

TAPE #34--SIDE A
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KF Let's start a long way back. Tell me exactly when and where you were born?

PC Born in New York, Long Island. Town called Hamstead in a hospital called Mercy Hospital in 1939.

KF And your birthday.

PC May 28th.

KF Tell me about your parents, what was your father's name?

PC Paul (I think that's what he said) He was born in Italy and came here with his father, he was an only child, oh I would say two to three years after he was born, they came to the United States, and they lived in New York City. And my grandfather was a carpenter. And my father lived a life as young boy in the country. His profession was he was a printer. And you know, he lived all his life xxxxxxx.

KF Okay, and your mother?

PC My mother's name was Josaphine. And she was born here in Philadelphia, and she then went to Italy at a very early age with one of her uncles. She was one of seven children, and the oldest. And she stayed in Italy, I guess, through grammar school, and I think the first year of high school came back to the United States, back to Philadelphia and went to work. She never really finished high school, because in those days you had to help support. My grandfather on her side was also a carpenter. And she and I my father met, as a matter of fact in Philadelphia and they married and moved to New York. And I had a brother who was born about 4 years before I was and he died at a fairly early age, he died from what today is called crib death, in

PC those days they weren't sure. And then I was born in 1939. Both my
cont. parents were, you know, all the time I can remember my mother stayed
home until I was about 3 or 4 years old, and then she went back to
work. She worked as a seamstress. And my father worked as a printer
until they retired, and they bought a small home in Florida, and they
lived there five years, and they both of them passed away within six
months of each other. Interesting enough, my father was a very
healthy individual, really all of his life. His size, he was about the
same size I am. At least I can just never remember him being ill. My
mother on the other hand was always ill, she had diabetes, she had a
heart condition. We were always able to do things, but I always
remember my mother going to the doctor and you know, taking insulin,
in fact, I used to give her insulin, every morning, because she had
diabetes. The reason I say that is because, I guess, the three of us
would have predicted that my mother would have died first, but in
fact it was exactly the opposite, my father died first, and my mother
died, I would say within six months after my father died. And he died
of surosus of the liver, not an alcoholic or anything like that, but as
I understand that disease is not necessarily just for people who are
heavy drinkers. And died a very fast death, within ten days, in fact,
almost drove himself to the hospital. And then as I say my mother
died, she took that very hard, as we all did, so she died six months
after. He died in 1972 and she died in 1973.

KF What do you remember about home life?

PC I remember both of them really devoting their entire lives to the
things that centered around me.

KF (Can't understand)

PC Very, very much so.

KF Because there were no younger brothers and sisters.

PC None whatsoever, as I said I had an older brother, I did not know him, he passed away at a very early age. So I was the only child, you know, I had a pet, I had a dog. We lived comfortable, Ken, when I say comfortably, you know, I remember living in a house, which I would say lower middle class. But it was very clean, always had very good food, always had clothes. But then again, once I got to the years where money became important to me, my father was very supportive of me. For example, when I bought my first car, he lent me the money, but I paid him back...and I've kind of carried that message with me for a long time, that money is a very important thing, something that you have to treat very carefully. Because I always, you know, I think you and I may have even talked about this the other night. My children very seldom hear that we can't afford to do something. I heard that an awful lot when I grew up. And it was just something I never forgot. Our life as a family, you know, alot was done as a family, it was a friendly type...relatives were very important. Holidays, and this was the Italian holidays when we would go to one of our relatives and they would make a feast, I mean it was about 4 or 5 days preparing it. I mean, this meal was absolutely fantastic. And I always thought it was good times, they never had to drag me along, you know, to go to these. You know, to this day I have aunts and uncles in Philadelphia who, in fact, last week I was on the east coast and I took a day to stop in Philadelphia on my own, to visit an uncle and an aunt, an uncle who just had hip surgery, he's 75 years old. And an aunt who just had a recent heart condition, just to go by and say hello. So there is still a close family.

KF Were you clever in school?

PC I did alright in school. I had to work very hard for the grades I got. Things never came easy for me. Things appear to come easier to me as life goes on. Even today, I have to work at things, but you know, retention, those type of things appear to come alot easier today than they did when I was in...I would not be considered a star.

KF Did you go to college?

PC Yes I did. I went one year in Cleveland, Ohio, and then I deceiced I was going to work during the day, and I got a job in data processing, as a matter of fact, as an office boy. And then went to schobl in the evening. My father was very insistant about, you know, he felt very much so that education was very important thing, it was something that he could not have, and he felt it was very important, you know, regardless of what I did, you know, he wanted to be assured that I had the benefit of things that he couldn't do, so he pushed me really, to go to school.

KF And what did you study?

PC Business administration. I was also, alot of music, didn't study music, but during my childhood I played the piano for five years, then I switched to the accordian. Then I've always been involved in music, even today I have an organ, *and* Marie plays it, as a matter of fact, but I play around with it every now and then. I played in the band in high school, and played in the band in college too. Then I played in a little group band, as a matter of fact, while I was working in data processing. You know, at that point in time, you know, I was pretty much, you know, my father helped pay my college tuition and I paid...I probably paid about half and he paid half, and the half I paid was, you know, with the job in data processing, and also the job with the band.

Anne -

KF What kind of music did you play with the band?

PC High school and college, a combination of marches. Semi-classical and classical. And then with the band that I played with the accordian, it was the, you know, '50's type music, no hard rock, xxxx those type things.

KF '50's pop music?

PC Late 50's....

KF Okay. What was your first job after....you graduated in business studies I presume. What was your first job?

PC It was a job with the United States Army.

KF Okay.

PC I was drafted in 1962. And joined the Army and took the officers candidate test and passed it, and at that time I had an uncle who was a Colonel, who was kind of advising me as to what to do. His advice to me was if you can get into data processing, then just go ahead and spend your two years and get out, but if you decide it's something you don't particularly care for, then take advantage of the OCS, and you know, give it another year to do something that will be worth while. As it turned out I was assigned to data processing in Chicago. Spent the entire two years working in a government building in Chicago in data processing. And I worked in the evenings for Shell Oil in data processing. As a matter of fact, that's where I met Ruthie, she was a government employee, secretary in that same building, that's how we met.

KF Tell me about that. You met...

PC We met. I was at the time, I guess about 25 years old. And she was 19 or 20 I believe. And we dated for a while and then it became very serious, and decided we were going to get married. So when I got out of the service I stayed in Chicago and went to work for Time Magazine in Chicago. And we got married in 1965.

KF Do you remember the date?

PC Yes, May 29th as a matter of fact. The reason I remember it's my mother's birthday, plus my birthday is May 28th. So it's a good reason. And we both worked, stayed in Chicago, and later that year I got transferred to New York with Time.

KF What were you doing with Time, data processing?

PC Yes. Data Processing. And when I got to New York I then became... got into the managerial angle of the particular projects that I started working on. Then I worked in New York until the following summer. It was in July of that summer when I was contacted by EDS. And I joined EDS in September of 1966.

KF As?

PC Systems Engineer. Working as....

KF '66, that's quite early.

