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MR. GRIFFIN: We're going to go on the record now.

This is an interview of the who is

employed by Brown & Root at Comanche Peak Steam Electric

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The location of this interview is Cleburne,

Texas, and this is April 6, 1984.

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Present at this interview are



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Tom Carpenter, Representative for the GAP, the Government

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Accountability Project; Tom Ippolito, NRC, NRR; and H. Brooks

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Griffin with the NRC OI; and Mr. Burns, the Court Reporter.

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I need to swear you to the contents of your

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statement, would you rise and raise your right hand, please?

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having first been duly sworn by Investigator Griffin, was examined and testified as follows:

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BY MR. GRIFFIN:

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The first subject we need to discuss is the

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confidentiality agreement. I'm going to read this to you,

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and I'm going to read it into the record; and it's important

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that we both have a clear understanding of what the terms

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of this agreement are.

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So, I'm going to be asking you as we go along if

you understand; and I am sure you do.

"Confidentiality Agreement. I have information that I wish to provide in confidence to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I request an express pledge of confidentiality as a condition for providing this information to the NRC. I will not provide this information voluntarily to the NRC without this confidentiality being extended."

Do you understand that?

- A Yes, I do.
- Q Okay.

"It is my understanding that consistent with its legal obligations the NRC, by agreeing to this confidentiality will adhere to the following conditions:"

These first three conditions are what the government is agreeing to. This is what binds us; this is what we must follow.

"No. 1. The NRC will not identify me by name or personal identifier in any NRC initiated document, conversation or communication released to the public which relates directly to the information provided by me."

Do you understand?

- A Yes, I do.
- Q We will not use your name in our reports; we will not use your title or some description in there that would allow the reader to identify you?

1 A Right. 2 "I understand the term 'public release' to 3 encompass any distribution outside of the NRC, with the exception of other public agencies which may require this infor-4 5 mation in furtherance of their responsibilities under law 6 or public trust." 7 This means that the NRC will not release 8 documents that bear your name or any other identifier to anybody outside the NRC, with the exception of other 9 responsible public agencies. 10 11 An example might be that at some point in future, 12 say, and was 13 just as an example. If you did, it might be that the NRC would receive 14 15 as to your activities as an inspector, our 16 knowledge of you. 17 This is an agreement between the NRC 18 that consistent with the law and it 19 would be possible the NRC 20 A I see. 21 But that would not be released outside the public 22 agencies that have such need under law. 23 A Okay. 24 0 That is the exception. 25 "No. 2. The NRC will disclose my identity within

the NRC only to the extent required for the conduct of NRC-related activities."

In other words, they don't go back and say, "hey, last night I met ." It will be only those people that need to know who will be told what your name is.

If your name appears on a document and an inspector is assigned to go look at a document and to determine whether something is wrong with that document, he's going to need to know your name so he can identify the document.

A Right.

Q But that doesn't mean he needs to tell five other guys that are NRC inspectors. It would be kept as restricted as possible to maintain and ensure confidentiality. The government agrees to do that as part of its contract.

"No. 3. During the course of the inquiry or investigation the NRC will also make every effort consistent with the investigative needs of the Commission to avoid actions which would clearly be expected to result in the disclosure of my identity to persons subsequently contact by the NRC."

In other words, I am interviewing tonight: Let's say next week I'm on-site and I am interviewing somebody in DCC.

And I say, Now, listen, I talked to some people off-site, and I use some description that would tend to tell

that person that I was subsequently interviewing, that would
lead them to say, hey, I know who he was talking to; he
was interviewing

Well, we take precautions to avoid identifying you in that manner.

"At a later stand I understand that even though the NRC will make every reasonable effort to protect my identity, my identification could be compelled by orders or subpoenas issued by courts of law or hearing boards or similar legal entitles. In such cases the basis for the granting of this promise of confidentiality and any other relevant facts will be communicated to the authority ordering the disclosure in an effort to maintain my confidentiality."

What this means is, a court of law legally has the right to compel the NRC to give up your name, or it's possible that they could have a legal basis for compelling your name.

If such an unusual occurrence were to occur, the NRC would resist divulging your name in every way possible.

And if everything else failed, the NRC would even ask that the court, if we were compelled as an Agency to give up your name -- which is highly unlikely -- but if we were compelled to do so, we would still as a last gasp, request it be given just to the Judge, to satisfy his needs.

And the last thing in this paragraph says:

"If this effort proves unsuccessful, a representative of the NRC will attempt to inform me of any such action before disclosing my identity."

Now, I've only been in NRC for about a year and a half, but I do not know of any instances where the NRC has been compelled to divulge a confidential source's identity.

And I don't anticipate any such instances. We hope this will never come up. And I think we can state here in full confidence that it will not in this case.

Okay, now, the next paragraph involves your part of the agreement, what you must abide by for this contract to continue to exist:

"I also understand that the NRC will consider me to have waived my rights" -- which means 'give up' -- "to have waived my right to confidentiality if I take any action that may reasonably be expected to disclose my identity."

In other words, if you go back where you live and you call up some of your friends and you say, "I was just over Friday night talking to the NRC, and I told them about all the stuff I found." If you do that, obviously, you are not trying to keep it confidential.

- A And that's a fact.
- Q Okay.

Well, what we're saying is you shouldn't do that.

But if you do it, confidentiality --

1 A I wouldn't dare do it. 2 Q Right. 3 So what we're saying is, if you do this, the NRC will no longer be compelled. If you aren't keeping it confidential, we will no longer be compelled to do so, also. 5 6 "I further understand that the NRC will consider 7 me to have waived my right to confidentiality if I provide or have previously provided information to any other party that contradicts any information that I have provided the 10 NRC, or if circumstances indicate that I am intentionally 11 providing false information to the NRC." 12 Do you understand that? 13 A Yes, I do. 14 0 Okay. 15 Now, Tom has some conditions that he wishes to 16 read into the record that -- in support of maintaining 17 this confidentiality. 18 Tom? 19 MR. CARPENTER: Okay. 20 I'm a representative of the Government Accountability 21 Project, a legal intern there, representing here 22 today. 23

GAP would like to add-in as a condition to the confidentiality statement that, we expect the Office of Investigation and the authorities in this investigation,

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to provide a copy of the investigation report that results from this investigation when it is made public, and when it is available to the public -- that portion that is available to the public -- when that time is reached.

And, secondly, we also expect the Office of Investigation and the NRC to follow the normal OI policy regarding retention of all material developed during the course of your investigation as relates to and not to destroy any notes or memorandum as relates to

And, finally, we would like to note ont he record that we would prefer not to have any Region IV personnel in possession of name or files, if it can be avoided.

And we would like to state on the record that is our wish; and we would hope you would avoid that.

We realize you cannot promise that, but we'd like to have it on the record that this is what we would like to have.

MR. GRIFFIN: Okay.

BY MR. GRIFFIN:

in response to what he has said, the NRC is prepared to send you a copy of that portion of the NRC report that might result from your concerns; when it is released to the public, we would be willing to give that.

We will also send you a copy of the transcript 1 of whatever se say here today, and a copy of the confidentia-3 lity agreement. 4 I will adhere to the policy that we have which includes the preservation of notes and documents that we 5 receive and we use in preparation of our investigative reports. And as Tom has already said, GAP has reservations about using Region IV personnel: 9 This is not a condition that the NRC can agree to. 10 He is merely expressing a concern about the use of Region IV personnel and a desire that they not be used. 12 "I have read and fully understand the contents of this agreement and I agree with its provisions." 13 14 Is that true, 15 A Yes. 16 Okay. 17 What I need you to do is sign your name, right here (indicating document); you can do it on this copy that 18 19 you have, right here. 20 (Witness signing document.) 21 MR. GRIFFIN: Tom, would you witness? 22 (Mr. Carpenter signing document.) 23 (Mr. Griffin signing document.) 24 MR. GRIFFIN: In that we've signed this,

we have an agreement; and the government will abide by it;

and we expect you to, also.

As I said a few minutes before, a transcript of the proceedings this evening, along with a copy of this agreement will be mailed to you personally when we receive it; so you'll have -- you're entitled to copies of this; and we will be sending them to you.

BY MR. GRIFFIN:

Okay, now, I want to start into your initial or your original affidavit; and I'm going to be following the affidavit. And probably the primary purpose for our meeting this evening is to provide the NRC an opportunity to go through your affidavit, assure that we understand what you have to say; and also to try to get more specifics that would help us to look into these problems.

So I hope we can -- the affidavit lays out pretty clearly what your concerns are; and this gives the NRC an opportunity to get a little bit more if we can; and we'll be moving from one issue to another.

Okay, your name is How are you currently employed at Comanche Peak?

- A I am a
- Q You work in DCC or the satellites?
- A I work in QA office, in the QC building.
- Q Oh, okay.

And who is your immediate supervisor?

1 My immediate supervisor, the time sheet I'm on, A 2 3 And what are your duties, daily duties? A At the present I control the flow of documentation 5 from the craft to the QC, to ANI, and eventually into the 6 vault. 7 0 Okay. 8 When did you first begin your employment at 9 Comanche Peak? 10 11 0 Okay. 12 And what was your position when you were hired? 13 A I was hired in as a document controller to draw isolation drawings for the installation of insulation. 15 When a hydro was performed, after the hydro was 16 performed they would insulate it. The walkdown was made, 17 the hydro was made; then I provided a drawing that they used 18 to insulate the areas that had been included within that 19 hydro limits. 20 Q Did you then transfer to the position you presently 21 hold? 22 A I went from the -- that position, to the task 23 force in the reactor building, handling hanger packages. 24 This was on the hanger push, to get the hangers through. 25

The job there was basically a clerk. The QC

inspectors would walkdown the hangers and work to be done in the reactor building; and I would -- I kept -- I provided them with the ISOs --

What does "ISO" stand for?

A That's an isometric drawing. It gives you the location by following that ISO of the hangers, the welds, or anything in the plant you can find the location of in this ISO drawing.

0 Okay.

Also, the WDCs; they have certified copies, certified vendors' copies of drawings of hangers, parts of hangers -- they call them VCDs -- vendors' certified copies -- to see that they were in the packages, to see that they were used when the walkdown was made.

Basically, what I was doing was keeping, sort of interfacing between craft when we would get the hanger package, get it to the proper QC inspector, get it walkeddown, and get it back up the hill to QA for review.

You're interfacing with craft and you're interfacing with document review --

A Not with document review.

I was interfacing with the QC inspectors, themselves, making the walkdown.

0 Okay.

You actually worked with QC.

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A Yes, I was with QC. At that time I was under

Q Okay.

MR. IPPOLITO: How did the satellites or document control fit into your scheme?

THE WITNESS: Document control, I have -- I was -you'd have to have a certification to pick up control
documents from document control. Not everybody could get
them.

