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1	February 10, 2010		1	nephew, cousin, and friend. He was a loving
2	COMMISSIONER:		2	and caring man who touched many lives. He was
3	Q. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We	e have	3	concerned for the wellbeing of family and
4	this morning, as you know, and Ms. Fagan	will	4	friends and was always there when needed. He
5	explain matters and lead them through it, b	out	5	had a warm smile and a good word for everyone.
6	we have Ms. Sharon Pike, accompanied b	by her	6	If you had the privilege to know Paul, you
7	daughter, Andrea, and son Stephen. We l		7	would be proud to call him friend. He
8	Ms. Marilyn Nash and family members wi	th her,	8	dedicated his entire being to family. We were
9	and Ms. Lori Chynn, and all of them are go	-	9	his world, and he was our world. Andrea and
10	to make statements, as Ms. Fagan has expl		10	Stephen were the most important things in his
11	to you. So are you ready, Ms. Fagan? We	e'll	11	life and he will always live on in them.
12	begin now.		12	Words can never express the devastation and
13	MS. FAGAN:		13	loss my family feels. Andrea, Stephen, and I,
14	Q. Thank you, Commissioner. The first prese		14	are thankful for every precious moment we had
15	this morning is Sharon Pike. Mrs. Pike is the		15	with him. We love you, Paul, and we will miss
16	widow of Paul Pike, one of the passengers		16	you forever. On the helicopter with Paul that
17	died in the crash of Flight 491 on March 12		17	morning were 16 other people, who also lost
18	Mrs. Pike is accompanied by her two child		18	their lives; Thomas Anyll, Peter Breen, Gary
19	Andrea and Stephen. Stephen has travell		19	Corbett, Matthew Davis, Wade Drake, Wade
20	here from Quebec to be with his mother to	day.	20	Duggan, Corey Eddy, Keith Escott, Colin
21	First of all, I would like to pass on my		21	Henley, Timothy Lanouette, Allison Maher, Ken
22	deepest sympathies for the loss of your		22	MacRae, Gregory Morris, Derrick Mullowney,
23	husband, and Andrea and Stephen, for the		23	Burch Nash, and John Pelley, and one survivor,
24	of your father. On behalf of the Inquiry, I'd		24	Robert Decker. Robert, my family wishes you a
25	like to thank you for coming here today t		25	happy, prosperous, and above all, peaceful
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1	speak, and I understand you have some spe	-	1	future filled with all the pleasant things
2	notes, so when you're ready you can beg	jin,	2	life has to offer. To the families, our world
3	okay.		3	was unbearably shattered on the morning of
	PRESENTATION BY MRS. SHARON PIKE:		4	Thursday, March 12th, 2009. Our lives will
5	A. Okay, thank you. Honourable Commissi		5	never be the same, but it is the hope of my
6	Judge Wells, Inquiry Counsel, and staff, th		6	family that we can all comes to terms with
7	you for allowing us this opportunity to address the Offshore Helicopter Safety		7	this tragedy that has been thrust upon us and
8	Inquiry. My name is Sharon Pike, this is 1		8	continue on, cherishing each wonderful memory we have of our loved ones. To the families,
9 10	daughter, Andrea, and my son, Stephen. W	•	9 10	especially the children of Captain Matthew
11	speaking today of Paul Randy Pike. His lit		10	Davis, and First Officer, Timothy Lanouette,
11	along with 16 other lives, tragically ended	-	11	we know that they did everything humanly
13	the morning of Thursday, March 12th, 200		12	possibly to bring all passengers on Flight 491
14	he travelled to his place of work on the Se		14	home safely. Please know that my family truly
15	Rose FPSO via Flight 491. Paul was a ver		15	appreciates the heroic efforts of these two
16	private man who died in a very public way	-	16	fine men. We would like to express our
17	would like the public to remember him for		17	appreciation and deep gratitude to each person
18	remarkable man that he was, and not just a		18	who was instrumental in bringing Paul back to
19	man who was killed in a helicopter crash		19	us. To all those individuals and
20	Flight 491. Paul was 49 years old and resid		20	organizations that supported us in our time of
21	in Shearstown, Newfoundland. He is my h		21	need, thank you. We would like to thank
22	and the father of our two wonderful childre	en;	22	Paul's employer, Crosbie Salamis Limited, for
23	our daughter, Andrea, and our son, Stephe	en.	23	all your support over the years, especially
24	He was an amazing husband, father, broth	ner,	24	during this last year. Thank you to all
25	brother-in-law, son, son-in-law, uncle,		25	Newfoundlanders and Paul's offshore family for

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1	keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. The	ne	1 Q.	Thank you.
