

INTERVIEW WITH PAT SCULLY 29 NOV 1981

A We had planned the route out when we were in Tehran. You know, part of our plan was how to get them out of jail and the other part was how to get out and we had come up with a number of alternatives of how to get out and when we had figured out the one that going across Iran into Turkey, we had looked, I think there's really only two good crossings that you can get to by road and one of them was up north and we knew that that was, um, we wanted one that was secluded and this one down south was secluded and the one up north was not, as a major crossing. [Yusekova]

Q So it was identified as being the one near Sekovar (phonetic) [Sero] and Saro (phonetic) was the town I think on the other side.

A Ah that's right, yeh.

Q OK. So about what time on Friday morning?

A It was before daylight, because I remember I couldn't

Q Oh yes, you said you think it was about 5.30.

A Yes.

Q OK, and you broke out the whiskey.

A Yeh. The real exciting part for me was at this point now when we had the first meeting in the board room we all decided we needed an Iranian on the team. And Paul went around the room asking everybody who they thought. I said

Rashid

[REDACTED] Rashid. Nobody else knew [REDACTED]. People wouldn't agree with me, they didn't trust him. Paul said,

[REDACTED] We all then agreed on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Majid

[REDACTED]. So we get to the border and I had no idea what had happened at the day of the jail break or anything because I had had no news that they were out. So

we were passing around the bottle and swigging on it and Gavin puts his arm round me and says guess who sent that

Rashid Guess who sent the [REDACTED] in other words. He said

[REDACTED]. I said 'what's he doing here'? So they then began telling me the story; Rashid [REDACTED] was over there asleep at this point.

Q [REDACTED] Majid had been supposed to drive the jeep but he'd decided to kill a [Hoveyda] that day so he wouldn't come!

(laughing)

That's true. It may be a part of the story you don't know, that's why he didn't come.

A No, I didn't know. Well, eh, all's I know was that

Q He didn't kill [Hoveyda] but that's what he wanted to do.

He had arms and amunition and this was a family grudge that went back to 1953 and he wasn't going to, now that he had his chance for the first time in twenty years, he wasn't going to give that up just to drive those guys to the border.

A Well I knew that there was some conflict between somebody in the present government and [REDACTED] Majid. I mean, no-one ever told me, some people may have known, but I knew that he was not in good stead with the current Shah's government. So it was Savada. He wanted to get.

Q A lot of the back Majid tribal lands were lost and the land reform of 1953 and [REDACTED] went to jail. His tribe revolted or something like that and [REDACTED] Majid went to jail. Actually he spent time the [Ghasr] Gazza Prison

A Is that right?

Q And it was Havada (phonetic) who put him there and he's sworn revenge on Havada and the knowledge eh, that Jay

went there to say you know now that you're going to drive us to the border, he said well now I've got all the, I've got the guns and I'm going to get Havada, I'm terribly sorry I can't help you. [Rashid] was fourth on the list for that job of driving. The other two

A He was

Q Oh yes, numbers two and three couldn't make it either. But you'll have to wait until the [book] boat comes out!

Anyway, so that's how it happened to be [Rashid].

A And I thought [redacted] was the next one they called.

Q No, no, he was the fourth one they called. The second was [redacted] who was called The Cycle Man, I've forgotten his second name.

A [redacted]. Gholam [redacted]

Q [redacted] And the third was [redacted].

And oh and he was Gholam

A I can't believe they'd try and do it with [redacted].

Q Well he didn't turn up. Jay had a meeting with him and he didn't turn up and in fact he was captured by the Revolutionary and he was roughed up a little.

A He had to go to the hotel and pay the (laughing)

Gholam [redacted] and I were good buddies and we almost put together, nobody knows this, [redacted] and I almost got rich together on the scheme of shipping synthetic materials to one of the factories there that couldn't produce cloth anymore because they were [redacted] and we had everything all lined up and ready to go when they captured the hostages at the Embassy and the U.S. shut down everything. He was going out of one of the

big synthetic manufacturers in the United States which put the shipment together for him. After this thing was over he called me up and told me how upset he was about the whole thing and of sending him back in to pay that!

Q OK, where are we? You arrived at the border and broke out the whiskey.

A Hear about ^{Rashid.} [REDACTED]

Q There was a poker game going on at the time.

