

STATEMENT

PLACE: CPSES

DATE: 9/29/83 115

I, Thomas F. W. P. Kelly, hereby make the following voluntary statement to Mr. D. D. Driskill, 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 am currently employed as a Principal Corrosion Engineer for EBASCO Services Incorporated, Houston Tx and have been employed in this capacity for approximately 2 1/2 yrs. On about August 8, 1983

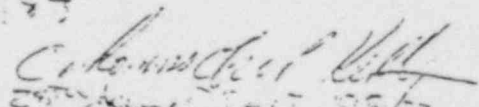
I began a temporary assignment at CPSES for the purpose of studying the protective coatings specifications, application procedures and QC procedures. Jerome FIRTEL, Principal Corrosion Engineer, EBASCO Services Incorporated, New York, NY worked with ^{me} on this effort.

On August 24, 1983 a meeting was held with CPSES Paint QC personnel to inform them of the proposed changes in the above documents, and enable them to ask any technical questions about these changes. The format of the presentation by FIRTEL and I was an open one allowing attendees to ask questions at any time. Our presentation was scheduled to last approximately 15 to 20 minutes. *JFK*

^{think} During the course of our presentation one individual, whom I later learned was named DUNHAM, was discourteous. His discourtesy was evident by his interruption of myself, FIRTEL and other inspectors on the asking and/or answering of questions. The majority of his interruptions referenced a lack of support by his supervisory personnel, craft intimidation of inspectors and the fact that he was a better painter ~~and~~ than anyone on the jobsite. These statements made by Dunham were not relevant to the topics FIRTEL and I were discussing. I also feel that his demeanor in asking these questions was obnoxious.

Two or three times either I or someone else asked that we get the discussion back onto the topic at hand. Also I would like to point out that Dunham's statements were made as comments, not presented as questions.

I have read over and understand the foregoing two page statements. I swear this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed on 9/29/87

Submitted and sworn to before me this 29th day of September 1987
at CPSES, Green House, TX.  Notary Public, EVI, NCC

Witness: Walter E. Ford of RIV

RESULTS OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW OF
JEROME FIRTEL AS RECORDED BY
NRC INVESTIGATOR D. D. DRISKILL ON OCTOBER 12, 1983

At 1040 on October 12, 1983, Jerome FIRTEL, Corrosion Engineer, Ebasco Services, Incorporated, New York, New York, was telephonically interviewed (telephone number [REDACTED] by NRC Investigator D. D. DRISKILL. FIRTEL was interviewed concerning his knowledge of circumstances associated with the termination of William A. DUNHAM, a former coatings QC Inspector employed by Brown & Root, Inc., (B&R), at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES).

FIRTEL stated he went to CPSES for only about 4 days near the end of August 1983. He stated he went to CPSES to assist in a protective coatings evaluation and consulting effort being conducted by Ebasco at CPSES. FIRTEL stated that during his visit to CPSES, he and Thomas KELLY, another Ebasco Corrosion Engineer from Houston, Texas, were asked to conduct a question and answer session with CPSES coatings QC personnel. FIRTEL stated the meeting was held specifically to answer technical questions the QC personnel might have.

FIRTEL stated that during the meeting, one QC inspector whose name he did not know (but who was obviously DUNHAM), attempted to use the meeting as a forum to air his (DUNHAM's) personal grievances. FIRTEL described DUNHAM's attitude as "disruptive" and characterized the statements and questions asked by DUNHAM as personnel problems rather than technical problems. When specifically asked whether comments made by DUNHAM, relating to their (the QC personnel) lack of supervisory support and intimidation by supervisors were personnel problems, FIRTEL reiterated his and KELLY's purpose there was to answer technical questions.

FIRTEL stated he believed the topics brought up by DUNHAM were irresponsible due to the fact that neither he (FIRTEL) or KELLY had any control over management-employee relations. FIRTEL stated that once DUNHAM began talking, he (FIRTEL) was disturbed because he was a visitor there and had no control over the matters DUNHAM was discussing. FIRTEL stated he only wanted to discuss technical matters during the meeting.

FIRTEL stated he felt DUNHAM had a "poor attitude," was "disruptive," and was "out of line" in bringing up such matters in front of "guests" (which FIRTEL believed he and KELLY were).

FIRTEL stated he has no knowledge regarding any personnel action taken against DUNHAM as a result of his (DUNHAM's) demeanor during the meeting. .

When asked whether he (FIRTEL) had discussed this matter with anyone since his return to New York, FIRTEL said he did discuss the topic with someone but was unable to recall whom he talked with or when.

END OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH JEROME FIRTEL ON OCTOBER 12, 1983.

SIGNATURE: _____

D. D. DRISKILL, Investigator
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