2	concern of all Canadians and people around	the	2 MS. FA	AGAN:
3	world is truly appreciated and will forever b	e	3 Q.	Thank you, Mrs. Pike, for your presentation
4	remembered. Commissioner Wells, I reali	ze	4	and we appreciate your efforts in coming here
5	that it is not in the mandate of this Inquiry		5	today, and I'd also like to thank your
6	to determine the cause of the crash or to lay		6	children for supporting you today in this
7	blame. However, I feel that I must say what	t	7	difficult time.
8	is in my heart and what my husband, Paul	,	8 MRS. F	PIKE:
9	would want me to say. Paul would want me	e to	9 A.	Thank you.
10	say to the manufacturer of the helicopter, to		10 MS. FA	AGAN:
11	the operator of the helicopter, and to the oil		11 Q.	Commissioner, the second presenter this
12	companies, that he did not have to lose his		12	morning is Marilyn Nash. Marilyn Nash is the
13	life on the morning of Thursday, March 12t	h,	13	widow of Burch Nash, who is another passenger
14	2009. He did not have to lose his life, he		14	that died on March 12th when Flight 491
15	did not have to die in such a horrific way.		15	crashed. Marilyn and Burch Nash have three
16	If these companies had acted upon the warning	ing	16	children; Alicia, Alexandria, and Allison.
17	they had when the helicopter was forced to)	17	Alicia and Alexandria are with her today at
18	land in Australia in July, 2008, and fixed the		18	the table, and Allison is also here to support
19	problem with the gearbox immediately rath	ner	19	her mother in the room. I would also like to
20	than allowing for a time frame of one year o	r	20	pass on my condolences on my own behalf and on
21	1250 flying hours, Paul would be with his		21	behalf of the Inquiry. I know this process is
22	children and me today. Someone in one of	of	22	very intimidating and I appreciate your
23	these companies should have taken this		23	efforts in coming to speak to us today. I
24	situation more seriously. Someone should have	ave	24	understand you also have some speaking notes
25	said, hey, let's make sure we fix this		25	and that your daughters are here to help you,
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1	dangerous situation sooner than later and ma	ake	1	and I believe Alicia has some speaking notes
2	all passengers and crew as safe as humanly	y	2	as well, and Alex may step in to help if need
3	possible, but no one did that. The first		3	be. So when you're ready, you can begin,
4	thought should have been for safety.		4	okay.
5	Commissioner Wells, this Inquiry is abou		5 PRESE	NTATION BY MRS. MARILYN NASH:
6	safety. We can talk about safety and we can	n	6 A.	Commissioner Judge Wells, Inquiry Counsel, and
7	plan for safety, but it's more than talking,		7	staff, than you for giving us this opportunity
8	it's more than planning, it's about choice.		8	to speak at the Offshore Helicopter Safety
9	So whatever the reason, the wrong choice w		9	Inquiry. My name is Marilyn Nash. My
10	made. To all the companies, please make the	ne	10	husband, Burch, was on Cougar Flight 491 on
11	right choices in the future and to not allow		11	March 12th, the day all of our lives changed
12	another family to endure the tragedy and the		12	forever. My husband worked with Canship
13	heartache that we have endured and continue		13	Ugland and Husky Energy. We have three
14	endure. Paul would want me to say that the		14	beautiful daughters who should not have to
15	is a lesson to be learned, and he would hope		15	have their graduations and their wedding days
16	that the parties involved have learned that		16	without their dad. I feel that each and every
17	lesson. Finally, my family's thoughts and		17	family has been robbed of our happiness.
