

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,262

2
00:00:08,262 --> 00:00:09,730
(film slating)

3
00:00:09,730 --> 00:00:14,290
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4
00:00:14,290 --> 00:00:20,770
Mr. President, before
having left Poland

5
00:00:20,770 --> 00:00:28,840
I was charged with this
mission by the most important

6
00:00:28,840 --> 00:00:31,000
Jewish leaders.

7
00:00:31,000 --> 00:00:36,310
They organized for me
two visits in the ghetto.

8
00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:41,620
I saw extermination camp.

9
00:00:41,620 --> 00:00:43,870
The name is Belzec.

10
00:00:43,870 --> 00:00:49,570
B-E-L-Z-E-C.

11
00:00:49,570 --> 00:00:54,730
Mr. President, the
situation is horrible.

12
00:00:54,730 --> 00:01:01,630
The point is, without
the outside help,

13

00:01:01,630 --> 00:01:07,330
the Jews will perish in Poland.

14

00:01:07,330 --> 00:01:08,770
The end.

15

00:01:08,770 --> 00:01:14,800
I remember every second
of this conversation.

16

00:01:14,800 --> 00:01:16,680
The Allied Nations--

17

00:01:16,680 --> 00:01:18,670
Excuse me.

18

00:01:18,670 --> 00:01:20,410
What did he answer,
specifically?

19

00:01:20,410 --> 00:01:21,010
Nothing.

20

00:01:21,010 --> 00:01:23,380
He enters the picture now.

21

00:01:23,380 --> 00:01:24,310
Nothing.

22

00:01:24,310 --> 00:01:25,900
This was the end of your report?

23

00:01:25,900 --> 00:01:27,370
Yes.

24

00:01:27,370 --> 00:01:28,000
Nothing.

25

00:01:28,000 --> 00:01:30,680
It came at the end
of the Jewish--

26
00:01:30,680 --> 00:01:33,160
I never had the chance.

27
00:01:33,160 --> 00:01:34,840
So now, his answer.

28
00:01:34,840 --> 00:01:40,390
The Allied Nations are
going to win this war!

29
00:01:40,390 --> 00:01:43,090

30
00:01:43,090 --> 00:01:46,600
No more wars!

31
00:01:46,600 --> 00:01:50,770
Justice will be done!

32
00:01:50,770 --> 00:01:55,240
Your country will be
alive again, and more

33
00:01:55,240 --> 00:01:58,270
prosperous than before.

34
00:01:58,270 --> 00:02:00,616
Criminals will be punished.

35
00:02:00,616 --> 00:02:03,250

36
00:02:03,250 --> 00:02:09,729
The United States will
not abandon your country,

37
00:02:09,729 --> 00:02:12,200
as a matter of fact.

38
00:02:12,200 --> 00:02:22,060

Now he says, Poland,
as re-compensation,

39
00:02:22,060 --> 00:02:32,170
will receive East Prussia,
or a part of East Prussia.

40
00:02:32,170 --> 00:02:35,560
No more corridor!

41
00:02:35,560 --> 00:02:37,180
And now, to the Ambassador.

42
00:02:37,180 --> 00:02:40,855
Mr. Ambassador, what
do you think about it?

43
00:02:40,855 --> 00:02:42,880
Of course, Mr.
Ambassador loves it,

44
00:02:42,880 --> 00:02:45,820
only he wants all of
East Prussia, [LAUGHS]

45
00:02:45,820 --> 00:02:48,010
not part of East Prussia.

46
00:02:48,010 --> 00:02:51,040
Short conversation about that.

47
00:02:51,040 --> 00:02:54,820

48
00:02:54,820 --> 00:02:58,630
Then when you return
to Poland, you

49
00:02:58,630 --> 00:03:03,730
will tell your Polish
leaders, this country

50

00:03:03,730 --> 00:03:07,700
will never fail them.

51
00:03:07,700 --> 00:03:15,790
They have a friend in the
President of the United States.

52
00:03:15,790 --> 00:03:17,995
And now he does
ask me questions.

53
00:03:17,995 --> 00:03:19,780
Oh, yes.

54
00:03:19,780 --> 00:03:21,145
Underground movement.

55
00:03:21,145 --> 00:03:23,650

56
00:03:23,650 --> 00:03:27,930
Do you know what
question he asked me?

57
00:03:27,930 --> 00:03:36,030
Do I understand correctly,
young man, that before the war

58
00:03:36,030 --> 00:03:41,370
Poland was essentially
an agricultural country?

59
00:03:41,370 --> 00:03:46,920
Yes, Mr. President, it was so.

60
00:03:46,920 --> 00:03:52,440
Well, now, what we understand
in the Russian campaign,

61
00:03:52,440 --> 00:03:59,670
Germans had to use
tremendous amount of horses.

62

00:03:59,670 --> 00:04:04,470

Did they take those
horses from Poland?

63

00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:12,640

Because with your agricultural
economy, you need horses.

64

00:04:12,640 --> 00:04:17,475

Mr. President, yes.

65

00:04:17,475 --> 00:04:21,940

66

00:04:21,940 --> 00:04:23,670

He asked me other
questions also.

67

00:04:23,670 --> 00:04:24,170

About--

68

00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:30,520

I had no chance, except
my initial statement,

69

00:04:30,520 --> 00:04:32,590

to tell you Mr.
President, listen to me.

70

00:04:32,590 --> 00:04:37,060

Well, you don't speak to the
President of the United States.

71

00:04:37,060 --> 00:04:41,140

No Jewish problem was
mentioned until the end

72

00:04:41,140 --> 00:04:44,920

of the conversation, which
lasted one hour 20 minutes.

