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Williams Monday night. A neighboring ski equipment store was also damaged. One minor injury was reported.

Eventually Quimet said, "I think we'd better go down," but the transcripts showed that crew members then told the pilot five times that the fire appeared to be under control.

About three minutes later, Quimet again recommended making an emergency landing, and Cameron responded "OK." The recordings showed that was about 16 minutes after the circuit breakers popped.

Defendant was at home, jury is told

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Rodney Lee Lincoln was at home in South St. Louis with his mother and former girlfriend the night Jo Ann Tate and her two daughters were attacked in their North St. Louis apartment, defense witnesses testified Tuesday in Lincoln's capital murder trial.

Lincoln, a 38-year-old truck driver, is charged with fatally wounding Mrs. Tate and critically injuring her two daughters April 27, 1982, at the apartment in the 1400 block of Farrar Street.

MRS. TATE WAS molested and stabbed to death; her daughter, Melissa, was stabbed 10 times; and another daughter, Renee, was stabbed three times. Both youngsters recovered.

Medical testimony indicated that Mrs. Tate died between midnight and 8 a.m.

The defense witnesses Tuesday were Lincoln's mother, Mary Marlow; his former girlfriend, Diane Packineau; and his former employer, Robert Salzmann, vice president of Mound City Grocery Co.

SALZMANN TESTIFIED that Lincoln was on time for work shortly before 8 a.m. April 26 and 27, 1982, and worked both days as a warehouseman and truck driver at the company's headquarters at 4026 Olive St.

"Did you notice any difference in his (Lincoln's) actions on Tuesday, April 27?" defense attorney Robert Hampe asked.

"No, he was exactly the same," Salzmann said.

Mrs. Marlow testified that her son arrived home from work between 5 and 5:30 p.m. April 26, 1982, with Miss Packineau, and that both spent the night at her home. Miss Packineau corroborated the alibi.

"DURING THE EARLY morning hours of April 27, did Rodney Lincoln ever leave his mother's house?" Hampe asked Miss Packineau.

"No, he did not," she said.

"Would you have known?" Hampe asked.

"Yes, sir," she replied.

Earlier in the trial, Melissa Davis, 8, identified Lincoln in court as the man who repeatedly stabbed her and her younger sister.

planned near Minker site

ities have said that anything 1 part per billion could be dous.

e sample taken from the back was done at the Davises' request. Most of the samples came from yards of families living across the Minker site, near Imperial.

rahamson and the former owner Davis home had dirt hauled into back yards in 1977.

erlier Tuesday, Davis said he d a request to allow EPA ers to come in with shovels and e dirt.

just didn't see any point in e them remove the dirt since they know how extensive the

contamination was," he said.

DAVIS SAID he feared digging would spread the contamination through dust and rain runoff. He cited a paragraph from a health advisory issued by the national Centers for Disease Control March 17: "When remedial action commences, any activity that creates dust by disturbing the contaminated soil should be considered as a potential health risk to families in homes adjacent to the Minker site."

EPA official Gale Wright said the dirt would have been excavated with a minimum of dust.

"We'd have wetted it down or put a suppressant on the dirt," he said.

ages at Spanish consulate in L.A.

en, believed to be members of the late staff, hostage, police said. e, who have been in touch by hone with the gunman, said he

had made a number of demands.

They added they believe the gunman's family is living in a nearby hotel.

members to search for friends lost on glacier

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Italian mountain climbers left Greenland Tuesday to search for friends missing on a glacier.

don't say the people are alive — opes are very small — but at least want to recover their bodies," said e Maggia, an official at the n Embassy.

enlandic authorities had begun,

but later called off a search for Guseppe Agnolotti, Giorgio Petigiani and Enrico Bologna, all from the Alpine village of Bardonecchia, after they failed to check in Aug. 10 as planned.

The men disappeared while climbing the treacherous 6,900-foot-high Great White Tower in northwest Greenland, which they conquered in 1982.

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