18	prayers will be with each and every persor		18	Getting the call that dreadful morning was the
19	travelling offshore to the Sea Rose FPSO, the		19	most difficult thing we have ever had to face.
20	Terra Nova FPSO, the Hibernia Platform, th		20	Telling your children that their dad will not
21	Henry Goodrich, the GST Grand Banks Glo		21	be coming home was absolutely heartbreaking.
22	and the Stena Carron. Nothing, absolutely		22	Just to see the look in their eyes tore my
23	nothing, is more important than your safety		23	heart out. I dropped my husband off that
24	Thank you.		24	morning and I told him, as I always did when
25 CO	MMISSIONER:		25	he left for work, that I loved him, hoped the

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1 flight was good, and call me as soon as yo	ou 1	Wouldn't you think that knowing there was a
2 arrive. I didn't get the call that day. I	2	problem with the bolts in the gearbox, that it
3 will never in my life forget seeing him	3	would make a point of checking to make sure
4 smiling at me and calling out things that I		everything was okay. All 17 people who lost
5 needed to do. He kept coming back to th		their lives that morning should be here. My
6 truck reminding me of things. When I left,		life ended on March 12th with my husband's
7 told him to go to work and tell me what h		life. Recently the companies in question
8 wanted to tell me tonight when you call. Ev	•	moved the fuel tanks from one side to the
9 day I think about telling him to go to work		other and made the seats double up. Doesn't
10 and I should have told him to stay home. I		this still make it very difficult for every
11 breaks my heart knowing I will never hea		person to get out if they had to ditch. Why
12 see, or be with him ever again. No one show		couldn't they just put the fuel tank along the
13 have to go through this. There were a few		back wall and give all passengers window
14 times when Burch arrived home from t		seats. I also believe if they're going to
15 offshore that he told me he felt that he was		give oxygen, they're going to need more than
16 very lucky to get home that day. The last		two minutes. If they have to ditch in the
17 eight to ten months of my husband's life, h		water, two minutes would still not be enough
18 began to have reoccurring dreams almost e	-	time for them to get out safely, and they also
19 night. He would never tell me what it was,		should have a choice whether they want to fly
20 just said it was foolishness, and a few night		offshore or go by boat. Every man and woman
21 after the funeral I was at our friend's home		should also be given their very own survival
22 and there were several people there, and 1		suits custom made just to fit them and only
23 just said now I'll never known Burch's drea		them. The training needed to work offshore
24 and all my friend's eyes dropped and they l		should be more realistic and use helicopters
25 what his dream was because a few months	before 25	identical to the S-92. I would like to thank
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1 we were all together, and I had to leave the		Mr. Decker for telling us his story. Each and
2 room, and Burch made a comment that		every word was so hard to hear, but I hope he
3 couldn't stay out all night because he had to		can continue to live a long and happy life.
4 go to church so he could get in with the Lor		This was an accident that did not need to
5 and one of his friends laughed at him, and h		happen, it could have been prevented, and I
6 said, well, I have this reoccurring dream an		hope and pray every single day this doesn't
7 he told his friends the dream was he was		happen again. However, having said that, all
8 crashing in a helicopter and drowning, and		the problems that have surfaced since March
9 wanted to make sure that he would be brou	-	12th, 2009, I would not be shocked if this did
10 home. My heart broke even more that that		happen to someone else again someday, but I
11 even possible. All I could think was how I		pray to God that I'm wrong. Thank you.
12 had to feel every single time that he stepped		COMMISSIONER:
13 on that chopper. He had to wonder if toda	-	Q. Thank you.
