on range 1, and half of the

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indication for the detectors indicated down-scale, and the
 other half had no lights.

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MR. KAUFFMAN: Had which?

MR. BODOH: Had no lights, no light indication. I expected to see down-scale or nothing. Half of them were indicating down-scale, and the other half, there were no lights.

8 MR. KAUFFMAN: What do the signal lights signify? 9 MR. BODOH: That that range is down-scale. 10 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay.

MR. BODOH: When the SRMs had reached full in, I. noted that SRM Charlie was indicating 2 to 3 times 10 to the 4th counts per second, and I informed the SSS of that fact.

14 MR. VATTER: About what time was that?
15 MR. BODOH: I couldn't give you a time.

MR. VATTER: But that's the first that you looked at the SRMs, or the first that they were giving you any indication?

MR. BODOH: This was the first that the SRMs -See, the SRMs had to be driven in, also.

21 MR. VATTER: I understand.

MR. BODOH: When I was first there, the SRMs hadn't been driven in, so I drove the SRMs in. As soon as the SRMs indicated full in, then I gave what indications I had to the SSS.

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1 MR. VATTER: So when the SRMs were full in, the 2 first indication after that was --MR. BODOH: Charlie range reading 2 to 4 times 10 3 to the 4th counts per second. 4 5 Bravo range and Delta range were in, somewhere in 6 the range of five times ten to the third. 7 Alpha SRM at that point was inop. The B -- the Bravo and Charlie were 8 MR. VATTER: 9 five times ten to the third? 10 MR. BODOH: Bravo and Delta. 11 MR. VATTER: Bravo and Delta --12 MR. BODOH: Approximately. That's right and Charlie was two to 13 MR. VATTER: 14 four times ten to the fourth? 15 MR. BODOH: Correct. It had been noted that 16 Charlie normally read higher than the other ranges. 17 MR. VATTER: That was a known situation. 18 MR. BODOH: Excuse me? 19 MR. VATTER: That was a known situation that --20 MR. BODOH: Yes, and we were also getting 21 intermittent short period on range Charlie, which was also 22 noted. 23 At this time we had added enough water to the 24 vessel that level was starting to swell and the operator 25 controlling level had already placed RCIC in its test flow

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1 path from CST to CST.

We had reached greater than 202 inches, at which 2 3 point we would have expected to get the high level trip 4 indication for the feed pumps and that did not occur. 5 We have little amber lights that indicate when we 6 have reached the high level trips at that point. 7 MR. VATTER: Do you know what time that was? 8 MR. BODOH: No. 9 MR. VATTER: But when you got to Level 8, the feed 10 pump trip did not occur? 11 The feed pumps were already tripped. MR. BODOH: 12 MR. VATTER: But you didn't get the trip signal? 13 That's what I thought you said. 14 I would have to verify that by MR. BODOH: 15 computer points, whether or not we actually go the trip 16 signal. What I was talking about was we had amber 17 indication. Once we reached that level, that tells us we 18 have reached the high level trip set point. MR. VATTER: The amber indication didn't work. 19 20 MR. COLOMB: I think that's what Mark is saying. 21 MR. BODOH: Yes. 22 MR. COLOMB: He knows the amber lights didn't come He doesn't know that that means that the feed pumps 23 on. 24 didn't get a trip signal. He just --25 MR. BODOH: Correct.

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1 MR. COLOMB: -- electrically it might take some 2 research, right? But he knows that the amber lights didn't come on at that point, which he was expecting to see. 3 See 4 what I'm saying? 5 MR. KAUFFMAN: Your event reconstruction says that 6 was about 6:15, is that about the time this happened? 7 MR. BODOH: Yes. 8 MR. KAUFFMAN: You can refer to the this too, if 9 you want. 10 I couldn't give you times. MR. BODOH: 11 Also at this point we had secured, as I said we 12 were on CST to CST with reactor core isolation cooling. 13 Our pressure had dropped. I think the lowest 14 pressure I had heard at that point from the operator 15 monitoring the PAM recorders was about 580 pounds. We also 16 had one of the alpha feed injection check valve was 17 indicating an intermediate position which was also relayed 18 to the SSS, but we did not have any indication at that time 19 that we were feeding.

That is lower than the shutoff head of the condensate booster pumps and at that time the SSS directed to secure the condensate booster pumps and shut the feed pump discharge valves.

To ensure that, we were not injecting through our feed and condensate system.

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At this time or shortly before this, operators were dispatched to investigate the problem with the uninterruptable power supplies in an attempt to restore power to them to restore our indications in the control room.

6 MR. VATTER: Can you recall exactly how that 7 conversation went or can you give us as much detail as you 8 have on the instructions to the operator to go work with 9 the UPS?

MR. BODOH: Not specifically.

MR. VATTER: But some operators were told -MR. BODOH: They were, the operators were
instructed to investigate the condition of the
uninterruptable power supplies.

15 MR. VATTER: So it was investigate?

16 MR. BODOH: Yes.

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17MR. VATTER: Which operators were told that?18MR. BODOH: I couldn't give you names. I know19Dave Hanczyk was one of the reactor operators that was20working on investigating and restoring power to the UPS's.

21 MR. VATTER: Were there any other operators that 22 were sent to the UPS's before Dave Hanczyk?

23 MR. BODOH: There were other operators sent. I 24 can't say whether they were sent prior to this or with Dave. 25 I know that there was several operators that were

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1 down at the UPS's attempting to restore power to them.

This was all hindered by the fact that we didn't have any plant communications other than the telephone.

In this time frame Dave Hanczyk had returned to the control room to give the station shift supervisor or site emergency director at that time the status and condition of the uninterruptable power supplies.

I believe this is the time also, or shortly after this time that they started restoring power to the UPS's, placing them on their maintenance supply. I don't really know any of the specifics that they found when they were down there other than all the breakers were tripped.

From my standpoint of where I was the next actual thing that happened -- I guess that's relative -- was they restored power and the annunciators come back and I received my indications for the rod sequence control, full core display, and the rod worth minimizer.

At this time we were attempting to verify that all rods had been inserted to their full in position. We noted that the rod sequence control system showed multiple rods not full in. Rod sequence control disagreed with the indications we had on the full core display and rod sequence control and the full core display disagreed with what we saw on the rad worth minimizer.

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The rad worth minimizer at that time showed that

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its indications were shut down, no; all rods in, no; and it
 gave indication of one rod that it said was not full in.
 That rod, that specific rod, by the full core display was
 indicated as being full in.

5 MR. VATTER: So you had a green bottom light on 6 the full core display for that rod?

MR. BODOH: That is correct.