73

00:04:44,920 --> 00:04:49,510

But excuse me to insist,
but it is my theme.

74
00:04:49,510 --> 00:04:53,125
About the Jews, did
ask specific questions?

75
00:04:53,125 --> 00:04:53,625
No.

76
00:04:53,625 --> 00:04:53,900
Not one?

77
00:04:53,900 --> 00:04:54,530
No.

78
00:04:54,530 --> 00:04:55,450
Not a single one.

79
00:04:55,450 --> 00:04:56,482
Not a single one?

80
00:04:56,482 --> 00:04:57,190
Not a single one.

81
00:04:57,190 --> 00:04:57,690
How do you--

82
00:04:57,690 --> 00:05:02,320
What I said, I said
only on my initiative.

83
00:05:02,320 --> 00:05:06,980
As an opening statement,
when he asked me,

84
00:05:06,980 --> 00:05:13,270
I presume you want to
pass certain information.

85
00:05:13,270 --> 00:05:14,950
Bring attention.

86
00:05:14,950 --> 00:05:17,590
You gave everything on
the Jew that are in--

87
00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:19,600
General terms I
told again to him.

88
00:05:19,600 --> 00:05:21,790
But he didn't ask one
specific question--

89
00:05:21,790 --> 00:05:22,990
Not a single one.

90
00:05:22,990 --> 00:05:25,180
And how do you explain this?

91
00:05:25,180 --> 00:05:27,410
I don't.

92
00:05:27,410 --> 00:05:28,800
He did make a gesture.

93
00:05:28,800 --> 00:05:32,950
Now, what was the
significance of this gesture?

94
00:05:32,950 --> 00:05:36,580
Was it a gesture, or
was it an expression

95
00:05:36,580 --> 00:05:42,430
of good will of the center
of power, who does not

96
00:05:42,430 --> 00:05:45,430
deal with particular problems?

97
00:05:45,430 --> 00:05:48,020
I don't know until today.

98
00:05:48,020 --> 00:05:49,240
His minor [INAUDIBLE].

99
00:05:49,240 --> 00:05:53,800
Wiser people than I
could not decipher FDR.

100
00:05:53,800 --> 00:05:59,140
[LAUGHS] He was a
great man, mainly.

101
00:05:59,140 --> 00:06:04,700
After we left the White
House, and then of course,

102
00:06:04,700 --> 00:06:08,470
as you can imagine, we'll
return to the embassy,

103
00:06:08,470 --> 00:06:13,060
and the ambassador
gives me one typist.

104
00:06:13,060 --> 00:06:17,200
He goes to another room, another
typist, and his instructions.

105
00:06:17,200 --> 00:06:20,705
Now, you write your
report, I write my report.

106
00:06:20,705 --> 00:06:22,600
And Johnny, be careful.

107
00:06:22,600 --> 00:06:25,210
Everything counted.

108
00:06:25,210 --> 00:06:30,010
If you noticed his smile,
put it in the report.

109

00:06:30,010 --> 00:06:34,780

We just saw the center
of power of humanity.

110

00:06:34,780 --> 00:06:36,770

And then we will
compare our both.

111

00:06:36,770 --> 00:06:40,270

Report I have to send the
report to London, of course.

112

00:06:40,270 --> 00:06:40,810

Yes.

113

00:06:40,810 --> 00:06:41,310

Then.

114

00:06:41,310 --> 00:06:44,200

So we cooked up whatever it was.

115

00:06:44,200 --> 00:06:46,930

Then comes problem.

116

00:06:46,930 --> 00:06:48,580

I think it was next day.

117

00:06:48,580 --> 00:06:51,070

Very soon.

118

00:06:51,070 --> 00:06:55,580

It might be even the same
evening, as a matter of fact.

119

00:06:55,580 --> 00:06:58,820

He sees me, the
ambassador, and says,

120

00:06:58,820 --> 00:07:08,630

well, Johnny now, I got from
the White House a message.

121

00:07:08,630 --> 00:07:18,050
Apparently, the President would
like you to see the following

122
00:07:18,050 --> 00:07:20,600
individuals.

123
00:07:20,600 --> 00:07:27,320
And he wants you to pass
to them all your reports.

124
00:07:27,320 --> 00:07:29,330
Now, on that list--

125
00:07:29,330 --> 00:07:33,230
now, it was a long list--

126
00:07:33,230 --> 00:07:35,960
some individuals, for instance.

127
00:07:35,960 --> 00:07:41,420
Oh, yes, there was Rabbi Weiss,
whom I saw other, by the way.

128
00:07:41,420 --> 00:07:46,640
Goldman, Valdeman, I remember.

129
00:07:46,640 --> 00:07:50,180
As a matter of fact, a
certain Jesuit priest's

130
00:07:50,180 --> 00:07:52,730
father, Father Walsh.

131
00:07:52,730 --> 00:07:58,970
There was a Supreme Court
Justice Frankfurter.

132
00:07:58,970 --> 00:08:01,730
Yes, Justice Frankfurter.

133
00:08:01,730 --> 00:08:05,480

I saw him on the recommendation
of President Roosevelt.

134
00:08:05,480 --> 00:08:06,830
But there were names.

135
00:08:06,830 --> 00:08:10,280
Secretary of War, Stimson was.

136
00:08:10,280 --> 00:08:12,920
Secretary of State,
Cordell Hull.

137
00:08:12,920 --> 00:08:16,640

138
00:08:16,640 --> 00:08:23,850
Archbishop Spellman, Archbishop
Mooney, Archbishop Stritch.