14 was the day. I truly believe the minute they		PRESENTATION BY MS. ALICIA NASH:
15 turned around that Burch knew this was i		A. Hi, everyone. I came here today to share with
16 this is the end. I cannot even begin to	16	you a story of great heartache. On March
17 imagine feeling that way. The fear must ha		12th, 2009, I lost my supporter, my protector,
18 been unbearable. My husband was a very b		and my best friend. It's been over 10 months
19 man, but I know that he had to be very scar		since I lost my father, Burch Nash. It feels
20 that morning. How could this happen, why		like only yesterday he came into my room to
21 our husbands and our daughter have to di		give me a good-bye hug and told me to make him
they all died because some people decided		proud. Little did I know those would be the
they seen this inexpensive part could wait		last words I'd hear him say. Let me just fill
and they didn't even bother to inspect thos		you in. Me and my dad was as close as a
25 bolts before they left for the offshore.	25	father and daughter could be, daddy's little

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1	girl. Everything I did in life was to make		1		during the Ocean Ranger disaster that St.
2	him proud, from sports I competed in to the	he	2		John's, Newfoundland should require a full-
3	grades I got in school. Going into the caree	r	3		time search and rescue dedicated helicopter
4	I chose to do for the rest of my life, I'm		4		provided by the government or industry, fully
5	currently a Marine Engineering and Desi	ign	5		equipped to search and rescue standards. So
6	student at the Marine Institute of Memoria	al	6		now after losing another 17 lives at sea, will
7	University. I finish my program this June		7		something along these lines finally be done?
8	and to know my father will not be there to		8		Thank you.
9	witness this accomplishment breaks my he		9	COMM	IISSIONER:
10	My dad helped me with this career decision		10		Thank you.
11	first I wasn't sure if I made the right		11	MS. FA	
12	choice, and it wasn't until he came home of		12		Thank you, Mrs. Nash for coming here to speak
13	day and he told me I told him what I wa		13		to us today and we appreciate your views on
14	after learning, and he looked at me and said		14		the safety improvements that we should
15	wow, sis - yeah, that's what he called me		15		consider and Alicia, as well, I'd like to
16	sis, I'm so proud of you, and I didn't have a		16		thank you for giving us some insight as to how
17	second thought after that about my caree		17		this disaster has impacted you and the
18	choice until March 12th, my life was ove		18		families, and as well your suggestions as to
19	The one person I looked up to the most, and		19		what we should be considering. I know how
20	the one person who gave me all the advice		20		difficult this has been and we really
21	needed, the one person I called my hero w		21		appreciate your efforts. Thank you.
22	gone.		22		Commissioner, Lori Chynn is the final
23	On March 17th, I began to plan my		23		presenter today. Lori is the widow of John
24	father's funeral. I couldn't get the words h		24		Pelley who lost his life on March 12th in the
25	said to me that morning out of my head, "m		25		crash of Flight 491. Lori and John were
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1	me proud." I felt like putting together my		1		married on August 13th, 1994 and I would also
2	father's funeral would be just one more item I		2		like to pass on my condolences to you for the
3	could add to my list of things I did to make		3		loss of your husband. Although Lori lives in
4	my father proud. However, a girl my age		4		Deer Lake, she has been present for most of
5	shouldn't have to bury her father, and he was		5		the proceedings and Lori's father, George, has
6	so young and in such great health should have		6		also travelled from Deer Lake today to be here
7	still been here with us. The same goes for		7		to support his daughter. Lori has some
8	all 17 passengers of Flight 491. As much as I		8		speaking notes and when she's ready, you can
9	try to think that things will get easier in		9		begin.
10	time, I don't believe it will. I will always				NTATION BY MS. LORI CHYNN
11	see my grandparents hurt, my mother hurt and			MS. CH	
12	my sisters hurt every day. For the times that		12		Good morning, Commissioner Wells, Inquiry
13	are supposed to be happy in our lives, such as		13		counsel and staff. I would like to thank you
14	graduations, weddings and our first born will		14		for the opportunity to make this presentation
15	now be only an upsetting occasion because my		15		to the Inquiry today. As Anne stated, my name
16	father is not there to share the happiness		16		is Lori Chynn and my husband, John Pelley, was
17	with us. Not a day goes by that I don't think		17		aboard Cougar Flight 491 on March 12th, 2009.
