

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:01,130

2
00:00:01,130 --> 00:00:03,014
Sorry.

3
00:00:03,014 --> 00:00:04,450
OK.

4
00:00:04,450 --> 00:00:05,266
OK.

5
00:00:05,266 --> 00:00:06,060
Yeah.

6
00:00:06,060 --> 00:00:07,140
Hang on.

7
00:00:07,140 --> 00:00:07,860
Yeah.

8
00:00:07,860 --> 00:00:09,820
I don't see you.

9
00:00:09,820 --> 00:00:10,790
Oh.

10
00:00:10,790 --> 00:00:11,730
Oh, now I do.

11
00:00:11,730 --> 00:00:12,960
Now I see you.

12
00:00:12,960 --> 00:00:13,560
OK.

13
00:00:13,560 --> 00:00:14,060
Good.

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00:00:14,060 --> 00:00:15,520
So here we are.

15
00:00:15,520 --> 00:00:16,960
We're back again.

16
00:00:16,960 --> 00:00:26,400
And remind me how long you were
working from about the fall

17
00:00:26,400 --> 00:00:31,650
of 1946 till your release in--

18
00:00:31,650 --> 00:00:32,790
June.

19
00:00:32,790 --> 00:00:34,960
June 1948.

20
00:00:34,960 --> 00:00:35,640
OK.

21
00:00:35,640 --> 00:00:40,770
So that would have been
also not quite two years.

22
00:00:40,770 --> 00:00:41,640
Is that correct?

23
00:00:41,640 --> 00:00:42,810
Yeah, that's correct.

24
00:00:42,810 --> 00:00:43,490
Yeah.

25
00:00:43,490 --> 00:00:44,580
OK.

26
00:00:44,580 --> 00:00:46,800
And did you know
that your release

27

00:00:46,800 --> 00:00:50,790

date would be June 1948, or
did it come as a surprise?

28

00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:52,740

Came as a surprise.

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00:00:52,740 --> 00:00:55,640

But it sort of--

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00:00:55,640 --> 00:01:02,450

it sort of became
more and more likely.

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00:01:02,450 --> 00:01:06,450

It wasn't a kind of
a complete surprise,

32

00:01:06,450 --> 00:01:14,790

because I mean, the scare,
the bomb scare in London

33

00:01:14,790 --> 00:01:19,350

for the unexploded
bombs obviously

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00:01:19,350 --> 00:01:25,370

was based on a number of
sites that were well known,

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00:01:25,370 --> 00:01:26,910

or were well known.

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00:01:26,910 --> 00:01:29,940

And once these sites
had been dealt with,

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00:01:29,940 --> 00:01:33,180

then the more they'd
been dealt with,

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00:01:33,180 --> 00:01:36,120

the less it became
an issue anymore,

39
00:01:36,120 --> 00:01:39,390
and the press weren't all
that concerned anymore.

40
00:01:39,390 --> 00:01:42,690
And all that sort of
thing came together.

41
00:01:42,690 --> 00:01:47,890
Because I mean, the whole--

42
00:01:47,890 --> 00:01:52,710
the whole bomb
disposal squad was

43
00:01:52,710 --> 00:02:05,670
being moved to out of
London then to the South,

44
00:02:05,670 --> 00:02:08,190
away from the big buildings.

45
00:02:08,190 --> 00:02:12,690
Because there was
only a kind of catch

46
00:02:12,690 --> 00:02:17,630
up need anymore for
new discoveries, not

47
00:02:17,630 --> 00:02:18,840
the real thing.

48
00:02:18,840 --> 00:02:22,620
And then the prisoners
of war had been also

49
00:02:22,620 --> 00:02:24,510
long enough there.

50

00:02:24,510 --> 00:02:29,940
Most prisoners from elsewhere,
German prisoners had come back

51

00:02:29,940 --> 00:02:32,680
or were coming
back at that time.

52

00:02:32,680 --> 00:02:40,530
And when you came to that
release camp near Hanover

53

00:02:40,530 --> 00:02:48,030
in Germany, you saw
crowds or masses of people

54

00:02:48,030 --> 00:02:52,290
coming from all countries, from
Russia, as well as from France,

55

00:02:52,290 --> 00:02:54,000
as well as from England.

56

00:02:54,000 --> 00:02:57,650
So it became a miracle, yes.

57

00:02:57,650 --> 00:03:05,630
So while you're still a
prisoner in Britain, a POW,

58

00:03:05,630 --> 00:03:10,740
what kind of contact do you have
to your various family members?

59

00:03:10,740 --> 00:03:14,780
Whether it's your father,
your stepmother, any aunts,

60

00:03:14,780 --> 00:03:18,680
or uncles, or cousin,
or sisters, or brother--

61

00:03:18,680 --> 00:03:22,100
or stepbrothers, or
anything like that?

62
00:03:22,100 --> 00:03:24,110
What kind of contact
do you have with them?

63
00:03:24,110 --> 00:03:27,640
Well, only letters, of course.

64
00:03:27,640 --> 00:03:31,610
And you could say--

65
00:03:31,610 --> 00:03:34,340
I mean, with our
freedom of course

66
00:03:34,340 --> 00:03:37,460
there was no problem
sending private letters.

67
00:03:37,460 --> 00:03:40,650
I mean, we got paid.

68
00:03:40,650 --> 00:03:45,130
I got a pound, a
pound a week, was it?

69
00:03:45,130 --> 00:03:46,150
Yeah.

70
00:03:46,150 --> 00:03:53,390
And the rest of the people
got 10 shillings a week.

71
00:03:53,390 --> 00:03:59,280
So you get enough money
to do that kind of thing.

72
00:03:59,280 --> 00:04:03,910
And the other thing, of course
was sending gift parcels

73
00:04:03,910 --> 00:04:05,030
to Germany.

74
00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:09,260
Each prisoner was allowed
to send a gift parcel up

75
00:04:09,260 --> 00:04:13,350
to five pounds in
weight once a month.

76
00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:17,320
And as the prisoners of
war became settled in

77
00:04:17,320 --> 00:04:21,680
and had little aside jobs
and the families in Germany

78
00:04:21,680 --> 00:04:24,630
were hard up, and
some of these people

79
00:04:24,630 --> 00:04:27,320
were even harder up
because they were

80
00:04:27,320 --> 00:04:30,380
being driven from what now--

81
00:04:30,380 --> 00:04:35,900
from the East, from Poland,
from Russia, from Yugoslavia,

82
00:04:35,900 --> 00:04:42,313
from Hungary, the
Germans back to Germany.

83
00:04:42,313 --> 00:04:43,730
Czechoslovakia,
particularly, too.

84

00:04:43,730 --> 00:04:46,880

85

00:04:46,880 --> 00:04:50,660

So one of the great
things for all

86

00:04:50,660 --> 00:04:53,210

of the German
prisoner of war to do

87

00:04:53,210 --> 00:05:00,620

was to get as much food parcels
or anything, clothes parcels,

88

00:05:00,620 --> 00:05:01,640

too.

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00:05:01,640 --> 00:05:08,660

And then but the rule was only
one per person, per month.

90

00:05:08,660 --> 00:05:13,340

And it was left for us camp
leader people to somehow

91

00:05:13,340 --> 00:05:16,960

deal with any excess, to find--

92

00:05:16,960 --> 00:05:24,610

to confuse the British soldiers
who were dealing at the post

93

00:05:24,610 --> 00:05:28,520

office with these
things, so that people

94

00:05:28,520 --> 00:05:32,645

could get in any
extra parcel they

95

00:05:32,645 --> 00:05:35,620

had been able to put together.

96

00:05:35,620 --> 00:05:40,430

But these parcels were never
checked or opened by anybody.

97

00:05:40,430 --> 00:05:42,770

I mean, they just went.

98

00:05:42,770 --> 00:05:48,380

That was one of the big
issues during the [? camp. ?]

99

00:05:48,380 --> 00:05:54,150

I mean, going to the East
End and buy illegal shoes

100

00:05:54,150 --> 00:05:59,790

and all that kind of thing
was standard practice.

101

00:05:59,790 --> 00:06:02,050

Buying shoes was illegal?

102

00:06:02,050 --> 00:06:07,164

Well, because clothing was
completely rationed in England.

103

00:06:07,164 --> 00:06:08,000

Oh.

104

00:06:08,000 --> 00:06:11,210

And we prisoners
of war certainly

105

00:06:11,210 --> 00:06:13,460

didn't have any ration
cards of any kind.

106

00:06:13,460 --> 00:06:16,080

107

00:06:16,080 --> 00:06:16,830
What had happened?

108
00:06:16,830 --> 00:06:21,690
Speaking of all of the areas
that Germany had either

109
00:06:21,690 --> 00:06:26,670
taken over or had German
populations in the East,

110
00:06:26,670 --> 00:06:29,490
and I believe the
Konigsberg region,

111
00:06:29,490 --> 00:06:31,170
Prussia would have
been one of them.

112
00:06:31,170 --> 00:06:32,310
Yes.

113
00:06:32,310 --> 00:06:39,480
Also Silesia in Poland, and
you mentioned Sudetenland.

114
00:06:39,480 --> 00:06:44,320
That reminded me of your
family in Sudetenland.

115
00:06:44,320 --> 00:06:45,630
So what happened with them?

116
00:06:45,630 --> 00:06:48,060
Were they also
some of those who--

117
00:06:48,060 --> 00:06:50,100
Were driven out, yes.

118
00:06:50,100 --> 00:06:51,120
Did they?

119

00:06:51,120 --> 00:06:51,620

Yeah.

120

00:06:51,620 --> 00:06:53,100

Oh, yeah.

121

00:06:53,100 --> 00:06:55,530

So what happened to the family?

122

00:06:55,530 --> 00:06:57,530

Where did they go?

123

00:06:57,530 --> 00:07:10,030

Well, the family, the Kluger family, with whom I'd been,

124

00:07:10,030 --> 00:07:16,240

Ernst Brasser, the guy from Prague

125

00:07:16,240 --> 00:07:27,230

we've talked about, his mother was

126

00:07:27,230 --> 00:07:33,110

belonged to the Gruber family from Lindau in Lake Constance.

127

00:07:33,110 --> 00:07:36,590

And the Grubers built a huge--

128

00:07:36,590 --> 00:07:40,370

grandfather Gruber was one of those traders

129

00:07:40,370 --> 00:07:43,570

who actually for much of his life lived Geneva--

130

00:07:43,570 --> 00:07:52,390

in Genoa in Italy, [Eastern?] oriental trade.

131
00:07:52,390 --> 00:07:54,100
He became very rich.

132
00:07:54,100 --> 00:07:57,590
And he got this huge
area just opposite Lindau

133
00:07:57,590 --> 00:07:59,000
on the mainland.

134
00:07:59,000 --> 00:08:01,580
And Lindau is on an island.

135
00:08:01,580 --> 00:08:06,400
And built a huge castle
there, or Schloss.

136
00:08:06,400 --> 00:08:09,080

137
00:08:09,080 --> 00:08:10,240
A big house.

138
00:08:10,240 --> 00:08:16,280
And of course that's where the
whole Kluger family ended up.

139
00:08:16,280 --> 00:08:19,730
And Ernst Brasse being
the lawyer and clever guy

140
00:08:19,730 --> 00:08:24,290
he was, in the
early postwar years

141
00:08:24,290 --> 00:08:29,030
having a good friendship
with the new mayor of Lindau,

142
00:08:29,030 --> 00:08:34,880
managed to sell the whole

huge park with a swimming

143
00:08:34,880 --> 00:08:39,650
pool and everything, for \$1
million D Mark to the city

144
00:08:39,650 --> 00:08:43,735
of Lindau and get the play--

145
00:08:43,735 --> 00:08:46,087

146
00:08:46,087 --> 00:08:46,920
what do you call it?

147
00:08:46,920 --> 00:08:56,670

148
00:08:56,670 --> 00:08:57,720
What do you call it?

149
00:08:57,720 --> 00:08:58,610
The play for money.

150
00:08:58,610 --> 00:09:01,740

151
00:09:01,740 --> 00:09:02,890
Gambling?

152
00:09:02,890 --> 00:09:03,770
Gambling.

153
00:09:03,770 --> 00:09:07,630
Yeah, he got a gambling
club going as well there,

154
00:09:07,630 --> 00:09:10,895
an international, which was
also a great success story.

155

00:09:10,895 --> 00:09:13,670

156

00:09:13,670 --> 00:09:16,100

You know, they
fell on their feet.

157

00:09:16,100 --> 00:09:17,360

that definitely.

158

00:09:17,360 --> 00:09:26,970

And my whole family,
the kids, [INAUDIBLE]

159

00:09:26,970 --> 00:09:29,820

kids are all now
living in that area.

160

00:09:29,820 --> 00:09:32,450

161

00:09:32,450 --> 00:09:36,720

They live on that estate, but
have their own house, which

162

00:09:36,720 --> 00:09:40,890

is on the city's park now.

163

00:09:40,890 --> 00:09:43,350

The park there.

164

00:09:43,350 --> 00:09:47,130

But let's say all the factories
that the Kluger family

165

00:09:47,130 --> 00:09:49,950

owned, the textile factories
and things like that,

166

00:09:49,950 --> 00:09:51,700

what happened to those?

167

00:09:51,700 --> 00:09:53,260
Just fell to pieces.

168
00:09:53,260 --> 00:09:57,450
The Czechs didn't
couldn't deal with them.

169
00:09:57,450 --> 00:10:02,190
To some extent, they were
being obviously victimized.

170
00:10:02,190 --> 00:10:06,030
People would take
out some part of it.

171
00:10:06,030 --> 00:10:13,650
I mean, when Rivka and I
went on our wedding trip

172
00:10:13,650 --> 00:10:17,040
to Czechoslovakia,
on our way I wanted

173
00:10:17,040 --> 00:10:21,490
to show her all the places
I'd been, I'd been there.

174
00:10:21,490 --> 00:10:28,270
It was just the
Prague Spring, they

175
00:10:28,270 --> 00:10:36,340
called it, when the Czech
government had resisted

176
00:10:36,340 --> 00:10:42,730
or voted itself away from
Russian dominance, which only

177
00:10:42,730 --> 00:10:45,370
lasted a few months or a year.

178
00:10:45,370 --> 00:10:48,215

But that was happening
to be just at the time

179
00:10:48,215 --> 00:10:50,600
when we would be married.

180
00:10:50,600 --> 00:10:55,720
So we went into
Czechoslovakia and--

181
00:10:55,720 --> 00:10:57,580
That's 1968.

182
00:10:57,580 --> 00:11:00,160
1968 is Prague Spring.

183
00:11:00,160 --> 00:11:01,960
'67, '68.

184
00:11:01,960 --> 00:11:03,280
Yeah.

185
00:11:03,280 --> 00:11:07,040
Our wedding was in August 1967.

186
00:11:07,040 --> 00:11:08,740
So you know.

187
00:11:08,740 --> 00:11:10,690
So that was the time.

188
00:11:10,690 --> 00:11:14,050
And we could visit the
areas, but the factories

189
00:11:14,050 --> 00:11:15,640
were just ruins.

190
00:11:15,640 --> 00:11:23,870
I mean, the German side
really seemed to be only--

191
00:11:23,870 --> 00:11:26,080
been vacated obviously
by the Germans

192
00:11:26,080 --> 00:11:28,900
who had been driven out.

193
00:11:28,900 --> 00:11:33,580
But the main body of Czech
people didn't move in.

194
00:11:33,580 --> 00:11:36,130
It was only people
from Slovakia--

195
00:11:36,130 --> 00:11:37,900
[? Gesindel, ?] as
they called it--

196
00:11:37,900 --> 00:11:43,710
who had sort of use
for, but not really made

197
00:11:43,710 --> 00:11:47,400
anything of these properties.