PC Yes. There was about 100 people when I joined. It was September of 1966. I just passed my 15th anniversary. Then we stayed in New York. And I started commuting to work on a special projects in Dallas the summer of '67...Christmas of '67. Karen was born in June of '67. And then came '68 we moved back to Chicago again, with EDS. Stayed there until 1970, we moved back to New York again, with EDS. And we stayed there 4 years and then moved to Pennsylvania, right outside of Valley Forge, and stayed there 3 years, when I stayed 3 years, I based out of there, but I also worked in those cities and I traveled quite a bit too. Especially when we were in Pennsylvania, I had the responsibility for the...all the facilities management, life insurance customers that we had, so I used to leave on a Monday and come back on Friday. Then in 1977 Ross asked me if I would go over to Iran to head up our business over there. And Ruthie was really not sure. You know, I think....we had done some traveling, we had been to Hawaii, you know, take some trips, but we hadn't done extensive travel, hadn't done extensive travel as some of us have today. So she was a

PC little apprehensive about going to the Middle East. But anyway, cont. we...Ross suggested that Ruthie go over there with me, you know, on one of the trips, and we did that. We spent a week over there, and you know, we got back and she decided that she could cope with the situation there, and it that's what I wanted to do that was fine. Which is the way she's been in most of the job creations, and the things that we've done. She pretty much left it up to me to decide. So we moved over there in '77, and stayed there until I stepped back in in early 1979.

KF And you were in country manager.

PC Yes.

KF All the time. What kind of a house did you have there?

PC I have pictures of it, I probably ought to show you the pictures. It was behind a wall, like most houses were in Iran. It was probably five or six years old. And it was a larger house than our family needed, but, in Iran you had to do alot of entertaining, that was the way things were done in Iran. Plus we would have people come visit and alot of times I would have them stay at my house. For example, Bill Gayden who would come to Iran. I reported to Bill Gayden, by the way. He would come to Iran, he would normally stay at our house.

KF And Bill was head of EDS World.

PC That's correct.

KF Was he President, or Chairman.

PC At the time he was President. I was, as I said, I worked for Bill and was country manager of Iran, and there was somebody in the other countries that had the same job as I did.

KF How did the family like Iran once they moved there?

PC Loved it.

KF They loved it, why?

PC Oh, the kids went to an international school, they met alot of friends, and from that point on Ann Marie, I mean, you know, it was just like being back here. It took Karen a little longer to adjust, but she made friends, and she had a very good time. And our house had a swimming pool in the summer you could swim. The weather was beautiful there, and we would take rides up in the mountains on Friday, which was like Sunday here. And you know, just do simple things. Iran was a beautiful place, and the people were fantastic, and we felt safer walking in the streets of Iran, or Ruthie felt safer about walking the streets of Iran. She would walk, you know, right out in any one of our neighborhoods, and you know, because the people cared, especially if you had children. You wouldn't dare discipline your child in front of an Iranian, I mean that was just unheard of. They loved children. So you know, it was a very very friendly..and that was a very frustrating place to be. But, for example, if your dishwasher, it was not a dishwasher, she didn't have a dishwasher, your washing machine broke, it was not uncommon for it to take an excess of a month to get it repaired. And Ruthie is the type of person where that doesn't bother her, but you know, if somebody was a type of person where things had to be done yesterday it would be very difficult to live in an environment like that. It was very difficult...it was probably more difficult for me to conduct business over there. Because I had grown up in an environment where there was no such thing as no, and you know, when is it due, yesterday. Well, in Iran I kind of equate it to when you build something in Iran, you built a data processing system, you build a data center, it's like baking a cake but without going to the store and buying a package goods, it's like starting with all the elements, and then building it that way. So you get alot of satisfaction out of alot of smaller things, than you did back here. So you really had to adjust your mentality like that. It takes alot longer to get things done over there. The Persians have a word called Farda, which means tommorrow. They have a word Enchela,

PC which means if God wills its, so you heard alot about Farda and you cont. hear Enchela, and its like the Spanish Mananna. But in any case it took alot more to get things done. But we have some very fond memories of the people and the places and the things we did, it was a situation, you know, we're normal and I didn't hesitate at all to go there, or send people there, I really didn't. It was very enjoyable, very enjoyable.

KF What was EDS trying to do?

PC We had a...Well, Iran was part of a plan to build an international business. And the projects we were working on, the ones that were processed while I was there was the largest, was the project with the Ministry, to develop a computerized Social Security Program, and a Health and Administration program. And that was the largest part. Shortly before I got there we had signed a contract with Bank Omran. And it was a contract to design and develop and install data processing systems for this particular bank. Much like we would do here in the United States. While I was there we acquired additional contract with Iran/Japan Petro Chemical Company. And this was a consortium of the Iranian and Japanese, and really, what they were doing was developing systems for the oil industry. So basically we were selling business trying to build EDS internationally. And, you know, trying to build our business in Iran. And our objective was to Persianize EDS in Iran, to where we could minimize the number of expatriots that we would have to have in the country, you know, as our projects went on. So our objective was that we would build up the Persian staff, and reduce the expatriot staff to where you would have a minimal number of expatriots that you would always need there, and then the additional projects would be handled by the Persian. That we would hire and train much like we do here in the United States.

KF And Bill Gaylord ran the Ministry project, I think.

PC Yes. He joined us over there during 1978, I believe.

KF And you had known him before?

PC He and I had really never worked very closely. I had assisted him, and we signed our health care account in New York City. Bill was the account manager there. In 1970 when I was leaving Chicago and coming to New York, I had about a month in between, you know, one project would finish up and the other was getting ready to start, I worked with Bill to help him do the transition where we took the people on that account, that were with Blue Cross and Blue Shield and transitioned them to become EDS employees. And I probably spent about 2 to 3 weeks with Bill, you know, kind of assisting him in that area. That was when we really got to know each other, and then we would see each other in passing throughout the years. And we got back together over seas.

KF What about Keane. Am I right in thinking that he ran Bank Omran?

PC Right. I met Keane, interestingly enough, during the same time I was up working with Bill Gaylord on the New York Project. Keane was a member of that team working for Bill. And it just so happened that when I spent those couple of weeks there, you know, you get to know the people on the account and Keane was one of them.

KF So Keane's relationship to you, business relationship to you was the same as Bill's, except that Bill's project was bigger.

PC That's correct. Now one thing that EDS prides itself on is being a family oriented company. And I mean that in a literal sense, I mean we had a 100 people who knew virtually everything about everybody. As the company grew domestically we still carry that philosophy, but we got big enough to where you get a little bit removed, you know, from everybody, if you will. Internationally, it was very much a family oriented company. Because, one of the things you had in common was that you could speak English, you worked for the same company, and you had alot of the same problems in common. So it was natural for

PC people to associate with each other. Which is both good and bad, but cont. the fact is it happened, so my point is I got to know...we got to know Keane's family very well over there, where domestically I knew Keane, and we got to know Bill Gaylord's family, and that was true with most of the people over there.

KF Most of the people in the rescue team...all of the people in the rescue team had worked with you and Bill in Iran at some time.