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8 MR. VATTER: But the rod worth minimizer said it 9 was not all the way in.

MR. BODOH: That is correct. At this time we started, I and Dave Rathbun had come up to assist me at this point in trying to determine which rods and how many rods were not full in and we did that by proceeding rod by rod through the rod sequence control indication and verifying that position against the full core display.

16 In doing that we found that there were multiple 17 rods on the rod sequence control that did not agree with the 18 indication on the full core display, being that many of the 19 rods that were not indicated on the rod sequence control 20 indicated full in on the full core display.

21 MR. VATTER: Do you have any idea why that might 22 be?

23 MR. BODOH: At the time? No.
24 MR. VATTER: Now what do you think?
25 MR. BODOH: Now, after talking, I had a

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conversation with Ray Dean and he informed me that the
 indication for the full core display and the rod sequence
 control, the position of the rod being full in, comes from
 the same source, which at the time I did not know that, so
 the two of them should have agreed.

At this time Dave Hanczyk went back and reset the rod drive control system and there was some discussion as to the scan mode having locked up and that may have been a possible reason for the rod sequence control and the full core display not agreeing.

When he reset the rod drive control system we were able to verify that we had six rods that showed no indication on either the rod sequence control system or the full core display.

At that time the rod worth minimizer still showed reactor shutdown, no; all rods full in, no; and the same rod, I think it was 14-31, as being a mispositioned rod when in fact on the full core display it showed full in.

By this time, now, there were many operators coming in, operators from the day shift -- operators from the surveillance crew, and relief operators -- coming in and taking directions from the chief shift operator and starting to look at balance of plant.

24 MR. VATTER: The CSO was still Mark Davis?
25 MR. BODOH: That is correct.

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By this time, level had come back on scale, less than 2 or 2.3, and was slowly dropping. The SSS had given one operator direction to restart the condensate booster pumps and have them available for injection, and he also gave another operator direction to control reactor pressure utilizing the bypass valves.

7 MR. VATTER: Was he given a band to control?
8 MR. BODOH: Yes, he was.

9 MR. VATTER: Do you remember what it was? 10 MR. BODOH: No. He was given several bands, based 11 upon the condition of the plant. But our main concern at 12 this point was not to exceed our cool-down rate, and they 13 were to work together to maintain vessel level and pressure 14 and not exceed the cool-down rate.

15 We re-entered the EOPs when level dropped to 16 159.3. At this point there were some problems with re-17 establishing flow to the vessel with the condensate booster 18 pumps. In starting the condensate booster pumps, it 19 directs you to shut the suction valve to the feed pumps, 20 which would isolate the normal high-pressure-low-flow, high-21 pressure-high-flow injection paths.

Eventually, we did restore feed to the vessel, utilizing low-pressure-low-flow flow control valve 137. Back when we restored power, we did get our lights for the feed pump high-level trip, along with our setpoint set-down

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indication. We also received our down-scale on the APRMs at
 that point, when power was restored, but at that time we
 couldn't determine the position of all the rods.

4 MR. VATTER: What did you finally do to get all 5 the rod position determinations?

6 MR. BODOH: By the emergency operating procedures, 7 the operator is directed by the site emergency director to carry out EOP 6, attachment 14, for attempting to assert all 8 9 rods. A part of that procedure is bypassing the RPS interlocks and resetting the scram. When we reset the 10 11 scram, that was when we got all rods full in on the rod 12 sequence control and indication on the rod worth minimizer, 13 shutdown, yes; all rods in, yes. At that point we informed 14 the SSS -- I informed the SSS that I had indication that all 15 rods were full in.

16 At that point, other operators were still 17 attempting to raise level with injection from condensate and 18 condensate booster pumps and control pressure and control 19 our cool-down rate. They also had people securing any 20 unnecessary steam loads, to minimize any cool-down. Earlier 21 in the morning, we had hung mark-ups for various electrical 22 PMs and maintenance on the Division 2 RHR Bravo and RHR 23 Charlie loops. We were in the process of clearing those, so 24 that we could set RHR Bravo up for shutdown cooling when we 25 satisfied the interlocks to place that loop in shutdown

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2 All the scram actions for panel 603 had been 3 completed, and at that point I started monitoring level 4, The operators that were controlling vessel level. 4 I was using the -- I forget what range it is; I believe it's the 5 shutdown range indication on panel 603 -- to inform them of б 7 what level was and what its trend was, at which point we had 8 a rising level, but it was rising very, very slowly. They 9 did have indication that they were injecting, but the level 10 rise was very slow. We had some discussion at this point 11 between the operators that a rising level was what we 12 wanted; we didn't want to inject at to rapid a rate, because 13 we didn't want to exceed the cool-down. Everybody was 14 pretty much satisfied that we had a rising level, and we 15 weren't concerned with how fast it was rising. That was 16 conveyed to the SSS at that time -- that it was very, very 17 slow.

During that time, also, the operator controlling reactor pressure utilizing the bypass valves, R. J. Reynolds, was given bands to control pressure, to help facilitate restoring level. It may be Rich Reynolds. Once level was restored, I was secured from panel 603

23 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. Were you then relieved off 24 the shift, of did you continue to have further duties? 25 MR. BODOH: I checked with the CSO, and he asked

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1 me to check an annunciator from the back panel, hydrogen-2 oxygen concentration, Division 2; a high annunciator had 3 I got the annunciator response and verified my come in. indication on the recorder on panel 880, and I looked to see 4 5 if we had received a computer point. Carrying out the annunciator response, there were not any actions for me to 6 7 take, so I informed the CSO of what the indications were on 8 the panel recorder, on 880, and then I also informed the 9 SSS, at which point the SSS stated that he would have 10 Chemistry contacted to draw a sample to verify our 11 indication.

Once I completed that annunciator response, I checked with the CSO, and at that time he didn't need my service for anything else, so I basically just stepped back. After a short time, when I saw that he wasn't going to use me for anything further, I went and told him that I was going to go across the hall. We have a break area across the hall.

19 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay.

20 MR. BODOH: Once there, I sat over there, and I 21 basically just monitored the telephone.

22 MR. KAUFFMAN: So that was basically the end of 23 your involvement.

24 MR. BODOH: Yes.

25 MR. VATTER: I think you probably said, but I

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1 don't recall. Maybe you could just help me here for a
2 minute. When the non-licensed operators and David Hanczyk
3 were sent down to work on the UPS's, who was it that gave
4 him that instruction?

[Pause.]

6 MR. BODOH: I don't now if they specifically got 7 it from the SSS or if they got it from Mike Eron. Mike Eron 8 was the assistant SSS.

