

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,610

2
00:00:04,610 --> 00:00:07,160
This is a continuation of
the United States Holocaust

3
00:00:07,160 --> 00:00:10,190
Memorial Museum
interview with Hans Tuch.

4
00:00:10,190 --> 00:00:11,970
This is track number 1.

5
00:00:11,970 --> 00:00:14,520
And we were talking
about Camp Ritchie.

6
00:00:14,520 --> 00:00:16,940
And you said you stay
there for six weeks.

7
00:00:16,940 --> 00:00:18,390
Yes, I should--

8
00:00:18,390 --> 00:00:19,640
Anything else you want to say?

9
00:00:19,640 --> 00:00:21,800
I should interpret me.

10
00:00:21,800 --> 00:00:32,110
I had no feeling or
connection to Germany.

11
00:00:32,110 --> 00:00:39,940
I was absolutely an
American citizen.

12
00:00:39,940 --> 00:00:42,040
I was an American.

13
00:00:42,040 --> 00:00:46,590
The fact that I had
a German background

14
00:00:46,590 --> 00:00:52,020
really came only into play
because I was in Camp Ritchie

15
00:00:52,020 --> 00:00:53,760
and I spoke German.

16
00:00:53,760 --> 00:00:58,860
I had no feeling at
all of having been

17
00:00:58,860 --> 00:01:01,270
a German citizen at one time--

18
00:01:01,270 --> 00:01:02,240
forgotten then.

19
00:01:02,240 --> 00:01:05,160

20
00:01:05,160 --> 00:01:11,220
I felt absolutely and
thoroughly as an American,

21
00:01:11,220 --> 00:01:14,740
just like any other American.

22
00:01:14,740 --> 00:01:21,060
And by that time, I probably
didn't have much of an accent

23
00:01:21,060 --> 00:01:22,240
anymore--

24
00:01:22,240 --> 00:01:28,040
maybe slightly,
which I still have--

25

00:01:28,040 --> 00:01:32,950

or really, which has
come back in my old age.

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:36,880

I notice it myself being sort
of a linguist that I have.

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00:01:36,880 --> 00:01:41,140

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00:01:41,140 --> 00:01:47,320

Actually, my accent sort of
returns slightly now, yeah.

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00:01:47,320 --> 00:01:53,890

But I had absolutely no
feeling of ever having

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00:01:53,890 --> 00:01:56,770

been a German at that time.

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00:01:56,770 --> 00:01:59,650

I was so Americanized--

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00:01:59,650 --> 00:02:04,060

from Kansas City,
Middle Western kid.

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00:02:04,060 --> 00:02:13,930

And psychologically,
going to Kansas City

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00:02:13,930 --> 00:02:17,170

immediately in
the Middle West, I

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00:02:17,170 --> 00:02:22,240

was thrown into an American
Middle Western family.

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00:02:22,240 --> 00:02:27,160
There were no other
German refugees around me.

37
00:02:27,160 --> 00:02:28,900
I had to learn English.

38
00:02:28,900 --> 00:02:33,100
And I had nobody to
speak German with.

39
00:02:33,100 --> 00:02:34,330
So I didn't.

40
00:02:34,330 --> 00:02:41,740
And I only spoke English,
learned to speak English.

41
00:02:41,740 --> 00:02:47,470
And if I had landed
in New York and lived

42
00:02:47,470 --> 00:02:50,170
in New York among
other refugees,

43
00:02:50,170 --> 00:02:54,880
I would have felt
like Kissinger--

44
00:02:54,880 --> 00:02:57,940
with the German
accent and so forth.

45
00:02:57,940 --> 00:03:02,380
I deliberately tried to
lose my German accent,

46
00:03:02,380 --> 00:03:10,150
because I wanted to be
integrated, so to speak.

47
00:03:10,150 --> 00:03:18,970

And therefore, I had really
lost any contact with Germany

48
00:03:18,970 --> 00:03:21,740
for just a year,
a year and a half.

49
00:03:21,740 --> 00:03:24,940
And then she left and she
came to the United States.

50
00:03:24,940 --> 00:03:34,390
So I had absolutely no feeling
or contact for having really

51
00:03:34,390 --> 00:03:35,590
been a German.

52
00:03:35,590 --> 00:03:38,920
I was thoroughly Americanized.

53
00:03:38,920 --> 00:03:45,310
And I never had anybody,
really, to speak German with

54
00:03:45,310 --> 00:03:50,860
or to have related
experiences with.

55
00:03:50,860 --> 00:03:54,190
And I didn't know
anybody, because I

56
00:03:54,190 --> 00:03:55,900
was thoroughly Americanized.

57
00:03:55,900 --> 00:03:58,120
And my family was American.

58
00:03:58,120 --> 00:04:02,680
My uncle was the only
one who spoke German

59

00:04:02,680 --> 00:04:06,780
or a little bit of German,
and he was gone all day long.

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00:04:06,780 --> 00:04:07,600
Right.

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00:04:07,600 --> 00:04:10,420
So I was Americanized.

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00:04:10,420 --> 00:04:14,050
And I had no feeling
not being an American.

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00:04:14,050 --> 00:04:16,870

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00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:17,370
So--

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00:04:17,370 --> 00:04:19,079
Did Jeff speak any German?

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00:04:19,079 --> 00:04:22,230
No-- none whatsoever.

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00:04:22,230 --> 00:04:26,010
Was his mother American
or German, Jeff's mother?

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00:04:26,010 --> 00:04:26,900
American.

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00:04:26,900 --> 00:04:27,700
I see.

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00:04:27,700 --> 00:04:29,900
She didn't speak
a word of German.

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00:04:29,900 --> 00:04:30,990

So it was just the uncle.

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00:04:30,990 --> 00:04:33,230

No, they had a housekeeper.

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00:04:33,230 --> 00:04:35,460

They had a cook
and a housekeeper.

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00:04:35,460 --> 00:04:39,060

The housekeeper came
from a community

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00:04:39,060 --> 00:04:41,850

in Missouri, which was German.

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00:04:41,850 --> 00:04:45,360

And she said she
spoke a little German,

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00:04:45,360 --> 00:04:50,750

but she spoke no English
until she was six years old.

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00:04:50,750 --> 00:04:54,850

And so she understood German
for me as a 14-year-old.

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00:04:54,850 --> 00:04:58,650

And she was wonderful--
just a terrific person.

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00:04:58,650 --> 00:05:03,880

And she was fairly younger--

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00:05:03,880 --> 00:05:10,530

she was in her 30s at the time
as a housekeeper in the family,

82

00:05:10,530 --> 00:05:12,090

but understood me.

83

00:05:12,090 --> 00:05:16,080
And she was really a
great guide for me.

84
00:05:16,080 --> 00:05:20,610
We became very close
friends until she died.

85
00:05:20,610 --> 00:05:24,420
When you were at Camp
Ritchie, did they

86
00:05:24,420 --> 00:05:26,790
talk about what was happening
in Europe and the war--

87
00:05:26,790 --> 00:05:29,190
militarily, and
Hitler, and so forth?

88
00:05:29,190 --> 00:05:31,026
Did they keep you
informed about that?

89
00:05:31,026 --> 00:05:32,730
No.

90
00:05:32,730 --> 00:05:35,430
I mean, we were at war.

91
00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:37,530
We had not had an invasion yet.

92
00:05:37,530 --> 00:05:39,010
We were at war.

93
00:05:39,010 --> 00:05:39,750
Right.

94
00:05:39,750 --> 00:05:42,150
Actually, we'd invaded Africa.

95

00:05:42,150 --> 00:05:49,650
But no, we were just
being trained as soldiers.

96
00:05:49,650 --> 00:05:52,290
But did you see pictures
of Hitler in a newspaper?

97
00:05:52,290 --> 00:05:54,932
And if so, what
reaction did you have?

98
00:05:54,932 --> 00:05:55,890
No, you don't remember?

99
00:05:55,890 --> 00:05:59,360
Don't remember any,
no, in those days.

100
00:05:59,360 --> 00:06:04,130

101
00:06:04,130 --> 00:06:05,420
So the next step.

102
00:06:05,420 --> 00:06:10,636
The next step was I
got a three-day pass,

103
00:06:10,636 --> 00:06:14,140
and that was the first
time I flew in a plane

104
00:06:14,140 --> 00:06:18,190
to go back to Kansas
City to see my mother.

105
00:06:18,190 --> 00:06:23,950
And I flew back to Camp Ritchie
and then got an assignment

106
00:06:23,950 --> 00:06:34,330
to go to England to be overseas

into a intelligence replacement

107
00:06:34,330 --> 00:06:39,580
camp in Broadway
in Worcestershire.

108
00:06:39,580 --> 00:06:42,900
We went by troop ship.

109
00:06:42,900 --> 00:06:47,830
And that was a real troop ship.

110
00:06:47,830 --> 00:06:53,800
It was during the time
in the North Atlantic,

111
00:06:53,800 --> 00:06:58,510
and we were very crowded
in this troop ship.

112
00:06:58,510 --> 00:07:06,040
We were stacked up four in the
level and kept it at night,

113
00:07:06,040 --> 00:07:11,680
it was dark and so forth,
and it was pretty crowded.

114
00:07:11,680 --> 00:07:17,680
And we got to England,
and we went to Broadway

115
00:07:17,680 --> 00:07:21,940
in Worcestershire, and
it was a very nice place.

116
00:07:21,940 --> 00:07:27,580
It was the intelligence
assembly plan

117
00:07:27,580 --> 00:07:33,810
from which we were assigned
to various divisions.

118
00:07:33,810 --> 00:07:37,100
Now, what month-- what
are we talking about?

119
00:07:37,100 --> 00:07:38,710
When?

120
00:07:38,710 --> 00:07:39,732
March.

121
00:07:39,732 --> 00:07:40,232
Of--

122
00:07:40,232 --> 00:07:43,180

123
00:07:43,180 --> 00:07:43,920
1944.

124
00:07:43,920 --> 00:07:45,640
'44.

125
00:07:45,640 --> 00:07:47,060
What was--

126
00:07:47,060 --> 00:07:49,540
March, April-- March.

127
00:07:49,540 --> 00:07:51,520
Yeah, March April '44--

128
00:07:51,520 --> 00:07:52,820
April.

129
00:07:52,820 --> 00:07:53,320
OK.

130
00:07:53,320 --> 00:07:58,360
And did they have different
classes at Camp Ritchie

131
00:07:58,360 --> 00:08:00,460
and what number were you?

132
00:08:00,460 --> 00:08:01,710
I don't remember.

133
00:08:01,710 --> 00:08:03,940
I think I was in the 8th class.

134
00:08:03,940 --> 00:08:06,630
It says 18-- class 18.

135
00:08:06,630 --> 00:08:07,465
18, it's possible.

136
00:08:07,465 --> 00:08:11,240

137
00:08:11,240 --> 00:08:12,440
I just don't remember.

138
00:08:12,440 --> 00:08:20,600
And at this replacement
camp, we were there.

139
00:08:20,600 --> 00:08:27,500
And recruiters came from
the 101st and the 82nd--

140
00:08:27,500 --> 00:08:28,700
Airborne?

141
00:08:28,700 --> 00:08:34,340
Airborne divisions,
looking for people

142
00:08:34,340 --> 00:08:36,679
who were going to
be interrogators

143

00:08:36,679 --> 00:08:41,260
or prisoners of war
intelligence specialists.

144
00:08:41,260 --> 00:08:48,370
And I know I was
inebriated, but I signed up

145
00:08:48,370 --> 00:08:52,390
for the 101st Airborne division.

