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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:]
Telephone Interview of]
WILDA PRUSHNOK]

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Conference Room 5720-B
7735 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Thursday, December 31, 1992

The above-entitled telephone interview commenced
at 9:45 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

- C. JONES, IIT Team Member
- A. MADISON, IIT Team Member
- W. PRUSHNOK, Interviewee
- L. ESTEP, Court Reporter

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PROCEEDINGS

[9:45 a.m.]

MS. JONES: My name is Cynthia Jones and we will be starting the interview this morning. As I mentioned to you on Tuesday evening, there is a person here who is taking notes, a stenographer, and there is another individual here who is also a member of the Incident Investigation Team.

What I will have you do after I give the introduction is have you both introduce yourself and spell your last name.

MS. PRUSHNOK: All right.

MS. JONES: As I mentioned before, the purpose of the discussion today and the reason why it is being documented by a stenographer is that the NRC has established an Incident Investigation Team or an IIT.

The purposes of the team are to establish what happened, to identify the facts and to identify any probable causes and in addition, to provide any feedback that we may need to give back to the industry, the licensee in this case or the manufacturer regarding any recommended changes in regulations or guidelines that would result in any lessons learned that we find from this event.

One of the reasons that we document the interviews is so that when we start to write the report we can go back into the transcripts and look at the facts as people such as

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1 yourself have described to us first hand rather than taking
2 my notes as I did on Tuesday evening.

3 There will be transcripts made available and what
4 I will be doing, Wilda, is mailing you a copy of what we
5 call exhibit 3.1 and the title of that is called,
6 "Guidelines for Review and Availability of Transcripts."

7 During our investigation, a copy of these will be
8 made available for you to look at and to document if there
9 are any changes or corrections that need to be made to the
10 transcripts once it is done.

11 You can correct your answer on an errata sheet, a
12 sheet that is attached to the document, and if you have any
13 other questions, there will be someone from this team
14 available to answer any questions.

15 Because we are so far apart and I understand you
16 are near Indiana, Pennsylvania?

17 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes, I am.

18 MS. JONES: We will have someone from the team
19 come out there.

20 MS. PRUSHNOK: I can hardly hear you, Cynthia.

21 MS. JONES: Is that better?

22 MS. PRUSHNOK: That's better.

23 MS. JONES: Great.

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: You are back again, I can't hear
25 you.

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1 MS. JONES: Let's see if we can fix this.

2 MS. PRUSHNOK: That is better.

3 MS. JONES: Can you hear me now?

4 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes.

5 MS. JONES: We will try and see if this works for
6 a while. Is this better?

7 MS. PRUSHNOK: I can hear you.

8 MS. JONES: All right. Does it seem to be going
9 in and out?

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: In and out, yes.

11 MS. JONES: I will have to repeat the questions as
12 best as I can.

13 MS. PRUSHNOK: Now what you have told me, I have
14 heard.

15 MS. JONES: All right. What we will do then is
16 because you are farther away, we will contact you and I will
17 need to get your mailing address and I will mail you a copy
18 of this exhibit and then we will find out when we can go out
19 to Indiana so that you can review this transcript.

20 MS. PRUSHNOK: Cynthia, you know that I am going
21 away on Thursday.

22 MS. JONES: It won't be until approximately the
23 middle or the end of January.

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: I won't be back.

25 MS. JONES: You won't be back.

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1 MS. PRUSHNOK: I doubt that I will be.

2 MS. JONES: We can make it available whenever it
3 is convenient for you.

4 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right, that's better.

5 MS. JONES: As I mentioned before to you on
6 Tuesday evening, to the best of your knowledge if you can
7 explain when you went to the nursing home, how often you
8 were at the nursing home and for the record, please, if you
9 could state your full name and spell your last name.

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: My name is Wilda Prushnok.