198
00:11:47,400 --> 00:11:50,670
Well, the difficulty also
was in the postwar years

199
00:11:50,670 --> 00:11:53,380
that there was no
private ownership.

200
00:11:53,380 --> 00:11:55,750
So they couldn't become--

201
00:11:55,750 --> 00:11:58,620
they couldn't take the
factory over, own it, run it,

202
00:11:58,620 --> 00:12:00,080

do whatever.

203
00:12:00,080 --> 00:12:01,050
Exactly, exactly.

204
00:12:01,050 --> 00:12:03,930
And the communist government
had plenty of other things

205
00:12:03,930 --> 00:12:05,370
to worry about.

206
00:12:05,370 --> 00:12:13,170
I mean, in particular
dominated by Russian people.

207
00:12:13,170 --> 00:12:16,140
You know, I think it was
just a complete failure

208
00:12:16,140 --> 00:12:21,820
to take advantage of
the situation, yeah.

209
00:12:21,820 --> 00:12:28,200
So the Kluger relatives
all move towards Lindau

210
00:12:28,200 --> 00:12:35,790
and take advantage of Ernst
Brasse's connections and family

211
00:12:35,790 --> 00:12:40,380
wealth and so on, and
find new lives there.

212
00:12:40,380 --> 00:12:41,710
Is that mostly--

213
00:12:41,710 --> 00:12:42,870
I make that--

214

00:12:42,870 --> 00:12:44,970
That is exactly what happened.

215
00:12:44,970 --> 00:12:46,860
And it was astonishing.

216
00:12:46,860 --> 00:12:54,270
I mean, Ernst Brasse knows the
[INAUDIBLE] who was a factory

217
00:12:54,270 --> 00:12:57,810
owner where my two
younger sisters--

218
00:12:57,810 --> 00:13:01,200
my two sisters were
during the war years.

219
00:13:01,200 --> 00:13:02,980
I mean, he was also kicked out.

220
00:13:02,980 --> 00:13:09,090
But all he'd ever done was
to run a factory business

221
00:13:09,090 --> 00:13:12,000
in Czechoslovakia.

222
00:13:12,000 --> 00:13:17,610
But before long, he was a bank
branch bank manager in Austria.

223
00:13:17,610 --> 00:13:20,510
And survived.

224
00:13:20,510 --> 00:13:22,230
OK.

225
00:13:22,230 --> 00:13:26,100
So did any of your family
also end up in Britain

226

00:13:26,100 --> 00:13:29,700
during the time you
were a POW there?

227
00:13:29,700 --> 00:13:31,320
Not while I was a POW.

228
00:13:31,320 --> 00:13:37,560
But my brother and my
cousin followed on when I--

229
00:13:37,560 --> 00:13:39,860
you know, after I'd
settled in Britain.

230
00:13:39,860 --> 00:13:43,930
[INAUDIBLE] after 1949.

231
00:13:43,930 --> 00:13:45,030
OK.

232
00:13:45,030 --> 00:13:50,730
I have a note here that you meet
your Aunt Bertha at some point.

233
00:13:50,730 --> 00:13:51,325
Yes.

234
00:13:51,325 --> 00:13:54,120
I was thinking of
talking about it now.

235
00:13:54,120 --> 00:13:57,780
I mean, that was
again, something.

236
00:13:57,780 --> 00:14:02,430
She'd written all these
books as I told you.

237
00:14:02,430 --> 00:14:05,000

238

00:14:05,000 --> 00:14:08,640

You know, she was--
hundreds of books

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00:14:08,640 --> 00:14:10,680

she published
during her lifetime,

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00:14:10,680 --> 00:14:12,630

in the interwar years.

241

00:14:12,630 --> 00:14:18,000

And came to [PLACE NAME]
and stayed with us

242

00:14:18,000 --> 00:14:21,510

during the summer,
dictating a new novel

243

00:14:21,510 --> 00:14:24,780

to some secretary
she brought with her.

244

00:14:24,780 --> 00:14:30,060

And of course, one of the
secretary then married

245

00:14:30,060 --> 00:14:32,985

Uncle uh--

246

00:14:32,985 --> 00:14:36,940

247

00:14:36,940 --> 00:14:37,440

him.

248

00:14:37,440 --> 00:14:42,190

249

00:14:42,190 --> 00:14:42,930

Uncle Heinrich.

250

00:14:42,930 --> 00:14:47,970

251

00:14:47,970 --> 00:14:50,500

And so how--

252

00:14:50,500 --> 00:14:56,070

Uncle Heinrich, remind me
again of his relation to you?

253

00:14:56,070 --> 00:14:57,420

He is--

254

00:14:57,420 --> 00:15:00,170

He married this
American secretary

255

00:15:00,170 --> 00:15:04,570

that Aunt Bertha brought
with her in her later years.

256

00:15:04,570 --> 00:15:09,420

And he was sent during--

257

00:15:09,420 --> 00:15:12,160

when Austria became
part of Germany,

258

00:15:12,160 --> 00:15:17,590

being an inventor himself,
technically highly advanced

259

00:15:17,590 --> 00:15:23,530

inventor, and he was
developing small [?weapons?]

260

00:15:23,530 --> 00:15:25,970

for the German army.

261

00:15:25,970 --> 00:15:30,790

And after the
collapse of Germany,

262

00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:36,250
the Americans shipped him a lot
with other German scientists

263

00:15:36,250 --> 00:15:39,050
back to the States,
particularly in his case,

264

00:15:39,050 --> 00:15:42,820
with his American wife,
he settled down in America

265

00:15:42,820 --> 00:15:44,410
for the rest of his life.

266

00:15:44,410 --> 00:15:49,270
And our family
got relief parcels

267

00:15:49,270 --> 00:15:54,570
during the worst years from
them in regular sequence.

268

00:15:54,570 --> 00:15:58,490
So it all worked out somehow.

269

00:15:58,490 --> 00:16:02,200
And Aunt Bertha was now
divorced from him, yes?

270

00:16:02,200 --> 00:16:02,700
No.

271

00:16:02,700 --> 00:16:04,480
She wasn't married
to him at all.

272

00:16:04,480 --> 00:16:05,080
Oh, I see.

273

00:16:05,080 --> 00:16:07,300

I misunderstood.

274

00:16:07,300 --> 00:16:10,227

I thought she had been married--
so how was she related--

275

00:16:10,227 --> 00:16:10,727

No.

276

00:16:10,727 --> 00:16:11,602

It was the secretary.

277

00:16:11,602 --> 00:16:13,620

The secretary married him.

278

00:16:13,620 --> 00:16:14,240

OK.

279

00:16:14,240 --> 00:16:14,740

Yeah.

280

00:16:14,740 --> 00:16:16,670

The secretary marries him.

281

00:16:16,670 --> 00:16:17,170

No.

282

00:16:17,170 --> 00:16:22,990

Aunt Bertha Ruck was
married to another writer.

283

00:16:22,990 --> 00:16:25,390

But she didn't take
his name because she

284

00:16:25,390 --> 00:16:27,740

was famous in her own right.

285

00:16:27,740 --> 00:16:33,650

As she said, her
husband was who wrote

286
00:16:33,650 --> 00:16:38,440
worthwhile, important
novels, where as she was

287
00:16:38,440 --> 00:16:40,620
writing all kind of--

288
00:16:40,620 --> 00:16:44,230

289
00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:46,720
But [INAUDIBLE].

290
00:16:46,720 --> 00:16:48,940
How do I spell her
last name, Ruck?

291
00:16:48,940 --> 00:16:50,760
How do I spell that?

292
00:16:50,760 --> 00:16:53,050
R-U-C-K.

293
00:16:53,050 --> 00:16:53,980
OK.

294
00:16:53,980 --> 00:16:56,250
She was a real Welsh woman.

295
00:16:56,250 --> 00:16:57,600
OK.

296
00:16:57,600 --> 00:17:00,950
Black, black, black hair.

297
00:17:00,950 --> 00:17:08,319
But I wrote her a card when we
sort of settled down in Fulham.

298
00:17:08,319 --> 00:17:14,859
And to her pre-war address

in PLACE NAME] and in Wales.

299

00:17:14,859 --> 00:17:18,010

And I promptly got
a card back saying,

300

00:17:18,010 --> 00:17:23,890

I'll be in London
on the 7th of June.

301

00:17:23,890 --> 00:17:25,349

Meet me at the--

302

00:17:25,349 --> 00:17:26,319

I can't think.

303

00:17:26,319 --> 00:17:32,850

A little cafe or a big
cafe in Piccadilly.

304

00:17:32,850 --> 00:17:39,230

So I went to my commanding
officer and said,

305

00:17:39,230 --> 00:17:46,200

would he give me a pass out
to go on a Wednesday afternoon

306

00:17:46,200 --> 00:17:48,030

to Piccadilly?

307

00:17:48,030 --> 00:17:51,960

And he said, it's a pleasure.

308

00:17:51,960 --> 00:17:55,973

So I went out with my
[INAUDIBLE] prisoner

309

00:17:55,973 --> 00:17:59,820

of war uniform with this pass.

310

00:17:59,820 --> 00:18:04,320

And of course, I felt a
little bit awkward coming

311
00:18:04,320 --> 00:18:08,030
to this posh restaurant cafe.

312
00:18:08,030 --> 00:18:14,630
And well, I thought if I
entered as a prisoner of war,

313
00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:16,980
they might kick me
out straight away.

314
00:18:16,980 --> 00:18:19,590
But I went in.

315
00:18:19,590 --> 00:18:22,410
And I sort of looked around.

316
00:18:22,410 --> 00:18:26,695
And I could see her right at
the other end of the restaurant.

317
00:18:26,695 --> 00:18:28,810
And she could see me.

318
00:18:28,810 --> 00:18:32,760
And she just jumped up,
came along and embraced me.

319
00:18:32,760 --> 00:18:35,940

320
00:18:35,940 --> 00:18:43,120
And the rest of the restaurant
obviously looked on amused.

321
00:18:43,120 --> 00:18:44,710
But you know, that was that.

322
00:18:44,710 --> 00:18:45,910

That was the end of it.

323
00:18:45,910 --> 00:18:51,060
So I joined her and
her guests there.

324
00:18:51,060 --> 00:18:54,420
Then we went on afterwards
to Hampstead to one

325
00:18:54,420 --> 00:18:57,330
of the other people
[INAUDIBLE] friends.

326
00:18:57,330 --> 00:19:01,440
And had a nice evening
and afternoon and evening.

327
00:19:01,440 --> 00:19:04,230
And I went back to my
prisoner of war camp.

328
00:19:04,230 --> 00:19:10,440
And then of course, I met
every time she came up to town.

329
00:19:10,440 --> 00:19:12,150
We met.

330
00:19:12,150 --> 00:19:14,160
She had two sons.

331
00:19:14,160 --> 00:19:16,530
Those two sons--

332
00:19:16,530 --> 00:19:17,460
I mean, she had--

333
00:19:17,460 --> 00:19:22,680
she was a bit of a
unusual type of woman.

334

00:19:22,680 --> 00:19:31,770
Her two sons were
licensed air pilots

335
00:19:31,770 --> 00:19:34,935
before they were allowed to
sit for their driving license.

336
00:19:34,935 --> 00:19:42,650

337
00:19:42,650 --> 00:19:46,720
And another thing she did--

338
00:19:46,720 --> 00:19:49,360
throughout the year,
she would always

339
00:19:49,360 --> 00:19:53,810
have a dive into the sea,
regardless of winter, summer.

340
00:19:53,810 --> 00:19:56,910

341
00:19:56,910 --> 00:20:00,580
Remind me again how was
she related to your family.

342
00:20:00,580 --> 00:20:02,490
This is the connection that--

343
00:20:02,490 --> 00:20:04,120
Only because she came--

344
00:20:04,120 --> 00:20:06,080
thanks to my mother.

345
00:20:06,080 --> 00:20:07,510
She came as a paying guest.

346
00:20:07,510 --> 00:20:12,166

347
00:20:12,166 --> 00:20:12,666
OK.

348
00:20:12,666 --> 00:20:15,510

349
00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:17,790
Well, I have very
quickly-- this is

350
00:20:17,790 --> 00:20:21,450
one of the reasons I wanted
to know her last name.

351
00:20:21,450 --> 00:20:26,460
I've just looked her up and
Wikipedia has an entry for her.

352
00:20:26,460 --> 00:20:32,310
And let me see if the
entry that they have

353
00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:34,570
matches what you knew about her.

354
00:20:34,570 --> 00:20:36,050
Her name was--

355
00:20:36,050 --> 00:20:39,590
I've got a Wikipedia entry too.

356
00:20:39,590 --> 00:20:42,180
[INAUDIBLE] the same.

357
00:20:42,180 --> 00:20:44,310
It probably is.

358
00:20:44,310 --> 00:20:49,150
Amy Roberta Ruck, Mrs. Oliver
Onions was born in 1878--

359
00:20:49,150 --> 00:20:50,460
[INAUDIBLE]

360
00:20:50,460 --> 00:20:53,160
And died in 1978.

361
00:20:53,160 --> 00:20:55,800
So as 100 years old.

362
00:20:55,800 --> 00:20:57,040
Yeah.

363
00:20:57,040 --> 00:21:01,320
And she was born in Murree,
Punjab, British India.

364
00:21:01,320 --> 00:21:02,455
Of one of eight children.

365
00:21:02,455 --> 00:21:03,570
[INAUDIBLE]

366
00:21:03,570 --> 00:21:07,230
And she married a fellow
novelist, George Oliver Onions

367
00:21:07,230 --> 00:21:10,162
and had two sons,
Arthur and William.

368
00:21:10,162 --> 00:21:10,662
Yeah.

369
00:21:10,662 --> 00:21:12,050
I met them both.

370
00:21:12,050 --> 00:21:14,790
OK.

371
00:21:14,790 --> 00:21:16,380

So that's interesting.

372

00:21:16,380 --> 00:21:19,790

And then it talks a little
bit about her writing career.

373

00:21:19,790 --> 00:21:20,820

Yeah.

374

00:21:20,820 --> 00:21:21,750

And so on.

375

00:21:21,750 --> 00:21:23,920

She was widowed in 1971.

376

00:21:23,920 --> 00:21:27,030

So this was your Aunt
Bertha who had been one

377

00:21:27,030 --> 00:21:28,980

of your mother's paying guests.

378

00:21:28,980 --> 00:21:29,520

I see.

379

00:21:29,520 --> 00:21:30,020

Yes.

380

00:21:30,020 --> 00:21:35,280

And then of course, she wasn't
just my mother's paying guest.

381

00:21:35,280 --> 00:21:37,500

She became a family friend.

382

00:21:37,500 --> 00:21:43,050

And until we left Austria,
she would come every year

383

00:21:43,050 --> 00:21:47,180

to write her next book, and
to have a social life with us.

384
00:21:47,180 --> 00:21:47,730
You know.

385
00:21:47,730 --> 00:21:54,240
And of course, my dad and
[?Telle?] were fluent in verbal

386
00:21:54,240 --> 00:21:56,010
English anyway.

387
00:21:56,010 --> 00:21:57,150
OK.

388
00:21:57,150 --> 00:21:59,850
So they could talk quite easily.

389
00:21:59,850 --> 00:22:02,830

390
00:22:02,830 --> 00:22:05,970
I had read in some
of my notes that,

391
00:22:05,970 --> 00:22:12,000
was there a relative who wanted
to ask your help for helping

392
00:22:12,000 --> 00:22:16,650
either [?Bertel?] or
someone else leave prison,

393
00:22:16,650 --> 00:22:18,480
or leave a POW camp?

