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00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:39,630

2
00:01:39,630 --> 00:01:41,190
[INAUDIBLE] in about 10 seconds.

3
00:01:41,190 --> 00:01:41,690
OK.

4
00:01:41,690 --> 00:01:59,760

5
00:01:59,760 --> 00:02:01,170
OK.

6
00:02:01,170 --> 00:02:04,650
You were talking
about camp inmates who

7
00:02:04,650 --> 00:02:07,950
might do acts, even
small acts, that

8
00:02:07,950 --> 00:02:11,640
could very dramatically
affect the life of others

9
00:02:11,640 --> 00:02:12,970
or outright kill them.

10
00:02:12,970 --> 00:02:18,670
Well, what I was going to
talk about is an illustration.

11
00:02:18,670 --> 00:02:21,510
So we all had to
queue up for this

12
00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:24,860
once a day bowl of soup--
turnip or whatever.

13
00:02:24,860 --> 00:02:28,060
If we are lucky, we
got some peas in it.

14
00:02:28,060 --> 00:02:29,940
And even if we are
even more lucky,

15
00:02:29,940 --> 00:02:32,260
we were getting some meat in it.

16
00:02:32,260 --> 00:02:33,870
And that happened occasionally.

17
00:02:33,870 --> 00:02:35,760
Even Auschwitz-Birkenau,
I remember,

18
00:02:35,760 --> 00:02:38,160
I came as a tremendous
surprise when

19
00:02:38,160 --> 00:02:44,910
we were getting a kind of pea
soup with some meat in it.

20
00:02:44,910 --> 00:02:52,560
And that was just like a
unbelievable stroke of luck.

21
00:02:52,560 --> 00:02:57,600
So when we got this soup,
whatever kind of soup

22
00:02:57,600 --> 00:03:02,160
it was, and we queued up, the
people who came first usually

23
00:03:02,160 --> 00:03:03,930
got the water.

24

00:03:03,930 --> 00:03:07,890

And later, those
people who queued up

25

00:03:07,890 --> 00:03:10,790

got more thicker
stuff, let's say

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00:03:10,790 --> 00:03:12,840

a little bit more
turnip or potato,

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00:03:12,840 --> 00:03:14,190

if there was any potato.

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00:03:14,190 --> 00:03:15,870

Very early, it was.

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00:03:15,870 --> 00:03:19,350

And the ones who
waited too long,

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00:03:19,350 --> 00:03:24,880

they may have received nothing
because there was nothing left.

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00:03:24,880 --> 00:03:29,280

So if you queued up
in a strategic way,

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00:03:29,280 --> 00:03:31,980

that means that you got
more than someone else.

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00:03:31,980 --> 00:03:35,520

And therefore, by virtue of
the fact that you got more,

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00:03:35,520 --> 00:03:37,410

other people got less.

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00:03:37,410 --> 00:03:40,890

And that's how it

actually started.

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00:03:40,890 --> 00:03:44,880

And most people didn't think
about the morality of it

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00:03:44,880 --> 00:03:47,490

but thought about the fact that
they are getting a little bit

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00:03:47,490 --> 00:03:52,890

more substantive soup rather
than just water or just

39

00:03:52,890 --> 00:03:56,290

flavored turnip water.

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00:03:56,290 --> 00:04:01,210

And I've learned it, and
I was very good at it.

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00:04:01,210 --> 00:04:06,520

And so the more
alert, the more young,

42

00:04:06,520 --> 00:04:09,820

you were, the better
chance you had

43

00:04:09,820 --> 00:04:12,640

to adjust to this sort
of novel situation

44

00:04:12,640 --> 00:04:16,730

and make the best out
of a dreadful situation.

45

00:04:16,730 --> 00:04:19,750

And so that's how it started.

46

00:04:19,750 --> 00:04:21,760

That's how you learn.

47

00:04:21,760 --> 00:04:25,490

The only thing, the only place,
where some of us-- of course,

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00:04:25,490 --> 00:04:27,250

many of us--

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00:04:27,250 --> 00:04:32,050

drew the line is to steal
directly from a fellow inmate.

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00:04:32,050 --> 00:04:34,300

And once you were
caught, that means

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00:04:34,300 --> 00:04:37,660

that the chances were that
they would beat you to death.

52

00:04:37,660 --> 00:04:44,590

And so people did not do
it out of fear of reprisal.

53

00:04:44,590 --> 00:04:46,270

Or some other
people didn't do it

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00:04:46,270 --> 00:04:54,790

because they agreed and were
convinced that this was not

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00:04:54,790 --> 00:04:55,480

the thing to do.

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00:04:55,480 --> 00:05:02,200

Because it was, according
to the camp rules,

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00:05:02,200 --> 00:05:04,810

an immoral thing to do.

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00:05:04,810 --> 00:05:08,860

Was it an immoral thing in camp
rules to take a strategic place

59
00:05:08,860 --> 00:05:10,240
in mind?

60
00:05:10,240 --> 00:05:11,530
No, no, no.

61
00:05:11,530 --> 00:05:12,790
That was totally accepted.

62
00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:16,300
As a matter of fact, that
was viewed as being clever.

63
00:05:16,300 --> 00:05:19,330
And if anything,
that was admired.

64
00:05:19,330 --> 00:05:20,920
Not everyone could
do it, or just

65
00:05:20,920 --> 00:05:24,370
to disappear when you
needed to disappear

66
00:05:24,370 --> 00:05:26,950
because if you had not,
something would have happened

67
00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:29,710
to you, something
dire would have

68
00:05:29,710 --> 00:05:33,760
happened to you, either by
a kapo or by an SS person

69
00:05:33,760 --> 00:05:35,000
or whatever.

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00:05:35,000 --> 00:05:41,560

And so you had very, very
specific rules and regulations

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00:05:41,560 --> 00:05:49,660

in terms of what was desirable
and facilitated survival

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00:05:49,660 --> 00:05:55,630

or what was against camp rules
and was defined, in terms

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00:05:55,630 --> 00:05:59,290

of camp reality, as immoral.

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00:05:59,290 --> 00:06:01,330

And so one adhered to that.

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00:06:01,330 --> 00:06:07,480

And, of course, stealing was
totally OK and even admired

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00:06:07,480 --> 00:06:11,230

if you stole from
the SS or stole

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00:06:11,230 --> 00:06:19,150

from food supply, which
was not to be divided,

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00:06:19,150 --> 00:06:25,720

or not part of the
inmate's staple.

79

00:06:25,720 --> 00:06:27,730

And I did all of these things.

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00:06:27,730 --> 00:06:30,550

And I learned to be invisible.

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00:06:30,550 --> 00:06:32,110

I learned to be visible.

82
00:06:32,110 --> 00:06:40,660
And it was of interest
to me when it was useful.

83
00:06:40,660 --> 00:06:44,180
And I was invisible in
it when it was dangerous.

84
00:06:44,180 --> 00:06:48,880
And I still can do this today.

85
00:06:48,880 --> 00:06:53,860
As a matter of fact, I keep
on training myself in this

86
00:06:53,860 --> 00:06:56,270
and do it in order
to stay alert.

87
00:06:56,270 --> 00:06:58,330
I think it's a very
interesting sort of game.

88
00:06:58,330 --> 00:06:59,770
It is, and could you talk
a little bit about that?

89
00:06:59,770 --> 00:07:01,780
What I call a
concentration camp game.

90
00:07:01,780 --> 00:07:03,160
Well, I mean, as I said--

91
00:07:03,160 --> 00:07:05,140
How do you make
yourself invisible?

92
00:07:05,140 --> 00:07:09,820
Well, for example, I can,
without too much of an effort,

93

00:07:09,820 --> 00:07:14,290

go to a movie without
paying, a movie house.

94

00:07:14,290 --> 00:07:23,920

Or I could get into places which
is only open to some people who

95

00:07:23,920 --> 00:07:26,110

have invitations.

96

00:07:26,110 --> 00:07:34,450

Or I can be part of a group
without belonging to it.

97

00:07:34,450 --> 00:07:37,760

So these sort of things
I am talking about.

98

00:07:37,760 --> 00:07:42,490

And so it's, in
some sort of a way,

99

00:07:42,490 --> 00:07:47,800

it's kind of a deceptive
game where you just

100

00:07:47,800 --> 00:07:56,440

pretend to be something or
someone in a situation in which

101

00:07:56,440 --> 00:08:02,410

you really do not belong.

102

00:08:02,410 --> 00:08:05,380

103

00:08:05,380 --> 00:08:10,300

Continuing the idea
of the camp morality,

104

00:08:10,300 --> 00:08:14,750

you could actively do
violence to another.

105
00:08:14,750 --> 00:08:16,160
But what about the notion--

106
00:08:16,160 --> 00:08:18,918
No, you couldn't actively
do violence to one another.

107
00:08:18,918 --> 00:08:19,960
Or not do violence, but--

108
00:08:19,960 --> 00:08:25,450
You could do violence only if
you were an inmate functionary,

109
00:08:25,450 --> 00:08:30,880
if your role was
that of an overseer.

110
00:08:30,880 --> 00:08:37,870
And then you could do
violence which was supported

111
00:08:37,870 --> 00:08:40,150
by the Nazi authorities.

112
00:08:40,150 --> 00:08:42,909
But if you were
equals doing violence

113
00:08:42,909 --> 00:08:46,390
to an equal or fellow
inmate, it was not acceptable

114
00:08:46,390 --> 00:08:50,110
unless you sought out a
fight for whatever reason.

115
00:08:50,110 --> 00:08:53,110
And that was
usually undesirable.

116
00:08:53,110 --> 00:08:57,520
Because people were
beaten and injured

117
00:08:57,520 --> 00:09:01,960
enough without these sort of
petty fights among each other,

118
00:09:01,960 --> 00:09:03,400
among themselves.

119
00:09:03,400 --> 00:09:06,880
So you found that
relatively seldom.

120
00:09:06,880 --> 00:09:10,900
It happened, over a piece
of bread or something,

121
00:09:10,900 --> 00:09:12,640
if someone with a large bed.

122
00:09:12,640 --> 00:09:18,700
But that was usually a
battle of words rather than

123
00:09:18,700 --> 00:09:24,190
of just physical aggression.

124
00:09:24,190 --> 00:09:29,560
And then, in a much
less obtrusive way,

125
00:09:29,560 --> 00:09:32,950
you could be struggling for your
own life, which you described

126
00:09:32,950 --> 00:09:35,020
in the boxcar situation,
but it totally

127

00:09:35,020 --> 00:09:36,190
affects the life of another.

128
00:09:36,190 --> 00:09:37,120
Yeah.

129
00:09:37,120 --> 00:09:40,270
And then, what about the
situation where you are

130
00:09:40,270 --> 00:09:44,110
a bystander to something
that, normally,

131
00:09:44,110 --> 00:09:46,810
you would feel the
desperate need to interfere,

132
00:09:46,810 --> 00:09:47,590
but you don't.

133
00:09:47,590 --> 00:09:51,220
Well, all right.

134
00:09:51,220 --> 00:09:53,890
You were a bystander
if, let's say, someone

135
00:09:53,890 --> 00:09:56,620
who was in charge of
a barrack or some kapo

136
00:09:56,620 --> 00:10:02,620
or whatever beat up or even,
if under circumstances, just

137
00:10:02,620 --> 00:10:08,830
beat someone to death or
an SS man came and did

138
00:10:08,830 --> 00:10:14,920
some dreadful stuff to someone,
dreadful thing that you

139
00:10:14,920 --> 00:10:21,730
witnessed but did not interfere
because, if you would,

140
00:10:21,730 --> 00:10:23,020
it would be your end.

141
00:10:23,020 --> 00:10:27,280
You know, it was
suicidal to do that.

142
00:10:27,280 --> 00:10:30,800
So people did not do it.

143
00:10:30,800 --> 00:10:36,280
If, however, you could see
that one fellow inmate was

144
00:10:36,280 --> 00:10:38,920
attacked by another
fellow inmate,

145
00:10:38,920 --> 00:10:40,210
then you may have interfered.

146
00:10:40,210 --> 00:10:45,170
Because you felt that you
accepted the order of the camp,

147
00:10:45,170 --> 00:10:47,320
which means that some
people have power,

148
00:10:47,320 --> 00:10:52,570
and they can apply that power
and that this is legitimate.

149
00:10:52,570 --> 00:10:57,040
In other words, what used
to be illegitimate outside

150

00:10:57,040 --> 00:10:59,480
the camp became legitimate.

151
00:10:59,480 --> 00:11:01,900
So you had a different
type of legitimacy.

152
00:11:01,900 --> 00:11:05,000
You had a different
type of law altogether,

153
00:11:05,000 --> 00:11:07,900
which, then, people
had to accept

154
00:11:07,900 --> 00:11:09,280
if they wanted to survive.

155
00:11:09,280 --> 00:11:12,190
And again, survival
was at stake.

156
00:11:12,190 --> 00:11:15,130
And if you want to survive,
you simply will adjust.

157
00:11:15,130 --> 00:11:18,370
And one of the important
things to remember

158
00:11:18,370 --> 00:11:27,160
is that the ability to adjust
to novel situations, the ability

159
00:11:27,160 --> 00:11:34,990
to stay alert, was absolutely
essential for survival.

160
00:11:34,990 --> 00:11:39,610
And the interesting thing
was the younger people

161
00:11:39,610 --> 00:11:46,990

were, in most cases, the easier
it was for them to adjust.

162
00:11:46,990 --> 00:11:52,060
The older people were, the more
difficult it was to adjust.

163
00:11:52,060 --> 00:11:55,990
And that's why the older
people just died by the droves.

164
00:11:55,990 --> 00:11:59,080
Because they couldn't
take the hurdles.

165
00:11:59,080 --> 00:12:06,070
They were punished
and beaten and didn't

166
00:12:06,070 --> 00:12:09,580
get enough food and all
that so that the older

167
00:12:09,580 --> 00:12:13,924
ones were the people
who didn't live long.

168
00:12:13,924 --> 00:12:18,880
Their life span was
very short in a camp.

169
00:12:18,880 --> 00:12:23,640

170
00:12:23,640 --> 00:12:30,200
Thinking about, as you say,
that changes inside the camp,

171
00:12:30,200 --> 00:12:34,500
the power situation, I have a
note here that in your writing,

172
00:12:34,500 --> 00:12:37,770

you had made the statement
that the lower echelon

173
00:12:37,770 --> 00:12:42,060
SS were more identified with
the power roles than those

174
00:12:42,060 --> 00:12:44,280
that were in them.

175
00:12:44,280 --> 00:12:46,140
And how do you explain that?

176
00:12:46,140 --> 00:12:49,370

177
00:12:49,370 --> 00:12:53,660
I'm not quite sure which
passage you are referring to.

178
00:12:53,660 --> 00:12:58,190
Well, the notion, to me, was
that the people in the lower

179
00:12:58,190 --> 00:13:01,400
echelons of the SS
were more identified

180
00:13:01,400 --> 00:13:03,800
with the roles of people
in the upper echelon

181
00:13:03,800 --> 00:13:07,040
than those very people
were, themselves.

182
00:13:07,040 --> 00:13:11,750
Now, maybe this doesn't
sound familiar to you.

183
00:13:11,750 --> 00:13:14,510
No, I'm not quite
clear in terms of what

184
00:13:14,510 --> 00:13:16,632
you're saying, actually.

185
00:13:16,632 --> 00:13:17,340
OK, well, maybe--

186
00:13:17,340 --> 00:13:21,990
Well, let me see if I
understand when I rephrase it.

187
00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:22,490
OK.

188
00:13:22,490 --> 00:13:25,730

189
00:13:25,730 --> 00:13:30,140
What I said in some of the
things, one of the things

190
00:13:30,140 --> 00:13:37,490
I can recollect, is
that the inmates did not

191
00:13:37,490 --> 00:13:42,335
identify with the persons
who occupied SS roles.

192
00:13:42,335 --> 00:13:46,910

193
00:13:46,910 --> 00:13:50,180
Because the SS role
was a destructive role.

194
00:13:50,180 --> 00:13:53,120
And SS, of course,
were perceived

195
00:13:53,120 --> 00:13:58,220
as archenemies, a deadly enemy.

196
00:13:58,220 --> 00:14:01,490
However, in order to
survive in a camp,

197
00:14:01,490 --> 00:14:07,220
you had to use the little power
to the best of your ability

198
00:14:07,220 --> 00:14:09,810
in order to survive.

199
00:14:09,810 --> 00:14:14,990
Now, the SS, of course, had
the utmost power in a camp.

200
00:14:14,990 --> 00:14:19,760
So what people did, they
tried to learn from the SS

201
00:14:19,760 --> 00:14:24,080
to lighten themselves,
not to SS people

202
00:14:24,080 --> 00:14:31,320
but how to use the little power
which was available to them.

203
00:14:31,320 --> 00:14:33,230
That's what they identified.

204
00:14:33,230 --> 00:14:37,070
So they identified with
the SS person's power

205
00:14:37,070 --> 00:14:41,570
because their power decided
whether they were going to live

206
00:14:41,570 --> 00:14:44,180
or not.

207

00:14:44,180 --> 00:14:46,820
So they identified with
that, but they did not

208
00:14:46,820 --> 00:14:53,000
identify with the purpose and
the role of the SS, as such,

209
00:14:53,000 --> 00:14:56,600
at all, other than the power.

210
00:14:56,600 --> 00:14:59,280
Is that how I understand
your question?

211
00:14:59,280 --> 00:15:00,530
I don't know whether this is--

212
00:15:00,530 --> 00:15:03,830
No, I understand what you're
saying about the camp inmate.

213
00:15:03,830 --> 00:15:05,300
This was a statement
more related

214
00:15:05,300 --> 00:15:10,910
to lower echelon SS themselves
being more fervently identified

215
00:15:10,910 --> 00:15:15,710
with the higher
echelon's position

216
00:15:15,710 --> 00:15:17,810
than those higher
echelon themselves

217
00:15:17,810 --> 00:15:19,940
were in their own roles.

218
00:15:19,940 --> 00:15:21,660
But maybe this is

sounding confusing.

219

00:15:21,660 --> 00:15:22,670

So we can let this go.

220

00:15:22,670 --> 00:15:25,580

Well, first of all,
higher echelon people,

221

00:15:25,580 --> 00:15:28,610

you hardly had any contact
in the camps with, anyway.

222

00:15:28,610 --> 00:15:32,340

And so that was all relative.

223

00:15:32,340 --> 00:15:38,480

And the contact you had with
SS was primarily only limited

224

00:15:38,480 --> 00:15:41,120

to low-echelon people.

225

00:15:41,120 --> 00:15:44,880

The high-echelon people you
saw very rarely, if at all.

226

00:15:44,880 --> 00:15:46,940

Well, maybe your
statement is more

227

00:15:46,940 --> 00:15:49,070

within the context of
the SS and had nothing

228

00:15:49,070 --> 00:15:51,650

to do, in fact, with the camps.

229

00:15:51,650 --> 00:15:53,390

That's a possibility.

230

00:15:53,390 --> 00:15:54,830

Well, I still don't--

231
00:15:54,830 --> 00:15:56,570
like to clarify that.

232
00:15:56,570 --> 00:16:05,100
But the low-echelon
SS only identified

233
00:16:05,100 --> 00:16:10,170
with what all of them
identified with, the ideology.