PC And some had worked with me prior to that. Prior to going to Iran.

KF Coburn, Schwebach, Sculley, Boulware, Poche, xxxxx and Davis.

PC They were all in Iran working on one of the three projects over there.

KF Let's see. I know what Jay did. What did Boulware do?

PC Ralph's assignment domestically was, you know, data prep organization. The data prep organization being the people that actually key in the data from our customers to go to some kind of magnetic media, whether it be tape or disk, to go into the computers to process the work. We were developing a data prep operation over in Iran. And I needed someone with expertise over there to head that project up. It had been underway for about a year or so, but it was getting quite large, and as I said, Ralph and I had worked together before, and I don't remember if he called me or I called him, but at any rate, we got ourselves together and he came overseas. He then went into the computer operations area, you know, once he had got...but that was his responsibility.

KF Tell me about when you started having problems with the Ministry.

PC Well, I would say that Ruthie and I. or Ruthie had come home for the summer to visit her family and friends, what have you. I came back to the states in August. I'm a sport's fisherman, I love sport's fishing and it just so happens that I was able to come back and go to Atlantic

PC City and go on a sport's fishing tournament that my cousin and I had
Cont. been fishing for many years and I went to Chicago and picked Ruthie
up and we came back to Iran by the Far East. This was in September
of 1978. Prior to leaving there was some instability but not an awful
lot. We were getting paid, took a little longer to get paid, but we
were getting paid. Getting paid in Iran was one of the things I spent
an awful lot of time doing the whole time I was there even when things
were good. That's a club they use. When I got back, they had owed
us, I believe, two or three months, I forget over that point in time.
When I left Bill and I had talked about, with Gaylord, about him
trying to see what he could about getting us the money. When I got
back, Marshall Law had been declared just prior to the time I got
back. We had not gotten paid. It was obvious that things were
starting to deteriorate. Well, there were a lot of demonstrations.
Demonstrations in Iran is what hurt. A lot of the Iranians were
speaking more openly about the Government which they never did
before. Things like that kinda seem strange but our feeling was that
this was a temporary situation. I say that because having lived in a
country with the King you develop and seeing the armed forces. I was
the Army, I was not in the Persian Rifles or any of those groups, but
I saw them if you will, I can't associate with them. I saw the way the
Iranian Army looked. It was a very very depressing organization.
When you see that, you figure, well it is just a matter of time. Sooner
or later somebody will decide that either the situation will calm itself
down or an xxxx will come down and some bloodshed but this situation
will return to normal. We kept waiting for this to happen. In addition
to that we maintained very close relationship with the United States
Embassy. And one of Jay's responsibilities was to really go to the
briefings and to really find out from the United States reported by
their Intelligence what was really happening. As Jay probably told
you, messages were coming back were people were keeping a low
profile, staying out of part of the cities, things along that line. So I
guess we went through the entire month of September into October
with demonstrations. Heard shots being fired periodically. When we
first heard this we became alarmed about it. But after awhile, a false
sense of security but it became second nature. You could sleep

PC through it, which is bad, but you can't, the top people in the Cont. Ministry either started resigning or were being arrested. This gave us some degree of concern because we didn't know why.

KF Were the top people in other Ministries doing the same thing?

PC Yes, but not to the extent and not to the visibility that the people we knew were. Part of that was because we knew these people. OK, yes there were high level resignations going on at the time. People were being arrested but there didn't seem to be any pattern around the other ones. There appeared to be a fairly distinct pattern that Dr. Sheik of the Ministry was arrested, Mr. Negabod and some of the other deputy ministers were being arrested and this seemed to me to be too coincidental to be the same people. They were arrested under what they call Article V of the Marshall Law which means you can arrested anybody for any reason whatsoever.

KF OK. But what did these people have in common? Were they people who had worked directly with EDS?

PC They were deputy ministers under the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. It was the Minister and then there were a number of deputies. It would be like the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and then the deputy ministers under that sector. That is the way the organization

KF Now then. I am just figuring out what notes I need to look at to go through this with you. I think perhaps it is bills.

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KF On December the 5th, [REDACTED] daughter, [REDACTED] daughter who also worked for you, was at the immigration office transacting routine business. That was her regular job. She could go down there and renew permits and visas and so on. She was called in to somebody's office and told to surreptitiously pick your papers and bills on file. In fact, I think someone else has told me that she told to pick out four peoples papers, two of whom have already left. I knew two,

KF Bill must have. She said she couldn't possibly do it in less than Cont. twenty-four hours and came back to the office, told her father what had happened and that's how you knew. Tell me how you reacted to that.

PC Well, I had just gotten back into the country, I think the day before, day or two before.

KF Where had you been in the meantime?

PC I had been to Paris. November was the month that was quite active xxxxx demonstrations, shooting, etc., and we were working on negotiating payment, etc. Bill Gayden had decided that we ought to meet in Paris and have a strategy session. So Bill, John Howell, and I met in the Paris office. The three of us flew back to Iran a day or two before.

KF Who was running the Paris office?

PC I'm not sure who was at that time. It may have been Bill Gayden running it by himself. I just don't remember. There was no operational contracts in Paris.

KF I see.

PC None whatsoever. We came back to Iran and Jay Coburn came down to my office and said to me we have had an interesting development and I need to tell you about. And I said what happened. He told me about Para [REDACTED] having gone down. He told me he would keep my papers. So my reaction, it is hard to describe. I felt like 1) it must be a mistake, (2) at that point in time Bill Gayden and I were trying to focus on whether we ought to move our dependents out, whether we ought to stay, you know what should we do. So there was an awful lot going on at that point in time and this was just one more deterrent. I think as time went on I probably starting thinking more about why, what did they really want to do. As I recall, that day Bill Gayden, that

afternoon had gone to see the Accountant General at the Embassy about this particular situation and their advise was "Turn your passports over to us and we will keep those and then turn over the rest of your papers to Iranian Government since all you really need is your passports."

KF Was there anything said about you getting your passports back?

PC At that point in time they told us we would have them at anytime we wanted.

KF Sure about that?

PC As I recall we just turned them in and I felt comfortable that I could have gotten them back whenever I wanted. However, what I didn't realize at the time was that if I had gone to get them back that they would have immediately picked up them phone and call the Iranians to say that we had come to pick up our passports. We learned that a couple of days later.

KF They didn't make that clear to you when you handed in your passports?

PC I didn't go to the Embassy

KF I should ask Gayden about this.

PC I stayed in our office and I was working. At that time I was still responsible for what was going on.

KF About this time I wonder if you knew that Tom Marcus, T. J. Marcus, had rather good access to CIA information about what was happening in Iran. Did you know that? Did you get any intelligence from here in Dallas.

PC We were getting a lot of phone calls from Dallas discussing the strategy around what we should do about our presence in the country, irregardless of the latest problem that Bill Gaylord and I had in Iran. Whether or not we should evacuate, whether we ought to stay, what other companies were doing. Not from the people I was dealing with, the country managers, but from the executives back here; what was their strategy as to Iran. Nobody told me that T. J. had good CIA information but I knew, I have know the things that have been going on in EDS for a long time around what Ross is doing with the POW issue and things like that. So I was hoping quite honestly that they were being able to get some good advise back here as to what we should do.