139
00:08:23,850 --> 00:08:29,510
The apostolic
delegate, Cicognani.

140
00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:31,160
So delegate from the pope?

141
00:08:31,160 --> 00:08:34,049
The apostolic delegate
from the pope.

142
00:08:34,049 --> 00:08:40,490
Now, I interpreted this,
and the ambassador,

143
00:08:40,490 --> 00:08:44,540
that the president
was interested

144
00:08:44,540 --> 00:08:52,580
in the Jewish problem,
only on his level.

145

00:08:52,580 --> 00:08:58,970

The problem was not of direct,
so to say, his jurisdiction.

146

00:08:58,970 --> 00:09:05,780

He sent me to the people
whom he considered actually

147

00:09:05,780 --> 00:09:10,790

could take some action,
knowing that I was sent

148

00:09:10,790 --> 00:09:14,510

to them on his recommendation.

149

00:09:14,510 --> 00:09:16,940

It might have been also--

150

00:09:16,940 --> 00:09:23,260

Did you feel yourselves
a tragic discrepancy

151

00:09:23,260 --> 00:09:27,130

between the difference
of the expectations,

152

00:09:27,130 --> 00:09:29,860

hopeless expectations
of the people in Dachau?

153

00:09:29,860 --> 00:09:31,300

I mean the Jews.

154

00:09:31,300 --> 00:09:36,220

That you met on these
reserves this visit?

155

00:09:36,220 --> 00:09:37,870

Because there is
no communication?

156

00:09:37,870 --> 00:09:39,170

I understand.

157

00:09:39,170 --> 00:09:40,270

History passed.

158

00:09:40,270 --> 00:09:44,080

35 years passed, so I
understand the European,

159

00:09:44,080 --> 00:09:46,120

your archives, film archives.

160

00:09:46,120 --> 00:09:49,000

161

00:09:49,000 --> 00:09:52,780

After my audience with
President Roosevelt,

162

00:09:52,780 --> 00:09:57,650

I was so overwhelmed
by this fact,

163

00:09:57,650 --> 00:10:03,520

I reported to the President
of the United States,

164

00:10:03,520 --> 00:10:05,950

I didn't think
about anything else.

165

00:10:05,950 --> 00:10:10,070

I was totally
overwhelmed by him.

166

00:10:10,070 --> 00:10:14,700

Years passed, and of course,
now I maybe think about it.

167

00:10:14,700 --> 00:10:17,810

What was the significance?

168

00:10:17,810 --> 00:10:19,340
And I don't have the answer.

169
00:10:19,340 --> 00:10:24,410
Perhaps he wanted,
expected others to do.

170
00:10:24,410 --> 00:10:27,770
Perhaps they did do things.

171
00:10:27,770 --> 00:10:32,600
None of the Allied
leaders on the level as I

172
00:10:32,600 --> 00:10:36,890
met them would tell me
what he was going to do.

173
00:10:36,890 --> 00:10:38,450
You understand?

174
00:10:38,450 --> 00:10:39,290
This I know.

175
00:10:39,290 --> 00:10:45,080
Perhaps if you want to
be skeptical or cynical,

176
00:10:45,080 --> 00:10:47,870
perhaps he passed the buck.

177
00:10:47,870 --> 00:10:50,810
Perhaps it was an
act of courtesy

178
00:10:50,810 --> 00:10:54,200
towards the Polish ambassador.

179
00:10:54,200 --> 00:10:59,780
I am doing something within
your immense mission.

180

00:10:59,780 --> 00:11:02,040
I don't know.

181
00:11:02,040 --> 00:11:02,540
OK.

182
00:11:02,540 --> 00:11:08,660

183
00:11:08,660 --> 00:11:09,410
(film slating)

184
00:11:09,410 --> 00:11:12,200
[CLICK]

185
00:11:12,200 --> 00:11:20,030
A few days later, the Ambassador
tells me, Johnny, now you

186
00:11:20,030 --> 00:11:26,270
are going to see
Justice Frankfurter.

187
00:11:26,270 --> 00:11:28,310
He will come here.

188
00:11:28,310 --> 00:11:31,280
Justice Frankfurter, and he was
a member of the Supreme Court.

189
00:11:31,280 --> 00:11:34,130
Of the Supreme Court.

190
00:11:34,130 --> 00:11:37,310
Now again, he gave
me his briefing.

191
00:11:37,310 --> 00:11:39,680
He will come here, he said?

192
00:11:39,680 --> 00:11:40,820
He will come here.

193
00:11:40,820 --> 00:11:44,910
As a matter of fact,
except cabinet members,

194
00:11:44,910 --> 00:11:48,440
usually people came
to the embassy.

195
00:11:48,440 --> 00:11:49,590
I lived in the embassy.

196
00:11:49,590 --> 00:11:50,360
OK.

197
00:11:50,360 --> 00:11:52,760
So he will come here.

198
00:11:52,760 --> 00:11:55,190
Now, he gave me his briefing.

199
00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:57,710
Now Johnny, again, be careful.

200
00:11:57,710 --> 00:11:59,930
He always would brief me.

201
00:11:59,930 --> 00:12:05,360
Now, all knowledgeable
people considered

202
00:12:05,360 --> 00:12:12,710
this man the most brilliant
man in the administration.

203
00:12:12,710 --> 00:12:17,540
As a Justice of
the Supreme Court,

204
00:12:17,540 --> 00:12:20,210
the institution
is very important.

205

00:12:20,210 --> 00:12:29,180

But the next four years he's
a confidant of the President.

206

00:12:29,180 --> 00:12:31,910

All Americal knows about him.