146
00:08:52,390 --> 00:08:54,680
But you hadn't had any
of that training yet.

147
00:08:54,680 --> 00:08:55,240
No.

148
00:08:55,240 --> 00:08:59,950
And as a matter of fact,
I was so inebriated,

149
00:08:59,950 --> 00:09:04,650
I signed up my best friend
also without him knowing it.

150
00:09:04,650 --> 00:09:07,600
You're all of 20 years old.

151
00:09:07,600 --> 00:09:09,210
No, I was 19.

152
00:09:09,210 --> 00:09:11,590
19 and a half, yeah.

153
00:09:11,590 --> 00:09:19,680
And we were sent off
to Leicestershire

154
00:09:19,680 --> 00:09:27,870
where the 101st Airborne
Division was located, waiting

155

00:09:27,870 --> 00:09:31,370
for the invasion to be done.

156

00:09:31,370 --> 00:09:34,110
No, actually not-- we
went to Leicestershire,

157

00:09:34,110 --> 00:09:43,620
and there was a sort of a ad hoc
training camp for paratroopers.

158

00:09:43,620 --> 00:09:47,670
And I think the training
camp was actually maintained

159

00:09:47,670 --> 00:09:50,520
by the 82nd division.

160

00:09:50,520 --> 00:09:52,650
It was in Leicestershire.

161

00:09:52,650 --> 00:09:59,500
And we had seven days of
nothing but physical training--

162

00:09:59,500 --> 00:10:02,430
eight hours a day of
physical training--

163

00:10:02,430 --> 00:10:06,140
and only jumped from platforms--

164

00:10:06,140 --> 00:10:08,620
learned how to
jump from platform.

165

00:10:08,620 --> 00:10:13,920
And the second week,
five days, every day

166

00:10:13,920 --> 00:10:17,620
to jump out of an

airplane locally.

167
00:10:17,620 --> 00:10:21,570
And they took us
up in airplanes,

168
00:10:21,570 --> 00:10:28,980
and the US Army had
purchased a number of farms

169
00:10:28,980 --> 00:10:32,070
which were the landing areas.

170
00:10:32,070 --> 00:10:36,420
And we were told
that when we jump,

171
00:10:36,420 --> 00:10:40,110
we had to jump in that area
because if we jumped across

172
00:10:40,110 --> 00:10:42,500
into another farm, they
had to buy the farm

173
00:10:42,500 --> 00:10:44,290
or something like that.

174
00:10:44,290 --> 00:10:48,350
And so for five days, we
jumped, one jump a day

175
00:10:48,350 --> 00:10:49,950
and were qualified--

176
00:10:49,950 --> 00:10:52,665
one of which was a night
jump, and that was scary.

177
00:10:52,665 --> 00:10:55,560

178

00:10:55,560 --> 00:10:57,360
So we jumped.

179
00:10:57,360 --> 00:11:01,530
And then we were assigned to the
101st Airborne Division, which

180
00:11:01,530 --> 00:11:10,970
was South of London in the area
of Reading in various camps.

181
00:11:10,970 --> 00:11:18,000
And there, we were
waiting for the invasion--

182
00:11:18,000 --> 00:11:19,260
for the date.

183
00:11:19,260 --> 00:11:23,520
And we jumped at Normandy.

184
00:11:23,520 --> 00:11:27,840

185
00:11:27,840 --> 00:11:29,130
On June what--

186
00:11:29,130 --> 00:11:31,170
June 6.

187
00:11:31,170 --> 00:11:33,270
We jumped before H-hour.

188
00:11:33,270 --> 00:11:36,840
We landed two hours
before H-hour.

189
00:11:36,840 --> 00:11:38,730
Yeah, you did.

190
00:11:38,730 --> 00:11:42,280
Were you aware of the

magnitude of the invasion?

191
00:11:42,280 --> 00:11:43,990
How much did they tell you?

192
00:11:43,990 --> 00:11:47,970
No, we were a
soldier, and we were

193
00:11:47,970 --> 00:11:52,350
going to invade France
and go in there.

194
00:11:52,350 --> 00:11:55,470
And the only thing--

195
00:11:55,470 --> 00:11:58,950
and this is the story
that I've told and is now

196
00:11:58,950 --> 00:12:03,130
known, a little anecdote--

197
00:12:03,130 --> 00:12:14,390
we were in this plane, the
24 people in the plane,

198
00:12:14,390 --> 00:12:24,180
and we were flying towards
the continent at night.

199
00:12:24,180 --> 00:12:31,110
The plane had no doors, because
planes with paratroopers

200
00:12:31,110 --> 00:12:32,660
had no doors.

201
00:12:32,660 --> 00:12:39,510
They were open so there
was a lot of noise.

202

00:12:39,510 --> 00:12:44,950
And we were scared as hell.

203
00:12:44,950 --> 00:12:55,130
And we had been issued just
before we left new first aid.

204
00:12:55,130 --> 00:12:58,820
Everybody had first aid
kits on their helmets--

205
00:12:58,820 --> 00:13:00,860
just strapped to their helmets.

206
00:13:00,860 --> 00:13:04,970
We had been issued new
first aid kits which

207
00:13:04,970 --> 00:13:10,070
had a vial of morphine in them,
because if you jumped and got

208
00:13:10,070 --> 00:13:13,940
hurt that you could inject
yourself with morphine.

209
00:13:13,940 --> 00:13:20,090
We were flying towards
Normandy at night, scared.

210
00:13:20,090 --> 00:13:24,410
And somebody in
our plane said, why

211
00:13:24,410 --> 00:13:29,300
wait until you get
hurt to use morphine?

212
00:13:29,300 --> 00:13:35,150
And the whole plane broke
open their first aid kits

213
00:13:35,150 --> 00:13:39,350

with the vials, and we
jabbed our next door neighbor

214
00:13:39,350 --> 00:13:40,250
with morphine.

215
00:13:40,250 --> 00:13:42,920
And all of us went
out of the plane

216
00:13:42,920 --> 00:13:46,010
when we jumped feeling no pain.

217
00:13:46,010 --> 00:13:49,100

218
00:13:49,100 --> 00:13:51,890
And where did you land?

219
00:13:51,890 --> 00:13:55,070
We landed-- well, I don't
know exactly where we landed,

220
00:13:55,070 --> 00:13:57,870
but our landing area--

221
00:13:57,870 --> 00:13:59,690
the city was Carentan--

222
00:13:59,690 --> 00:14:03,110

223
00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:08,030
near Omaha Beach-- a little
bit inland in Carentan.

224
00:14:08,030 --> 00:14:16,490
We were supposed
to land and block

225
00:14:16,490 --> 00:14:21,580
the road for German replacements

for coming into that area

226
00:14:21,580 --> 00:14:23,480
and replace Germans.

227
00:14:23,480 --> 00:14:26,380
That was our mission.

228
00:14:26,380 --> 00:14:32,330
And whether we accomplish
this or not, I have no idea.

229
00:14:32,330 --> 00:14:40,670
But I must say, we had no idea
where we were when we landed.

230
00:14:40,670 --> 00:14:43,970
Fortunately, the Assistant
Division Commander

231
00:14:43,970 --> 00:14:48,710
of the 101st Airborne Division
by the name of Higgins

232
00:14:48,710 --> 00:14:54,980
apparently knew where we were,
and sort of took us in hand,

233
00:14:54,980 --> 00:14:59,630
and we managed to do our thing.

234
00:14:59,630 --> 00:15:02,450
The interesting thing about
the Normandy landing--

235
00:15:02,450 --> 00:15:05,940
we were in combat
only for nine days.

236
00:15:05,940 --> 00:15:07,700
And that was the plan--

237

00:15:07,700 --> 00:15:11,330
that the paratroopers
would land.

238
00:15:11,330 --> 00:15:15,740
We had no equipment-- we had
no food with us or anything

239
00:15:15,740 --> 00:15:18,170
with us, because we were
supposed to be there

240
00:15:18,170 --> 00:15:20,760
for eight or nine days.

241
00:15:20,760 --> 00:15:24,560
We had little bit of food
with us in our equipment--

242
00:15:24,560 --> 00:15:28,010
but we were to be
taken out immediately

243
00:15:28,010 --> 00:15:29,840
when the area was secured.

244
00:15:29,840 --> 00:15:31,190
And that is what happened.

245
00:15:31,190 --> 00:15:36,790
We were there, I think, for nine
days and went back to England

246
00:15:36,790 --> 00:15:41,360
and stayed in
England in that area.

247
00:15:41,360 --> 00:15:45,020
Did you see any German soldiers
when you were in Normandy?

248
00:15:45,020 --> 00:15:47,030
Yeah, a few.

249

00:15:47,030 --> 00:15:49,520

They were as scared as we were.

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00:15:49,520 --> 00:15:51,380

Did you have any
visceral reaction

251

00:15:51,380 --> 00:15:53,690

to seeing them, being
German yourself?

252

00:15:53,690 --> 00:15:54,190

No.

253

00:15:54,190 --> 00:15:56,390

No, I was an American--

254

00:15:56,390 --> 00:15:57,440

none whatsoever.

255

00:15:57,440 --> 00:15:58,640

None whatsoever.

256

00:15:58,640 --> 00:16:00,670

The German was the enemy.

257

00:16:00,670 --> 00:16:05,300

The fact that I was
of German origin--

258

00:16:05,300 --> 00:16:08,592

no, I was an American.

259

00:16:08,592 --> 00:16:09,800

Did you speak to any of them?

260

00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:12,860

261

00:16:12,860 --> 00:16:16,160

We took a few prisoners
and interrogated them,

262
00:16:16,160 --> 00:16:22,190
but it was really purely
tactical interrogation--

263
00:16:22,190 --> 00:16:23,150
where do you come from?

264
00:16:23,150 --> 00:16:25,520
What is the name of your unit?

265
00:16:25,520 --> 00:16:27,890
How many are in your
unit-- and things

266
00:16:27,890 --> 00:16:30,830
like that, just very
simple questions

267
00:16:30,830 --> 00:16:35,200
because it was a
very fluid situation.

268
00:16:35,200 --> 00:16:39,630
But we actually got
taken out very quickly

269
00:16:39,630 --> 00:16:41,070
and went back to England.

270
00:16:41,070 --> 00:16:45,990
And then we were in England.

271
00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:48,540
I was in the Reading
Area in the camp

272
00:16:48,540 --> 00:16:56,760
until the Holland invasion
in September 17, I believe--

273

00:16:56,760 --> 00:17:01,470

September 17 was the
invasion of Holland.

274

00:17:01,470 --> 00:17:10,300

And that was a more difficult
jump because it was daytime.

275

00:17:10,300 --> 00:17:15,300

And the other thing
I wanted to mention

276

00:17:15,300 --> 00:17:19,619

is we also had glider troops.

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00:17:19,619 --> 00:17:23,640

101st Airborne Division
had a glider regiment,

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00:17:23,640 --> 00:17:27,599

and I was actually assigned
to the glider regiment but as

279

00:17:27,599 --> 00:17:29,880

a jumper.

280

00:17:29,880 --> 00:17:37,760

And the replacements that we
got after combat and injured

281

00:17:37,760 --> 00:17:42,390

were all soldiers who were
from the glider regiment,

282

00:17:42,390 --> 00:17:48,420

because the gliders were much
more dangerous than jumping.

283

00:17:48,420 --> 00:17:53,160

And so you had to
volunteer to be a jumper,

284

00:17:53,160 --> 00:17:56,770
but to be a glider
rider, you were assigned.