11 MS. JONES: We have one other person in the room
12 as well.

13 MR. MADISON: Alan Madison with the NRC.

14 MS. PRUSHNOK: I can't hear you.

15 MS. JONES: I am having a difficult time here,
16 too.

17 MS. PRUSHNOK: There is something wrong.

18 MS. JONES: Maybe it is a loose connection. Is
19 that better?

20 MS. PRUSHNOK: No.

21 MS. JONES: This has happened before.

22 MS. PRUSHNOK: I can hear you now but then in a
23 moment, I won't be able to hear you again. I heard Alan
24 say, "This is Alan."

25 MS. JONES: Alan Madison.

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1 MS. PRUSHNOK: Can you hear me?

2 MS. JONES: Yes, I can hear you very clearly.

3 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right. Let's try it again. My
4 name is Wilda Prushnok, P-R-U-S-H-N-O-K.

5 MS. JONES: Thank you, Wilda. To the best of your
6 knowledge then during the week of November 16th, how often
7 and what evenings did you go by to visit the patient, your
8 friend, Mildred.

9 MS. PRUSHNOK: I went to visit Mildred Colgan on
10 Thursday evening, November 19th and Friday evening, November
11 20th.

12 MS. JONES: Do you remember what times of the day
13 that you went to visit?

14 MS. PRUSHNOK: It was in the evening and it
15 probably didn't exceed two and a half hours.

16 MS. JONES: On Tuesday evening, you mentioned that
17 on the 19th, you were alone?

18 MS. PRUSHNOK: That was Thursday evening, that was
19 the 19th. Yes, I was alone that night and to my knowledge
20 there wasn't any other person other than the aides who came
21 in and out of that room.

22 MS. JONES: All right.

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: No other visitors.

24 MS. JONES: Or other visitors?

25 MS. PRUSHNOK: No other visitors.

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1 MS. JONES: All right.

2 MS. PRUSHNOK: No other visitors on Thursday
3 night.

4 MS. JONES: Are you able to drive to the nursing
5 home or did you have anyone drive you there?

6 MS. PRUSHNOK: I am able to drive to the nursing
7 home. I went there many, many times but that week as I was
8 just getting over a bout with the flu that started November
9 13th, that was Friday, November the 13th, the day of her
10 implant surgery and I didn't recover from that until about
11 Tuesday, and I didn't want to take any germs to Mildred so
12 that is why I am saved from many of those visits because I
13 didn't go until Thursday. I would speak with her on the
14 phone.

15 MS. JONES: All right. Did she mention anything
16 to you on the phone about how she felt after she had the
17 implants?

18 MS. PRUSHNOK: She felt good after the implant.
19 That would be Saturday and Sunday. She felt quite good.

20 MS. JONES: Was she able to walk around?

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: Well now, I can't answer that
22 because remember, I wasn't there.

23 MS. JONES: That's fine. When you went to the
24 nursing home on the 19th and on the 20th, can you give us an
25 idea of where you sat or stood in the room next to Mid?

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1 MS. PRUSHNOK: Well, I stood everywhere and I sat
2 on the bed which would be as you are looking toward Mildred,
3 well, her bed was the window bed so it would have been to
4 her right. I sat on that bed. I leaned over on that side
5 of her bed because that was where her food tray was and I
6 tried to feed her but every bite I gave her, she threw up.

7 MS. JONES: Could you repeat that last part for
8 me, please?

9 MS. PRUSHNOK: Every bite and there weren't too
10 many bites as I remember, there were three bites and she
11 threw that up and she told me that she hadn't kept a bit
12 down since she had that radiation treatment.

13 MS. JONES: All right. Would you help her with
14 her food during that evening on the 19th and 20th?

15 MS. PRUSHNOK: Not on the 20th, on the 19th.

16 MS. JONES: All right. Would you hold her hand or
17 touch her physically?

18 MS. PRUSHNOK: Oh, yes. I held her and I
19 whispered in her ear and I sang little songs to her, little
20 hymns that were rather personal little things that we would
21 play on the piano and harmonize for many, many years and
22 those came to my mind and I sang those to her in her ear and
23 I took her hand and, of course, she was very arthritic in
24 her hands and very crippled and I would hold her hand and it
25 seemed to me like her pulse was just like a phonograph

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1 record going around, it was just very, very rapid.