207

00:12:31,910 --> 00:12:33,440

And he was a Jew.

208

00:12:33,440 --> 00:12:34,140

Now.

209

00:12:34,140 --> 00:12:39,980

And he says, Johnny,
now, he's a Jew.

210

00:12:39,980 --> 00:12:45,840

So be sure he will be
interested in your report.

211

00:12:45,840 --> 00:12:46,340

All right.

212

00:12:46,340 --> 00:12:49,850

So I wait again, carefully.

213

00:12:49,850 --> 00:12:52,800

On the appointed hour,
as a matter of fact

214

00:12:52,800 --> 00:12:55,940

I even remember it was
between breakfast and lunch,

215

00:12:55,940 --> 00:12:59,542

before lunch in
the morning hours.

216

00:12:59,542 --> 00:13:02,840

We'll be on time.

217
00:13:02,840 --> 00:13:07,190
I was sitting in the
living room salon,

218
00:13:07,190 --> 00:13:13,220
the ambassador comes
from the first floor

219
00:13:13,220 --> 00:13:17,210
with the Justice Frankfurter.

220
00:13:17,210 --> 00:13:24,050
Justice Frankfurter,
a little man.

221
00:13:24,050 --> 00:13:30,260
He did emanate some brilliance.

222
00:13:30,260 --> 00:13:36,600
Very alive with his eyes,
and impressive physically.

223
00:13:36,600 --> 00:13:38,840
A little man, Jewish looking.

224
00:13:38,840 --> 00:13:41,570

225
00:13:41,570 --> 00:13:42,830
Very friendly.

226
00:13:42,830 --> 00:13:43,715
Friendly smile.

227
00:13:43,715 --> 00:13:47,000

228
00:13:47,000 --> 00:13:49,760
Towards me, all
the time friendly.

229

00:13:49,760 --> 00:13:53,360

Several times he
called me, young man

230

00:13:53,360 --> 00:13:56,330

during our conversation.

231

00:13:56,330 --> 00:14:00,200

Well, I introduce
myself, we sit down.

232

00:14:00,200 --> 00:14:06,290

He in front of me,
Ciechanowski on my left.

233

00:14:06,290 --> 00:14:08,900

Justice Frankfurter starts.

234

00:14:08,900 --> 00:14:18,500

Mr. Karski, I have been invited
but my very good friend,

235

00:14:18,500 --> 00:14:25,730

your ambassador, to
come here to see.

236

00:14:25,730 --> 00:14:32,825

I was also advised
that I should see.

237

00:14:32,825 --> 00:14:36,500

238

00:14:36,500 --> 00:14:40,640

Apparently, you have
some information

239

00:14:40,640 --> 00:14:41,975

which I should know.

240

00:14:41,975 --> 00:14:46,250

241
00:14:46,250 --> 00:14:48,920
What do you have to say?

242
00:14:48,920 --> 00:14:51,820

243
00:14:51,820 --> 00:14:54,070
My answer.

244
00:14:54,070 --> 00:15:01,360
Sir, I don't know what
you are interested in.

245
00:15:01,360 --> 00:15:04,300
Could you ask me some questions?

246
00:15:04,300 --> 00:15:07,330
It will be easier on me.

247
00:15:07,330 --> 00:15:10,350
Frankfurter.

248
00:15:10,350 --> 00:15:17,300
Young man, do you
know that I am a Jew?

249
00:15:17,300 --> 00:15:20,730

250
00:15:20,730 --> 00:15:22,200
Yes, sir.

251
00:15:22,200 --> 00:15:27,600
Mr. Ambassador
told me about this.

252
00:15:27,600 --> 00:15:30,900
Well, tell me about the Jews.

253
00:15:30,900 --> 00:15:33,740

254

00:15:33,740 --> 00:15:36,770

We have hear many reports.

255

00:15:36,770 --> 00:15:42,130

What happens to the
Jews in your country?

256

00:15:42,130 --> 00:15:45,590

257

00:15:45,590 --> 00:15:48,920

Now, I become a machine again.

258

00:15:48,920 --> 00:15:49,970

I give my stuff.

259

00:15:49,970 --> 00:15:53,490

260

00:15:53,490 --> 00:15:54,420

The men sits.

261

00:15:54,420 --> 00:15:57,550

262

00:15:57,550 --> 00:16:07,170

I remember he looked like
smaller and smaller, somehow.

263

00:16:07,170 --> 00:16:08,940

Like careening.

264

00:16:08,940 --> 00:16:11,850

Looking at the floor.

265

00:16:11,850 --> 00:16:14,640

But he listens, he
doesn't interrupt me.

266

00:16:14,640 --> 00:16:17,960

267

00:16:17,960 --> 00:16:20,270

I report, as you
know from this film,

268

00:16:20,270 --> 00:16:24,380

usually it lasted
15, 20 minutes.

269

00:16:24,380 --> 00:16:25,730

I tell him.

270

00:16:25,730 --> 00:16:31,040

Jewish leaders, ghetto, Belzec.

271

00:16:31,040 --> 00:16:37,400

Well, 15, 20 minutes
passed, and I stop.

272

00:16:37,400 --> 00:16:40,590

273

00:16:40,590 --> 00:16:46,360

Now, Justice
Frankfurter, he sits,

274

00:16:46,360 --> 00:16:50,620

looks at me still
at this moment,

275

00:16:50,620 --> 00:16:52,810

and tells me the following.

276

00:16:52,810 --> 00:16:58,840

Young man, as I
mentioned, I have been

277

00:16:58,840 --> 00:17:03,550

informed about your activities.