KF Were the intentions he was getting said, "That Shah was going to fall, get out and get out fast." That was raw data that CIA was getting. He was also getting the same intelligence and reports from two different levels. He was actually, he had a friend who could look at what the National Security Council was getting. And that was what you were getting from the State Department; actually sit tight. But he was the same information, it had just been rewritten.

PC I see.

KF Anyway, I just wondered at any point somebody called you and said, "Look we do have this information that says the Shah is going to fall."

PC I personally had never got that information. Up until Bill Gayden came to the country throughout the month of November, I felt very comfortable that the decision was mine to leave. In other words, anytime I had said, "OK, I want my people to leave", they would have gone. I felt very comfortable with Bill continuing to assure me of that. The decision to stay was one of a lot of discussion and I was very concerned. A lot of things go through your mind. I was very concerned about the dependents and children. Starting with my own, number one. And all the people we had there. The business was a secondary concern, but that was also a very big concern. We knew

PC they owned us four of five millions of dollars at that point in time I
Cont. did not want to walk away and leave that money there. But I would
have done that if for an instant I had felt that one our dependents or
one of people would have been in very serious jeopardy.

KF In fact about this time you made the decision to move most of the
people out.

PC That's correct. We had, through the month of November, I had Jay
working on a meet together and evacuation plan. And Jay and two or
three other people worked through this evacuation plan to make sure
that somebody was talking to the group. Just in case. Because we had
tried to get from the Embassy what they would do for us if in fact
they declared that an evacuation was to take place. As I recall, Jay
had said that they go through an alert system that has a one alert up
to a ten alert. Then being that you ought to be gone and a one being
don't worry about. I just remembered that they never blew off but
one. So at that point in time, Bill Gayden and I were talking on the
phone. The Dallas people would call me at night, at that point I
couldn't get calls out, so they would call me like every twenty-four
hours to say, "Do you need to talk to us at all." Anyway, Bill and I
talked about the fact that we ought to get ready just in case. And we
put together an evacuation plan to get us to airport and Bill was
working with other companies and airlines that had some planes ready
in case we needed xxxxxxxxx.

KF The evacuation plan was nailed down quite well in such a way that you
could make a fairly short notice decision. In fact, you made that
decision in this end. I presume because everybody was saying that
there sure was going to be a time of great trouble.

PC I think the decision was made on two factors. One, it was obvious to
us who were there that things were not getting better. As a matter of
fact, they were just seriously deteriorating. Because obviously the
State Department, for whatever reason didn't know, didn't understand,
hadn't left the compound, but they were seeing the situation

PC differently than we were. And number three, I believe that this is Cont. where the Intelligence of the United States became

KF OK

PC At that point in time the decision was made.

KF I think something like ten people stayed in (Obrashura?). You stayed in two houses. *over Ashura*

PC Right

KF The two houses were the high-stakes poker game and the low-stakes poker game.

PC (Laugh)

KF Were you at the high-stakes game?

PC

KF OK. Everybody stayed in the houses over the week-end as far as I can determine except (Bulwang?) who snuck off home because he wanted to sleep in his own bed. *Bulwang*

PC That's correct.

KF After (Obrashura?) things, which is the eleventh, things began to see to be a bit better. In fact, some people came back in. *Ashura*

PC That is correct. We started moving people back into the country. In the meantime, Bill Gaylord and I were now concentrating on what was going on with us. After in fact, what did that want. Bill pretty much was working at the Embassy, and I was working with the Attornies.

PC We would go back together again compare notes plus our people back Cont. here would also try to find out what was going on. You are right, we did start to move people back into the country.

KF Between that time and the day you were arrested, did you get any clear picture of why they were after you?

PC No. What we had determined, Ken, was that, we determined who the judge was that had called for our papers.

KF And that was (Dadgar?)?

PC That was (Dadgar?).

KF I through he was more of a prosecutor than a judge.

PC Correct term is prosecutor in Texas. We had determined that, and once again these determinations were pretty much made through the Embassy, determined that he wanted to ask me some questions about a case he was pursuing. In fact I think the exact terminology was that he wanted us as material witnesses. Which means that there was nothing that we had done, nothing wrong that we had done, he just wanted to help with his investigation. In fact, one of the attorneys that I spoke to said that this is not uncommon. He said to me, "You are used to the United States legal system. We have the French legal system here and the French legal system the prosecutors just call people to stay put, he can arrest people, he can do whatever. Whereas in the United States it is a little bit different."

KF Under the French system it would an examining magistrate?

PC Exactly.

KF Who explained this to you?

PC One of the lawyers. I just forget which one. I spoke to so many of them.

KF I see.

PC He said, "It doesn't appear that anything is wrong. You ought to go and if a meeting can be arrange you just go and help out and do whatever you can." In fact, John Howell and I went to the Embassy during one week of vacation and visited with Charlie (Madis?) the number two man. He offered at that point in that said, "Look, there is not an awful lot we can do to help you and legal situations. You have a situation here you ought to get your attornies involved. . . ." I think he was forced to meet with us to be quite honest with you. By some of the pressure (could not understand).

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KF But the actual meeting with Dadgar, the first meeting with Dadgar, was arranged through the Embassy was it not?

PC Yes, Yes it was.

KF Tell me how that came about.

PC Well, we had gotten called and I believe his call came by Bill Gaylord, I believe--I'm not sure, we got the call that Dadgar was suppose to meet with us. They told us where. In general terms told us that he was very favorably disposed and really there was nothing we should worry about. You know I had been in preparation for some kind of a meeting. I had been getting our Attornies to come with me. And the people in the Embassy advised us against that.

KF That was a very bad piece of advice. Do you remember who exactly gave it to you?

PC No I don't.

KF So that piece of advice you believe was given to Bill Gayden or Bill Gaylord?

PC Bill Gaylord?

KF OK. And the advice given to you was you really don't need to take your attorneys to the meeting

PC Formality.

KF And if you do, it will antagonize them.

PC As a matter of fact, I had had my household goods packed up and I had moved to the Hilton Hotel. I had my suitcases because I was, quite honestly, getting ready to go back home. Another thing was, some of the Iranians had told me, "look Christmas is not a big deal in Iran. But the Iranians understand the meaning of New Years. New Years is a very very important day. (It happens to be in March, their New Years.) It makes sense that he would keep you there through Christmas and agree to meet with you in Christmas and will probably want you to go home to be with your family on New Years. And these were other people, Iran is very famous for giving advice. It all fit. Nothing kinda came out of place.

KF OK. Tell me about the day of the meeting.

PC I drove down to our Bucharest office and Bill did too and we got in Bill's car and his driver drove us to the Social Security Building where one of our projects was being conducted.

KF Is this the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare?

PC Yes it is. But they have a number of buildings. This one happens to be a building which is called SSO which is the Social Security organization.

KF OK.