My number was, starts out as 083. I could get packages under the number of 083, control number.

Then it switched to control number 005. But I was the only one who could go to DCC and take control copies out for anybody. My supervisor couldn't do it. No one was supposed to be able to do it but myself.

MR. IPPOLITO: In other words, you got your packages from document control?

THE WITNESS: I got my drawings, added them to the packages that I had gotten from craft.

I had to see that there was a current revision of all of the drawings in that package; that, say, they brought me a hanger package from the welding, sent a hanger package from craft that had gone through their reviews up to that point.

Then I would get the latest rev of the ISO; I

1 would put it in the filing cabinet. When the QC inspector 2 came in, I would give him the entire package. He would take 3 it out and make his walkdown, his visual inspection, of whatever he was -- whatever it was that he was -- and then 5 he would bring it back; and then I would transmit it up the hill to QA for QA review. 7 This was before I got into QA review. MR. IPPOLITO: Where did the craft get it? 9 In other words, the crafts had to have a package 10 of something to build a hanger or --11 THE WITNESS: They got it from welding engineering. 12 MR. IPPOLITO: And welding engineering got it 13 form whom? 14 THE WITNESS: The welding engineering were the 15 ones who drew the packages up. They were the ones who 16 made the -- in other words, I guess the best thing to do is 17 to explain the path of one of these documents. 18 MR. IPPOLITO: All right, that would surely help 19 me because I am confused. 20 THE WITNESS: All right. They -- the welding engineers are supposed to determine what particular thing, hanger, et cetera, is to be located for having its welding and everything --

MR. IPPOLITO: Yuh.

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THE WITNESS: -- and that is supposed to be done by

welding engineering; not always, but it's supposed to.

MR. IPPOLITO: Right.

THE WITNESS: Then they fix up a weld data card.

MR. IPPOLITO: Okav.

THE WITNESS: For hangers and for piping.

And they send these to the field, to the craft.

The craftsmen do whatever is called for on this weld data card, class traveller, or whatever it is. They perform the work.

If they have any problems -- and these task forces, the way they had it set up, you had a welding engineer, you had your QC, you had your ANI, you had your QA, all in this one area. I wouldn't say it was an office; it wasn't.

And they all interfaced together, right there, to expedite the -- whatever they were doing to the hangers, which, most the time was rework while I was there, modifications that had come out.

And this was supposed to make them accessible to each other so that you wouldn't have to spend hours and days to find them, run them down. The task force was set up specifically for a certain area, and for a certain project; and they were all working on that one project so they weren't distracted with something else.

I don't know if I'm making it clear or not?

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1	BY MR. GRIFFIN:
2	is this what you are currently doing now?
3	A No.
4	Q Okay. I think that's where I'm confused.
5	A No.
6	Q You did this, this carrying the weld data cards
7	through the system; and this was your job
8	A Now, that's my job now.
9	Q Okay.
10	Then after July, I went on vacation; when I came
11	back off of vacation and reported to the task force, it
12	was no longer there.
13	MR. IPPOLITO: This was July?
14	THE WITNESS: I was the only one. The was nobody
15	there.
16	They hadn't told me that they were doing away with
17	the night shift. See, I worked nights, see.
18	So I called and I told him, what am
19	I supposed to do? There's nobody here.
20	He said, "Well, I forgot to get withk you."
21	He says, "Go some place and hide and wait till morning and
22	I'll see about bringing you on the day shift." You know.
23	So this is when, it was right after I got back off
24	vacation, that I went on days. When I went days, they first
25	put me in the hanger department working on hanger

transmitters and things, to the ANI.

Then about a week after this, they put me in this job that I am in now, which is controlling the flow of documents.

BY MR. GRIFFIN:

- Q For QC?
- For QC. I'm in QA. It's called QES.
- Q Well, maybe I could clarify by saving: during most of your concerns that we're going to go through here, in this first affidavit which was made, you were employed as -- or you were responsible for transmitting weld data cards; is that correct?

A Now, during the first part of the document that we're going through here, it was -- my first concern came up at night, when I was on the night crew.

Q And that was your job then, to transmit the --

A Well, I started out, like I said, working on insulation packages; and this is up in the QA building. And then I had concerns there.

And then they transferred me down to the task force. I had concerns there.

Q Okay.

A I traveled carrying, expediting -- is what they call it -- the different --

Q Well, as we go into each one of these issues,

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we'll try to achieve an understanding what your job was? 2 A Right, okay. 3 Because if I try to hold them all at once --4 (Laughter) 5 -- I probably won't be able to. 6 Following the affidavit here, you indicate that 7 in the first paragraph here, that you said you had a great deal of experience with documentation; and you explain in here how a weld data card went through the system; and that was your job in transmitting? 11 A Right. 12 The weld data cards, and the engineering review, 13 and quality control, ANI; and then you gave us an explanation 14 of how the system worked? 15 Right. That is my present -- that's what I do . 16 now. 17 0 What you do now? Okay. 18 A Right. 19 0 Okay. 20 That's pretty clearly stated here. 21 Then you say one of the first problems that you had 22 was how documentation was stored. You said you had a couple 23 of fires? 24 No, we didn't. We would have if I hadn't been 25 there.

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See, I worked nights, and at times I was the only one in the QC building.

Q Okay.

A And there's been many nights out there that I have been the only one up there working in the QC building.

O Um-huh.

A This is when I was working on my insulation drawings.

Q Um-huh.

A It was easier, I guess, to have me doing that then than it was during the day time. I started in onthe night crew.

Q Um-huh.

A And I had gone into the main DC room to get a drink of water, and I smelled the smoke, And at that particular time there was a boy that had stayed over reviewing at nights; he was way at the other end of the trailer.

And, of course, first thing I thought was to go down and see if he smelled it.

Q Um-huh.

Let me stop you for a minute.

It just occurred to me, in consideration of confidentiality, mainly I am interested in finding out some information about these fires; I want to know that as it relates to one of your potential concerns -- fire hazards

Stack of Alleyation AQ-45 out there.

But, rather than going into detail as to what exactly occurred, which would probably tend to identify you as the person responsible and they are not actual ongoing actual safety issues --

A There's a much better way of identifying it than that; okay?

There are six temporary trailers that are -- have no fire protection whatsoever. They don't have sprinklers or anything.

Q Um-huh.

A Joined together in one long line. They're a potential fire hazard, and if it ever caught on fire, they would be gone instantly.

Q Okay.

What trailers are these?

A These are the QC trailers.

Q Okay.

A QC building is just, it's right in front of the weld, welding engineering.

Q Okay.

A There are six trailers joined togehter there, temporary trailers; they are poorly-wired; the airconditioners are shot; there are many electrical potentials for fire.

Q Okay. Tell me, are there any records

1 stored in those trailers? 2 All permanent. 3 They are all permanent records? 4 You bet they are! 5 0 Okav. 6 A Hanger packages. 7 Okay. We'll have a look at that. But my concern over that is, if that building burned --Q The records are destroyed? 11 You have destroyed a large part of Comanche Peak piping out there. 13 Now, do you happen to know the procedure, if they 14 have a procedure or requirement as to storage of records? 15 This I will not say I have actual knowledge; I've 16 heard that there is. I've heard it discussed. I haven't 17 actually read them, I haven't actually seen them. 18 But surely to goodness there are procedures that 19 will protect those documents. They are not supposed to be --20 my understanding is -- I haven't seen a procedure on it, now; 21 you understand that? 22 Q Um-huh. 23 But my understanding is they are not to be outside 24 of a fireproof area. 25 Okay. We can check that out.

1 When they store them in the vault, they don't even allow smoking back there. 2 3 0 Yuh. 4 MR. IPPOLITO: Is the vaul: in a separate building? 5 THE WITNESS: The vault is in a separate building. It's in the administrative building down the hill. 6 7 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 8 Q Okay. You indicate, in your statement here in May, about May of '83, they lost a lot of documents, packages? 11 A They did. 12 They were changing their system; they tried to go to a system where there could be packages in the field; is that 13 14 right? 15 A Yes. 16 What had happened was they had come up with a task 17 force idea. 18 0 Um-huh. 19 They had a regular hanger vault, they called it, 20 in welding engineering where all of the hangers were kept and 21 stored. 22 When they set up their three task forces, reactor, 23 auxiliary and safeguards, they broke the documentation up into those areas; and carried them down to the particular place 25 inside; ours was inside the reactor. One one in the aux

building.

And they carried it right directly to the area that was being worked on, supposedly. They didn't carry them all -- they had the files down there; they didn't transmit them all at once. They came down in bunches. They carried them down there in boxes.

Yes, there was 1,500 hanger packages lost down there. I don't know how many they've been able to find.

Q Okay, who is responsible for trying to recover them; do you know?

A Whoever the last person that had them in their possession.

Q But, I mean, is there one group or one person on site that's been tasked for trying to locate these lost documents?

A No.

They did have, now, I don't know what group they were called; there were two men that came looking for some of these lost hanger packages.

- Q Do you remember their names?
- A No, I don't even know their names.

Nobody had the time to help them, the only thing of it is.

Q Did they issue some kind of a memo out there saving, everybody bring in all documents?

1 Right now under my desk I've got two boxes that 2 belong to and I don't know 3 what in the world they've got in them. 4 We got hanger boxes out in the -- in the halls 5 that belong to somebody; but we don't know who they belong 6 to. 7 Q Just to clarify here: when you're saying "hanger 8 packages," are these packages copies of the same ones in DCC? A No, sir, no, sir. They are original copies. 11 They do not have these in DCC. These are the original 12 cards that are made by welding engineering. They are 13 the original walkdowns made by QC inspectors; they're VCDs; 14 they're inspections, they're PT inspections. 15 They are not duplicates? 16 They're originals. Some of the weld data cards. 17 They are the originals of everything that's been done on 18 that. 19 If I went on-site and I wanted to ask the most 20 responsible person about this issue: what are you doing in 21 trying to locate these things? -- who would be the person I 22 should talk to? 23

A I would suggest the person who would give you the most accurate description on how they are going about locating it would be

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2 Let's move on to the next issue --3 MR. IPPOLITO: I'm sorry. 4 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. 5 MR. IPPOLITO: The way the system was described to 6 me -- and I'm having troubles --THE WITNESS: Um-huh. MR. IPPOLITO: -- the way the system was described to me was, engineering, whether it's weld engineering or 10 electrical, whatever-have-you, puts together either a weld 11 design drawing or electrical ISO, or whatever; and when they 12 do that, they send it down and have it reproduced. 13 Then it goes and gets a number on it, and then it's 14 distributed to the satellites. 15 Now -- all right? -- and from the statellites, 16 people like the craft, welding craft, or the whatever, the 17 electrical craft, they get a work authorization: put up 18 that hanger, or install that cable. 19 They go to--with that authorization card, they 20 go to their satellite and they say, "I want this package." 21 And then are given the package that contains 22 supposedly all the right information in it, all of the design 23 changes and the revs and all that. 24 When they get through putting it together, they take 25 that package -- the package is supposed to be turned in every

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Okay.

night, as I understand.