234
00:16:10,170 --> 00:16:17,130
And that was not
limited to rank.

235
00:16:17,130 --> 00:16:21,630

236
00:16:21,630 --> 00:16:24,360
The higher rank
people, of course,

237
00:16:24,360 --> 00:16:27,660
had privileges which the
lower ones did not have.

238
00:16:27,660 --> 00:16:31,260
And there was a social
distance, to some extent,

239
00:16:31,260 --> 00:16:35,190
which was much greater
than they advocated.

240
00:16:35,190 --> 00:16:37,780
Because they said,
we all are SS.

241
00:16:37,780 --> 00:16:39,640
Well, that's very
true, but, I mean,

242

00:16:39,640 --> 00:16:42,360
there was a tremendous social
distance between someone

243

00:16:42,360 --> 00:16:46,980
who was a high-ranking
officer and someone who

244

00:16:46,980 --> 00:17:02,100
was a small man with
a very low rank.

245

00:17:02,100 --> 00:17:05,839

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00:17:05,839 --> 00:17:08,420
At one point, you
made the comment

247

00:17:08,420 --> 00:17:14,930
that the SS were as
clients to Hitler.

248

00:17:14,930 --> 00:17:16,520
I don't know if
you remember that.

249

00:17:16,520 --> 00:17:19,369
But I thought that
was interesting

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00:17:19,369 --> 00:17:23,240
and wanted to know if you
would elaborate on that notion.

251

00:17:23,240 --> 00:17:27,589
Well, the client as much
as the they didn't know,

252

00:17:27,589 --> 00:17:29,930
they didn't realize
that, but they're

253

00:17:29,930 --> 00:17:37,130

clients to his designs
and manipulative power.

254

00:17:37,130 --> 00:17:40,130

And I went one step
further and said

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00:17:40,130 --> 00:17:42,270

that, for all
practical purposes,

256

00:17:42,270 --> 00:17:46,940

the SS were a sort
of victim themselves.

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00:17:46,940 --> 00:17:50,720

And yes, they're victims
to Hitler's designs.

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00:17:50,720 --> 00:17:56,000

Because obviously, they
subjected themselves

259

00:17:56,000 --> 00:18:02,810

to his designs without really
understanding fully the outcome

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00:18:02,810 --> 00:18:14,780

or understand the danger, the
dire consequences, which this

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00:18:14,780 --> 00:18:28,580

meant for them, having accepted
Hitler's orders, so to speak,

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00:18:28,580 --> 00:18:29,480

blindfolded.

263

00:18:29,480 --> 00:18:32,000

264

00:18:32,000 --> 00:18:33,260

I don't think they understood.

265

00:18:33,260 --> 00:18:36,200

And that is something
which I brought up

266

00:18:36,200 --> 00:18:39,620

in the discussion, the
roundtable discussion,

267

00:18:39,620 --> 00:18:45,830

with the SS during this
one broadcast in which I

268

00:18:45,830 --> 00:18:46,910

made it very clear.

269

00:18:46,910 --> 00:18:49,650

And they saw the point.

270

00:18:49,650 --> 00:18:52,310

And that's why they
said, if we had known

271

00:18:52,310 --> 00:18:59,790

the consequences of our
joining the SS, in retrospect,

272

00:18:59,790 --> 00:19:03,740

it would have been
better if we had not.

273

00:19:03,740 --> 00:19:05,690

And that's why they
expressed regret.

274

00:19:05,690 --> 00:19:08,660

If we had known what
will come of it,

275

00:19:08,660 --> 00:19:10,020

we would have not joined.

276

00:19:10,020 --> 00:19:12,710

And that's precisely
the type of insight

277

00:19:12,710 --> 00:19:16,160

which is very important.

278

00:19:16,160 --> 00:19:19,100

So they were victimized,
for practical purposes,

279

00:19:19,100 --> 00:19:24,410

in some sort of way, which
seemingly and de facto gave

280

00:19:24,410 --> 00:19:27,710

them power over other
people and made them

281

00:19:27,710 --> 00:19:30,140

satisfied for a period of time.

282

00:19:30,140 --> 00:19:34,550

But it led to their doom, too.

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00:19:34,550 --> 00:19:37,188

So they were clients, as
in consumers, at first.

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00:19:37,188 --> 00:19:37,730

That's right.

285

00:19:37,730 --> 00:19:40,610

And then became victims
in the [INAUDIBLE]..

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00:19:40,610 --> 00:19:44,360

Clients to someone who was,
for all practical purposes,

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00:19:44,360 --> 00:19:47,300
conning them.

288
00:19:47,300 --> 00:19:55,250
And because he imposed his
notion of reality on them,

289
00:19:55,250 --> 00:19:58,290
somehow was able to con
them, sell it to them,

290
00:19:58,290 --> 00:20:00,320
so that they accepted it.

291
00:20:00,320 --> 00:20:04,010
But for all practical
purposes-- and that

292
00:20:04,010 --> 00:20:06,260
is something which
came out, also,

293
00:20:06,260 --> 00:20:10,850
in Hitler's secretary writings.

294
00:20:10,850 --> 00:20:14,390
And that was reflected in one
particular incident, which

295
00:20:14,390 --> 00:20:17,390
she told me and
also wrote about,

296
00:20:17,390 --> 00:20:24,740
because I considered that to be
a very important pronouncement

297
00:20:24,740 --> 00:20:31,130
made by Hitler when
they were in one

298
00:20:31,130 --> 00:20:34,730
of the headquarters during

the war back in the east.

299

00:20:34,730 --> 00:20:41,330

And there was an air raid,
or danger of an air raid.

300

00:20:41,330 --> 00:20:44,300

And they had to turn out
all the light and all that.

301

00:20:44,300 --> 00:20:48,080

And during that
particular time, she

302

00:20:48,080 --> 00:20:55,865

was looking for a flashlight
and sent one of the SS people

303

00:20:55,865 --> 00:21:03,470

who was kind of a
combination of servant/guard,

304

00:21:03,470 --> 00:21:05,250

to look for that flashlight.

305

00:21:05,250 --> 00:21:07,760

He came back and said
he couldn't find it.

306

00:21:07,760 --> 00:21:10,640

And Hitler was
around, and he felt

307

00:21:10,640 --> 00:21:14,660

that he may have been
indirectly accused

308

00:21:14,660 --> 00:21:16,700

of taking the
flashlight or something

309

00:21:16,700 --> 00:21:22,110

and said one very,

very important thing,

310
00:21:22,110 --> 00:21:28,580
which, to me, was
really decisive in order

311
00:21:28,580 --> 00:21:30,890
to gain some insight.

312
00:21:30,890 --> 00:21:38,720
He said, I may be a thief
of countries or lands--

313
00:21:38,720 --> 00:21:41,750
and he said that in a
dialect, in his Austrian type

314
00:21:41,750 --> 00:21:43,160
of dialect--

315
00:21:43,160 --> 00:21:49,800
I may be a thief of
countries, but I'm not

316
00:21:49,800 --> 00:21:51,530
a thief of flashlights.

317
00:21:51,530 --> 00:21:55,290

318
00:21:55,290 --> 00:21:57,660
The small thieves are caught.

319
00:21:57,660 --> 00:22:03,000
The big ones are
let off scot-free.

320
00:22:03,000 --> 00:22:05,910

321
00:22:05,910 --> 00:22:11,190
And I think that was a type

of admission which we just

322

00:22:11,190 --> 00:22:22,290

had tremendous value for someone
who is studying the personality

323

00:22:22,290 --> 00:22:25,920

and characteristics of
Hitler in which he actually

324

00:22:25,920 --> 00:22:32,940

admits to be a thief, a robber.

325

00:22:32,940 --> 00:22:37,740

326

00:22:37,740 --> 00:22:39,922

Well, do you know of any
reaction from the people

327

00:22:39,922 --> 00:22:41,130

present to that conversation?

328

00:22:41,130 --> 00:22:43,950

Well, there are not many
present, only three present.

329

00:22:43,950 --> 00:22:46,750

It was this one
person, that SS fellow

330

00:22:46,750 --> 00:22:50,160

who was sent to look for
the flashlight, Christa

331

00:22:50,160 --> 00:22:51,420

Schroeder, and Hitler.

332

00:22:51,420 --> 00:22:55,920

That's it, at that
particular point.

333

00:22:55,920 --> 00:22:57,510
Because the chances
are, he wouldn't

334
00:22:57,510 --> 00:23:01,110
have said it to anyone else.

335
00:23:01,110 --> 00:23:03,390
Did this imply they
knew this already?

336
00:23:03,390 --> 00:23:04,230
Who?

337
00:23:04,230 --> 00:23:07,050
The witnesses, that
they knew already

338
00:23:07,050 --> 00:23:09,330
that he viewed it as
thievery, what he was doing,

339
00:23:09,330 --> 00:23:13,090
and that he would
get away with it?

340
00:23:13,090 --> 00:23:14,340
I don't quite understand that.

341
00:23:14,340 --> 00:23:17,040
That he said this
in their presence

342
00:23:17,040 --> 00:23:19,120
because it was an
already-known fact.

343
00:23:19,120 --> 00:23:23,250
No, it was supposed
to be a joke.

344
00:23:23,250 --> 00:23:25,770
It was not supposed to be

a serious pronouncement,

345
00:23:25,770 --> 00:23:27,770
but it was a very serious--

346
00:23:27,770 --> 00:23:30,720

347
00:23:30,720 --> 00:23:32,616
Admission.

348
00:23:32,616 --> 00:23:35,210
--connotation, yeah.

349
00:23:35,210 --> 00:23:36,780
No, it was supposed
to be a joke.

350
00:23:36,780 --> 00:23:40,110
He was saying, hey, you know,
I didn't steal your flashlight.

351
00:23:40,110 --> 00:23:43,360
I may be stealing countries
but not flashlights.

352
00:23:43,360 --> 00:23:45,750
You know I don't bother that.

353
00:23:45,750 --> 00:23:46,770
I'm a big one.

354
00:23:46,770 --> 00:23:54,690
I'm a citizen beyond
reproach or a citizen

355
00:23:54,690 --> 00:23:58,470
above reproach, you see,
because I stand above the law.

356
00:23:58,470 --> 00:24:02,710

357
00:24:02,710 --> 00:24:04,600
No, it was supposed
to be a jocular

358
00:24:04,600 --> 00:24:08,323
sort of jocular response.

359
00:24:08,323 --> 00:24:12,010
Among the SS in
general, do you feel

360
00:24:12,010 --> 00:24:17,560
like some people sort
of over-identified

361
00:24:17,560 --> 00:24:21,250
with their role, went further
than was demanded of, even,

362
00:24:21,250 --> 00:24:22,570
the role of SS officer?

363
00:24:22,570 --> 00:24:23,200
Well, yes.

364
00:24:23,200 --> 00:24:25,930
That that's one thing
which is quite interesting.

365
00:24:25,930 --> 00:24:28,990
And just recently, I
came out with some sort

366
00:24:28,990 --> 00:24:29,990
of a definition--

367
00:24:29,990 --> 00:24:32,710
I hope to be able to discuss
it with some people who

368
00:24:32,710 --> 00:24:41,440

can more objectively
assess my new theoretical

369
00:24:41,440 --> 00:24:43,060
conceptualization--

370
00:24:43,060 --> 00:24:47,200
is that we all have roles.

371
00:24:47,200 --> 00:24:51,100
And the roles are
fairly closely defined.

372
00:24:51,100 --> 00:24:53,590
But even if we play
these roles, there

373
00:24:53,590 --> 00:25:04,450
is always a momentum,
a margin where

374
00:25:04,450 --> 00:25:13,600
we have the ability to act
upon based on our discretion.

375
00:25:13,600 --> 00:25:21,190
So this role margin, I call,
or I equate, with discretion.

376
00:25:21,190 --> 00:25:25,690
And so some people
used the role margin

377
00:25:25,690 --> 00:25:34,060
in a way which was not more than
they understood they had to do.

378
00:25:34,060 --> 00:25:38,350
And some other people
used that role margin

379
00:25:38,350 --> 00:25:45,190
in a way which would

reduce the suffering.

380
00:25:45,190 --> 00:25:47,530
And there are still
some other people

381
00:25:47,530 --> 00:25:51,190
who used the role
margin in order

382
00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:55,180
to hurt people more than
they were asked to hurt.

383
00:25:55,180 --> 00:25:58,690
And so you've got the
three major groupings.

384
00:25:58,690 --> 00:26:04,180
And in life, we all
play roles, I think.

385
00:26:04,180 --> 00:26:06,250
When we understand
the role definition

386
00:26:06,250 --> 00:26:11,860
of the set of roles we play, we
can look for this role margin

387
00:26:11,860 --> 00:26:14,920
and observe how
these people played

388
00:26:14,920 --> 00:26:25,240
and where they have, indeed,
the type of leeway which

389
00:26:25,240 --> 00:26:28,310
they can use in so
many different ways,

390
00:26:28,310 --> 00:26:32,530

and the discretion.

391
00:26:32,530 --> 00:26:35,830
And how you use the
discretion tells you

392
00:26:35,830 --> 00:26:37,165
quite a bit about that person.

393
00:26:37,165 --> 00:26:41,270

394
00:26:41,270 --> 00:26:43,090
And so you had
assessed people who

395
00:26:43,090 --> 00:26:46,450
did what they were asked to
do, not more and not less,

396
00:26:46,450 --> 00:26:51,370
which complied to
their role definition.

397
00:26:51,370 --> 00:26:57,410
And some people
made concessions,

398
00:26:57,410 --> 00:27:00,080
and they're not as
severe, and said,

399
00:27:00,080 --> 00:27:02,920
well, I'm not going
to hurt that person.

400
00:27:02,920 --> 00:27:05,720
Maybe I'll help that person.

401
00:27:05,720 --> 00:27:07,480
So I've witnessed that.

402

00:27:07,480 --> 00:27:09,220
That also existed.

403
00:27:09,220 --> 00:27:11,830
And then you had people
who used the role

404
00:27:11,830 --> 00:27:15,790
margin to do more
than they're asked

405
00:27:15,790 --> 00:27:18,340
to do in terms of cruelty.

406
00:27:18,340 --> 00:27:22,930
In other words, they're more
cruel than they're asked to be.

407
00:27:22,930 --> 00:27:24,880
And that's how they
used the role margin.

408
00:27:24,880 --> 00:27:28,060
And we can see that
in everyday life, too.

409
00:27:28,060 --> 00:27:31,900
And that is something
which I think is--

410
00:27:31,900 --> 00:27:34,270
this notion which
I've developed,

411
00:27:34,270 --> 00:27:42,760
I think I have to primarily
thank Erich Fromm, who didn't

412
00:27:42,760 --> 00:27:46,270
define it in this
specific detail,

413
00:27:46,270 --> 00:27:50,290

but he said, well,
instead of giving people

414
00:27:50,290 --> 00:27:59,250
a test or psychological
inventories

415
00:27:59,250 --> 00:28:02,710
to find out to what extent
they are sadistic or not--

416
00:28:02,710 --> 00:28:04,200
and he was referring
particularly

417
00:28:04,200 --> 00:28:12,810
to the Stanford simulated
prison experiment developed

418
00:28:12,810 --> 00:28:15,930
by Philip Zimbardo--

419
00:28:15,930 --> 00:28:19,860
he said that all these tests,
he felt, were not very accurate.

420
00:28:19,860 --> 00:28:24,390
But if you really observe
people in real life,

421
00:28:24,390 --> 00:28:29,280
I think you could find
out much more about them

422
00:28:29,280 --> 00:28:34,320
than if you give them some
psychological inventory.

423
00:28:34,320 --> 00:28:37,800
And he used that particular--
and gave me an example

424
00:28:37,800 --> 00:28:40,800

and said, well, you've
got this person who

425
00:28:40,800 --> 00:28:46,710
is a clerk in some
sort of a post office.

426
00:28:46,710 --> 00:28:49,890
And there's still
one person waiting.

427
00:28:49,890 --> 00:28:52,870
And all the other
ones were served.

428
00:28:52,870 --> 00:28:55,410
And it's now exactly
closing time.

429
00:28:55,410 --> 00:28:59,100
And although he's the only
one and he could serve him--

430
00:28:59,100 --> 00:29:05,970
that was within his what I call
role margin or discretion--

431
00:29:05,970 --> 00:29:08,880
but he chooses to
close the window

432
00:29:08,880 --> 00:29:10,440
and have a smirk on his face.

433
00:29:10,440 --> 00:29:13,770
So that means he gets
satisfaction out of the fact

434
00:29:13,770 --> 00:29:16,540
that this man is not--
so and that, he said,

435
00:29:16,540 --> 00:29:21,630

well, it's typical for someone
who has a sadistic streak.

436
00:29:21,630 --> 00:29:23,520
Now, he didn't
talk about growth.

437
00:29:23,520 --> 00:29:25,710
He didn't talk about
those specific things

438
00:29:25,710 --> 00:29:26,640
which are developed.

439
00:29:26,640 --> 00:29:30,300
But it is based on
what Fromm said,

440
00:29:30,300 --> 00:29:33,330
except it's more specific.

441
00:29:33,330 --> 00:29:36,990
With that notion, what
might be the difference

442
00:29:36,990 --> 00:29:40,890
in acting in the role margin if
the person was being observed

443
00:29:40,890 --> 00:29:44,400
by his superiors?

444
00:29:44,400 --> 00:29:47,920
Well, that's a
very good question.

445
00:29:47,920 --> 00:29:52,950
This depends what
he would expect,

446
00:29:52,950 --> 00:29:54,360
depending on his superior.

447

00:29:54,360 --> 00:30:01,740

If he feels that the superior
would reward extreme cruelty,

448

00:30:01,740 --> 00:30:03,660

then he would do that.

449

00:30:03,660 --> 00:30:10,800

If he would see that he would
think that the superior will

450

00:30:10,800 --> 00:30:17,160

be critical to a
severe response which

451

00:30:17,160 --> 00:30:23,460

would go above and
beyond his call of duty,

452

00:30:23,460 --> 00:30:26,220

then he would not risk
doing it because that

453

00:30:26,220 --> 00:30:28,170

means that he would
be reprimanded

454

00:30:28,170 --> 00:30:33,340

or might jeopardize his
promotion or what have you.

455

00:30:33,340 --> 00:30:35,460

So people are very
opportunistic.

456

00:30:35,460 --> 00:30:37,650

And when we talk to
each other, we usually

457

00:30:37,650 --> 00:30:40,800

also think in terms of, how
is the other person going

458

00:30:40,800 --> 00:30:44,310

to respond to me when
I say this or that?

459

00:30:44,310 --> 00:30:52,150

So I'll say things which will
be responded to favorably.

460

00:30:52,150 --> 00:30:56,850

And so I won't tell you
things which, the chances are,

461

00:30:56,850 --> 00:31:03,870

which would leave me unrewarded.

462

00:31:03,870 --> 00:31:07,720

Now, some people don't care,
depending on the reward

463

00:31:07,720 --> 00:31:09,690

and what they can expect.

464

00:31:09,690 --> 00:31:14,490

And some people tell
you unpleasant things

465

00:31:14,490 --> 00:31:17,940

and know that they will
be negatively rewarded.