Abolhasan [REDACTED]

PC We took a fellow [REDACTED] with us. He was the United States Educated Engineer who worked for us in our Persian company. So Bill, Ahmad and I went. We took [REDACTED] with us for a couple of reasons but primarily to translate for us (could not understand). We just felt a little more comfortable having somebody that we knew in the room. Now the other side of that was that we didn't know if [REDACTED] would be allowed to stay or what have you. But at least he could get us in there and get us through the introduction. As I recall we did meet Dadgar and there was a woman there who was a translator for him.

KF OK. Tell me about that guy describe his appearance and all that.

PC He looked a little bit like Archie Bunker in terms of being short and stocky. He kinda had hair that started back here and went up front.

KF As if covering up receding hair?

PC I think so yes. . . .

KF I'm not sure I know who Archie Bunker is. Is he in All in the Family?

PC Yes. I say he reminds of him just kind of the way he looks, not necessarily his mannerisms and I spoke to Dadgar through an interpreter so you know I am getting a second party view of what the man really says and now he says it.

KF OK. But Dadgar is multi-medium height and fairly stockily built.

PC Yes. Not fat, but stockily built.

KF What kind of complexion?

PC Iranian dark.

KF Short or long hair?

PC Short.

KF Mustache? Beard? Glasses?

PC Mustache, I believe he wore glasses, I don't remember.

KF About how old?

PC Fifties.

KF Mid-fifties.

KF What about his voice. I know that you could not understand him but
was it deep voice, high voice?

PC Raspy.

KF Deep, raspy voice. Any other impressions of him. Did he smile much?
Did he look like a mean son-of-a-gun?

PC Just kind of a blank expression. Did not smile very much at all.
Talked very soft spoken. When I say raspy, low voice he had the soft
coming out. He did not raise his voice to yell, not that meeting, it was
another meeting I will tell you about later.

KF Excuse me.

PC Not with me but the attorney that I had an attorney representing me.
I don't know he (noise in background--could not hear words).
Remember I'm very in with the mentality of, I've done that before.
This man is favorably composed, I have been told that by a number of
people. Bill Gaylord's family had been working with their contacts in
Washington, Ross had been working, nobody has lead us to believe
that there is anything wrong. So, I'm not cocky, very serious.

PC Somewhat apprehensive but not afraid because once again we have not
Cont. done anything wrong. We are frustrated and I would like to get out of
there and get on with the business at hand.

KF You sat down, he said he wanted to interview you first?

PC Yes.

KF Didn't you somehow get the impression that your interview would only
take an hour.

PC He had told Bill to come back in an hour.

KF Oh, I see.

PC But I wasn't surprised that it wasn't an hour, I was surprised it took
five hours. Because in Iran an hour, everything is relative over
there. Very common to be interrupted. So, I will say that when he did
say an hour even though I knew it would be a little more that, I was
surprised that it would be that short. I was pleasantly surprised. But
now, as Bill has probably told you, prior to him starting to question
me he had, through the translators, given both of us an opportunity
to postpone the meeting. If in fact, had we not arranged for bail.
Once again, in retrospects, we could come up with a lot, I think I
would have probably asked a few more questions today. But, you can
understand my frame of mind there was, we had done nothing wrong
and we were told that xxxxxxx. We had a lot of people working
throughout the government here trying, so, my concern about delaying
the meeting would have been that I might have given him reason to
suspect we had done something. So therefore, our answer to him was
that we had done nothing wrong and would very much like to
cooperate to help you in anyway we can and we don't see any reason
why we should have to postpone. In that retrospect, I think I would
have a few different questions today. Like, "What do you think,
Mr. Dadgar?"

KF But didn't someone make a phone call about that?

PC During the time I was being questioned by Dadgar Bill was excused from the room. At that point in time, Bill called our people back in the Bucharest office and explained what was going on and they in fact went and called the attorneys. And the attorneys said don't worry about it, even if something happens you've got enough cash on hand don't worry about it. I think there was amount given like maybe \$20, either \$20 or maybe \$50 thousand dollars for a murderer. That was the amount set for a murder just the prior week. What they tried to do was to tell our people that look even if it happens if you've got that much money (which we did, I can't xxxxxxxx safe at that point in time) don't worry about it, you go post bail and you get out. And once again everybody is thinking in US legal system which is exactly xxxxxxxxx.

KF How much did you have in the safe in Bucharest office?

PC I think at time I had about \$100,000 cash. I had \$100,000 in Riyals, \$100,000 worth of Iranian Riyals, and I may have had \$50 or \$60 thousand in cash. And the reason for that was that Bill Gayden and I had talked about the fact that I would like to have some ready cash on hand for a couple of reasons. Number one, if I had to leave fast, I did not want to leave my credit cards because at that point in time we just had all our people still in the country and I just felt that I had a lot more flexibility in getting people on airplanes, through customs, and what have you if I had ready cash around as opposed to checks and things like that. So Bill and I went ahead and made some formal notes on it that we would keep what amounted to \$100,000 in Riyals or maybe equal to that in a safe in our office.

KF OK. Now tell me about the questions Dadgar asked you.

PC Well, he would ask me in Farsic ^{Abolhasan} and then the woman would be translated and then [REDACTED] if we needed some clarification, then he would clarify so that it was a long process. He would ask a question.

PC . . The question centered around started like we started on our Cont. discussion today xxxxxxxx except it wasn't that general it was specific questions what's your name, where were you born, what date, etc. etc. He was very interested in the papers that official named me as general manager of our business over there and I had taken a copy of that. The credentials are very important there. We probably spent an hour just going through those types of things. My background, the qualifications that I had to do that job etc., etc. Then we got into some questions about the project. Non-technical questions, business type questions. Performance, status reports, how we were organized, where else EDS did business internationally. You know the type of questions that you would ask a business person about their business.

KF But tell me in a little more detail what was his concern about performance regard to.

PC You know, questions were: (Question) Do you feel you have adequate perform time pattern? (Answer) Yes. (Question) Why do believe that? (Answer) I have met various Ministry officials on the scheduled dates to review progress and we have submitted some progress reports. We have demonstrated milestones that have been completed. We have a computer center next door, (pointed to it) it's got the computers in it, they are up, they are running, you can see them, you can feel them, you can touch them. They produce reports.

PC There was that type of interchange and it was not loose I was fairly specific about the things we had done. What happened during the translation I don't know. It was interesting, he would ask a question, I would talk and I would try to talk in short spirts so she could translate back. But I would talk for about two or three minutes, she would translate back for a minute, he would write a sentence, I mean suspect a lot of what I was saying. He was picking up what he wanted to. I really don't know what really got through to him. A payment, was known, that I feel like the price of the contract, you know, it

PC was exorbitant. I answered no it was quite in line with other contracts Cont. of the same size and the same magnitude you know, both in Iran and in other countries and even in the United States.

KF So, it seems then at any rate he is getting a picture of EDS's performance. There seems so far no hint of any discussion of criminality.