394
00:22:18,480 --> 00:22:20,550
Does that ring a bell at all?

395
00:22:20,550 --> 00:22:23,544
While you yourself
are a prisoner of war.

396

00:22:23,544 --> 00:22:32,470

No, I think the thing
that you probably

397

00:22:32,470 --> 00:22:42,620

mention is my Uncle
Georg who was imprisoned

398

00:22:42,620 --> 00:22:47,120

by Austria both before the war--
before this [? last war, ?]

399

00:22:47,120 --> 00:22:49,550

and certainly after
the wars as well.

400

00:22:49,550 --> 00:22:52,760

401

00:22:52,760 --> 00:23:02,710

And I can't-- my memory.

402

00:23:02,710 --> 00:23:07,520

I was I think around
about the mid 50s.

403

00:23:07,520 --> 00:23:10,010

I was asked--

404

00:23:10,010 --> 00:23:13,430

I was walking along Piccadilly.

405

00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:16,940

And a gentleman
approached me and said,

406

00:23:16,940 --> 00:23:20,290

was I Helmut Schweitzer.

407

00:23:20,290 --> 00:23:22,970

And he said, I'm
coming from [INAUDIBLE]

408
00:23:22,970 --> 00:23:25,010
who is the great film producer?

409
00:23:25,010 --> 00:23:28,310

410
00:23:28,310 --> 00:23:31,150
Whose name as
usually, escapes me.

411
00:23:31,150 --> 00:23:39,320
I can't-- who produced all these
wonderful pictures of movies.

412
00:23:39,320 --> 00:23:45,780
He was the first movie producers
of these mass enormous movies.

413
00:23:45,780 --> 00:23:53,620
And then he obviously went on
to the United States in the end.

414
00:23:53,620 --> 00:23:57,520
And at that time he was
in England and producing

415
00:23:57,520 --> 00:24:01,120
his movies in England,
which was at that time

416
00:24:01,120 --> 00:24:10,510
in those post-war years, was
as good as the American film

417
00:24:10,510 --> 00:24:12,240
producing areas.

418
00:24:12,240 --> 00:24:18,940
And anyway, he said he had a
passport for Uncle Georg to--

419

00:24:18,940 --> 00:24:21,280
a British passport for him.

420
00:24:21,280 --> 00:24:26,380
Would I take it to him and give
it to him in Liechtenstein,

421
00:24:26,380 --> 00:24:30,310
[INAUDIBLE]

422
00:24:30,310 --> 00:24:36,790
And I sort of
attempted to do it.

423
00:24:36,790 --> 00:24:38,800
Then I decided,
no, I can't do it.

424
00:24:38,800 --> 00:24:43,600
Because I would have been
totally responsible for him

425
00:24:43,600 --> 00:24:45,690
if anything.

426
00:24:45,690 --> 00:24:50,010
You know, it was obviously
a false passport.

427
00:24:50,010 --> 00:24:55,381
And so I said, no,
that's not [INAUDIBLE]..

428
00:24:55,381 --> 00:25:00,410
And so Uncle Georg himself
never mentioned anything to me,

429
00:25:00,410 --> 00:25:03,410
nor did my dad.

430
00:25:03,410 --> 00:25:06,320
Whether it was a fake
thing or not, I don't know.

431
00:25:06,320 --> 00:25:07,040
OK.

432
00:25:07,040 --> 00:25:08,960
So if I understand
this correctly,

433
00:25:08,960 --> 00:25:10,850
this is long after your release.

434
00:25:10,850 --> 00:25:13,235
This is when you're
living in Britain.

435
00:25:13,235 --> 00:25:16,430
[INAUDIBLE] a father
of two children

436
00:25:16,430 --> 00:25:19,560
working for the John
Lewis Partnership.

437
00:25:19,560 --> 00:25:23,690
And Uncle Georg
obviously, having

438
00:25:23,690 --> 00:25:30,900
been released from prison, that
contact with his old friend

439
00:25:30,900 --> 00:25:33,120
or colleague or
whatever he was--

440
00:25:33,120 --> 00:25:35,100
I don't know what
Uncle Georg was

441
00:25:35,100 --> 00:25:39,210
doing in the '20s in Austria.

442

00:25:39,210 --> 00:25:42,160
I mean, he was always
a bit of a mystery.

443
00:25:42,160 --> 00:25:42,690
[INAUDIBLE]

444
00:25:42,690 --> 00:25:44,370
1920s?

445
00:25:44,370 --> 00:25:48,120
Are you saying 1920s,
1930s or 1940s in Austria?

446
00:25:48,120 --> 00:25:49,110
No, no.

447
00:25:49,110 --> 00:25:56,820
[INAUDIBLE] 1920s, early
'30s, because what's his name

448
00:25:56,820 --> 00:26:01,920
went to the United
States around about 1930.

449
00:26:01,920 --> 00:26:05,280
This producer, this Hungarian.

450
00:26:05,280 --> 00:26:11,310

451
00:26:11,310 --> 00:26:13,044
World famous.

452
00:26:13,044 --> 00:26:14,130
[? I can't seem to-- ?]

453
00:26:14,130 --> 00:26:15,010
OK.

454
00:26:15,010 --> 00:26:18,070
But at any rate, Uncle

Georg is released

455

00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:19,990
after the war from prison.

456

00:26:19,990 --> 00:26:22,420
From because of
whatever Nazi activities

457

00:26:22,420 --> 00:26:24,050
he had been involved in.

458

00:26:24,050 --> 00:26:28,640
But he was also
in prison in 1936,

459

00:26:28,640 --> 00:26:30,160
when [PERSONAL NAME] was killed.

460

00:26:30,160 --> 00:26:34,460

461

00:26:34,460 --> 00:26:38,900
You know, he was part
of a Nazi movement.

462

00:26:38,900 --> 00:26:48,000
And obviously, it was a Nazi
guy who shot [PERSONAL NAME]..

463

00:26:48,000 --> 00:26:49,440
So he was involved.

464

00:26:49,440 --> 00:26:53,240
But the family
sort of stood aside

465

00:26:53,240 --> 00:26:54,600
and he never talked about it.

466

00:26:54,600 --> 00:26:57,690

467
00:26:57,690 --> 00:27:01,050
But to bring this
to that moment,

468
00:27:01,050 --> 00:27:04,140
it is that after the
war, he's released.

469
00:27:04,140 --> 00:27:05,705
He's living in Liechtenstein.

470
00:27:05,705 --> 00:27:07,080
You don't necessarily
[INAUDIBLE]

471
00:27:07,080 --> 00:27:07,695
No, he's not.

472
00:27:07,695 --> 00:27:09,540
He's not living
in Liechtenstein.

473
00:27:09,540 --> 00:27:12,080
I think Liechtenstein was
simply picked [INAUDIBLE]

474
00:27:12,080 --> 00:27:13,550
that it wasn't Austria.

475
00:27:13,550 --> 00:27:14,730
And it wasn't England.

476
00:27:14,730 --> 00:27:17,810
You know, it was somewhere else.

477
00:27:17,810 --> 00:27:21,370
And this man, out of the
blue, approaches you.

478
00:27:21,370 --> 00:27:21,870
Yes.

479

00:27:21,870 --> 00:27:26,640

Asks who you were, and then
wants to hand a passport to you

480

00:27:26,640 --> 00:27:28,240

to give to your Uncle Georg.

481

00:27:28,240 --> 00:27:28,740

Yes.

482

00:27:28,740 --> 00:27:33,300

And you ostensibly meet
Uncle Georg in Liechtenstein.

483

00:27:33,300 --> 00:27:35,220

And you think, well,
maybe I'll do it.

484

00:27:35,220 --> 00:27:38,640

And then you decide you won't.

485

00:27:38,640 --> 00:27:43,020

And that the passport is
most likely a false passport.

486

00:27:43,020 --> 00:27:43,520

Yeah.

487

00:27:43,520 --> 00:27:45,420

That's correct?

488

00:27:45,420 --> 00:27:47,970

That's what-- I mean,
the guy never said that.

489

00:27:47,970 --> 00:27:51,140

490

00:27:51,140 --> 00:27:56,040

But I couldn't imagine that it
could be a genuine passport.

491
00:27:56,040 --> 00:27:59,730

492
00:27:59,730 --> 00:28:01,710
So I took this out
of the sequence

493
00:28:01,710 --> 00:28:03,870
by remembering this thing.

494
00:28:03,870 --> 00:28:07,890
I took it out of the chronology
we were talking about.

495
00:28:07,890 --> 00:28:08,610
Yeah.

496
00:28:08,610 --> 00:28:18,030
Let's go back to one part
of what you were saying.

497
00:28:18,030 --> 00:28:19,800
And that was your education.

498
00:28:19,800 --> 00:28:23,340
Did you finish a certain
course at the LSE?

499
00:28:23,340 --> 00:28:24,660
Did you get a certificate?

500
00:28:24,660 --> 00:28:25,545
Did you get a degree?

501
00:28:25,545 --> 00:28:26,230
Yeah.

502
00:28:26,230 --> 00:28:27,390
What happened?

503

00:28:27,390 --> 00:28:30,450
[INAUDIBLE] that is
of course, after I

504
00:28:30,450 --> 00:28:35,060
came back, after my release.

505
00:28:35,060 --> 00:28:37,850
When I was married to Sheila.

506
00:28:37,850 --> 00:28:44,650
And I got my Ph.D in
economics from the LSE.

507
00:28:44,650 --> 00:28:48,250
My first degree.

508
00:28:48,250 --> 00:28:52,270
So let's go back to
when you are released.

509
00:28:52,270 --> 00:28:53,400
You are released.

510
00:28:53,400 --> 00:28:56,110
There is fewer and
fewer bombs that

511
00:28:56,110 --> 00:29:00,780
need to have teams to help
diffuse them in London.

512
00:29:00,780 --> 00:29:02,530
They're moving out of town.

513
00:29:02,530 --> 00:29:06,850
And in June, 1948, is it--

514
00:29:06,850 --> 00:29:12,010
that you are released from
your prisoner of war status.

515

00:29:12,010 --> 00:29:13,690
Yeah.

516
00:29:13,690 --> 00:29:14,770
What happens then?

517
00:29:14,770 --> 00:29:18,330

518
00:29:18,330 --> 00:29:22,130
Well, I mean, I had my by then--

519
00:29:22,130 --> 00:29:23,840
my admission to
the London School

520
00:29:23,840 --> 00:29:30,424
of Economics for the
Michaelmas terms, 1949--

521
00:29:30,424 --> 00:29:32,850
no, '48.

522
00:29:32,850 --> 00:29:35,940
Michaelmas terms '48.

523
00:29:35,940 --> 00:29:41,450
So I reckoned I'd be
released to Germany,

524
00:29:41,450 --> 00:29:45,830
meet up with the whole family
again, and then come back

525
00:29:45,830 --> 00:29:47,120
in October--

526
00:29:47,120 --> 00:29:50,080

527
00:29:50,080 --> 00:29:54,710
beginning of October, Michaelmas

term, and start my study

528
00:29:54,710 --> 00:29:57,030
and marry Sheila.

529
00:29:57,030 --> 00:30:01,430
That sounded-- that was quite
sort of straightforward.

530
00:30:01,430 --> 00:30:05,960
But of course, I had
then the problem,

531
00:30:05,960 --> 00:30:11,750
being a released German
prisoner of war from England,

532
00:30:11,750 --> 00:30:14,750
wanting to emigrate
as an Austrian citizen

533
00:30:14,750 --> 00:30:24,950
from occupied American part of
Germany, which the Americans

534
00:30:24,950 --> 00:30:28,025
just failed to do, to accept.

535
00:30:28,025 --> 00:30:31,820

536
00:30:31,820 --> 00:30:32,320
Then--

537
00:30:32,320 --> 00:30:35,200

538
00:30:35,200 --> 00:30:37,010
Were you repatriated to Germany?

539
00:30:37,010 --> 00:30:38,300
Did you have to leave Britain?

540
00:30:38,300 --> 00:30:38,842
Yes, oh, yes.

541
00:30:38,842 --> 00:30:41,540
I was [INAUDIBLE].

542
00:30:41,540 --> 00:30:45,560
I was the first group
of ex-prisoners of war

543
00:30:45,560 --> 00:30:52,500
who were paid out in the new
German currency, the D-Mark,

544
00:30:52,500 --> 00:30:56,080
That was quite an achievement.

545
00:30:56,080 --> 00:30:56,835
By the British?

546
00:30:56,835 --> 00:30:59,070
Because that was-- yeah.

547
00:30:59,070 --> 00:31:01,320
That was money that
was worth something.

548
00:31:01,320 --> 00:31:07,530
Whereas the old German money
was already dead completely.

549
00:31:07,530 --> 00:31:09,420
OK.

550
00:31:09,420 --> 00:31:11,250
I need to have
clarification here.

551
00:31:11,250 --> 00:31:15,840
While you are a prisoner, you
are paid one pound a week?

552
00:31:15,840 --> 00:31:19,380
Once you get released, do
you get further moneys?

553
00:31:19,380 --> 00:31:21,060
Yes.

554
00:31:21,060 --> 00:31:27,630
Again, something like
the pay was one pound

555
00:31:27,630 --> 00:31:33,780
in our pocket, and one
pound to be paid on release

556
00:31:33,780 --> 00:31:35,250
from prisoner of war.

557
00:31:35,250 --> 00:31:39,820
So you know, I got
two pounds a week.

558
00:31:39,820 --> 00:31:42,240
I got the payout there.

559
00:31:42,240 --> 00:31:46,290
But the question really
was, if I'd been paid out,

560
00:31:46,290 --> 00:31:50,150
if I'd been a week earlier,
it was really strictly

561
00:31:50,150 --> 00:31:51,480
as close as that.

562
00:31:51,480 --> 00:32:01,700
I would have been paid out in
the old German money, which

563
00:32:01,700 --> 00:32:04,180

was not worth much.

564

00:32:04,180 --> 00:32:10,420

So being I'm coming now back
home with D-Marks to my family

565

00:32:10,420 --> 00:32:14,840

was quite a triumph.

566

00:32:14,840 --> 00:32:18,410

So you leave.

567

00:32:18,410 --> 00:32:23,600

You're released from
Fulham where your camp is.

568

00:32:23,600 --> 00:32:24,450

No.

569

00:32:24,450 --> 00:32:26,910

[INAUDIBLE] we were
in Richmond Park then.

570

00:32:26,910 --> 00:32:31,750

In between, we were
in Richmond Park.

571

00:32:31,750 --> 00:32:35,420

I've sort of mentioned it
indirectly, but not fully.

572

00:32:35,420 --> 00:32:41,650

I mean, the height of our time
was in Richmond Park, actually.

573

00:32:41,650 --> 00:32:46,600

574

00:32:46,600 --> 00:32:49,900

How long were you
in Richmond park?

575

00:32:49,900 --> 00:32:51,340
About a year.

576
00:32:51,340 --> 00:32:52,990
OK.

577
00:32:52,990 --> 00:32:57,490
I mean, when bomb disposal
became so successful,

578
00:32:57,490 --> 00:33:02,180
with doubling the man power,
and the bombs were coming out,

579
00:33:02,180 --> 00:33:05,410
and the press was full
of these stories--

580
00:33:05,410 --> 00:33:07,990

581
00:33:07,990 --> 00:33:09,850
[INAUDIBLE] of us
really sort of--

582
00:33:09,850 --> 00:33:14,230

583
00:33:14,230 --> 00:33:22,450
there was a [INAUDIBLE]
army camp in Richmond Park.

584
00:33:22,450 --> 00:33:26,970
You know, much better than
the [INAUDIBLE] and Fulham.