2 MS. JONES: So if I had to make an estimate of
3 what distance away you were from her on the evening of the
4 19th, would you say that more than half the time or less
5 than half the time, you were touching her and holding her
6 hand and being close to her?

7 MS. PRUSHNOK: I would say more than half the
8 time.

9 MS. JONES: Maybe 75-percent of the time?

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: I would say or even maybe 80
11 percent of the time. I am getting a beep. Could I answer
12 that?

13 MS. JONES: Sure.

14 [PAUSE.]

15 MS. PRUSHNOK: I am back.

16 MS. JONES: Great. Who else came to visit on
17 Friday, the 20th when you were there visiting her?

18 MS. PRUSHNOK: Well, when I got there and I just
19 can't remember. I seems like it might have been about 5:30
20 maybe, I just cannot tell you but when I got there, [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] were there.

22 MS. JONES: [REDACTED] with you at
23 all?

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes. [REDACTED]
25 was with me. She, too, was very close to Mildred, hanging

1 over and kissing her and, of course, Mildred was a kissy
2 person and a huggy person and that is what she liked. She
3 needed that contact.

4 MS. JONES: How long was [REDACTED] there?

5 MS. PRUSHNOK: I am going to say two hours.

6 MS. JONES: And [REDACTED] was there on the 20th?

7 MS. PRUSHNOK: The 20th, that would be the day
8 before her death.

9 MS. JONES: Right. I asked you this before on
10 Tuesday but again for the stenographer, did you or [REDACTED]
11 know Dr. Bauer at all before this?

12 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes. I have been acquainted with
13 Dr. Bauer for perhaps four years or five and my husband, 19
14 months ago died with multiple myeloma and so he had many
15 treatments of this nature also and in the beginning when I
16 met Dr. Bauer, I took my husband, Raymond, to Dr. Bauer's
17 office.

18 But it was in my husband's best interest to be
19 transferred to a facility in Johnstown, Pennsylvania where
20 he had his treatments and also at the Giesinger Clinic and
21 Dr. Bauer had never helped with any treatments for my
22 husband.

23 Then after his death, then I had occasion to meet
24 Dr. Bauer again when I took Mildred Colgan right when she
25 found out that she had the malignancy, I took her to Dr.

1 Bauer the first time and she was very nervous and to my
2 recollection I think Dr. Bauer prayed with her that day and
3 he is a very nice person and an upright citizen in the
4 community and I feel this is very unfortunate that this
5 thing has happened but I can't get into that, I am not a
6 medical person.

7 MS. JONES: Right. Now you mentioned on Tuesday
8 that you were in to visit [REDACTED] for surgery.

9 MS. PRUSHNOK: On December 3rd which was a
10 Thursday, that was the day of her surgery. She had TMJ
11 surgery and she was on that floor. I think perhaps at that
12 point she was in recovery on the floor where the laboratory
13 is where they take your blood.

14 MS. JONES: Right.

15 MS. PRUSHNOK: And as I walked off the elevator, I
16 noticed [REDACTED] sitting there in that
17 area and they motioned to me and, of course, I went over and
18 spoke with them and they said that they were there for their
19 blood test, is that why I had come in to the hospital and I
20 said, "No, I don't know what you are talking about, I am
21 here because of [REDACTED]"

22 Then they began to tell me and explained it to me
23 at which time the girl, the lab technician, called on the
24 telephone and got Dr. Bauer on the phone and he spoke with
25 me and he explained to me what he wanted me to do, was to

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1 have this test taken.

2 I said, "Oh my goodness, am I all right?" He
3 said, "Oh, certainly. You are all right." It isn't any big
4 deal because I believe he said that I probably had about the
5 same dose as a person would receive if they were having a
6 kidney scan. So at that point, that satisfied me but I
7 didn't run over and tell [REDACTED] who was coming out of
8 recovery.