466

00:31:17,940 --> 00:31:20,610

But then, it's
usually a situation

467

00:31:20,610 --> 00:31:25,380

that they either feel that
they have equal power to yours

468

00:31:25,380 --> 00:31:26,850

or they are more powerful.

469

00:31:26,850 --> 00:31:28,530

But it really doesn't
make a difference

470
00:31:28,530 --> 00:31:31,620
because they don't
need you that much,

471
00:31:31,620 --> 00:31:39,120
or they want to get rid of
you, or they are frank with you

472
00:31:39,120 --> 00:31:41,310
because they think they
can be frank with you.

473
00:31:41,310 --> 00:31:44,450

474
00:31:44,450 --> 00:31:46,520
So there are different
sort of motives.

475
00:31:46,520 --> 00:31:48,920
And we have to look in
terms of what is expected.

476
00:31:48,920 --> 00:31:52,250
And in most
interaction, we do say

477
00:31:52,250 --> 00:31:56,990
things which will be favorably
received and returned

478
00:31:56,990 --> 00:32:00,770
with some sort of favor which
we want to receive from them.

479
00:32:00,770 --> 00:32:02,750
And that's why we
say what we say.

480
00:32:02,750 --> 00:32:04,640

That's why we do what we do.

481

00:32:04,640 --> 00:32:10,070

Because life is
based on interaction.

482

00:32:10,070 --> 00:32:12,800

And this interaction, we
need because we could not

483

00:32:12,800 --> 00:32:15,840

survive without the
support of other people.

484

00:32:15,840 --> 00:32:19,220

So what we do in
our interaction,

485

00:32:19,220 --> 00:32:21,090

we reward each other.

486

00:32:21,090 --> 00:32:25,190

And if you do something
to me which I don't like,

487

00:32:25,190 --> 00:32:29,480

the chances are not going
to reward you positively

488

00:32:29,480 --> 00:32:34,010

but negatively in either
cutting off the relationship

489

00:32:34,010 --> 00:32:37,620

or getting back at you
in one way or another

490

00:32:37,620 --> 00:32:40,100

and so forth and so on.

491

00:32:40,100 --> 00:32:47,640

In the area of the discretion,
say, toward the positive,

492
00:32:47,640 --> 00:32:51,060
would an SS person
be viewed as weak

493
00:32:51,060 --> 00:32:53,070
or some other negative thing?

494
00:32:53,070 --> 00:32:54,810
Well, they could be, yeah.

495
00:32:54,810 --> 00:33:02,100
And so, for example, whenever
I was supported by an SS--

496
00:33:02,100 --> 00:33:04,350
and there are some few
occasions, not many,

497
00:33:04,350 --> 00:33:06,540
to be sure--

498
00:33:06,540 --> 00:33:09,690
they are always
by themselves, not

499
00:33:09,690 --> 00:33:14,190
in the presence of some other
SS, which is interesting.

500
00:33:14,190 --> 00:33:17,430
It may have been a coincidence
because there are not

501
00:33:17,430 --> 00:33:19,470
that many cases in
which I can say.

502
00:33:19,470 --> 00:33:23,070

503
00:33:23,070 --> 00:33:27,210

And excessive cruelty also
was also without witnesses.

504
00:33:27,210 --> 00:33:31,110

505
00:33:31,110 --> 00:33:34,200
Because there are
guidelines which

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00:33:34,200 --> 00:33:40,860
condemned excessive cruelty
and made it punishable.

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00:33:40,860 --> 00:33:46,320
So excessive cruelty was not
something which was advocated.

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00:33:46,320 --> 00:33:49,890
What was advocated
is cruelty which

509
00:33:49,890 --> 00:33:57,650
would be necessary to
accomplish what they set out

510
00:33:57,650 --> 00:34:01,460
to accomplish, namely
to have a relatively

511
00:34:01,460 --> 00:34:07,910
conflict-free program
of mass destruction,

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00:34:07,910 --> 00:34:15,110
in case of the Jews,
or control over

513
00:34:15,110 --> 00:34:18,889
the conflict-free conduct
in concentration camps

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00:34:18,889 --> 00:34:24,290

where you had non-Jews or
mixed inmate population.

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00:34:24,290 --> 00:34:26,810

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00:34:26,810 --> 00:34:29,090
And Himmler was
very clear about it,

517
00:34:29,090 --> 00:34:33,920
that anyone who was going
to be excessively cruel,

518
00:34:33,920 --> 00:34:39,050
which was not going to
accomplish what they set out

519
00:34:39,050 --> 00:34:41,030
to accomplish,
would be punishable.

520
00:34:41,030 --> 00:34:43,639
And he made that very clear.

521
00:34:43,639 --> 00:34:48,290
Do you think that the
notion of excessive cruelty

522
00:34:48,290 --> 00:34:52,040
would go too far over the
line in that SS person

523
00:34:52,040 --> 00:34:54,590
having their own
desires acted out

524
00:34:54,590 --> 00:34:57,725
or control over their
own internal wishes?

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00:34:57,725 --> 00:35:00,860

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00:35:00,860 --> 00:35:05,810

Well, again, I would go
back to what I said earlier.

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00:35:05,810 --> 00:35:09,900

In any role, whether SS
or inmate or whatever,

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00:35:09,900 --> 00:35:18,110

the margin of discretion
we have playing that role

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00:35:18,110 --> 00:35:22,440

is used in one way or another.

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00:35:22,440 --> 00:35:27,840

It may be used which is totally
consistent with the major role

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00:35:27,840 --> 00:35:34,910

so that it's just an
integral part of that role,

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00:35:34,910 --> 00:35:39,680

or it is used in
a way which would

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00:35:39,680 --> 00:35:45,110

be excessive or constructive.

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00:35:45,110 --> 00:35:47,950

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00:35:47,950 --> 00:35:59,890

And in most cases, I think
the SS played the role

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00:35:59,890 --> 00:36:06,520

in a way which they understood
they were supposed to play,

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00:36:06,520 --> 00:36:10,970
consistently with what
was expected of them.

538
00:36:10,970 --> 00:36:12,850
So that excessive
cruelty would not

539
00:36:12,850 --> 00:36:16,750
be considered like
working overtime.

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00:36:16,750 --> 00:36:19,300
No, no.

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00:36:19,300 --> 00:36:20,980
And it was not
necessarily rewarded,

542
00:36:20,980 --> 00:36:22,500
depending on your superior.

543
00:36:22,500 --> 00:36:24,845
If the superior was into
cruelty, then, of course,

544
00:36:24,845 --> 00:36:28,070
it'd be a different thing.

545
00:36:28,070 --> 00:36:32,800
The notion of the
externalization of conscience

546
00:36:32,800 --> 00:36:36,280
is talked about a lot.

547
00:36:36,280 --> 00:36:38,230
How do you think that
process takes place?

548
00:36:38,230 --> 00:36:40,840
Is it a process that can
take place in anyone?

549
00:36:40,840 --> 00:36:44,920
Or do you think it has any
relation to German culture

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00:36:44,920 --> 00:36:46,430
or German style?

551
00:36:46,430 --> 00:36:48,850
Well, I think that's
cross-cultural.

552
00:36:48,850 --> 00:36:50,890
I don't think it has
anything to do with one

553
00:36:50,890 --> 00:36:52,765
particular society or culture.

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00:36:52,765 --> 00:36:58,580

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00:36:58,580 --> 00:37:11,450
What it has to do is where a
society's so controlled that it

556
00:37:11,450 --> 00:37:21,080
either can be defined as
totalitarian or a autocracy

557
00:37:21,080 --> 00:37:29,450
or anything of that nature
so that people, in order

558
00:37:29,450 --> 00:37:35,120
to survive, will do things
which they are ordered to do,

559
00:37:35,120 --> 00:37:41,720
which they are imposed
to do, or imposed upon

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00:37:41,720 --> 00:37:50,350
to do, by virtue of the fact
that if they don't do it,

561
00:37:50,350 --> 00:37:54,320
they'll be punished-- in other
words, negatively rewarded.

562
00:37:54,320 --> 00:37:57,580
So they do these things.

563
00:37:57,580 --> 00:38:04,690
And in a relatively
free society,

564
00:38:04,690 --> 00:38:10,420
you have sufficient flexibility
to use your own judgment.

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00:38:10,420 --> 00:38:13,480
But in a totalitarian
society, your judgment

566
00:38:13,480 --> 00:38:17,065
will be only marginal in
terms of the role margin.

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00:38:17,065 --> 00:38:20,930

568
00:38:20,930 --> 00:38:24,950
I don't know whether
I've answered that.

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00:38:24,950 --> 00:38:26,484
Yes.

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00:38:26,484 --> 00:38:30,380
It suggests to me
further, do you

571
00:38:30,380 --> 00:38:36,980
think that the existing

culture in any way

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00:38:36,980 --> 00:38:42,138
makes a contribution toward
people being more dependent

573

00:38:42,138 --> 00:38:43,430
on authority to make decisions?

574

00:38:43,430 --> 00:38:45,050
Yeah, OK.

575

00:38:45,050 --> 00:38:46,250
Yes, certainly.

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00:38:46,250 --> 00:38:49,340
And it just depends how
people are socialized.

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00:38:49,340 --> 00:38:53,330
If you have parents
who say, well--

578

00:38:53,330 --> 00:38:57,110
I hear that very frequently,
back at home in Czechoslovakia,

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00:38:57,110 --> 00:39:03,080
I used to hear that, or
here, also, in the States--

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00:39:03,080 --> 00:39:07,220
when you have children and
they are told to do something,

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00:39:07,220 --> 00:39:09,980
and they question
that and say, why?

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00:39:09,980 --> 00:39:13,010
And they answer,
because I say so.

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00:39:13,010 --> 00:39:15,410

Now, that's the
step in this sort

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00:39:15,410 --> 00:39:17,690

of authoritarian direction.

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00:39:17,690 --> 00:39:21,770

Rather than explaining and say,
because and say, you know--

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00:39:21,770 --> 00:39:22,970

on their level.

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00:39:22,970 --> 00:39:25,370

Now, they externalization
of conscience

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00:39:25,370 --> 00:39:32,540

is precisely where my individual
conscience is relegated

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00:39:32,540 --> 00:39:34,640

to those who give me the order.

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00:39:34,640 --> 00:39:38,480

And therefore, I feel
that I'm not responsible

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00:39:38,480 --> 00:39:43,400

because it's not my
initiative, which is true.

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00:39:43,400 --> 00:39:48,620

And it's on the conscience
of those who gave the order.

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00:39:48,620 --> 00:39:54,800

So therefore, my
conscience is free

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00:39:54,800 --> 00:39:59,660

because I do it not because I
necessarily like it or identify

595
00:39:59,660 --> 00:40:03,680
but because I'm told
by someone who counts.

596
00:40:03,680 --> 00:40:10,190
And therefore, I delegate
that to that particular person

597
00:40:10,190 --> 00:40:18,790
who is in charge because
of the situation,

598
00:40:18,790 --> 00:40:25,230
which does not give
me enough leeway

599
00:40:25,230 --> 00:40:28,780
to get out of it with impunity.

600
00:40:28,780 --> 00:40:32,930
So I'd rather do it and
not be punished, or not

601
00:40:32,930 --> 00:40:36,890
get into some sort of
unpleasant situation

602
00:40:36,890 --> 00:40:42,800
rather than disobeying.

603
00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:46,880
In your interviews, did
you find that notion,

604
00:40:46,880 --> 00:40:49,640
or explore that
notion, that people

605
00:40:49,640 --> 00:40:51,170
felt that they

did not have to be

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00:40:51,170 --> 00:40:53,270

responsible for
their own conscience?

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00:40:53,270 --> 00:40:55,790

Well, they said,
some of the things

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00:40:55,790 --> 00:40:59,300

we didn't quite understand,
but the Fuhrer said so.

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00:40:59,300 --> 00:41:07,670

Or my superior said I should do
it, and I had to obey orders.

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00:41:07,670 --> 00:41:10,700

Because that's how we
have been brought up,

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00:41:10,700 --> 00:41:13,670

to obey our superiors.

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00:41:13,670 --> 00:41:16,850

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00:41:16,850 --> 00:41:23,150

And the notion which
seemed to play a large role

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00:41:23,150 --> 00:41:27,860

of the euphemisms that Hitler--

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00:41:27,860 --> 00:41:29,960

I presume Hitler-- invented.

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00:41:29,960 --> 00:41:31,700

Well, Hitler, I don't know.

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00:41:31,700 --> 00:41:34,580

Hitler may not have
invented it, but they all

618
00:41:34,580 --> 00:41:37,670
were inventing the euphemisms.

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00:41:37,670 --> 00:41:42,680
Because they didn't want to
call the baby by its name.

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00:41:42,680 --> 00:41:46,730
And that has very important
moral implications.

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00:41:46,730 --> 00:41:49,340
Because on one hand,
they are brought up

622
00:41:49,340 --> 00:41:51,350
with different set of morals.

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00:41:51,350 --> 00:41:58,130
And they're, in the process,
successfully changing morality.

624
00:41:58,130 --> 00:42:01,760
And because they're
fearful that there'd

625
00:42:01,760 --> 00:42:07,700
be too much resistance of
the old type of morality

626
00:42:07,700 --> 00:42:10,250
versus the new type,
they felt that they

627
00:42:10,250 --> 00:42:12,560
didn't want to tell the
truth in a way which

628
00:42:12,560 --> 00:42:16,250
would be offensive to those

people who still were with one

629
00:42:16,250 --> 00:42:19,040
foot in the old morality.

630
00:42:19,040 --> 00:42:22,710
And they're much
more successful.

631
00:42:22,710 --> 00:42:28,700
And that's why you've had quite
a disparity between the older

632
00:42:28,700 --> 00:42:34,790
guard, the older people
who were in the SS--

633
00:42:34,790 --> 00:42:37,910
well, as a tendency, we can't
generalize that easily--

634
00:42:37,910 --> 00:42:42,740
but the tendency was that there
was a difference, a conflict,

635
00:42:42,740 --> 00:42:49,670
between those who were
around before the Nazi time

636
00:42:49,670 --> 00:42:52,910
and already were mature
people and those people

637
00:42:52,910 --> 00:42:57,440
who were brought up during
the early pre-war Nazi time

638
00:42:57,440 --> 00:42:59,210
and then during the Nazi time.

639
00:42:59,210 --> 00:43:02,780
Because these people
were, of course,

640
00:43:02,780 --> 00:43:08,360
imbued and indoctrinated with
very different sets of morals.

641
00:43:08,360 --> 00:43:11,330
And so, therefore,
they did things

642
00:43:11,330 --> 00:43:14,360
because they more
readily identified

643
00:43:14,360 --> 00:43:17,660
with that particular
set of morals.

644
00:43:17,660 --> 00:43:20,850
And the old ones said,
hey, you can't do that.

645
00:43:20,850 --> 00:43:24,410
And I remember that
Steiner told me--

646
00:43:24,410 --> 00:43:28,550
and I put it also in my book--

647
00:43:28,550 --> 00:43:31,370
that he listened to
a speech in Posen,

648
00:43:31,370 --> 00:43:39,170
I think it was in '43, when
Himmler told only SS generals

649
00:43:39,170 --> 00:43:42,030
and people of that rank and
people who had a need to know

650
00:43:42,030 --> 00:43:47,030
or were informed, about
some of the mass destruction

651
00:43:47,030 --> 00:43:49,710
and just gave a speech
on that and said,

652
00:43:49,710 --> 00:43:53,660
well, we have to do something
which we don't necessarily

653
00:43:53,660 --> 00:43:57,980
like to do, but because of
the situation and the fear,

654
00:43:57,980 --> 00:44:00,240
and because of the nature
of things, we have to do it,

655
00:44:00,240 --> 00:44:03,030
even if we don't like to do it.

656
00:44:03,030 --> 00:44:05,480
And then he went into
some details, which

657
00:44:05,480 --> 00:44:13,430
are pretty awful and totally
against the type of morality

658
00:44:13,430 --> 00:44:20,030
which used to be embraced by
the older members of the SS

659
00:44:20,030 --> 00:44:23,570
prior to the Nazi time
and couldn't make, quite,

660
00:44:23,570 --> 00:44:32,330
the step accepting it.

661
00:44:32,330 --> 00:44:38,720
And so Steiner, after
this speech by Himmler,

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00:44:38,720 --> 00:44:41,870

went to see him-- and I
don't have any question

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00:44:41,870 --> 00:44:46,670

that he told me the truth--
and said, Reichsfuhrer,

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00:44:46,670 --> 00:44:50,420

this is irresponsible.

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00:44:50,420 --> 00:44:53,450

It cannot be done.

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00:44:53,450 --> 00:44:57,770

It's totally irresponsible
to do these sort of things.

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00:44:57,770 --> 00:45:00,770

And Himmler, according
to what he told me,

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00:45:00,770 --> 00:45:04,010

Himmler just simply brushed him
off without responding to him,

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00:45:04,010 --> 00:45:05,887

without replying to him.

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00:45:05,887 --> 00:45:08,810

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00:45:08,810 --> 00:45:14,573

So there were things which
were done and responded to by,

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00:45:14,573 --> 00:45:15,740

particularly the older ones.

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00:45:15,740 --> 00:45:18,090

The younger ones
didn't question it.

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00:45:18,090 --> 00:45:19,580

And if anyone was
questioning, it

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00:45:19,580 --> 00:45:24,320

were the older generation
who still were socialized

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00:45:24,320 --> 00:45:27,110

with the type of morality
where the sort of thing which

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00:45:27,110 --> 00:45:31,160

took place under the Nazis was
simply out of the question,

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00:45:31,160 --> 00:45:33,820

and it was totally unacceptable.

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00:45:33,820 --> 00:45:37,430

So does this mean that,
despite the euphemisms,

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00:45:37,430 --> 00:45:40,190

the SS people knew
what they really meant?

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00:45:40,190 --> 00:45:42,860

Well, some did and some did not.

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00:45:42,860 --> 00:45:47,570

But anyone-- and that
is my recognition

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00:45:47,570 --> 00:45:54,500

because I've mentioned the
Streicher's Sturmer, this Jew

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00:45:54,500 --> 00:45:55,820

[INAUDIBLE] thing.

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00:45:55,820 --> 00:46:03,260
And I, in my book, I went
through 1940 to the end of '44

686
00:46:03,260 --> 00:46:07,940
until it no longer
was published.

687
00:46:07,940 --> 00:46:10,190
It went through
all that Institute

688
00:46:10,190 --> 00:46:14,360
in Munich and Institute
of Contemporary

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00:46:14,360 --> 00:46:20,390
History and went
through all these things

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00:46:20,390 --> 00:46:23,660
and made some sort of
a content analysis.

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00:46:23,660 --> 00:46:26,930

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00:46:26,930 --> 00:46:32,180
And what I saw there was very
clear cut, that if you wanted

693
00:46:32,180 --> 00:46:35,410
to read and read
it carefully, you

694
00:46:35,410 --> 00:46:38,480
could see that they're
talking about mass destruction

695
00:46:38,480 --> 00:46:39,440
in that paper.

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00:46:39,440 --> 00:46:42,740

That was the only paper
where these sort of things

697
00:46:42,740 --> 00:46:46,460
were publicly advocated.