18	of him, how amazing he was, and how much w		18		John was the offshore health advisor or
19	were alike.		19 20		what's commonly known as the medic or nurse on
20	I just want to end this with a few thoughts I think about frequently. What good		20		board of the SeaRose FPSO. He was 41 years old and we were married for 14 and a half
21	thoughts I think about frequently. What good		21		
22	is going to come from this? Will there finally be a solution to such a problem so		22 23		years. John and I started dating in 1983. We were high school sweethearts.
23 24	that no more lives are lost at sea? It was				Although John and I lived a very private
	mentioned before when we lost 84 lives at sea		24 25		life in Deer Lake, I decided that it was
25	mentioneu before when we fost 64 fives at sea		25		ine in Deer Lake, i ucciucu that it was

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1	important to present today on my husband'	s	1	Music was an important part of John's
2	behalf. I felt that it was imperative to give		2	life. He played guitar, mandolin and banjo
3	John a voice. You see my husband, a very	7	3	and loved to sing. John enjoyed getting
4	proud, intelligent and articulate man, was		4	together with others on the SeaRose to jam.
5	known for speaking up for what he believed	in.	5	One of the greatest moments of his life was
6	John gives me the strength to be here today.		6	Christmas 2008 on the SeaRose when he got to
7	John was no stranger to dealing with		7	play with one of his heroes, Fergus O'Byrne.
8	tragedy. He lost his own father to a motor		8	I would also like to take this opportunity to
9	vehicle accident when he was only 15 year	s	9	publicly thank one of John's musician friends
10	old.		10	on the SeaRose, Mr. Mark Frost, for his
11	John was committed to his job offshore		11	beautiful song "Fall into the Ocean". Thank
12	and was dedicated to providing optimal healt	h	12	you, Mark.
13	care, as well as promoting safety in the	-	13	John also loved sports, especially
14	workplace.		14	football and hockey. He faithfully followed
15	Ironically, John began his offshore		15	the San Diego Chargers, his number one NFL
16	career in 2002 on the GFS Grand Banks. In	l	16	team. When it came to hockey, he was a die-
17	2005, he transferred to the SeaRose at its		17	hard Toronto Maple Leaf fan and was a proud
18	inception at Marystown. John was attracted t	0	18	member of the popular Hot Stoves Satellite
19	offshore nursing for a number of reasons. Th		19	edition on the SeaRose. John also was a big
20	position provides a good income and is highl		20	supporter of our local Deer Lake Red Wings
21	regarded among nursing professions. John w	•	21	team.
22	also intrigued with the challenges regarding		22	One aspect of working offshore that John
23	the level of emergency response and traum		23	was not enthused about was the flight to the
24	care associated with the position. My husban		24	platform. I have been aware of his aversion
25	was an exceptional and well-respected nurse		25	to flying since we met over 25 years ago.
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	John's medical background is emergency	-	1	John did fly when necessary, but only when he
	trauma response. He began as a paramedic		1 2	had to. As an emergency nurse at Western, he
$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	1989 and then graduated from Western Mem			willingly accepted air ambulance transfers.
3	Regional School of Nursing in 1997 where		3	With regard to the discussion of offshore
4	started working in the emergency and ICU		4	0
5	departments at Western. Between 1998 ar		5	flying, that was not a topic of conversation in our home, but he did make it clear that he
6	2000, John was employed as a trauma nurse		6	
7	Central Maine Medical Centre in the Unite		7	preferred the 16 to 18-hour boat ride. Since
8			8	March 12th, family and friends have recounted
9	States. Responding to trauma and saving live	es	9	conversations with John regarding his concerns
10	were John's specialties.		10	about flying by helicopter to the offshore.