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Anyway, they return the package back to document --

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the satellite; and it gets filed there.

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distribution of the original engineering drawing and any

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change thereof, the original goes into the vault. That

is what I have been told.

document path.

So, you know, I'm here wondering?

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THE WITNESS: Yes, you're right, the original goes

But one thing they told me is that when they make

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into the vault -- after it has passed through this

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It doesn't go immediately into the vault.

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And when they give you a package down in DCC, they give you DCAs, CMCs, NCRs; but what about the VC reports

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and the PT reports that the inspectors have made?

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What you've got on these original packages that 17

makes it a catastrophe if you lost them is you've got -- you don't have copies; you've got the original signatures of

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the QC inspectors, the weld engineers, of the ANI; you've

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got the original, signed-off copies.

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You don't have duplicates. See, that's what makes it --

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BY MR. GRIFFIN:

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Did the loss of these packages occur before the satellite system was set up?

No. What had happened was they were transmitting 1 them down there in boxes in the backs of open trucks. 2 3 To the satellites? To -- not to the satellites, but down to the task 5 forces. 6 Some of them might have gotten lost. Some of them might have been set in a box here, and nobody knew who it 8 belonged to. Q But you came up with a specific -- you came up with 10 a number, here; did you have an indication from somebody that 11 1,400 packages were lost? 12 A Yes, they talked about it down there for about 13 two weeks. 14 So they never made it to the task forces? 15 Apparently, if they had, they don't know what happened to them. They kept saying that there were 15 --16 17 and they kept going through these printouts that they got from the computer; and they kept checking them off. 18 19 And eventually, what we did to help locate some of them, we went to all of QC, everybody at QC, went into 20 21 the vault and they gave them those to work on; and they went 22 through individually every document that was in there. And 23 we found some of them misfiled in the vault. 24 Q I thought the computer -- you're talking about 25 "George"?

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I don't think George came on line until about January of '83; and these documents we're talking about were lost in May of '83?

A George was in -- George-1, I guess it was, George-1, or George-2; I forget what it was. But when they came up there, they came in computer printout. And what they was supposed to be was ISO numbers, line numbers, painter numbers; you were supposed to be able to go to one and be able to tell -- they was in hanger order. Another was in --

Q Well, for a brief time here the idea was that they would send these packages to various task forces?

A Right.

Q And they would have the doucments there for their use?

A Yes.

And then they decided they were not going to use that system; bring them back in; and when they brought them back in to a central document area, they discovered that they had lost many, many, packages?

A They found that out while they were still down in the field; and we were getting feed-ins from George-1 saying this hanger package and that hanger package -- and we didn't have those hanger packages.

I would get the hanger packages back from the QC and I would be supposed to make out a transmittal to send

up the hill to QA for review, and there was just no order; 2 there was no way you could keep up with it. 3 Q So you think this guy, could give us . He could tell you --A 5 He could tell how it started and when --6 A And what it was supposed to do, and I don't know 7 if he'll tell you what it did or not; but there is a man 3 -- who, and 9 were the ones who were in charge of transmitting 10 them down to our task force. 11 They came down there, they set up their file 12 cabinets, and they came in one weekend and they went through 13 all the hanger packages in there; everything was working 14 rather smoothly. 15 Then it started going astray somewhere. I don't know where it went astray. But that's when we started 16 17 -- they started calling for hanger packages that we didn't have. And we would send up the hill for those hanger packages, 19 and they would send those back down to us, that they had 20 already been transmitted down there. 21 This is when the system started breaking down. 22 This is when they started realizing that the hanger packages 23 were missing, when they would come in for the package, and we wouldn't have it; and we would send the transmittal up the 24 25 hill -- send word up there to bring that package down -- and

they would say: we can't bring it down, we brought it down 1 2 last week. 3 You see what I'm saying? 4 Now, this has nothing to do with document control 5 at all, or the document control people. 6 MR. IPPOLITO: I don't understand. Do you under-7 stand it? I want to pursue it. I'm fuzzy. MR. GRIFFIN: What's fuzzy, I think, is -- I may 9 be wrong -- I think we're looking a brief window in time 10 when they tried to use a system; started to assemble documents, 11 moved them out; and then they decided they didn't want that 12 system and they brought them back to go to another system; 13 and then they found out that they'd lost a lot of stuff; 14 because they did not maintain control over those packages. 15 MR. IPPOLITO: I think what I'm hearing now is 16 that they started off with a central place where all the 17 documents were. They decided that, you know, they'd improve 18 efficiency; and they created three task forces. 19 They said: let's move the stuff down to the task 20 forces so that it'll be close to them. Then they found a short while, I guess within a few months or something like that --THE WITNESS: Within a few weeks.

MR. IPPOLITO: Within a few weeks they found that

to be unsuccessful. I think at that time they may have

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created the satellites.

THE WITNESS: This was prior to the -- this would be before -- maybe that's what I'm missing about.

MR. IPPOLITO: Yes?

THE WITNESS: This was before the satellites were created.

MR. IPPOLITO: That's it.

THE WITNESS: See, the satellites didn't come into existence until after the task force had been moved back up the hill.

BY MR. GRIFFIN:

- Q And they'd already tried to draw packages back in?
- A Right.

And what was happening was, we were going into the same DCC for our control copies. I would go in there and I would order CMCs, one CMC; I could go in and maybe order the ISO; we'd have to have the latest rev.

I was supposed to be responsible for these. I would not throw a control copy away; I was to take it back and trade it on a new one. You just do not throw control copies away.

At this time, now, I want you to understand: we had a single room up the hill where they had all the isometric packadges, all the DCAs, VCDs, everything, filed in this.

And at one time it had been maintained by ANI but then Brown

& Root had taken it over.

In another building, we had all the hanger packages.

One was piping and one was hangers. And everything was working smoothly. They had the girls in there, they were tracking all the packages; they knew exactly where everything was.

Then when this task force thing come into being, they started breaking those up; and I mean, utter chaos broke loose!

They tried to bring all the hangers down to where they had this work 24 hours a day, a QA, a man for the NCRs. They had the ANI. They had the welding engineer -- all right there.

It would have been wonderful, if it had worked, you know.

But their method of getting it down there was so haphazard, that's where we fell apart.

- Q Do you have any knowledge, is there anybody who has been tasked with trying to identify and recover all these lost packages?
  - A Yes, but I cannot give you their names.
  - Q Could give it? Would he know them?
- A I really don't believe he would, because I really don't know.
  - Q Who could I ask?
  - A The two men that came up to my office had been

1 assigned to locating these lost documents. 2 Do you know who they worked for? 3 A That's what I was trying to think. The only reason I'm really aware of them is I was the only one that tried 4 to help them find them. Everybody else had their own job 5 6 and they didn't want to. 7 I'll look and see if I can find the list they 8 brought, because I wrote their extension number on there. 9 Q Okay. We can go right to the heart of this 10 particular matter, if we can find out who's been tasked 11 with trying to locate the lost documents. 12 Q It seems to me like these gentlemen came in there 13 were -- they weren't up from the task force; they weren't a part of QA. They wore white hats. That's your engineers. 15 0 Okay. 16 So maybe they came out of engineering department. 17 All right, we'll see if we can find out; if we 0 18 can't, we may ask you to try to help us find out who has 19 that job. I'm sure it's not a secret out there. 20 Is it? 21 I really don't believe it is. 22 0 Okay. 23 The men who set i . up, the task forces, they're 24 25

up his hands and said, I can't take it any more; and he quit.

inherited the job.

Q Who is

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Q Okay.

A So I really don't know --

Q Okay, we've got a lot of issues here, and I think we've gone as far as we can on that one.

Let's go into this concern here on the instance where you know about the issuance of a control stamp. Can you tell me about that?

You bet I can.

As I said, I was the only one authorized to sign for control documents. I would go down there, I would get it; it would be a round circle and it would have an 83 in the middle of it. And I was in DCC one night looking at some drawings and they were stamping them with a control stamp that had an 83 printed in the middle of it.

And I said, "What's happened? You know, it's printed in there now, instead of writing it in with a pencil like they been doing?"

And told me that somebody had stolen a control stamp. And that they were using it on things that shouldn't be stamped.

Q Okay, which one was the official one, the one you

1 had to write it in, or the one that had it printed. 2 Q Well, up until the printed one came out, it was 3 the one that you wrote in. Go ahead? 5 So I didn't think any more about it. And I was 6 up the hill, I had gone up the hill -- this was at night, now; and I can't remember her last name. I can 8 find out what her name is. 9 Okav. 10 A And a young boy working with her, whose name was 11 -- golly, when you try to pull people's names out of your 12 head, it's hard to do -- anyway, I know his name as well as 13 I do mine -- well, I'm going to skp the name. 14 0 Are these DCC people? 15 A Yes. 16 0 Clerks? 17 She was a reviewer and he was just, I guess you'd 18 call it clerk. 19 I had gotten up there because I had an office, my 20 office had been up there; and I had a lot of stuff up there. 21 And I had gone up there that night for something; I hadn't 22 moved everything I had down to the task force yet. 23 And when I walked in, of course, being nice and 24 her being a woman -- we had met each other down in DCC; and 25 we were standing there talking. And I looked over on the

1 table and there sets the control stamp. 2 0 Okay. 3 And is this back, like, in mid-1983? 4 This was while I was in the task force, so it was prior to July; I'd say it was in about February or March, 5 sometime in there. It was cold. It was prior to the time 6 7 that XI went days, while I was nights. 8 0 Okay. 9 And you asked her about where she obtained the 10 stamp? 11 I said, "Where in the world did you get that?" 12 And before I even had a chance to ask her, I said, 13 "It's illegal for you to ahve that." 14 And she said, "No, DCC gave it to me." 15 And I said, "Well, they told me, you know, that 16 one had been stolen down there." 17 And she got real angry. She got real upset at me. 18 She said, "No, DCC had given it to them." 19 Well, I remembered what that told me. So 20 I didn't say any more about it right then. But I got back 21 down the hill and I got to thinking about it. 22 And at that time had just taken over the 23 job. and them had -- had quit; 24 had taken over. And my concern was -- I liked and and 25 they had a tendency out there every once in a while

to, if somebody doesn't fit in with their clan and they want 1 to get rid of them, they drop something on them. 3 I actually believed that he was being set up. 4 With the stamps? 0 5 With the stamps. A 6 The stamp at that time. 7 0 One stamp? 8 A Yes. 9 So, I even expressed my concern to 10 He was the QA down there that I was working with. And I told him I was afraid was going to be caught with 11 12 the stamp, because he had taken over that office; and he was going to be the one to get burned by it. 13 14 Q Okay, when you say you were concerned about 15 being set-up -- you say here in your affidavit that 16 you sent him a letter concerning the stamp? 17 A Yes. 18 And then alter the next day, you saw each other, and he said, it's all right, we've got two of 19 20 these stamps. 21 Right. 22 Q . So knew that the stamps were with QC 23 in the field, is that right? 24 Yes. What is, the way it actually occurred, 25 said, well, ..., if you're so worried about it,

why don't you talk to

Well, I didn't get to talk to because I left before he came. I was gone when he got there. And so I went up to my old office and I sat down and I wrote a letter. And I said, I was across the hall and I saw a document control stamp over there; and has told me that one disappeared out in the field; and that they're using it out in the field. I said, now, if it is illegal for them to have this stamp -- that I wanted him to know they had the stamp. Because if it was illegal for them to have it, then he should know they had it.

