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MR. ROBINSON: It's now 9:08 and we're back on the record.

The period of time that I wanted to ask questions on 0. 4 are between March the 20th, 1990 and to April 19th, 1990. The 5 documents involved are the presentation by Georgia Power in the 6 regional office on April the 9th, the Georgia Power letter ELV 7 1516 dated April the 9th, 1990. This was a letter in response 8 to our confirmation of action, a letter that we issued to you 9 on March the 23rd, 1990, and the LER is 90-006, rev. 0 dated 10 April the 19th, 1990. Who compiled the diesel generator 1-A 11 and 1-B successful start information used in the regional 12 13 presentation?

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A. Jimmy Paul Cash compiled that information.
 Q. When was this information compiled?

A. It was compiled prior to the presentation. Jimmy Paul talked to me about it that weekend before. I think the presentation -- wasn't it early in the week? Wasn't it like a Monday, do you remember, Pete?

Q. April the 9th was a Monday.

21 A. So we worked that weekend, both Saturday and Sunday,
22 so we would be prepared for the presentation.

Q. Um-huh (yes).

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A. Jimmy Paul, I think on a Saturday or a Sunday, I don't remember which one exactly, talked to me and gave me that

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page 2 42 1 information. Q. All right. What was the source or sources of this 2 3 information? 4 A. I didn't know, except for operator logs is what Jimmy 5 told me. Would that be the -- also the 6 Q. Operator logs. procedure for logging data on steam generator -- steam --7 8 diesel generator starts? Would that strictly be operator logs? I didn't ask him any of the details at that time, and 9 λ. I really haven't, subsequent to that time, asked him any of the 10 11 details of which logs he looked at or didn't look at. He said, you know -- I asked him to get from the logs the information 12 associated with the number of successful starts. 13 14 0. Okay. 15 So I don't know what he looked at. A. 16 Why was this information compiled? Q. The information was compiled first for the 17 λ. presentation. And if you remember, that presentation page 18 really had the test sequence that we went to to basically 19 declare the diesels operable, and what we did is after the 20 21 March 20th event, we went -- tried to do the most comprehensive test sequence that we could think about to make the dissels 22 operable, and we shared that test sequence with the NRC's IIT 23 team and, you know, they really didn't think -- couldn't think 24 25 of anything else for us to add, so we went through that test

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For the record, it is now 9:04 MR. ROBINSON: E.E., Tuesday, August 14th, 1990. This is an interview of Mr. George Bockhold, General Manager, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Waynesboro, Georgia. Present at the interview are Mr. Bockhold, his representative from Troutman, Sanders . . . John Lamberski. MR. LAMBERSKI:

. . Mr. John Lamberski, Larry MR. ROBINSON: 8 Robinson from NRC Office of Investigations, and Pete 9 Taylor from NRC Region II Technical Staff, Inspection 10 Staff. The nature of the interview pertains to the dissel 11 generator information that was presented to the NRC in a 12 verbal presentation to Region II in response to a 13 confirmation of action letter of April 9th, 1990, and in 14 an initial LER provided to the NRC dated April 19th, 1990. 15

MR. GEORGE BOCKHOLD, after first having been duly sworn, 17 testified as follows: 18

Before we get started in the MR. ROBINSON: 19 interview, Mr. Lamberski, will you briefly state the 20 nature of your representation of Mr. Bockhold here today? 21 Mr. Bockhold has asked me to MR. LAMBERSKI: 22 represent him personally, and I also represent Georgia 23 Power Company as general counsel. 24 Have you discussed the potential

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say that word every time, excuse me. 1 Gast Finder Diesel generator. 2 A. 3 Diesel generator starts on the A and B diesel, did 0. that information come to you in what fashion? 4 Just verbally from Jimmy Paul. 5 à. What objectives and guidelines did you use for the 6 0. presentation in the regional office with respect to the status 7 of the steam generators? 8 . A. The status of the diesel generators? 10 Diesel generators. Q. 11 Α. You know, my thinking about the presentation is I thought it would maybe be a question of operability, okey, and 12 13 sayba a question of -- on the sensors that we -- at that particular time, we still did not know the root cause of the 14 15 sensor issues, so my main focus in the presentation was to go through the many items that we did, that -- the comprehensive 16 testing that we did to say that the diesel was operable, in 17 using both the vendor and our technical experts and some of the 18 vendor subexperts to make sure that we ware using the best 19 industry practices associated with the diesel before we 20 declared it operable. So, you know, that was the focus of the 21 presentation, was to be able to present that to the MRC, to 22 say, "We used the best industry practices to declare this 23 diesel -- diesel operative." 24 25 Okey. The presentation in the region indicated Q.

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1 eighteen successful starts on diesel generator 1-A, nineteen 2 successful starts on diesel generator 1-B. How do you arrive 3 that number, thinking back to the transparency that we had on 4 the . . .

5 That number basically came from Jimmy Paul. Okay, I λ. knew we had a lot of starts and I hadn't heard of any problems 6 that I was aware. We had some sensor problems, we changed out 7 some sensors, but I hadn't heard of any problems that would not 8 make the diesel inoperable that -- again, really from the 9 flavor of if we had a need for an emergency start on this 10 engine, okay, the engine would go ahead and start the 11 performance function . . . 12

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Q. Um-huh (yes).

A. . . so basically I asked Jimmy for successful
starts and he gave me a number and I wrote the number down. .

16 Q. Do you know what timeframe these successful starts 17 represent?

18 I knew it when I made the presentation, when the λ. starting point was. I have forgotten what the starting point 19 was, whether it was -- how much after the March 20th event it 20 was. I think it was fairly close to the March 20th event and 21 subsequent tests. On that day I knew where Jimmy Paul had 22 started counting, because we discussed that, and I don't 23 remember the criteria that we used for the -- for his start of 24 25 the counting, and it was up until they -- I gave the

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