9 I kept that from her even in the evening when she
10 was more coherent. Then the next day which was December
11 4th, that was Friday, [REDACTED] had seen it on the news in
12 the middle of the night and that alarmed her somewhat.
13 Then Dr. Bauer called her, explained it to her as I have
14 explained it to you but told her at that time that her test
15 was abnormal but she had been giving a lot of blood, well, I
16 won't say a lot of blood, the necessary amount to store for
17 her TMJ surgery so she could have her blood back.

18 MS. JONES: Right.

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: They talked about that. I don't
20 even understand that so you would have to take that up with
21 someone else.

22 MS. JONES: All right. Did Dr. Bauer give you or
23 [Kathy] the results back from the blood test?

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: No, no, and I have been out of town
25 quite a bit as has [REDACTED] Well, [REDACTED] has been going back

1 and forth to her doctors in Monroeville and in Indiana quite
2 a bit and I have been out of town so if he called me, I did
3 not get that phone call and I did not get a letter to my
4 knowledge stating those facts.

5 MS. JONES: Do you get to see the [REDACTED] very
6 much at all?

7 MS. PRUSHNOK: No, not very much.

8 MS. JONES: We will have to call them and find out
9 of they received their blood test results, too.

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: I can't hear you, Cynthia.

11 MS. JONES: I am sorry. I have to call them and
12 find out if their blood test results are in.

13 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right. Now [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] just came to the door and reminded me that
15 [REDACTED] told her [REDACTED] that she is unhappy with
16 her test, with her results, because Dr. Bauer talked with
17 her on December 4th when she was still a patient and he
18 explained to her about her test and said that there was some
19 abnormal parts to it.

20 MS. JONES: Did he take another lab sample later?

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: I cannot answer that.

22 MS. JONES: That's fine.

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: I don't believe so.

24 MS. JONES: On the times that you went to visit
25 Mildred in the nursing home and this refers again to the

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1 article and the conversation you with the Plain Dealer which
2 is a Cleveland paper, can you reiterate that again to me
3 like you did on Tuesday, what did Mid say to [REDACTED]
4 and so forth?

5 MS. PRUSHNOK: She said, okay, let me go back to
6 Thursday, November 19th when she said to me and one of the
7 little aides was in there, I don't know which one, I don't
8 know those girls by name, only by their face.

9 She did say to me, "one of those wires had broken
10 off" and at that time I looked for the very first time at
11 her rectal area and I saw what they were speaking of, I say
12 whatever the catheter, whatever that is called.

13 MS. JONES: Right.

14 MS. PRUSHNOK: So I did see where it was broken
15 off. That is the only thing Mid said. Then the next day
16 when we went in on Friday evening, when [REDACTED] went over to
17 kiss her, she said, "aren't you afraid to get near me,
18 [REDACTED]" and [REDACTED] said, "Well, why would I be afraid,
19 Mildred?" I mentioned after I had talked to you, Cynthia,
20 as to Mildred's reply when [REDACTED] said that, said to her,
21 "Why would I be afraid?" and we both think that she didn't
22 answer.

23 MS. JONES: Okay.

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: We can't remember. Neither one of
25 us can recall that.

1 MS. JONES: That's all right. I appreciate that.
2 So you were able to see the catheter area on Thursday
3 evening?

4 MS. PRUSHNOK: If I am using the proper term for
5 the apparatus?

6 MS. JONES: Yes.

7 MS. PRUSHNOK: It looked like it went up into her
8 rectal area there but I saw it there and what do I know, I
9 don't know.

10 MS. JONES: Did you see the nurses aides come in
11 and help clean her?

12 MS. PRUSHNOK: Oh, certainly.

13 MS. JONES: How long would that take
14 approximately?

15 MS. PRUSHNOK: It took that girl, I bet you that
16 one time because Mid thought that she had a BM and she was
17 wanting me to call the nurse's aide to tell her which I did
18 and the girl came in and worked with Mid, gave her the bed
19 pan and wiped her and got her head down there and looked and
20 that is the first time that I saw for the only time that
21 apparatus. That was on Thursday night.

22 MS. JONES: Would it take maybe 15 minutes to a
23 half hour to clean?

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: I would say 15. No, it wouldn't be
25 a half hour. No, maybe she was there 15 minutes.