285
00:17:56,770 --> 00:18:04,050
So after the Normandy invasion,
all the survivors of glider

286
00:18:04,050 --> 00:18:06,690
volunteered to
become paratroopers

287
00:18:06,690 --> 00:18:11,610
because it was so much more
dangerous to be a glider rider.

288
00:18:11,610 --> 00:18:19,050
And so we went into Holland,
and the 101st Airborne Division

289
00:18:19,050 --> 00:18:23,850
was situated around Eindhoven.

290
00:18:23,850 --> 00:18:35,030
The 82nd Division was Nijmegen
and the 6th British paratroop

291
00:18:35,030 --> 00:18:38,325
division was across the river--

292
00:18:38,325 --> 00:18:43,530

293
00:18:43,530 --> 00:18:50,990
and that was the occasion where
the British were annihilated.

294
00:18:50,990 --> 00:18:52,970
And the reason they
were annihilated

295
00:18:52,970 --> 00:18:59,260
is three divisions were

supposed to jump and maintain

296

00:18:59,260 --> 00:19:04,370
the road open for the 2nd
British Army to move through

297

00:19:04,370 --> 00:19:09,080
and crossed the
Rhine and liberate.

298

00:19:09,080 --> 00:19:15,120
What happened is
Marshal Montgomery,

299

00:19:15,120 --> 00:19:20,430
apparently they were
so slow, and here we

300

00:19:20,430 --> 00:19:25,320
were holding the road
open, and the British came,

301

00:19:25,320 --> 00:19:30,420
and they stopped, and they
had tea in the afternoon--

302

00:19:30,420 --> 00:19:35,190
stopped, got off their tanks,
and sat with us, and had tea.

303

00:19:35,190 --> 00:19:47,110
And then they never
made it to Arnhem.

304

00:19:47,110 --> 00:19:50,230

305

00:19:50,230 --> 00:19:51,130
They never made it.

306

00:19:51,130 --> 00:19:54,690
And the British were
annihilated across the river.

307
00:19:54,690 --> 00:19:56,680
Their whole division was.

308
00:19:56,680 --> 00:19:59,860
And the reason was
that Montgomery never

309
00:19:59,860 --> 00:20:03,550
came and did that.

310
00:20:03,550 --> 00:20:09,990
We were in Holland for 70 days.

311
00:20:09,990 --> 00:20:14,270
We were supposed to be there
for 10 days at the most,

312
00:20:14,270 --> 00:20:17,010
then again were to be removed.

313
00:20:17,010 --> 00:20:20,830
We stayed there for 70 days.

314
00:20:20,830 --> 00:20:27,610
And the big problem was
food, because we hadn't

315
00:20:27,610 --> 00:20:29,410
brought any food with us.

316
00:20:29,410 --> 00:20:32,920
And we literally
lived off the land.

317
00:20:32,920 --> 00:20:36,160
And the land were
apple orchards.

318
00:20:36,160 --> 00:20:40,540
This whole area in that
part around Eindhoven

319
00:20:40,540 --> 00:20:42,630
were apple orchards.

320
00:20:42,630 --> 00:20:46,420
And we lived off apples, and
so did the local population,

321
00:20:46,420 --> 00:20:49,370
because they didn't have
anything much easier.

322
00:20:49,370 --> 00:20:54,430
So what there was of farmers
and people who were around,

323
00:20:54,430 --> 00:20:56,260
they couldn't give us anything.

324
00:20:56,260 --> 00:21:00,080
For once in a while, they got a
chicken or something like that.

325
00:21:00,080 --> 00:21:06,940
But we were there for 70
days before we were taken out

326
00:21:06,940 --> 00:21:15,730
and brought back to a rest
camp in France called near

327
00:21:15,730 --> 00:21:19,810
[? Rels ?] called
Mourmelon-le-Grand that was

328
00:21:19,810 --> 00:21:23,530
our camp with an
French caserne--

329
00:21:23,530 --> 00:21:29,940
French camp-- with, actually,
straw mattresses still.

330

00:21:29,940 --> 00:21:32,820

And we were there
briefly, and then

331

00:21:32,820 --> 00:21:36,790

it started to pass down--
the British counter-attack,

332

00:21:36,790 --> 00:21:40,000

and we went to Bastogne.

333

00:21:40,000 --> 00:21:46,510

And we were there throughout
the siege of Bastogne.

334

00:21:46,510 --> 00:21:50,440

335

00:21:50,440 --> 00:21:55,230

We went there on the
17th of December,

336

00:21:55,230 --> 00:22:00,320

and we were completely isolated.

337

00:22:00,320 --> 00:22:06,400

And Eisenhower declared Bastogne
expendable to stay there--

338

00:22:06,400 --> 00:22:13,270

and we were completely
surrounded by Germans.

339

00:22:13,270 --> 00:22:17,850

And it was General Patton--

340

00:22:17,850 --> 00:22:26,110

the Third Army, what
Eisenhower had determined

341

00:22:26,110 --> 00:22:30,020

to make it expendable--

342
00:22:30,020 --> 00:22:35,780
he decided that he was going
to send in a tank battalion

343
00:22:35,780 --> 00:22:38,120
to rescue us.

344
00:22:38,120 --> 00:22:40,280
And that tank
battalion was headed

345
00:22:40,280 --> 00:22:46,830
by Colonel Abrams, who was
later General Abrams in Korea.

346
00:22:46,830 --> 00:22:51,560
And they came through
with his tank battalion

347
00:22:51,560 --> 00:22:56,180
and on Christmas
morning reached us,

348
00:22:56,180 --> 00:22:59,390
and broke through the German--

349
00:22:59,390 --> 00:23:01,850
the Germans had us
completely surrounded.

350
00:23:01,850 --> 00:23:04,430
And we didn't take
any prisoners there,

351
00:23:04,430 --> 00:23:08,630
because we were going
to be their prisoners.

352
00:23:08,630 --> 00:23:16,890
And my one claim
to fame in the army

353

00:23:16,890 --> 00:23:21,840
was when they came
to have us surrender,

354

00:23:21,840 --> 00:23:30,900
the 101st Airborne surrender,
I was with my colonel

355

00:23:30,900 --> 00:23:34,440
by the name of Harper, who
was a regimental commander.

356

00:23:34,440 --> 00:23:38,220
And we were actually
right across from division

357

00:23:38,220 --> 00:23:39,900
headquarters.

358

00:23:39,900 --> 00:23:45,810
And the Germans sent in a
team to make us surrender.

359

00:23:45,810 --> 00:23:52,320
And what happened was the
surrender team, two officers

360

00:23:52,320 --> 00:23:56,160
and two enlisted men, were
held when they came across

361

00:23:56,160 --> 00:23:57,450
with the white flag.

362

00:23:57,450 --> 00:24:09,030
And they were held at an outpost
and brought in the letter

363

00:24:09,030 --> 00:24:10,220
to surrender.

364

00:24:10,220 --> 00:24:17,330

And my colonel and I were
with our division commander.

365
00:24:17,330 --> 00:24:20,900

At the time, he was the
assistant division commander,

366
00:24:20,900 --> 00:24:25,160

because General Taylor was
in Washington at the time.

367
00:24:25,160 --> 00:24:27,200

He was not there.

368
00:24:27,200 --> 00:24:31,970

And McAuliffe was the
assistant division commander.

369
00:24:31,970 --> 00:24:37,090

And so they presented
this surrender demand

370
00:24:37,090 --> 00:24:37,920

to the commander.

371
00:24:37,920 --> 00:24:42,440

And general McAuliffe-- and
I was standing by there--

372
00:24:42,440 --> 00:24:45,990

he said, oh, nuts, what
am I going to tell them?

373
00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:49,090

374
00:24:49,090 --> 00:24:51,880

And no idea of surrender--

375
00:24:51,880 --> 00:24:55,420

he said, oh, nuts, what
am I going to tell them?

376

00:24:55,420 --> 00:24:59,540

And Colonel Canard, his
chief of staff, stood by

377

00:24:59,540 --> 00:25:03,330

and he says, tell them
just what you just said.

378

00:25:03,330 --> 00:25:04,590

He said, what did I say?

379

00:25:04,590 --> 00:25:07,220

He said, you said, nuts.

380

00:25:07,220 --> 00:25:11,150

He said, all right, OK,
nuts, and he wrote it out--

381

00:25:11,150 --> 00:25:13,050

nuts.

382

00:25:13,050 --> 00:25:19,410

And then he sent my colonel,
Colonel Harper, and me

383

00:25:19,410 --> 00:25:26,250

back to the surrender place
with the German officers, two

384

00:25:26,250 --> 00:25:34,290

German officers waiting, and
we went down there, and handed

385

00:25:34,290 --> 00:25:37,470

them the slip which said, nuts.

386

00:25:37,470 --> 00:25:41,960

And the German officers said
in German, what is this?

387

00:25:41,960 --> 00:25:43,290

What does it mean?

388
00:25:43,290 --> 00:25:45,840
Nuts, I said.

389
00:25:45,840 --> 00:25:47,280
What is, nuts?

390
00:25:47,280 --> 00:25:48,330
I said, go to hell.

391
00:25:48,330 --> 00:25:51,450

392
00:25:51,450 --> 00:25:57,060
And that became the translation
of nuts-- go to hell.

393
00:25:57,060 --> 00:25:58,720
And that was the end of that.

394
00:25:58,720 --> 00:25:59,370
They left.

395
00:25:59,370 --> 00:26:04,110
And then on Christmas
morning, we were liberated.

396
00:26:04,110 --> 00:26:07,710

397
00:26:07,710 --> 00:26:11,880
And we had not been able
to be supplied by air

398
00:26:11,880 --> 00:26:13,710
because the weather
was very bad.

399
00:26:13,710 --> 00:26:16,530
It was snowing and raining.

400

00:26:16,530 --> 00:26:20,400
And on Christmas morning,
there was bright sunshine.

401
00:26:20,400 --> 00:26:25,650
And suddenly, the C-47
came over massively,

402
00:26:25,650 --> 00:26:31,290
throwing down medical
supplies, food, and everything.

403
00:26:31,290 --> 00:26:37,710
All of a sudden on Christmas
morning, it was great.

404
00:26:37,710 --> 00:26:44,560
Then after a few days,
we were liberated--

405
00:26:44,560 --> 00:26:47,260
we were there for
another week or so,

406
00:26:47,260 --> 00:26:50,750
and then we moved
out of Bastogne.

407
00:26:50,750 --> 00:26:57,770
And by that time, we were very
much emaciated, troop-wise.

408
00:26:57,770 --> 00:27:02,630
We were one-third
of our strength.

409
00:27:02,630 --> 00:27:05,840
We moved over to the
Rhine and down the Rhine

410
00:27:05,840 --> 00:27:09,080
on the West side of the Rhine.

411

00:27:09,080 --> 00:27:10,280
We moved down.

412
00:27:10,280 --> 00:27:15,350
We saw practically no combat.

413
00:27:15,350 --> 00:27:17,840
It was towards the end of
the war-- the last three

414
00:27:17,840 --> 00:27:19,640
weeks of the war.

415
00:27:19,640 --> 00:27:26,000
And we moved down and
ended up on the day

416
00:27:26,000 --> 00:27:33,380
that the war ended, on
May 6, in Berchtesgaden.

417
00:27:33,380 --> 00:27:38,270
We actually took Berchtesgaden--
there was nothing to take.

418
00:27:38,270 --> 00:27:44,300
And being still prisoners
of war specialists,

419
00:27:44,300 --> 00:27:51,050
we headed immediately for
Hitler's, and we went up

420
00:27:51,050 --> 00:27:53,900
to the Berghof.

421
00:27:53,900 --> 00:27:57,350
Then we wanted to get
up to the Eagle's Nest.