PC Well, he did ask questions about the contract and how it was, how we had gotten the contract. And I told him that I was not there during the period of time that the contract had let, but I do know we went through some kind of a bidding process. We submitted proposals and those proposals were reviewed and the Iranian officials had come to the United States to meet with us here and other companies here. And I was sure. . . Then he said, "Well, was everything above board." I said, "Absolutely." In my opinion, there was no question that everything was above board. We had a partnership arrangement over there and he asked us about our partners. As I said I had dealt with them, but not a lot. Most of the time we did our own business and periodically we would meet with our partners. I didn't know an awful lot about those types

KF Anything else? Anything on . . . I think Perot told me about a suggested conflict of interest. I think this was that day.

PC There was an Iranian called Dr. Towlaiti.

KF How do you spell that?

PC T-o-w-l-a-i-t-i. and he had asked us about the situation with Dr. Towlaiti. Dr Towlaiti was on the payroll of our Iranian company and his responsibility was to act as a consultant to the Ministry. The way the event came about was the Ministry had asked us to find someone like Dr. Towlaiti, and if we would pay them for him, then they would reimburse us for the reason their salary scale indirectly could never command an individual like Dr. Towlaiti. An individual with the

PC capability you would need to do this job. Dadgar's references were Cont. that Towlaiti was approving the invoices. I explained to him that Towlaiti did not approve invoices. Towlaiti was there as a consultant to the Ministry. Now the Ministry may have delegated a certain portion of the technical responsibility with Dr. Towlaiti, but that was only a portion of a project that big. And in order of magnitude that was exactly what it was. And Dr. Towlaiti had responsibility for the data preparation too. But (could not understand) very small portion (could not understand). So he may have, he didn't approve invoices, but what he would do, he would advise the Minister that this particular piece of work was or was not done. I tried to explain that to him. I also explained to him that Dr. Towlaiti was possibly the strongest critic that we had on that particular project. No doubt in my mind. His interest was purely for the Ministry.

KF I see. So Dadgar, looking for irregularity, finds that there is somebody doing the job of work within the Ministry. Who was in fact paid by EDS.

PC His present company was not EDS, but it was a company that EDS had an interest in.

KF And Dadgar's suspicion then is that by reason of the fact that EDS's partner is paying this man, this man is likely to misrepresent the Minister, EDS to performance.

PC Sure.

KF OK.

PC His question to me was, "Has this ever been done before in my experience?" My answer to him was Yes, it is very common. The reason it is very common is that the contract specifically says that at the Ministry's request that EDS will in fact find qualified individuals or will provide additional services for which they will be reimbursed. And those additional services can be in form of man-time can be in the form

PC of consultation those types of things. So I explained to him that it was Cont. very legal in Iran since it was in the contract. Number two, Dr. Towlaiti hadn't approved any invoices, so therefore, that was not a conflict of interest. Number three, this had been done in other organizations both in Iran and in other parts of the free world.

KF Good. OK. Have we covered your interrogation? Did he say anything about arresting you before he called Bill in?

PC No.

KF The heat was off in the building. Do you remember what you and Bill talked about when he came in?

PC Bill just pretty much said how did it go. I said fin^e. I was cold and made frequent trips to the mensroom because they were serving tea and cold and all of that the bladder fills up pretty fast. We didn't say an awful lot. The form wasn't there for Bill and I to speak. Dadgar said I was free to remain if I wanted to, but I could not say anything while he was questioning Bill. Bill's questions went very fast. (Couldn't understand).

KF About how long.

PC About an hour. He asked Bill his background, his qualifications, they talked a little bit about Bill's submitting his status reports and I believe they may have talked about Bill receiving payment. You know, over services rendered.

KF How do you mean?

PC Whether or not Bill had been paid for the work that we had done there. Bill would collect the check, I submitted the invoice and then Bill would actually collect the check. Ironically, he had only collected one check the whole time he was there.

KF And then Dadgar said he was going to arrest you?

PC Then he went through a discussion in Farsic with ^{Abolhasan} [REDACTED]. I know (gutter?) Farsic, of course. I had a driver there who didn't speak any English so (could not understand) but he was talking numbers, very large numbers. But at the time didn't really pay that much attention to him. Then ^{Abolhasan} [REDACTED] turned to us and said that even though we would be held he was setting bail at \$9 1/2 million for me, and \$3.? million for Bill. What are we prepared to pay the bill? So Bill's comment was, "Your kidding." My comment was "This has got to be a joke. This guy is really kidding. We came out to be serious." I thought,, this is a ridiculous amount of money he is talking about. He was asking the question like I was going to reach in my pocket and pull it out. I gave an answer that may have been a little cocky, but I said to him, "Tell Mr. Dadgar that I am a little short right now and I'm gonna have to arrange for the bail." Which he did. Dadgar's face did not change at all, he didn't even crack a smile. It was obvious, then I said to ^{Abolhasan} [REDACTED], "Is it serious." [REDACTED] said, "Yes he is." So, what went through my mind then was I was upset because I was hoping to go back to the Hilton and get my stuff and get on the next plane to leave town. Plus I was to have dinner with one of our people down there.

KF (Couldn't understand)

PC I asked if I could make a phone call. He said I could. I called Lloyd and told Lloyd that I was not going to be able to make dinner. And he asked why, so I explained to him what happened. He asked was anybody going to be called. I said how about starting with (Gate?) Then Bill asked to make a phone call. He called the Embassy. He really played into the Embassy. They were shocked. They said OK don't worry about it, we will meet you at the prison. So, at that time, I thought it was all a big mistake. Even if we go there, it will be a couple of hours and they will have us out. I'm use to, you watch television, you read books, and you know. There is no way you are going to spend any more than a day in jail. At best we will probably be a couple of hours. I said, OK, we'll go ahead. I took my wallet out

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PC put about a \$100 in my pocket and gave my wallet and I had my
Cont. briefcase with me to ^{Abolhasan} [REDACTED] and said please bring this back to the
office and I'll pick it up in a day or so. And then, he asked us to
sign what he was writing for our answers. We signed it, but we
signed it in the blind. ^{Abolhasan} [REDACTED] kinda of reviewed it. So he had two
gentlemen come in, interesting enough, I had seen earlier in the day
when I had gone to the bathroom. These two gentlemen were dressed
pretty much in plain clothes. They turned out to be two policemen.
They escorted us to the jail. The trip to the jail was an exciting one.
I know Bill has explained it.

KF But I would like to hear it from you all the same.

PC Well, it was interesting we got in the back of this (Geyon?) I think its
a French car they had over there. These two guys got in front and
the thing I remember most is we started down a one-way street the
wrong way. These guys were beeping their horns. And the situation
outside was quite chaotic. There was a lot of chanting, a lot of
singing, a lot of people around. Suppose to be a curfew on and
darkness and it sure gets darks. We drove, and we were starting to
go down to the Southern part of the city (which I didn't particularly
care for--a very religious part of the city) I felt like it (could not
understand) and I'm dark. I look like an Iranian. In fact, when I went
to a store there, if I didn't speak at all, in other words just pointed
to a pack of cigarettes or something, they started talking to me in
Farsic. So I could very easily pass for Iranian. But Bill, and you can
tell is about as American as a piece of Apple pie. But anyway, we
started going toward the jail there was a lot of burning in the
streets. A bus burning, cars burning, tires burning. I remember
people frantically running up and down the streets. Most of this I had
seen before, but I had seen it in situations where I was driving or I
was in control of what was going on. Not in the backseat of a car with
two policemen up in front. So in any case we drove for may an
half-hour or forty-five minutes and went to one building. We stayed in
the car with one policemen while the other guy got out and did some

PC things and came back in. Then we went around to the jail where we
Cont. were kept for half our stay. We went in there.