11	Although John was not fond of being away	-	11	On March 12th, 2009, around 12 noon, I
12	from home for three weeks, he did enjoy his		12	received a call at my place of employment from
13	three weeks off, which he filled with his mar	-	13	Atlantic Offshore Medical Services reporting
14	hobbies and home projects. He was passiona		14	that John's helicopter had gone down, but with
15	about life and was a true outdoorsman. John		15	no other details. It certainly was a shock to
16	was an avid salmon fisherman who pride		16	hear that my husband's chopper had gone down,
17	himself on his knowledge of the rivers on the	e	17	but given the fact that an airplane had
18	west coast of the island. He also enjoyed		18	recently gone down in the Hudson River where
19	trouting, the recreational cod fishery, bird,		19 20	everyone walked away, along with John's
20	caribou and moose hunting and snowmobili	ing.	20	training in trauma response, his extensive
21	He did it all. John was also an amateur	4.0	21	medical background, as well as his determined
22	carpenter who loved taking on home projec	ts	22	personality, my only mental image was John
23	with the help of family and friends. He	1.	23	going into crisis response mode and helping
24	helped build our home in Deer Lake, which	n	24	everyone into the life rafts.
25	coincidentally is on the Humber River.		25	After the call, I flew directly to St.

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1	John's, accompanied by my father. When I	1	like to thank those people whom I've met
2	arrived at the airport, I was expecting to be	2	during the Inquiry and for making me feel
3	escorted to the Health Sciences Centre where I	3	welcome. I would also like to thank, to
4	would meet my husband. I thought that he	4	personally thank Mr. Robert Decker for sharing
5	would have to be assessed and maybe have to	5	his story. His courage and humility are to be
6	stay in for a few days of observation. This	6	commended. His compelling account of March
7	was not to be. I was met at the airport by	7	12th, 2009 and his perspective on helicopter
8	AOMS employees and brought to the Comfort Inr	n 8	safety speaks volumes and must be heard. I
9	and then to the Capital Hotel. Even with news	9	wish Mr. Decker a happy and healthy life, God
10	that the lifeboats were empty, I believed with	10	speed.
11	all my heart, given John's determination, that	11	I have learned so much from the detailed
12	he was still alive.	12	and comprehensive presentations. I trust that
13	I spent two days expecting my husband to	13	this Inquiry will bring improvements in
14	be found alive. The devastation that followed	14	helicopter safety. Yes, the helicopters need
15	is indescribable. To call it a nightmare is	15	to stay in the air, but other safety measures
16	an understatement. You wake up from a	16	that have been noted such as immersion suits,
17	nightmare. My whole word as I knew it was	17	breathing apparatus and search and rescue are
18	decimated.	18	also vital to the workers' safety. I also
19	To compound this terrible loss is the	19	believe that communication between the
20	considerable publicity that the families have	20	stakeholders involved in the offshore industry
21	been subjected to. John and I lived a very	21	is also key. As Ms. Lorraine Michael stated,
22 23	private and low-key lifestyle. The past 11 months, our families have continuously been	22 23	there needs to be a proactive approach, not a reactive one. In my opinion, the decision to
23	reminded of our tragedy on a daily basis	23	fly the helicopters before waiting to replace
24	because it is newsworthy. I understand this,	24	the stude was a reactive tactic, not a
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1	but it is very difficult to deal with on a	1	proactive stance. I'm sure we are all aware
2	personal level.	2	that with knowledge comes responsibility.
$\begin{vmatrix} 2\\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	Our families appreciate the support and	3	I have also heard phrases such as risk
4	condolences of those people in our hometown of		assessment and safety culture used throughout
5	Deer Lake and from the Province and beyond.	5	the Inquiry. I have to question though why
6	Our family would also like to thank those who	6	aren't the passengers flying offshore not
7	helped bring John home, especially the staff	7	provided with alert service bulletins
8	on the Osprey, Dr. Simon Avis, Air Labrador,	8	pertaining to the helicopters that transport
9	Cauls, as well as Parsons Funeral Homes.	9	workers to the offshore. I believe that
10	Safety in the workplace was a very	10	workers have the right to be provided with
11	important component to my husband's position	11	pertinent information so they themselves can
12	as offshore medic. I, myself, am not a	12	assess the risk and make informed decisions on
13	medical professional, engineer or technical	13	managing their own risk.