A Yeh, they were playing poker. They had a lot of money!

It was that much of a risk!

[Chiapparone]

Q Chaparoni (phonetic) had won fourteen hundred dollars on a single hand! ^[Gayden] Gaylord was also winning, Gadin was also winning

A Ah, he always played, son of a gun.

Q But there was still some trouble about getting away from the border because Paul and Bill didn't have passports. Do you remember how that was resolved?

A Yeh, so well. They bought two capitans that day.

What we, ^{Ralph's guy} Ralphscad (phonetic), he was good, was supposed

to take care of our ^{Mr. Fish} but apparently he was all ^{Mr. Fish} shaky and when [REDACTED] got there, [REDACTED] gets to the border,

Ralphscad's there and the police station's not open yet, ^{Mr. Fish}

so [REDACTED] says let me take charge now and take care of this.

Apparently, he'd talked to his guy and apparently nothing

had been done right, or I don't know what was going on, so ^{Mr. Fish}

set plans, so [REDACTED] said, he and I would go in. We went in on the bus, no we didn't, we went in in our car. And I'm not sure if anybody else went.

Q Back to the town?

A Back to the town. And he went in, and they were only talking Turkish so they sat me down in one room, and gave me tea, and he went off to another room and they talked and talked and talked. I didn't know what's going on, and they come back and we left it at that. And ^{Mr. Fish} [REDACTED] says, he says, it's not going well, they're very suspicious. We've got to make sure that the story is consistent before we can bring everybody back there. So we went back and picked them up and it may have been about ten o'clock in the morning by now. And Paul likes to control everything. And it's awful hard when things are going on in two languages to do that, and I couldn't tell him what was going on and he was upset. He got upset with ^{Mr. Fish} [REDACTED], he'd never met ^{Mr. Fish} [REDACTED] before this. He didn't have the trust in ^{Mr. Fish} [REDACTED] that we did. I mean he was getting pretty upset about the whole thing. He was worried about being stuck there. But we all .. down the bus and went in

Q So the police in the town

A Controlled the border too.

Q OK. So they must have called the border guards and said 'let these people go, they're coming to the town to be interrogated'. OK, that explains it. Now, a guy interviewed in the State Department claimed that he called the Consulate ^[Ankara] in Anckerer and he was effective in helping you there.

A They did.

Q OK

A That did happen. When we got to ^[Ankara] Anckerer everything was as smooth as glass.

Q OK. But he claims he helped you at the border. Was there

any sign of that?

A No, there certainly wasn't.

Q OK. Basically it was ^{Mr. Fish} [REDACTED] who got things sorted out at the border.

A More or less, you know. I think we could have, they had nothing to hold us on anyway.

Q Well you had two people with no passports.

A Yeh, but what are they going to do with us?

Q Send you to the nearest town to the police I spose.

A Yeh. That's in fact what they did was keep passing us on [Ankara] And we were heading towards Anckerer anyway, so we should have been able to talk our way into ^{Mr. Fish} [REDACTED]. I mean [REDACTED] did the best he could and he certainly helped because he could speak Turkish and it was not a real pleasant place where we were. It was pretty rough country.

Q Didn't one of the border guards go on the bus with you?

A Oh yeh, they went with us all the way and we gained more people as we went along, we gained more than just border guards. Somehow we, you know when we got in the bus, when they found the, you know what they did was they recorded the stories, two on, I'm not sure if it was on, separate ones for [REDACTED] if it was on one and they had to sign that that was the story. Look how they lost their passports.

Q They typed it out?

A And have them sign it.

Q They couldn't read it of course.

A So then, we went to Van (phonetic) and we ran near a time crunch because if we didn't get there in time they'd go and fly that plane out some place else, they were homing for us.

We did just barely make it. One of the other things that had happened was and we did call Ross, we were on the phone a couple of times to him and

Q From?

[Yuksekoval

A From Usakava, because one time when we were on

he asked me, he says everybody OK, and I said yeh, everybody's fine. He says I want you to go back and look everybody in the eye and then come back and tell me something. OK, go back and make sure like that everybody do it, that Ross had looked at them all, everybody's OK. He wanted to make the telephone call to the States and be absolutely sure, I'd guess. That was one of the things that had happened. So were on the phone to them, in addition there was this other stuff going back and forth and trying to get food, and the food was lousy. Everybody was hungry but nothing was open in Usakava in the beginning. When we finally got them in we were able to get some food and besides that we stood out like a sore thumb. Most of the people there carry guns. It's a strange place.