278

00:17:03,550 --> 00:17:09,400

I was told that you
came out of hell.

279

00:17:09,400 --> 00:17:13,680

And I was told that you
are going back to hell.

280

00:17:13,680 --> 00:17:16,550

281

00:17:16,550 --> 00:17:19,329

My admiration for
a people like you.

282

00:17:19,329 --> 00:17:23,880

283

00:17:23,880 --> 00:17:24,990

And then now.

284

00:17:24,990 --> 00:17:28,740

285

00:17:28,740 --> 00:17:36,270

Young man, I am no longer young.

286

00:17:36,270 --> 00:17:38,220

I am a judge of men.

287

00:17:38,220 --> 00:17:41,010

288

00:17:41,010 --> 00:17:51,120

Many like me, with many like
you, must be totally honest.

289

00:17:51,120 --> 00:17:55,750

290

00:17:55,750 --> 00:18:01,600

And I am telling you,

I do not believe you!

291
00:18:01,600 --> 00:18:05,320

292
00:18:05,320 --> 00:18:06,940
Ciechanowski breaks in.

293
00:18:06,940 --> 00:18:10,600
Felix, what are you
talking really about?

294
00:18:10,600 --> 00:18:12,040
What do you know about him?

295
00:18:12,040 --> 00:18:17,110
He comes with the president, he
was checked, rechecked 10 times

296
00:18:17,110 --> 00:18:18,620
in England, here!

297
00:18:18,620 --> 00:18:23,240
Felix, he's not lying!

298
00:18:23,240 --> 00:18:24,732
Frankfurter, still walking.

299
00:18:24,732 --> 00:18:27,710

300
00:18:27,710 --> 00:18:38,450
Mr. Ambassador, formally I
did not say that he is lying.

301
00:18:38,450 --> 00:18:44,360
I said that I don't believe him.

302
00:18:44,360 --> 00:18:45,560
These are different things.

303

00:18:45,560 --> 00:18:49,040

304

00:18:49,040 --> 00:19:06,300

And my mind, my heart, they
are made in such a way that I

305

00:19:06,300 --> 00:19:07,950

cannot accept it.

306

00:19:07,950 --> 00:19:09,870

No, no, no!

307

00:19:09,870 --> 00:19:19,200

308

00:19:19,200 --> 00:19:23,886

I'd never met something
that shocked me even.

309

00:19:23,886 --> 00:19:26,580

310

00:19:26,580 --> 00:19:29,550

He's beginning amends.

311

00:19:29,550 --> 00:19:31,440

Eventually he did ask me--

312

00:19:31,440 --> 00:19:32,430

Did he--

313

00:19:32,430 --> 00:19:33,785

--few friendly questions.

314

00:19:33,785 --> 00:19:35,790

And did he tell you,
I know human soul.

315

00:19:35,790 --> 00:19:37,020

I know what's--

316

00:19:37,020 --> 00:19:40,680

Says, I am a judge of men.

317

00:19:40,680 --> 00:19:43,240

I know humanity.

318

00:19:43,240 --> 00:19:44,400

I know men.

319

00:19:44,400 --> 00:19:48,140

320

00:19:48,140 --> 00:19:49,130

Impossible!

321

00:19:49,130 --> 00:19:50,330

No, no.

322

00:19:50,330 --> 00:19:53,160

323

00:19:53,160 --> 00:19:55,720

Total negation.

324

00:19:55,720 --> 00:19:57,000

No.

325

00:19:57,000 --> 00:20:03,820

Now, was he sincere?

326

00:20:03,820 --> 00:20:05,080

That's my question.

327

00:20:05,080 --> 00:20:06,190

What is the meaning of it?

328

00:20:06,190 --> 00:20:08,200

Was it an act?

329

00:20:08,200 --> 00:20:11,740

Theatrical act?

330

00:20:11,740 --> 00:20:15,160

What could I do?

331

00:20:15,160 --> 00:20:18,520

How do you argue with

Justice Frankfurter?

332

00:20:18,520 --> 00:20:23,890

Ciechanowski tells me

he's a powerful man,

333

00:20:23,890 --> 00:20:25,210

as a matter of fact.

334

00:20:25,210 --> 00:20:27,690

But he was even a key figure

in the Jewish community.

335

00:20:27,690 --> 00:20:28,190

Yes.

336

00:20:28,190 --> 00:20:29,240

As a matter of fact--

337

00:20:29,240 --> 00:20:29,350

He was at the--

338

00:20:29,350 --> 00:20:29,500

--when he--

339

00:20:29,500 --> 00:20:30,070

--center of--

340

00:20:30,070 --> 00:20:30,570

--asked me--

341

00:20:30,570 --> 00:20:31,390

[INAUDIBLE] too.

342

00:20:31,390 --> 00:20:35,680
--Mr. Karski, do
you know who I am?

343
00:20:35,680 --> 00:20:38,050
So then I said, yes, sir.

344
00:20:38,050 --> 00:20:43,840
You are an associate to
justice of the Supreme Court.

345
00:20:43,840 --> 00:20:47,710
And then I cracked a little.

346
00:20:47,710 --> 00:20:54,970
My ambassador also told me that
you are a very important man.

347
00:20:54,970 --> 00:20:56,320
I remember this.

348
00:20:56,320 --> 00:21:03,710
Justice Frankfurter
looks at Ciechanowski,

349
00:21:03,710 --> 00:21:07,205
then he introduces himself.

350
00:21:07,205 --> 00:21:10,830
And what is the meaning of
this, now, according to you?

351
00:21:10,830 --> 00:21:13,312
I don't believe you.