If it wasn't illegal for them to have it, then,

I wouldn't be concerned with it; but that I thought that he
should know that it was there; and it was being used.

And I told her then, I said, "You had best get that in the drawer because if ANI comes in here, they're going to raise trouble."

And this is mainly what the letter was. And I told him that it was of no concern to me at the particular time, other than I valued him in his job; and I did not want him having to take -- like I said, I didn't think he knew they were there.

- Q He later indicated to you he did know?
- A It wasn't the next day, it was the day after that.

  I hadn't gotten any response, and I stayed over, deliverately,

to talk to him.

Q And he said had given QC two?

A He laughed, and he said, " he said, "don't worry about it." He said, " gave them to us himse, lf; and he didn't give us just one; he gave us two of them."

Q Okay.

A But that is exactly the way it happened. I just happened to be up there; I happened to see it; and had misunderstood. She had thought it had been stolen.

And at the time I didn't realize that --what it could be used for. I didn't analyze.

Q So the implication is that QC was misusing these stamps? Do you still believe that?

A Yes, because they were told -- now, let me get something straight here, now: You've got a drawing here, and they print it; and it's got the black reduction, because the ISOs are reduced; the original ISO has got the stamp on it, open in the middle, with no control number.

They would reduce it, then, you've got a black stamp. They were going in there and they were writing "83" or "005" in there or whatever they wanted in there, without stamping it. And all of a sudden I said: anybody could print a stamp and write in the middle of it. We want original stamp. So they sent a letter out say:

back all of the documents that had been fixed like that and 1 they were going to restamp them. Well, we've got an office up here with thousands 3 and thousands of ISOs in it, with this method of stamping it. Apparently what they had decided was this was a big project, 5 to try to replace all the control copies. 6 7 And they gave them a stamp where it was written in red with the 83; they stamped over it; I know they did 8 because I've used the stamp. Now, they could also, when you think about it now, 10 they had a copy come in there for anything else, they could 11 have stamped it and written any number in the world in there. 12 But we used it more for 83 than anything else. 13 14 Q Ckay. 15 You are saying the potential was there to misuse 16 these stamps? 17 You bet it was there! 18 Did the possession of these control stamps by 0 19 QC violate procedures that existed at that time? 20 A Yes, it did. 21 Because ANI was turning them back. 22 Q Okay. 23 Did -- does QC still have these stamps? Do they 24 still have them?

A They don't have to use them any more, because

all the documents, apparently, have been replaced. 1 2 Well, what system is --0 3 A Now they get it straight from DCC with the 83 printed inside it. 4 5 Okay, so QC no longer has stamps that they can use for this purpose: is that right? 6 7 A So far as I know, they don't. 0 Okay. Is there any way that you can come up with the name of that QC clerk whom you saw back in '83 with the stamp? 10 11 A Yes, there is. I can find out what her last name 12 Her first name is 13 Q Okay. 14 And her little boy's name is A 15 Well, let's not go any further --0 16 (Laughter) 17 You are saying that the ANI through the change that 18 he instituted as relates to these documents caused the 19 stamp that they were using back then to be discontinued? 20 A No, it wasn';, they weren't stamping it; they 21 were just putting it in there. 22 ANI determined that anybody --23 So they required a change? 24 So they said they weren't going to approve any 25 more that did not have the stamp in red ink on it.

1 And this is when they did this other. And they told me, I would take the drawings up to thif I found one that had 3 the old black thing on it with the number written in it; 4 I'd carry it up to and she would stamp it with the red 5 stamp. 6 Now, these stamps -- just to make sure 1 understand 7 -- the stamps that the QC clerk had, the renegade stamps, 8 were they black or red? 9 They were just a stamp and they'd stamp it in red. 10 0 Okay. 11 And they since changed the stamp? 12 No, it's just that they have finally, eventually, 13 got all of the documents stamped that they wanted stamped. 14 Now, at that time I knew watching them work down 15 in DCC that they were writing the number in there. So as 16 \* far as those documents were concerned, I didn't have any 17 guilt feeling about using the stamp; because I was certain 18 in my own mind that that had originally been a control 19 drawing. 20 But then as I have gotten into document control 21 I can see there are many other things seals could be used 22 for. 23

They could be used on a -- if they lost a package, and they wanted to replace that drawing, they could transfer that stamp.

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       Q Okay, the problem then relates to misuse of the
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     people that would know about these stamps?
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They can verify that, because in fact wouldn't use them.

She wouldn't?

No, sir.

Now, in your affidavit here you say, you indicate a problem in the field relating to the hydro task force in preparing for hydro tests. How did this relate to the misuse of the stamps?

Well, now, that -- you're talking about the drawing where they used the out of rev drawing? -- to -- where they took out a small piece of pipe?

Yes, right. 0

Okay, now, what had happened was, the girl that handled hydro was working in the same office I was; and we had a laugh over this.

We had a CMC come in there taking out a piece of pipe because it interferred with the hydro. But before they could do the hydro, they had come in with another CMC and had added the pipe, because they thought it had been left off. So they had to call up the hydro again and go back and take the pipe out.

Now, what I would like to show in that is that when you don't work with the latest revof a drawing, you don't

A Stamp it yourself --4 0 You don't know --5 If you don't check DCC's book -- this is the, 6 actually, doesn't have anything to do with the stamp; it's 7 just that if you don't get a complete package. If you don't 8 go down there and you don't get the full package out of 9 DCC --10 Um-huh. 11 -- for your drawings, and your CMCs and your DCAs 12 and everything, showing that thing, what the latest revs 13 are; then you don't know -- if you just go down there and 14 get one and it lays in the office six months, and somebody 15 comes along and picks it up, you don't know if you're 16 working with the latest rev. 17 That's why they had to set up the satellites, was to eliminate some of this. Okay, tell me about the upgrading and downgrading if piping spools? 21 A We've had piping spools come in there, particularly 22 spools and flanges, that started out as a Class-3, and 23 they've changed them to Class-2. 24 Q How did they do this? 25 They just put on there -- they just changed it;

You just stamp it yourself?

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go to DCC --

the QC inspector changed it from a Class-2 to a Class-3.

Now, there are people who can tell you more about this than I can; but if you're running along a line and you got a Class-2 and it connects into a Class-5, there's a point there where it changes from a safety-related to nonsafety-related. Now, there's one Class-2 has to be continuous form end to the other; eventually, that flange --you'll get a pipe coming out the middle of this; that's a Class-2.

The reasons for changing it, I am assuming they've got a reason for changing it. It starts out as safety-related, then they downgrade it to a nonsafety-related; non-ASME, it does not have to be reviewed by ANI, then.

Q I see.

Well, do you know of any particular systems, piping systems, that are quality or safety system that you personally know have been downgraded so that they would miss that ANI review?

A I would guess a flange now and then. Or we had a system go through here last month; I don't remember the number on it; it would be easy to trace; because we got three flanges on a spool; two of them are downgraded to non-ASME and put in the vault, and one is sent to ANI.

I've had several instances of that. Now, they would be easy to trace, because on the transmittal that is

sent to the vault because each flange has --

Q I understand how it works, And in an instance like this and in this type of concern, what we would need to do is to try to isolate one of them so we could go have a look at it.

A Okay, that I will have to do; I can do. I can go to my books, my transmittals; I can get those numbers.

Q Okay. If you can give us an example of one or a couple that have been upgraded or downgraded, we can look at them and see if what they're doing has engineering approval and whether it's a legitimate thing they're doing, or if they are just trying to bypass the ANI.

A Like I said in the last month we've had several come through like that.

Q Okay.

A I wish would talk to you.

Q Well, I tell you, when we kick off an interview, we're liable to talk to anybody on site.

A Because she has got information on all of this.

Q A lot of times investigations or inspections start out with people who are willing to take the risk of coming forward and telling us of their concerns. Once we have a starting point, then we normally go on site, wherever we need to go -- whether it's vendors or on-site -- and then we start interviewing large numbers of people; anybody that

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might have information. We usually are able to resolve these issues.

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But if the people we talk to won't talk to us, they won't tell us the truth, then we've got problems. But we've found in general if we talk to enough people, and the people that we're talking to realize we're not just going to be talking to them, but we're talking to all their people who work with them; usually people will shoot straight with us. They will tell us the truth -- not always,

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And we usually end up getting our answers if we talk to enough people.

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A Well, I'm sure she'd talk to you if she were approached; but she will not come forward.

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A But she's been in document review now for three years. And she's very thorough.

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Q You make reference in your affidavit here to a document, weld data card, you believe was outrightly

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A Right.

Start of Allegation AQ-43		Q Okay.
	2	A I had seen it before and I saw it after.
	3	Q Okay. And it's your belief that this was falsifi-
	4	cation?
	5	A Yes, it was.
	6	That the man had either falsified the documentation
	7	or he had signed and not gone back down and looked at it.
	8	They're supposed to inspect that every time.
	9	But did basically the same thing that
	10	did there, and they fired for
	11 -	falsification of documentation.
	12	Q When did that occur?
	13	A That occurred
	14	Q Hold it. I think we're going to get to that later
	15	on.
	16	A Yes.
	17	Q Okay.
	18	You said in your affidiavit here that you remember
	19	an instance in which craft bootlegged a rework without
	20	documentation at all? And where craft switched about service
	21	water system from Unit 2 into Unit 1; they just used the old
	22	documentation?
	23	A That's right.
	24	Q How did you find out about this?
	25	A Well, they came in and with a document that had

been reviewed prior to the time that -- we had, well, we had, 1 2 you know, we had Unit 1 and Unit 2. And it was a Unit 2 3 package. And said, "Change it to a Unit 1 package." 4 -- that they had transferred it from Unit 2 to Unit 1. 5 6 So instead of doing anything else, they just 7 changed it on the cover sheet, see. And this made me wonder: 8 here we got a spool, we got a valve in the middle of that 9 spool; they were going to transfer it using the old 10 documentation and the old signatures that was installed at Unit 2, how could they move it to Unit 1? 11 12 Q Okay. Is there any way we can identify where this 13 is now? Is there any you can tell us to help us find this? 14 Or is this just something you heard about? 15 No. No. No. It came right through my hands there. A 16 Q This was back in '79, right? 17 Oh, no, hon, this was -- this is where I am right 18 now. 19 Oh, is that right? 0 20 It's been several months ago. 21 Can you think of any way we can identify that? 0 22 Yes, I can ask if she'll give me the number. A 23 Now, I don't want you -- keep in mind confiden-24 tiality. I don't want to send you back over there with a 25 whole bunch of tasks to perform.

