

couple of days maybe. Maybe 24 hours, and then ..  
the intent being our car would probably in a, unable  
to drive and they'd have to come back and pick us up.  
So that's what I mean about radios.

Q Have you ever killed anybody before?

A No.

Q How did you feel about that then?

A Well I wasn't, didn't bother me too much. I wasn't  
really excited about it but ...

Q O.K. So that was the plan, so that was why you needed  
two way radios 'cos that was Simons new plan. I guess  
that there were several plans knocking about inside  
Simons mind, just one day he decided to get what he  
needed for this particular plan. So you and Swayback  
then went to get radios?

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A We met Ralph at the Holiday Inn at Heathrow and picked  
him up and we were supposed to go back to Tehran  
immediately. Well the first, the next plane that was  
due out was the next morning and there was some real  
bad fog and it had snowed and that flight got cancelled  
or something happened we couldn't get out. Besides  
that we needed some maps so Swayback and I went down  
town located this map store and got military maps of  
East Turkey and Western Iran.

Q Do you remember what shop it was?

A No.

Q Where in London?

A It was someplace in the West End. I could probably, if I went back there I could tell.

Q It wasn't in Fleet Street by any chance? The Geographic Store?

A The Geographic Store. That sounds familiar. Have you been in it? It's a kind of a book store a little bit. Downstairs is a map section and they've got, there every kind of map you can think of just about.

Q Nobody remembers exactly what shop you went to but I think that was probably it. That's the only shop I know of that kind in London.

A Yeah. What we did was, we went to some book stores, we just went down I think to Picadilly Circus and in that area and we walked along the street and went some book stores and started questions about where we could get those kind of maps and got directed to. Two places told us the same thing, this is the only place to go and we went there.

Q O.K. You got all those maps and where did you go?

A Well, we went back to the hotel and I think it was that night that the news broke that they had shut the Tehran airport to anything coming in and so

it's only a temporary thing and we can't take the direct flight but we're go as close as we can. So we went to the airport and we just started asking every airlines you know, who would sell us a ticket to Tehran and we kept getting bounced around and we finally got

one on S.A.S. I think. We went up to Denmark, then it stopped in Frankfurt and then it was supposed to, not sure if it was supposed to fly directly or what but anyway we got on the airplane instead of being able to go all the way they dropped us off at Istanbul and then flew to Karachi and overflew Tehran.

Q O.K. Are you sure it wasn't stopped when it ?

A Yeah. I know we went to Denmark. I'd have known if it was up further North!

Q I guess everybody else assumed that it was stopping because it was S.A.S?

A No it was Copenhagen. It's the only time we've ever been there.

Q O.K. You went to Istanbul and there you met .

A Then we new that Ralph was there and so we just went on into the hotel and figured what we'd do is, well we didn't know if we'd try and get in overland or if we'd wait for other flights or what we'd do. So in the meantime I guess he didn't want the radios. Funny part about it was ...

Q Probably in the meantime Paul and Bill had been moved to the other jail.

A No, they had been moved to the other jail when Jim and I were still in Tehran cos Ross has been in to Gaser (phonetic) Prison. Right.

Q While you were in Tehran?

A Yes. Ross came to the house I think the second night we were in Tehran. We must have been in Tehran at least 4

nights, I remember he was ..

Q Did he get there before you did?

A I think he came in the day we arrived or the day after we arrived.

Q In that case that's the 13th or 14th of January?

A Yeah.

Q So if you were there for 3 or 4 days in that case it must have been the 17th and then you went to London, that's about the 20th, oh yes, so that's right there was... so they, they were 3 week in each jail you see roughly, so you're sure that they were moved while you were in ...

A Yeah. I can remember because when Bull came back after seeing that jail he said, I remember his remark, because he said that place he said is worse than Alamo! He said there's no way we're going in there. Said they've got machine guns at the the gates and said that they've got parapets up around this thing with machine guns in them man. So I mean forget it!

Q O.K. I see.

A So I don't know if they were in that other jail really 3 weeks. I don't know. I don't know.

Q No they can't have been.

[Ghasr]

A Ross went into Gaser Prison right.

Q Yes, you're right.

A And he, and he had left before we left. The first way back when I left Ross was going.

Q O.K.

A We may have been there more than longer than I remember.

We may have been there as long as 5 days. 6 days.

Q Anyway, all this arose because Simons decided he didn't want the radios?

A Well, what?

Q You said, you said Simons had decided that he didn't want the radios.