9 MR. VATTER: But you think it was one of the two. 10 MR. BODOH: Yes.

11 MR. VATTER: Okay.

MR. KAUFFMAN: Do you have more specificquestions?

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MR. VATTER: No.

MR. KAUFFMAN: Of all the things that occurred in the response and allowed the response to go well, what do you think contributed to the things that went well -- be it procedures, training, knowledge of the people? Why do you think things went as smoothly as they appear to have gone?

20 MR. BODOH: I think training is a big part of it. 21 We have been in training in the simulator where we'll have a 22 loss of a UPS in a dynamic scenario and taken the actions to 23 recover from that. I was also on shift with another crew 24 when we lost UPS-1-Bravo.

MR. VATTER: When was that?

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[No response.]

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2 MR. VATTER: A long time ago? A year ago? 3 MR. BODOH: No, it wasn't that long. Back in the 4 beginning of the year, I would say -- January, February is 5 when I think it was.

MR. VATTER: What happened then?

7 MR. BODOH: We received all the lights on the 8 full-core display.

9 MR. KAUFFMAN: "You received" them. You mean you 10 lost --

11 MR. BODOH: We received all the lights. Every 12 light on the full-core display lit up, including the blue 13 scram pilot lights. The recirc hydraulics isolated, and we 14 had a drifting of the Bravo recirc flow control valve. 15 Power, level, and pressure, megawatts electric -- none of 16 those parameters changed, even though we had the indication 17 on the full-core display. That also happened right around 18 the time frame of a shift turnover, and there was some 19 discussions between the SSS's as to what indications they 20 were looking at, whether or not the plant should be 21 scrammed, or did we have enough indication to believe that 22 the plant was in a stable condition? The result of that 23 was that we did not scram; we investigated the problem with 24 the UPS, and we recovered the recirc loop using procedures. 25 We continually monitored power, level, pressure, to see that 1 those parameters were good indications of what the plant was 2 doing.

MR. VATTER: Do you know the UPS was recovered at that time?

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[Pause.]

I believe at that time there was a 6 MR. BODOH: 7 maintenance activity that was going on with the UPS, and, while performing the maintenance activity, that action was 8 9 what caused the loss of the UPS. The operator involved and 10 the maintenance person contacted the control room, and the 11 control room directed them to return the UPS to normal. 12 They returned it to normal. I can't give specifics how they 13 did it or what they had done.

MR. VATTER: So it was the maintenance people that
put it back in its normal configuration.

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MR. BODOH: There was an operator there.

17 As a result of these things -- the training and 18 the loss of the UPS in the plant -- I think the training was 19 very valuable. I also think that the communications were 20 very strong, and the leadership by the SSS was very, very 21 When I entered the control room and it was very, strong. 22 very quiet, Mike Conway came out, and he went to the EOP 23 desk. He was very calm; he was very deliberated. He made sure that everyone was aware of where the plant stood at 24 25 that time, and he gave direction as to where he wanted to

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go, what he wanted the operators to do. He made those
 directions very specific and very deliberate.

I have been on three different shifts in the past seven months -- or roughly seven months -- and I think that all our SSS's, with the training that we have in EOPs, are above the standard for SSSs, as far as operating and directing through the EOPs.

8 MR. KAUFFMAN: "Are above the standard" -- are you 9 referring to the industry average?

10 MR. BODOH: As far as seeing an average. An average person, an average SSS in the EOPs, I think their 11 12 understanding and training is such that they have a very 13 strong confidence in executing the EOPs. I think the 14 reactor operators are very knowledgeable as far as when we 15 enter contingencies for the EOPs, what actions they need to 16 If for some reason direction is not given by the carry out. 17 SSS, they would question it.

I guess the training and the communications and our supervisory personnel were strong points through the whole incident.

21 MR. KAUFFMAN: If I turned that question around 22 and said are there any areas that didn't go smoothly, like 23 perhaps getting condensate booster pumps back, were there 24 any areas that you felt procedures got in the way or you 25 didn't know enough about an area or any areas that you think

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1 that something could be done so that the response could be 2 made even better in the future?

MR. BODOH: I think our training of uninterruptable power supplies should be an ongoing training. Bob Crandall, who normally handles the UPS's, is very good about having the operators go down when any type of maintenance is being done and talking through the UPS's, their operation, their functions.

9 I know that the reactor operators have had 10 training on the UPS's in the plant but it is not something 11 that occurs on a day to day basis. I think that the 12 majority of operators are probably a little uncomfortable, 13 especially in this situation, where I guess no one really 14 expected to lose all the UPS's and be in that type of a 15 situation.

16 I think at that point that was not -- after going 17 through everything, the procedures -- the procedures won't 18 cover everything that these were very unique situations.

MR. KAUFFMAN: Sure, but the procedures were by
and large pretty good and didn't give you any big
insurmountable type of problems?

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MR. BODOH: No.

I think something else that hampered handling the incident was the loss of communications. In our evaluation, our self-assessment the following day I found out, I'm sure

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with a lot of other people, that the Gaitronics is supplied 1 2 off of two separate UPS's and the floating wire or the portable radios is off a third and it was never considered 3 4 that we would lose all three of those at one time so 5 communications really hampered things because when person 6 was sent out to perform an action there was delay in the 7 time they took the action and got back to the control room 8 to relay any information that might have been pertinent to 9 where we were.

10 I don't know why some of the egress emergency 11 lighting was not illuminated in stairwells.

12 There was no problem in the plant and the only stairwell that I know of was the stairwell on the south side 13 14 of the control building going from Elevation 306 to 288.

15 Even with those things, I still had every 16 confidence that we would be able to put the plant in a safe 17 condition.

18 Okay. The last comment we normally MR. KAUFFMAN: 19 do is give you a chance to make -- we've asked the questions 20 all along.

21 Now it is your opportunity to make any comment for 22 the record or bring up anything you care to say.

23 MR. BODOH: I don't know. I guess this all makes 24 me a little nervous.

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I understand. First time for MR. KAUFFMAN:

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2	MR. BODOH: I guess I don't understand all the
3	proceedings. I realize what they are for. It just hasn't
4	all sunk in yet, I guess. I look forward to seeing the end
5	result.
6	MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. That concludes the
7	interview.
8	[Whereupon, at 11:24 a.m., the taking of the
9	interview was concluded.]
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Page	Line	Correction and Reason for Correction
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10	11 + 12	last word on line 11 should be subsequent.
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12	19820	It's up to the SSS's discretion as to what level band he would like maintained
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	14	Power Plant, Unit Two
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	16	Scriba, New York 13093
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	19	The interview commenced, pursuant to notice,
	20	at 10:22 a.m.
	21	PRESENT FOR THE IIT:
	22	John Kauffman, NRC
	23	William Vatter, INPO
	24	PRESENT WITH MR. BODOH:
	25	, Mike Colomb, Niagara Mohawk

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MR. KAUFFMAN: It's August 19 at 10:22 a.m. We're in the Nine Mile Point, Unit Two, P admin building. We're here conducting an interview of Mark Bodoh concerning the Nine Mile Point Two event of August 13, 1991.