422
00:27:57,350 --> 00:28:00,050
And we found out that
we were not the first.

423
00:28:00,050 --> 00:28:04,670
There was a French company
that had preceded us.

424
00:28:04,670 --> 00:28:08,870
And they had gone up
to the Eagle's Nest

425
00:28:08,870 --> 00:28:12,530
and taken all kinds of
furniture and equipment

426
00:28:12,530 --> 00:28:15,560
and thrown it down the
elevator shaft that

427
00:28:15,560 --> 00:28:17,090
had been the elevator.

428
00:28:17,090 --> 00:28:19,880
So we had to crawl
up there by foot

429
00:28:19,880 --> 00:28:21,620
to get to the Eagle's Nest.

430
00:28:21,620 --> 00:28:23,810
There was nothing there anymore.

431
00:28:23,810 --> 00:28:29,750
But they had managed to throw
stuff down the elevator shaft

432
00:28:29,750 --> 00:28:32,860
so you couldn't use the
elevator to the Eagle's Nest.

433
00:28:32,860 --> 00:28:35,490
That's the end of the story.

434
00:28:35,490 --> 00:28:40,640

And then we were there
for about a month.

435
00:28:40,640 --> 00:28:43,760
We ended up in the
Berchtesgaden Hof,

436
00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:47,150
which is the fancy
hotel in Berchtesgaden.

437
00:28:47,150 --> 00:28:53,930
And we were there for, I think,
four days when we were kicked

438
00:28:53,930 --> 00:28:56,960
out of the Berchtesgaden Hof.

439
00:28:56,960 --> 00:29:01,640
And all the high level POWs--

440
00:29:01,640 --> 00:29:03,830
the generals and
the ministers that

441
00:29:03,830 --> 00:29:05,570
were captured around there--

442
00:29:05,570 --> 00:29:09,020
were put into the
Berchtesgaden Hof.

443
00:29:09,020 --> 00:29:11,330
This was where they
held them as prisoners.

444
00:29:11,330 --> 00:29:16,850
And we were in a hotel across
from the Berchtesgaden Hof

445
00:29:16,850 --> 00:29:22,770
which was a lovely sort of a
country hotel with cabins--

446
00:29:22,770 --> 00:29:24,670
individual cabins.

447
00:29:24,670 --> 00:29:28,700
And we landed in
that hotel, and we

448
00:29:28,700 --> 00:29:33,680
gave the proprietor
and the kitchen staff

449
00:29:33,680 --> 00:29:36,710
all of our K rations
and everything we had,

450
00:29:36,710 --> 00:29:41,700
and they provided us
with food for a month.

451
00:29:41,700 --> 00:29:43,940
It was wonderful.

452
00:29:43,940 --> 00:29:46,970
Did you do any questioning--

453
00:29:46,970 --> 00:29:51,920
After we got to Berchtesgaden,
it was over with.

454
00:29:51,920 --> 00:29:55,130
As a matter of fact,
we were put in charge

455
00:29:55,130 --> 00:29:59,150
of securing Berchtesgaden, but
there was nothing to secure.

456
00:29:59,150 --> 00:30:02,180
There was no problems at all.

457
00:30:02,180 --> 00:30:04,110

You had said where were
all these high level--

458
00:30:04,110 --> 00:30:07,130
The prisoners were taken--

459
00:30:07,130 --> 00:30:10,100
we were not involved--
not involved at all.

460
00:30:10,100 --> 00:30:12,260
Those were, by that time--

461
00:30:12,260 --> 00:30:13,140
Yeah.

462
00:30:13,140 --> 00:30:14,030
Yeah.

463
00:30:14,030 --> 00:30:15,620
And then where did you go after?

464
00:30:15,620 --> 00:30:19,850
Well, then briefly, the
101st Airborne Division

465
00:30:19,850 --> 00:30:28,140
was taken South to
Burgerstein in Austria,

466
00:30:28,140 --> 00:30:32,720
out which is about an
hour south of Salzburg.

467
00:30:32,720 --> 00:30:34,820
And we were there briefly.

468
00:30:34,820 --> 00:30:41,380
And then I was
detached, because I'd

469
00:30:41,380 --> 00:30:48,020

had enough points being in all these various combat situation.

470

00:30:48,020 --> 00:30:53,330
And having gotten by that time a Bronze Star and combat infantry

471

00:30:53,330 --> 00:30:58,880
badge, I had enough points to be one of the first to get out.

472

00:30:58,880 --> 00:31:09,510
So I was sent back to a camp near Paris--

473

00:31:09,510 --> 00:31:13,700
Le Vesinet, a suburb of Paris, and I

474

00:31:13,700 --> 00:31:18,520
was there for about a week and then was shipped home.

475

00:31:18,520 --> 00:31:22,970
And I actually got home by December 8.

476

00:31:22,970 --> 00:31:27,740
I was one of the first people in my own acquaintance

477

00:31:27,740 --> 00:31:31,530
to get out of the army and get back.

478

00:31:31,530 --> 00:31:35,900
And I immediately enrolled back to go to college

479

00:31:35,900 --> 00:31:39,170
on the 1st of January, I was back in school.

480

00:31:39,170 --> 00:31:43,160
Most of my friends
and relatives,

481
00:31:43,160 --> 00:31:46,940
like Jeff, they
were not home yet.

482
00:31:46,940 --> 00:31:49,790
And then when you finished
college, where did you go?

483
00:31:49,790 --> 00:31:56,840
When I finished college in
University of Kansas City,

484
00:31:56,840 --> 00:32:04,610
I was persuaded by one of
my professors, Henry Bertram

485
00:32:04,610 --> 00:32:05,420
Hill--

486
00:32:05,420 --> 00:32:08,150
a history professor--
he said I should

487
00:32:08,150 --> 00:32:15,840
try to get to
graduate school at he

488
00:32:15,840 --> 00:32:19,410
suggested it was the School of
Advanced International Studies.

489
00:32:19,410 --> 00:32:20,680
Johns Hopkins.

490
00:32:20,680 --> 00:32:22,380
Which became Johns Hopkins--

491
00:32:22,380 --> 00:32:25,290
at that time, it was

still independent.

492

00:32:25,290 --> 00:32:31,860

And they had a summer school
in Peterborough, New Hampshire,

493

00:32:31,860 --> 00:32:40,080

and occupied the residence
of a women's boarding school.

494

00:32:40,080 --> 00:32:43,490

I think they had Kendall Hall
School for Girls or something

495

00:32:43,490 --> 00:32:45,540

in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

496

00:32:45,540 --> 00:32:49,710

And I was admitted
only for summer school.

497

00:32:49,710 --> 00:32:56,290

I was not admitted for the
actual college at that time.

498

00:32:56,290 --> 00:33:02,430

So I went up there, and I don't
think I distinguished myself

499

00:33:02,430 --> 00:33:03,270

academically.

500

00:33:03,270 --> 00:33:13,810

However, on the weekend
before the 4th of July,

501

00:33:13,810 --> 00:33:22,250

for some reason or other, the
cooks of the school quit, left.

502

00:33:22,250 --> 00:33:29,660

And the school was without
a cook for the 4th of July

503
00:33:29,660 --> 00:33:31,250
weekend.

504
00:33:31,250 --> 00:33:33,860
So before they could
go down to Boston

505
00:33:33,860 --> 00:33:37,880
to hire new chefs
for that weekend,

506
00:33:37,880 --> 00:33:41,630
I volunteered to
cook for the school.

507
00:33:41,630 --> 00:33:45,350
And I think that is what
got me into graduate school

508
00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:50,400
for the next year, because they
couldn't refuse my application.

509
00:33:50,400 --> 00:33:58,100
So I went to SAIS And at the
first week in Washington,

510
00:33:58,100 --> 00:34:01,520
my wife, Mimi, had come down.

511
00:34:01,520 --> 00:34:06,920
She had been graduating
from Carleton College.

512
00:34:06,920 --> 00:34:09,139
She had sort of a record there.

513
00:34:09,139 --> 00:34:14,360
She had an absolute four
years of nothing but A's.

514

00:34:14,360 --> 00:34:18,409
She made Phi Beta Kappa
in her junior year.

515
00:34:18,409 --> 00:34:22,280
And she was valedictorian
of the class.

516
00:34:22,280 --> 00:34:25,460
She had actually literally
never had anything but an A

517
00:34:25,460 --> 00:34:29,060
as long as she'd gone to
school until graduate school.

518
00:34:29,060 --> 00:34:32,090
And we had met, and that's
when she got her first B,

519
00:34:32,090 --> 00:34:33,739
and she blamed me for that.

520
00:34:33,739 --> 00:34:34,760
She should.

521
00:34:34,760 --> 00:34:40,610
And so we really started
going with one another

522
00:34:40,610 --> 00:34:44,989
after the first week at SAIS.

523
00:34:44,989 --> 00:34:48,238
And we got our master's degrees.

524
00:34:48,238 --> 00:34:49,280
And then what did you do?

525
00:34:49,280 --> 00:34:51,980

526

00:34:51,980 --> 00:34:58,420
Looking for a job, I was hired
by the Chase National Bank

527
00:34:58,420 --> 00:35:03,580
and went into a program in New
York in international banking

528
00:35:03,580 --> 00:35:06,190
training at the bank.

529
00:35:06,190 --> 00:35:11,860
And I was trained for paid \$200
a month plus lunch, which was

530
00:35:11,860 --> 00:35:17,450
very important, for 10 months.

531
00:35:17,450 --> 00:35:22,730
And then I was assigned
to go to Germany where

532
00:35:22,730 --> 00:35:27,950
they had three branches
primarily serving

533
00:35:27,950 --> 00:35:29,600
the military in Germany--

534
00:35:29,600 --> 00:35:31,430
primarily, not completely.

535
00:35:31,430 --> 00:35:34,100
But they had three
branches in Germany--

536
00:35:34,100 --> 00:35:38,180
in Frankfurt,
Stuttgart, and Munich.

537
00:35:38,180 --> 00:35:42,420
And I went there.

538

00:35:42,420 --> 00:35:46,970

And Mimi and I had
decided, rather

539

00:35:46,970 --> 00:35:50,070

than getting married
in Washington

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00:35:50,070 --> 00:35:54,140

and then immediately being
separated because there was

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00:35:54,140 --> 00:35:58,390

no housing available,
that we would wait,

542

00:35:58,390 --> 00:36:03,950

that I would go over there, and
I would find housing for us,

543

00:36:03,950 --> 00:36:06,680

and then she would come
over, and we'd get married

544

00:36:06,680 --> 00:36:11,160

and live happily ever after.

545

00:36:11,160 --> 00:36:18,840

I went to Stuttgart, and most
of my customers were military.

546

00:36:18,840 --> 00:36:24,780

And through them, I got a
place, an apartment, to live.

547

00:36:24,780 --> 00:36:31,120

And I was going to be
able to have an apartment.

548

00:36:31,120 --> 00:36:35,870

And so I told the bank that I
was bringing my fiance over,

549

00:36:35,870 --> 00:36:39,840

and they said, oh no, you can't
get married for three years.

550

00:36:39,840 --> 00:36:41,670

I said, what?

551

00:36:41,670 --> 00:36:44,220

Says, yes, we want to be
able to move you around

552

00:36:44,220 --> 00:36:45,300

to the other branches.

553

00:36:45,300 --> 00:36:47,620

You can't get married.

554

00:36:47,620 --> 00:36:52,025

And I walked out of the bank not
having enough money to get back

555

00:36:52,025 --> 00:36:52,900

to the United States.