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1 MS. JONES: All right. When you came to visit
2 during the evening, how often would the nurses aide come in
3 say during a period of two or three hours?

4 MS. PRUSHNOK: I don't think I was there three
5 hours. I don't think I was there that long but they were
6 very competent girls and they ran in and out of there quite
7 a bit and, of course, Mid was not feeling good at that time
8 and she would say, "Please, Wilda, go and find someone, I
9 think I have to throw up or I think I have to urinate or I
10 think I have to have a BM or whatever" and I would go out in
11 the hall and find somebody and then they would come in and
12 brought her drinks. She kept wanting a drink. She was so
13 thirsty. She wanted a Coke or a Pepsi and that was unusual
14 for her because she never drank that but that night, she
15 just seemed thirsty that week.

16 MS. JONES: Right. Now when we the NRC was in
17 Indiana for a period of time, you indicated on Tuesday you
18 had tried to call us. Could you repeat that again?

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: But on Tuesday, I called you.
20 Somebody had called me and told me that I should speak with
21 the NRC, was that NRC or NRB, which is it?

22 MS. JONES: NRC, you are right.

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: So I called on Saturday, December
24 the 5th in the morning and I told the girl who I was and she
25 seemed to know who I was and I told her that I was concerned

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1 and she was very gracious and said, "I will have one of the
2 men who are in a meeting at this time, have one of them call
3 you back." So I stayed home that day and no one called and
4 it seems like the next day which would have been Sunday,
5 that I was home most of the day but I didn't get a call.

6 I thought maybe I would get a letter, but I
7 didn't. Then after that, I thought, "Well, gee, maybe I am
8 okay" but then when I see some of the reports on the evening
9 news, then I began to wonder, like if you are standing 15
10 feet or closer and all this, it is scary.

11 MS. JONES: Right. Do you remember what facility
12 to called and talked with this woman, what hotel?

13 MS. PRUSHNOK: It must have been the Best Western.
14 It was where they were set up and that is the place, wasn't
15 it?

16 MS. JONES: Right. As I mentioned to you on
17 Tuesday, I am going to try to call Dr. Bauer and get the
18 results of your test.

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: I would appreciate that.

20 MS. JONES: Right. I think because he had you
21 take the blood test from him, he really is the one who
22 should let you know what the results are or at least someone
23 in his laboratory.

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: Perhaps they could send it in the
25 mail.

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1 MS. JONES: That would be fine. I could tell them
2 to do that and also I will ask about [REDACTED] blood test,
3 too.

4 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes, because [REDACTED] is concerned
5 about her blood test even more so than [REDACTED]
6 Should I give you another address in case you would need me
7 and a telephone number?

8 MS. JONES: Sure. Could you do that?

9 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes.

10 MS. JONES: All right. I have a pencil.

11 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right. It is [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 MS. JONES: Is that [REDACTED]

14 M... PRUSHNOK: Yes, [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 MS. JONES: I hope you have a wonderful time.

17 MS. PRUSHNOK: The zip is [REDACTED]

18 MS. JONES: Could you repeat that again?

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: [REDACTED]

20 MR. MADISON: Was that [REDACTED]

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: [REDACTED]

22 MR. MADISON: Thank you.

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: Now the telephone number there is

24 [REDACTED] and yes, I am looking to have a good time but

25 usually when you have a home in [REDACTED] all you do is clean

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1 for other people.

2 MS. JONES: Is there anything regarding the
3 article and the statements that you made in the Plain Dealer
4 that you would like to repeat for us for this?

5 MS. PRUSHNOK: There is only one thing that I
6 deeply regret. I don't remember having said it but they
7 quoted me as saying it and that was, "She wasn't ready to
8 die. I think they killed her." I am not going to say that
9 I didn't say that but I regret that it was in the paper
10 because I don't know if I should say this or not but I think
11 Dr. Bauer is having a tough enough time without me
12 complicating matters. You can strike that if you wish.