7 I'm John Kauffman, NRC. I'll be leading the
8 interview.

9 MR. VATTER: I'm Bill Vatter. I work for INPO. 10 MR. COLOMB: I'm Mike Colomb. I work for Niagara 11 Mohawk. I'm the operations manager at Unit Two.

MR. BODOH: I'm Mark Bodoh. I'm a reactor operator, control room operator. I've had a license for approximately -- a little over a year and a half. Prior to that I was a non-licensed operator, and prior to that I was a nuclear machinist's mate in the Navy for six years.

17 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay, Mark. My understanding is, 18 you were on the midnight shift the night that the UPS 19 transformers were lost. I'd like for you to tell us the 20 plant conditions, a little bit about the equipment out of 21 service prior to the event, and then, when the event 22 occurred, the indications you saw and the actions you took 23 and that others were taking, to the best of your 24 recollection.

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MR. BODOH: You want me to give you a dissertation

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2 MR. KAUFFMAN: As best you can. At certain 3 [•] points we may interrupt and ask questions about specifics, 4 but just kind of walk us through the event, if you can.

MR. BODOH: All right.

6 MR. VATTER: Maybe you could start by saying in 7 general what your responsibility was during the shift and 8 where you were before it happened and when it happened, that 9 kind of thing.

MR. BODOH: I was the control room reactor operator. My specific duties are to take direction from the CSO and monitor the electric plant and balance of plant. That's not all that I do. The CSO and myself basically share the responsibilities of monitoring both the reactor plant, the electric plant, and the balance of plant.

16 Normal shift duties, aside from monitoring 17 everything, is to respond to annunciators in the control 18 room and, I guess, give orders to the non-licensed personnel 19 in the plant in accordance with what's put out at the night 20 As such, I'm not specifically assigned to be in the notes. 21 control room the whole time. At the time of the incident, I 22 was in the locker room. I was changing my shoes. This was 23 just prior to the event.

24 MR. VATTER: You had taken a break to go out of 25 the locker room?

MR. BODOH: That's correct.

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2 MR. VATTER: What was your reason for going there? 3 MR. BODOH: I was changing my shoes. Normally I 4 wear tennis shoes. If I have to go out in the plant, I have 5 safety shoes that I put on, so I put them on at the 6 beginning of shift and I change them just prior to the end 7 of shift.

8 MR. VATTER: Oh, okay. So you were getting ready 9 for the end of shift.

MR. BODOH: For shift turnover, correct.

In the locker room, I heard a boom, and the lights dimmed. Immediately I called the control room on the telephone and talked with the CSO. I asked him what was going on. His response at that time was, I don't know. I told him that I was on my way up to the control room.

Upon entering the control room, the biggest thing I noticed -- I came in the back door -- was that it was very, very quiet. Normally you hear the alarm typers or printers; you hear the fans; there was no sound whatsoever. It was very, very quiet. As I came up at the controls area, I noticed that we had no annunciators, except for a few that were flashing, but there were no sounds, no audible alarms.

23 MR. VATTER: Excuse me. When you came into the 24 control room, was Don Bosnic coming into the control room at 25 about the same time? Do you remember seeing him?

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MR.	BODOH:	Not	when	Ι	first	entered

MR. VATTER: That was later.

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MR. VATTER: Okay. Excuse me. Go ahead.

5 MR. BODOH: Upon entering the control room, the 6 SSS, Mike Conway, directed me to go to the relay room and 7 look at our relay instrumentation for the normal station 8 service transformer. I exited the control room and, on my 9 way down, noted that we had no emergency lighting or egress 10 lighting in the hallways going down to the relay room.

11 MR. KAUFFMAN: Can you give me -- I'm not 12 familiar with your plant. If you could tell me the 13 elevations.

14 I left from elevation 306, and I was MR. BODOH: 15 headed to elevation 288 in the control building. In the 16 stairwell, there were no lights. I didn't have a flashlight 17 with me when I exited the control room. At that time I felt 18 a sense of urgency to get to the relay room to see what indications we had for the normal station service 19 20 transformer, so I used the handrail and went cautiously down 21 the stairs. Roughly halfway down to the elevation, you 22 could see light coming through the door from the next 23 elevation, so I continued down.

I entered the relay room, and I went to the normal station service transformer relaying. I noted that the

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primary and backup protection -- the 86 relays were all in, the lock-out relays. I also noticed that we had the generator phase differential over current flagged. At that point I headed back up to the control room and relayed that information to the SSS. Then I stationed myself at panel 603 to see if I could determine what reactor power, reactor pressure, and reactor vessel level were.

8 The mode switch was already in shutdown, and a 9 portion of the immediate scram actions had already been 10 carried out.

11 MR. VATTER: Do you know who put the mode switch 12 in shutdown?

MR. BODOH: The CSO.

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MR. VATTER: And you were there when that happened?

MR. BODOH: No, I was not.

MR. VATTER: Was that between the time that you
left to go to the relay room and came back that that
happened?

20 MR. BODOH: That was done prior to my first 21 entering the control room.

22 MR. VATTER: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. BODOH: When I got to panel 603, vessel level 24 at that point was just -- I'm not sure of the exact level. 25 We were just above the EOP setpoint at 159.3, and the SSS

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1 had gone to the EOP desk, and he had directed -- At that 2 point we weren't in the EOPs. The CSO had stepped back. 3 While I was monitoring the 603 panel, we hit 159.3, which is 4 our entry level for the emergency operating procedures. The SSS asked for what systems we had available for injection. 5 6 At that point, I noted that the feed pumps had 7 both tripped. The Alpha condensate booster pump had 8 tripped, and the Charlie condensate booster pump had 9 started. 10 MR. VATTER: The Bravo pump was --11 MR. BODOH: The Bravo pump was running and

12 continued running.

MR. VATTER: Is that the first time that younoticed that the feed pumps had tripped?