556

00:36:52,900 --> 00:36:58,510

Fortunately, the
State Department

557

00:36:58,510 --> 00:37:03,360

was taking over for military
government the administration

558

00:37:03,360 --> 00:37:04,900

in Germany.

559

00:37:04,900 --> 00:37:08,080

In other words, we were
establishing an embassy

560

00:37:08,080 --> 00:37:10,570

for military government.

561

00:37:10,570 --> 00:37:13,300

And they were hiring
people on the spot,

562

00:37:13,300 --> 00:37:16,510

and they preferred
hiring people who had not

563

00:37:16,510 --> 00:37:19,780

been with military government.

564

00:37:19,780 --> 00:37:28,920

And so I was hired, practically
from one day to the next.

565

00:37:28,920 --> 00:37:32,840

And they wanted to
put me in finance,

566

00:37:32,840 --> 00:37:34,760

and I didn't want
to be in finance.

567

00:37:34,760 --> 00:37:37,130

I had been working
for the bank, and I

568

00:37:37,130 --> 00:37:38,480

didn't want to be finance.

569

00:37:38,480 --> 00:37:43,940

So I was told that you
don't want to be in finance,

570

00:37:43,940 --> 00:37:50,520

would you like to be in
cultural and press affairs?

571

00:37:50,520 --> 00:37:54,320

And having been journalistically
trained and worked

572

00:37:54,320 --> 00:37:57,170
a little bit in
journalism, I said, yes.

573
00:37:57,170 --> 00:38:01,820
So they sent me out
to Bad Homburg, which

574
00:38:01,820 --> 00:38:04,400
is a suburb of
Frankfurt, where there

575
00:38:04,400 --> 00:38:09,050
was to be the headquarters
of the America House

576
00:38:09,050 --> 00:38:11,450
Program in Germany.

577
00:38:11,450 --> 00:38:15,080
And the director of
that program was a woman

578
00:38:15,080 --> 00:38:18,050
by the name of
Patricia van Dowden.

579
00:38:18,050 --> 00:38:21,480
And you go out and see her,
maybe you'll get hired.

580
00:38:21,480 --> 00:38:25,250
So I went out there
and couldn't see her,

581
00:38:25,250 --> 00:38:32,300
but I was admitted to her
deputy, Max Kimenthal.

582
00:38:32,300 --> 00:38:36,290
And as we started to
talk, I had no idea

583

00:38:36,290 --> 00:38:38,710
what an America House was.

584
00:38:38,710 --> 00:38:40,230
This was an America
House program,

585
00:38:40,230 --> 00:38:43,040
I didn't even know what
an America House was.

586
00:38:43,040 --> 00:38:45,780
But I was there
to be interviewed,

587
00:38:45,780 --> 00:38:49,970
and he started talking to
me and had a telephone call.

588
00:38:49,970 --> 00:38:52,860
And he said, excuse
me for five minutes,

589
00:38:52,860 --> 00:38:55,610
I'm going to have to
go out and see someone,

590
00:38:55,610 --> 00:38:59,720
but why don't you sit here
at the coffee table, whatever

591
00:38:59,720 --> 00:39:04,430
you have, read, and I'll
be back in five minutes?

592
00:39:04,430 --> 00:39:12,140
And there was a paper which said
the future of the America House

593
00:39:12,140 --> 00:39:14,910
Program in Germany by
Patricia van Dowden.

594

00:39:14,910 --> 00:39:18,100
And I said, I'm going
to read this and see--

595
00:39:18,100 --> 00:39:19,730
I read it.

596
00:39:19,730 --> 00:39:22,760
He came back and he
said, if you were

597
00:39:22,760 --> 00:39:27,620
a director of an America House,
what would you want to do?

598
00:39:27,620 --> 00:39:31,850
And I just regurgitated what
I was reading in the paper,

599
00:39:31,850 --> 00:39:35,030
and he stopped me after
about four or five minutes--

600
00:39:35,030 --> 00:39:38,240
and says, just a
moment, Mr Tuch.

601
00:39:38,240 --> 00:39:43,460
And he went out and came back
with Patricia van Dowden,

602
00:39:43,460 --> 00:39:48,390
who was a formidable,
middle-aged woman.

603
00:39:48,390 --> 00:39:52,070
And would you start
again, Mr Tuch?

604
00:39:52,070 --> 00:39:57,260
And I told the story, and
they hired me on the spot.

605

00:39:57,260 --> 00:40:00,710
I was sworn in that day.

606
00:40:00,710 --> 00:40:03,450
It took me two years to
admit to Patricia van

607
00:40:03,450 --> 00:40:06,530
Dowden what I had done.

608
00:40:06,530 --> 00:40:10,040
But that's the way I got
into the Foreign Service.

609
00:40:10,040 --> 00:40:15,580
I was temporary, and then after
two years, I took the exam,

610
00:40:15,580 --> 00:40:18,392
and I became a Foreign
Service officer.

611
00:40:18,392 --> 00:40:21,170
And where were you?

612
00:40:21,170 --> 00:40:25,910
The same day that
I was sworn in,

613
00:40:25,910 --> 00:40:29,960
another young man
was also sworn in.

614
00:40:29,960 --> 00:40:34,990
And his name was Picklatell--

615
00:40:34,990 --> 00:40:37,300
Wallace W Natell.

616
00:40:37,300 --> 00:40:40,360
We were sworn in
on the same day.

617

00:40:40,360 --> 00:40:46,690

And he was just maybe a year
or two older than I was.

618

00:40:46,690 --> 00:40:51,130

But we were given certain rank--

619

00:40:51,130 --> 00:40:55,150

very low rank-- the equivalent
of a second lieutenant

620

00:40:55,150 --> 00:40:56,620

type of thing.

621

00:40:56,620 --> 00:40:59,260

But he wasn't even
given that because he

622

00:40:59,260 --> 00:41:03,160

had been a conscientious
objector in the war.

623

00:41:03,160 --> 00:41:09,300

And he had been a paratroop
firefighter in Colorado--

624

00:41:09,300 --> 00:41:11,770

so a fellow paratrooper.

625

00:41:11,770 --> 00:41:14,620

So we immediately
became close friends

626

00:41:14,620 --> 00:41:17,110

because we both had paratroops.

627

00:41:17,110 --> 00:41:20,080

And we remained
friends our whole life.

628

00:41:20,080 --> 00:41:24,640

And he was assigned to

Darmstadt, and I to Wiesbaden.

629

00:41:24,640 --> 00:41:27,430

And after three months,
he went to Hanover,

630

00:41:27,430 --> 00:41:31,060

and I went to Frankfurt,
and that's how we became--

631

00:41:31,060 --> 00:41:34,660

So where were you stationed
during your diplomatic career?

632

00:41:34,660 --> 00:41:36,550

As I said, I started
out at Wiesbaden,

633

00:41:36,550 --> 00:41:39,190

after three months was
assigned to Frankfurt

634

00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:43,990

to run the America House,
which was the US Information

635

00:41:43,990 --> 00:41:46,090

Center there.

636

00:41:46,090 --> 00:41:47,430

I was there for five years.

637

00:41:47,430 --> 00:41:51,820

And the reason I was
assigned to Frankfurt

638

00:41:51,820 --> 00:41:59,110

is that the then-director of
the Frankfurt America House, who

639

00:41:59,110 --> 00:42:07,310

was a frustrated musician, with
the budget for his Information

640
00:42:07,310 --> 00:42:13,650
Center, he went out and
hired himself an orchestra

641
00:42:13,650 --> 00:42:18,250
and performed a performance
with himself as the conductor.

642
00:42:18,250 --> 00:42:19,680
He was fired the next day.

643
00:42:19,680 --> 00:42:22,770
Those were the days when
nothing was permanent.

644
00:42:22,770 --> 00:42:26,190
He was fired the next
day, and I was assigned

645
00:42:26,190 --> 00:42:28,550
to replace him from Frankfurt.

646
00:42:28,550 --> 00:42:31,670
We were there for five years.

647
00:42:31,670 --> 00:42:40,140
And then I was in Washington,
and my job there--

648
00:42:40,140 --> 00:42:46,710
President Eisenhower had given
his Atoms for Peace speech.

649
00:42:46,710 --> 00:42:51,030
And that became a
major program issue--

650
00:42:51,030 --> 00:42:52,830
Atoms for Peace.

651
00:42:52,830 --> 00:43:00,300

And I was assigned to build
Atoms for Peace exhibits

652
00:43:00,300 --> 00:43:06,010
in Japan, in India,
and Portugal.

653
00:43:06,010 --> 00:43:08,110
And I was doing that.

654
00:43:08,110 --> 00:43:16,890
And at the end of that, we were
starting to assign officers

655
00:43:16,890 --> 00:43:19,830
to the Iron Curtain countries.

656
00:43:19,830 --> 00:43:24,570
And I volunteered immediately
for the Soviet Union.

657
00:43:24,570 --> 00:43:28,980
And I was given Russian
language training.

658
00:43:28,980 --> 00:43:32,160
And the State
Department at that time

659
00:43:32,160 --> 00:43:35,580
did not have a good
Russian language program.

660
00:43:35,580 --> 00:43:38,850
So they made an
exception, and I was

661
00:43:38,850 --> 00:43:43,920
sent to CIA, which had
a marvelous program.

662
00:43:43,920 --> 00:43:46,800
And at that time, the

CIA language program

663
00:43:46,800 --> 00:43:51,150
was in one of the tempos
behind the Lincoln

664
00:43:51,150 --> 00:43:55,020
Memorial on Ohio Drive.

665
00:43:55,020 --> 00:44:01,230
And I started there,
and we were 12 students.

666
00:44:01,230 --> 00:44:04,750
I was the only outsider.

667
00:44:04,750 --> 00:44:10,390
And it was a marvelous course.

668
00:44:10,390 --> 00:44:13,410
We had five linguists--

669
00:44:13,410 --> 00:44:15,870
these were all
Russian linguists--

670
00:44:15,870 --> 00:44:18,870
of different backgrounds.

671
00:44:18,870 --> 00:44:23,940
There was a lawyer
and one linguist.

672
00:44:23,940 --> 00:44:29,055
And we were allowed to speak
English only with the linguist.

673
00:44:29,055 --> 00:44:32,130

674
00:44:32,130 --> 00:44:36,230
And we had two students

and one linguist,

675

00:44:36,230 --> 00:44:40,890
and we changed every hour
for five hours every day.

676

00:44:40,890 --> 00:44:43,770
So the two of us were
with different linguists,

677

00:44:43,770 --> 00:44:46,910
and the sixth hour
was with the linguist.

678

00:44:46,910 --> 00:44:52,880
Well, I was there for a
week, and suddenly word

679

00:44:52,880 --> 00:44:57,860
came out that I wasn't
allowed to be there with CIA.

680

00:44:57,860 --> 00:45:02,200
I was not allowed to
know who people were.

681

00:45:02,200 --> 00:45:05,590
And they finally compromised,
since I had already

682

00:45:05,590 --> 00:45:09,130
been with my five
colleagues for a week.

683

00:45:09,130 --> 00:45:12,070
They finally compromised
that I could stay there,

684

00:45:12,070 --> 00:45:15,070
but I couldn't go
into the cafeteria.

685

00:45:15,070 --> 00:45:19,030

So for a year, I had
to bring my own lunch

686
00:45:19,030 --> 00:45:23,050
and I couldn't go
into the cafeteria.

687
00:45:23,050 --> 00:45:28,960
But I had a terrific
experience in learning Russian.

688
00:45:28,960 --> 00:45:31,750
Then what were your
other postings?