698
00:46:46,460 --> 00:46:50,690
And even some SS people came
back and then talked about it

699
00:46:50,690 --> 00:46:55,400
and said, they're really
lice, vermin, and all that.

700
00:46:55,400 --> 00:46:58,430
We've seen these
ghettos and all that.

701
00:46:58,430 --> 00:47:01,040
So they came out
with pronouncements

702
00:47:01,040 --> 00:47:05,750
which were pretty bare
of these euphemisms.

703
00:47:05,750 --> 00:47:11,990
So in spite of the-- anyone
who wanted to know in order

704
00:47:11,990 --> 00:47:14,810
to have some not specific,
of course, picture

705
00:47:14,810 --> 00:47:21,230
but know that this was not just
some sort of a work assignment,

706
00:47:21,230 --> 00:47:24,980
hard work, and all that, that
this was mass destruction

707
00:47:24,980 --> 00:47:29,240

or that it was something
dreadful and dire and all,

708
00:47:29,240 --> 00:47:32,960
they could have gotten
that information in public.

709
00:47:32,960 --> 00:47:41,030
Because this sort of weekly
newspaper, it came out weekly.

710
00:47:41,030 --> 00:47:44,660
I think it was weekly newspaper.

711
00:47:44,660 --> 00:47:47,660
It was posted in public.

712
00:47:47,660 --> 00:47:51,890
They had these sort of
boxes, wooden boxes,

713
00:47:51,890 --> 00:48:01,640
in which they posted these
papers for everyone to read.

714
00:48:01,640 --> 00:48:05,840
You didn't even have
to buy so that anyone

715
00:48:05,840 --> 00:48:08,690
who wanted to be informed
could be informed.

716
00:48:08,690 --> 00:48:14,330
And that also reminds me
of the situation in Dachau.

717
00:48:14,330 --> 00:48:18,260
And I was in Dachau
during the early time

718
00:48:18,260 --> 00:48:20,540
of the museum, the

exhibits, which

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00:48:20,540 --> 00:48:22,760
was very simple and all that.

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00:48:22,760 --> 00:48:24,170
They just had started.

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00:48:24,170 --> 00:48:28,110
That was very different
from what it is today.

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00:48:28,110 --> 00:48:30,110
And we went through
some of the things.

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00:48:30,110 --> 00:48:33,830
And there was this old
lady next to me and said,

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00:48:33,830 --> 00:48:35,850
did you know about
all these things?

725

00:48:35,850 --> 00:48:39,320
And so I responded, not
answering the question,

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00:48:39,320 --> 00:48:42,710
but saying, did you have
any Jewish neighbors?

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00:48:42,710 --> 00:48:43,520
And she said, yes.

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00:48:43,520 --> 00:48:48,980
Did you see that their
apartments were sealed,

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00:48:48,980 --> 00:48:50,030
and they disappeared?

730

00:48:50,030 --> 00:48:51,540
And she said, yeah, yeah.

731
00:48:51,540 --> 00:48:54,090
You say you didn't
know anything about--

732
00:48:54,090 --> 00:48:56,150
you didn't know
anything about it?

733
00:48:56,150 --> 00:48:59,302
And then she's, oh,
my god, you know.

734
00:48:59,302 --> 00:49:00,260
Well, they didn't know.

735
00:49:00,260 --> 00:49:02,385
Because, well, certainly,
they didn't want to know.

736
00:49:02,385 --> 00:49:04,010
But, of course, some
specific things,

737
00:49:04,010 --> 00:49:07,430
in terms of what actually
happened, they didn't know.

738
00:49:07,430 --> 00:49:11,120
But I mean, how much do you need
to know if, all of a sudden,

739
00:49:11,120 --> 00:49:17,600
you can see people in the street
with hand-carried luggage,

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00:49:17,600 --> 00:49:21,470
getting out of the someplace,
being shipped someplace else?

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00:49:21,470 --> 00:49:27,870

I mean, that, by itself,
should stop you in the tracks,

742
00:49:27,870 --> 00:49:29,790
you see.

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00:49:29,790 --> 00:49:30,990
And that was public.

744
00:49:30,990 --> 00:49:34,975
Because I remember when people
had to go to the assembly

745
00:49:34,975 --> 00:49:35,475
places.

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00:49:35,475 --> 00:49:38,130

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00:49:38,130 --> 00:49:39,960
They were in streetcars.

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00:49:39,960 --> 00:49:41,400
They had to go in streetcars.

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00:49:41,400 --> 00:49:42,400
So they had to go.

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00:49:42,400 --> 00:49:49,410
So people saw that
and knew about that

751
00:49:49,410 --> 00:49:51,500
and in all of these places.

752
00:49:51,500 --> 00:49:55,970
And even there was
one incident when

753
00:49:55,970 --> 00:50:00,950
I interviewed a person who
was responsible for writing

754
00:50:00,950 --> 00:50:04,220
a complaint to Himmler.

755
00:50:04,220 --> 00:50:10,880
And he himself was an SS
officer who observed an assembly

756
00:50:10,880 --> 00:50:12,020
place that was Berlin.

757
00:50:12,020 --> 00:50:16,180

758
00:50:16,180 --> 00:50:18,210
I think it was Berlin.

759
00:50:18,210 --> 00:50:20,630
Yeah, I think it was Berlin.

760
00:50:20,630 --> 00:50:24,080
I also wrote it in
my book about that.

761
00:50:24,080 --> 00:50:28,580
And he observed the
mistreatment of Jews

762
00:50:28,580 --> 00:50:30,370
who were about to be deported.

763
00:50:30,370 --> 00:50:31,370
Yes, it was Berlin.

764
00:50:31,370 --> 00:50:36,290
And in one, it was
a nightclub which

765
00:50:36,290 --> 00:50:39,200
they converted into this
sort of assembly place

766
00:50:39,200 --> 00:50:41,930
and the courtyard
and all that, and so

767
00:50:41,930 --> 00:50:45,080
there was a Gestapo person
in civilian clothing,

768
00:50:45,080 --> 00:50:49,610
kicking and beating
people and all that.

769
00:50:49,610 --> 00:50:52,460
And because it
was in a courtyard

770
00:50:52,460 --> 00:51:03,320
and all the other houses were
just nearby and higher floors,

771
00:51:03,320 --> 00:51:05,270
they could see
what was happening

772
00:51:05,270 --> 00:51:06,980
from second, third floor.

773
00:51:06,980 --> 00:51:11,900
And all they could see what
took place during the day.

774
00:51:11,900 --> 00:51:14,790
So they looked
out of the window.

775
00:51:14,790 --> 00:51:16,850
So they're told to just not--

776
00:51:16,850 --> 00:51:19,670
go and close the
windows and all that.

777

00:51:19,670 --> 00:51:22,736
So there happened
to be, also, there

778
00:51:22,736 --> 00:51:26,930
some sort of a
group of SS people

779
00:51:26,930 --> 00:51:34,670
who published the weekly
SS paper, The Black Corps.

780
00:51:34,670 --> 00:51:37,210
And so they saw that.

781
00:51:37,210 --> 00:51:39,470
And they, of course, could
not be ordered about.

782
00:51:39,470 --> 00:51:43,040
So what they saw
there they just felt

783
00:51:43,040 --> 00:51:48,260
was absolutely disgusting and
excessive in terms of cruelty.

784
00:51:48,260 --> 00:51:53,630
And so this person
whom I interviewed--

785
00:51:53,630 --> 00:51:55,670
I found out about this person.

786
00:51:55,670 --> 00:51:58,640
I published his letter
in the documents.

787
00:51:58,640 --> 00:52:01,460
By chance, I could
get ahold of him.

788
00:52:01,460 --> 00:52:03,830

And I interviewed him
on that thing and say,

789
00:52:03,830 --> 00:52:07,700
you complained about
that and all that,

790
00:52:07,700 --> 00:52:09,870
about excessive
cruelty and all that?

791
00:52:09,870 --> 00:52:16,100
And he said, yes, not
because I like the Jews

792
00:52:16,100 --> 00:52:21,440
but simply because I felt it
was excessive and not dignified

793
00:52:21,440 --> 00:52:26,315
for a conscious National
Socialist person.

794
00:52:26,315 --> 00:52:28,340
Of course, he didn't
know specifics

795
00:52:28,340 --> 00:52:31,610
about gassing and all that.

796
00:52:31,610 --> 00:52:34,610
But this sort of excessive
cruelty, he felt,

797
00:52:34,610 --> 00:52:39,650
was getting the SS,
and whatever was

798
00:52:39,650 --> 00:52:41,510
being done, into ill repute.

799
00:52:41,510 --> 00:52:47,180
So he was also very

pragmatic about it.

800
00:52:47,180 --> 00:52:50,360
So he wrote and got a response.

801
00:52:50,360 --> 00:52:53,480
And the whole thing
was investigated,

802
00:52:53,480 --> 00:52:57,440
and the man was
sent to the front.

803
00:52:57,440 --> 00:52:59,960

804
00:52:59,960 --> 00:53:04,750
So the ill repute with the
population, the exterior

805
00:53:04,750 --> 00:53:07,960
population, the townspeople
or whatever might--

806
00:53:07,960 --> 00:53:10,210
Yeah.

807
00:53:10,210 --> 00:53:14,800
So it sounds like, if
you didn't want to know,

808
00:53:14,800 --> 00:53:17,490
the euphemisms would help you.

809
00:53:17,490 --> 00:53:17,990
Oh, yeah.

810
00:53:17,990 --> 00:53:19,448
But they didn't
totally prevent you

811
00:53:19,448 --> 00:53:20,710

from knowing if you wanted to.

812
00:53:20,710 --> 00:53:21,252
That's right.

813
00:53:21,252 --> 00:53:22,240
That's right.

814
00:53:22,240 --> 00:53:23,980
Well, because you
didn't want to know

815
00:53:23,980 --> 00:53:26,710
because it was very threatening
because, as I said, you know,

816
00:53:26,710 --> 00:53:30,250
people were in conflict.

817
00:53:30,250 --> 00:53:35,050
Because, on one hand, they had
the morality from bygone days

818
00:53:35,050 --> 00:53:38,020
and, on the other
hand, they're asked

819
00:53:38,020 --> 00:53:42,580
to accept the morality
of the present day.

820
00:53:42,580 --> 00:53:45,440
And that got them into conflict.

821
00:53:45,440 --> 00:53:56,510
So they were in some sort
of a situation in which they

822
00:53:56,510 --> 00:53:58,250
had to make some
sort of a decision.

823

00:53:58,250 --> 00:54:01,250
And one decision was just,
simply, look the other way.

824
00:54:01,250 --> 00:54:04,750

825
00:54:04,750 --> 00:54:10,930
And with the Nazi policies,
even from the beginning,

826
00:54:10,930 --> 00:54:15,910
at no point along the way, it
seems, was there much active

827
00:54:15,910 --> 00:54:18,710
protest from the population.

828
00:54:18,710 --> 00:54:22,870
Well, the interesting thing
is that the active protest was

829
00:54:22,870 --> 00:54:28,495
very strong when it dealt with
German citizens, people who

830
00:54:28,495 --> 00:54:34,690
were incurably ill and otherwise
a burden to the society

831
00:54:34,690 --> 00:54:38,720
and economy and what have you.

832
00:54:38,720 --> 00:54:42,910
So there, you've had
the churches and people

833
00:54:42,910 --> 00:54:45,730
who were German saying, you
know, what is happening there?

834
00:54:45,730 --> 00:54:48,610
And they band together

and protest it

835

00:54:48,610 --> 00:54:51,130

and successfully so
that the whole thing

836

00:54:51,130 --> 00:54:56,800

was stopped to a large degree
and continued only the trickle,

837

00:54:56,800 --> 00:54:58,210

you see.

838

00:54:58,210 --> 00:55:01,420

Well, but, I mean, what comes
first, the skin or the shirt?

839

00:55:01,420 --> 00:55:05,470

So because when Germans
were involved, then

840

00:55:05,470 --> 00:55:09,595

they're prepared to risk
and protest and do things.

841

00:55:09,595 --> 00:55:12,380

842

00:55:12,380 --> 00:55:16,060

They're successful, to a
large extent, in stopping it,

843

00:55:16,060 --> 00:55:19,150

at least to a large degree.

844

00:55:19,150 --> 00:55:22,630

But you see, when
they are not related

845

00:55:22,630 --> 00:55:26,170

to the Jewish situation
in any shape or form,

846

00:55:26,170 --> 00:55:29,410
they felt it's not me.

847

00:55:29,410 --> 00:55:31,630
It's too distant.

848

00:55:31,630 --> 00:55:36,530
And therefore, I'm not going to
be that dreadfully concerned.

849

00:55:36,530 --> 00:55:47,670
And so they, so to speak, became
bystanders and let it happen.

850

00:55:47,670 --> 00:55:49,800
They were indifferent.

851

00:55:49,800 --> 00:55:57,240
And in this situation, we can
say indifference can kill, see?

852

00:55:57,240 --> 00:56:00,840
Now, the different
thing was also in Berlin

853

00:56:00,840 --> 00:56:09,090
when they started to
deport Jewish spouses.

854

00:56:09,090 --> 00:56:12,390

855

00:56:12,390 --> 00:56:21,060
And so all these
non-Jewish spouses

856

00:56:21,060 --> 00:56:26,490
started, in the
so-called Rose Street

857

00:56:26,490 --> 00:56:31,260
in Berlin, a big demonstration.

858
00:56:31,260 --> 00:56:38,080
Why they demonstrated because
German people were involved,

859
00:56:38,080 --> 00:56:38,740
as well.

860
00:56:38,740 --> 00:56:45,400
And the interesting part
was that the SS people who

861
00:56:45,400 --> 00:56:48,190
had something to do with it
and all, supported in that,

862
00:56:48,190 --> 00:56:50,710
actually supported it.

863
00:56:50,710 --> 00:56:53,710
They're not opposing them
or didn't beat them up,

864
00:56:53,710 --> 00:56:55,720
but they're very much
in support of it.

865
00:56:55,720 --> 00:57:00,910
Because it concerned them.

866
00:57:00,910 --> 00:57:04,090
All of a sudden, they were
concerned because Germans

867
00:57:04,090 --> 00:57:07,810
were inextricably involved.

868
00:57:07,810 --> 00:57:10,370
And that made a difference.

869
00:57:10,370 --> 00:57:14,830
So then, they went on the

bandwagon and protested

870

00:57:14,830 --> 00:57:16,180
and successfully so.

871

00:57:16,180 --> 00:57:18,760
And the people are not deported.

872

00:57:18,760 --> 00:57:23,410
That's quite a big thing which
only relatively recently has

873

00:57:23,410 --> 00:57:28,570
been written up and
made something of.

874

00:57:28,570 --> 00:57:32,680
So no protest took place when
it was purely the Jews involved.

875

00:57:32,680 --> 00:57:34,060
Mm-hmm.

876

00:57:34,060 --> 00:57:39,357
And this, one might expect,
would reflect a deep Jew

877

00:57:39,357 --> 00:57:41,690
hatred, despite the fact that
the Jews felt assimilated.

878

00:57:41,690 --> 00:57:46,210
Well, the deep Jew hatred,
there was antisemitism,

879

00:57:46,210 --> 00:57:51,790
but this antisemitism
was not to be

880

00:57:51,790 --> 00:57:56,080
compared with the one which was
developed under Nazis, you see.

881
00:57:56,080 --> 00:57:59,680
It build up on it
and reactivated it,

882
00:57:59,680 --> 00:58:02,530
became more virulent again.

883
00:58:02,530 --> 00:58:04,480
More virulent is the right--

884
00:58:04,480 --> 00:58:09,070
but without the Nazis, it
would have not been-- actually,

885
00:58:09,070 --> 00:58:14,890
it would have become
less than more severe.

886
00:58:14,890 --> 00:58:17,260
And that's why I
think it's something

887
00:58:17,260 --> 00:58:19,200
which needs to be understood.

888
00:58:19,200 --> 00:58:22,570
It's not all black and white.

889
00:58:22,570 --> 00:58:27,310
And simply because there
are so many writers who

890
00:58:27,310 --> 00:58:30,850
never were living at
that particular time

891
00:58:30,850 --> 00:58:32,800
and think they know
it all, and they've

892
00:58:32,800 --> 00:58:35,995
looked at some

documents, and had,

893

00:58:35,995 --> 00:58:38,320
even, possibly some
interviews and all,

894

00:58:38,320 --> 00:58:44,020
now they think they can come
out with decisive conclusions.

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00:58:44,020 --> 00:58:48,140
And only, they're very,
very inaccurate-- very,

896

00:58:48,140 --> 00:58:49,030
very inaccurate.

897

00:58:49,030 --> 00:58:51,450
And I think one has to be
very careful with that.

898

00:58:51,450 --> 00:58:56,470
Because so many people
really haven't had

899

00:58:56,470 --> 00:58:58,750
their own personal experience.

900

00:58:58,750 --> 00:59:04,360
They have not come out with
any sort of balanced indices

901

00:59:04,360 --> 00:59:06,730
which would really
be sufficiently

902

00:59:06,730 --> 00:59:15,940
objective to really depict the
reality as it actually existed.

903

00:59:15,940 --> 00:59:19,240
You talked before about
researching the laws

904
00:59:19,240 --> 00:59:19,990
at the time.

905
00:59:19,990 --> 00:59:25,000
Legally, it sounded that it
was quite OK for the Jews

906
00:59:25,000 --> 00:59:28,610
to convert to some
Christian religion,

907
00:59:28,610 --> 00:59:32,143
even though they
couldn't become this

908
00:59:32,143 --> 00:59:33,310
inside Germanic [INAUDIBLE].

909
00:59:33,310 --> 00:59:34,600
It didn't float.

910
00:59:34,600 --> 00:59:35,800
No, no, no.

911
00:59:35,800 --> 00:59:38,260
Well, first of all,
they could convert,

912
00:59:38,260 --> 00:59:40,717
but that did not protect them.

913
00:59:40,717 --> 00:59:42,550
The only thing they are
not permitted to do,

914
00:59:42,550 --> 00:59:45,640
they were not permitted
to be believers in God.

915
00:59:45,640 --> 00:59:47,260
They are not permitted

to become that.

916
00:59:47,260 --> 00:59:48,580
That was not open to them.

917
00:59:48,580 --> 00:59:50,570
So they could not become--

918
00:59:50,570 --> 00:59:51,070
why?

919
00:59:51,070 --> 00:59:58,240
Because that was reserved to the
ultra-Germanic SS, the Nazis,

920
00:59:58,240 --> 00:59:58,810
and all that.

921
00:59:58,810 --> 01:00:00,160
So they couldn't become that.

922
01:00:00,160 --> 01:00:06,040
That was only open to Germans.

923
01:00:06,040 --> 01:00:10,300
However, the
religious conversion

924
01:00:10,300 --> 01:00:12,790
made seemingly no
difference as far as being

925
01:00:12,790 --> 01:00:14,095
viewed as racially impure.

926
01:00:14,095 --> 01:00:21,160
No, no, no, particularly
when it happened after 1935.

927
01:00:21,160 --> 01:00:24,550
See, before the laws,
they could convert,

928
01:00:24,550 --> 01:00:27,490
and it still counted,
to some degree,

929
01:00:27,490 --> 01:00:30,760
depending on the
circumstances, so that they

930
01:00:30,760 --> 01:00:39,340
could be Jews of different--

931
01:00:39,340 --> 01:00:42,550
the two ways and more
complicated according

932
01:00:42,550 --> 01:00:43,585
to the Nuremberg Laws.