352
00:21:13,312 --> 00:21:14,270
What didn't he believe?

353
00:21:14,270 --> 00:21:14,770
Yes.

354
00:21:14,770 --> 00:21:18,565

I think he believed
me, of course.

355
00:21:18,565 --> 00:21:23,720
I have no doubt he did his best
whatever he could have done.

356
00:21:23,720 --> 00:21:26,920

357
00:21:26,920 --> 00:21:30,990
He took it for granted I
was going back to Poland.

358
00:21:30,990 --> 00:21:36,270
Probably he wanted
to show me, yes,

359
00:21:36,270 --> 00:21:38,580
that the world is unprepared.

360
00:21:38,580 --> 00:21:41,220
This is an
unprecedented problem.

361
00:21:41,220 --> 00:21:43,430
This is a horrible problem.

362
00:21:43,430 --> 00:21:46,470
Probably he wanted
to impress upon me.

363
00:21:46,470 --> 00:21:48,420
Did he ask you
specific questions,

364
00:21:48,420 --> 00:21:51,150
like Zygielbojm or not?

365
00:21:51,150 --> 00:21:52,420
No.

366

00:21:52,420 --> 00:21:54,910

No, he didn't come
to [INAUDIBLE]..

367

00:21:54,910 --> 00:21:56,990

No, no.

368

00:21:56,990 --> 00:21:59,340

I am not talking
about Zygielbojm

369

00:21:59,340 --> 00:22:03,590

If, like Zygielbojm he
asked specific questions.

370

00:22:03,590 --> 00:22:08,890

371

00:22:08,890 --> 00:22:10,240

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372

00:22:10,240 --> 00:22:12,790

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373

00:22:12,790 --> 00:22:16,390

On a certain day I
received instructions.

374

00:22:16,390 --> 00:22:19,155

You are going to
see Lord Selborne.

375

00:22:19,155 --> 00:22:22,120

376

00:22:22,120 --> 00:22:24,760

The instructions,
all of them coming

377

00:22:24,760 --> 00:22:27,700

from the prime
minister's office.

378

00:22:27,700 --> 00:22:31,240

Who is the Lord Selborne?

379

00:22:31,240 --> 00:22:34,690

The public opinion does not
know about it, of course.

380

00:22:34,690 --> 00:22:39,880

He is in charge of the
British government.

381

00:22:39,880 --> 00:22:42,850

Of the European
underground movements.

382

00:22:42,850 --> 00:22:45,130

Member of the war office.

383

00:22:45,130 --> 00:22:47,030

Of the war office it was called.

384

00:22:47,030 --> 00:22:49,000

Yes.

385

00:22:49,000 --> 00:22:54,850

Organizational problems,
communications, radio,

386

00:22:54,850 --> 00:22:59,410

financing on behalf of
the British government

387

00:22:59,410 --> 00:23:01,660

belonged to this.

388

00:23:01,660 --> 00:23:04,540

The instructions were, it
is worthwhile to see him,

389

00:23:04,540 --> 00:23:09,850

to report, he may be
helpful in every respect.

390
00:23:09,850 --> 00:23:12,400
He's an operational officer.

391
00:23:12,400 --> 00:23:14,050
I go to see Lord Selborne.

392
00:23:14,050 --> 00:23:17,830

393
00:23:17,830 --> 00:23:19,750
Old man.

394
00:23:19,750 --> 00:23:21,300
Old man at that time already.

395
00:23:21,300 --> 00:23:24,670

396
00:23:24,670 --> 00:23:30,460
Well, a typically English
aristocrat, of course.

397
00:23:30,460 --> 00:23:38,620
Self-disciplined, precise,
friendly, correct receiving me,

398
00:23:38,620 --> 00:23:39,820
as he should.

399
00:23:39,820 --> 00:23:41,340
Read your report.

400
00:23:41,340 --> 00:23:42,160
Hmm?

401
00:23:42,160 --> 00:23:43,660
I said, your report.

402
00:23:43,660 --> 00:23:45,320
My report.

403
00:23:45,320 --> 00:23:50,080
Now, he was
essentially interested

404
00:23:50,080 --> 00:23:54,490
in the operations of the
Polish underground movement.

405
00:23:54,490 --> 00:23:57,610
Diversion, sabotage.

406
00:23:57,610 --> 00:24:00,430
What is my evaluation?

407
00:24:00,430 --> 00:24:01,900
What do we need?

408
00:24:01,900 --> 00:24:05,890
Does cooperation with
the British officer,

409
00:24:05,890 --> 00:24:07,580
does it work correctly?

410
00:24:07,580 --> 00:24:11,710
I come to the Jewish problem.

411
00:24:11,710 --> 00:24:18,700
And your Lordship, well,
I have also a mission

412
00:24:18,700 --> 00:24:20,890
on behalf of the Jews.

413
00:24:20,890 --> 00:24:26,440
I visited twice ghetto,
visited camp in Belzec.

414
00:24:26,440 --> 00:24:31,950
Would your Lordship
like to tell me?

415
00:24:31,950 --> 00:24:35,790
He's yes.

416
00:24:35,790 --> 00:24:47,470
I then more or less told him
the whole story, and then

417
00:24:47,470 --> 00:24:50,660
the certain point I finish.

418
00:24:50,660 --> 00:24:58,960
Lord Selborne, with typical
English correctness,

419
00:24:58,960 --> 00:25:04,490
benevolence, tolerance,
rationality, answers.