689
00:45:31,750 --> 00:45:38,620
Well, then for about
a year, the Soviets

690
00:45:38,620 --> 00:45:41,080
wouldn't give me a
visa because I was

691
00:45:41,080 --> 00:45:44,760
with a spy organization, USIA.

692
00:45:44,760 --> 00:45:50,370
So I resigned from USIA.

693
00:45:50,370 --> 00:45:53,910
I was commissioned in
the State Department.

694
00:45:53,910 --> 00:45:59,100
Before that happened,
I was actually

695
00:45:59,100 --> 00:46:04,050
with the Voice of America in
Munich as a correspondent,

696
00:46:04,050 --> 00:46:12,680
and as a writer of commentaries,

and a correspondent in Munich

697

00:46:12,680 --> 00:46:14,240
with a voice.

698

00:46:14,240 --> 00:46:17,810
And then finally, I
got a visa and was

699

00:46:17,810 --> 00:46:28,520
assigned in August of '58,
I was assigned to Moscow.

700

00:46:28,520 --> 00:46:35,120
And we were there, and I was the
first public affairs officer.

701

00:46:35,120 --> 00:46:36,530
We didn't call them that--

702

00:46:36,530 --> 00:46:42,260
I was the first cultural
and press attache in Moscow

703

00:46:42,260 --> 00:46:44,420
since World War
2, the first one,

704

00:46:44,420 --> 00:46:51,290
because they thought there
was a break in the ice.

705

00:46:51,290 --> 00:47:00,680
There had been the Camp David
meeting between Eisenhower,

706

00:47:00,680 --> 00:47:03,500
and Khrushchev had been
to the United States.

707

00:47:03,500 --> 00:47:06,770
And so they thought that
there may be a break.

708
00:47:06,770 --> 00:47:12,980
And we had signed the first
US-USSR cultural agreement

709
00:47:12,980 --> 00:47:17,480
in January of 1958.

710
00:47:17,480 --> 00:47:27,410
And I was assigned to carry
out that program in August '58.

711
00:47:27,410 --> 00:47:32,150
And that's when we started
having exchange programs.

712
00:47:32,150 --> 00:47:42,360
And actually, my
experience from then on--

713
00:47:42,360 --> 00:47:45,400
this is in my last book--

714
00:47:45,400 --> 00:47:47,950
and I was thinking
I should probably

715
00:47:47,950 --> 00:47:52,650
donate a copy of that book
to the Holocaust Museum

716
00:47:52,650 --> 00:47:54,580
and give it to you.

717
00:47:54,580 --> 00:47:58,570
And here it is.

718
00:47:58,570 --> 00:48:01,630
This is my last book--
it's my fourth book.

719
00:48:01,630 --> 00:48:04,150

720
00:48:04,150 --> 00:48:10,720
And everything that
transpired from Moscow onward

721
00:48:10,720 --> 00:48:13,880
is in that book--

722
00:48:13,880 --> 00:48:18,060
my Foreign Service
experience and so forth.

723
00:48:18,060 --> 00:48:20,020
And when did you retire?

724
00:48:20,020 --> 00:48:24,190
I retired in January '85.

725
00:48:24,190 --> 00:48:27,170
We served in Moscow
for three years.

726
00:48:27,170 --> 00:48:30,340
There had been a strict
State Department rule

727
00:48:30,340 --> 00:48:32,740
that Foreign Service
officers should not

728
00:48:32,740 --> 00:48:36,130
serve longer than two years at
that time because of the Cold

729
00:48:36,130 --> 00:48:38,260
War situation.

730
00:48:38,260 --> 00:48:41,620
But Tommy Thompson, our
American ambassador,

731

00:48:41,620 --> 00:48:45,460
such a marvelous
person, always thought

732
00:48:45,460 --> 00:48:49,150
that two years is too
short a time for us

733
00:48:49,150 --> 00:48:50,940
really to get involved.

734
00:48:50,940 --> 00:48:56,830
And he asked, since I was
actually still in the US,

735
00:48:56,830 --> 00:48:58,360
I had been over--

736
00:48:58,360 --> 00:49:02,320
he asked George Allen, who
was the director of USIA

737
00:49:02,320 --> 00:49:07,420
and a former ambassador and
Foreign Service officer,

738
00:49:07,420 --> 00:49:09,820
and a close friend
of Tommy Thompson,

739
00:49:09,820 --> 00:49:14,170
he asked whether he could
ask me to stay a third year,

740
00:49:14,170 --> 00:49:16,040
unbeknownst to me.

741
00:49:16,040 --> 00:49:19,420
And he said, yes, of course.

742
00:49:19,420 --> 00:49:22,300
And so Tommy Thompson
asked me whether I

743
00:49:22,300 --> 00:49:25,750
would be willing to
stay for a third year.

744
00:49:25,750 --> 00:49:28,990
And I felt so flattered
to be asked anything

745
00:49:28,990 --> 00:49:32,890
by Tommy Thompson, I
immediatey said, yes.

746
00:49:32,890 --> 00:49:37,200
And then I went home to
confront Mimi and our two

747
00:49:37,200 --> 00:49:39,220
little children.

748
00:49:39,220 --> 00:49:45,570
But she was at that time such a
conservative in her lifestyle,

749
00:49:45,570 --> 00:49:49,060
and even politically at
that time, she thought,

750
00:49:49,060 --> 00:49:51,680
anything is better
than a change.

751
00:49:51,680 --> 00:49:53,720
So let's stay for a third year.

752
00:49:53,720 --> 00:49:56,470
And we were the
first family to stay

753
00:49:56,470 --> 00:49:59,800
in Moscow for three years,
which, of course, is standard

754
00:49:59,800 --> 00:50:01,150
now--

755
00:50:01,150 --> 00:50:02,870
became standard.

756
00:50:02,870 --> 00:50:05,870
And so we stayed there
for a third year.

757
00:50:05,870 --> 00:50:07,870
And then I came
back to Washington,

758
00:50:07,870 --> 00:50:12,190
and Ed Murrow was
the director of USIA,

759
00:50:12,190 --> 00:50:15,400
and I became one
of his assistants

760
00:50:15,400 --> 00:50:19,750
responsible for the Soviet
Union and Eastern Europe.

761
00:50:19,750 --> 00:50:23,860
And I was that for three years.

762
00:50:23,860 --> 00:50:26,650
Actually, he died.

763
00:50:26,650 --> 00:50:28,570
He passed away.

764
00:50:28,570 --> 00:50:39,220
And then I assigned myself--

765
00:50:39,220 --> 00:50:42,820
since I was in charge of the
Soviet Union Eastern Europe--

766

00:50:42,820 --> 00:50:47,200

I assigned myself to be public affairs officer in Warsaw.

767

00:50:47,200 --> 00:50:49,380

I wanted to stay there.

768

00:50:49,380 --> 00:50:52,270

And we had a fairly large program in Warsaw,

769

00:50:52,270 --> 00:50:54,400

and I wanted to go to Warsaw.

770

00:50:54,400 --> 00:51:00,430

And Mimi and I studied Polish for several months.

771

00:51:00,430 --> 00:51:05,810

And the new director of USIA came in, Carl Rowan.

772

00:51:05,810 --> 00:51:08,740

773

00:51:08,740 --> 00:51:13,210

And he says he wouldn't let me go to Warsaw.

774

00:51:13,210 --> 00:51:16,020

You have to stay here in this job

775

00:51:16,020 --> 00:51:18,850

because there is nobody to replace you.

776

00:51:18,850 --> 00:51:20,230

So I stayed.

777

00:51:20,230 --> 00:51:21,880

I didn't go to Warsaw.

778
00:51:21,880 --> 00:51:25,630
But the next year, I assigned
myself again to Warsaw,

779
00:51:25,630 --> 00:51:29,020
and we studied Polish again.

780
00:51:29,020 --> 00:51:31,420
By that time, Carl
Roan had left,

781
00:51:31,420 --> 00:51:35,740
and Leonard Marx became
the director of USIA.

782
00:51:35,740 --> 00:51:37,870
And Leonard Marx
called me in and says,

783
00:51:37,870 --> 00:51:44,080
I'm going to make an offer
to you that you can't refuse.

784
00:51:44,080 --> 00:51:45,310
And I said, what's that?

785
00:51:45,310 --> 00:51:51,100
I was ready to go to Warsaw
within about three weeks.

786
00:51:51,100 --> 00:51:54,940
And he said, you're going to
go as deputy chief of mission

787
00:51:54,940 --> 00:51:57,790
to Bulgaria, to Sofia.

788
00:51:57,790 --> 00:51:59,600
And I couldn't refuse that.

789
00:51:59,600 --> 00:52:04,460

So Mimi and I studied
Bulgarian for two weeks

790
00:52:04,460 --> 00:52:13,090
and went off to Sofia,
where I was the DCM--

791
00:52:13,090 --> 00:52:14,770
deputy chief of mission.

792
00:52:14,770 --> 00:52:19,150
But we didn't have
an embassy yet.

793
00:52:19,150 --> 00:52:21,460
We had a legation.

794
00:52:21,460 --> 00:52:24,250
So I was consul of legation.

795
00:52:24,250 --> 00:52:29,620
And the minister, who became
a very close friend of mine,

796
00:52:29,620 --> 00:52:32,170
had to leave after one year.

797
00:52:32,170 --> 00:52:33,000
He was recalled.

798
00:52:33,000 --> 00:52:36,340

799
00:52:36,340 --> 00:52:37,620
Well, it's OK.

800
00:52:37,620 --> 00:52:43,560
He had an accident where
he killed a pedestrian when

801
00:52:43,560 --> 00:52:49,560
he was driving an embassy

car, and the Bulgarians

802
00:52:49,560 --> 00:52:54,370
were awful about this-- this
American killing our children,

803
00:52:54,370 --> 00:52:55,650
so forth.

804
00:52:55,650 --> 00:52:59,190
And he was finally withdrawn.

805
00:52:59,190 --> 00:53:04,050
And I was chargÃ© of the
Legation for a long period,

806
00:53:04,050 --> 00:53:10,650
because the person who was to
replace him, Jack McSweeney,

807
00:53:10,650 --> 00:53:14,880
didn't want to come to
Sofia as a minister.

808
00:53:14,880 --> 00:53:17,740
He wanted to be an ambassador.

809
00:53:17,740 --> 00:53:19,980
And so he delayed and delayed.

810
00:53:19,980 --> 00:53:24,120
And they finally told him,
if you don't go to Sofia,

811
00:53:24,120 --> 00:53:25,780
we're going to cancel
your assignment,

812
00:53:25,780 --> 00:53:26,750
and he finally came.

813
00:53:26,750 --> 00:53:30,500

This was five months,
six months later.

814
00:53:30,500 --> 00:53:32,480
And so he came.

815
00:53:32,480 --> 00:53:37,490
And after Sofia, I
got a plush post.

816
00:53:37,490 --> 00:53:40,460
I got to be PAO,
public affairs officer,

817
00:53:40,460 --> 00:53:43,036
in Berlin, my hometown.

818
00:53:43,036 --> 00:53:43,790
Oh my.

819
00:53:43,790 --> 00:53:46,640
And we were in Berlin
for three years.

820
00:53:46,640 --> 00:53:52,880
And we had really,
personally, a wonderful time,

821
00:53:52,880 --> 00:53:55,730
because theater, opera--

822
00:53:55,730 --> 00:53:57,440
everything was just terrific.