15 MR. BODOH: Yes.

16 MR. KAUFFMAN: And that's after you had gone to17 the relay room.

18 MR. BODOH: That's correct.

I informed that we had two condensate booster pumps and two condensate pumps available for injection. At that point our pressure was roughly around 960 pounds. Another operator was directed to monitor reactor vessel level and reactor pressure using the post-accident monitoring recorders.

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MR. VATTER: Was there any attempt to restart a

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MR. BODOH: No.

3 MR. VATTER: What does the procedure say about a 4 feed pump if it's tripped? To just leave it off and use 5 other water sources?

I would look at our procedure for a 6 MR. BODOH: 7 tripped feed pump, and I would have to look at that to tell you exactly what it says. Normally, before we get to a 8 9 condition where we're going to have to trip a feed pump, we take the action so that we make sure the feed pump is in 10 standby and ready to operate. At this point, the feed pump 11 12 had been warmed up and was available for service and had a 13 hold out on it -- the one pump that we weren't operating, which was Alpha. It had a hold-out on it because we needed 14 15 for Chemistry to obtain a sample due to a maintenance 16 activity where we had to inject some fermanite into a 17 leaking valve, and they wanted to sample that prior to 18 placing it in service to see that we didn't have any 19 contaminants possibly leaching out of the fermanite that we 20 put in and possibly causing us problems with the reactor 21 plant chemistry.

22 MR. VATTER: What would you have needed to do to 23 start a feed pump -- just turn it on, or is there to it than 24 that?

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MR. BODOH: Once the feed pump is in standby, if

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the SSS directed that the feed pump be started, we would still send an operator down and have him look everything over quickly before we actually started it.

4 MR. VATTER: To put it in standby required you to 5 do what?

6 MR. BODOH: There is a whole series of valve line-7 ups, checking to see that there is seal water, checking to 8 see that there is cooling in your normal valve line. Alonq 9 with that, an operator would also have to be sent down to 10 the con-demin system to make sure that we had the proper 11 line-up for demineralizers in service or take them out of 12 service, as necessary, to support the starting of the feed 13 pump.

14 When we entered the EOPs on vessel level, the SSS 15 directed the CSO to manually initiate reactor core isolation 16 cooling, to restore vessel level. The CSO verified that the 17 turbine had tripped, and he manually initiated reactor core 18 isolation cooling using the manual initiation pushbutton. 19 At first, the controller is in automatic, and there was some 20 erratic operation of reactor core isolation cooling, so the 21 CSO took manual control and operated it manually until he 22 got all his parameters stabilized to inject to the vessel.

During this time, I was still trying to see if I could find any indication for where the rods were, what power was. I noted also that narrow range instrumentation

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for the A channel was down-scale. Bravo and Charlie were
 indicating a normal condition for the scram.

MR. VATTER: Which was about what?

MR. BODOH: I would be speaking from simulator
experience on what vessel would be following the scram.
MR. VATTER: So you don't remember what they were
reading this time?

8 MR. BODOH: Initially upon the scram, it hadn't 9 reached 159.3. At 159.3 we received our setpoint set-down, 10 which reduces the setpoint to maintain vessel level lower, so that, after the water is added to the vessel and the subs 11 12 can swell, the cooler water doesn't cause us further problem 13 by possibly swelling to a point where we would reach our 14 high setpoint and possibly secure our injection, trip our 15 feed pumps.

16 Initially I don't know exactly what level was. I
17 know it was about 159.3.

MR. KAUFFMAN: About long into the event are we talking here about, 6:00, 6:05, 6:10? We're trying to get a ball park on times, because normally we have alarm printouts.

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MR. BODOH: Right.

23 MR. KAUFFMAN: Just a ball park.

24 MR. BODOH: This was prior to 6:00. This was, 25 I'll say, approximately seven, eight minutes into the

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2	From here, a couple other relief operators and an
3	operator off the other shift reactor operators had
4	come into the control room. One operator was directed to
5	place RHS loop Alpha in suppression pool cooling, and
6	another operator was directed to take level control with
7	reactor core isolation cooling.
8	MR. KAUFFMAN: Do you recall what level band he
9	was asked to maintain?
10	[Pause.]
11	MR. KAUFFMAN: It's okay if you don't remember.
12	[Pause.]
13	MR. BODOH: I know what level band he would have
14	been asked to maintain, but I don't remember specifically
15	hearing it.
16	MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. You didn't hear it, but
17	what level band was appropriate?
18	MR. BODOH: From 159.3 to 202.3.
19	MR. KAUFFMAN: That's what they would have
20	typically asked?
21	MR. BODOH: Yes.
22	MR. KAUFFMAN: But you don't recall hearing them
23	ask this time.
24	MR. BODOH: I know he asked for a band, but I
25	can't recall what parameters he said.

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MR. KAUFFMAN: That's fine.

MR. COLOMB: Can I ask a question?

MR. KAUFFMAN: Sure.

MR. COLOMB: You said, what level band would have been appropriate. I'm not sure what Mark's basing that "would have been appropriate" on, but --

7 MR. VATTER: Okay. Some clarification. What 8 would he have expected to hear, based upon experience in the 9 simulator, probably more than anything.

10 MR. BODOH: Our EOPs directed us to restore and 11 maintain vessel level, 159.3 to 202.3.

MR. VATTER: Right. What I'm really driving at is, would it have been common to have a more narrow band than that for a guy controlling RCIC? Is that what they typically do in the simulator, control at 159.3 to 202.3, or could they --

MR. BODOH: That is what is directed by our EOPs.
MR. VATTER: Okay. That's fine.
MR. BODOH: I mean, what's up to the SSS's

MR. BODOH: I mean, what's up to the SSS's
discretion, what band he gives to the operator.

At this point, level was being restored, and we did have indication that level was rising by the PAM recorders -- post-accident monitoring recorders -- and also that our pressure was dropping. And at this point the operator, which was Brian Hilliker, on the controlling level

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had started to take the steps to place RCIC on a test flow
 path from tank to tank, or the tank that takes the suction
 on the CST and returning to the CST.

In this time frame was when the SSS notified all the control room operators that he was declaring a site area emergency based on having no annunciation and the plant having gone through a transient, and possibly still in the middle of a transient.

9 At this point he also entered one of our 10 contingencies, C-5, for vessel level control. In this 11 interim, I was still looking for and carrying out the 12 immediate actions of the scram. I don't know if you want to know all those, but verifying that the house loads had 13 14 transferred to off site, the turbine was tripped, clean-up 15 was secured; continuing to drive in all our IRM and SRM 16 detectors so that we could possibly get some indication of 17 what power we were at. The IRMs had already been driven in, 18 and they were still on range 10 and indicating down-scale, 19 although there was no indication on APRMs on panel 603. 20 Also, there was no indication on rod sequence control, the 21 full core display, or the rod worth minimizer at that time. 22 MR. VATTER: Did you select to arrange an IRM that 23 you could see the power?