420
00:25:04,490 --> 00:25:07,130

421
00:25:07,130 --> 00:25:17,540
Mr. Karski, during
the First World War

422
00:25:17,540 --> 00:25:26,060
we were propagandizing
that the German soldiers

423
00:25:26,060 --> 00:25:34,430
were crushing the heads
of the Belgian babies

424
00:25:34,430 --> 00:25:36,335
against the walls.

425
00:25:36,335 --> 00:25:40,530

426
00:25:40,530 --> 00:25:44,430
I think we were

doing a good job.

427

00:25:44,430 --> 00:25:47,580

We had to weaken
German morale, we

428

00:25:47,580 --> 00:25:51,260

had to arouse hostility
towards Germany.

429

00:25:51,260 --> 00:25:53,730

The war was a very bloody war.

430

00:25:53,730 --> 00:25:56,310

431

00:25:56,310 --> 00:25:58,070

We knew it was untrue.

432

00:25:58,070 --> 00:26:01,770

433

00:26:01,770 --> 00:26:07,470

Speak about your
problem, your report.

434

00:26:07,470 --> 00:26:11,500

Try to arouse the
public opinion.

435

00:26:11,500 --> 00:26:19,200

I want you to know, you do
contribute to the Allied cause.

436

00:26:19,200 --> 00:26:24,030

We want this kind of report.

437

00:26:24,030 --> 00:26:27,210

Your mission is very important.

438

00:26:27,210 --> 00:26:33,220

439
00:26:33,220 --> 00:26:41,790
He's clearly telling me, Mr.
Karski, you know and I know,

440
00:26:41,790 --> 00:26:44,830
it ain't so.

441
00:26:44,830 --> 00:26:46,060
It's not true.

442
00:26:46,060 --> 00:26:46,870
It's not true.

443
00:26:46,870 --> 00:26:48,290
But it's good for
the propaganda.

444
00:26:48,290 --> 00:26:49,690
Yes!

445
00:26:49,690 --> 00:26:51,010
Speak about it.

446
00:26:51,010 --> 00:26:53,450
Same problem as you
were in first World War.

447
00:26:53,450 --> 00:26:53,950
Yeah.

448
00:26:53,950 --> 00:27:03,740

449
00:27:03,740 --> 00:27:04,990
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450
00:27:04,990 --> 00:27:07,010
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451
00:27:07,010 --> 00:27:10,760

I understand that you
conveyed the request

452
00:27:10,760 --> 00:27:14,480
of the Jewish leaders
to all of the people

453
00:27:14,480 --> 00:27:17,240
you met in England
and the United States?

454
00:27:17,240 --> 00:27:17,930
Yes.

455
00:27:17,930 --> 00:27:21,110
And what is, without entering
the details of each one,

456
00:27:21,110 --> 00:27:25,580
those answers of each one, what
is your general appreciation

457
00:27:25,580 --> 00:27:28,040
of their answers?

458
00:27:28,040 --> 00:27:29,210
Your evaluation.

459
00:27:29,210 --> 00:27:32,857
Was they interested, or was it--

460
00:27:32,857 --> 00:27:33,440
I answer that.

461
00:27:33,440 --> 00:27:36,530
--considered by
them as a minor--

462
00:27:36,530 --> 00:27:37,550
I understand.

463
00:27:37,550 --> 00:27:38,270

--affair?

464

00:27:38,270 --> 00:27:39,560

Yes.

465

00:27:39,560 --> 00:27:51,620

The Allied government leaders,
British and Americans,

466

00:27:51,620 --> 00:27:57,920

did not show
interest in details.

467

00:27:57,920 --> 00:28:05,690

Did not ask me questions to
elaborate on my generalities.

468

00:28:05,690 --> 00:28:09,380

Horrible, unprecedented.

469

00:28:09,380 --> 00:28:11,355

I saw it, et cetera.

470

00:28:11,355 --> 00:28:11,855

Next.

471

00:28:11,855 --> 00:28:14,550

472

00:28:14,550 --> 00:28:20,910

People I met were
actually the key people

473

00:28:20,910 --> 00:28:25,110

in the British and
American government.

474

00:28:25,110 --> 00:28:32,370

Evidently for them, all
together Polish problem

475

00:28:32,370 --> 00:28:36,030

was not an essential problem.

476

00:28:36,030 --> 00:28:44,850

Now, within Polish problem, a
young agent coming from Poland

477

00:28:44,850 --> 00:28:47,585

reporting on the Jews.

478

00:28:47,585 --> 00:28:51,680

479

00:28:51,680 --> 00:28:55,610

The Jews had no
country of their own.

480

00:28:55,610 --> 00:28:58,500

They were not members
of the Allied Counsel.

481

00:28:58,500 --> 00:28:59,060

Excuse me.

482

00:28:59,060 --> 00:29:02,860

Do you think that you
succeeded in your report

483

00:29:02,860 --> 00:29:05,060

in the way you
reported yourself?

484

00:29:05,060 --> 00:29:08,570

485

00:29:08,570 --> 00:29:14,330

Do you think that you succeeded
to convey the most essential

486

00:29:14,330 --> 00:29:17,780

fact that it was a
extinctions extermination

487

00:29:17,780 --> 00:29:18,755
of a whole people?

488
00:29:18,755 --> 00:29:22,390

489
00:29:22,390 --> 00:29:23,980
Yes.

490
00:29:23,980 --> 00:29:32,290
In most cases, in no more
detail the way as you

491
00:29:32,290 --> 00:29:35,710
stated yourself at this moment.

492
00:29:35,710 --> 00:29:39,400
In most cases, I
had no opportunity

493
00:29:39,400 --> 00:29:41,050
to enter into more details.