Q Bandit country.

A Yeh, it really is.

Mr. Fish

Q I gather [REDACTED] was telling you more or less all the time that

A We thought he was exaggerating a little bit, but not, really expected only to be thieves and smugglers but think of this. So they put us on the bus, we had gotten stopped lots of times coming in by check points all along the way, which was common in Tehran but we didn't know anything about it why they had them in Turkey.

Q Who were the men on the check points, soldiers or Curds.

A A combination I think, sometimes it was soldiers, and sometimes it was Curds. There were some soldiers I know cos we gave cigarettes. I remember one time that I gave some cigarettes out, I gave them to a guy in a uniform. But then there were a lot of times when the people manning them did not have uniforms on, just had the baggy pants and turbans and that. I don't know what they were doing. They'd stop us and ask

Q Probably making up their minds whether they could get away with killing you and robbing you.

A Yeh, I guess!

Q Listen, I've got to go to the bathroom
On the way to Van..

[Yukseкова]

A When we went through Sekavar, they put a guard or two, I can't remember if there were two, it was kind of funny, they hid four people behind the curtain at the back of the bus. I mean, you couldn't miss them. You could smell them! Four hid back there, and all these things were really irritating. You didn't have any control of the situation and strange things were happening with these weird people sitting behind. You just left it, and then we got stopped a couple of times and one time was real hairy because I think the bus driver rammed the road block and fired a couple of shots in the air. And ^{Mr. Fish} made him stop and made out that they guy gave him something, I'm not sure if he paid him or what.

Q The bus driver was kind of getting scared or jittery

A There were some weird things going on in his bus! We spent

a lot of time at the police station, and then he picks up extra passengers and he also

He was just supposed to drive them, pick up some people and drive back.

We were all very tired at this point too, cos I had not been asleep since Sunday night. I don't know what day it is now.

Q This is Friday now.

A I had not slept in

Q Didn't sleep on the plane?

A Had been talking to a , and going over the maps and you know, trying to bring people up to speed and listening to Ross trying to come up with plans on what we were going to do and those types of things and we didn't ever go to sleep. I mean we didn't have any times when we were in Istanbul. We would have gone to sleep in Sakavar [Yuksekoval] but we didn't. Mr. Fish had'n't even slept in a long time, he wouldn't sleep and he's true Turk, he wouldn't close his eyes!

Q OK. So finally you got on the chartered jet at Van.

A Well when we got to Van we had to go to a police station there. We came into town at some point and the four characters in the back jumped off the bus and let them out. Then we continued onward to the police station. There was like a formality there, where the policeman who came with us turns us over to the policemen at Van. We pick up the new car. He goes with us to the airport now. He rides in [Ankara] the aeroplane with us to Anckerer. So it was pretty simple [Ankara] from there to get to Anckerer.

[Ankara]

Q And at Anckerer you went to the American Embassy.

A Yeh. Well we had been carrying that can of money and Paul decided OK now we are in pretty much civilised country and we're going to pull the money out and he said from now on we don't want you smuggling anything, we want to try and be as straight as we can because we're close. So he wouldn't let anybody stay at the airport except a minimum number and he wanted Paul and Bill and myself to go with him to the Embassy. We took a cab. He did not have [REDACTED], he stayed at the airport. We went to the Embassy and they knew we were coming, I'm almost sure. They knew we were coming.

Rashid

We got there and we told them who we were and we had Paul and Bill and the marine guard said ride in here. And then,
Q They had got called from Washington I think, that was probably

A They got called from somewhere, because they had, I think they had the passports almost ready.

[Ginsberg]

Q That was Mark Ginsburgh in Washington I think. He may have been exaggerating when he said he helped you at the border.