24 MR. BODOH: I started following power down, and I 25 ended up with all range switches on range 1, and half of the

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indication for the detectors indicated down-scale, and the
 other half had no lights.

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MR. KAUFFMAN: Had which?

MR. BODOH: Had no lights, no light indication. I expected to see down-scale or nothing. Half of them were indicating down-scale, and the other half, there were no lights.

8 MR. KAUFFMAN: What do the signal lights signify? 9 MR. BODOH: That that range is down-scale. 10 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay.

MR. BODOH: When the SRMs had reached full in, I noted that SRM Charlie was indicating 2 to 3 times 10 to the 4th counts per second, and I informed the SSS of that fact.

14 MR. VATTER: About what time was that?
15 MR. BODOH: I couldn't give you a time.

MR. VATTER: But that's the first that you looked at the SRMs, or the first that they were giving you any indication?

MR. BODOH: This was the first that the SRMs -See, the SRMs had to be driven in, also.

21 MR. VATTER: I understand.

22 MR. BODOH: When I was first there, the SRMs 23 hadn't been driven in, so I drove the SRMs in. As soon as 24 the SRMs indicated full in, then I gave what indications I 25 had to the SSS. ×

MR. VATTER: So when the SRMs were full in, the 1 2 first indication after that was --MR. BODOH: Charlie range reading 2 to 4 times 10 3 4 to the 4th counts per second. 5 Bravo range and Delta range were in, somewhere in the range of five times ten to the third. 6 7 Alpha SRM at that point was inop. MR. VATTER: The B -- the Bravo and Charlie were 8 9 five times ten to the third? 10 MR. BODOH: Bravo and Delta. 11 MR. VATTER: Bravo and Delta --12 MR. BODOH: Approximately. MR. VATTER: That's right and Charlie was two to 13 four times ten to the fourth? 14 15 MR. BODOH: Correct. It had been noted that 16 Charlie normally read higher than the other ranges. 17 MR. VATTER: That was a known situation. 18 MR. BODOH: Excuse me? MR. VATTER: That was a known situation that --19 20 MR. BODOH: Yes, and we were also getting 21 intermittent short period on range Charlie, which was also 22 noted. 23 At this time we had added enough water to the vessel that level was starting to swell and the operator 24 25 controlling level had already placed RCIC in its test flow

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We had reached greater than 202 inches, at which 2 3 point we would have expected to get the high level trip 4 indication for the feed pumps and that did not occur. 5 We have little amber lights that indicate when we have reached the high level trips at that point. 6 7 MR. VATTER: Do you know what time that was? 8 MR. BODOH: No. 9 MR. VATTER: But when you got to Level 8, the feed 10 pump trip did not occur? 11 The feed pumps were already tripped. MR. BODOH: 12 MR. VATTER: But you didn't get the trip signal? 13 That's what I thought you said. 14 MR. BODOH: I would have to verify that by 15 computer points, whether or not we actually go the trip 16 signal. What I was talking about was we had amber 17 indication. Once we reached that level, that tells us we 18 have reached the high level trip set point. MR. VATTER: The amber indication didn't work. 19 20 MR. COLOMB: I think that's what Mark is saying. 21 MR. BODOH: Yes. 22 MR. COLOMB: He knows the amber lights didn't come 23 He doesn't know that that means that the feed pumps on. 24 didn't get a trip signal. He just --25 MR. BODOH: Correct.

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MR. COLOMB: -- electrically it might take some 1 2 research, right? But he knows that the amber lights didn't come on at that point, which he was expecting to see. 3 See what I'm saying? 4 5 MR. KAUFFMAN: Your event reconstruction says that was about 6:15, is that about the time this happened? 6 7 MR. BODOH: Yes. MR. KAUFFMAN: You can refer to the this too, if 8 9 you want. 10 MR. BODOH: I couldn't give you times. 11 Also at this point we had secured, as I said we were on CST to CST with reactor core isolation cooling. 12 13 Our pressure had dropped. I think the lowest 14 pressure I had heard at that point from the operator 15 monitoring the PAM recorders was about 580 pounds. We also 16 had one of the alpha feed injection check valve was 17 indicating an intermediate position which was also relayed 18 to the SSS, but we did not have any indication at that time 19 that we were feeding. 20 That is lower than the shutoff head of the

20 That is lower than the shutoff head of the
21 condensate booster pumps and at that time the SSS directed
22 to secure the condensate booster pumps and shut the feed
23 pump discharge valves.

To ensure that, we were not injecting through our feed and condensate system.

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At this time or shortly before this, operators were dispatched to investigate the problem with the uninterruptable power supplies in an attempt to restore power to them to restore our indications in the control room.

6 MR. VATTER: Can you recall exactly how that 7 conversation went or can you give us as much detail as you 8 have on the instructions to the operator to go work with 9 the UPS?

10 MR. BODOH: Not specifically.

MR. VATTER: But some operators were told -MR. BODOH: They were, the operators were
instructed to investigate the condition of the
uninterruptable power supplies.

15 MR. VATTER: So it was investigate?

16 MR. BODOH: Yes.

17MR. VATTER: Which operators were told that?18MR. BODOH: I couldn't give you names. I know19Dave Hanczyk was one of the reactor operators that was20working on investigating and restoring power to the UPS's.

21 MR. VATTER: Were there any other operators that 22 were sent to the UPS's before Dave Hanczyk?

23 MR. BODOH: There were other operators sent. I 24 can't say whether they were sent prior to this or with Dave. 25 I know that there was several operators that were

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down at the UPS's attempting to restore power to them.

This was all hindered by the fact that we didn't have any plant communications other than the telephone.

In this time frame Dave Hanczyk had returned to the control room to give the station shift supervisor or site emergency director at that time the status and condition of the uninterruptable power supplies.

I believe this is the time also, or shortly after this time that they started restoring power to the UPS's, placing them on their maintenance supply. I don't really know any of the specifics that they found when they were down there other than all the breakers were tripped.

From my standpoint of where I was the next actual thing that happened -- I guess that's relative -- was they restored power and the annunciators come back and I received my indications for the rod sequence control, full core display, and the rod worth minimizer.

At this time we were attempting to verify that all rods had been inserted to their full in position. We noted that the rod sequence control system showed multiple rods not full in. Rod sequence control disagreed with the indications we had on the full core display and rod sequence control and the full core display disagreed with what we saw on the rad worth minimizer.