KF Describe the building as you saw it.

PC Well we walked into a courtyard. The courtyard everybody is talking about. Then, went off into a building. The building was kind of like an "L" shaped building. There was a part of a building down this way and a part of the building down that way. This was a courtyard in here and the gates to the street were right out here. The fence didn't seem like a large fence, didn't seem like a very secure place. Then there was a house over here in this part of the courtyard which we later found out was the house that the Colonel who raided the prison stayed in. I say house, it was a small building with one or two rooms in it and that is where we would see visitors. But anyway, we walked into this area, you know, people were looking at us. It was obvious that we were not Iranians. Then we went through, they went through a kind of interrogation also. Our name, our address, our telephone, and what have you so forth and so on. Then they had us take off all our clothes. I guess they were searching for weapons or what have you. They told me I could get dressed. They forgot to tell Bill. We were pretty much following instructs now. We were, it was ice cold in this place. Poor Bill was freezing to death and he pointed to the guard and the guard handed Bill his coat, so he was allowed to put his coat on. But anyway, they finally recognized what was happening so that let him get dressed. Then we went downstairs and they took us into the cell. There was an awful lot of people placed on (?) it was kind of messy. It was obvious that the people in there were not educated people. They were probably wanted for everything. There was somebody there who spoke English, not in our cell, but in one of the other cells. He came over and kind of interpreting for us. They asked us what we had done. We had said nothing. They asked us what our bail was and we told them. Later we determined that was a probably a mistake. That was the first time we realized that bail was just so out of line. Everybody was wondering who are these guys, who are these peoples, what had they done that would command a bail like that. So

PC that got us a little concerned. We did not want these people to get
Cont. mad at us right now so we got off of that issue pretty fast. We pretty
much said we don't know why we are here we have families, so forth
and so on. We stayed there maybe a little bit and then they called us
out. We went like this, I had on a suit, white shirt and tie, shoes.
They had us check our shoes and check our coats there in the hall
and they gave us a pair of slippers and something else, I don't
remember exactly what. And we went back into this room. The way
they determined who was in charge of the room was the person with
the most seniority in the room. So they introduce us to the fellow that
was boss of the room. He would point out what bunk you would sleep
in and anyway at that point in time, I felt like well we will be out in
an hour. As soon as they can get here the guys would take care of
us. It still hadn't sunk into me yet that those people were just
absolutely incompetent of doing anything. Ross has got a term, "Some
people can't manage their way out of a paper bag." That very very
accurately describes the United States Embassy in Iran under Mr.
(~~Sulley~~?). I totally belief that. I don't get very vindictive about a lot
of things, but that was just an example of pure incompetence as far as
I can tell. I think I can be very objective when I say that even
though I was mad because I felt that part of the reason I was in jail
was because of these people. Even now, recollecting it in a very
unemotional way I really don't feel like.... And I would hope that's
not a representative of the State Department. I have been lead to
believe that it may very well be (?) of the past activities of the State
Department. Because if it is, it is a sorry state of affairs. Any any
case, we got called back upstairs to the big area that we were in, this
room right over here. Later that night somebody yelled who spoke
English came out and tried to reassure us don't worry, you will be
OK, etc., etc. Which was nice, but it really did not do an awful lot
for me because I am still thinking that I am going to be out of here
within the hour. At this point in time I figured well the worse thing
that could happen would be to spend the night here, be out in the
morning. (Couldn't understand). Interesting what goes through your
mind. I think a lot of this has to do with what we read and what we
(?). One of my fears was being raped in prison, quite honestly. It

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PC might sound foolish but if I had a fear at all that night, that went
Cont. through my mind, it didn't linger, but the thought very definitely
went through my mind.

KF Why is that?

PC I don't know, maybe I had read about it and seen briefs about it. Who
knows, anyway that thought ? in my mind. We went back downstairs,
had a little bit of tea. I remember sleeping on the floor that night, ice
cold. I kind of drifted in and out of sleep. I didn't sleep very much
because the glaring, the people all night. The next morning woke up I
was . . . remember that. I think we had some tea and some bread that
morning. And shortly after that the people of the Embassy came. I was
not very friendly with them.

KF Who came?

PC I believe a fellow named (Sarrison?) there may have been a girl there
too. I remember (Sarrison?). (Could not understand) They told us
they that they was filing this (?) protest ever. And they were
compiled by the United States. They felt bad and wanted to get in
touch with an Attorney. At this point in time they were able to get us
moved upstairs. We spent 15 or 20 minutes with them. Bill asked them,
they asked if we needed anything, Bill needed some eyedrops (?).
They asked me if I needed anything. I said, "No, I don't plan on
being here very long, so I really don't." Well, as it turned out they
knew obviously better than I did because they brought some dungarees
and some shaving stuff we couldn't get because they screen very
carefully. What we got, like razors (couldn't understand). And any
case they moved us upstairs to a cell upstairs that was a lot nicer
relatively speaking, it was still a jail, but it was a lot nicer than the
cell downstairs. There seemed to be a better mix of people. In fact,
the deputy minister who we did business with was there. (Laugh).

KF (Laugh)

PC Towalaiti was in a different cell, but he was there. So at least there were some people that we knew there.

KF What was the next event of that first day's (?)? This by the way must be December 29th.

PC Yes, we were visited by, I don't remember if had Attornies come visit us that day or not, it might have been the next day the Attornies came. Naturally, Negabod asked us what had happened, what was going on. I won't say it was a reunion, but I hadn't seen him for a couple of months. He and I knew each other.

KF Who was this?

PC The deputy minister who was in jail with me. We spent most of that afternoon talking about what he had done the five months or four months he had been in jail. Once again, I was still very optimistic. I had only been in jail one day and I was fairly sure that I would be out. I guess I felt that way through the first week.

KF On that first day, nobody from EDS came?

PC Not that first day.

KF I wonder why?

PC Well, I don't know.

KF Were you expecting them?

PC No not really that first day. I figured it would take a day or so. Once again, in the Iranian system it takes a little while for certain things to (?) the jail. Now the people from the Embassy told us that they had been contacted. You know, Lloyd and the people there.

KF I see. I see.

PC It didn't seem unusual

KF But you would know

PC We knew contact had been made because I had called before I went to prison.

KF You assumed that they were busily . . .

PC I assumed they were busy working on arrangements to get us out and I would much preferred they did that than . . .

KF ?

PC I wasn't at all concerned

KF OK, you were saying when I interrupted you, you were saying that pretty much for the first week you felt . . .

PC Momentarily that we would get out. In any case, the lawyer, Mr. (Humon?) had come in a number of times to see us. Lloyd had come in to see us.

