

STATEMENT

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DATE: August 29, 1993

I, Stanley Gene Miles, 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 worked as a rigger and iron worker for Brown & Root at Comanche Peak for 5 1/2 years, until I was fired by Brown & Root on May 5, 1982. A supervisor named Lonnie Ted Ford, general foreman, iron workers, was the one that fired me, but it was arranged by Dale Bullard, the superintendent of ironworker & riggers. I testified twice before the ASLB hearing's on Comanche Peak, and have provided testimony concerning the Charles Michison discriminatory termination case.

During May 1982, ^{Bullard} ~~I~~ ^{learned} ~~learned~~ that I knew ~~SM~~ SM Bullard ^{learned} that I knew SM, a Brown & Root employee working in the "pull" (iron workers moving heavy equipment), damaged a deisel generator. Bullard and a general foreman named John Smith decided to call the damage "sabotage", so they could make an insurance claim. I believe that when Bullard and Smith found out that I knew about it, I was fired for loafing.

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During my employment, I had knowledge of several instances where work was performed improperly. In the summer of 1981, my crew

was instructed to shim the ~~crane~~ crane on a Saturday. The shimming should have been done earlier when the girders were installed, but I had heard they could not drive the shims into place. Dale Bullard assigned Connie Woodard as special foreman for the job. Woodard instructed my crew to cut the shims in a horseshoe shape, so they could be installed and made to look as though the shims were in place. We put at least six cut pieces in place, and it looked as though the crane was shimmed, but it was not.

In December 1981, my crew was installing pipe whip restraints in the south pop-off valve room on the lower elevation in Unit I. I had been instructed by Bullard to chip concrete in the valve room. I talked to a ^{Pipefitter SK} ~~man~~ named ^{a pipe} Murray and a welder named Ricky on ^a ~~the~~ ^{1st} crew in the room. They told me they were going to do some welding in the room that day, so I told my welder, Joe Gaydos, to requisition weld rods and weld instead of chip concrete. The dust created by chipping concrete would adversely affect the welding. Steve Dunn, my foreman at that time, and Dale Bullard came to the valve room and asked me why I was not chipping concrete, and then accused me of "screwing off". I explained about the dust, but Bullard told

me he did not give a "damn" about the other work, and that if I did not do what he said he would send me "down the road". I began chipping the concrete and a QC superintendent (not further identified) caught ~~me~~ and stopped the work. Bullard got in trouble when ~~two welders named~~ Ricky + Murray told the QC superintendent about Bullard's instruction. Dunn and Bullard threatened craft employees with termination on a daily basis.

In the winter of 1981, I knew of two welders named Schakleford and Patterson who were working on flat horizontal welds in Unit II. They were using an average of about 235 rods a day. Bullard told ~~all the~~ ^{all the} crews that he wanted each welder to "burn" 200 rods a day, and threatened to "run off" those welders who did not. The crews greatly increased the number of welds performed for a short time, until QC and BCF inspectors started "shooting down" ~~the~~ ^{the} (disapproving) the restraints.

In 1979 ^{SH} or 1980, I was preparing for a welding test that would qualify me for a structural welding job. Robert Turnage, the ironworker superintendent, threatened to fire me if I ~~passed~~ ^{SH} the test, because he knew

I was a good iron worker and did not want to lose me. I purposely failed the test, so Turnage would not fire me.

I estimate that Bullard averaged threatening employees with termination about 10 times a week. I knew of one employee named Otis who was fired in March 1982 by assistant superintendent Terry Mitchell for reading Brown v Root instruction leaflet while on duty.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 4 handwritten/~~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 on August 29, 1983 at 8:07 pm.

Stan Miles
SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to before me at _____, this 29th day of August, 1983,

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INVESTIGATOR: H. Brooks WITNESS: _____