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I, Darlene STINER, hereby make the following voluntary statement to H. Brooks GRIFFIN, who has identified himself to me as an Investigator with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I make this statement freely, with no threats or promises of reward having been made to me.

I was employed by Brown & Root at Comanche Peak as a file clerk in August 1977. In February 1978, I became a certified welder, and in June 1980 was made a QC inspector. I was ROF'd (reduction of force) in December 1982. In September 1982, I testified in the ASLB hearing on Comanche Peak. Soon after I testified, I was called to Ron TOLSON's office for a series of about eight sessions with TOLSON and Thomas BRANDT, in which TOLSON inquired about my health

I know these sessions were meant to intimidate and discourage me.

During my employment with Brown & Root there were numerous occasions in which I was threatened, intimidated, or instructed to perform work improperly by my supervisors. In one instance (I do not remember when this occurred), Harry WILLIAMS, my QC superintendent, told me to "buy off" on a hanger or he would find "someone who would". I remember I told WILLIAMS I would not sign off on the inspection, and he had Randy SMITH "buy off" on the inspection. I wrote an NCR on this, and I know it was voided. I testified about this incident before the hearing board.

In about July 1982, I was getting some on-the-job training on liquid penetrant (PT) with a millwright helper(not further identified) applying the liquid over large areas. The level-II QC inspector, James COLE, kept leaving the area and returning. I complained to Randy SMITH, my immediate supervisor. SMITH told Thomas BRANDT about my complaint. BRANDT sent word back through SMITH to "forget it". This discouraged me in performing my inspections.

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EXHIBIT (1)

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During the time I was a welder, I probably made as many as two dozen "plug welds" on Quality hangers at the instructions of various supervisors. I testified about these welds before the hearing board.

I remember back in 1979, an occasion in which James STEMBRIDGE, my foreman, told me to weld a leg on a hanger that was not contained in the drawing in the dimensions needed. I performed the welding without documentation at STEMBRIDGE's instructions, and I was caught by QC. I knew what I had done was wrong. I reported this incident to CASE in an affidavit.

In 1982, Harry WILLIAMS instructed me accept the torquing of Hilti bolts without sign off in the traveler package. Later when I argued with WILLIAMS about it he denied ever having said it. WILLIAMS told me that if I could not remember his instructions and did not trust him, he would replace me. I took this as a threat.

In 1982, I was told by WILLIAMS to help SMITH inspect vendor welds on the deisel generators. I told WILLIAMS I did not feel comfortable with the inspections and that I did not want to do them. WILLIAMS told me to do the inspections, or "go home". I reported this incident to CASE in an affidavit.

After I testified before the ASLB hearing and before I was ROF'd, I wrote an <sup>PA</sup> NCR on some large doors that were to be used in containment. I put hold tags on the doors because of improper welds I identified. BRANDT sent word through SMITH that I was to "buy off" on the doors or I would "be gone". I bought off on the doors.

On another occasion TOLSON told me to stop conducting inspections other than those I was assigned to conduct or that I would be fired. I was harassed, intimidated, and threatened after I testified. A short time later I was ROF'd.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 2 typed pages. I have made and initialed any necessary corrections and have signed my name in ink in the margin of each page. I swear that the foregoing statement is true and correct. Signed of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1983 at .

*Darlene Stiner*

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of September 1983 at Arlington, Texas.