1 And they'll say, "What's doing? She's 2 looking into every problem we've had." 3 You understand? 4 A Yuh. I don't want to task you too hard. 6 Well, I'll put it like this: if you really want to check into it and you want to know the ISO number and 8 the whole business --I want to find --10 To find that particular system --11 -- that valve and spool; I want to find all the 12 paper that goes with it. 13 Okay, well, can give you that informa-14 tion. 15 0 Okay. 16 So I asked them, I said, "Why? How can you do this?" 17 And somebody had said now -- I heard this myself -- I won't 18 say who right now I heard it from because now it's vague --19 but, they said, "Well, you cut it on both sides of the 20 valve and move the whole thing over and weld it." 21 That's reasonable, but still -- but the documentation 22 on that was originally bought-off in Unit 2 some time ago. 23 0 Okay. 24 Out of our old backlog files down the hill. A 25 MR. IPPOLITO: You said this paperwork went through

1 you? 2 THE WITNESS: Yes. 3 MR. IPPOLITO: Did they actually line out the "2" -- they lined through "2"? -- in Unit 2, which was 5 changed to read "Unit 1"? THE WITNESS: Yes. On the front of every drawing 7 is a list of documents inside that package; they marked out 8 the "2" and put a "1". 9 Now, on the document, itself, on the -- they had to 10 mark out on that document and initialed it and dated it, 11 when it was marked through and changed. 12 In other words, looking at it, you would think, 13 well, somebody put "Unit 2" down there instead of "Unit 1". 14 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 15 Just a typographical error? 16 Just a typographical error; that's what it would 17 appear to be. 18 But you feel certain that this whole thing actually 19 got picked up --20 I know it did. I know it did. 21 MR. IPPOLITO: And this marking-out should still be 22 there? 23 THE WITNESS: It's there. MR. IPPOLITO: Okay. 25 THE WITNESS: It's still there. It'll be there as

Startion Allegation AQ-44 long as the document exists, because it's got, you know, signature on it. It's got the original signatures on it.

BY MR. GRIFFIN:

Q The next part of your affidavit goes into conversations you've heard between craft and engineers that relate to craft making hardware fit; and then they just have the engineers come along and sign off on it.

A Yes, what had happened, between the craft -- this is what it all boils down to: they go out and they will start to do a job, and maybe it won't exactly fit like they think it should, or they might put something right there, never considering the fact that that spot was left open for something else to go there.

Q Um-huh.

They'd make it fit and then they'd call the engineers to approve?

A They would come down and they would look at it, and then they would say, as-built, and as stamped on the drawings, as-built.

Q Yuh.

Well, I know the asbuilt is -- it's my understanding that asbuilt also gets on some of these drawings by other means for legitimate reasons?

A Yes, they do.

Q So, can you think of any instances, any specific

instances, where you've seen -- I know you've heard the talk-but do you know of any specific instances where this was
done; where it was constructed first by craft and then
the engineers were asked to come in and approve it later
on?

A I've just seen it go through my hands. I can't give you any documents, I can't give you any specifics, other than -- I wasn't thinking in terms of numbers or anything else -- I was just saying -- in many instances after it has been put on there asbuilt, it created a nonconforming condition, and they had to move it again.

Q Right.

A Now, let me give you just a -- not a specific -- but this is something that was discussed on the bus going home.

This guy come up there and he says, "Boy, I nearly got myself in trouble the other day." He was the driver.

He says, "We were just drilling away on this wall, and all of a sudden I noticed that it said -- that there was 'electrical embedded in the wall'" -- so he goes to his supervisor and confesses what he's done and the supervisor kind of gave him kind of a hard look, you know, like he was really going to get tough with him.

And then all of a sudden he started grinning and said, "well, you lucked out this time. We put that up there

to keep them from putting anything else up there." Because 1 they had a specific thing they had to go there and they had 2 put that on there. There was no electrical embedment at all 3 in that wall. 4 Q They just wanted to make sure --5 That nobody put something up there.

(Laughter)

These are things that if you do go out there and ask, and you do have the people with the knowledge, they will clarify that for you.

Q Okay, I don't want to mislead you or them or anybody else: a lot of people that talk to NRC, they say, you know, they point out and say: "bad pipes."

Now, the NRC can keep this information in mind, and that there's this as-built thing is a good example, and we can alert our inspectors to it. Fnd when they're doing their routine inspections, if they see something that looks suspicious. having the information that this improper procedure is sometimes employed by craft, it can be a tip-off to them.

But there's no way we can go out there and search through all the records, and search through all the hardware out there and --

- Oh, lands, I know that!
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1 come across where you know somebody, somebody's name that 2 you can give us that can direct us to the specific particular 3 instance where this has occurred; and we can go talk to the 4 person, and get those papers, or we can go to the hardware; 5 we'll do something about it. 6 A Right. I just don't want to mislead you into thinking 8 that we're going to send 500 inspectors down there and they're going to somehow come out --10 No, I'm thinking more or less in terms of 11 talking to some of the engineers who are concerned. I've 12 heard them voice this. 13 Okay. 14 I am not talking about going down and looking at 15 the pipe. Ask: Has this ever happened? They'll tell you 16 if it's happened or not; and they'll tell you where it's 17 happened. 18 They will? 19 Yes. There's some of them out there that will; 20 you bet they will. 21 Well, why would they be telling on themselves? 22 Because they're not going to go forward and offer 23 you information, but they're pretty concerned. 24

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They are concerned.

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0 Okay. 2 Well, we'll keep that in mind. 3 And I really believe if you ask them that they 4 will not try to cover up anything and they will tell the 5 truth. 6 0 Okay. 7 MR. IPPOLITO: The engineer is the only one authorized 8 to stamp "as-built"? 9 THE WITNESS: The as-built is stamped on after the 10 engineer has approved it in the condition that it's in. 11 My main concern is: they've got a set of drawings 12 out there sent to them by Gibbs & Hill (phonetic). 13 MR. IPPOLITO: Right? 14 THE WITNESS: Okay, and a craftsman does not know 15 how much stress or --16 MR. IPPOLITO: I appreciate that. 17 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 18 sometimes an engineer can void an NCR 19 but just saying "as-built"? That's one of the possibilities, 20 is it not? 21 A I know one got voided; boided it. 22 wrote it. And reworded it and revised it 23 and revised it, until it's no longer what she wrote. 24 MR. IPPOLITO: I was just trying to get clear in 25 my mind: what you said is an engineer is called down to look

1 at this thing; and he'll say: Okay, as-built. That means 2 that he goes back and writes out something that says 3 "as-built"? 4 THE WITNESS: He will sign, he will sign the weld 5 data card. 6 MR. IPPOLITO: Okay. As-built? 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. 8 MR. IPPOLITO: The engineer has to do that? THE WITNESS: Yes, he does. 10 MR. IPPOLITO: Okay. 11 THE WITNESS: Now, actually, I guess maybe I should 12 clarify myself on this point. 13 They used to take all of those changes in 14 procedure's and send them to Gibbs & Hill, who would then look 15 at the overall picture and determine: yes, this was a safe 16 place to put this. 17 Now -- it would take 2 or 3 days to have to come 18 back -- they have gone around that now; and everbody's right 19 there on site; they are revised by an engineer who is not 20 looking at an entire, overall, picture. 21 MR. IPPOLITO: I gotcha. 22 THE WITNESS: That'sd what I was trying to bring 23 out. 24 BY MR. GRIFFIN: 25

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the work of a particular QC inspector named who had not been trained --

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Q Yes.

He had not been trained and you use him as an example of somebody who had been given the test and the answers to the test --

- A Yes.
- Q Did he tell you this?
- A Yes, he did.
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- A He most assuredly did. And you won't find him now unless you go looking for him; because they picked him up yesterday and put him out in the field.
  - Q Okay.

But, let me ask you this: we've got your understanding of the situation, and I don't think we need to explore it thoroughly; but I need your opinion on this:

If we go talk to will he --

- A He certainly will.
- Q So far as his training to read drawings or his qualifications --
  - A He certainly will.

Now, this is the thing: they started firing him.

And he's quite verbal with them. I mean, he doesn't -- and he told them, you know, his first hydro he performed alone;

you can't perform a hydro by yourself.

And they asked him, asked him, "Well, how in the world did you make a good grade on this test, if

He said, "It's easy to do if you're given the answers beforehand."

you hadn't been trained?"

He had gone out there and had put hold tass and referenced them to CMCs that didn't even pertain to that system. In other words, he did not know what he was doing.

And they had two men working full-time for about six months backfitting and going back and reinspecting everything that he had ever touched.

And they set him up there in our office, supposed to be helping this girl with the hydros; and he sets there all day long and he draws pictures because he's got nothing to do. Once in a while he might have a little project that he can do. He is -- they won't fire him.

They don't fire him.

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and one of the guys said, why don't you fire him?"

A They got a bunch of things like this laying on the

A You have to carry it in and give it to him and get

him to sign giving you authorization to go pull that out. 1 Q Okay, now, is that to take it out of the vault? 3 A That's just to look at it. You can't take it out of the vault. 5 Q Can you make a copy? A That's just to look at it. Just to look at it? At the counter? 8 At the counter, stand there at the window. Now, has been put in another position; is 10 this thing still in effect? 11 Yes, it is. A 12 It's in effect and now they've got it so that 13 only a few out of each office can go down there and pull. 14 And you've got to have those documents. 15 said, "I've exceeded the amount by 10 people" -- he has 10 16 more people on there than they wanted. 17 They only want one person authorized to go down there 18 and look at that stuff. 19 Now, what it is, is, when you're reviewing a 20 document, you have to know that you got the right serial 21 number on there, and got the right valve number on there, 22 and everything. 23 And if there's any question, if anything doesn't 24 coincide, when you have your procedures and you can see 25 what certain kind of pipe was to be used, then you can go down

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there and look and see if information that had been left off that thing.