A He may have tried. It didn't work right if they did. So, I asked the marine guard who was on duty if they didn't have a motor pool bay that we could use and he said yes, we got oil in a can and we've got some stuff in the bottom of the can we need to get out, you know I just didn't want to pour it out here in the gutter some place. So he told us where to go, so ^{Bull [Bull]} Paul and I went in there and poured the oil out, pulled the money, it was kinda hard getting it out because it involved grease and everything, but we finally did get it all out with some . One of the

sacks had leaked and some of it was oily and we got paper towels and wiped it off. We were

Q About how much money?

A It was \$65,000 and there was I think 4 million rials. It was mostly Iranian money. And um, there were \$30,000 that I had brought. I had left what I, you know I had about 90,000 left and it was in the aeroplane. I had stacked it up inside one of the compartments in the roof, one of the roof compartments of the aeroplane, tried to hide it so in case anyone

Q You mean one of the luggage racks at the side of the plane?

A No, I'd taken one of the things out, unscrewed it,

Q Taken a panel off the ceiling?

A Yeh, and stuck it on the . Ross had \$100,000 too and he had given it to me to keep, so I had two to take care of. So, I hid it in the plane there. One of the funny things that had happened while we were in there, some guy walks, another marine guard who's just coming on duty so I lied on it there, and so he walked in to see what was going on. He looks down on us, we really look terrible, and ^[Bull] Paul really was looking kind of funny now. There's all stubbles and beard and his hair was growing up a little bit, he's doesn't usually have any hair and he's smoking a cigar and this guy was looking at us we had oil all over us and trying to dry this money off. I had it stacked in \$10,000 piles on the floor! He looks down at us. Paul didn't care, he just looked back and me and I said do you think I ought to tell him Paul? I told the guy and he said it's really OK, we talked to

your buddy and he knows you're doing this. We got the money out and put it in Paul's briefcase, you know the folded type, this envelope type vinyl deal. We put it in there. And when we got back into the Embassy Paul and Bill were ready. We just got a taxi and went back. We made it in time to catch the flight to Istanbul. And as we were getting on the aeroplane, we really weren't looking at much, but for some reason they looked in Paul's briefcase and saw the money. Now, they didn't then do, you know they took down his passport number was about all they did. So we thought well, that's OK and we left and then when we arrived in Istanbul they were waiting for him. Picked him up. We were tired then and we were not thinking real clear. We started to get mad. [Bull] Paul was calm about the whole thing. Mr. Fish [Bull] was trying to calm us down, we were all upset about him in Istanbul. After a few minutes of talking Paul [Bull] convinced us go ahead and leave, go back and relax for a little bit and he'd see what he could do. the money and told to hang on to it! So we went back to the hotel and when I look at it now, a lot of the fun had been taken out of it at this point. So I went into the room, it was you know, Ross is [Bull] by his hand and looking around and I said Ross, Paul got arrested. And he got mad. He didn't know what to do at first, he started asking all the questions and we explained what was going on. He had put me in charge of what was going on here in Turkey. So he turned to me and says OK. He said I've made arrangements for that aeroplane to leave here at noon and the plane's [Bull] going to leave with Paul on it. He says but I don't know

[Bull]
if you're going to be on it. So he said, you get Paul
on it whatever you have to do. OK. So Bill and I
Mr. Fish
and [redacted] went and had a little session and the first thing
Mr. Fish Mr. Fish
we did was we said [redacted] how much? [redacted] said no way.
There's no way that, they know about [redacted] they know
[Ankara]
about in Anckerer and they know about it here, there's no
bribe's going to handle this. So then we start talking
about other alternatives of what we could do and then after
about fifteen minutes B Mr. Fish said, between them hand
out ten thousand dollars. [redacted] said, you'll sell your
mothers for that. OK, fine! He said OK! He said I'll
call my lawyer. So he picked up the phone and called his
lawyer and had his lawyer arrange for the Chief of Police
to take Paul on the aeroplane and take five thousand
dollars out of the bag and leave him. It was as easy as
[Bull]
that. Paul was on the plane at 10.30 when we got there,
smiling, and said 'got to take something out of the bag but
I didn't care'.

Q Alright, well now the journey I think from Istanbul back to
Dallas I think I've got pretty clear, unless there was
anything that involved you when you were there when you
were alone that the others didn't know about. I don't
think there was.

A Probably not.

Q Counting the money?