823
00:53:57,440 --> 00:54:03,410
However, the job
became really terrible

824
00:54:03,410 --> 00:54:06,710
because the situation in
Germany, and in Berlin

825

00:54:06,710 --> 00:54:11,810
specifically, had
turned entirely

826
00:54:11,810 --> 00:54:16,730
where the young
Berliners felt that we

827
00:54:16,730 --> 00:54:18,950
became the enemy in Berlin.

828
00:54:18,950 --> 00:54:23,390
And that's quite
a bit in the book.

829
00:54:23,390 --> 00:54:27,500
And the situation that
developed and working in Berlin

830
00:54:27,500 --> 00:54:33,260
became very, very
difficult and frustrating.

831
00:54:33,260 --> 00:54:36,050
And it really
didn't turn around.

832
00:54:36,050 --> 00:54:46,730
Well, after Berlin, '57--

833
00:54:46,730 --> 00:54:48,030
Did you go to Bonn?

834
00:54:48,030 --> 00:54:49,126
No, not yet.

835
00:54:49,126 --> 00:54:52,590

836
00:54:52,590 --> 00:54:54,330
Brasilia?

837

00:54:54,330 --> 00:55:07,040
Well, in '67--
yes, after Berlin,

838
00:55:07,040 --> 00:55:14,570
I was assigned as
diplomat in residence

839
00:55:14,570 --> 00:55:17,210
at the Fletcher
School of Diplomacy.

840
00:55:17,210 --> 00:55:22,910

841
00:55:22,910 --> 00:55:34,910
After that, there was
a two-year assignment,

842
00:55:34,910 --> 00:55:38,450
but I only lasted one year,
because I was called back

843
00:55:38,450 --> 00:55:43,650
to become Deputy Director
of the Voice of America,

844
00:55:43,650 --> 00:55:48,780
and then very shortly
thereafter, Acting Director

845
00:55:48,780 --> 00:55:51,000
of the Voice of America.

846
00:55:51,000 --> 00:55:54,690
And after that
assignment, three years--

847
00:55:54,690 --> 00:56:00,610
that was one of my fascinating
assignments for me,

848
00:56:00,610 --> 00:56:02,180

because I had been
with the Voice

849
00:56:02,180 --> 00:56:06,680
as a correspondent in 1957
before going to Moscow.

850
00:56:06,680 --> 00:56:09,920
So I was really coming
home to the Voice.

851
00:56:09,920 --> 00:56:14,720
And running the Voice, to me,
was a wonderful assignment--

852
00:56:14,720 --> 00:56:23,780
a difficult one, but a wonderful
assignment, because journalism

853
00:56:23,780 --> 00:56:25,940
was really my thing.

854
00:56:25,940 --> 00:56:32,195
And I really felt that this
was a wonderful assignment.

855
00:56:32,195 --> 00:56:36,080

856
00:56:36,080 --> 00:56:44,690
After the Voice of America,
I was an inspector.

857
00:56:44,690 --> 00:56:48,260
I became a chief
inspector of the USIA.

858
00:56:48,260 --> 00:56:51,350
And I inspected Brazil.

859
00:56:51,350 --> 00:56:53,810
And being in Brazil
for a month, I

860
00:56:53,810 --> 00:56:57,470
decided that was going
to be my next post--

861
00:56:57,470 --> 00:56:59,360
completely different.

862
00:56:59,360 --> 00:57:01,600
And they said, well,
you can't go to Brazil.

863
00:57:01,600 --> 00:57:05,330
You speak Russian,
German, French--

864
00:57:05,330 --> 00:57:06,530
you don't have Portuguese.

865
00:57:06,530 --> 00:57:08,180
I said, we'll learn.

866
00:57:08,180 --> 00:57:10,220
I never did learn it very well.

867
00:57:10,220 --> 00:57:15,230
But we were in
Brazil for five years

868
00:57:15,230 --> 00:57:19,700
with a marvelous, who
became a very close friend,

869
00:57:19,700 --> 00:57:23,780
with a marvelous person who
was our American ambassador

870
00:57:23,780 --> 00:57:30,530
in Brazil by the
name of Cremins--

871
00:57:30,530 --> 00:57:33,290

Jack Cremins.

872
00:57:33,290 --> 00:57:36,950
And he was a career officer.

873
00:57:36,950 --> 00:57:40,700
And while we were there--

874
00:57:40,700 --> 00:57:41,630
should I go on?

875
00:57:41,630 --> 00:57:46,310
Well, I wanted to step
a little further ahead.

876
00:57:46,310 --> 00:57:50,000
After you retired,
when was that?

877
00:57:50,000 --> 00:57:51,500
After Brazil--

878
00:57:51,500 --> 00:57:53,420
Just tell me where you were.

879
00:57:53,420 --> 00:57:55,550
After Brazil, we were in Bonn.

880
00:57:55,550 --> 00:57:57,200
Yeah.

881
00:57:57,200 --> 00:57:59,280
And we were in Bonn
for 4 and 1/2 years,

882
00:57:59,280 --> 00:58:01,520
and that's when I retired.

883
00:58:01,520 --> 00:58:04,790
I would like now just to
get some of your feelings

884

00:58:04,790 --> 00:58:09,830

and thoughts about your
background and your career.

885

00:58:09,830 --> 00:58:12,290

When the war was
over and you realized

886

00:58:12,290 --> 00:58:15,770

what had happened
to the Jews, did you

887

00:58:15,770 --> 00:58:19,800

have any visceral reactions--
when all of that came out,

888

00:58:19,800 --> 00:58:20,960

and the camps?

889

00:58:20,960 --> 00:58:27,200

The thing is I felt probably
like any other American,

890

00:58:27,200 --> 00:58:32,810

because I had had no personal
losses in the Holocaust.

891

00:58:32,810 --> 00:58:36,270

So I thought what had
happened was horrible.

892

00:58:36,270 --> 00:58:41,930

And I was aware of the
concentration camps.

893

00:58:41,930 --> 00:58:44,480

I was never in a
concentration camp.

894

00:58:44,480 --> 00:58:48,600

Yes, I was in Dachau,
but only visited it--

895
00:58:48,600 --> 00:58:52,260
but never professionally.

896
00:58:52,260 --> 00:59:00,200
And so I felt really just
like any other American did.

897
00:59:00,200 --> 00:59:02,730
I had no personal losses.

898
00:59:02,730 --> 00:59:08,990
So therefore, this felt
like maybe just like you--

899
00:59:08,990 --> 00:59:11,780
like any other person.

900
00:59:11,780 --> 00:59:13,550
Even though you
were born in Berlin.

901
00:59:13,550 --> 00:59:15,660
Even though I was
born in Berlin--

902
00:59:15,660 --> 00:59:23,280
but I had no feeling
being personally involved.

903
00:59:23,280 --> 00:59:25,550
And again, I think
the main thing

904
00:59:25,550 --> 00:59:31,790
was that I had no
direct personal losses.

905
00:59:31,790 --> 00:59:34,100
I felt like any
other American who

906
00:59:34,100 --> 00:59:37,900

looked at this horrible
thing that happened

907
00:59:37,900 --> 00:59:39,780
and the aftermath.

908
00:59:39,780 --> 00:59:44,450
But it wasn't
anything personally.

909
00:59:44,450 --> 00:59:47,300
Did this make you feel
more Jewish, less Jewish,

910
00:59:47,300 --> 00:59:48,400
or the same?

911
00:59:48,400 --> 00:59:51,922
Did it have any, your
childhood and what

912
00:59:51,922 --> 00:59:52,880
you went through after?

913
00:59:52,880 --> 00:59:56,550
It had really nothing to do.

914
00:59:56,550 --> 01:00:03,195
I wrote a paragraph
about my being Jewish.

915
01:00:03,195 --> 01:00:06,830

916
01:00:06,830 --> 01:00:15,840
I personally feel
that I was brought up

917
01:00:15,840 --> 01:00:23,840
Jewish as my religion.

918
01:00:23,840 --> 01:00:27,410

919

01:00:27,410 --> 01:00:34,040

I was German and I was
Jewish by religion.

920

01:00:34,040 --> 01:00:41,410

After I left my Jewish
feelings or beliefs--

921

01:00:41,410 --> 01:00:44,590

actually, I'm an atheist--

922

01:00:44,590 --> 01:00:49,900

I had no feeling about
being in any way related

923

01:00:49,900 --> 01:00:50,990

to being Jewish.

924

01:00:50,990 --> 01:00:53,620

My Jewish was not ethnic at all.

925

01:00:53,620 --> 01:00:56,290

My Jewish, this
was my religion--

926

01:00:56,290 --> 01:01:00,170

as others are Catholic,
as others are Protestant.

927

01:01:00,170 --> 01:01:06,520

So I feel that my entire
background is German.

928

01:01:06,520 --> 01:01:11,210

And I have never
identified in any way

929

01:01:11,210 --> 01:01:16,580

with being Jewish at this stage.

930

01:01:16,580 --> 01:01:19,490
What about your children?

931
01:01:19,490 --> 01:01:24,230
Actually, Mimi was
Methodist-- she's Christian.

932
01:01:24,230 --> 01:01:28,670
And they were both
baptized, but both entirely

933
01:01:28,670 --> 01:01:32,050
left any religious
feelings buried.

934
01:01:32,050 --> 01:01:37,610
They have no religion at all,
either one of them, as adults.

935
01:01:37,610 --> 01:01:40,190
They went to Sunday
school as kids.

936
01:01:40,190 --> 01:01:42,020
What are your thoughts
about Germany today?

937
01:01:42,020 --> 01:01:48,140

938
01:01:48,140 --> 01:01:51,890
I have a deep
feeling the fact that

939
01:01:51,890 --> 01:01:54,920
the post-war German
government, starting

940
01:01:54,920 --> 01:01:58,370
with Eisenhower
and subsequently,

941
01:01:58,370 --> 01:02:11,930

have done a terrific job of
re-democratizing their society

942
01:02:11,930 --> 01:02:20,210
and becoming a valued
member of the International

943
01:02:20,210 --> 01:02:22,400
Democratic community.

944
01:02:22,400 --> 01:02:26,930
I don't necessarily agree
with individual policies

945
01:02:26,930 --> 01:02:32,060
of the German government,
especially now,

946
01:02:32,060 --> 01:02:37,550
but I feel sociologically
and historically they

947
01:02:37,550 --> 01:02:43,670
have done a terrific job with
the help of the United States.

948
01:02:43,670 --> 01:02:46,190
I must say, what the
United States, what

949
01:02:46,190 --> 01:02:51,890
we did in the 1950s
to reintegrate Germany

950
01:02:51,890 --> 01:02:56,210
into the international
democratic society

951
01:02:56,210 --> 01:03:00,500
was also a very tough
and very remarkable

952
01:03:00,500 --> 01:03:05,750

job where we helped
the Germans do it.

953
01:03:05,750 --> 01:03:07,730
They had to do it
themselves, but we

954
01:03:07,730 --> 01:03:11,810
gave them a tremendous amount
of assistance in doing it,

955
01:03:11,810 --> 01:03:17,840
and were very successful, and
were appreciated by the Germans

956
01:03:17,840 --> 01:03:27,380
for doing that, I would
say especially in the 1950s

957
01:03:27,380 --> 01:03:30,260
until the early-1960s.

958
01:03:30,260 --> 01:03:36,350
And I just have felt
very personally committed

959
01:03:36,350 --> 01:03:41,420
to participating in
the re-orientation

960
01:03:41,420 --> 01:03:46,115
of the German society into a
Western democratic society.

961
01:03:46,115 --> 01:03:49,820

962
01:03:49,820 --> 01:03:54,110
I'm grateful for that, and
that I participated in this,

963
01:03:54,110 --> 01:03:56,570
and I think it was successful.