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The rad worth minimizer at that time showed that

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its indications were shut down, no; all rods in, no; and it
 gave indication of one rod that it said was not full in.
 That rod, that specific rod, by the full core display was
 indicated as being full in.

5 MR. VATTER: So you had a green bottom light on 6 the full core display for that rod?

MR. BODOH: That is correct.

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8 MR. VATTER: But the rod worth minimizer said it 9 was not all the way in.

MR. BODOH: That is correct. At this time we started, I and Dave Rathbun had come up to assist me at this point in trying to determine which rods and how many rods were not full in and we did that by proceeding rod by rod through the rod sequence control indication and verifying that position against the full core display.

16 In doing that we found that there were multiple 17 rods on the rod sequence control that did not agree with the 18 indication on the full core display, being that many of the 19 rods that were not indicated on the rod sequence control 20 indicated full in on the full core display.

21 MR. VATTER: Do you have any idea why that might 22 be?

MR. BODOH: At the time? No.
MR. VATTER: Now what do you think?
MR. BODOH: Now, after talking, I had a

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conversation with Ray Dean and he informed me that the
 indication for the full core display and the rod sequence
 control, the position of the rod being full in, comes from
 the same source, which at the time I did not know that, so
 the two of them should have agreed.

At this time Dave Hanczyk went back and reset the rod drive control system and there was some discussion as to the scan mode having locked up and that may have been a possible reason for the rod sequence control and the full core display not agreeing.

When he reset the rod drive control system we were able to verify that we had six rods that showed no indication on either the rod sequence control system or the full core display.

At that time the rod worth minimizer still showed reactor shutdown, no; all rods full in, no; and the same rod, I think it was 14-31, as being a mispositioned rod when in fact on the full core display it showed full in.

By this time, now, there were many operators coming in, operators from the day shift -- operators from the surveillance crew, and relief operators -- coming in and taking directions from the chief shift operator and starting to look at balance of plant.

24 MR. VATTER: The CSO was still Mark Davis?
25 MR. BODOH: That is correct.



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By this time, level had come back on scale, less than 2 or 2.3, and was slowly dropping. The SSS had given one operator direction to restart the condensate booster pumps and have them available for injection, and he also gave another operator direction to control reactor pressure utilizing the bypass valves.

7 MR. VATTER: Was he given a band to control?
8 MR. BODOH: Yes, he was.

9 MR. VATTER: Do you remember what it was? 10 MR. BODOH: No. He was given several bands, based 11 upon the condition of the plant. But our main concern at 12 this point was not to exceed our cool-down rate, and they 13 were to work together to maintain vessel level and pressure 14 and not exceed the cool-down rate.

15 We re-entered the EOPs when level dropped to 16 159.3. At this point there were some problems with re-17 establishing flow to the vessel with the condensate booster 18 pumps. In starting the condensate booster pumps, it directs you to shut the suction valve to the feed pumps, 19 20 which would isolate the normal high-pressure-low-flow, high-21 pressure-high-flow injection paths.

Eventually, we did restore feed to the vessel, utilizing low-pressure-low-flow flow control valve 137. Back when we restored power, we did get our lights for the feed pump high-level trip, along with our setpoint set-down

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indication. We also received our down-scale on the APRMs at
 that point, when power was restored, but at that time we
 couldn't determine the position of all the rods.

4 MR. VATTER: What did you finally do to get all 5 the rod position determinations?

6 MR. BODOH: By the emergency operating procedures, 7 the operator is directed by the site emergency director to 8 carry out EOP 6, attachment 14, for attempting to assert all 9 rods. A part of that procedure is bypassing the RPS 10 interlocks and resetting the scram. When we reset the 11 scram, that was when we got all rods full in on the rod 12 sequence control and indication on the rod worth minimizer, 13 shutdown, yes; all rods in, yes. At that point we informed 14 the SSS -- I informed the SSS that I had indication that all 15 rods were full in.

16 At that point, other operators were still 17 attempting to raise level with injection from condensate and 18 condensate booster pumps and control pressure and control 19 our cool-down rate. They also had people securing any 20 unnecessary steam loads, to minimize any cool-down. Earlier in the morning, we had hung mark-ups for various electrical 21 22 PMs and maintenance on the Division 2 RHR Bravo and RHR 23 Charlie loops. We were in the process of clearing those, so 24 that we could set RHR Bravo up for shutdown cooling when we 25 satisfied the interlocks to place that loop in shutdown

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2 All the scram actions for panel 603 had been completed, and at that point I started monitoring level 4, 3 The operators that were controlling vessel level. 4 I was 5 using the -- I forget what range it is; I believe it's the shutdown range indication on panel 603 -- to inform them of 6 7 what level was and what its trend was, at which point we had a rising level, but it was rising very, very slowly. They 8 9 did have indication that they were injecting, but the level 10 rise was very slow. We had some discussion at this point 11 between the operators that a rising level was what we 12 wanted; we didn't want to inject at to rapid a rate, because 13 we didn't want to exceed the cool-down. Everybody was 14 pretty much satisfied that we had a rising level, and we 15 weren't concerned with how fast it was rising. That was 16 conveyed to the SSS at that time -- that it was very, very 17 slow.

During that time, also, the operator controlling reactor pressure utilizing the bypass valves, R. J. Reynolds, was given bands to control pressure, to help facilitate restoring level. It may be Rich Reynolds. Once level was restored, I was secured from panel 603

23 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. Were you then relieved off 24 the shift, of did you continue to have further duties? 25 MR. BODOH: I checked with the CSO, and he asked ч ,

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1 me to check an annunciator from the back panel, hydrogen-2 oxygen concentration, Division 2; a high annunciator had I got the annunciator response and verified my 3 come in. indication on the recorder on panel 880, and I looked to see 4 if we had received a computer point. Carrying out the 5 annunciator response, there were not any actions for me to 6 7 take, so I informed the CSO of what the indications were on 8 the panel recorder, on 880, and then I also informed the 9 SSS, at which point the SSS stated that he would have 10 Chemistry contacted to draw a sample to verify our 11 indication.

Once I completed that annunciator response, I checked with the CSO, and at that time he didn't need my service for anything else, so I basically just stepped back. After a short time, when I saw that he wasn't going to use me for anything further, I went and told him that I was going to go across the hall. We have a break area across the hall.

MR. KAUFFMAN:

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20 MR. BODOH: Once there, I sat over there, and I 21 basically just monitored the telephone.

Okay.