14	person, but believe that priority must be	14	Given John's aversion for flying, I
15	given to offshore helicopter safety. Our	15	strongly feel that if he was provided with the
16	province is reaping great financial benefit	16	information regarding the problems with the
17	from offshore resources and because of this,	17	helicopter studs, he would have opted not to
18	the men and women who work in the industry	18	fly on Flight 491 on March 12th 2009.
19	rightly deserve, as Commissioner Wells has	19	Today is Wednesday, February 10th.
20	stated, first class safety insurance. For the	20	John's schedule would have him flying out
21	workers to arrive safely to their offshore	21	tomorrow which meant he would have left our
22	destinations, as Mr. Decker so eloquently put	22	home in Deer Lake today, just like he did on
23	it, the helicopters need to stay in the air.	23	Wednesday, March 11th, 2009, the last time I
24	Like Ms. Fagan has said, I have attended	24	saw my husband.
25	many of the sessions since October and would	25	John and I had many hopes and dreams that

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1	will not be fulfilled. We had a wonderful	1	the heart. Thank you.
2	life. I miss and love my husband very much,	2 MS. FA	AGAN:
3	as do our families. I have lost a wonderful	3 Q.	I'd just like to thank Lori for her
4	and caring husband and John's mother has lost	t 4	presentation as well, and Lori has been here
5	her precious son. We all have been robbed. I	5	and I understand she's going to leave this
6	feel in my heart that this tragedy was	6	afternoon. So we'll miss her next week and we
7	preventable.	7	appreciate your summary of the issues we
8	Even though John was a brave and strong	8	should consider. It's quite clear that you
9	man, I fear of what his last moments of that	9	have taken in what we've heard and I think
10	fateful flight were. You see, my husband	10	you've eloquently stated some of the issues
11	possessed incredible instincts. I'm sure that	11	that we should look at, and I wish you all the
12	he knew what his fate was to be. I just hope	12	best in travelling home later today.
13	and pray that he did not suffer and that his	13 MS. CH	IYNN:
14	death, along with the deaths of his friends	14 A.	Thank you.
15	and colleagues, will not be in vane. I hope	15 MS. FA	AGAN:
16	that the legacy of those lives lost on March	16 Q.	Thank you. That's it for today.
17	12th 2009 will be significant improvements in	17 COMM	IISSIONER:
18	helicopter safety. Such a tragedy must not	18 Q.	Okay. Now before we adjourn, we'd better
19	happen again.	19	speak about tomorrow. It's tomorrow at 2:00,
20	As I was preparing my presentation, I	20	2 p.m.
21	could not help but recall the numerous times	21 MS. FA	AGAN:
22	when I relied on John's help in preparing	22 Q.	2:00.
23	public presentations. You see, he was always	23 COMM	IISSIONER:
24	there to help edit and provide more	24 Q.	To resume, yes.
25	sophisticated language for me. He always set	25 MS. FA	AGAN:
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1	high standards in everything he did. I only	1 Q. 2	2 p.m. tomorrow.
2	hope that while I sit here today that I have		ISSIONER:
3	made him proud. I love you, John.	3 Q. 4	All right then. Thank you very much.
4	Commissioner Wells, I would like to thank		
5	you once again for this opportunity and I		
6	would also like to thank my family, John's		
7	family and all our wonderful friends for their		
8	amazing support.		
	COMMISSIONER:		
10	Q. Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, this has		
11	been quite a moving experience, I guess for		
12	all of us. I'm glad that what seems like many		
13	months ago now, before we had this Inquiry	/	
14	process set up, that I wrote the family		
15	members with the help and cooperation of the		
16	own solicitors and invited them to come and		
17	speak, if they wished to, when the Inquiry		
18	started, and I'm so pleased, and I say this to		
19	all of you who are family members who has		
20	come here this morning, that you did come ar		
21	give your perspective on what well, on what the tragedy meant to all of you and I would	u	
22	the tragedy meant to all of you, and I would only say this in conclusion. In an Inquiry		
23	only say this in conclusion. In an Inquiry like this, and perhaps in other procedures,		
24 25	there is a time to hear people who speak from		
25	and is a time to hear people who speak from	L	Dage 25 Dage 29

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