494
00:29:41,050 --> 00:29:41,550
Why?

495
00:29:41,550 --> 00:29:43,990
Because you had no time?

496
00:29:43,990 --> 00:29:46,630
Because they didn't ask me.

497
00:29:46,630 --> 00:29:54,130
How do you tell Eden, Roosevelt,
Stimpson, Cordell Hull,

498
00:29:54,130 --> 00:29:57,790
I want you to listen to me.

499
00:29:57,790 --> 00:30:01,640
I want you to give you details.

500

00:30:01,640 --> 00:30:04,370

But for instance,
to a man like Eden,

501

00:30:04,370 --> 00:30:07,330

did you have some
opportunity to describe

502

00:30:07,330 --> 00:30:10,090

the death count of Belzec?

503

00:30:10,090 --> 00:30:12,530

And the story of the
train with the quick lime?

504

00:30:12,530 --> 00:30:13,030

No.

505

00:30:13,030 --> 00:30:13,947

Did you do this or no?

506

00:30:13,947 --> 00:30:16,000

None whatsoever.

507

00:30:16,000 --> 00:30:17,020

Impossible.

508

00:30:17,020 --> 00:30:18,100

Impossible.

509

00:30:18,100 --> 00:30:20,170

I was counting, of
course, every minute.

510

00:30:20,170 --> 00:30:23,350

Dr. Rettinger, you
know, he was sort

511

00:30:23,350 --> 00:30:26,230

of the Chief of Staff of
General Sikorski was with me.

512

00:30:26,230 --> 00:30:28,740

513

00:30:28,740 --> 00:30:32,350

Again, I was briefed by him.

514

00:30:32,350 --> 00:30:35,060

You know, I don't know how much time he then would give you.

515

00:30:35,060 --> 00:30:39,850

We had to work very hard that he all together receives you.

516

00:30:39,850 --> 00:30:41,290

Essentials, essentials.

517

00:30:41,290 --> 00:30:44,886

So now, I did this straight to Eden.

518

00:30:44,886 --> 00:30:49,360

Again, I was in the ghetto twice, I was in Belzec.

519

00:30:49,360 --> 00:30:51,460

In general terms, horrible.

520

00:30:51,460 --> 00:30:52,840

Total helplessness.

521

00:30:52,840 --> 00:30:53,800

They are perishing.

522

00:30:53,800 --> 00:31:00,100

Without the outside help, they will perish, all of them.

523

00:31:00,100 --> 00:31:04,240

This is what the Jewish leaders asked me to say,

524

00:31:04,240 --> 00:31:07,780

and this is what
is my conviction.

525

00:31:07,780 --> 00:31:10,390

Edens's answer.

526

00:31:10,390 --> 00:31:15,430

Mr. Karski, do I
understand correctly

527

00:31:15,430 --> 00:31:19,630

that you reported
on this matter,

528

00:31:19,630 --> 00:31:21,940

you passed through
the Polish Government?

529

00:31:21,940 --> 00:31:24,400

Yes, sir.

530

00:31:24,400 --> 00:31:31,420

I presume the Polish government
will inform his Majesty's

531

00:31:31,420 --> 00:31:35,480

government on this subject.

532

00:31:35,480 --> 00:31:40,750

His Majesty's government
will take proper action.

533

00:31:40,750 --> 00:31:41,710

This was answer?

534

00:31:41,710 --> 00:31:42,820

This was the answer.

535

00:31:42,820 --> 00:31:48,580

And the Cordell Hull, Secretary
of State of the United States?

536
00:31:48,580 --> 00:31:51,340
Cordell Hull.

537
00:31:51,340 --> 00:31:57,250
Total, total lack of
interest all together.

538
00:31:57,250 --> 00:32:00,790
How did this lack of
interest was shown?

539
00:32:00,790 --> 00:32:05,090
My original statement the same.

540
00:32:05,090 --> 00:32:08,530
Belzec, ghetto.

541
00:32:08,530 --> 00:32:10,090
Two, three minutes.

542
00:32:10,090 --> 00:32:12,490
Most general terms.

543
00:32:12,490 --> 00:32:16,300
The conversation
was switched again.

544
00:32:16,300 --> 00:32:19,150
Poland.

545
00:32:19,150 --> 00:32:23,380
Does the government control
your underground, by the way?

546
00:32:23,380 --> 00:32:26,440
Does the government
have support?

547
00:32:26,440 --> 00:32:29,980
What do you expect from
the American government?

548
00:32:29,980 --> 00:32:35,420
You realize we have the
problem with the Soviet Union.

549
00:32:35,420 --> 00:32:37,300
Are your leaders aware?

550
00:32:37,300 --> 00:32:40,630
The rhetorical questions.

551
00:32:40,630 --> 00:32:44,890
How do you tell Cordell
Hull, Sir, stop!

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00:32:44,890 --> 00:32:46,060
I want to talk!

553
00:32:46,060 --> 00:32:51,850
[LAUGHS] You understand, then?

554
00:32:51,850 --> 00:32:52,730
I do.

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00:32:52,730 --> 00:32:55,510
And did they get of the Pope?

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00:32:55,510 --> 00:32:56,220
Cicognani?

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00:32:56,220 --> 00:32:58,590

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00:32:58,590 --> 00:32:59,090
Benign.

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00:32:59,090 --> 00:33:02,720

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00:33:02,720 --> 00:33:13,500
Archbishop very

friendly treating me.

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00:33:13,500 --> 00:33:14,930

Calling me--

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00:33:14,930 --> 00:33:17,240

Pardon, pardon, pardon.

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00:33:17,240 --> 00:33:28,455