13 MS. JONES: All right. If we need to talk with
14 [redacted] is it possible to get her phone number as
15 well?

16 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes, I will give it to you. Her
17 name is [redacted] You know that.

18 MS. JONES: Right.

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: [redacted]
20 [redacted]
21 [redacted]

22 MS. JONES: [redacted]

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: [redacted]

24 [redacted]

25 If you are speaking, I cannot hear you.

1 MS. JONES: No, I wasn't speaking. Do you have
2 any questions for us at all?

3 MS. PRUSHNOK: Well, I would like to ask you if
4 you feel that having a blood test would give all of the
5 information as to any problems that perhaps I might have?

6 MS. JONES: Well, we have had a number of people
7 who have had blood tests and some of those tests, we have
8 sent on for further analysis to another facility located in
9 Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: But you haven't done that with mine
11 because you haven't had it?

12 MS. JONES: That is correct.

13 MS. PRUSHNOK: That worries me.

14 MS. JONES: Now the blood test that you had done
15 was done at the hospital in Indiana?

16 MS. PRUSHNOK: Correct, on December 3rd.

17 MS. JONES: On December 3rd. So if we needed to,
18 today would you be able to have another blood sample taken?

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: Today?

20 MS. JONES: Or before you leave on your vacation?

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: Maybe on Monday.

22 MS. JONES: What we could do is have another blood
23 sample taken and send it for further analysis.

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: Do you follow up periodically with
25 these blood tests?

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1 MS. JONES: Yes, we do. What we could have done
2 is we will have it taken in Indiana and then they will send
3 it directly to the facility in Oak Ridge and they will do a
4 study on it and it takes about a week to ten days.

5 MS. PRUSHNOK: You have both my addresses so you
6 could send out one to each place.

7 MS. JONES: Right. What I think we are going to
8 do is, do you have a doctor that you could go to on Monday
9 to have the test done?

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: Yes, I do.

11 MS. JONES: What I need to do is get his or her
12 name and phone number and we will contact them. I will have
13 the facility down in Oak Ridge send them a blood sample kit
14 and then what they will do is mail it, federal express back
15 down to Oak Ridge on Monday evening so that they can get it
16 next Tuesday.

17 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right. My doctor's name is [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 MS. JONES: [REDACTED]

20 MS. PRUSHNOK: [REDACTED]

21 MS. JONES: Could you spell that again, I am

22 sorry.

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 MS. JONES: All right. What I will do is I will

1 call him today. I am also going to call Oak Ridge today and
2 have them send him a blood sample kit which will be sent to
3 his office.

4 MS. PRUSHNOK: He was also Mildred Colgan's doctor
5 and a very good friend of her's so he knows about Mildred,
6 too. I might add that.

7 MS. JONES: Then what you will do is he will just
8 draw a blood sample like you did before but this time it
9 will be sent down to Oak Ridge.

10 MS. PRUSHNOK: He will probably send me up to --
11 oh, no, that hospital is closed. Well, whatever he does, I
12 will have that done.

13 MS. JONES: There will be directions for him. I
14 will have the doctor down in Oak Ridge contact him as well
15 so if he has any questions, he can talk with the doctor down
16 in Oak Ridge.

17 MS. PRUSHNOK: Where will you be today?

18 MS. JONES: I will be at this phone number. It is
19 area code 301-492-7241 for about the next say hour and a
20 half and let me give you my home phone number.

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: You gave it to me already but I
22 will take it again.

23 MS. JONES: It is area code [REDACTED]

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: Now when I go Indiana, do you want
25 me to send you a copy of -- was it you that wanted Dr.

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1 Bauer's letter to the community?

2 MS. JONES: No. We got a copy here.

3 MS. PRUSHNOK: You got a copy?

4 MS. JONES: Yes.

5 MS. PRUSHNOK: So the only thing you don't have is
6 the second page of the Plain Dealer or do you now have that?

7 MS. JONES: They had an extra copy here. I just
8 found it this morning.

9 MS. PRUSHNOK: So you have everything that you
10 need?

11 MS. JONES: Yes, I do, ma'am. Thank you. So will
12 you be at this number for the rest of today?

13 MS. PRUSHNOK: I am planning to be in and out.
14 Just a moment, Cynthia.

15 [PAUSE.]