964

01:03:56,570 --> 01:03:59,360

And I actually
wrote about this--

965

01:03:59,360 --> 01:04:02,480

well, it's in this book,
but it's more actually

966

01:04:02,480 --> 01:04:08,780

in my previous book, which
is on public diplomacy.

967

01:04:08,780 --> 01:04:11,480

Do you feel the world
has learned any lessons

968

01:04:11,480 --> 01:04:12,350

from the Holocaust?

969

01:04:12,350 --> 01:04:16,910

970

01:04:16,910 --> 01:04:17,470

The world?

971

01:04:17,470 --> 01:04:22,470

972

01:04:22,470 --> 01:04:24,770

I don't know.

973

01:04:24,770 --> 01:04:25,500

I don't know.

974

01:04:25,500 --> 01:04:31,792

975

01:04:31,792 --> 01:04:35,930

I think part of the world--

976

01:04:35,930 --> 01:04:38,320
I think we have.

977
01:04:38,320 --> 01:04:45,250
And I think the
Europeans have, but I'm

978
01:04:45,250 --> 01:04:48,970
not sure that other
societies are aware

979
01:04:48,970 --> 01:04:51,190
and have learned from it.

980
01:04:51,190 --> 01:04:58,400
What is happening in Africa
and in other societies,

981
01:04:58,400 --> 01:04:59,760
I don't think so.

982
01:04:59,760 --> 01:05:02,860

983
01:05:02,860 --> 01:05:07,750
But I know we have.

984
01:05:07,750 --> 01:05:13,340
And I think most people
in Europe have also.

985
01:05:13,340 --> 01:05:18,780
But I'm not sure that
other societies have.

986
01:05:18,780 --> 01:05:22,470
As a matter of fact, I feel not.

987
01:05:22,470 --> 01:05:24,390
How do you feel about
the Holocaust Museum

988

01:05:24,390 --> 01:05:25,660
being in Washington, DC?

989
01:05:25,660 --> 01:05:27,820
Oh, it's a great institution.

990
01:05:27,820 --> 01:05:30,780
I think it's a
marvelous institution.

991
01:05:30,780 --> 01:05:34,080
And actually, what
they do in their--

992
01:05:34,080 --> 01:05:35,400
Education.

993
01:05:35,400 --> 01:05:36,660
Is wonderful.

994
01:05:36,660 --> 01:05:40,050
And it's great.

995
01:05:40,050 --> 01:05:42,800

996
01:05:42,800 --> 01:05:46,990
I just have not been, like
the Ritchie boys and anything

997
01:05:46,990 --> 01:05:51,550
with the US Army, is lost on me.

998
01:05:51,550 --> 01:05:52,660
But it's OK.

999
01:05:52,660 --> 01:05:56,090

1000
01:05:56,090 --> 01:05:59,335
And the other thing is that--

1001

01:05:59,335 --> 01:06:02,920
and I think some people will
disagree with me on this--

1002

01:06:02,920 --> 01:06:10,230
but I have no feeling of either
having been a German or Jewish.

1003

01:06:10,230 --> 01:06:12,950

1004

01:06:12,950 --> 01:06:16,320
I think personally--

1005

01:06:16,320 --> 01:06:19,000

1006

01:06:19,000 --> 01:06:20,900
You are American.

1007

01:06:20,900 --> 01:06:26,000
I'm an American
of German origin.

1008

01:06:26,000 --> 01:06:27,660
That's the way I feel--

1009

01:06:27,660 --> 01:06:30,690
of German origin.

1010

01:06:30,690 --> 01:06:35,485
And I think, as I said at the
beginning, I think my father--

1011

01:06:35,485 --> 01:06:38,640

1012

01:06:38,640 --> 01:06:40,790
it wasn't an inculcated
by my father,

1013

01:06:40,790 --> 01:06:43,630
because we never discussed
it when I was a child,

1014
01:06:43,630 --> 01:06:49,660
but he also felt so strongly
about being a German World War

1015
01:06:49,660 --> 01:06:50,680
I veteran.

1016
01:06:50,680 --> 01:06:52,880
Was he a Zionist at all?

1017
01:06:52,880 --> 01:06:56,140
No, no, no.

1018
01:06:56,140 --> 01:07:00,130
The only time that I've
ever felt him being Jewish

1019
01:07:00,130 --> 01:07:03,040
is on the holidays, period.

1020
01:07:03,040 --> 01:07:05,920
What are your
thoughts about Israel?

1021
01:07:05,920 --> 01:07:12,340
I'm very critical
of Israeli politics.

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01:07:12,340 --> 01:07:16,630
I felt that the establishment
of Israel, Zionism,

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01:07:16,630 --> 01:07:20,950
was a absolutely
marvelous thing,

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01:07:20,950 --> 01:07:28,000
and for the world a very,
very positive development.

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01:07:28,000 --> 01:07:34,420
I disagree very much with
Israeli politics at the moment.

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01:07:34,420 --> 01:07:36,940
I have close relatives--

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01:07:36,940 --> 01:07:39,220
I have a cousin in Jerusalem.

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01:07:39,220 --> 01:07:46,840
Actually, the cousin, he
passed away last year.

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01:07:46,840 --> 01:07:50,350
But he was a very
well-known physiologist

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01:07:50,350 --> 01:07:54,760
who came to the United States,
I think almost every year,

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01:07:54,760 --> 01:07:57,210
to lecture at
different universities.

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01:07:57,210 --> 01:08:01,660
And his claim to
fame was that when

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01:08:01,660 --> 01:08:06,520
the hijacking of
the first TWA plane,

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01:08:06,520 --> 01:08:11,560
he was the one hostage
that they kept.

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01:08:11,560 --> 01:08:13,810
They kept him,
and he was finally

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01:08:13,810 --> 01:08:16,140
released-- he was exchanged.

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01:08:16,140 --> 01:08:21,100
It was a TWA flight that
was, I think, in Lebanon.

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01:08:21,100 --> 01:08:25,720
And he was the first
hostage with the plane.

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01:08:25,720 --> 01:08:33,569
But his wife who was a
cousin once removed of mine--

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01:08:33,569 --> 01:08:37,060
about 10 years younger she is--

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01:08:37,060 --> 01:08:40,229
and we're in touch
with one another.

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01:08:40,229 --> 01:08:41,760
Have you been to Israel?

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01:08:41,760 --> 01:08:43,529
Yes.

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01:08:43,529 --> 01:08:52,090
Mimi and I visited them when
my mother's younger sister,

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01:08:52,090 --> 01:08:54,870
who lived in Jerusalem,
was still alive.

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01:08:54,870 --> 01:08:58,109
We went there for
her 90th birthday.

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01:08:58,109 --> 01:09:06,359
I had my mother's oldest

brother, the physician,

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01:09:06,359 --> 01:09:15,210
moved with his family and
his mother with his wife

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01:09:15,210 --> 01:09:17,490
to Tel Aviv.

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01:09:17,490 --> 01:09:27,569
Their children, two boys, I have
lost complete touch with them.

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01:09:27,569 --> 01:09:28,840
And it's their fault.

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01:09:28,840 --> 01:09:31,790
I have tried my damndest
to be in touch with them,

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01:09:31,790 --> 01:09:33,350
they just don't answer.

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01:09:33,350 --> 01:09:37,080
And when my aunt, who happened
to be my favorite aunt,

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01:09:37,080 --> 01:09:39,840
their mother, died
in Tel Aviv, they

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01:09:39,840 --> 01:09:41,550
didn't even tell me about it.

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01:09:41,550 --> 01:09:45,390
I found out from my cousin
in Jerusalem about it,

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01:09:45,390 --> 01:09:48,750
and I was mad.

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01:09:48,750 --> 01:09:52,979

Because when we visited
Israel, we visited Tel Aviv,

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01:09:52,979 --> 01:09:55,410
and we were with
them, but they just

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01:09:55,410 --> 01:09:57,540
decided not to be
in touch with me.

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01:09:57,540 --> 01:10:01,580
What were your thoughts
during the Eichmann trial?

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01:10:01,580 --> 01:10:04,520
During the Eichmann
trial, I mean,

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01:10:04,520 --> 01:10:06,960
he was the worst
that could come.

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01:10:06,960 --> 01:10:09,810
What happened to him was
absolutely the right thing.

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01:10:09,810 --> 01:10:13,620
And what the Mossad did
in getting him, fine.

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01:10:13,620 --> 01:10:19,770
Great-- just like picking
up Osama bin Laden.

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01:10:19,770 --> 01:10:26,190
But no, I feel
that our secretary

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01:10:26,190 --> 01:10:31,500
of state currently
in his efforts

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01:10:31,500 --> 01:10:34,980
is fighting an uphill battle.

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01:10:34,980 --> 01:10:42,340
And I so disagree with Israeli
politics at the moment.

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01:10:42,340 --> 01:10:54,050
And I must say I
disagree with the lobby.

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01:10:54,050 --> 01:10:55,060
The AIPAC?

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01:10:55,060 --> 01:10:59,420
Yeah, just awful.

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01:10:59,420 --> 01:11:01,100
Well, is there anything
else you wanted

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01:11:01,100 --> 01:11:04,180
to add to this before we close?

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01:11:04,180 --> 01:11:04,680
No.

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01:11:04,680 --> 01:11:09,630
If you want to take
a look at this book

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01:11:09,630 --> 01:11:19,360
and add it to the library,
is very anecdotal.

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01:11:19,360 --> 01:11:24,300
And I did mention the fact
that I had the feeling

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01:11:24,300 --> 01:11:27,420
that if my father had
lived, we would have never

1082
01:11:27,420 --> 01:11:28,800
come out of this alive.

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01:11:28,800 --> 01:11:31,470

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01:11:31,470 --> 01:11:36,990
But no, I think
what you are doing--

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01:11:36,990 --> 01:11:39,400
what I did do participate--

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01:11:39,400 --> 01:11:41,370
do you know Edith Fears?

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01:11:41,370 --> 01:11:42,090
Yes.

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01:11:42,090 --> 01:11:43,710
She lives here.

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01:11:43,710 --> 01:11:50,790
And I worked with
her 10 years ago

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01:11:50,790 --> 01:11:52,590
when we started this program.

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01:11:52,590 --> 01:11:57,360
I interviewed a
couple of the people.

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01:11:57,360 --> 01:12:04,270
And my job really was to try
to place the tapes in schools.

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01:12:04,270 --> 01:12:06,900
And I did manage
it at Kansas City.

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01:12:06,900 --> 01:12:08,310
Wonderful.

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01:12:08,310 --> 01:12:11,760
I worked with her then
and she is marvelous.

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01:12:11,760 --> 01:12:14,460
She is still very with it.

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01:12:14,460 --> 01:12:20,960
She runs our public affairs
program here, Edith does.

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01:12:20,960 --> 01:12:24,440
So at any rate, I
feel what you're

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01:12:24,440 --> 01:12:28,130
doing is terrific, because
you are getting at people

1100
01:12:28,130 --> 01:12:29,240
and their experiences.

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01:12:29,240 --> 01:12:32,190

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01:12:32,190 --> 01:12:35,000
I don't think I have
terribly much to contribute

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01:12:35,000 --> 01:12:36,830
to this program, but it's fun.

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01:12:36,830 --> 01:12:38,390
No, it is important.

1105
01:12:38,390 --> 01:12:40,580
That's a nice note to end on.

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01:12:40,580 --> 01:12:42,510

Great.

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01:12:42,510 --> 01:12:45,870

This concludes the United
States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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01:12:45,870 --> 01:12:49,500

interview with Hans Tuch.

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01:12:49,500 --> 01:12:50,000