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01:00:43,585 --> 01:00:48,560

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01:00:48,560 --> 01:00:53,690
Do you know of any
body of knowledge

935
01:00:53,690 --> 01:00:57,560
or historical precedent that
Hitler may have drawn on

936
01:00:57,560 --> 01:01:02,690
in his plans, as in knowing that
he needed to systematically,

937
01:01:02,690 --> 01:01:04,940
over time, dehumanize
people in order

938
01:01:04,940 --> 01:01:09,802
to be able to commit genocide
using euphemisms and all

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01:01:09,802 --> 01:01:10,510
these strategies.

940
01:01:10,510 --> 01:01:12,890
Well, we have to be
very careful here.

941
01:01:12,890 --> 01:01:15,770
Because we don't really to
what extent Hitler wanted

942
01:01:15,770 --> 01:01:19,370
to commit genocide,
to what extent

943
01:01:19,370 --> 01:01:24,470
he really embarked upon
that path to commit--

944
01:01:24,470 --> 01:01:27,500
I don't think we have any
proof of that, at least

945
01:01:27,500 --> 01:01:30,050
I don't know of any.

946
01:01:30,050 --> 01:01:32,430
That only develop when he
couldn't get rid of them,

947
01:01:32,430 --> 01:01:32,930
you see.

948
01:01:32,930 --> 01:01:35,990
Because, yes, they
tried to get--

949
01:01:35,990 --> 01:01:40,370
people were let out of
concentration camps in '38

950
01:01:40,370 --> 01:01:45,320
if they had some sort of a

guarantee to leave Germany.

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01:01:45,320 --> 01:01:48,350

So they were let out.

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01:01:48,350 --> 01:01:52,400

And we have plenty of people
who came to the United States

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01:01:52,400 --> 01:01:54,620

on that basis.

954

01:01:54,620 --> 01:01:57,320

Bettelheim was one
of them, for example.

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01:01:57,320 --> 01:02:03,500

And he was in
Buchenwald and in Dachau

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01:02:03,500 --> 01:02:07,160

and was let go because he could
come to the United States,

957

01:02:07,160 --> 01:02:08,810

emigrate.

958

01:02:08,810 --> 01:02:16,340

So only until the
beginning of World War II,

959

01:02:16,340 --> 01:02:17,300

they could leave--

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01:02:17,300 --> 01:02:22,790

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01:02:22,790 --> 01:02:25,280

just about 1939, actually.

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01:02:25,280 --> 01:02:28,670

And after that, the

borders were closed.

963

01:02:28,670 --> 01:02:32,010

And then, this no longer was an option.

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01:02:32,010 --> 01:02:35,630

And that's when the destruction program

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01:02:35,630 --> 01:02:42,560

was developed, not that Hitler didn't have that in mind.

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01:02:42,560 --> 01:02:51,050

Because he already talked about in Mein Kampf that,

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01:02:51,050 --> 01:02:53,390

during World War I, they were supposed

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01:02:53,390 --> 01:02:58,700

to be sent to the front, Jews, where

969

01:02:58,700 --> 01:03:01,850

France used poisonous gas.

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01:03:01,850 --> 01:03:04,700

And during World War I, they used poisonous gas.

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01:03:04,700 --> 01:03:08,720

So he said that, this way, we would have gotten rid

972

01:03:08,720 --> 01:03:11,750

of the unwanted.

973

01:03:11,750 --> 01:03:14,630

It would have been a very simple sort of procedure.

974
01:03:14,630 --> 01:03:19,070
And it would have been
done by the enemy.

975
01:03:19,070 --> 01:03:21,920
And so he talks about it
very specifically just

976
01:03:21,920 --> 01:03:22,980
in these terms.

977
01:03:22,980 --> 01:03:28,400
And so it was not
something which obviously

978
01:03:28,400 --> 01:03:31,250
was distasteful to
him to the extent

979
01:03:31,250 --> 01:03:32,750
that he would have not done it.

980
01:03:32,750 --> 01:03:38,090
He already talks about it in a
very callous and cold-blooded

981
01:03:38,090 --> 01:03:38,930
way.

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01:03:38,930 --> 01:03:51,480
But this only may have become
activated during the war.

983
01:03:51,480 --> 01:03:54,270
Before that, the question
is to what extent

984
01:03:54,270 --> 01:03:58,380
he really wanted to do that
the way he described it.

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01:03:58,380 --> 01:04:02,400
Do you know of any historical
readings or any other kinds

986
01:04:02,400 --> 01:04:06,330
of precedents that
Hitler used using

987
01:04:06,330 --> 01:04:11,220
these notions, these notions
of the euphemistic language?

988
01:04:11,220 --> 01:04:14,850
Well, euphemistic language, of
course, euphemistic language

989
01:04:14,850 --> 01:04:16,410
is used by the Americans.

990
01:04:16,410 --> 01:04:19,800
Euphemistic in terms
of the Vietnam War,

991
01:04:19,800 --> 01:04:24,510
in terms of the Desert
Storm and all that.

992
01:04:24,510 --> 01:04:27,210
All this euphemistic
language is not

993
01:04:27,210 --> 01:04:30,180
something which was
dreamt up by Hitler.

994
01:04:30,180 --> 01:04:32,700
And that is something
which should be very clear,

995
01:04:32,700 --> 01:04:34,380
that this existed before.

996
01:04:34,380 --> 01:04:36,600

Yes.

997

01:04:36,600 --> 01:04:39,270

And the process,
the dehumanization

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01:04:39,270 --> 01:04:41,010

process in its steps.

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01:04:41,010 --> 01:04:43,440

Yeah, well, that goes
hand in hand, doesn't it?

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01:04:43,440 --> 01:04:56,030

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01:04:56,030 --> 01:04:58,520

I'm thinking maybe this
might be a good place

1002

01:04:58,520 --> 01:05:01,520

to stop and start
working on the pictures.

1003

01:05:01,520 --> 01:05:03,987

OK.

1004

01:05:03,987 --> 01:05:05,195

You didn't ask any questions.

1005

01:05:05,195 --> 01:05:07,294

Well, we have a whole lot.

1006

01:05:07,294 --> 01:05:08,220

Do you?

1007

01:05:08,220 --> 01:05:09,600

But it's too much for--

1008

01:05:09,600 --> 01:05:11,300

10 seconds to get going here.

1009

01:05:11,300 --> 01:05:28,630

1010

01:05:28,630 --> 01:05:30,035

OK.

1011

01:05:30,035 --> 01:05:30,535

OK.

1012

01:05:30,535 --> 01:05:33,100

1013

01:05:33,100 --> 01:05:36,640

This picture is
something I remotely

1014

01:05:36,640 --> 01:05:38,890

remember, believe it or not.

1015

01:05:38,890 --> 01:05:40,840

And I was just
about one year old.

1016

01:05:40,840 --> 01:05:47,410

And it was in our summer
resort near Prague in Roztoky.

1017

01:05:47,410 --> 01:05:53,200

And I remember
that I was gnawing.

1018

01:05:53,200 --> 01:05:56,350

I was in this what
you call, the--

1019

01:05:56,350 --> 01:05:58,300

Playpen?

1020

01:05:58,300 --> 01:05:59,200

Yeah.

1021

01:05:59,200 --> 01:05:59,850
What is it?

1022
01:05:59,850 --> 01:06:00,520
Playpen.

1023
01:06:00,520 --> 01:06:02,320
Playpen.

1024
01:06:02,320 --> 01:06:05,740
And I was nibbling
on the plastic.

1025
01:06:05,740 --> 01:06:06,810
I remember that.

1026
01:06:06,810 --> 01:06:11,890
I was nibbling on the plastic
with my newly developing teeth.

1027
01:06:11,890 --> 01:06:13,240
And I still remember that.

1028
01:06:13,240 --> 01:06:17,680
I still remember because it was
a very interesting sensation.

1029
01:06:17,680 --> 01:06:22,060
I had a very strange, very
interesting sensation,

1030
01:06:22,060 --> 01:06:24,220
nibbling on the plastic of that.

1031
01:06:24,220 --> 01:06:27,680

1032
01:06:27,680 --> 01:06:33,160
And so I was just about, and
it was a very interesting level

1033
01:06:33,160 --> 01:06:36,588

of consciousness at
that particular time.

1034
01:06:36,588 --> 01:06:38,380
And I was quite happy,
as a matter of fact.

1035
01:06:38,380 --> 01:06:40,360
That would have
been, what, 1926?

1036
01:06:40,360 --> 01:06:50,990
That was 1926.

1037
01:06:50,990 --> 01:06:53,660
My mother was very
anxious to have

1038
01:06:53,660 --> 01:06:57,410
official kind of professional
photographs taken

1039
01:06:57,410 --> 01:06:58,770
of me periodically.

1040
01:06:58,770 --> 01:06:59,840
And that is one of them.

1041
01:06:59,840 --> 01:07:03,750
And I must have been, at that
time, around three years old.

1042
01:07:03,750 --> 01:07:07,760
And I still remember the
situation and the toys.

1043
01:07:07,760 --> 01:07:09,500
The one belonged to me.

1044
01:07:09,500 --> 01:07:13,010
The one monkey on the
right, that was my toy.

1045

01:07:13,010 --> 01:07:15,890

And the other one was
supplied-- the left one--

1046

01:07:15,890 --> 01:07:18,170

was supplied by
the photographer.

1047

01:07:18,170 --> 01:07:22,820

And the outfit which I wear,
and most of the outfits,

1048

01:07:22,820 --> 01:07:27,590

were hand-knit by my
mother or relatives.

1049

01:07:27,590 --> 01:07:31,430

And that, in itself
or by itself,

1050

01:07:31,430 --> 01:07:37,730

is a reflection of the
kind of love and care

1051

01:07:37,730 --> 01:07:40,040

I received when I
was a small kid.

1052

01:07:40,040 --> 01:07:43,970

And that sustained me
throughout my life, until now.

1053

01:07:43,970 --> 01:07:47,240

It's wearing kind of thin.

1054

01:07:47,240 --> 01:07:50,330

But without that, I'm sure--

1055

01:07:50,330 --> 01:07:53,840

I'm virtually sure, I cannot
be sure, but I'm almost sure--

1056

01:07:53,840 --> 01:07:58,280
that I wouldn't have survived
without this care, love,

1057
01:07:58,280 --> 01:07:59,930
and affection which I received.

1058
01:07:59,930 --> 01:08:04,670
And that's reflected in
most of these pictures.

1059
01:08:04,670 --> 01:08:08,740

1060
01:08:08,740 --> 01:08:17,990
So that was just about 1928.

1061
01:08:17,990 --> 01:08:25,954
This is my very beloved Aunt
Leah, my father's sister,

1062
01:08:25,954 --> 01:08:31,970
who was roughly about
one year older than he.

1063
01:08:31,970 --> 01:08:35,180
A very gifted,
intellectual person

1064
01:08:35,180 --> 01:08:38,330
who survived Theresienstadt.

1065
01:08:38,330 --> 01:08:44,270
She was blue-eyed, reddish
blond, and a very attractive

1066
01:08:44,270 --> 01:08:44,779
person.

1067
01:08:44,779 --> 01:08:48,229
I've had some pictures of
her when she was young.

1068

01:08:48,229 --> 01:08:55,490

And that is in her one-room
flat in a little bit

1069

01:08:55,490 --> 01:08:58,760

outskirts of Prague
where I visited her

1070

01:08:58,760 --> 01:09:02,810

until virtually her dying days.

1071

01:09:02,810 --> 01:09:10,700

And her pension was so small
that she hardly could survive

1072

01:09:10,700 --> 01:09:11,370

and all that.

1073

01:09:11,370 --> 01:09:15,680

So I tried to help her, tried
to get her to the United States.

1074

01:09:15,680 --> 01:09:16,670

But she wouldn't budge.

1075

01:09:16,670 --> 01:09:19,399

She wanted to stay in Prague.

1076

01:09:19,399 --> 01:09:23,870

And that's where she died,
in that particular apartment

1077

01:09:23,870 --> 01:09:29,930

of hers, which only had one
room and a kitchen and a toilet.

1078

01:09:29,930 --> 01:09:30,710

That was all.

1079

01:09:30,710 --> 01:09:34,760

And her pension was so
minimal that she virtually

1080

01:09:34,760 --> 01:09:40,835

could not afford any sort of
amenities other people enjoy.

1081

01:09:40,835 --> 01:09:43,520

1082

01:09:43,520 --> 01:09:47,840

John, how were you able
to get these pictures?

1083

01:09:47,840 --> 01:09:49,279

Able to get these pictures?

1084

01:09:49,279 --> 01:09:50,600

I took some of them myself.

1085

01:09:50,600 --> 01:09:52,310

This one, I took myself.

1086

01:09:52,310 --> 01:09:54,470

Your small baby pictures, too.

1087

01:09:54,470 --> 01:09:57,680

Oh, the small baby pictures.

1088

01:09:57,680 --> 01:10:04,970

The small baby pictures
were left in safekeeping

1089

01:10:04,970 --> 01:10:07,370

with friends.

1090

01:10:07,370 --> 01:10:13,280

And they returned these after
the war, after we came back.

1091

01:10:13,280 --> 01:10:17,540

And I don't know
exactly who was the one.

1092

01:10:17,540 --> 01:10:20,660

We left lots of things with
friends and distant relatives,

1093

01:10:20,660 --> 01:10:22,310

whatever.

1094

01:10:22,310 --> 01:10:25,820

And some returned things to us,
and some simply disappeared.

1095

01:10:25,820 --> 01:10:27,260

We never heard from them again.

1096

01:10:27,260 --> 01:10:28,700

And some people
said, well, if we

1097

01:10:28,700 --> 01:10:31,950

had known that you would
come back to claim them,

1098

01:10:31,950 --> 01:10:34,160

we would have not taken them.

1099

01:10:34,160 --> 01:10:35,833

Because they didn't
want to return them.

1100

01:10:35,833 --> 01:10:36,500

And they didn't.

1101

01:10:36,500 --> 01:10:42,260

1102

01:10:42,260 --> 01:10:43,400

So it was a mixed bag.

1103

01:10:43,400 --> 01:10:48,820

1104

01:10:48,820 --> 01:10:52,570

This is actually my favorite
picture of my father,

1105

01:10:52,570 --> 01:10:53,900

when he was very young.

1106

01:10:53,900 --> 01:11:00,140

Because my father was born
1900, and I was born 1925.

1107

01:11:00,140 --> 01:11:08,860

And this was perhaps
when he was around 30.

1108

01:11:08,860 --> 01:11:12,670

And a picture--

1109

01:11:12,670 --> 01:11:16,720

I remember him when
I was still small.

1110

01:11:16,720 --> 01:11:19,210

I didn't see him
that much, actually,

1111

01:11:19,210 --> 01:11:22,130

although, of course, we
are together all the time.

1112

01:11:22,130 --> 01:11:25,870

But he was very busy
and very active person--

1113

01:11:25,870 --> 01:11:29,350

culturally, athletically,
and otherwise.

1114

01:11:29,350 --> 01:11:32,290

And this, I think, is
probably the best picture

1115

01:11:32,290 --> 01:11:37,000

I have of him and the way I
remember him when I was very

1116
01:11:37,000 --> 01:11:38,470
small, and he was very young.

1117
01:11:38,470 --> 01:11:46,170

1118
01:11:46,170 --> 01:11:51,390
Now, this is a picture
which is much later--

1119
01:11:51,390 --> 01:12:01,650
well, not that much later,
but certainly in the '30s and,

1120
01:12:01,650 --> 01:12:06,300
I would say, certainly
before the Nazi business,

1121
01:12:06,300 --> 01:12:09,910
before the occupation
of Czechoslovakia.

1122
01:12:09,910 --> 01:12:17,430
So he still was very young and
a person who worked as a banker

1123
01:12:17,430 --> 01:12:22,740
and working his way up
into some higher positions

1124
01:12:22,740 --> 01:12:24,870
at that particular time.

1125
01:12:24,870 --> 01:12:28,560
He was very hardworking
and quite dedicated.

1126
01:12:28,560 --> 01:12:32,650
I don't to what extent he really
enjoyed what he was doing.

1127
01:12:32,650 --> 01:12:34,180
Actually, never found out.

1128
01:12:34,180 --> 01:12:37,660
But he was very good
at what he was doing.

1129
01:12:37,660 --> 01:12:44,460
And he was an accountant
and had worked in that

1130
01:12:44,460 --> 01:12:52,860
and had his education
as an accountant, kind

1131
01:12:52,860 --> 01:12:59,010
of equivalent of a public--

1132
01:12:59,010 --> 01:12:59,670
CPA?

1133
01:12:59,670 --> 01:13:01,910
CPA or something
like that, yeah.

1134
01:13:01,910 --> 01:13:12,280

1135
01:13:12,280 --> 01:13:13,280
This was a picture--

1136
01:13:13,280 --> 01:13:18,380

1137
01:13:18,380 --> 01:13:20,900
I think there was a
picture before I actually

1138
01:13:20,900 --> 01:13:25,590
was sent to a camp.

1139

01:13:25,590 --> 01:13:29,000

So that was just
about roughly the time

1140

01:13:29,000 --> 01:13:31,400

before I was sent to a camp.

1141

01:13:31,400 --> 01:13:35,000

And I was just about 16
years old, I would imagine.

1142

01:13:35,000 --> 01:13:37,810

1143

01:13:37,810 --> 01:13:40,940

16 years, it would have, yeah.

1144

01:13:40,940 --> 01:13:42,250

I don't think it was after.

1145

01:13:42,250 --> 01:13:44,680

Because I didn't
change very much.

1146

01:13:44,680 --> 01:13:48,970

And although I
was, after the war,

1147

01:13:48,970 --> 01:13:53,560

came back and all
that, I was considered

1148

01:13:53,560 --> 01:13:56,440

much younger, many years
younger, than I actually was.

1149

01:13:56,440 --> 01:14:01,390

And that was a cause
for my embarrassment

1150

01:14:01,390 --> 01:14:05,950

because I was always looked

at as some sort of a teenager,

1151
01:14:05,950 --> 01:14:08,095
although I was way in my 20s.

1152
01:14:08,095 --> 01:14:11,230

1153
01:14:11,230 --> 01:14:12,950
That was all taken in Prague.

1154
01:14:12,950 --> 01:14:14,710
So all the pictures
which you can see

1155
01:14:14,710 --> 01:14:16,360
were taken in
Prague, most of them.

1156
01:14:16,360 --> 01:14:21,430

1157
01:14:21,430 --> 01:14:25,990
Well, this was a picture
taken after the war.

1158
01:14:25,990 --> 01:14:33,520
And I think that was taken when
I was already in Australia,

1159
01:14:33,520 --> 01:14:47,960
around I was 1949,
1950, in Melbourne.

1160
01:14:47,960 --> 01:14:48,470
That's it.

1161
01:14:48,470 --> 01:14:54,490

1162
01:14:54,490 --> 01:14:57,310
That was one of my

mother's favorite picture

1163
01:14:57,310 --> 01:15:00,700
in which she just simply posed.