585
00:33:26,970 --> 00:33:30,230
And so we moved to that camp.

586
00:33:30,230 --> 00:33:34,860
And I was actually,
at the time, on the--

587

00:33:34,860 --> 00:33:40,090

588

00:33:40,090 --> 00:33:51,210

I had a special course
[INAUDIBLE] foreign office was

589

00:33:51,210 --> 00:33:52,830

running--

590

00:33:52,830 --> 00:33:54,390

Wilton Park.

591

00:33:54,390 --> 00:34:01,110

And that was about a month--

592

00:34:01,110 --> 00:34:05,880

six weeks course, Wilton Park,
when the move took place.

593

00:34:05,880 --> 00:34:13,889

When I came back from that
course, the young officer,

594

00:34:13,889 --> 00:34:17,790

a British officer, who was
looking after prisoners of war,

595

00:34:17,790 --> 00:34:21,199

introduced me to
the new camp leader.

596

00:34:21,199 --> 00:34:23,080

And who was that?

597

00:34:23,080 --> 00:34:25,730

It was one of the guys--

598

00:34:25,730 --> 00:34:35,760

I mean, one of the German guys
who was, in fact, a Sergeant.

599

00:34:35,760 --> 00:34:37,260

But he was a--

600

00:34:37,260 --> 00:34:40,900

they had a homosexual
relationship.

601

00:34:40,900 --> 00:34:49,320

And so [INAUDIBLE] when
after he [? introduced, ?]

602

00:34:49,320 --> 00:34:53,199

in the evening,
I collected where

603

00:34:53,199 --> 00:34:57,840

is a whole group of people.

604

00:34:57,840 --> 00:35:02,040

And we sort of cornered them.

605

00:35:02,040 --> 00:35:07,170

And we said, well, can you
sort of explain the situation?

606

00:35:07,170 --> 00:35:11,730

And the German guy immediately
said, no, no, no, no.

607

00:35:11,730 --> 00:35:13,500

That's just a joke.

608

00:35:13,500 --> 00:35:14,560

Don't worry about it.

609

00:35:14,560 --> 00:35:15,060

You know.

610

00:35:15,060 --> 00:35:19,510

611

00:35:19,510 --> 00:35:21,220
Because the last
thing they wanted

612
00:35:21,220 --> 00:35:27,040
to happen was that the then
commanding officer would

613
00:35:27,040 --> 00:35:31,270
hear about it and make a big
issue of it, which he may have,

614
00:35:31,270 --> 00:35:33,580
or would have probably done.

615
00:35:33,580 --> 00:35:39,405
And so I was in charge again.

616
00:35:39,405 --> 00:35:41,470
It was just one
of those episodes.

617
00:35:41,470 --> 00:35:44,980

618
00:35:44,980 --> 00:35:49,690
But during that time, I
had a very good outside--

619
00:35:49,690 --> 00:35:56,640
I mean, particularly
in Richmond Park--

620
00:35:56,640 --> 00:36:02,330
to sing [INAUDIBLE] a lot of
the prisoners was to sing.

621
00:36:02,330 --> 00:36:06,550
They could get good
jobs from the better

622
00:36:06,550 --> 00:36:12,010
families outside Richmond Park.

623
00:36:12,010 --> 00:36:15,520
And coming back
from Wilton Park,

624
00:36:15,520 --> 00:36:18,950
felt I was sort of
behind the times a bit.

625
00:36:18,950 --> 00:36:22,180
And there was one
request that came

626
00:36:22,180 --> 00:36:25,660
through for a gardener
for an address

627
00:36:25,660 --> 00:36:33,240
just outside the gate of
our gate in Richmond Park.

628
00:36:33,240 --> 00:36:35,780
And a family, [PERSONAL NAME].

629
00:36:35,780 --> 00:36:41,670
And so I went to them,
Mrs. [PERSONAL NAME]

630
00:36:41,670 --> 00:36:44,350
a very nice German woman.

631
00:36:44,350 --> 00:36:47,000

632
00:36:47,000 --> 00:36:50,290
And she said, [? yeah, ?] fine.

633
00:36:50,290 --> 00:36:51,230
You know, you're in.

634
00:36:51,230 --> 00:36:55,020

635
00:36:55,020 --> 00:36:58,260
They were also
escapees from Germany.

636
00:36:58,260 --> 00:37:00,800
They weren't Jewish, I think.

637
00:37:00,800 --> 00:37:06,870
They had two sons at
some London [INAUDIBLE]..

638
00:37:06,870 --> 00:37:09,160
They were obviously
well-off people.

639
00:37:09,160 --> 00:37:14,080
I mean, their garden was
right at the wall of the park.

640
00:37:14,080 --> 00:37:17,620

641
00:37:17,620 --> 00:37:20,180
And the husband was--

642
00:37:20,180 --> 00:37:23,280
I thought he was a drunkard.

643
00:37:23,280 --> 00:37:27,860
He was never-- he only
occasionally came out

644
00:37:27,860 --> 00:37:35,540
in a grumpy sort of
way from his office.

645
00:37:35,540 --> 00:37:39,870
But only since we've
come back to England--

646
00:37:39,870 --> 00:37:43,120

now, unfortunately, I've
lost the source again.

647

00:37:43,120 --> 00:37:53,410
I've learned when Hitler came to
power first, he had a kind of--

648

00:37:53,410 --> 00:37:56,350

649

00:37:56,350 --> 00:38:03,820
he did get rid of his main
leadership of people in 1934,

650

00:38:03,820 --> 00:38:07,030
to have them murdered.

651

00:38:07,030 --> 00:38:12,500
And this guy-- there was
a guy, [PERSONAL NAME]

652

00:38:12,500 --> 00:38:17,390
who was an associate of one
of these murdered people.

653

00:38:17,390 --> 00:38:20,290
I don't know whether this
particular [PERSONAL NAME]

654

00:38:20,290 --> 00:38:21,290
was that guy.

655

00:38:21,290 --> 00:38:27,830
But he could well have been,
from age and from his attitude.

656

00:38:27,830 --> 00:38:33,150
It was just mere
possible coincidence.

657

00:38:33,150 --> 00:38:42,090
I know when I proudly told the
family that I'd been accepted

658

00:38:42,090 --> 00:38:47,070

as a scholar for the
London School of Economics,

659

00:38:47,070 --> 00:38:50,310

he sort of jumped at
me and said, what?

660

00:38:50,310 --> 00:38:53,640

That socialist rubbish place?

661

00:38:53,640 --> 00:38:57,480

You know-- and good luck
to you if you really

662

00:38:57,480 --> 00:38:59,270

want to [INAUDIBLE].

663

00:38:59,270 --> 00:39:06,820

664

00:39:06,820 --> 00:39:10,540

Are you referring to
the SA Brownshirts

665

00:39:10,540 --> 00:39:14,370

that were in
competition with the SS.

666

00:39:14,370 --> 00:39:15,220

[INAUDIBLE]

667

00:39:15,220 --> 00:39:16,480

And do you think--

668

00:39:16,480 --> 00:39:18,040

[INAUDIBLE] with the Wehrmacht.

669

00:39:18,040 --> 00:39:23,540

I mean-- the Brownshirts wanted
to become the new Wehrmacht.

670
00:39:23,540 --> 00:39:25,800
The German army.

671
00:39:25,800 --> 00:39:30,670
And Hitler was forced to
make a clear choice, which he

672
00:39:30,670 --> 00:39:33,040
had great difficulty in doing.

673
00:39:33,040 --> 00:39:34,960
But in the end,
it meant that his

674
00:39:34,960 --> 00:39:40,810
own [INAUDIBLE] his own
fellows had to be killed off.

675
00:39:40,810 --> 00:39:42,250
OK.

676
00:39:42,250 --> 00:39:48,350
And you're saying that you
suspect that this family was

677
00:39:48,350 --> 00:39:50,900
associated with some of them.

678
00:39:50,900 --> 00:39:52,790
Well, because there was this--

679
00:39:52,790 --> 00:39:58,160
I mean, [PERSONAL NAME] most
unusual kind of name, isn't it?

680
00:39:58,160 --> 00:40:00,830
Yes, it is.

681
00:40:00,830 --> 00:40:01,760
Yeah.

682
00:40:01,760 --> 00:40:05,420
What was significant to
you about working with them

683
00:40:05,420 --> 00:40:09,710
outside in the--

684
00:40:09,710 --> 00:40:17,000
was this one of the few outside
contacts you had with people

685
00:40:17,000 --> 00:40:21,430
who lived in Britain, or in the
area [INAUDIBLE] neighborhood?

686
00:40:21,430 --> 00:40:22,100
Yeah.

687
00:40:22,100 --> 00:40:30,050
You know, I had a very good
relationship with his wife.

688
00:40:30,050 --> 00:40:32,330
I mean, she accepted
me as a gardener.

689
00:40:32,330 --> 00:40:35,240
But you know, it became more.

690
00:40:35,240 --> 00:40:38,700
I was just the sort of
house guest who turned up.

691
00:40:38,700 --> 00:40:46,820
And I mean, she was, I
think, a lonely woman.

692
00:40:46,820 --> 00:40:52,610
Because of the peculiar husband
[INAUDIBLE] and the boys

693
00:40:52,610 --> 00:40:56,750

were going to local schools.

694

00:40:56,750 --> 00:41:00,220

So they were there
in the evenings.

695

00:41:00,220 --> 00:41:03,170

And one of them,
the younger one,

696

00:41:03,170 --> 00:41:07,480

was playing Beethoven's
sixth symphony every evening.

697

00:41:07,480 --> 00:41:11,000

And I suddenly thought,
that's really lovely.

698

00:41:11,000 --> 00:41:12,950

I ought to do
something about it.

699

00:41:12,950 --> 00:41:16,610

Why can't I go to the
Albert Hall to concert?

700

00:41:16,610 --> 00:41:21,500

So I became a
frequent concert goer

701

00:41:21,500 --> 00:41:24,470

to the Albert Hall, which
wasn't all that far away

702

00:41:24,470 --> 00:41:27,910

from Richmond Park.

703

00:41:27,910 --> 00:41:30,850

How did you meet Sheila?

704

00:41:30,850 --> 00:41:34,990

Well, through the International
Friendship League.

705
00:41:34,990 --> 00:41:36,460
That was [INAUDIBLE].

706
00:41:36,460 --> 00:41:37,360
And that of course--

707
00:41:37,360 --> 00:41:45,130

708
00:41:45,130 --> 00:41:48,020
that was-- [INAUDIBLE]
is it now--

709
00:41:48,020 --> 00:41:48,775
how did it start?

710
00:41:48,775 --> 00:41:53,110

711
00:41:53,110 --> 00:41:56,580
I don't know how the
original contact came.

712
00:41:56,580 --> 00:42:04,660
But there was a
movement which really

713
00:42:04,660 --> 00:42:11,680
was the successor of a pre-war
peace movement, the Oxford

714
00:42:11,680 --> 00:42:17,290
group, it was also called.

715
00:42:17,290 --> 00:42:26,910
And it was this Swiss
sort of revolutionary

716
00:42:26,910 --> 00:42:30,798
who was preaching peace.

717
00:42:30,798 --> 00:42:33,600
You go to your opponent
and you honestly

718
00:42:33,600 --> 00:42:35,580
say what your problem is.

719
00:42:35,580 --> 00:42:37,230
And he will say his problem.

720
00:42:37,230 --> 00:42:40,290
And you sort it
out face to face.

721
00:42:40,290 --> 00:42:44,130
That was his basic mission.

722
00:42:44,130 --> 00:42:48,540
And what I didn't know
until fairly recently

723
00:42:48,540 --> 00:42:52,110
is how big that movement
had been before the war,

724
00:42:52,110 --> 00:42:55,470
before the last war.

725
00:42:55,470 --> 00:43:00,150
He had thousands and thousands
of [?mass?] meeting people

726
00:43:00,150 --> 00:43:06,540
gathering, particularly in
Holland and Scandinavia,

727
00:43:06,540 --> 00:43:07,320
Switzerland.

728
00:43:07,320 --> 00:43:10,110
Because originally, he
came from Switzerland.

729
00:43:10,110 --> 00:43:13,990
But he grew up in
the United States.

730
00:43:13,990 --> 00:43:18,910
And it was a very big
movement for peace.

731
00:43:18,910 --> 00:43:22,260
Nevermind the politics.

732
00:43:22,260 --> 00:43:23,580
Just peace.

733
00:43:23,580 --> 00:43:27,120
You know, by talking
and making peace.

734
00:43:27,120 --> 00:43:35,460
And there was a Fulham
group, which I joined.

735
00:43:35,460 --> 00:43:41,200
You know, basically young
professional people.

736
00:43:41,200 --> 00:43:50,440
And Sheila's mom was the
secretary of that group.

737
00:43:50,440 --> 00:43:52,740
So I became a regular.

738
00:43:52,740 --> 00:43:55,620
You know, they were
particularly with me,

739
00:43:55,620 --> 00:43:59,760
trying to keep public
relations from our camp

740

00:43:59,760 --> 00:44:02,550
to the outer world.

741
00:44:02,550 --> 00:44:10,710
There were certain sort
of places like this Fulham

742
00:44:10,710 --> 00:44:12,840
[INAUDIBLE] group.

743
00:44:12,840 --> 00:44:15,135
And then there was [INAUDIBLE].

744
00:44:15,135 --> 00:44:22,490

745
00:44:22,490 --> 00:44:23,150
Anyway.

746
00:44:23,150 --> 00:44:27,860
There was another military--

747
00:44:27,860 --> 00:44:30,890
British army-- what
do you call it?

748
00:44:30,890 --> 00:44:33,940

749
00:44:33,940 --> 00:44:36,310
Reservists-- no, not reservists.

750
00:44:36,310 --> 00:44:37,140
Pensioners.

751
00:44:37,140 --> 00:44:41,950
British army pensioners
organization, which also had us

752
00:44:41,950 --> 00:44:46,040
as guests very often.

753

00:44:46,040 --> 00:44:47,420

So I've felt the obligation--

754

00:44:47,420 --> 00:44:48,580

Veterans?

755

00:44:48,580 --> 00:44:51,586

Do you mean like

British army veterans?

756

00:44:51,586 --> 00:44:52,320

Veterans, yeah.

757

00:44:52,320 --> 00:44:52,820

Yeah.

758

00:44:52,820 --> 00:44:55,160

759

00:44:55,160 --> 00:44:55,760

That's right.

760

00:44:55,760 --> 00:44:56,840

So the Fulham group--

761

00:44:56,840 --> 00:44:59,590

762

00:44:59,590 --> 00:45:00,470

there was that group.

763

00:45:00,470 --> 00:45:05,600

And I felt it was a matter

of honor that one of us,

764

00:45:05,600 --> 00:45:08,570

at least, would turn up

to their weekly meetings.

765

00:45:08,570 --> 00:45:11,900

And it was the same

with the [INAUDIBLE]

766
00:45:11,900 --> 00:45:15,670
group, which was much
more lively, anyway

767
00:45:15,670 --> 00:45:21,350
than the army veterans side.

768
00:45:21,350 --> 00:45:26,720
So these were my regular weekly
kind of dates that I had.

769
00:45:26,720 --> 00:45:33,950
And then when my--

770
00:45:33,950 --> 00:45:40,500

771
00:45:40,500 --> 00:45:43,980
[INAUDIBLE]

772
00:45:43,980 --> 00:45:45,160
Yeah.

773
00:45:45,160 --> 00:45:49,320
In March 1948, my
22nd birthday came.

774
00:45:49,320 --> 00:45:50,730
They gave me a birthday party.