16 MS. PRUSHNOK: Do you know who is on the other
17 line? It is the secretary at Dr. Bauer's office. Do you
18 want to wait and see what she has to say?

19 MS. JONES: Yes. Why don't you go ahead and take
20 it.

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right. You hang on.

22 MS. JONES: Yes, I will.

23 [PAUSE.]

24 MS. PRUSHNOK: Wasn't that a coincidence.

25 MS. JONES: Yes.

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1 MS. PRUSHNOK: She said that Dr. Bauer had her
2 call me, Dr. Bauer, the radiologist from Indiana, the
3 secretary to Dr. Bauer just called and said that a Dr. Jack
4 Kramer she believes from Texas, does that mean anything to
5 you?

6 MS. JONES: No.

7 MS. PRUSHNOK: She said that he was independent -
8 - gee, what kind of a doctor is he, I didn't write it down.
9 Well, someone would be studying the blood results.

10 MS. JONES: So does he still have your blood
11 results?

12 MS. PRUSHNOK: He must have them because Dr. Bauer
13 if he didn't have my blood results, because if he didn't,
14 how could he give them to Dr. Jack Kramer from Texas and Dr.
15 Jack Kramer is going to call me today and talk with me about
16 further study of my blood and I said, "Does this mean I am
17 at risk or is this routine?" and she said, "At this point,
18 it is routine."

19 MS. JONES: What we will still do is go ahead and
20 have you take another blood sample.

21 MS. PRUSHNOK: On Monday.

22 MS. JONES: On Monday and I will have our doctor,
23 the doctor down at Oak Ridge, contact your doctor, [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] today and explain that we will be sending him a blood
25 sample kit of which he can then draw your blood and then

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1 mail it back down to, it is a facility called REAC/TS in Oak
2 Ridge.

3 MS. PRUSHNOK: All right. Now, Cynthia, what
4 about [REDACTED] Should she have another blood test?

5 MS. JONES: Actually, [REDACTED] was okay because the
6 source came out of the patient very early in the morning on
7 the 20th so she was not exposed to any radiation in the
8 evening of the 20th.

9 MS. PRUSHNOK: Oh, then she is all right then.

10 MS. JONES: Yes.

11 MS. PRUSHNOK: Then I don't have to worry about
12 her.

13 MS. JONES: That is very good news.

14 MS. PRUSHNOK: Good. Boy, will she be glad when
15 she hears that.

16 MS. JONES: It was about 4:30 or so when the
17 source fell out of the patient and then it was put into an
18 area where they store their waste.

19 MS. PRUSHNOK: Right, I knew that but I didn't
20 know when.

21 MS. JONES: It was very, very early in the morning
22 of the 20th.

23 MS. PRUSHNOK: Then I wasn't exposed on the 20th
24 either.

25 MS. JONES: No. The only evening would have been

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1 the 19th.

2 MS. PRUSHNOK: That's right.

3 MS. JONES: I really appreciate your talking again
4 to us this morning and I will call [REDACTED] and if I have
5 any other questions or if he has any questions, we will try
6 to get you again this evening or perhaps tomorrow or this
7 weekend.

8 MS. PRUSHNOK: If there is any time, Cynthia, that
9 you would need me that you couldn't get me either here or in
10 [REDACTED] write this down, our office in Indiana, our family
11 office is [REDACTED] and you could just ask for one of my
12 sons or explain it to one of the secretaries or whatever if
13 you need me. I don't think you are going to need me but
14 just in case.

15 MS. JONES: You will be around this weekend?

16 MS. PRUSHNOK: I will be around this weekend, yes.

17 MS. JONES: Great. Thank you.

18 MS. PRUSHNOK: Have a very Happy New Year.

19 MS. JONES: Thank you very much.

20 [The above-entitled interview was concluded at
21 10:21 o'clock p.m.]

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