But only a few people can do that now.

I was down the day before yesterday when one of the QC inspectors come down there to check something and found out -- you're going to have to take that and get some signatures on it -- and he said, all I want to do is look at it.

And the guy from Cygna was standing there behind us.

And he stood and argued with them a little bit, and then he got real mad and reached over and crumpled it, like that, and says, here's what you can do with this!

(Laughter)

And threw it in the wastebasket.

And the guy from Cygna just cracked up.

Q Let me read here for a minute. You write of the framing and firing of

(Pause)

A I knew Alan very well. I worked with him on nights for a long time.

Q Do you know if he filed any grievance with the Labor Department?

A No, he didn't. And he has not been able to find a job. He's working on a chicken farm. He cut his finger off

2 Oh, he's the guy. 3 Do you know what the official reason for firing him was? 5 Yes, sir. A Falsifying documentation? A They said he was. 8 He was, like I said, did exactly what 9 did: only they had set him up. 10 He had gone down and looked at a flange and he 11 had written a nonconforming condition on it, and assigned it 12 an NCR number. 13 They came along and they reworked the flange and 14 the nonconformance that he had shown no longer existed; 15 because the flange was reworked. But it created another 16 nonconforming condition, and another NCR was written on it. 17 In fact, two other NCRs were written on it. 18 So they came to \_\_\_\_ -- and I talked to \_\_\_\_ - and they came 19 to and they said, well, this is no longer in existence; 20 we've got to get this NCR signed-off. And there were two 21 other NCRs on it. 22 So he wrote, he referenced down at the bottom, 23 "reference per NCR," and give an NCR number; and then he 24 signed.

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saying that he had signed off all of the hold points that 1 were on that flange; when, in reality, he had only signed 2 3 off that one NCR. And he had no chance for defense or anything else. 4 5 Now, if they go in there, I'm sure they're going 6 to find this exactly the way it happened; but, he was out the 7 gate, fired, and put on his termination papers "fired for 8 falsification of documentation." And it is there on his records, I know, because I work in the time office on weekends, and I pulled them out and I looked at it, seeing 10 11 what they had written on there. 12 And I've been concerned ever since he got fired. 13 And he told you the details that you related in 14 your affidavit? Is that right? 15 A Yes. 16 Okay. 17 A And I've got the number of the NCR. 18 Okay, can you provide us with that number? 0 19 has it. 20 Now the last thing in your affidavit here relates 21 to about how was stashed; they checked him when 22 he was going out for official documents? 23 Well, had told me about that. Did see, know, or have personal knowledge

of them putting the documents on him?

Or was he just speculating?

A He may have been speculating. After he told me what he did, I went in and pulled termination papers. And it basically occurred as he said. It didn't have in there that had carried it out for them.

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And when they went up and searched the car, they found them in the trunk of the car; and they fired him for theft.

- Q Have you talked to about this?
- A No, I haven't; he's not here.
- Q But you think he got set up?
  - A I know he did.
- Q Do you know anybody that saw, heard or was there when stashed on him?
  - A was there. Nc.

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- Q I am trying to find out --
- A They had told him -- during the questioning out there

you question ; and he may tell you where he heard 2 it. Q Okay. 3 A That would be the only way that I would know to trace it back to its source. 5 Okay. 7 Well, I think that's as far as we need to go with that one now. The affidavit pretty well explains the 8 situation as you know it to be third-hand. 10 Let's go into the other affidavit here, this is 11 dated April 6, right? 12 You all completed it today? 13 A Yes. 14 0 All right. 15 (Pause) 16 Now, you said when we got together today, these 17 are things that have occurred since you made your original 18 affidavit? 19 A Yes. 20 0 Okay. 21 Let me read for a second here. (Pause) I've been reading your second affidavit, here, and 24 it's well-written and it seems thorough. The bulk of the 25 affidavit appears to indicate a change in procedures.

A Yes.

Q And you believe that this change is going to result in a bypass of certain reviews that relate to worker qualifications, material traceability, material numbers; and this review bypass, in your estimation, is not -- this means the packages would not be checked in accordance with procedure?

A That's right.

I mean, they won't be.

Q Okay.

And you say that, in this affidavit, that piping packages have not been sent to ANI since September of '83?

A They had not up until I started checking -- when they released them, I started going in and pulling my ISOs and found they had been in file without documentation; and I began with February and they've been taking piping packages over there. They were backlogged in my file. That's when they started taking them over there and that's when they found they had been filing them without all the documentation being closed.

- Q Under this new concept they bypass N5?
- A QES review, we're going to bypass; then it's going to go --
  - Q Straight to ANI?
  - A It's going to go into the file for the N5 group to

1 N5, as a full package concept; and all of this, when everything 2 is completed like that, then it's all to be sent to them; 3 they're combining two jobs into one. They go to ANI --0 A And then to the vault. And then to the vault. 7 They don't have any training, you understand, of 8 the N5 group telling them what to look for when they 9 review --10 Okay. Let me tell you, it's laid out 11 very clearly, the points you're trying to say here in the 12 affidavit. 13 And what I'm going to have to do or Mr. Ippolito 14 is going to have to do, is we're going to have to find 15 somebody who is already familiar with the Comanche Peak system 16 for document review. 17 . And if the NRC has not already been appraised of 18 this change --19 A Okay. 20 -- they will be appraised of it now. And NRC will 21 have to evaluate whether this is a reasonable concept that 22 meets the needs or the requirements that they've already 23 committed to do. 24 Q Now, let me say this: we didn't have time to put 25 this in the affidavit -- but they started their procedural

1 change, in fact, today. 2 Okay. 3 They were going to start the other day but the NRC they said moved into the conference room --4 5 (Laughter) 6 MR. GRIFFIN: Is that right? 7 MR. IPPOLITO: That's where we're located. 8 BY MR. GRIFFIN: Well, I don't see any real need for us to go into 10 this; you've explained it very well. 11 Right. 12 Q And we have the information and we will evaluate 13 it. 14 Now, whether it constitutes a problem, if they're 15 entitled to do that -- all this, you know, the NRC will 16 examine --17 A Right. 18 -- and a decision will have to be made. 0 19 A Right. 20 Now, in an instance like this, I'm not sure it 0 21 will result in a report being issued. Usually these are handled rather informally -- if this is a change of procedure; 22 23 I'm sure you're right: they probably are going to the

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whole package concept.

NRC makes, we'll evaluate. 1 2 A Right. That's good. 3 You also indicate in here came to the office and removed the manuals for the QES final review. 4 5 Yes. 6 Okay, now, that is in conjunction with this 7 procedural change? 8 A Up until today they had been reviewing out of 9 procedure. After today and the new procedures are installed, 10 they will be in procedure; but up until this time we've 11 been reviewing out of procedures. 12 The affidavit does state are affected here; I 13 noticed that; that will make it easy for us to evaluate that. 14 And you say, as of today there are no longer 15 any procedures for final review, but they will be along? 16 A I don't know they'll be available -- I don't know 17 what procedures are going to be changed, whether it's going to be all the procedures, or just the method for doing it. 19 Because they have shut us out. 20 In other words, 21 myself are -- we haven't been included in the new procedural --22 And this whole package concept will extend to 23 hanger packages, too? 24 A Yes. 25 Do you expect they would extend it to other things?

1 A No, just hangers and piping. 2 And no procedures have been written to --3 They've been written, I suppose; I don't know what 4 they are about; but they have not been made known. 5 And you indicate also in the affidavit there's 6 been a change on-site where packages were lost, they apparently 7 found some of them; and they are looking --8 Yes. I have a list of those. A 9 If that develops into a problem, in other words, --10 I'll have to find them or --11 Okay, that's not really something that we're 12 ready to get into right now. If you've lost documentation 13 temporarily, hopefully, it will be found. 14 You don't have any reason to believe somebody 15 threw them away? 16 No, I don't. 17 I just think that -- well, I can't say that; 18 because they were in the file. I put them in the file. 19 And whenever they switched them, the evening that I left, 20 and they switched them from my files into that entire 21 package system. 22 Okay. 0 23 Another thing here that concerns me, you say in 24 the affidavit here, that following ANI review of certain 25 items, they are removed from packages and placed in a large

1 manilla envelope and it's marked "historical". 2 Are these voided documents? 3 Yes, sir. 4 Q Are they documents that no longer have any 5 relationship to that package? A No, everything has a relationship to the package. 7 The end result is, what you will be looking at, if you don't 8 look inside of these voided packages, what you're looking at 9 would be the latest --10 Q Okay. Are we talking about a lot of the documents 11 that are going into the voided -- being voided? 12 A Yes, everything but the latest, everything but 13 the current --14 Okav. 15 Now, when they're marked "historical" does that 16 mean they are going to be placed in permanent storage? 17 I don't know what happens to them. 18 0 Well, that's the question I have. 19 They're supposed to -- that's supposed to happen. A 20 Okay, well, let's assume that it is, unless we 0 21 develop --22 Well, let's assume that they're left in the packages; and somebody goes in there and they pull things, 24 they will see the current documentation; everything is 25 copesthetic and fine; they don't see any need to look in that

1 historical, because everything is there. 2 Q I understand the concept of having the whole 3 package. A Right. As long as all the documents and all the historical 5 documents related are available -- and it's been our experience, it's been my personal experience -- that they are available. Well, they have to be. Q From what you tell me here, I have no reason to 10 11 believe there's anything suspicious about it. 12 Do you think there's something suspicious about it? Only when asked them why, you know, they 13 were doing this, they just said they didn't want anybody 14 15 looking at the old documentation. 16 Who told this, do you know? 0 17 She may have asked 18 That's 19 A 20 And I'm being evasive here, but she said that she 21 was told that that was the reason for doing it. 22 Now, my particular opinion is not worth anything, but -- I know for a fact that some of those hangers have 23 24 beenn worked and worked and worked and reworked and worked

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A The film package is what you want on that, and then check it with the ISO.

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THE WITNESS: No. He had that in his hand by itself. I don't know if he put it with the package; I don't know.

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Q For the record, that's ISO 16-2-AB-3, and it refers to Weld No. 9-1.

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A And then he said -- they asked me how would we check this out to see that it was a good film; he says, "well, I can pull it out like this, and they can say, well, that looks like a pretty good weight; looks like it's pretty

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Q. Ckay, and then you give an example in here of -- a classic example -- of people not knowing -- you talk about flange?

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Q And you've given that as an example of how work is being duplicated, and people do not know -- okay; that will help our inspectors out. They can be on the look-out for that.

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Okay, now we get to the point in here where they had the meeting for your whole document package concept, which you were not a party to?

- A That's right.
- Q But you give us a list of people that were available for that.