1164
01:15:00,700 --> 01:15:03,310
She certainly played
the guitar all right,

1165
01:15:03,310 --> 01:15:06,280
and a cigarette in her
mouth, and just kind

1166
01:15:06,280 --> 01:15:09,400
of a Gypsy type of appearance.

1167
01:15:09,400 --> 01:15:16,000
And that's at my uncle's summer
resort house, which I inherited

1168
01:15:16,000 --> 01:15:18,940
but has been confiscated,
first by the Nazis

1169
01:15:18,940 --> 01:15:21,970
and then by the communists,
the Czech communists.

1170
01:15:21,970 --> 01:15:24,160
And that is in
front of the house.

1171
01:15:24,160 --> 01:15:27,850
And I still remember
the same chairs.

1172
01:15:27,850 --> 01:15:29,440
Because they were not altered.

1173
01:15:29,440 --> 01:15:32,530
And the bench which you
can see in the background

1174

01:15:32,530 --> 01:15:33,970
was there when I was.

1175

01:15:33,970 --> 01:15:41,530
And she was then very young
and very single and just simply

1176

01:15:41,530 --> 01:15:46,170
playing this role, just out of--

1177

01:15:46,170 --> 01:15:50,760
it got away-- hamming it.

1178

01:15:50,760 --> 01:15:52,230
And how old was she then?

1179

01:15:52,230 --> 01:15:56,760
She probably was in
her early 20s then.

1180

01:15:56,760 --> 01:15:58,694
You should say her name.

1181

01:15:58,694 --> 01:15:59,490
Huh?

1182

01:15:59,490 --> 01:16:00,630
You should say her name.

1183

01:16:00,630 --> 01:16:04,008
Oh, yes, her name was Ilse.

1184

01:16:04,008 --> 01:16:07,070
And your father was Kurt, right?

1185

01:16:07,070 --> 01:16:11,430

1186

01:16:11,430 --> 01:16:16,410
Well, that was also in
my uncle's summer resort.

1187
01:16:16,410 --> 01:16:21,210
And we stayed there always
for quite a number of weeks

1188
01:16:21,210 --> 01:16:22,050
during the summer.

1189
01:16:22,050 --> 01:16:25,530
And that was my
favorite time because I

1190
01:16:25,530 --> 01:16:31,660
was taken care of and the
only kid in the whole place.

1191
01:16:31,660 --> 01:16:35,220
So I got a lot of
attention and a lot

1192
01:16:35,220 --> 01:16:39,450
of care, a lot of
love, spoiled rotten,

1193
01:16:39,450 --> 01:16:42,090
and enjoyed myself thoroughly.

1194
01:16:42,090 --> 01:16:48,040
And these were my happiest days,
and I'll never forget them.

1195
01:16:48,040 --> 01:16:52,080
I didn't have that many
happy days after the war.

1196
01:16:52,080 --> 01:16:56,250
And so I'm very
grateful-- very grateful--

1197
01:16:56,250 --> 01:16:59,700
for this just
unbelievable childhood

1198

01:16:59,700 --> 01:17:03,000

I've had with all these
fantastic relatives.

1199

01:17:03,000 --> 01:17:05,790

1200

01:17:05,790 --> 01:17:09,360

And at that time, I must have
been close to four years.

1201

01:17:09,360 --> 01:17:17,180

1202

01:17:17,180 --> 01:17:21,710

This is a photograph I don't
remember to have been present.

1203

01:17:21,710 --> 01:17:24,860

That must have been someplace
in Prague, I believe.

1204

01:17:24,860 --> 01:17:31,130

And these are my grandparents
with some sort of a ice bear.

1205

01:17:31,130 --> 01:17:34,190

And I don't know
who the ice bear is.

1206

01:17:34,190 --> 01:17:45,340

But my grandfather was Edward
Steiner, blond, blue-eyed,

1207

01:17:45,340 --> 01:17:51,160

as you see him when he
was in his better years.

1208

01:17:51,160 --> 01:17:57,010

And my grandmother,
on the left side,

1209

01:17:57,010 --> 01:18:07,820
was a very loving
and relatively simple

1210
01:18:07,820 --> 01:18:09,710
individual, although
she was not simple,

1211
01:18:09,710 --> 01:18:11,450
but she was very easygoing.

1212
01:18:11,450 --> 01:18:12,980
I've never seen her angry.

1213
01:18:12,980 --> 01:18:19,190
I've always seen her
in a balanced mood.

1214
01:18:19,190 --> 01:18:21,290
I've never seen her
upset in one way

1215
01:18:21,290 --> 01:18:27,110
or another, other than upset
when my grandfather was dying.

1216
01:18:27,110 --> 01:18:29,090
And that was very upsetting.

1217
01:18:29,090 --> 01:18:36,250
And fortunately, he died before
the Nazis could get to him.

1218
01:18:36,250 --> 01:18:37,310
And what was her name?

1219
01:18:37,310 --> 01:18:42,420

1220
01:18:42,420 --> 01:18:45,470
She was called Mina, but
her name was Wilhelmina.

1221
01:18:45,470 --> 01:18:48,300

1222
01:18:48,300 --> 01:18:51,300
And so they called
her Minny, Mina.

1223
01:18:51,300 --> 01:18:58,810
And she was a bundle of love.

1224
01:18:58,810 --> 01:19:01,040
That's what she was.

1225
01:19:01,040 --> 01:19:03,100
And you referred to that
character in the middle

1226
01:19:03,100 --> 01:19:05,350
as an ice bay or something?

1227
01:19:05,350 --> 01:19:06,010
Ice bear.

1228
01:19:06,010 --> 01:19:06,910
Ice bear.

1229
01:19:06,910 --> 01:19:07,670
Like polar bear.

1230
01:19:07,670 --> 01:19:08,170
Ice bear.

1231
01:19:08,170 --> 01:19:08,720
Oh, I see.

1232
01:19:08,720 --> 01:19:09,220
OK.

1233
01:19:09,220 --> 01:19:11,680
And i don't know
who the ice bear is.

1234
01:19:11,680 --> 01:19:12,940
I really don't.

1235
01:19:12,940 --> 01:19:15,060
Because I don't
remember that anymore.

1236
01:19:15,060 --> 01:19:17,920
I don't think I was
present, actually.

1237
01:19:17,920 --> 01:19:22,675
But it's a kind of a nice
photograph of my grandparents.

1238
01:19:22,675 --> 01:19:25,570
And they are always good sports.

1239
01:19:25,570 --> 01:19:27,370
They did all sorts of
things, although they

1240
01:19:27,370 --> 01:19:30,400
were very conservative
and very set

1241
01:19:30,400 --> 01:19:33,460
in their ways, no
question about that.

1242
01:19:33,460 --> 01:19:42,430
Now, the interesting story about
my grandfather, his parents

1243
01:19:42,430 --> 01:19:46,270
were Joseph and Marie.

1244
01:19:46,270 --> 01:19:52,960
And Joseph Steiner
converted to Judaism

1245

01:19:52,960 --> 01:19:54,560
for reasons which escape me.

1246
01:19:54,560 --> 01:19:57,430
I've never been able to
really-- because all the people

1247
01:19:57,430 --> 01:19:59,200
are dead.

1248
01:19:59,200 --> 01:20:03,010
And so that couple,
Joseph and Marie,

1249
01:20:03,010 --> 01:20:06,760
decided to go back
to Bethlehem--

1250
01:20:06,760 --> 01:20:10,120
[LAUGHTER]

1251
01:20:10,120 --> 01:20:12,370
--and become Jews.

1252
01:20:12,370 --> 01:20:18,760
And so thanks to
them, just wound up

1253
01:20:18,760 --> 01:20:25,720
in a situation which I would
have preferred to have avoided.

1254
01:20:25,720 --> 01:20:29,410
So I've never been able
to really find out.

1255
01:20:29,410 --> 01:20:33,370
My grandmother also comes from
a very strange background.

1256
01:20:33,370 --> 01:20:36,610
And my great-grandmother--

1257

01:20:36,610 --> 01:20:38,890

I have a photograph
of her, I don't know

1258

01:20:38,890 --> 01:20:42,340

whether I brought it with me--

1259

01:20:42,340 --> 01:20:45,520

was a countess, you see.

1260

01:20:45,520 --> 01:20:48,100

And that, also, was a very
romantic sort of thing,

1261

01:20:48,100 --> 01:20:55,090

that she was found in the woods
because robbers had killed

1262

01:20:55,090 --> 01:20:58,180

her parents and robbed them.

1263

01:20:58,180 --> 01:21:04,910

And then, she was adopted by
some well-to-do Jewish family.

1264

01:21:04,910 --> 01:21:08,590

And so the whole thing,
the whole family,

1265

01:21:08,590 --> 01:21:12,430

is just a bundle of
tales and mysteries.

1266

01:21:12,430 --> 01:21:17,810

And even at Auschwitz,
I've met a distant relative

1267

01:21:17,810 --> 01:21:21,874

and discussed it with her
before she was gassed.

1268

01:21:21,874 --> 01:21:28,870

It was really bizarre
and surreal, actually.

1269
01:21:28,870 --> 01:21:33,880
And so she told me a few things.

1270
01:21:33,880 --> 01:21:40,360
Because I've been able to
get official pictures--

1271
01:21:40,360 --> 01:21:43,720
not pictures but
documents, I should say--

1272
01:21:43,720 --> 01:21:50,740
of all the birth certificates
and marriage certificate

1273
01:21:50,740 --> 01:21:56,140
and all this in which these
names are made very clear

1274
01:21:56,140 --> 01:21:58,780
and recorded.

1275
01:21:58,780 --> 01:22:05,500
And that's the only thing I have
to go by, what I only surmise.

1276
01:22:05,500 --> 01:22:08,140

1277
01:22:08,140 --> 01:22:09,520
But it's an interesting history.

1278
01:22:09,520 --> 01:22:15,550

1279
01:22:15,550 --> 01:22:17,890
Yes.

1280
01:22:17,890 --> 01:22:20,170

OK.

1281
01:22:20,170 --> 01:22:24,160
This is a party I did
not participate in.

1282
01:22:24,160 --> 01:22:28,810
It's just a picture which
was left to me by my aunt.

1283
01:22:28,810 --> 01:22:34,570
And there, you can see, in the
front left, is my grandfather.

1284
01:22:34,570 --> 01:22:37,960
Right, as you can see, my
grandmother, much younger

1285
01:22:37,960 --> 01:22:40,690
than the previous picture.

1286
01:22:40,690 --> 01:22:45,820
And next to my grandfather
is my Aunt Leah.

1287
01:22:45,820 --> 01:22:52,990
And next to her is
my cousin Tommy.

1288
01:22:52,990 --> 01:22:55,600
And at that particular
point, Tommy

1289
01:22:55,600 --> 01:23:00,070
must have been about
four or five years old,

1290
01:23:00,070 --> 01:23:06,670
and Leah, on there,
was a real beauty.

1291
01:23:06,670 --> 01:23:09,235
And you only can see

a little bit of it,

1292
01:23:09,235 --> 01:23:12,610
but she was a very
attractive woman.

1293
01:23:12,610 --> 01:23:15,430
And the other people there
are just distant relatives.

1294
01:23:15,430 --> 01:23:17,230
I forgot their
name and all that,

1295
01:23:17,230 --> 01:23:19,810
but they belong to the family.

1296
01:23:19,810 --> 01:23:24,550
And that was in one of
the typical restaurants,

1297
01:23:24,550 --> 01:23:27,610
typical sort of
restaurants, as you

1298
01:23:27,610 --> 01:23:33,010
find them cheaper by the
dozen in Prague and Bohemia,

1299
01:23:33,010 --> 01:23:34,810
in general.

1300
01:23:34,810 --> 01:23:39,010
And obviously, it must
have been during a spring

1301
01:23:39,010 --> 01:23:40,840
or summer or maybe autumn.

1302
01:23:40,840 --> 01:23:43,690
But it looks like,
to me, it must

1303

01:23:43,690 --> 01:23:50,260

have been spring, late spring,
early summer, the way they

1304

01:23:50,260 --> 01:23:52,480

are clothed, clothing and all.

1305

01:23:52,480 --> 01:23:53,410

Yeah, right.

1306

01:23:53,410 --> 01:23:58,370

1307

01:23:58,370 --> 01:24:04,700

I was very fortunate to
have received all this,

1308

01:24:04,700 --> 01:24:08,120

being given these
pictures, because they were

1309

01:24:08,120 --> 01:24:13,520

in my aunt's property and,
partially, also, my father's.

1310

01:24:13,520 --> 01:24:16,670

But this I think I
got from my aunt.

1311

01:24:16,670 --> 01:24:24,920

And that is the last picture
taken of my cousin Tommy

1312

01:24:24,920 --> 01:24:26,600

before he was
taken to the camps.

1313

01:24:26,600 --> 01:24:29,900

1314

01:24:29,900 --> 01:24:31,970

That is how I remember him.

1315
01:24:31,970 --> 01:24:35,090
And it's very difficult for
me to just reflect on that.

1316
01:24:35,090 --> 01:24:40,100
Because it's a very
moving sort of situation.

1317
01:24:40,100 --> 01:24:42,870
And we were very close.

1318
01:24:42,870 --> 01:24:45,920
He was just about
10 times or more

1319
01:24:45,920 --> 01:24:49,190
intelligent than I was,
just a fantastic human being

1320
01:24:49,190 --> 01:24:51,200
in so many ways--

1321
01:24:51,200 --> 01:24:54,750
exceedingly,
unbelievably intelligent.

1322
01:24:54,750 --> 01:24:56,715
And if one thinks
of-- and that's

1323
01:24:56,715 --> 01:24:59,840
why I say-- if
one thinks of what

1324
01:24:59,840 --> 01:25:05,810
would have become of him had he
survived, the sky's the limit.

1325
01:25:05,810 --> 01:25:11,510
And this also leads
me to conclusions.

1326

01:25:11,510 --> 01:25:14,730

Because the best people I
knew, my closest friends,

1327

01:25:14,730 --> 01:25:17,900

the people who were
my role models,

1328

01:25:17,900 --> 01:25:28,820

the people I loved most,
they all did not survive.

1329

01:25:28,820 --> 01:25:32,630

And that leads me to
say that the best of us

1330

01:25:32,630 --> 01:25:33,425

have not survived.

1331

01:25:33,425 --> 01:25:36,400

1332

01:25:36,400 --> 01:25:38,850

So that was Tommy
Vogel, was his name--

1333

01:25:38,850 --> 01:25:40,590

Tommy Vogel.

1334

01:25:40,590 --> 01:25:42,030

His father was Vogel.

1335

01:25:42,030 --> 01:25:46,950

1336

01:25:46,950 --> 01:25:53,040

Well that's another picture
of my Aunt Leah after the war,

1337

01:25:53,040 --> 01:26:03,470

shortly after the liberation,
I would say, roughly in 1945,

1338
01:26:03,470 --> 01:26:03,970
'46.

1339
01:26:03,970 --> 01:26:08,840

1340
01:26:08,840 --> 01:26:11,840
And I think some of what
happened to her, I think,

1341
01:26:11,840 --> 01:26:17,390
is still visible in her face.

1342
01:26:17,390 --> 01:26:21,530
Because she lost her
husband in Theresienstadt--

1343
01:26:21,530 --> 01:26:24,380
died of tuberculosis.

1344
01:26:24,380 --> 01:26:30,440
And her only son Tommy died in
the concentration camp death

1345
01:26:30,440 --> 01:26:32,206
camp, also--

1346
01:26:32,206 --> 01:26:34,670
Schwarzheide.

1347
01:26:34,670 --> 01:26:40,610
And he was there
in Theresienstadt.

1348
01:26:40,610 --> 01:26:44,780
And he stayed, actually, longer
in Theresienstadt than I.

1349
01:26:44,780 --> 01:26:55,430
Because I was sent in 1943, late
1943, to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

1350
01:26:55,430 --> 01:27:06,530
And he accompanied me
to the closed boxcars,

1351
01:27:06,530 --> 01:27:07,640
covered boxcars.

1352
01:27:07,640 --> 01:27:15,200
And he accompanied me and
gave me his favored talisman

1353
01:27:15,200 --> 01:27:16,220
for good luck.

1354
01:27:16,220 --> 01:27:19,700
And that was his
only thing which

1355
01:27:19,700 --> 01:27:25,770
he had saved, more or less,
which he really wanted most.

1356
01:27:25,770 --> 01:27:27,080
It was very important to him.

1357
01:27:27,080 --> 01:27:30,110
He gave it to me
when I left for--

1358
01:27:30,110 --> 01:27:33,860
and, of course, we had no
idea where we were going.

1359
01:27:33,860 --> 01:27:40,250
But he gave that to me when
we said goodbye to each other.

1360
01:27:40,250 --> 01:27:40,940
What was it?

1361
01:27:40,940 --> 01:27:44,180

1362
01:27:44,180 --> 01:27:48,410
It was a sort of medal,
a kind of a good luck

1363
01:27:48,410 --> 01:27:49,880
medal for skiers.

1364
01:27:49,880 --> 01:27:58,930

1365
01:27:58,930 --> 01:28:05,470
This is one of my favorite
pictures of my grandfather

1366
01:28:05,470 --> 01:28:07,540
because that's
how I remember him

1367
01:28:07,540 --> 01:28:09,970
when he was still
all right and so on

1368
01:28:09,970 --> 01:28:15,060
and healthy and active
and the way he was.

1369
01:28:15,060 --> 01:28:28,120
And he was a person who was the
only one in the whole family

1370
01:28:28,120 --> 01:28:32,560
who identified with the
Jewish, and practiced,

1371
01:28:32,560 --> 01:28:35,140
the Jewish religion.

1372
01:28:35,140 --> 01:28:39,670
And we had special
meetings at his place,

1373

01:28:39,670 --> 01:28:42,370
at our grandparents'
place, which

1374

01:28:42,370 --> 01:28:46,360
was in walking distance
from where we lived,

1375

01:28:46,360 --> 01:28:48,580
on Saturdays, every time.

1376

01:28:48,580 --> 01:28:53,350
And after the meal, it
was my responsibility--

1377

01:28:53,350 --> 01:28:55,570
he made it my responsibility--

1378

01:28:55,570 --> 01:29:04,570
to bring him a cap and a prayer
book to pray after the meal.

1379

01:29:04,570 --> 01:29:07,060
And that was a ritual--

1380

01:29:07,060 --> 01:29:07,810
very moving.

1381

01:29:07,810 --> 01:29:11,200
I had no idea what it all meant
because he never explained it.

1382

01:29:11,200 --> 01:29:14,590
But I knew it was something
which he considered

1383

01:29:14,590 --> 01:29:16,030
to be very important.

1384

01:29:16,030 --> 01:29:17,740
And he was not at all dogmatic.

1385

01:29:17,740 --> 01:29:19,720

He was not imposing.

1386

01:29:19,720 --> 01:29:23,090

He let us do whatever
we wanted to do.

1387

01:29:23,090 --> 01:29:28,570

But he adhered to these
things very, very religiously,

1388

01:29:28,570 --> 01:29:35,560

that after every
meal, he asked me to--

1389

01:29:35,560 --> 01:29:37,840

because I was the
oldest grandson.

1390

01:29:37,840 --> 01:29:39,220

He only had two.