KF Lloyd was your ? *Lloyd?*

PC Yes.

KF So while you were in jail he was in ? *Yes?*

PC Yes he was.

KF Then at some point, I'm jumping ahead now, that responsibility passed to Keane?

PC That's correct.

KF Do you remember why that was?

PC No. See I was in jail at the time.

KF I guess Lloyd just went to who was left. Ask Keane.

KF OK, for that first week (Whomon?) was coming to see you. You had met him before.

PC He told us that he (not before, I had never met (Whomon?) I was dealing with other attorneys. (Whomon?) was gotten through, I believe, some people they had met in the United States. In fact I think Tom (Loze?) may have gotten hold of an Iranian permit . . .

KF What did (Whomon?) say when he visited you?

PC He asked us if we were guilty. I said, "No." He said this guy is out to make a name for himself, but I will go talk to him and I will try to get the bail reduced. He says it is an exorbitant amount so I will go see his boss. So, don't worry about it. Things will transpire. He came back, I don't remember if it was the first week-end or the second week-end that we met Dadgar again. Bill Gaylord will tell you the hour (he is a lot more precise than I was). He had told us that we were going to meet with Dadgar again and the reason for that was that we were going to convince Dadgar that the bail was too high and that in fact it should be lowered. So we met with Dadgar, I felt like well everything will be fine this will be the last day. It starts out with me alone again. It starts out reading a letter from some of the people at the Ministry that our bail was too low, that in fact it should have been higher. At this point I got mad. And I started talking. I told him about all things that he had done. I told him that I felt he ought to

PC start questioning the people that were making these allegations that I
Cont. should show him concrete evidence of things we had done. We had
satisfied requirements of the contract and on and on and on. I spoke
for a half hour, but I spoke so that she could translate every word.
So I knew he understood what I was saying. My lawyer was going on
and he was yelling at me. Anyway, I felt like I was defending myself
and I felt like we were, that somebody was really putting it to us and
I thought it was time we set the stage. He said he was sorry that we
had to be the ones to pay for the things that our company had done
wrong. I said I don't know what you mean, I am our company. I am
the person responsible and we have done nothing wrong. In fact,
quite the contrary, we have done far in excess of what we have
committed to do. Once again, through the you know. At this point in
time I went out and Bill came in. I guess if you asked me when I
thought were going to start turning, right after that meeting I felt
that we were going to be there for awhile. Up to that point in time I
really hadn't been depressed much. I missed Ruthie and I missed the
kids, I mean I missed all those things but you can endure separation
for long periods of time. We have all been separated for a couple of
weeks now. But after that meeting, I felt like I was then totally out of
control of when I was going to see them again. That's when separation
starts hurting. Even when you travel a lot, you decide really, even if
you work for somebody, you still decide if you want to pick up the
phone and call or if you want to get on the airplane, you do it. Well,
that is all taken away from you. You are helpless now. The biggest
problem I had, once I realized that we were going to be there awhile,
was doing absolutely nothing. Up to the day of the meeting we had
been so busy. Typically in our jobs, we work, I've got work that I
could do for three days if I really wanted to. There is a lot going
on. Your mind is always thinking about a business problem you have a
personal problem you have. Take that all away. You have absolutely
nothing to think about. That, to me, almost drove me crazy. I think I
may have been endured, when I say this, but it never happened
previously, but I think physical pain might have been easier. But just
having been so busy and having your mind so occupied and having it

PC become a completely void was very very difficult. That was the Cont. hardest thing for me to endure the whole time I was there.

KF Then what did you do?

PC Read.

KF What did you read?

PC What ever they could get into me. One book I read was the Thorn Birds, I don't know if you have read it or not but it is a very emotional book.

KF I haven't read it but I know about it.

PC I read it about two or three times. Its about a Priest. I'm a Catholic and I can really associate. It was generations of families so you think about your families.

KF Yah. Remember any more books.

PC I read a couple about oil. I have to go back and think of the names on this. I use to love to read. I read almost a book a day and I had a very difficult time reading since I got back. Very very difficult time. I don't know why. I read business literature, I read my mail, I do all that. I use to sit down with a good novel, but I have a difficult time reading a book. I spent a lot of my time thinking about what I would do when I got out and I love boating and fishing. You let your mind wander on those things.

KF Did you play Chess with Bill?

PC He taught me.

KF He taught you. Once you learned, who use to win.

PC He would, he won all the time. He is very very good. But that's how you did it. You would wait for the visitors, time just drug on. We had two showers in three weeks. You know the food--I lost a lot of weight. I can eat almost anything. (Couldn't understand). Then Jay came.

KF Hold on, let's see if we can get the timeframe right. The second meeting with Dadgar was about how long after the first?

PC Either the first week-end or the second week-end. One week or two weeks after we had the first meeting.

KF OK, in that time you had seen (Whomon?) You had also seen Lloyd Briggs. What was your conversation with Lloyd Briggs?

PC Well, Lloyd had said that they were trying to arrange for a letter of credit. to secure our release. I said, I wish with Lloyd, Lloyd if you do it do it in such a way that we never have to pay it. You know these guys and we can't trust them. So he said, "Yah, we'll . . . We talked about (couldn't understand).

KF Had he spoken to them on the phone.

PC He hadn't, but he had spoken to like Bill Gayden who had, Ross who had.

KF OK. So the, when you have five minutes try to write down the names of the books you read. It would be interesting.

PC Sure, alright. You understand I didn't took them.

KF Yes, well, that is what makes it interesting. Jay came?

PC Yes.

KF Now this has got to be, almost three weeks when Jay came. It must have been between the 15th and 20th of January.

PC We were still in the first prison.

KF Still in the first prison. Alright, you were not expecting Jay?

PC No

KF He came with I think with Rich (Gallagher?). Tell me about that meeting.

PC Seeing Jay, second only to seeing Ross, I've know Jay and I know Jay's background and seeing Jay there I (couldn't understand) First saw him just kind of smiled. Jay and I sat next to each other and Gallagher and Gaylord sat next to each other. We got through how are you and made a couple of jokes (did you make it to the bathroom ok, and I said it was easy in Persian toilet). The things that guys who work very close to each other would say to each other. Then we got in to, he started asking me questions about the guards.

KF Wait a minute. Did you notice that, I think it as ^{Abolhasan} [REDACTED] or it might have been ^{Majid} [REDACTED] was having a loud conversation with the colonel of the jail. I think this the occasion on which this happened.

PC ^{Abolhasan} Yah, [REDACTED] was sitting next to the colonel.

KF There was another Iranian in the room. You may not have known this but he spoke English.

PC Yes, I used to be very concerned because everytime I was brought there to talk to one of the individuals the Iranian was there. So I had told somebody that I was concerned that it was to coincidental that everytime we're brought in this other Iranian was there.

KF He was another prisoner?

PC Yes.

KF Oh, I thought it was a prison official. So it was sneaky.

PC Colonel, there was a prisoner, everytime that guy was there. Now he was very polite to us, and everything, but he did not associate with us in the jail.

KF Did he have visitors?

PC His wife, sometimes no visitors.