775
00:45:50,730 --> 00:45:53,690

776
00:45:53,690 --> 00:45:59,460
I was coming to them, wanting
to say, to proudly say,

777
00:45:59,460 --> 00:46:02,730
I've got a place at the
London School of Economics.

778
00:46:02,730 --> 00:46:12,420
And instead I was there and
[INAUDIBLE] and organized

779
00:46:12,420 --> 00:46:13,740
this--

780
00:46:13,740 --> 00:46:16,830
instead of a meeting, a
birthday party for me.

781
00:46:16,830 --> 00:46:19,180
And she brought her
daughter along as well.

782
00:46:19,180 --> 00:46:20,120
Sheila.

783
00:46:20,120 --> 00:46:24,090
And the rest is history.

784
00:46:24,090 --> 00:46:28,200
Well, you know, it
sounds like your prisoner

785
00:46:28,200 --> 00:46:32,440
of war years in
London provided you

786
00:46:32,440 --> 00:46:36,910
an opportunity to
really start integrating

787
00:46:36,910 --> 00:46:38,470
into British society.

788
00:46:38,470 --> 00:46:39,060
Absolutely.

789
00:46:39,060 --> 00:46:44,200
One way, another way, a

third way, a fourth way.

790
00:46:44,200 --> 00:46:48,190
So that by the time you
are officially released,

791
00:46:48,190 --> 00:46:51,160
you have roots
already established.

792
00:46:51,160 --> 00:46:52,630
The beginning of roots.

793
00:46:52,630 --> 00:46:54,800
Yes.

794
00:46:54,800 --> 00:46:57,500
So you-- Yeah?

795
00:46:57,500 --> 00:47:02,360
My early youth with
[? Bertel Ruck ?]

796
00:47:02,360 --> 00:47:11,620
and [INAUDIBLE] and a very
British-minded grandmother

797
00:47:11,620 --> 00:47:13,900
and aunt--

798
00:47:13,900 --> 00:47:20,470
I mean, the English
reputation was

799
00:47:20,470 --> 00:47:26,230
already great in every way
in our home in Austria.

800
00:47:26,230 --> 00:47:29,220
And even Hitler, when
we were in Germany,

801

00:47:29,220 --> 00:47:33,560
always spoke with great
respect about England,

802
00:47:33,560 --> 00:47:38,270
much more so than about
any other country.

803
00:47:38,270 --> 00:47:43,520
So in anyway, [? I was ?]
preconditioned.

804
00:47:43,520 --> 00:47:45,170
[INAUDIBLE]

805
00:47:45,170 --> 00:47:48,770
So technically, that is,
then when you are released,

806
00:47:48,770 --> 00:47:54,290
and you do have to return
to Germany as opposed

807
00:47:54,290 --> 00:48:01,750
to when you told your
Belgian captors--

808
00:48:01,750 --> 00:48:05,350
that is, your British captors
in Belgium, that no, you don't

809
00:48:05,350 --> 00:48:06,850
want-- you're not Austrian.

810
00:48:06,850 --> 00:48:08,170
You're German.

811
00:48:08,170 --> 00:48:11,440
In fact is, you have
Austrian citizenship

812
00:48:11,440 --> 00:48:13,750
in the American zone in Germany.

813
00:48:13,750 --> 00:48:15,620
Is that correct?

814
00:48:15,620 --> 00:48:17,140
Well, no.

815
00:48:17,140 --> 00:48:21,790
I should have meant when Austria
became a state, [INAUDIBLE]

816
00:48:21,790 --> 00:48:27,490
obviously it started
an embassy in London.

817
00:48:27,490 --> 00:48:35,830
And I was a freely
moving prisoner of war.

818
00:48:35,830 --> 00:48:43,210
I went along to this newly
created Austrian embassy.

819
00:48:43,210 --> 00:48:47,920
And I said, look, I'm
really an Austrian.

820
00:48:47,920 --> 00:48:49,030
Can I have a passport?

821
00:48:49,030 --> 00:48:51,070
Because Germany
couldn't give me--

822
00:48:51,070 --> 00:48:53,110
wouldn't be able to
give me a passport.

823
00:48:53,110 --> 00:48:56,020
Because it was
completely occupied.

824

00:48:56,020 --> 00:49:02,320
So they said, well, all
we need is a [INAUDIBLE]

825
00:49:02,320 --> 00:49:10,300
your local town, city,
if they can give you

826
00:49:10,300 --> 00:49:17,880
a certificate that you've
been born in this place,

827
00:49:17,880 --> 00:49:21,020
you can have your passport.

828
00:49:21,020 --> 00:49:24,260
So I went to--

829
00:49:24,260 --> 00:49:30,870
I wrote a letter to the mayor
of [PLACE NAME] and said,

830
00:49:30,870 --> 00:49:34,150
I'm Helmut Schweitzer.

831
00:49:34,150 --> 00:49:35,350
And no phones in Austria.

832
00:49:35,350 --> 00:49:41,685

833
00:49:41,685 --> 00:49:44,870
And at the moment in London.

834
00:49:44,870 --> 00:49:47,120
Can I have a [INAUDIBLE].

835
00:49:47,120 --> 00:49:49,070
And by return of post?

836
00:49:49,070 --> 00:49:52,310
They said, [INAUDIBLE]

and [INAUDIBLE]..

837
00:49:52,310 --> 00:49:56,960
So I got my Austrian passport.

838
00:49:56,960 --> 00:50:01,370
Even as I went as a German
prisoner of war to [? ship ?]

839
00:50:01,370 --> 00:50:04,078
back to Germany.

840
00:50:04,078 --> 00:50:06,960
[INAUDIBLE] English
person [INAUDIBLE]

841
00:50:06,960 --> 00:50:10,370
but of course, the
English occupation people

842
00:50:10,370 --> 00:50:15,860
couldn't quite add up how
this German prisoner of war,

843
00:50:15,860 --> 00:50:22,220
released, now suddenly comes up
as an Austrian citizen wanting

844
00:50:22,220 --> 00:50:23,480
to go to England.

845
00:50:23,480 --> 00:50:25,746
I mean, that just didn't add up.

846
00:50:25,746 --> 00:50:32,470
And that's [INAUDIBLE] who was
working for the Americans then

847
00:50:32,470 --> 00:50:33,350
came--

848
00:50:33,350 --> 00:50:36,920

[INAUDIBLE] got hold
of her and said,

849
00:50:36,920 --> 00:50:39,520
you must try and
get that organized.

850
00:50:39,520 --> 00:50:40,240
And she did.

851
00:50:40,240 --> 00:50:42,010
It took a few months.

852
00:50:42,010 --> 00:50:46,900
And I did [INAUDIBLE] I
obviously missed the Michaelmas

853
00:50:46,900 --> 00:50:49,020
term completely.

854
00:50:49,020 --> 00:50:53,830
I only could get across
with all the papers

855
00:50:53,830 --> 00:50:58,180
in early January, 1949.

856
00:50:58,180 --> 00:51:01,660
So did you ever live
in Germany again?

857
00:51:01,660 --> 00:51:05,260
Well, I lived for
six months or so.

858
00:51:05,260 --> 00:51:12,406
I even had a place
at Mainz University.

859
00:51:12,406 --> 00:51:18,000
I studied at Mainz
University for one term.

860

00:51:18,000 --> 00:51:19,642

What were you studying?

861

00:51:19,642 --> 00:51:20,600

What were you studying?

862

00:51:20,600 --> 00:51:21,410

Economics.

863

00:51:21,410 --> 00:51:25,590

864

00:51:25,590 --> 00:51:28,470

But after that, after
you returned to Britain,

865

00:51:28,470 --> 00:51:31,350

do you ever live in
Germany again after that?

866

00:51:31,350 --> 00:51:32,745

Yeah.

867

00:51:32,745 --> 00:51:42,270

[INAUDIBLE] in 1971.

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00:51:42,270 --> 00:51:50,760

I worked for the American
company ITT conglomerate,

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00:51:50,760 --> 00:51:55,930

covering the German speaking
country as an inspector,

870

00:51:55,930 --> 00:52:00,050

living first in
Frankfurt and then

871

00:52:00,050 --> 00:52:04,620

near Stuttgart for
about four, five years

872
00:52:04,620 --> 00:52:08,300
before we went to South Africa.

873
00:52:08,300 --> 00:52:09,040
OK.

874
00:52:09,040 --> 00:52:10,780
So when you're
saying Pam, you're

875
00:52:10,780 --> 00:52:14,050
referring to your second wife,
who is also known as Rivka?

876
00:52:14,050 --> 00:52:15,160
Rivka, yes.

877
00:52:15,160 --> 00:52:20,150
I mean, Pam is shall
we say, a birth name.

878
00:52:20,150 --> 00:52:25,160
Rivka is only a kind
of Jewish addition

879
00:52:25,160 --> 00:52:27,880
when we married as Jews.

880
00:52:27,880 --> 00:52:28,810
OK.

881
00:52:28,810 --> 00:52:31,010
OK.

882
00:52:31,010 --> 00:52:40,050
So I would say, if we can,
do you have enough energy

883
00:52:40,050 --> 00:52:42,180
to keep on going today?

884

00:52:42,180 --> 00:52:42,720

Yes, we can.

885

00:52:42,720 --> 00:52:44,300

Or-- yeah?

886

00:52:44,300 --> 00:52:50,280

Because this is the next topic
that I would like to cover.

887

00:52:50,280 --> 00:52:55,290

Because it really is one
of the more unusual parts

888

00:52:55,290 --> 00:53:03,570

of your story is how you
connect with Judaism,

889

00:53:03,570 --> 00:53:07,290

and the process that happens.

890

00:53:07,290 --> 00:53:09,990

And I guess the
development that happens

891

00:53:09,990 --> 00:53:16,620

that kind of bring you and Pam
to want to convert to Judaism,

892

00:53:16,620 --> 00:53:18,840

and to actually do so.

893

00:53:18,840 --> 00:53:21,170

Can we talk about
that a little bit?

894

00:53:21,170 --> 00:53:21,670

Yes.

895

00:53:21,670 --> 00:53:25,140

896

00:53:25,140 --> 00:53:29,490
It's totally amazing,
really, the way it happened.

897
00:53:29,490 --> 00:53:39,420
Looking back on it, it looks to
me both to Rivka, if you like,

898
00:53:39,420 --> 00:53:43,140
as if it was kind of inevitable.

899
00:53:43,140 --> 00:53:45,030
Although we didn't really--

900
00:53:45,030 --> 00:53:46,910
we weren't really
conscious of it.

901
00:53:46,910 --> 00:53:51,570
But somehow, everything,
at every turn,

902
00:53:51,570 --> 00:53:53,950
things happened the
way that they happened.

903
00:53:53,950 --> 00:53:56,390
And we were just--

904
00:53:56,390 --> 00:54:00,540
we were facing the
choice to say yes or no.

905
00:54:00,540 --> 00:54:08,660
So when did the first turn
occur that kind of starts you

906
00:54:08,660 --> 00:54:12,060
on this path in this direction?

907
00:54:12,060 --> 00:54:15,560
I'll just say briefly, when
you go back to England,

908
00:54:15,560 --> 00:54:18,830
you marry Sheila.

909
00:54:18,830 --> 00:54:20,263
And you have some children.

910
00:54:20,263 --> 00:54:20,930
Is that correct?

911
00:54:20,930 --> 00:54:21,430
Yes.

912
00:54:21,430 --> 00:54:23,990
We had three children, yes.

913
00:54:23,990 --> 00:54:26,900
And that at some point the
marriage does not work.

914
00:54:26,900 --> 00:54:28,560
And you divorce.

915
00:54:28,560 --> 00:54:29,140
That's right.

916
00:54:29,140 --> 00:54:29,700
Correct?

917
00:54:29,700 --> 00:54:30,200
Yeah.

918
00:54:30,200 --> 00:54:31,580
That's right.

919
00:54:31,580 --> 00:54:34,790
But it was, if you like,
a friendly divorce.

920
00:54:34,790 --> 00:54:39,170
I mean, she just liked

the driving teacher who

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00:54:39,170 --> 00:54:41,180

taught her to drive the car.

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00:54:41,180 --> 00:54:43,820

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00:54:43,820 --> 00:54:46,460

And eventually she joined him.

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00:54:46,460 --> 00:54:48,260

But it didn't work out.

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00:54:48,260 --> 00:54:50,910

She wanted to come back.

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00:54:50,910 --> 00:54:52,630

But then I said no.

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00:54:52,630 --> 00:54:55,650

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00:54:55,650 --> 00:54:58,940

So for about four
years, I managed

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00:54:58,940 --> 00:55:00,540

with the two older children.

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00:55:00,540 --> 00:55:03,020

She took the youngest
child with her.

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00:55:03,020 --> 00:55:08,450

But again, the driving
teacher wasn't living all that

932

00:55:08,450 --> 00:55:09,670

far away.

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00:55:09,670 --> 00:55:15,380
So for the weekend, I
could always pick her up

934
00:55:15,380 --> 00:55:17,620
and she used to stay with us.

935
00:55:17,620 --> 00:55:22,010
And particularly
her marriage never

936
00:55:22,010 --> 00:55:24,480
really worked out properly.

937
00:55:24,480 --> 00:55:30,260
So Katherine was more and
more with us for quite a while

938
00:55:30,260 --> 00:55:34,700
until we moved away from
[? Cookham ?] when I was then

939
00:55:34,700 --> 00:55:39,090
already married to Pam.

940
00:55:39,090 --> 00:55:40,230
OK.

941
00:55:40,230 --> 00:55:43,260
So you married Pam in 1967.

942
00:55:43,260 --> 00:55:44,790
Yes.

943
00:55:44,790 --> 00:55:49,260
And you did say that
you live for five or six

944
00:55:49,260 --> 00:55:52,140
years in Germany and
then go to South Africa.

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00:55:52,140 --> 00:55:57,030
And it is in South Africa
where this development happens,

946
00:55:57,030 --> 00:56:01,850
or had there been
prior steps beforehand?

947
00:56:01,850 --> 00:56:08,540
Well, in South
Africa, it gradually--

948
00:56:08,540 --> 00:56:16,460
I mean, Pam grew up in a very
difficult, divorced parents

949
00:56:16,460 --> 00:56:20,830
kind of circumstances in
the East End of London.

950
00:56:20,830 --> 00:56:25,810
And she had an unsuccessful
marriage there.

951
00:56:25,810 --> 00:56:30,790

952
00:56:30,790 --> 00:56:33,720
Her husband was in
fact put into prison

953
00:56:33,720 --> 00:56:40,350
because of [INAUDIBLE] he
was in a butchery, the family

954
00:56:40,350 --> 00:56:41,370
butchery.

955
00:56:41,370 --> 00:56:46,470
And they were selling
some meat illegally.

956
00:56:46,470 --> 00:56:48,910

And of course, when
he came up, the boy

957
00:56:48,910 --> 00:56:53,220
had to go admit guilt
so the parents weren't

958
00:56:53,220 --> 00:56:57,270
involved type of thing.

959
00:56:57,270 --> 00:57:03,910
And she had to battle
on, on her own.

960
00:57:03,910 --> 00:57:04,990
Quite hard times.

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00:57:04,990 --> 00:57:10,690
Anyway-- and it was only Jewish
people who really helped her

962
00:57:10,690 --> 00:57:12,140
in those days.

963
00:57:12,140 --> 00:57:18,350
And so she always had a
wish to become Jewish.

964
00:57:18,350 --> 00:57:25,610
When she went to a rabbi and
talked about becoming Jewish,

965
00:57:25,610 --> 00:57:29,310
he said, you must read
these books, and that book.

966
00:57:29,310 --> 00:57:33,100
But Pam wasn't kind
of a book reader.

