

Unofficial Transcript of Video on Attack
on the U.S.-Flag Vessel M/V LIBERTY SUN on April 14, 2009

(Voices of Captain Donald R. Grosse, Chief Mate William F. Kenneweg
and Second Mate Leland W. Hall)

Explanation – Video opens with view of one of the pirate speed boats and then moves to a view of the aftermath of a rocket propelled grenade hit on the deck house of the vessel. The rest of the video shows scenes on the bridge of the vessel, which is the vessel’s command center. In the video you will see the Master/Captain Grosse, the Chief Mate Kenneweg (taking the video) and hear the 2nd Mate (Lee Hall) on the bridge as the incident occurred. The ships emergency alarm was sounded and the rest of the crew are gathered in the (secure location) engine room and after steering gear room. The after steering gear room is where the vessel can be steered locally. When the bridge group is talking they are speaking into/on a sound powered phone to the crew in the steering gear room giving them rudder commands. The terms “left 15”, “left 20” and “right 20” are rudder commands given in degrees, which translate into how far to turn the rudder. “Left” means port and right means starboard. All rudder commands are repeated by the C/M and 2/M to verify the commands of the captain were understood. The background noise consists of the various ships alarms/shrill high pitched sounds and the vessel’s automatic distress system, which was transmitting the distress message and multiple gun fire.

Kenneweg -- “They hit my room man. Blew up my bed.”

Grosse -- “[inaudible] pirates.”

Kenneweg -- “I didn’t like that one.”

Kenneweg -- “We ain’t stopping for shit.”

Kenneweg -- “They got control down there?”

Hall -- “[inaudible] I came to course one five zero.”

Kenneweg -- “Hey how you doing”

Kenneweg -- “We don’t want a course. Keep it maneuvering Cap. Just keep it maneuvering.”

Grosse -- “OK [inaudible].”

Grosse -- “You need to go down.”

Kenneweg -- "No, no, no – I'm staying right here, with you."

Kenneweg -- "Hey!"

Kenneweg -- "Hello! Put your rudder right twenty."

Grosse -- "[inaudible] right fifteen."

Kenneweg -- "Right fifteen."
[inaudible]

Kenneweg -- "OK. Stay on this phone."

Kenneweg -- "Hey! Hey listen. You here me? [inaudible]. You keep somebody on this fucking phone. So when I pick it up I'm talking to somebody – you got that?"

Steering room -- "What?"

Kenneweg -- "You stay on this phone."

Steering room -- "Stay on this phone."

Kenneweg -- "Yes."

Kenneweg "Rudder's right fifteen."

Steering [inaudible]

Kenneweg -- "Now I want you to go with God. We're doing OK. All right? Just keep the right fifteen. [inaudible]."

Grosse [inaudible]

Grosse -- "No. [inaudible] slowing the fucking thing down."
"Left fifteen."

Kenneweg -- "Left fifteen. Go left fifteen."

Grosse -- "Left fifteen."

Kenneweg -- "Left fifteen rudder. Left . . ."

Hall -- "Left Ten."

Grosse "Left twenty."

Kenneweg -- "Left twenty."

Steering room -- "Left twenty."

Kenneweg -- "And don't leave this phone."

Grosse -- "Do not hang up."
[inaudible]

Kenneweg -- "What do you want?"
"What do you want Captain?"

Grosse -- "Left twenty."
[inaudible]

Kenneweg -- "They're firing in the steering gear room. They're firing into the steering gear room."

Grosse -- "Left ten."

Kenneweg -- "Everybody's OK. Rudder's left ten."
"We've got another one out there."
[inaudible]

Grosse -- "Yeah."
[inaudible]

Kenneweg -- "I know, but look, we've got this one. We've got one out here. We've got two."
[inaudible]

Grosse -- "Amidships."

Kenneweg -- "Amidships."

Hall -- "Amidships, amidships, amidships."

Kenneweg -- "That's the same problem I had."