Now, coming out of that meeting, you were told that what told the people that attended that meeting that if they were interviewed by NRC they were not to divulge or give them information except per procedure.

Is it your understanding all these people that attended that meeting were given these same instructions?

- A That's what has me concerned now.
- Q Okay, who's supervisor?
- A He's accountable to
- Q If we just asked him would he say he's passing on instructions in this?
  - A He is.
- Q There's a list here in your affidavit of people who attended that meeting; and are there any on there that you think would shoot straight with me if I asked them if that is, in fact, what Mr. Beneszten told them?
  - A I don't know of a one of them that wouldn't.
  - Q They would not?
  - A They would not. I think every one of them would tell

because every one of them is setting in there training their 2 own replacements. 3 0 Okay. 4 That's what I need to know. 5 (Laughter) 6 7 8 9 Okay? 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 gate." 22 23 it was. 24 25

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I think that's got us covered. Now, let me explain something that's happened today that we didn't have time to get in the ---- something that happened later than this, that we haven't had time to get in the record. They started this new procedure and we've been frozen out of it as far as I can tell. came through the office. One of the girls was leaving, several people are standing in there talking, and they got to talking -- I don't know what brought it on; but he said -- and he looked right at 1 -- and he said: "People who are not loyal to the company will be the first ones to hit the gate." And he said, "Anybody with excess absenteeism, early outs, will be the first ones out the They were talking about the layoffs, that's what But it was the "loyalty to the company" that really got me, you know; and I couldn't believe hearing it.

1 So you think they already suspect her and you? 2 Yes, I do. I believe they suspect certain 3 individuals. Now, another reason why I think they suspect 4 is because she was the butt-end of their jokes yesterday. 5 And she's getting very unhappy. And she's going to turn 6 her resignation in Monday. 7 8 0 Is she? 9 Yes, she is. 10 They were in there talking about a sexual harassment suit that had been filed against 11 12 0 By ? 13 No. By and And one of them was saying, well, last year 14 husband, had poked (phonetic) in the nose 15 for sexually harassing her; and that he had gone down and 16 17 filed charges. And she wanted to know what was going on, she had heard her name; and that's what he told her. 19 But anyway a little big later come in and admitted that that's what they were saying. So she went in 20 there and she told she said, "I she said, "I 21 22 don't particularly enjoy being connected to the jokes." 23 He said, "Well, I don't blame you, baby, I wouldn't 24 want to be connected to them anyway; but I would like to be 25 connected to you."

1 In other words, they're giving her a hard time. 2 She's very susceptible. She's basically chicken, that's why 3 she hasn't come to you anyway, you know. 4 Q Well, maybe we'll have an opportunity to 5 talk to her either on-site or off-site some day. You have alluded to her numerous time in your affidavit and it seems 7 like she has quite a bit of information that might reflect on your concerns. have I or Mr. Ippolito here threatened 10 you in any manner, or offered you any rewards in return for 11 this statement? 12 No, you haven't. 13 Have you given this statement freely and 14 voluntarily? 15 A Yes, I have. 16 Is there anything further you would care to 17 add? 18 Yes, I would like to add something to the record: 19 I need my job! -- as bad as anybody out there. 20 But I will not sell my soul for 30 pieces of 21 silver! 22 I have no axe to grind with Brown & Root or almost 23 anybody out there. I like I like I like 24 The only reason I'm in here is because I am

concerned with the quality of the plant, and not because I

have a vendetta against anybody. I don't want to see the plant shut down. I'd like to see it operate safely.

But I do want it to be safe.

Q Yes.

- A And that is my only reason for coming in here.
- Q Well, I'd like you to know as a representative of the NRC, I appreciate your coming in. We have our routine inspections. And it is much easier for us to identify problems on the site if the personnel who work on these sites will tell us where best to look. That doesn't mean that if they tell us something that turns out not to be correct -- because somebody else had a review or somebody else had input that they're not aware of -- still and all, those persons who come to the NRC and give us information about the substance of their job, it makes it much easier for us.
  - A Right.
- Q So I put you in that category, and I appreciate your --
- A The reason why I say I've done it is I may not have anything to contribute but I know that if there is an investigation thoroughly performed, and you say to me: this is a safe plant; I will sleep better at night.

If I don't do anything, if I don't do what I feel like I should, if I see something that's not quite right and I don't report it and I leave and later something happens to

that plant, I would feel responsible in a way for whatever it was. That's why I welcome an NRC investigation. If it's safe, I want to know it. If it's not, I want something done about it, even though it could practically destroy me financially and every other way.

Q Well, the last thing I'd like to say is -- for the record is that the -- we've entered into the terms of confidentiality; as my part of it and those that receive the information you give, will endeavor to preserve your confidentiality; and you will, too; and I hope nothing occurs in your job on-site during your day-to-day -- I hope you get to keep your job, too. I see no reason why you shouldn't, unless you know something that I don't.

- A Well, I don't.
- Q Okay, let's hope it remains this way.

A Like I told him today whenever he said the early cuts and the absenteeism and the late would be considered first in the layoff; and he said, if you're here and you're not performing your work, you'll be laid off.

Well, I was in the other room, in the file cabinet, and I was a little bit upset over everything that's been going the last couple of days; and when the guy says, what did say -- I said, he says that if you're not loyal to the company, hit the gate.

He says, no I mean what did he really say?

I said, he says if you are not going to be loyal to the company, then you're going to be the first one out the gate.

And he kept on and I says, well, go in there and ask him, I says, don't ask me. Go in and ask if you don't believe me.

And I said he also said the absenteeisms, the lates and the people who were off for weeks at a time would be the first ones out the gate.

He said, well, I can understand that. I said, well, I can, too. I said, he also said, if you're in here -- by this time I was beginning to feel like maybe something might be amiss as far as I was concerned, you know, because of the way he was doing it. And it may be; I don't know.

But then I said, well, I tell you one thing, if they're going to get rid of anybody for absenteeism, early outs, they'll have to find an excuse for that because I'm never late, I'm never early out, and I'm never off. I said, now, they might get me for sitting on my ass --

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- Q Okay.
- A And he said, no they won't get you for that, either.

  MR. GRIFFIN: Okay.

Tom, have you got anything statement you would like to make?

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MR. CARPENTER: Well, as continues to work

there and information is continued to be provided, we'll

be in contact with you. Her statement today does not represent

an exhaustive list of concerns; she might have memories

in future of other concerns that she has forgotten about;

and not all concerns have necessarily been covered.

We want to make that clear and on the record.

And we just reiterate our concern about confidentiality. I don't mean to beat a dead horse at this point, but I really want to express GAPs concern as well over the issue of Region IV personnel being utilized to investigate.

now before I go:

You asked me a while ago about my knowledge of falsification of documentation. I was on the night shift, and I was in the room when ordered to sign-off some documentation, some old documentation. I don't know how old, but I know more than a couple of years old.

And she was refusing to do it. And he told her he said, "You will either do it, or you'll spend your three-day weekend here until you decide to do it."

MR. GRIFFIN: Okay.



And I know that that documentation

1 was falsified. MR. GRIFFIN: I think we already know about that 2 particular incident; and your statement will be considered 3 corroborative of that. 5 The other person was MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. 6 He signed it, too. MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. 8 But we will be exploring that. 9 So that's the reason why I say I 10 know that there are times when they do falsify documentation 11 because I was there and I heard it. 12 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. 13 Tom, you got anything? 14 MR. IPPOLITO: Nothing. Thank you. 15 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay, that's it. 16 (Whereupon, at 9:20 p.m., the interview was 17 terminated.) 18 19 20 21 22

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UNITED STATES OF MULLICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION 3 INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW 5 OF 6 ARVILL (J. R.) DILLINGHAM, JR. Courtress Lat Fires The Courthouse Somervel. County 10 Glen Rose, Texas 11 Wednesday, August 24, 1983 12 The interview commenced, pursuant to notice. 13 at 1:40 p.m. 14 PARTIES PRESENT: 15 On behalf of the NRC Office of Investigation: RICHARD K. HERR, Investigator H. BROOKS GRIFFIN, Investigator .... 17# Office of Investigation, Region IV U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 611 Ryan Plaza Drive Suite 1000 Arlington, Texas 76011 On behalf of Citizens Associaton for Sound Energy:

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whereupon,

ARVILL (J. R.) DILLINGHAM, JR.

having been first duly sworn by investigator herr, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. GRIFFIN: For the record, this is an interview of Arvill Dillingham, Jr.

You are not presently employed, are you, J.P.?

MR. GRIFFIN: The location of this interview is the courtroom of the Somervell County Courthouse in Gien Rose, Texas.

Present at this interview are R. K. Herr, H. Brooks Griffin, Arvill Dillingham, Mrs. Juanita Ellis and Mrs. Ellis' nusband, Jerry Ellis.

The subject of this interview concerns the area of intimidation. Our questions today that we are going to direct to you, J. R., will be as relates to your previous employment at Comanone Peak on the subject of intimidation. I know you provided affidavits to CASE and everything like that and I know that some of these things have already been addressed by the NRC.

MR. DILLINGHAM: Right, and I also want to bring some other stuff up, too, that hasn't been brought up.

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1	MR. GRIFFIN: New stuff?
-	MR. DILLINGHAM: On, yes, new stuff.
3	MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. Well, we will make time for
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Ĭ	J. R when did you start work for Brown and
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	MR. DILLINGHAM: It must have been somewhere in
8	the neighborhood of 1970.
Q.	MR. GRIFF/N: And your job title?
10	MR. DILLINGHAM: I was a boilermaker.
11	MR. GRIFFIN: Who was your supervisor?
12	MR. DILLINGHAM: Dale Owens.
13	MR. GRIFFIN: When did you leave your
14	employment with Brown and Root?
15	MR. DILLINGHAM: Well, I left once before in
16	petween time. I started to work with Brown and Root at the
17	Sutton Plant in North Carolina and then as the job went on
18	down I went to work with Southport on the Michord Joh. I
19	just transferred right over.
20	MR. GRIFFIN: When did you come to Comanche
21	Peak?
20	MR. DILLINGHAM: '75 I think it was.
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1	MR. GRIFFIN: As a boilermaker?
4	MR. DILLINGHAM: Right.
25	MR. GRIFFIN: And when did you leave Brown and

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MR. DILLINGHAM: Mr. Tanley continuously told me if I wouldn't do a certain job ne would get someDody that would. Like, for instance, this swipe test. You come in the room and you clean the whole room. It is supposed to be a certain class, like Class A, and then you get the swipe test to come in there and your QC to come in there and he picks out these three areas and he will check those tores areas and if they all check out good the whole room is good, for instance.