967
00:57:33,100 --> 00:57:36,400
She wanted something
handy, real.

968
00:57:36,400 --> 00:57:40,920
So it was something
that never came to pass.

969
00:57:40,920 --> 00:57:52,770
But when we were back then in
South Africa with the situation

970
00:57:52,770 --> 00:57:58,770
that we were very much involved
in the Jewish community

971
00:57:58,770 --> 00:58:00,740
not the religious
community so much,

972
00:58:00,740 --> 00:58:05,160
but she was working for Jewish
businesses in the clothing

973
00:58:05,160 --> 00:58:06,240
industry.

974
00:58:06,240 --> 00:58:08,520
I was working for
PG Glass, which

975
00:58:08,520 --> 00:58:18,960
was one of the original Jewish
big companies in Johannesburg.

976
00:58:18,960 --> 00:58:23,160
And we had Jewish neighbors.

977
00:58:23,160 --> 00:58:26,670
So the whole thing
came up again.

978
00:58:26,670 --> 00:58:32,550
And of course, the
orthodox synagogue

979

00:58:32,550 --> 00:58:35,470
was just around the corner
from our house where we lived.

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00:58:35,470 --> 00:58:39,640

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00:58:39,640 --> 00:58:48,890
But what was the moment where
you're saying, I belong here.

982

00:58:48,890 --> 00:58:52,560
This is where I feel at home.

983

00:58:52,560 --> 00:58:55,240
I don't think we knew
that we belonged there.

984

00:58:55,240 --> 00:58:59,380
We only realized that
when we actually joined.

985

00:58:59,380 --> 00:59:08,470
But I mean, as far as
I'm concerned, it was--

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00:59:08,470 --> 00:59:11,900
I found out, for instance,
that my birthday--

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00:59:11,900 --> 00:59:15,670

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00:59:15,670 --> 00:59:20,830
in fact, I realized
that on my 22nd birthday

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00:59:20,830 --> 00:59:26,540
in London, that was also
the day when Israel became

990

00:59:26,540 --> 00:59:31,870

its own free state, which
impressed me tremendously

991
00:59:31,870 --> 00:59:32,820
at the time.

992
00:59:32,820 --> 00:59:42,290
Purely as a brave new
state, a Jewish state.

993
00:59:42,290 --> 01:00:05,730
And when we were in
Germany, me working for ITT,

994
01:00:05,730 --> 01:00:09,600
Pam had decided that
her children would all

995
01:00:09,600 --> 01:00:12,540
be born in England.

996
01:00:12,540 --> 01:00:26,430
And she [?Gretel?] the first
girl was born in a hospital

997
01:00:26,430 --> 01:00:29,140
just around from where we lived.

998
01:00:29,140 --> 01:00:36,630
And she'd made friends
with the nurse there.

999
01:00:36,630 --> 01:00:43,200
And so she went back to have
our son [? Karl ?] from Germany,

1000
01:00:43,200 --> 01:00:44,850
to be born there.

1001
01:00:44,850 --> 01:00:51,750
And then she persuaded the nurse
Mary to join us in Stuttgart

1002

01:00:51,750 --> 01:00:53,980
and look after the two babies.

1003

01:00:53,980 --> 01:00:58,860
And as kind of assistant.

1004

01:00:58,860 --> 01:01:04,140
Because Pam never wanted to
be a home kind of mother.

1005

01:01:04,140 --> 01:01:06,210
She always wanted to
be a working mother.

1006

01:01:06,210 --> 01:01:08,850

1007

01:01:08,850 --> 01:01:16,010
And then one evening there in
Markgronigen we were talking.

1008

01:01:16,010 --> 01:01:21,307
And Mary said, you know, I'm a--

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01:01:21,307 --> 01:01:22,140
what do you call it?

1010

01:01:22,140 --> 01:01:27,070

1011

01:01:27,070 --> 01:01:28,080
What's the word again?

1012

01:01:28,080 --> 01:01:31,660

1013

01:01:31,660 --> 01:01:37,341
Somebody who is psychic.

1014

01:01:37,341 --> 01:01:38,920
A medium?

1015
01:01:38,920 --> 01:01:40,460
A medium.

1016
01:01:40,460 --> 01:01:44,070
I'm definitely a medium.

1017
01:01:44,070 --> 01:01:49,570
So we said, look, let's
have a session then.

1018
01:01:49,570 --> 01:01:51,360
So we had a session.

1019
01:01:51,360 --> 01:01:59,990
And almost at once, who comes,
who appears to her [INAUDIBLE]

1020
01:01:59,990 --> 01:02:02,580
she [? obviously ?]
[? explains ?] my mother,

1021
01:02:02,580 --> 01:02:03,420
my dead mother.

1022
01:02:03,420 --> 01:02:04,500
My late mother.

1023
01:02:04,500 --> 01:02:05,010
Who was--

1024
01:02:05,010 --> 01:02:08,660

1025
01:02:08,660 --> 01:02:11,320
I know you mentioned
this earlier.

1026
01:02:11,320 --> 01:02:12,380
Yeah.

1027

01:02:12,380 --> 01:02:15,820
Way back in the very first
part of our interview.

1028
01:02:15,820 --> 01:02:17,030
Yeah.

1029
01:02:17,030 --> 01:02:21,030
Did Mary know anything
of your biography?

1030
01:02:21,030 --> 01:02:22,520
Nothing at all.

1031
01:02:22,520 --> 01:02:25,450
I mean, we never
talked about it.

1032
01:02:25,450 --> 01:02:28,190
And what did my
mother talk about?

1033
01:02:28,190 --> 01:02:29,980
Johannesburg.

1034
01:02:29,980 --> 01:02:31,960
Johannesburg.

1035
01:02:31,960 --> 01:02:35,350
And I got more and more
worked up about it.

1036
01:02:35,350 --> 01:02:38,460
Because that's the last
place we wanted to get to.

1037
01:02:38,460 --> 01:02:41,450
With all the upheaval
in South Africa.

1038
01:02:41,450 --> 01:02:42,610
What on Earth?

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01:02:42,610 --> 01:02:47,250

You know, when I hear this
voice coming up [INAUDIBLE]..

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01:02:47,250 --> 01:02:51,870

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01:02:51,870 --> 01:02:57,850

So eventually, I said,
Mary, let's stop it.

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01:02:57,850 --> 01:03:09,120

So had a kind of [INAUDIBLE]
Ouija board [INAUDIBLE] OK.

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01:03:09,120 --> 01:03:11,210

[INAUDIBLE]

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01:03:11,210 --> 01:03:11,730

Yeah.

1045

01:03:11,730 --> 01:03:21,180

So you know, at
the time, I thought

1046

01:03:21,180 --> 01:03:25,660

it was just one of those
impossible kind of things.

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01:03:25,660 --> 01:03:31,630

Maybe Mary two years later,
we were in Johannesburg.

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01:03:31,630 --> 01:03:34,850

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01:03:34,850 --> 01:03:36,390

And how did that happen?

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01:03:36,390 --> 01:03:38,630

Had somebody offered
you a position there?

1051
01:03:38,630 --> 01:03:41,360
Did you apply for
a position there?

1052
01:03:41,360 --> 01:03:42,290
No, no.

1053
01:03:42,290 --> 01:03:51,360
I mean, my great
job at ITT became--

1054
01:03:51,360 --> 01:03:56,090
ITT became more and more
impossible internationally.

1055
01:03:56,090 --> 01:03:58,510
They just overreached
themselves.

1056
01:03:58,510 --> 01:04:02,720
Always working on
takeovers, always

1057
01:04:02,720 --> 01:04:06,050
squeezing all the
takeovers out of money.

1058
01:04:06,050 --> 01:04:12,780
And then of course,
there was an economic,

1059
01:04:12,780 --> 01:04:17,270
what do you call it-- a crisis,
when oil prices shot up.

1060
01:04:17,270 --> 01:04:20,170

1061
01:04:20,170 --> 01:04:25,630
And there was kind of
financial breakdown.

1062

01:04:25,630 --> 01:04:31,630

And of course, the ITT shares
were then falling along

1063

01:04:31,630 --> 01:04:33,380

with all the other shares.

1064

01:04:33,380 --> 01:04:40,550

And ITT, when they took
over other businesses,

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01:04:40,550 --> 01:04:43,950

they used to give people shares.

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01:04:43,950 --> 01:04:45,800

And they wouldn't pay cash.

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01:04:45,800 --> 01:04:47,400

But they would give them shares.

1068

01:04:47,400 --> 01:04:49,010

ITT shares.

1069

01:04:49,010 --> 01:04:52,640

And of course, as
long as the ITT shares

1070

01:04:52,640 --> 01:04:54,860

were rising at the
stock exchanges,

1071

01:04:54,860 --> 01:04:57,680

people didn't mind
to have a condition

1072

01:04:57,680 --> 01:05:01,190

that for the first five
years, they weren't

1073

01:05:01,190 --> 01:05:04,310

allowed to sell the shares.

1074

01:05:04,310 --> 01:05:11,840

But with the financial
disaster then, of course,

1075

01:05:11,840 --> 01:05:13,490

that didn't apply anymore.

1076

01:05:13,490 --> 01:05:15,590

Nobody wanted the ITT shares.

1077

01:05:15,590 --> 01:05:18,930

Because they were losing
value all the time.

1078

01:05:18,930 --> 01:05:23,600

And that was the beginning
of the end of ITT

1079

01:05:23,600 --> 01:05:25,360

within a short time.

1080

01:05:25,360 --> 01:05:26,720

OK.

1081

01:05:26,720 --> 01:05:28,360

It hadn't all happened yet.

1082

01:05:28,360 --> 01:05:34,520

It was only beginning
to happen when

1083

01:05:34,520 --> 01:05:36,950

towards the end of
my time in Germany.

1084

01:05:36,950 --> 01:05:41,280

But we had arranged--

1085

01:05:41,280 --> 01:05:44,990

1086

01:05:44,990 --> 01:05:53,090
my younger sister married into
a German family in Namibia.

1087
01:05:53,090 --> 01:06:01,130
They were conversely the
biggest, most richest family

1088
01:06:01,130 --> 01:06:02,420
in Namibia.

1089
01:06:02,420 --> 01:06:06,380
They had the only department
store in Windhoek.

1090
01:06:06,380 --> 01:06:12,640
And I was, of course, had
been until I joined ITT,

1091
01:06:12,640 --> 01:06:17,270
with the John Lewis Partnership
as a senior manager.

1092
01:06:17,270 --> 01:06:22,130
And the son who was running
that particular part

1093
01:06:22,130 --> 01:06:26,640
of the [INAUDIBLE] in Namibia.

1094
01:06:26,640 --> 01:06:31,450
He came on buying trips, always
stopping off with us in England

1095
01:06:31,450 --> 01:06:34,010
and later in Germany.

1096
01:06:34,010 --> 01:06:36,620
He kept saying, no,
why don't you come?

1097
01:06:36,620 --> 01:06:37,550
Take a holiday.

1098
01:06:37,550 --> 01:06:42,985
And then you can consult
me on our shop in Windhoek.

1099
01:06:42,985 --> 01:06:45,780

1100
01:06:45,780 --> 01:06:50,150
And so this thing had gone on.

1101
01:06:50,150 --> 01:06:59,380
And then in 1974, or '72--

1102
01:06:59,380 --> 01:07:00,420
three.

1103
01:07:00,420 --> 01:07:02,060
'74, I think.

1104
01:07:02,060 --> 01:07:04,270
1974.

1105
01:07:04,270 --> 01:07:10,840
Just when things with ITT
went not from bad to worse,

1106
01:07:10,840 --> 01:07:14,500
but began to be a
possible disaster.

1107
01:07:14,500 --> 01:07:18,910

1108
01:07:18,910 --> 01:07:27,470
I had made it possible to get a
job [INAUDIBLE] ITT [INAUDIBLE]

1109
01:07:27,470 --> 01:07:30,760
in South Africa.

1110

01:07:30,760 --> 01:07:33,700

1111

01:07:33,700 --> 01:07:40,410

And so the idea was that
Mary would take our two

1112

01:07:40,410 --> 01:07:43,940

babies to her mom in England.

1113

01:07:43,940 --> 01:07:49,500

And Pam and I would
go to Johannesburg

1114

01:07:49,500 --> 01:07:54,480

and deal with this ITT issue.

1115

01:07:54,480 --> 01:08:01,860

And then we would take a
three month holiday in Namibia

1116

01:08:01,860 --> 01:08:08,860

with my younger sister,
and of course, her cousin--

1117

01:08:08,860 --> 01:08:16,290

her husband's brother to
look after at the shop.

1118

01:08:16,290 --> 01:08:20,700

So all that then
sort of materialized.

1119

01:08:20,700 --> 01:08:23,180

And one thing led to another.

1120

01:08:23,180 --> 01:08:27,779

And we got hooked
for South Africa.

1121

01:08:27,779 --> 01:08:31,939

The family, the
[PERSONAL NAME] family

1122
01:08:31,939 --> 01:08:35,680
had not only that
department store

1123
01:08:35,680 --> 01:08:41,040
in Windhoek they had also a very
large part of the central area

1124
01:08:41,040 --> 01:08:46,319
of the city, which
they were wanting

1125
01:08:46,319 --> 01:08:48,729
to develop in a big way.

1126
01:08:48,729 --> 01:08:55,189
And the guy from Johannesburg,
who was developing [INAUDIBLE]

1127
01:08:55,189 --> 01:08:58,090
kind of business--

1128
01:08:58,090 --> 01:09:03,800
he was making a shopping
center with a big hotel.

1129
01:09:03,800 --> 01:09:06,290
And so I got involved with him.

1130
01:09:06,290 --> 01:09:10,910
And he said, why don't you join
me in my property development?

1131
01:09:10,910 --> 01:09:12,880
It's going great.

1132
01:09:12,880 --> 01:09:15,830
[INAUDIBLE] building big
hotels and shopping centers

1133
01:09:15,830 --> 01:09:17,189

all over the place.

1134
01:09:17,189 --> 01:09:20,960
And it was a complete
novelty in Southern Africa.

1135
01:09:20,960 --> 01:09:25,490
So I jumped the
gun and joined him.

1136
01:09:25,490 --> 01:09:30,100
So that's how we got
then to Johannesburg.

1137
01:09:30,100 --> 01:09:33,200
And he was very
helpful to find for us

1138
01:09:33,200 --> 01:09:41,240
a nice big house, [? good ?]
swimming pool in Johannesburg.

1139
01:09:41,240 --> 01:09:48,439
But then they did that financial
crisis starting with the oil

1140
01:09:48,439 --> 01:09:52,100
prices become so high,
hit also South Africa.

1141
01:09:52,100 --> 01:09:57,290
So all the financial
backing for his developments

1142
01:09:57,290 --> 01:10:02,540
was stopped by the big banks
and insurance companies.

1143
01:10:02,540 --> 01:10:07,690
So I suddenly found
myself unemployed.

1144
01:10:07,690 --> 01:10:10,380

With a big house there.

1145
01:10:10,380 --> 01:10:16,980
And Pam found immediately a
job in the clothing industry

1146
01:10:16,980 --> 01:10:18,780
in Johannesburg.

1147
01:10:18,780 --> 01:10:24,350
And that's how I joined PG
Glass, which eventually became

1148
01:10:24,350 --> 01:10:28,180
Glass South Africa, a
very successful family,

1149
01:10:28,180 --> 01:10:31,830
Jewish family company.

1150
01:10:31,830 --> 01:10:34,950
And we got more
and more involved

1151
01:10:34,950 --> 01:10:38,140
in the Jewish side, both ways.