22 MR. KAUFFMAN: So that was basically the end of 23 your involvement.

24 MR. BODOH: Yes.

25 MR. VATTER: I think you probably said, but I

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don't recall. Maybe you could just help me here for a
minute. When the non-licensed operators and David Hanczyk
were sent down to work on the UPS's, who was it that gave
him that instruction?

[Pause.]

6 MR. BODOH: I don't now if they specifically got 7 it from the SSS or if they got it from Mike Eron. Mike Eron 8 was the assistant SSS.

9 MR. VATTER: But you think it was one of the two.
10 MR. BODOH: Yes.

11 MR. VATTER: Okay.

MR. KAUFFMAN: Do you have more specificquestions?

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MR. VATTER: No.

MR. KAUFFMAN: Of all the things that occurred in the response and allowed the response to go well, what do you think contributed to the things that went well -- be it procedures, training, knowledge of the people? Why do you think things went as smoothly as they appear to have gone?

20 MR. BODOH: I think training is a big part of it. 21 We have been in training in the simulator where we'll have a 22 loss of a UPS in a dynamic scenario and taken the actions to 23 recover from that. I was also on shift with another crew 24 when we lost UPS-1-Bravo.

MR. VATTER: When was that?

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[No response.]

2 MR. VATTER: A long time ago? A year ago? 3 MR. BODOH: No, it wasn't that long. Back in the 4 beginning of the year, I would say -- January, February is 5 when I think it was.

MR. VATTER: What happened then?
MR. BODOH: We received all the lights on the
full-core display.

9 MR. KAUFFMAN: "You received" them. You mean you 10 lost --

11 MR. BODOH: We received all the lights. Every light on the full-core display lit up, including the blue 12 13 scram pilot lights. The recirc hydraulics isolated, and we had a drifting of the Bravo recirc flow control valve. 14 15 Power, level, and pressure, megawatts electric -- none of 16 those parameters changed, even though we had the indication 17 on the full-core display. That also happened right around 18 the time frame of a shift turnover, and there was some discussions between the SSS's as to what indications they 19 20 were looking at, whether or not the plant should be 21 scrammed, or did we have enough indication to believe that 22 the plant was in a stable condition? The result of that was that we did not scram; we investigated the problem with 23 24 the UPS, and we recovered the recirc loop using procedures. 25 We continually monitored power, level, pressure, to see that ¥

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1 those parameters were good indications of what the plant was 2 doing.

MR. VATTER: Do you know the UPS was recovered at that time?

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[Pause.]

I believe at that time there was a 6 MR. BODOH: 7 maintenance activity that was going on with the UPS, and, 8 while performing the maintenance activity, that action was 9 what caused the loss of the UPS. The operator involved and 10 the maintenance person contacted the control room, and the 11 control room directed them to return the UPS to normal. 12 They returned it to normal. I can't give specifics how they did it or what they had done. 13

MR. VATTER: So it was the maintenance people that
put it back in its normal configuration.

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MR. BODOH: There was an operator there.

17 As a result of these things -- the training and 18 the loss of the UPS in the plant -- I think the training was 19 very valuable. I also think that the communications were 20 very strong, and the leadership by the SSS was very, very 21 strong. When I entered the control room and it was very, 22 very quiet, Mike Conway came out, and he went to the EOP 23 desk. He was very calm; he was very deliberated. He made 24 sure that everyone was aware of where the plant stood at that time, and he gave direction as to where he wanted to 25

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go, what he wanted the operators to do. He made those
 directions very specific and very deliberate.

I have been on three different shifts in the past seven months -- or roughly seven months -- and I think that all our SSS's, with the training that we have in EOPs, are above the standard for SSSs, as far as operating and directing through the EOPs.

8 MR. KAUFFMAN: "Are above the standard" -- are you 9 referring to the industry average?

10 MR. BODOH: As far as seeing an average. An average person, an average SSS in the EOPs, I think their 11 12 understanding and training is such that they have a very strong confidence in executing the EOPs. I think the 13 14 reactor operators are very knowledgeable as far as when we 15 enter contingencies for the EOPs, what actions they need to 16 If for some reason direction is not given by the carry out. 17 SSS, they would question it.

18 I guess the training and the communications and 19 our supervisory personnel were strong points through the 20 whole incident.

21 MR. KAUFFMAN: If I turned that question around 22 and said are there any areas that didn't go smoothly, like 23 perhaps getting condensate booster pumps back, were there 24 any areas that you felt procedures got in the way or you 25 didn't know enough about an area or any areas that you think

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1 that something could be done so that the response could be 2 made even better in the future?

MR. BODOH: I think our training of uninterruptable power supplies should be an ongoing training. Bob Crandall, who normally handles the UPS's, is very good about having the operators go down when any type of maintenance is being done and talking through the UPS's, their operation, their functions.

9 I know that the reactor operators have had 10 training on the UPS's in the plant but it is not something 11 that occurs on a day to day basis. I think that the 12 majority of operators are probably a little uncomfortable, 13 especially in this situation, where I guess no one really 14 expected to lose all the UPS's and be in that type of a 15 situation.

I think at that point that was not -- after going through everything, the procedures -- the procedures won't cover everything that these were very unique situations.

MR. KAUFFMAN: Sure, but the procedures were by
and large pretty good and didn't give you any big
insurmountable type of problems?

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MR. BODOH: No.

I think something else that hampered handling the incident was the loss of communications. In our evaluation, our self-assessment the following day I found out, I'm sure ,

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with a lot of other people, that the Gaitronics is supplied 1 2 off of two separate UPS's and the floating wire or the portable radios is off a third and it was never considered 3 4 that we would lose all three of those at one time so 5 communications really hampered things because when person 6 was sent out to perform an action there was delay in the 7 time they took the action and got back to the control room 8 to relay any information that might have been pertinent to 9 where we were.

I don't know why some of the egress emergency
 lighting was not illuminated in stairwells.

12 There was no problem in the plant and the only 13 stairwell that I know of was the stairwell on the south side 14 of the control building going from Elevation 306 to 288.

Even with those things, I still had every confidence that we would be able to put the plant in a safe condition.

18 MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. The last comment we normally 19 do is give you a chance to make -- we've asked the questions 20 all along.

Now it is your opportunity to make any comment for
the record or bring up anything you care to say.

23 MR. BODOH: I don't know. I guess this all makes
24 me a little nervous.

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MR. KAUFFMAN: I understand. First time for

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everything MR. BODOH: I guess I don't understand all the proceedings. I realize what they are for. It just hasn't all sunk in yet, I guess. I look forward to seeing the end result. MR. KAUFFMAN: Okay. That concludes the interview. [Whereupon, at 11:24 a.m., the taking of the interview was concluded.] . 24

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