

1 USC/MMS MARINE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION  
2 INTO THE MARINE CASUALTY, EXPLOSION, FIRE,  
3 POLLUTION, AND SINKING  
4 OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNIT  
5 DEEPWATER HORIZON, WITH LOSS OF LIFE  
6 IN THE GULF OF MEXICO 21-22 APRIL 2010  
7 Friday, May 28, 2010

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9 The transcript of The Joint United  
10 States Coast Guard Minerals Management Service  
11 Investigation of the above-entitled cause,  
12 before Dorothy N. Gros, a Certified Court  
13 Reporter, authorized to administer oaths of  
14 witnesses pursuant to Section 961.1 of Title  
15 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
16 as amended, reported at the Radisson Hotel,  
17 2150 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Kenner,  
18 Louisiana, 70062, on Friday, May 28, 2010,  
19 beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
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1       A. I arrived on the rig approximately  
2       11:00, 11:00 a.m. I went to bed. I woke up  
3       around 5:00 p.m. I got dressed, went to eat.  
4       Approximately 5:30, you know, I went outside,  
5       made some rounds to the rig floor.

6       Q. Did you have a pre-tour meeting?

7       A. No, sir. Pre-tour meetings are, you  
8       know, noon to midnight, midnight to noon.

9       Q. Okay. And after 5:30 what happened?

10      A. I made relief at 5:30 in the drill  
11      shack. And basically, you know, I was talking  
12      to my supervisor which is Mark Hay. And he  
13      was explaining to me that they had just  
14      finished a negative test. During the negative  
15      test they felt like they lost approximately 60  
16      barrels of mud through the annular. They  
17      increased the regulator pressure to 1900 and  
18      it stopped leaking. Wyman at the same time,  
19      you know, Wyman Wheeler, which is the  
20      toolpusher, he's talking to Bob Kaluza, which  
21      is a BP company man, and Wyman is convincing  
22      them that -- they were saying that it was U-  
23      tubing and Bob Kaluza and then was saying it  
24      was U-tubing and Wyman was convinced that  
25      something wasn't right. He left. He went

1 outside. By that time Wyman worked 6:00 a.m.  
2 to 6:00 p.m. By that time his relief comes  
3 up, which is Jason Anderson, which is a  
4 toolpusher as well. So, you know, just  
5 listening to them talk, you know, Jason he was  
6 telling Wyman the same thing that -- that it  
7 U-tubed. And Wyman, you know, he was still  
8 like he couldn't believe that it U-tubed back  
9 out the hole, you know. But, you know, I  
10 guess we never really had a clear  
11 understanding where the fluid went to. But  
12 now it's approximately ten minutes till 6:00.  
13 Bob Kaluza, the BP company man, tells Jason  
14 Anderson "We're at an all stop." He said "Don  
15 Vidrine is coming on at 6:00 p.m." and that he  
16 was going to discuss with Don what was going  
17 on. So, Bob leaves, you know, Jason and  
18 Wyman's still talking. I really wasn't paying  
19 any more attention to them about it because I  
20 was still talking to Mark about the upcoming  
21 rig move that we was planning for the next  
22 couple of days ahead. Anyway, Bob comes back  
23 up to the rig floor and he tells Jason that  
24 this is the way Don wants to do it. I really  
25 don't know what way Don wanted to do it. Don

1 is the BP company man, but -- so Jason says

2 "No, we need to do it the way" -- Jason

3 Anderson said "We need to do it the way Murray

4 Sapalvado (phonetic) does it."

5 Q. I'm sorry, who is Murray?

6 A. Murray is a BP company man.

7 Q. And was he supposed to be on the rig

8 that day or was he not?

9 A. No. He -- he wasn't on the rig that

10 day, but his procedure worked better than any

11 other procedure. So, you know, he was just

12 telling that's the way that he wanted to do

13 it. Well, anyway Bob tells Don -- Bob tells

14 Jason "No, Don's going to be on tour. We're

15 going to have to do it the way Don wants to do

16 it." So, probably five minutes after 6:00 or

17 something Don comes to the rig floor, him and

18 Bob talks back and forth for approximately a

19 good hour. Don asking Bob 'Did you do this',

20 you know, 'This and that' and, you know, the

21 only thing that I really gathered out of it is

22 that Bob Kaluza he wanted to do it according

23 to the APD. And so Don, Don the company man,

24 he told him "No, we're going to do something

25 else." So, him and Jason went on -- went on

1 talking and finally Don told Jason "We're  
2 going to do it the way Murray wants to do it."  
3 And so Don tells Bob to go call their boss in  
4 Houston and tell him we're going to do a  
5 second negative test. Okay. So, Bob goes to  
6 do it, he comes back to the rig floor. Don  
7 says "Bob, what are you doing here?" And he  
8 said "You've go to --" You know, they was  
9 short changed. He said "Go to bed, you've got  
10 to get up." And whoever his supervisor was  
11 said "No, he told me to come back and stay  
12 with you for the negative test. He wanted  
13 both of us up here." So, we performed the  
14 negative test. During the negative test we  
15 didn't see any -- anything flow back. So,  
16 after the negative test, Don told Bob "To go  
17 call the office. Tell them we're going to  
18 displace the well." Bob said "Okay." So,  
19 Jason Anderson we got everybody back together  
20 for displacing to have a pre-job meeting on  
21 it. Just before we started displacing Jason  
22 asked me he said "Chris" -- he said "Can I put  
23 1,000 PSI on the annular before you open it?"  
24 I said "No, man." I said "We can't open it --  
25 can't put no pressure on that and open it up."