1152
01:10:38,140 --> 01:10:46,400
And then Pam had a partner for
a time who was the leader of a--

1153
01:10:46,400 --> 01:10:51,155

1154
01:10:51,155 --> 01:10:53,680
one of those half--

1155
01:10:53,680 --> 01:10:55,520
what do you call it?

1156
01:10:55,520 --> 01:10:59,910
Not seriously-- not

orthodox Jewish.

1157
01:10:59,910 --> 01:11:03,350
[INAUDIBLE] orthodox
Jewish synagogue.

1158
01:11:03,350 --> 01:11:08,830
You mean like conservative, or
reform, or something like that?

1159
01:11:08,830 --> 01:11:09,590
Yes.

1160
01:11:09,590 --> 01:11:15,440
Something that where men
and women sat side by side.

1161
01:11:15,440 --> 01:11:19,410
And it was more like a club.

1162
01:11:19,410 --> 01:11:24,170
And [INAUDIBLE] felt that was--

1163
01:11:24,170 --> 01:11:27,360
that wasn't the genuine thing.

1164
01:11:27,360 --> 01:11:34,650
And as I mentioned before,
we had the shul synagogue

1165
01:11:34,650 --> 01:11:37,740
directly down the road from us.

1166
01:11:37,740 --> 01:11:42,930
And suddenly, one day,
Pam noticed in the--

1167
01:11:42,930 --> 01:11:44,430
[INAUDIBLE] something
on the radio.

1168
01:11:44,430 --> 01:11:48,000

And it was in [? The Star, ?]
in the newspaper,

1169
01:11:48,000 --> 01:11:54,060
about the synagogue opening
free telephone access

1170
01:11:54,060 --> 01:11:58,150
for anybody in trouble
at any time of the day--

1171
01:11:58,150 --> 01:12:02,910
professional
psychological person

1172
01:12:02,910 --> 01:12:04,950
attending to the problem.

1173
01:12:04,950 --> 01:12:10,630
And she phoned up that number.

1174
01:12:10,630 --> 01:12:14,100
And to just to congratulate them
on what a wonderful thing they

1175
01:12:14,100 --> 01:12:22,020
were doing, which was answered
by the [INAUDIBLE] of the shul.

1176
01:12:22,020 --> 01:12:24,030
They had a very good talk.

1177
01:12:24,030 --> 01:12:29,690
And she said, you know,
we've been looking for a way.

1178
01:12:29,690 --> 01:12:32,460
Oh, she said, you must
talk to my husband.

1179
01:12:32,460 --> 01:12:35,400
I will arrange it.

1180

01:12:35,400 --> 01:12:37,860

And that's how we--

1181

01:12:37,860 --> 01:12:42,605

And he was a very
straightforward rabbi.

1182

01:12:42,605 --> 01:12:45,420

1183

01:12:45,420 --> 01:12:50,640

Didn't beat around the bush,
and said, oh, you think you--

1184

01:12:50,640 --> 01:12:52,360

this is your choice.

1185

01:12:52,360 --> 01:12:54,970

But if you do choose--

1186

01:12:54,970 --> 01:13:00,060

if you make the choice,
it will be tough for you.

1187

01:13:00,060 --> 01:13:03,330

The children will have to
go to a yeshiva college.

1188

01:13:03,330 --> 01:13:06,810

Take them out of your
existing schools.

1189

01:13:06,810 --> 01:13:12,940

And you have to come to
shul every Friday, Shabbos.

1190

01:13:12,940 --> 01:13:15,470

1191

01:13:15,470 --> 01:13:21,230

And in no time at
all, we were in.

1192

01:13:21,230 --> 01:13:28,640
And we were met as friends, not
as sort of foreign intruders

1193

01:13:28,640 --> 01:13:30,280
or anything like that.

1194

01:13:30,280 --> 01:13:36,470
We made friends for life almost
straightaway in that shul.

1195

01:13:36,470 --> 01:13:39,460

1196

01:13:39,460 --> 01:13:43,630
What drew you there?

1197

01:13:43,630 --> 01:13:45,840
I mean, you were born Catholic.

1198

01:13:45,840 --> 01:13:49,360
You're not particularly from
a practicing family, but not

1199

01:13:49,360 --> 01:13:51,790
an anti-religious family.

1200

01:13:51,790 --> 01:13:55,810
Had you-- had anything
appealed to you

1201

01:13:55,810 --> 01:13:59,830
earlier in the tradition
you were born into?

1202

01:13:59,830 --> 01:14:02,320
Or did you have any
religious feeling?

1203

01:14:02,320 --> 01:14:06,790
Or was it a religious

impulse, a need

1204

01:14:06,790 --> 01:14:10,300
for having a faith
community, that brought you

1205

01:14:10,300 --> 01:14:12,910
to that congregation?

1206

01:14:12,910 --> 01:14:16,630
Can you explain a
little bit about how

1207

01:14:16,630 --> 01:14:20,810
it is that it spoke to you?

1208

01:14:20,810 --> 01:14:22,670
In every possible way.

1209

01:14:22,670 --> 01:14:27,230
I mean, our neighbors
and the people

1210

01:14:27,230 --> 01:14:29,970
in businesses which we knew--

1211

01:14:29,970 --> 01:14:32,150
not all of them
were religious Jews,

1212

01:14:32,150 --> 01:14:34,670
but they were all
very nice people.

1213

01:14:34,670 --> 01:14:37,480
The kind of people
you feel you trust.

1214

01:14:37,480 --> 01:14:38,450
Trustworthy.

1215

01:14:38,450 --> 01:14:43,910

And then I had already
this kind of love

1216
01:14:43,910 --> 01:14:46,760
for Israel, the way
that they'd risen out

1217
01:14:46,760 --> 01:14:49,070
of nowhere after the war.

1218
01:14:49,070 --> 01:14:56,230
And coupled with my own
birthday by coincidence, maybe.

1219
01:14:56,230 --> 01:15:00,260
And we actually--

1220
01:15:00,260 --> 01:15:06,890
Rivka and I-- we were
then [INAUDIBLE] in 1972,

1221
01:15:06,890 --> 01:15:08,300
in Germany.

1222
01:15:08,300 --> 01:15:13,220
Germany had no--

1223
01:15:13,220 --> 01:15:18,560
German tourists weren't
accepted in Israel until 1972.

1224
01:15:18,560 --> 01:15:25,090
Suddenly there was an
offer for two weeks

1225
01:15:25,090 --> 01:15:26,540
travel through Israel.

1226
01:15:26,540 --> 01:15:28,350
So we applied.

1227
01:15:28,350 --> 01:15:30,100

Mary took the babies.

1228
01:15:30,100 --> 01:15:35,540
And again, we had an
extraordinary lovely time

1229
01:15:35,540 --> 01:15:39,000
in Israel with
this German group.

1230
01:15:39,000 --> 01:15:42,684

1231
01:15:42,684 --> 01:15:47,980
And everything sort of added
to the next all the time.

1232
01:15:47,980 --> 01:15:50,960

1233
01:15:50,960 --> 01:15:54,710
It became almost
obvious that we would--

1234
01:15:54,710 --> 01:15:57,830

1235
01:15:57,830 --> 01:16:04,170
when we went to that not
serious kind of shul that was,

1236
01:16:04,170 --> 01:16:06,520
shall we say, put us off.

1237
01:16:06,520 --> 01:16:12,940
But we always felt that orthodox
sounded rather formidable.

1238
01:16:12,940 --> 01:16:19,510
But when Pam talked to rabbis
in there, and the rabbi

1239

01:16:19,510 --> 01:16:23,770
himself, making it all a kind
of straightforward issue,

1240
01:16:23,770 --> 01:16:30,280
just make your mind and mean it,
type of attitude, we were in.

1241
01:16:30,280 --> 01:16:32,790
And we were accepted everywhere.

1242
01:16:32,790 --> 01:16:37,150
And Pam was immediately in with
the Women's [? Guild. ?] And I

1243
01:16:37,150 --> 01:16:41,880
got involved with the
[?guarding of the?] shul [?so I

1244
01:16:41,880 --> 01:16:43,690
had to do guard duties?].

1245
01:16:43,690 --> 01:16:45,910
But we were among
[INAUDIBLE] people.

1246
01:16:45,910 --> 01:16:48,860

1247
01:16:48,860 --> 01:16:52,030
We were friends with
almost automatically.

1248
01:16:52,030 --> 01:16:55,460
So the extra hardship
was, of course,

1249
01:16:55,460 --> 01:17:00,480
to keep to learn, and learn,
and learn, never stop learning.

1250
01:17:00,480 --> 01:17:03,280

1251
01:17:03,280 --> 01:17:07,330
The fact of keeping
Shabbos, what a difference

1252
01:17:07,330 --> 01:17:08,710
it made to our lives.

1253
01:17:08,710 --> 01:17:10,080
Can't believe.

1254
01:17:10,080 --> 01:17:12,370
You know, before
that, the weekend

1255
01:17:12,370 --> 01:17:16,770
was just one rush, rush, rush.

1256
01:17:16,770 --> 01:17:19,250
And of course the week as well.

1257
01:17:19,250 --> 01:17:21,910
And now suddenly, you
had a complete break.

1258
01:17:21,910 --> 01:17:23,020
You sat back.

1259
01:17:23,020 --> 01:17:25,840
You went to shul always
with nice people.

1260
01:17:25,840 --> 01:17:29,290

1261
01:17:29,290 --> 01:17:30,230
Hello?

1262
01:17:30,230 --> 01:17:31,150
Yeah.

1263

01:17:31,150 --> 01:17:31,720
I'm here.

1264
01:17:31,720 --> 01:17:33,920
I'm here.

1265
01:17:33,920 --> 01:17:35,440
Can you hear me?

1266
01:17:35,440 --> 01:17:36,270
I can hear you.

1267
01:17:36,270 --> 01:17:36,770
OK.

1268
01:17:36,770 --> 01:17:39,520
Except I can't see you.

1269
01:17:39,520 --> 01:17:42,790
Can you see me now?

1270
01:17:42,790 --> 01:17:44,710
Can you see me now?

1271
01:17:44,710 --> 01:17:46,460
No.

1272
01:17:46,460 --> 01:17:47,410
I don't know.

1273
01:17:47,410 --> 01:17:50,020
Is there anything I can do?

1274
01:17:50,020 --> 01:17:52,590

1275
01:17:52,590 --> 01:17:55,260
Well, it's interesting,
because at my end,

1276
01:17:55,260 --> 01:17:58,290

now when I'm speaking,
I've turned the video off.

1277
01:17:58,290 --> 01:18:03,360
But I had turned it on before.

1278
01:18:03,360 --> 01:18:10,790
And we're coming, I think, close
to the end of our interview.

1279
01:18:10,790 --> 01:18:13,800
But I wanted to ask
a few more questions.

1280
01:18:13,800 --> 01:18:18,500
And let's see if we can
keep on going this way.

1281
01:18:18,500 --> 01:18:20,160
OK.

1282
01:18:20,160 --> 01:18:26,400
And the question is is that
did your life in Germany--

1283
01:18:26,400 --> 01:18:30,810
did your biography, did
the fact that you belonged

1284
01:18:30,810 --> 01:18:34,560
to the Waffen SS
of all things, did

1285
01:18:34,560 --> 01:18:39,500
that ever make a difference?

1286
01:18:39,500 --> 01:18:42,180
I mean, did anyone
raise any eyebrows

1287
01:18:42,180 --> 01:18:43,460
when you joined the community?

1288

01:18:43,460 --> 01:18:46,620

Did you ever share your
biography to the same degree

1289

01:18:46,620 --> 01:18:48,030

that we have right now?

1290

01:18:48,030 --> 01:18:49,221

Yes.

1291

01:18:49,221 --> 01:18:52,830

It's like in every good
household or family,

1292

01:18:52,830 --> 01:18:56,520

the last thing that
people were going to ask

1293

01:18:56,520 --> 01:19:00,330

is any awkward
questions about my past.

1294

01:19:00,330 --> 01:19:05,790

Not even the chief rabbi,
or any of the rabbis,

1295

01:19:05,790 --> 01:19:12,305

would actually probe me
on that kind of detail.

1296

01:19:12,305 --> 01:19:15,080

1297

01:19:15,080 --> 01:19:19,310

And I was obviously also not--

1298

01:19:19,310 --> 01:19:22,920

I didn't want to flaunt
my Waffen SS thing.

1299

01:19:22,920 --> 01:19:28,320

It was a problem that I

solved, I think, in my way,

1300
01:19:28,320 --> 01:19:29,730
quite successfully.

1301
01:19:29,730 --> 01:19:33,230
But you know, it
wasn't something

1302
01:19:33,230 --> 01:19:38,190
I could sell as a good deed
or something like that.

1303
01:19:38,190 --> 01:19:40,710
Was it?

1304
01:19:40,710 --> 01:19:41,210
No.

1305
01:19:41,210 --> 01:19:43,210
I mean, that's one of the
reasons I bring it up.

1306
01:19:43,210 --> 01:19:44,820
Is because it's ironic.

1307
01:19:44,820 --> 01:19:45,320
It's very--

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01:19:45,320 --> 01:19:46,530
[INAUDIBLE]

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01:19:46,530 --> 01:19:50,450
The fact that I could lead
my Waffen SS group away

1310
01:19:50,450 --> 01:19:53,330
from fighting and
killing the Russians,

1311
01:19:53,330 --> 01:19:57,360
or the Russians killing

them, and so on.

1312
01:19:57,360 --> 01:19:59,720
You know, I felt
proud I was able to do

1313
01:19:59,720 --> 01:20:02,430
that in the circumstances.

1314
01:20:02,430 --> 01:20:04,550
And I certainly
had always intended

1315
01:20:04,550 --> 01:20:09,350
to stop killing
wherever I could.

1316
01:20:09,350 --> 01:20:13,730
But you know, it's a kind
of tricky, tricky thing

1317
01:20:13,730 --> 01:20:14,910
to talk about.

1318
01:20:14,910 --> 01:20:15,410
Isn't it?

1319
01:20:15,410 --> 01:20:18,240

1320
01:20:18,240 --> 01:20:19,380
Well, of course.

1321
01:20:19,380 --> 01:20:20,470
Of course.

1322
01:20:20,470 --> 01:20:22,245
So this is why I wonder.

1323
01:20:22,245 --> 01:20:24,750

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01:20:24,750 --> 01:20:30,330

I was accepted, not only
by the people there.

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01:20:30,330 --> 01:20:33,510

I was accepted by two chief
rabbis, or three, actually.

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01:20:33,510 --> 01:20:36,990

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01:20:36,990 --> 01:20:38,940

We were accepted in a family.

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01:20:38,940 --> 01:20:40,050

No questions asked.

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01:20:40,050 --> 01:20:42,060

No awkward questions asked.

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01:20:42,060 --> 01:20:46,170

And the fact that we were
positive and helped [INAUDIBLE]

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01:20:46,170 --> 01:20:50,115

making our contribution at the
shul, that's all that counted.

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01:20:50,115 --> 01:20:53,420

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01:20:53,420 --> 01:21:02,150

Did this turn in your life
make you re-evaluate the events

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01:21:02,150 --> 01:21:03,890

of your earlier life--

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01:21:03,890 --> 01:21:06,110

the events of your growing up?

1336

01:21:06,110 --> 01:21:12,170
And did you know more
or explore more as

1337
01:21:12,170 --> 01:21:16,310
to what Germany had done,
and what German Jews'

1338
01:21:16,310 --> 01:21:18,380
experience had been?

1339
01:21:18,380 --> 01:21:22,340
Or had that already happened
before you take the step

1340
01:21:22,340 --> 01:21:27,180
to actually convert to Judaism?