1391

01:29:39,220 --> 01:29:40,180

He only had two.

1392

01:29:40,180 --> 01:29:42,190

He had Tommy and
myself, that's all.

1393

01:29:42,190 --> 01:29:46,510

Because we are single children.

1394

01:29:46,510 --> 01:29:49,280

And so that was
my responsibility

1395

01:29:49,280 --> 01:29:52,120

to bring it from
that room and into--

1396

01:29:52,120 --> 01:29:57,760

and on the table where we ate,

he silently started to pray.

1397
01:29:57,760 --> 01:29:59,890
And I was always very
impressed with that.

1398
01:29:59,890 --> 01:30:02,730

1399
01:30:02,730 --> 01:30:08,220
And it always was a
very momentous occasion.

1400
01:30:08,220 --> 01:30:10,590
And the food of, course,
was just terrific.

1401
01:30:10,590 --> 01:30:11,280
My god.

1402
01:30:11,280 --> 01:30:21,920

1403
01:30:21,920 --> 01:30:32,360
Again, this is a professional
photograph, or a photograph

1404
01:30:32,360 --> 01:30:35,030
made by a professional.

1405
01:30:35,030 --> 01:30:40,280
And I must have been
around four then.

1406
01:30:40,280 --> 01:30:42,200
And you can see
how I am dressed,

1407
01:30:42,200 --> 01:30:45,600
all this sort of meticulous
care and all that.

1408

01:30:45,600 --> 01:30:49,380
And my mother took
it very seriously.

1409
01:30:49,380 --> 01:30:53,930
I always looked like
Lord Fauntleroy,

1410
01:30:53,930 --> 01:30:56,310
well-dressed and
elegant and nice.

1411
01:30:56,310 --> 01:31:01,220
I wish to god I could go
dressed like that today

1412
01:31:01,220 --> 01:31:03,790
and be careful like that.

1413
01:31:03,790 --> 01:31:08,840
And so she, then,
took me periodically

1414
01:31:08,840 --> 01:31:11,480
to this professional
photographer

1415
01:31:11,480 --> 01:31:15,320
to have photos taken by him.

1416
01:31:15,320 --> 01:31:16,880
It was a he, not a she.

1417
01:31:16,880 --> 01:31:25,750

1418
01:31:25,750 --> 01:31:29,050
Well, I was very small then.

1419
01:31:29,050 --> 01:31:33,850
Oh, god, I must have been
about one to two years old.

1420

01:31:33,850 --> 01:31:41,050

And that's a picture taken
of me in the park which we

1421

01:31:41,050 --> 01:31:44,590

frequently-- which was just
about five minutes from where

1422

01:31:44,590 --> 01:31:46,640

we lived.

1423

01:31:46,640 --> 01:31:51,310

And it was a public park,
very large and very well-kept

1424

01:31:51,310 --> 01:31:53,020

and very organized.

1425

01:31:53,020 --> 01:31:55,180

And they had guards
there so that everyone

1426

01:31:55,180 --> 01:31:57,520

would behave properly.

1427

01:31:57,520 --> 01:32:01,400

And people are not permitted to
step on the grass there at all.

1428

01:32:01,400 --> 01:32:05,230

So it was guarded
and was very strict.

1429

01:32:05,230 --> 01:32:08,410

And so my mother
enjoyed going there

1430

01:32:08,410 --> 01:32:11,170

and met some friends
and acquaintances.

1431

01:32:11,170 --> 01:32:15,520

And so we sat at these
various small chairs

1432
01:32:15,520 --> 01:32:19,330
there, which were all put
together and connected

1433
01:32:19,330 --> 01:32:22,510
with some sort of
wiring underneath

1434
01:32:22,510 --> 01:32:26,020
and which couldn't be removed so
that they couldn't be removed.

1435
01:32:26,020 --> 01:32:30,550
And we went there during
nice weather and even less.

1436
01:32:30,550 --> 01:32:34,240
So that was just one
of those occasions

1437
01:32:34,240 --> 01:32:37,390
when I was still very small
and apparently couldn't run yet

1438
01:32:37,390 --> 01:32:40,750
or, if so, just
very inadequately.

1439
01:32:40,750 --> 01:32:48,380

1440
01:32:48,380 --> 01:32:54,740
Well, this is, again, a
professional photograph.

1441
01:32:54,740 --> 01:32:57,320
This is what I
would say just to--

1442
01:32:57,320 --> 01:33:03,290

my mother wanted to have a
picture of this cute kid.

1443
01:33:03,290 --> 01:33:06,600
And she succeeded,
actually, quite well.

1444
01:33:06,600 --> 01:33:12,170
And so she wanted to
leave that for posterity,

1445
01:33:12,170 --> 01:33:14,030
and I'm grateful that she did.

1446
01:33:14,030 --> 01:33:21,410
Because it reminds me of
the good old bygone days.

1447
01:33:21,410 --> 01:33:23,390
And again, you can
see the outfits,

1448
01:33:23,390 --> 01:33:25,730
you know-- all
handmade-- all handmade.

1449
01:33:25,730 --> 01:33:29,730

1450
01:33:29,730 --> 01:33:30,630
And how old?

1451
01:33:30,630 --> 01:33:34,720
I was just about, just close
to not quite three years old,

1452
01:33:34,720 --> 01:33:37,410
I would imagine-- just
around three, I guess.

1453
01:33:37,410 --> 01:33:41,660

1454

01:33:41,660 --> 01:33:42,620

Yep, that's it.

1455

01:33:42,620 --> 01:33:47,280

1456

01:33:47,280 --> 01:33:51,290

Now, I was not privy
to this assembly.

1457

01:33:51,290 --> 01:33:53,310

I was not part of it.

1458

01:33:53,310 --> 01:33:57,575

And that seems to me that,
in the forefront, there is--

1459

01:33:57,575 --> 01:34:01,520

I can't even identify
all the people.

1460

01:34:01,520 --> 01:34:06,590

But they somehow must have been
close or distant relatives.

1461

01:34:06,590 --> 01:34:08,150

To me, they must
have been distant

1462

01:34:08,150 --> 01:34:11,210

because I don't remember
a single one of them,

1463

01:34:11,210 --> 01:34:14,570

with the exception of my
grandfather and my grandmother,

1464

01:34:14,570 --> 01:34:15,710

who sit there.

1465

01:34:15,710 --> 01:34:18,590

And that was in a spa.

1466
01:34:18,590 --> 01:34:21,290
You can see that
she's holding a cup.

1467
01:34:21,290 --> 01:34:24,620
And that was, I think,
if I'm not mistaken,

1468
01:34:24,620 --> 01:34:27,590
it was in Carlsbad in a spa.

1469
01:34:27,590 --> 01:34:33,080
And they were there
to drink the waters,

1470
01:34:33,080 --> 01:34:35,420
the hot waters of Carlsbad.

1471
01:34:35,420 --> 01:34:36,830
And that's where it was taken.

1472
01:34:36,830 --> 01:34:38,540
So they may be friends.

1473
01:34:38,540 --> 01:34:39,650
They may be relatives.

1474
01:34:39,650 --> 01:34:42,140
Who knows?

1475
01:34:42,140 --> 01:34:43,940
I was not part of it.

1476
01:34:43,940 --> 01:34:47,855
And that was in the
'30s, early '30s.

1477
01:34:47,855 --> 01:34:56,138

1478

01:34:56,138 --> 01:34:57,150
I call him--

1479
01:34:57,150 --> 01:34:59,880
Well, it's typical,
again-- typical, again--

1480
01:34:59,880 --> 01:35:03,390
of my mother's intentions.

1481
01:35:03,390 --> 01:35:07,890
I stand there with the
sort of clowning there.

1482
01:35:07,890 --> 01:35:13,590
And she felt that this probably
was cute and appropriate.

1483
01:35:13,590 --> 01:35:22,200
And I think I must have felt
like an idiot doing that.

1484
01:35:22,200 --> 01:35:26,820
But I didn't like to go to
these photographers, I'm sure.

1485
01:35:26,820 --> 01:35:30,100
But she wanted me to do that.

1486
01:35:30,100 --> 01:35:32,100
So I did, and it
didn't last long.

1487
01:35:32,100 --> 01:35:37,890
And I must have been
around three years then.

1488
01:35:37,890 --> 01:35:44,450

1489
01:35:44,450 --> 01:35:49,490
Just one of those
many photos which

1490
01:35:49,490 --> 01:35:52,820
were taken by a
professional photographer.

1491
01:35:52,820 --> 01:35:59,510
And again, I'm just focusing
on the hand-knit outfit

1492
01:35:59,510 --> 01:36:05,900
and the apparently
essential ape, which

1493
01:36:05,900 --> 01:36:10,100
I was to hold in my hand,
which was not one of my toys

1494
01:36:10,100 --> 01:36:13,530
but belonged to
the photographer.

1495
01:36:13,530 --> 01:36:16,280
So that's all you need
to say about that.

1496
01:36:16,280 --> 01:36:23,180
And I think my expression
is very, very inauthentic.

1497
01:36:23,180 --> 01:36:26,960
Because I'm sure I
didn't feel that,

1498
01:36:26,960 --> 01:36:34,070
well, clowning around and
being portrayed in this the way

1499
01:36:34,070 --> 01:36:34,610
they did.

1500
01:36:34,610 --> 01:36:43,420

1501

01:36:43,420 --> 01:36:46,050

So there, it's,
again, in this park,

1502

01:36:46,050 --> 01:36:49,290

and when I was still
a baby, obviously,

1503

01:36:49,290 --> 01:36:50,760

and my mother sitting there.

1504

01:36:50,760 --> 01:36:51,600

I don't know.

1505

01:36:51,600 --> 01:36:55,140

I think my aunt took that
picture, my Aunt Paula.

1506

01:36:55,140 --> 01:36:59,970

And she may or may not appear
in one of those photographs.

1507

01:36:59,970 --> 01:37:05,340

And you can see that you
have two happy people

1508

01:37:05,340 --> 01:37:11,340

there, one a partial person
and a full-blown person.

1509

01:37:11,340 --> 01:37:14,730

And these sort of
strange hats I still

1510

01:37:14,730 --> 01:37:19,200

remember because my mother
used to go to the hatmaker's

1511

01:37:19,200 --> 01:37:21,780

all the time, getting all
sorts of strange thing.

1512

01:37:21,780 --> 01:37:23,710
And she dragged me with her.

1513
01:37:23,710 --> 01:37:26,520
And for reasons
which now escape me,

1514
01:37:26,520 --> 01:37:33,690
I was always fascinated with
all the unbelievable forms

1515
01:37:33,690 --> 01:37:34,660
they developed.

1516
01:37:34,660 --> 01:37:37,240
These hats were just
really something else.

1517
01:37:37,240 --> 01:37:40,920
And so I didn't
quite understand how

1518
01:37:40,920 --> 01:37:45,840
people could wear pots and
all sorts of stuff which

1519
01:37:45,840 --> 01:37:48,810
looked absolutely, to me
at that time, ridiculous.

1520
01:37:48,810 --> 01:37:54,750

1521
01:37:54,750 --> 01:37:56,510
--together, do you?

1522
01:37:56,510 --> 01:37:57,170
No.

1523
01:37:57,170 --> 01:37:59,322
That's interesting comment.

1524

01:37:59,322 --> 01:38:02,470
They divorced when
he was, what, 13?

1525
01:38:02,470 --> 01:38:03,970
Yeah.

1526
01:38:03,970 --> 01:38:08,650
This is, again, a picture of
my grandparents in Carlsbad,

1527
01:38:08,650 --> 01:38:10,840
or it could have
been, also, Francisbad

1528
01:38:10,840 --> 01:38:13,300
or Marienbad-- one of the spas.

1529
01:38:13,300 --> 01:38:16,570
And you can see my
grandmother, who, by the way,

1530
01:38:16,570 --> 01:38:20,815
developed diabetes, with
this glass in her hand,

1531
01:38:20,815 --> 01:38:25,990
where she just drinks out of
these glasses, typical glasses,

1532
01:38:25,990 --> 01:38:30,550
which people walked around
with these hot waters, which

1533
01:38:30,550 --> 01:38:31,060
they drank.

1534
01:38:31,060 --> 01:38:33,520
They taste awful, but
apparently, people

1535
01:38:33,520 --> 01:38:35,380
thought that they were helpful.

1536
01:38:35,380 --> 01:38:36,790
I have my doubts about that.

1537
01:38:36,790 --> 01:38:40,000
It may have helped your
digestion, at best,

1538
01:38:40,000 --> 01:38:41,740
but not much else, I guess.

1539
01:38:41,740 --> 01:38:52,020

1540
01:38:52,020 --> 01:38:54,945
Well, that is a
photograph which--

1541
01:38:54,945 --> 01:38:58,570

1542
01:38:58,570 --> 01:39:00,960
none of us in the family,
although they could

1543
01:39:00,960 --> 01:39:04,590
have afforded it, had a car.

1544
01:39:04,590 --> 01:39:08,640
So I was very fond of cars and
always wanted to have a car.

1545
01:39:08,640 --> 01:39:10,740
But no one ever
wanted to buy one

1546
01:39:10,740 --> 01:39:13,020
because they didn't
want to drive themselves

1547
01:39:13,020 --> 01:39:18,180
and simply were too set

in their old ways to buy.

1548

01:39:18,180 --> 01:39:22,380

So they always hired taxes and
all that for the entire day.

1549

01:39:22,380 --> 01:39:29,010

And my Uncle Otto, who
was Aunt Leah's husband,

1550

01:39:29,010 --> 01:39:33,930

he was the only one who had
a auto with a chauffeur.

1551

01:39:33,930 --> 01:39:39,450

But anyway, this
photograph must have

1552

01:39:39,450 --> 01:39:46,650

been taken when I was
about five, six years old,

1553

01:39:46,650 --> 01:39:56,970

back in front of the house
in Rostock, near Prague,

1554

01:39:56,970 --> 01:39:57,870

during the summer.

1555

01:39:57,870 --> 01:40:04,810

1556

01:40:04,810 --> 01:40:11,020

This is a photograph I like
very much because that's

1557

01:40:11,020 --> 01:40:12,235

how I remember my mother.

1558

01:40:12,235 --> 01:40:14,770

1559

01:40:14,770 --> 01:40:19,480
Somehow, that type
of impression of her,

1560
01:40:19,480 --> 01:40:23,500
I have kept with me
for most of the time.

1561
01:40:23,500 --> 01:40:36,670
And that was taken around 1937,
'38, before the catastrophe.

1562
01:40:36,670 --> 01:40:42,865
And I think that's how
she looked when we still

1563
01:40:42,865 --> 01:40:49,150
had a normal life in Prague.

1564
01:40:49,150 --> 01:40:55,870
And somehow, it reflects
how I see her and the way

1565
01:40:55,870 --> 01:41:02,140
I related best to her.

1566
01:41:02,140 --> 01:41:04,030
And also, the
hairdo and all that

1567
01:41:04,030 --> 01:41:12,100
was part of the later time,
when she was already-- she

1568
01:41:12,100 --> 01:41:16,270
was born 1893.

1569
01:41:16,270 --> 01:41:25,990
So by that time, she must
have been in her early 40s.

1570
01:41:25,990 --> 01:41:37,880

1571
01:41:37,880 --> 01:41:43,700
This is the last picture, I
think, of my grandparents.

1572
01:41:43,700 --> 01:41:51,470
And at that particular time,
if you look at my grandparents,

1573
01:41:51,470 --> 01:41:55,550
he was already on his
deathbed and no longer

1574
01:41:55,550 --> 01:42:01,220
could walk on his own and
had to be moved about.

1575
01:42:01,220 --> 01:42:09,200
And you see also the
expression of my grandmother,

1576
01:42:09,200 --> 01:42:10,010
full of sorrow.

1577
01:42:10,010 --> 01:42:17,270
And that was already,
must have been,

1578
01:42:17,270 --> 01:42:21,770
when the Germans
occupied Czechoslovakia.

1579
01:42:21,770 --> 01:42:24,710
That was, I think, in '39--

1580
01:42:24,710 --> 01:42:26,930
'39 or early '40.

1581
01:42:26,930 --> 01:42:30,710
And that was shortly before
my grandfather's death.

1582

01:42:30,710 --> 01:42:32,360
What was he sick with?

1583
01:42:32,360 --> 01:42:39,650
He died of sclerosis
of the brain

1584
01:42:39,650 --> 01:42:45,650
and was totally demented before
he died-- totally demented.

1585
01:42:45,650 --> 01:42:54,370
It was just terrible, you know,
what he must have gone through

1586
01:42:54,370 --> 01:42:56,110
and was just awful, terrible.

1587
01:42:56,110 --> 01:42:57,380
He was not himself anymore.

1588
01:42:57,380 --> 01:43:00,550
He just totally lost his mind.

1589
01:43:00,550 --> 01:43:03,100
And then, tell what happened
to your grandmother.

1590
01:43:03,100 --> 01:43:07,450
Well, my grandmother died
in one of the ghettos,

1591
01:43:07,450 --> 01:43:10,343
the chances are.

1592
01:43:10,343 --> 01:43:11,510
But you don't know for sure.

1593
01:43:11,510 --> 01:43:14,440
Or she died at Auschwitz.

1594
01:43:14,440 --> 01:43:15,140

We don't know.

1595

01:43:15,140 --> 01:43:16,120

We don't know.

1596

01:43:16,120 --> 01:43:20,040

1597

01:43:20,040 --> 01:43:23,660

Yeah, Grandmother, in Czech,
they called her Minka.

1598

01:43:23,660 --> 01:43:25,970

My grandfather
called her Minka--

1599

01:43:25,970 --> 01:43:29,240

1600

01:43:29,240 --> 01:43:31,970

short for Wilhelmina-- Minka.

1601

01:43:31,970 --> 01:43:37,070

1602

01:43:37,070 --> 01:43:42,780

That's the last photograph
of both, period.

1603

01:43:42,780 --> 01:43:43,280

That's it.

1604

01:43:43,280 --> 01:43:46,720

1605

01:43:46,720 --> 01:43:53,880

And again, I'm very thankful
that it was preserved.

1606

01:43:53,880 --> 01:44:01,430

1607

01:44:01,430 --> 01:44:07,310

Well, this is my
mother and I. And I

1608

01:44:07,310 --> 01:44:13,160

must have been just about
two years old, I guess.

1609

01:44:13,160 --> 01:44:16,370

And that's how I
remember her, just as

1610

01:44:16,370 --> 01:44:20,900

far as one can remember that
far back, when she was young--

1611

01:44:20,900 --> 01:44:28,340

hairdo and all that,
which was late '20s,

1612

01:44:28,340 --> 01:44:29,810

the fashion of the late '20s.

1613

01:44:29,810 --> 01:44:34,310

And she was always
very well-dressed.

1614

01:44:34,310 --> 01:44:40,810

And so I liked it very much.

1615

01:44:40,810 --> 01:44:45,700

That's how she looked
when she was still young.

1616

01:44:45,700 --> 01:44:46,570

Well, young.

1617

01:44:46,570 --> 01:44:49,520

She was not that young.

1618

01:44:49,520 --> 01:44:51,340

She was 35.

1619
01:44:51,340 --> 01:44:58,410

1620
01:44:58,410 --> 01:45:01,440
She looks younger
in that picture.