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well, Tanley called me in his office and he said. J. R., between me and you and that wall there I have learned a little trick about this swipe test. he said the first thing you do is you find out what three areas they are going to check and you clean those three areas and don't worry about the rest of it. I said if we are going to do it that damn way, why do it at all. Let's just say it is good. He said if you can't handle it I will get somepody else that will.

It is like he says, like the false documentation, you know, on the liner. He told me I had better have that liner by the first of the year or else hit the gate if I am not through by January 1st. Well, here come Mickey Gerig and he says there ain't no way you are going to do it. We have 850 travelers that is screwed up.

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1 lot of times they told us to do stuff that I just woulan't even do. I would just agree along with him and go ahead and do it right because they are unexperienced people and they don't know what they are talking about 90 percent of 5 the time. 6 MR. HERR: Are you saying that Flowes was intimidating? 8 MP. DILLIACHAR: The people under him was told to do it or either hit the gate or else. 10 MR. HERR: Do you know who told the people 11 under nim? 12 MR. DILLINGHAM: Lee Carnes and George Tanley 13 came through the diesel generators. 14 MR. BERR: And they told the men working 15 for ---16 MR. DIDLINGHAM: Craig Flowes, which Craig 1worked for me, or ease hit the gate. See what happened was 18 the millwrights was burning off some stuff and gouged 19 holes in the material. Well, they wanted it repaired 20 immediately before somebody seen it I guess. 2: MR. HERR: Now those men, they worked for you? MR. DILLINGHAM: Right. 23 MP. HERR: Did those two guys ever threaten you 24 or intimidate you, or are you saying that that was 25

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intimidating to you?

1 So I went and seen Tanley and I said Tanley, we have got all these travelers messed up and we can't do 3 it. He said you get your ass out in the field with these 4 people and we will take care of this paperwork. 5 order to take care of the paperwork I had to do the rework 6 where we had hold points jump where the fitup and cleanup weren't bought off and all kind of stuff weren't dia. I did very little rework. In other words, the 850 or 550 all at once became good and I just imagine it was false signatures of QC because some QC personnel is no longer on the job that was down there when the fitup was made and it was already welded out.

MR. GRIFFIN: were you there when this work was accepted?

MR. DILLINGHAM: Right.

MR. GRIFFIN: In other words, it has been

bought off sinally?

MR. DILLINGHAM: Well, I keep going back and they are not doing very much work. They are trying to audit it and are trying to find paperwork that they can't find. Iney are trying to find weld numbers and just all king of stuff.

MR. GRIFFIN: You mean they have been doing this since you left?

Mk. DILLINGHAM: Yes.

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20 MR. GRIFFIN: Did you get this information from people that are still working out there?

MR. DILLINGHAM: Craig Flowes. He is my

MR. GRIFFIN: Flowes told you this?

MR. DILLINGHAM: I asked nim. I said are you all still working on the liner and he said no, not very much. We did this or we did that. There are some X-rays that was not made on a certain part of the liner in the transfer canal where your gate lancings go in. It us under concrete now, but all at once they forgot about them.

Ronnie Webb, he still works out there. He worked for TUGCO. he was the foreman over that, the general foreman. When I took over he come tolo me. He said we have got a big mess-up down there and we have got some X-rays that haven't been made and it has already been poured. Well, I was going to get into it and they shut down all the liner. So they moved on to a different job. So there are X-rays that still have not been made. You have got nollow places in the concrete penind the liner

MR. GRIFFIN: Let's go back to intimidation for a minute.

MR. DILLINGHAM: Okay.

MR. GRIFFIN: Besides Tanley and Carnes, did

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anypody else out there ever threaten or intimidate or harass you ---

MR. DILLINGHAM: Somebody threatened me on the telephone. They called me up and said I was dead, you know, after I went to Houston.

MR. GRIFFIN: Did you know who it was? MR. DILLINGHAM: No.

MR. OPIFFIN: Did anyeon; e y t reasen you out

there into accepting defective work or performing defective work besides Carnes and Tanley?

MR. DILLINGHAM: Well ---

MR. GRIFFIN: I am trying to get an idea of how many people threatened you and now many people narassed you or intimidated you.

MR. DILLINGHAM: I didn't take too much threatening off or anypody. In other words, me and Tabley would have it out just like me and my prother would. As a matter of fact, we liked each other a lot. A lot of times I would take and tell nim I was doing it the way he wants it and I wouldn't be doing it that way at all. I would Just get nim off peoples' back and oif my back because ne really don't know what he is doing. He is not experienced

MR. GRIFFIN: On how many occasions did you actually perform or accept defective work would you say?

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(The reporter noticed a drawing on the back side of Exhibit 5 and prought it to Mr. Dillingham's 3 attention.) 4 ME. DILLINGHAM: (Referring to Exhibit 5E)On, 5 this is the expansion joint I was talking about with the 6 fillet welds. It is a real small stainless steel 1/oth expansion joint and it has got two small, little fillet 3 welce intre. t Ms. GRIFFIN: Okay. I think we have got that 10 down in the testimony. 11 MR. DILLINGHAM: We put several, several, I think two or three numbered tons against it. 13 Okay, stainless steel liners. This is like the 14 reactor building and the fuel building. We are supposed to 15 have a gap in here on our fit-ups. This is not in there. 16 MA. GRIFFIN: This is something new? 1. MF. DILLINGHAM: Mes. 18 MR. GRIFFIN: Okay. 19 MR. DILLINGHAM: We are supposed to have a gap 20 in here no less than 3/16ths and no more than 3/8ths. 21 MR. HERR: where is it? For the record, describe what it is. 23 MF. DILLINGHAM: This is a stainless steel liner. This is an emped floor plate to angle on the octtom

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and side plate to angle. I don't know exactly where, but

somewheres in there. I can tell you a person that probably does know.

MR. HERR: Unit 1 or Unit 2?

MR. DILLINGHAM: Well, on the fuel building you have just gone one, and for all I know it might be both liners, but I can tell you the person's name that could probably tell you because he is the one that did it.

MR. meRR: Who is that?

MA. DILLINGHAM: Bert Loefling.

Okay, when I made general foreman he comes over and I asked how is everything going and he started talking. He goes man, they have us welding. Instead of putting a gap in there, they had it jammed together and just together and just laid a heli-arc wire over it and welded it out, you know, in other words, not make a full pin weld. I said who in the hell had you do that, and he said Bert Everett. He was the general foreman I replaced.

So I went and seen Bert, and I said, Bert, I said I know you all didn't do it, but that welder said you all laid nell-ard wire in there and welded it over because your gap wasn't big enough. He goes well, J. R., we did. I see it was on the top angle and that is below the water level, and he goes, no, it was on the bottom, and I go goddamn. He goes, I swear it won't nappen again. I promise you it won't nappen again. I said well, I can guarantee it

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won't happen again.

So I started to go to Tanley and then I realized in North Carolina if I did I would probably have gotten run off, and then I just wanted to see how far these people was going. In North Carolina I thought somebody would come along behind and straighten everything out with little white gloves on and stuff, but that isn't the way it worked. We was the ones doing it. So I just worked to see now far they would go and stuff.

So what you need to do is take a little UT test and run along there and find the thickness of your weld.

we also had a welder in there. he was a real bac welder. He would cold lap it. He wouldn't let it penetrate. Then when you weld it over, you could grind it off and run your test on it and everything is great, but it might not be as thick as a piece of paper. As a matter of fact, I heard that whalen Daniels went along benind us and took a straight pin and stuck holes in it. He is still there. I don't know whether he did or not, but his name is whalen Daniels.

MR. HERR: Why don't you draw an arrow where the problem is on there.

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here is the problem right here. You are supposed to have a gap like this one right here. You are supposed to come in here and you are supposed to weld it. You tack it and then you come back and you weld it here and here and eventually you weld it until you weld it all the way out and make one solid weld out of it and this is just as strong as the rest of it.

With an "A" or something like that.

MR. GRIFFIN: This is welding done on the liner, right?

MR. DILLINGHAM: Right, the stainless steel

This is Item A. That is where it is supposed to have been, which a lot of it is, but at certain places it did like that. You have got you a little butt well there and you lay a little heli-arc wire along there and you well over it. Of course, when you well over it you get a little lump and then you grind it back off flush and then you have got as thick as your fingernail, for instance, and you can shap it.

That weld there you could take bulldozer and nook the two together and you couldn't pull them in two. This you could take and shap it with your finger, or just

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the temperature of summer and winter will crack that.

MS. ELLIS: Why don't you make that "B".

MR. DILLINGHAM: "B", okay. Now Bert Loefling can tell you where it is. Now you might want to check with Whalen Daniels because after I left I checked with a guy and he said Whalen come along benind us. He always carried a straight pin in his digarette and stuck noies in his filter and smoked it. He said he took a little straight pun eiter we run all our tests on it and, the LPs and the vacuum pox, and ne come along penind us and he stuck holes in the weld with that little pin. That is called a cold las right here.

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nim out and they agreed that he coulon't handle it. So they was going to pull all his certification.

The superintendent told them, or the general superintendent, if that man didn't have his certification by the end of the week that their butts was gone.

MR. HERR: What is the name of the superintendent?

MP. DILLINGHAM: You would have to check with Golden or Fred Michols, but I think the man's name was James Callicut. Now this is what they told me. You can check with Fred Michols over at the school or the guy called Golden because they agreed that the guy couldn't weld and they was going to pull his certs.

In other words, he was certified to do construction work and that is what we did. In order for them to do pipe work they had to take a pipe test, which is a little stricter test, and it had to be X-rayed. So he couldn't even hardly ac our work which was construction.

MR. HERR: So the superintendent ---

MF. DILLINGHAM: The general superintendent, according to Fred Nichols or Golden, told them if that man dian't have his certification for pipe by the end of the week that they ass was gone.

MA. BERR: And they were the training people? MR. DILLINGHAM: They were instructors at the

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school, yes.

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MA. HERR: What nappened?

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MR. DILLINGHAM: They gave him his

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This is just one of my welders complained after the job was did to me. His name is Mike Ratliff. This is a transfer tube in the canal. It goes from the canal fuel building to the reactor building.

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In that tube you have got some welcs in there that is full pin welcs. You are supposed to purge it, and the full pin weld, it supposed to dip in a little right in

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here. That is what it is supposed to look like. "A No. 2".

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But as they started welding it sucked in on them real bad. So they end up making a partial pin weld out of it.

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MR. GRIFFIN: How can we find these?

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MR. DILLINGHAM: They only have got two of

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them. You have got a penetration through the reactor going

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into the fuel building. It is just a round transfer tube

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is all it is and that is where your fuel leaves the reactor and lays down and goes through that tube. You go

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MS. ELLIS: Is that Unit 1?

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MR. DILLINGHAM: Unit 1 and Unit 2.

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MR. HERR: Is that Q?

to your stainless steel liner.

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