A No. I got stopped in [redacted] in the U.S. for the money I
was carrying because I got Paul off the aeroplane and I
was carrying it. And I was kind of a little
taking care of everything so I was the last one off the

plane in and then they stopped me and the law
said come back .

Q Do you know how much money you had. Did you have all the
money when you got back to Dallas?

A No. All I had was my 100,000, but I didn't have it all.
[Keane]

Q Keen

[Keane]

A Keen had a lot, everybody had money.
[Keane]

Q Yes, but Keen collected it all up on the

A He didn't collect mine. Because you see I was trying to
[Keane] [Keane]
keep, Keen was sort of the, Keen was responsible for all
the money that was in Tehran.

Q I see.

A I was responsible for my 100,000. And Ross was responsible
for his 100,000. And so I was holding on to mine and I
had some marks and I had some Turkish lira and I had some
pounds with me and I had a bunch of dollars, and I didn't
think they were going to look at it, you know, they knew
who we were and everybody gets on the plane, laughs, laughs,
and they start to look in there, and say how much money is
there. I don't know.

Q This is in Gatwick?

A Yeh. I don't know, it's about ninety thou'. The guy said
what do you mean you don't know. I said well I spent some.
So then they said oh, pick up the telephone, and call and
some guy comes in, grabs me by the arm and starts taking
me away and Ross comes over and gets the guy from Brian and
from me talking and get me on the aeroplane. I mean they
did the same thing when I got in the States.

big party going on. They wanted to

know where I got that \$100,000. I said where do you think I got it. I took it with me. Ross said to come back again. They had the customs people, somebody did, because customs people were filling the forms out, we were about half way through and I asked him why all these questions, then somebody came in there and said what's going on.

Woman ... Ross said to me, on well Pat's straight man, and then he left the bus and

A You know about what went on in the airport and trying to put the guys in the

Q And you must have been one of the guards outside I guess, outside the cinema?

A What I did was I took 'em in, I took Jay and I think Jay [Keane] was with Bill and Keen was with Paul and I took them in and I sat them down so I knew where they were and then I'd walk out. What I did was, I bought tickets for all of us and then I'd go in from one to the other and I took the others in so I knew where they were sitting in that way in case we had to get them out. I'd be the one who could go in and get them and then Paul and I were if anything went wrong, since I had lived in Europe, in Germany for 3½ years and knew the country pretty well, what we would do is I'd take two of them and Paul would take the other two and we'd drive to England somehow. So that was the plan. As it turned out there was nothing to worry about.

Q OK. Well let's finish up, tell me exactly when and where you were born.

A December 4th, 1947 in Port , Texas.

Q OK, and what does your father do for a living?

A He was an accountant. He was a CPA and had a computer company for a short period of time, very small, then he [Baltimore] taught school for a while at a university in Baltimore and then after that he became secretary to Butane which is synthetic rubber,

Q Where did you go to school?

A College,

Q At first in Texas I presume.

A Yeh, I went to a high school in Texas, High School and then to Academy at West Point for four years. Then I spent six years in the army.

Q And what did you do in the army?

A Well, I was in the infantry and I spent almost about nine months at Port training, on to truck school and infantry officer basic school, went to truck master school, and I went to a ranger school and then stayed on at the ranger for a little while working with them. Then we went to Germany for 3½ years and I was in mechanised infantry battalion, I was a leader and then I was a company commander there for nineteen months and then I was personnel officer for a few months and then I was a general serving for six months in another division. And then I came back to the U.S. and was instructor in a mountain ranger course for two years.

Q OK, let me just get the dates. What year did you go to West Point?

A Graduated in '70, went there in '66.

Q So you were in the army until '76? So your first civilian

job?

A Was with EDS.

Q With the EDS as what?

A Casidet (phonetic), a training position at Fortwood Nash and I spent five months there and then went to a school. Finished class end of December and then became an insistent instructor for the next classes and then went to Tehran beginning of March '77.

Q And when did you get married?

A Right after graduation, June 20th 1970.

Q Tell me the birthdays of your children.

A February 27th 1971 is Sean. Jennifer was born 14 September '72.

Q How do you spell Sean.

A Sean. As in Seanegan.

Q OK, I think that's it. Anything I've left out?

A You got the plane trip back right?

Q Yes.

A I can't think of anything.

Q Good.