1621
01:45:01,440 --> 01:45:02,280
She always did.

1622
01:45:02,280 --> 01:45:02,910
Did she?

1623
01:45:02,910 --> 01:45:04,290
Yeah, she always did.

1624
01:45:04,290 --> 01:45:10,360

1625
01:45:10,360 --> 01:45:15,910
So that is when I
was out of the--

1626
01:45:15,910 --> 01:45:17,890
could move about.

1627
01:45:17,890 --> 01:45:21,550
Because I was one
of the few who spoke

1628
01:45:21,550 --> 01:45:29,860
English, and I was asked to show
US personnel around and explain

1629
01:45:29,860 --> 01:45:32,590
to them whatever
I could explain.

1630
01:45:32,590 --> 01:45:38,380
And that is, I think,
a colonel whom I'm

1631
01:45:38,380 --> 01:45:41,110
showing the Dachau crematorium.

1632
01:45:41,110 --> 01:45:50,860
And that was possibly,
let's say, about three,

1633
01:45:50,860 --> 01:45:54,700
four weeks after the
liberation, which

1634
01:45:54,700 --> 01:46:00,430
took place on April 29, '45.

1635
01:46:00,430 --> 01:46:03,700
So it took about
four or five weeks

1636
01:46:03,700 --> 01:46:06,100
before I really
could move about--

1637
01:46:06,100 --> 01:46:08,950

1638
01:46:08,950 --> 01:46:10,170
maybe four weeks.

1639
01:46:10,170 --> 01:46:14,110
And so part of what
I was doing, they

1640
01:46:14,110 --> 01:46:16,600
asked me to show them
around and talk to them

1641
01:46:16,600 --> 01:46:18,910
about my impressions of it.

1642
01:46:18,910 --> 01:46:22,330
And that was the

picture whatever --

1643
01:46:22,330 --> 01:46:31,930
which I discovered in a book
called Christ in Dachau.

1644
01:46:31,930 --> 01:46:35,520
And I recognized myself
and remembered the time

1645
01:46:35,520 --> 01:46:42,040
when I was showing the
US personnel around.

1646
01:46:42,040 --> 01:46:44,590
And that's what it is.

1647
01:46:44,590 --> 01:46:47,710
And you can see, when you really
see how I stand and all that,

1648
01:46:47,710 --> 01:46:51,730
so I stand quite crooked because
I still couldn't properly walk.

1649
01:46:51,730 --> 01:47:02,620
I still had some problems
with my frozen feet.

1650
01:47:02,620 --> 01:47:06,000

1651
01:47:06,000 --> 01:47:09,480
See, I don't stand upright.

1652
01:47:09,480 --> 01:47:11,775
I couldn't do it then, still.

1653
01:47:11,775 --> 01:47:20,280

1654
01:47:20,280 --> 01:47:21,232

Go with this one.

1655
01:47:21,232 --> 01:47:22,560
Better but--

1656
01:47:22,560 --> 01:47:23,330
OK.

1657
01:47:23,330 --> 01:47:24,290
Right.

1658
01:47:24,290 --> 01:47:37,410
This is when I was a Alexander
von Humboldt fellow from '65

1659
01:47:37,410 --> 01:47:39,240
to '68.

1660
01:47:39,240 --> 01:47:43,800
And one of the things,
which was supposed

1661
01:47:43,800 --> 01:47:46,050
to be a great
privilege, is that we

1662
01:47:46,050 --> 01:47:51,360
were invited to the president
of the German Federal Republic.

1663
01:47:51,360 --> 01:47:55,380
And because of my language
skills and because of what

1664
01:47:55,380 --> 01:47:59,790
I researched and because
the people of the foundation

1665
01:47:59,790 --> 01:48:03,630
saw that I was going to
wind up as a big man,

1666

01:48:03,630 --> 01:48:06,120
they always introduce
me and make sure

1667
01:48:06,120 --> 01:48:10,470
that I met and talked
more extensively

1668
01:48:10,470 --> 01:48:15,390
than others to whoever was
president at that time.

1669
01:48:15,390 --> 01:48:17,970
And at this particular
time, I'm talking

1670
01:48:17,970 --> 01:48:23,640
to a man called Lubke, who
was not dreadfully intelligent

1671
01:48:23,640 --> 01:48:33,180
and was accused of
having participated

1672
01:48:33,180 --> 01:48:36,810
in building, designing,
and building barracks

1673
01:48:36,810 --> 01:48:39,010
in concentration camps.

1674
01:48:39,010 --> 01:48:42,570
And I confronted him-- and it's
also in my book, by the way.

1675
01:48:42,570 --> 01:48:49,050
And he said, well, you know,
let's let the past go by.

1676
01:48:49,050 --> 01:48:53,250
And I said, well, Mr.
President, if they accuse

1677

01:48:53,250 --> 01:48:56,220
you or you say you have
had nothing to do with it,

1678
01:48:56,220 --> 01:48:57,450
why don't you go in public?

1679
01:48:57,450 --> 01:48:58,470
Well, let them talk.

1680
01:48:58,470 --> 01:49:00,420
I don't care, really.

1681
01:49:00,420 --> 01:49:04,560
And besides, Professor
Steiner, there

1682
01:49:04,560 --> 01:49:08,580
were only a handful of
Nazis in Germany, anyway.

1683
01:49:08,580 --> 01:49:11,070
So he came out with these
sort of pronouncements

1684
01:49:11,070 --> 01:49:14,940
and was known for that, that
it was just totally off-base.

1685
01:49:14,940 --> 01:49:20,070
And he had a very caring
wife who was a teacher--

1686
01:49:20,070 --> 01:49:23,730
before they-- in a normal life.

1687
01:49:23,730 --> 01:49:27,480
And so she always kept
him out of trouble

1688
01:49:27,480 --> 01:49:33,060
whenever he started to talk
things which didn't make sense.

1689
01:49:33,060 --> 01:49:37,470
So you can see how I look at
him in some sort of degree

1690
01:49:37,470 --> 01:49:41,590
of skepticism because
some of the things which

1691
01:49:41,590 --> 01:49:42,510
we were discussing.

1692
01:49:42,510 --> 01:49:44,010
And then, he took me upstairs.

1693
01:49:44,010 --> 01:49:45,230
That's the White House.

1694
01:49:45,230 --> 01:49:49,200
We were in White House in Bonn.

1695
01:49:49,200 --> 01:49:52,980
And I went with him
upstairs, and then we

1696
01:49:52,980 --> 01:49:59,280
had a discussion on his
part during the Third Reich.

1697
01:49:59,280 --> 01:50:00,900
And he was very--

1698
01:50:00,900 --> 01:50:02,580
had a interesting talk.

1699
01:50:02,580 --> 01:50:07,050
And some of it, I've
written up in my book.

1700
01:50:07,050 --> 01:50:15,800

1701
01:50:15,800 --> 01:50:19,670
That's the same
occasion, although I've

1702
01:50:19,670 --> 01:50:21,350
seen him on several occasions.

1703
01:50:21,350 --> 01:50:24,620
But that's the same occasion.

1704
01:50:24,620 --> 01:50:30,320
This fellow next to
me is a Polish fellow.

1705
01:50:30,320 --> 01:50:31,490
The gentleman in the middle?

1706
01:50:31,490 --> 01:50:35,660
The gentlemen in the
middle who, I think, became

1707
01:50:35,660 --> 01:50:39,350
very well known in
politics, by the way.

1708
01:50:39,350 --> 01:50:42,050
And the other one
is an Indian lady.

1709
01:50:42,050 --> 01:50:50,090
And the person next to me
is a Alexander von Humboldt

1710
01:50:50,090 --> 01:50:54,590
foundation person, I think
a professor-- an official.

1711
01:50:54,590 --> 01:51:10,740

1712
01:51:10,740 --> 01:51:14,790
Well, this is a rather

more recent picture.

1713
01:51:14,790 --> 01:51:16,770
It was taken in 1990.

1714
01:51:16,770 --> 01:51:23,850
Again, I was invited to
the German White House.

1715
01:51:23,850 --> 01:51:26,370
And there, I am
in a conversation

1716
01:51:26,370 --> 01:51:33,600
with the first lady, the wife
of Richard von Weizsacher, who,

1717
01:51:33,600 --> 01:51:37,800
with a distance,
is the most humane

1718
01:51:37,800 --> 01:51:44,040
and democratic and
insightful and intelligent

1719
01:51:44,040 --> 01:51:46,710
president, most
efficient one, they've

1720
01:51:46,710 --> 01:51:53,730
had probably since the
existence after World War II.

1721
01:51:53,730 --> 01:51:59,400
And so, I was introduced
to her by this gentleman,

1722
01:51:59,400 --> 01:52:04,680
who is the vice president of
the foundation, in the middle.

1723
01:52:04,680 --> 01:52:16,890
And he was an official

when I started in '64

1724
01:52:16,890 --> 01:52:24,420
and always somehow was
very supportive of me

1725
01:52:24,420 --> 01:52:30,810
and did things for me
which were above and beyond

1726
01:52:30,810 --> 01:52:32,280
his call of duty.

1727
01:52:32,280 --> 01:52:35,610
And he also felt obligated
to somehow introduce me

1728
01:52:35,610 --> 01:52:37,680
to the first lady, who
is, by the way, a very

1729
01:52:37,680 --> 01:52:40,140
charming and attractive lady.

1730
01:52:40,140 --> 01:52:44,820

1731
01:52:44,820 --> 01:52:45,450
And indulge it.

1732
01:52:45,450 --> 01:52:48,890

1733
01:52:48,890 --> 01:53:03,470
This is a picture with my son
taken in 1989, before he moved

1734
01:53:03,470 --> 01:53:07,440
to Germany with his mother.

1735
01:53:07,440 --> 01:53:12,560
And so I made sure that we

had some sort of photographs,

1736

01:53:12,560 --> 01:53:14,480

remembering my
mother and all that.

1737

01:53:14,480 --> 01:53:21,020

That is some sort of a
milestone and also reflects

1738

01:53:21,020 --> 01:53:26,040

the sort of relationship we
have, I think, very well.

1739

01:53:26,040 --> 01:53:29,180

And he was a very handsome
kid, very nice kid.

1740

01:53:29,180 --> 01:53:33,830

Now, his face is full of
acne and dreadfully tall

1741

01:53:33,830 --> 01:53:37,880

and and will have
to wear glasses

1742

01:53:37,880 --> 01:53:39,060

and all sorts of things.

1743

01:53:39,060 --> 01:53:42,320

So he was a very,
very attractive kid.

1744

01:53:42,320 --> 01:53:45,650

And I think is one
of his problems

1745

01:53:45,650 --> 01:53:51,860

that somehow, during
his puberty years,

1746

01:53:51,860 --> 01:53:57,540

his looks have changed,

not to his advantage.

1747

01:53:57,540 --> 01:53:59,480

So he has a name and so forth.

1748

01:53:59,480 --> 01:54:02,810

And also, yeah, he's

his name is Ingmar--

1749

01:54:02,810 --> 01:54:06,930

Ingmar Michael Augustus--

1750

01:54:06,930 --> 01:54:09,950

1751

01:54:09,950 --> 01:54:11,360

Ingmar Michael Augustus.

1752

01:54:11,360 --> 01:54:16,630

1753

01:54:16,630 --> 01:54:17,640

Born what year?

1754

01:54:17,640 --> 01:54:20,770

1755

01:54:20,770 --> 01:54:33,040

Yeah, he was born

on April 22, 1979.

1756

01:54:33,040 --> 01:54:37,000

And that's kind of a

blessing because almost he

1757

01:54:37,000 --> 01:54:40,360

was born on Hitler's birthday.

1758

01:54:40,360 --> 01:54:43,990

And that, I think would have

posed some problem for me.

1759

01:54:43,990 --> 01:54:47,590
And he did me the favor that he
waited two days before he came.

1760

01:54:47,590 --> 01:55:03,770

1761

01:55:03,770 --> 01:55:07,550
This was a very
interesting occasion.

1762

01:55:07,550 --> 01:55:12,980
That was one of my
visits to the couple,

1763

01:55:12,980 --> 01:55:20,420
which you can see, left, which
is former SS General Karl

1764

01:55:20,420 --> 01:55:21,830
Wolff and his wife.

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01:55:21,830 --> 01:55:25,550

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01:55:25,550 --> 01:55:34,850
And next to her, on the right,
is SS General Felix Steiner.

1767

01:55:34,850 --> 01:55:41,060
And he was the one who was
instrumental in introducing me

1768

01:55:41,060 --> 01:55:44,060
to all the people he
knew and made it possible

1769

01:55:44,060 --> 01:55:48,980
for me to meet other people.

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01:55:48,980 --> 01:55:52,250
Without his help, the chances

are I would have not succeeded.

1771

01:55:52,250 --> 01:55:56,600

And he was also very helpful in my research.

1772

01:55:56,600 --> 01:56:02,390

Because he wrote a letter to former members of the SS

1773

01:56:02,390 --> 01:56:05,390

whenever I was sending questionnaires

1774

01:56:05,390 --> 01:56:09,230

to ask for their support.

1775

01:56:09,230 --> 01:56:11,950

Because without that, I wouldn't have done it.

1776

01:56:11,950 --> 01:56:17,900

And he was one of the most popular SS combat generals,

1777

01:56:17,900 --> 01:56:22,130

period, who was cited during the Nuremberg trial

1778

01:56:22,130 --> 01:56:28,370

as a person who never broke the Geneva

1779

01:56:28,370 --> 01:56:36,770

Convention of human contracts-- in other words,

1780

01:56:36,770 --> 01:56:47,450

behave in a way which was used as a model for others.

1781

01:56:47,450 --> 01:56:51,110

And therefore, nothing very

much happened to him ever.

1782

01:56:51,110 --> 01:56:56,800

Because he never did anything
other than serve in combat.

1783

01:56:56,800 --> 01:56:59,500

And I have no question.

1784

01:56:59,500 --> 01:57:01,520

We've talked about many
of the things which

1785

01:57:01,520 --> 01:57:03,710

happened behind all that.

1786

01:57:03,710 --> 01:57:07,230

So he was aware of some of the
things, didn't condone them.

1787

01:57:07,230 --> 01:57:11,360

And he also is the one
who challenged Himmler.

1788

01:57:11,360 --> 01:57:18,680

And I had exceedingly important
and interesting conversations

1789

01:57:18,680 --> 01:57:19,640

with him.

1790

01:57:19,640 --> 01:57:22,610

Wolff, on the other
hand, was the person

1791

01:57:22,610 --> 01:57:28,310

who had very little
military experience and was

1792

01:57:28,310 --> 01:57:34,520

what you call a political
general and then, for quite

1793

01:57:34,520 --> 01:57:37,640

a while, was Himmler's
right-hand man

1794

01:57:37,640 --> 01:57:47,000

and was sentenced to 15
years prison by the Germans

1795

01:57:47,000 --> 01:57:53,030

for having aided and
abetting and facilitating

1796

01:57:53,030 --> 01:57:57,770

the transport of 300,000
Jews to the destruction

1797

01:57:57,770 --> 01:57:59,990

camp, Treblinka.

1798

01:57:59,990 --> 01:58:06,650

Out of the 15 years, he was
in prison only for five years.

1799

01:58:06,650 --> 01:58:08,510

And that is before that time.

1800

01:58:08,510 --> 01:58:14,630

And they owned,
virtually, a small castle,

1801

01:58:14,630 --> 01:58:17,960

which he had bought
during his Nazi time

1802

01:58:17,960 --> 01:58:21,770

because money was
available to him.

1803

01:58:21,770 --> 01:58:24,380

And he lived there in
splendor, and he was just

1804

01:58:24,380 --> 01:58:26,300
a fabulous host.

1805
01:58:26,300 --> 01:58:31,976
And part of that sort of
thing I still experienced.

1806
01:58:31,976 --> 01:58:35,090
Then they had to sell the whole
thing during the trial and all

1807
01:58:35,090 --> 01:58:36,230
that, the whole thing.

1808
01:58:36,230 --> 01:58:39,080
The family broke apart,
and so forth and so on.

1809
01:58:39,080 --> 01:58:43,130
So that was during
his happy days.

1810
01:58:43,130 --> 01:58:45,710
And he felt very
safe and all that.

1811
01:58:45,710 --> 01:58:49,040
Because he also felt
that he was protected

1812
01:58:49,040 --> 01:58:57,590
by Allen Dulles with whom he
entered into a special treaty,

1813
01:58:57,590 --> 01:59:04,400
a peace treaty, while he was the
highest SS police and SS leader

1814
01:59:04,400 --> 01:59:06,710
in Italy, in northern Italy.

1815
01:59:06,710 --> 01:59:11,270
And so they had a

special peace treaty

1816
01:59:11,270 --> 01:59:17,210
which was initiated by him.

1817
01:59:17,210 --> 01:59:21,530
And that helped him a
great deal after the war.

1818
01:59:21,530 --> 01:59:26,285
Because in-- when was
it, '47, '48, '47?--

1819
01:59:26,285 --> 01:59:29,510

1820
01:59:29,510 --> 01:59:32,955
Allen Dulles and others were
instrumental in starting

1821
01:59:32,955 --> 01:59:33,455
the CIA.

1822
01:59:33,455 --> 01:59:36,230

1823
01:59:36,230 --> 01:59:38,930
Do you know Mrs. Wolff's name?

1824
01:59:38,930 --> 01:59:39,680
Yeah.

1825
01:59:39,680 --> 01:59:45,920
Her name was von
Bernstorff, maiden name.

1826
01:59:45,920 --> 01:59:47,300
You don't know her first name?

1827
01:59:47,300 --> 01:59:50,190
Oh, yes, I remember it, but I
don't remember at the moment.

1828
01:59:50,190 --> 01:59:51,350
Of course, I don't, yeah.

1829
01:59:51,350 --> 01:59:58,348

1830
01:59:58,348 --> 01:59:59,640
You wanted to write something--

1831
01:59:59,640 --> 02:00:01,680
So the countess--

1832
02:00:01,680 --> 02:00:04,350

1833
02:00:04,350 --> 02:00:09,600
Wolff's wife was married
to a Count von Bernstorff

1834
02:00:09,600 --> 02:00:14,130
and divorced him to marry
Karl Wolff, with whom she

1835
02:00:14,130 --> 02:00:15,690
had an affair.

1836
02:00:15,690 --> 02:00:18,780
And she was known to
be very attractive

1837
02:00:18,780 --> 02:00:27,310
and a kind of model Aryan blond
and Germanic looking person.

1838
02:00:27,310 --> 02:00:31,710
And so was he, for that matter,
and was therefore very much

1839
02:00:31,710 --> 02:00:39,930
favored by Hitler, who
aided his promotions so

1840
02:00:39,930 --> 02:00:46,090
that he made a virtually
lightning career in the SS,

1841
02:00:46,090 --> 02:00:46,590
Wolff.

1842
02:00:46,590 --> 02:00:50,280
And Steiner, of
course, also, in a way.

1843
02:00:50,280 --> 02:00:52,440
But he had
substantive background

1844
02:00:52,440 --> 02:01:02,340
before he actually
joined the SS after 1933

1845
02:01:02,340 --> 02:01:12,695
and was already at that time a
major in the Weimar Republic.

1846
02:01:12,695 --> 02:03:21,067