1341
01:21:27,180 --> 01:21:31,900
Well, I mean, I--

1342
01:21:31,900 --> 01:21:38,380
certainly, it had
its effect on me.

1343
01:21:38,380 --> 01:21:41,050
But it wasn't part
of my daily life.

1344
01:21:41,050 --> 01:21:44,360
It was something that
I would read about.

1345
01:21:44,360 --> 01:21:52,090
I bought the books that
were written and read them.

1346
01:21:52,090 --> 01:21:55,870

1347
01:21:55,870 --> 01:22:03,550
[? Even in ?] that South African
community, where there were--

1348
01:22:03,550 --> 01:22:14,360
I met a number of
survivors from death camps.

1349
01:22:14,360 --> 01:22:19,240
And the strange thing
was, with all of them,

1350
01:22:19,240 --> 01:22:21,760
I had especially
good relationships,

1351
01:22:21,760 --> 01:22:28,050
without any explanation,
if you like.

1352
01:22:28,050 --> 01:22:31,860

1353
01:22:31,860 --> 01:22:33,030
It was quite amazing.

1354
01:22:33,030 --> 01:22:43,170

1355
01:22:43,170 --> 01:22:51,050
I am wondering-- did you tell
your family back in Germany?

1356
01:22:51,050 --> 01:22:57,100
And was there any
reaction on, let's

1357
01:22:57,100 --> 01:23:00,400
say, I mean, your family is
not just German, but German

1358
01:23:00,400 --> 01:23:02,810
Austrian [INAUDIBLE] you know.

1359
01:23:02,810 --> 01:23:06,400

And did you ever share
this development with them?

1360
01:23:06,400 --> 01:23:11,430
And that you and Pam convert
and that your names now

1361
01:23:11,430 --> 01:23:12,565
are Itzhak and Rivka?

1362
01:23:12,565 --> 01:23:15,410

1363
01:23:15,410 --> 01:23:17,000
Well--

1364
01:23:17,000 --> 01:23:19,930
How did they react,
in other words?

1365
01:23:19,930 --> 01:23:23,510
They reacted
positive, because we

1366
01:23:23,510 --> 01:23:29,600
have had always good
relationships with my family.

1367
01:23:29,600 --> 01:23:35,930
They sort of said, well, you
know, great, but [INAUDIBLE]

1368
01:23:35,930 --> 01:23:38,240
our friends when they met them.

1369
01:23:38,240 --> 01:23:47,150
But they weren't automatically
following our footsteps,

1370
01:23:47,150 --> 01:23:50,010
if you like.

1371

01:23:50,010 --> 01:23:54,130
I mean, the most
difficult thing was always

1372
01:23:54,130 --> 01:23:58,600
the question of food and
meals, and that kind of thing.

1373
01:23:58,600 --> 01:24:04,850
Which sort of has its moments
of problems, [INAUDIBLE]..

1374
01:24:04,850 --> 01:24:07,360
You know, when they
invite you, can they

1375
01:24:07,360 --> 01:24:08,910
be up to kosher standard.

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01:24:08,910 --> 01:24:11,420

1377
01:24:11,420 --> 01:24:14,600
Those were kind of
the internal problems

1378
01:24:14,600 --> 01:24:20,410
that sometimes made the
relations difficult. Still do.

1379
01:24:20,410 --> 01:24:25,070

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01:24:25,070 --> 01:24:26,900
But [INAUDIBLE].

1381
01:24:26,900 --> 01:24:27,400
OK.

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01:24:27,400 --> 01:24:31,680

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01:24:31,680 --> 01:24:34,440
Did conversion to
Judaism mean that you

1384
01:24:34,440 --> 01:24:37,510
became a religious person?

1385
01:24:37,510 --> 01:24:40,320
And now I'm looking not at the
traditions and the rituals,

1386
01:24:40,320 --> 01:24:42,520
but the faith aspect.

1387
01:24:42,520 --> 01:24:43,730
Yeah.

1388
01:24:43,730 --> 01:24:45,270
We both did.

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01:24:45,270 --> 01:24:48,800
And the fact that--

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01:24:48,800 --> 01:24:54,110
I mean, Rivka and I are quite
different personalities.

1391
01:24:54,110 --> 01:24:57,840
I think that's why our
marriage is so strong.

1392
01:24:57,840 --> 01:25:05,960
Because she makes up where I'm
not so strong and vice versa.

1393
01:25:05,960 --> 01:25:10,460
And it certainly gave
us a tremendous uplift.

1394
01:25:10,460 --> 01:25:22,800
So as far as meeting my
parents, we were sort of--

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01:25:22,800 --> 01:25:27,500

they found us better
people to deal with.

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01:25:27,500 --> 01:25:31,965

More friendly, more
helpful, [INAUDIBLE]..

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01:25:31,965 --> 01:25:34,860

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01:25:34,860 --> 01:25:38,230

The relationships--
all our relationships

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01:25:38,230 --> 01:25:40,860

improved, whether they
were religious or not.

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01:25:40,860 --> 01:25:44,940

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01:25:44,940 --> 01:25:46,650

That's quite something.

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01:25:46,650 --> 01:25:47,520

It is amazing.

1403

01:25:47,520 --> 01:25:54,310

1404

01:25:54,310 --> 01:26:00,140

I'm pausing now because in
some ways, I'm at a loss for--

1405

01:26:00,140 --> 01:26:02,280

I mean, I have more questions.

1406

01:26:02,280 --> 01:26:06,965

But yours is such
an unusual story.

1407
01:26:06,965 --> 01:26:08,450
Maybe.

1408
01:26:08,450 --> 01:26:10,980
Maybe we can talk again.

1409
01:26:10,980 --> 01:26:17,130
There are probably
definitely more

1410
01:26:17,130 --> 01:26:19,920
stories to be talked
about, or more

1411
01:26:19,920 --> 01:26:24,830
lives to be explored
if you like.

1412
01:26:24,830 --> 01:26:28,280
I mean, certainly
for us, what I've

1413
01:26:28,280 --> 01:26:32,740
said to you is just a few
words, which certainly

1414
01:26:32,740 --> 01:26:36,150
doesn't cover the whole range.

1415
01:26:36,150 --> 01:26:36,850
OK.

1416
01:26:36,850 --> 01:26:39,280
Then I would suggest
that maybe we look

1417
01:26:39,280 --> 01:26:41,620
at this in the following way.

1418
01:26:41,620 --> 01:26:46,300
That for the purposes
of our interview,

1419
01:26:46,300 --> 01:26:49,720
our official interview,
what we talked about

1420
01:26:49,720 --> 01:26:53,470
over the past
several days-- and I

1421
01:26:53,470 --> 01:26:58,120
think it's been four or five
days, for the past two weeks,

1422
01:26:58,120 --> 01:27:00,250
is we consider it a whole.

1423
01:27:00,250 --> 01:27:05,050
That we consider this
an entire interview.

1424
01:27:05,050 --> 01:27:11,260
And if we speak in the future,
then as an accretion to it.

1425
01:27:11,260 --> 01:27:15,880
That is, if there are
questions that I think of,

1426
01:27:15,880 --> 01:27:17,500
and I will get in
touch with you.

1427
01:27:17,500 --> 01:27:21,430
If there are things that you
think we talked about so much,

1428
01:27:21,430 --> 01:27:23,770
but we didn't talk
about this, and this

1429
01:27:23,770 --> 01:27:26,500
is an important
aspect of the story,

1430
01:27:26,500 --> 01:27:28,270
then you get in touch with me.

1431
01:27:28,270 --> 01:27:33,142
And we set up sort of
like a follow up time.

1432
01:27:33,142 --> 01:27:34,540
Yeah.

1433
01:27:34,540 --> 01:27:38,350
And then we can
address those things.

1434
01:27:38,350 --> 01:27:44,790
But for right now, I would
say, do you agree that--

1435
01:27:44,790 --> 01:27:49,600
let's say we've kind
of come from one end

1436
01:27:49,600 --> 01:27:56,080
to another, and full circle,
when we talk about your life

1437
01:27:56,080 --> 01:28:00,010
and your growing up years.

1438
01:28:00,010 --> 01:28:05,650
The Holocaust, and you
finding a spiritual home

1439
01:28:05,650 --> 01:28:07,950
in Orthodox Judaism.

1440
01:28:07,950 --> 01:28:08,770
Yeah.

1441
01:28:08,770 --> 01:28:12,620
Would you agree that we've kind

of covered at least the bases?

1442
01:28:12,620 --> 01:28:13,120
Yes.

1443
01:28:13,120 --> 01:28:17,770
I would say that
is roughly so, yes.

1444
01:28:17,770 --> 01:28:19,810
But obviously,
there's a lot more

1445
01:28:19,810 --> 01:28:23,560
that can be said on
every page, if you like.

1446
01:28:23,560 --> 01:28:24,190
Yeah.

1447
01:28:24,190 --> 01:28:25,970
Yeah, true.

1448
01:28:25,970 --> 01:28:29,710
So then let's do it this way.

1449
01:28:29,710 --> 01:28:32,720
I will conclude this interview.

1450
01:28:32,720 --> 01:28:35,980
And there's a few words that
I say at the end to do that.

1451
01:28:35,980 --> 01:28:38,980
And we keep in touch.

1452
01:28:38,980 --> 01:28:43,600
And as I say, if there are more
questions that I will have,

1453
01:28:43,600 --> 01:28:50,140
if there are more aspects, or

events, or thoughts that you

1454
01:28:50,140 --> 01:28:53,350
have, we write them down.

1455
01:28:53,350 --> 01:28:55,900
And then we make
another appointment.

1456
01:28:55,900 --> 01:28:57,620
How does that sound?

1457
01:28:57,620 --> 01:28:59,310
Very good, yeah.

1458
01:28:59,310 --> 01:29:01,010
OK.

1459
01:29:01,010 --> 01:29:03,220
But tell me, what are
you actually going

1460
01:29:03,220 --> 01:29:06,350
to do with what you've got now?

1461
01:29:06,350 --> 01:29:06,850
OK.

1462
01:29:06,850 --> 01:29:11,230
With what we've
got now is that--

1463
01:29:11,230 --> 01:29:13,610
and I'll say this while
I'm still recording

1464
01:29:13,610 --> 01:29:15,730
so it would be obvious.

1465
01:29:15,730 --> 01:29:21,640
Is that this interview
will be pulled together

1466
01:29:21,640 --> 01:29:24,910
to become one after
all of the several days

1467
01:29:24,910 --> 01:29:26,620
that we have talked.

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01:29:26,620 --> 01:29:30,880
And it will be a part of
the United States Holocaust

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01:29:30,880 --> 01:29:33,320
Memorial Museum archives.

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01:29:33,320 --> 01:29:38,740
And our policy now is to
put all interviews online

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01:29:38,740 --> 01:29:41,930
so that people could
hear them, see them.

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01:29:41,930 --> 01:29:44,290
Your children could.

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01:29:44,290 --> 01:29:47,590
Friends and relatives could
from wherever they are.

1474
01:29:47,590 --> 01:29:50,480
And it would be
through our website.

1475
01:29:50,480 --> 01:29:56,080
So that is what, when we sent
out a release form to you

1476
01:29:56,080 --> 01:29:58,090
and you sent it back,
and you signed it,

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01:29:58,090 --> 01:30:00,560
that is basically what was done.

1478
01:30:00,560 --> 01:30:06,430
Now if you have any reservations
about this interview being

1479
01:30:06,430 --> 01:30:11,770
shown online, then
you must tell me.

1480
01:30:11,770 --> 01:30:17,080
And we would explore what those
reservations are, and then make

1481
01:30:17,080 --> 01:30:19,190
some adjustments.

1482
01:30:19,190 --> 01:30:21,960
But generally, this
is how it is handled.

1483
01:30:21,960 --> 01:30:26,470
And in addition to that,
after it goes online,

1484
01:30:26,470 --> 01:30:29,900
we find a way of getting
you a copy of it.

1485
01:30:29,900 --> 01:30:33,880
So that would either
be sent electronically,

1486
01:30:33,880 --> 01:30:36,950
or on a flash drive, on a DVD.

1487
01:30:36,950 --> 01:30:40,765
And that will most likely happen
when we get back to the office.

1488
01:30:40,765 --> 01:30:41,265
Yeah.

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01:30:41,265 --> 01:30:45,090

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01:30:45,090 --> 01:30:48,520
So does this sound
acceptable to you?

1491
01:30:48,520 --> 01:30:52,750
Well, it's perfectly acceptable.

1492
01:30:52,750 --> 01:30:54,730
I've got no problem.

1493
01:30:54,730 --> 01:30:55,720
OK.

1494
01:30:55,720 --> 01:30:56,320
OK.

1495
01:30:56,320 --> 01:30:57,490
Thank you.

1496
01:30:57,490 --> 01:30:58,450
Thank you.

1497
01:30:58,450 --> 01:31:01,120
And thank you then
for all the days

1498
01:31:01,120 --> 01:31:06,130
that you have sat and
shared your story with me,

1499
01:31:06,130 --> 01:31:12,610
your thoughts, your impressions,
all of our technical glitches

1500
01:31:12,610 --> 01:31:18,250
that we have
overcome in the end.

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01:31:18,250 --> 01:31:20,420

Before I say my
concluding words,

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01:31:20,420 --> 01:31:22,660

is there any final
thought that you

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01:31:22,660 --> 01:31:24,760

would like to share
with everybody who will

1504

01:31:24,760 --> 01:31:27,010

be listening to this interview?

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01:31:27,010 --> 01:31:29,700

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01:31:29,700 --> 01:31:35,130

I'm very, very grateful for
you for having interviewed

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01:31:35,130 --> 01:31:38,430

me so sympathetically.

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01:31:38,430 --> 01:31:45,570

And I apologize for my old age
forgetfulness so many times.

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01:31:45,570 --> 01:31:50,160

But as far as I'm
concerned, this interview

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01:31:50,160 --> 01:31:55,890

was a very nice, meaningful
experience for me.

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01:31:55,890 --> 01:31:56,940

Thank you.

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01:31:56,940 --> 01:31:58,290

Well, thank you too.

1513
01:31:58,290 --> 01:31:59,760
Thank you too.

1514
01:31:59,760 --> 01:32:04,080
And I will say then that this
concludes the United States

1515
01:32:04,080 --> 01:32:08,430
Holocaust Memorial Museum
interview with Mr. Helmut--

1516
01:32:08,430 --> 01:32:15,730
now Yitzhaq von Schweitzer
on June 30, 2020.

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01:32:15,730 --> 01:32:17,970
And thank you again.

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01:32:17,970 --> 01:32:21,040
Thank you very, very much.

1519
01:32:21,040 --> 01:32:21,770
OK.

1520
01:32:21,770 --> 01:32:22,790
Thank you.

1521
01:32:22,790 --> 01:32:23,820
OK.

1522
01:32:23,820 --> 01:32:32,620
So now I am going to--

1523
01:32:32,620 --> 01:32:33,670
hang on just a second.

1524
01:32:33,670 --> 01:32:37,201

1525
01:32:37,201 --> 01:32:39,510

Can I come and say
goodbye to her?

1526
01:32:39,510 --> 01:32:40,240
Yes, yes.

1527
01:32:40,240 --> 01:32:41,200
Yes, absolutely.

1528
01:32:41,200 --> 01:32:43,180
Wait a second though.

1529
01:32:43,180 --> 01:32:45,040
I want to stop the recording.

1530
01:32:45,040 --> 01:32:48,100
And I am finding it
difficult to do so.

1531
01:32:48,100 --> 01:32:49,630
Hang on a minute.

1532
01:32:49,630 --> 01:32:51,600
There we are.