A At some point in time and I can't remember what it was.

thinks it was kinda interesting when we went into Turkey we didn't know radios were illegal. We suspected that possibly they would be but we didn't know and we hidden our suitcase and Swayback's got picked up and the guy said, you know, what are these and Jim said those are shoes! The guy put it back down, he had it wrapped in plastic bag and he was just kinda feeling around in...he didn't open my bag kinda what I did, when I went through Customs I just didn't even put it up on the belt, I just kinda didn't even give them a chance to look at it and they waved me on through. But Mr. Fish then they opened Jim's. We were lucky because [REDACTED] really got upset about the radios.

Q But you can't remember why Simons decided he didn't want them anymore?

A No. I think maybe because it felt it was too risky for us to try and get them in or some reason they lost interest in the radios, and we'd been in Turkey maybe 5 days when Merv called us up and said come on back to the States.

Q Were you trying to get into Tehran all that time or were you just sitting still?

A Maybe that's how I know that he didn't want the radios. Said that at one point after a while they did open the airport maybe, and Bill said don't come back, don't, I don't want those two guys . . . . I don't know why. I can't remember but I kinda have the feeling that at some point in time while we were in Turkey a decision was made that he wanted us at the border in Eastern Turkey as opposed to coming into Tehran. It may have been as a result, see he didn't go on that reconaissance to Eastern Turkey. That may not be true too, trying to remember when that was. Pretty sure that was after we'd left.

Q After you had left Istanbul or after you'd left Tehran?

A After we'd left Tehran.

Q After you left Tehran. Well if the radios were, had to do with eliminating a tail he may have decided that tailing wasn't going to be a serious problem anyway.

A Could be.

Q Maybe that the situation in Tehran had just got so disorganised he may have felt there wasn't, the Iranians weren't going to be able to maintain something as efficient as a tail anyway.

A Could be. I don't know.

Q O.K.

A Because that stuff was going on there and I went there and then . . .

Q O.K. So you were sent back to Dallas?

A Yeah. They called us. Merv. We were in communication, we were kinda serving as a link 'cos when they couldn't get through to Dallas they'd call us and we'd call Tehran

[Keane]

Q Who would, Keen and Jay?

A Uh-uh. So we were just doing that and one day Merv said let's go back to Dallas.

Q And what did you do when you got back to Dallas?

A Well, how long was I there? A day?

(Woman) A I think about 2 days, 2 nights, 3 days.

Q You were in Dallas all this time?

(Woman) A Yes

Q Staying in a hotel?

(Woman) A No, I was in a hotel for only a week and then the company rented apartments for Jay's wife and myself and the children in the same area, we lived in the same apartment complex.

Q Did you know Miss Coburn?

(Woman) A Yes. I met her in Tehran we went down to

Q She was not happy about Jay being on this adventure.

Am I right?

(Woman) A Terribly unhappy about it.

Q Did you talk to her about that?

(Woman) A Oh. We saw each other daily, I mean our children went on the bus, and we car-pooled the school and went out to dinner and we saw each other every day and sometimes for hours on end she was, she'd call and she'd be upset because of course for a long time she didn't know where Jay was and he didn't tell her. He told her he was in Washington and then he flew back to Tehran and then when he found he was ...

Q Did you know, did you know where Pat was?

(Woman) A Yes. I wasn't supposed to.

Q You weren't supposed to know! What was that, good guess work or breech or security?

(Woman) A Breech of security. Actually I knew before it was considered a hazard to

A It would have been impossible because Miriam knew [Schwebach] what Swayback and I wanted to do anyway.

(Woman) A I'd overheard planning conversations. I knew. I knew what they were doing.

A If I'd have said I'm going to ... you know, if I'd have given the normal thing that we'd come with of I'm going to Europe on a study she'd just never have believed it. So there was no use in me being and I wasn't about to tell Bull.

Q But you knew about them going to Lake Grapevine?

Q O.K. But Miz didn't so all this time, but all this time she was complaining you knew the truth and you couldn't tell her?

(Woman) A Right. Very, very difficult and then when she did find out that he was in Tehran she would call him almost every day to Tehran and she'd call me and say what a horrible conversation they'd had and he wouldn't tell her anything, that she knew what he was doing and she would cry. She really had a very difficult time, I felt sorry for her and I still couldn't tell her anything that I knew went on and she really didn't have anything to do with me. She really didn't.

She just thought he was there straightening up.

Q O.K. Were you happy about what was going on. I mean

you knew that he could get shot.

(Woman) A Oh yes. But there wasn't anything I could do about it.

Q Well you could have said to him come home, I mean not having you losing your life over there.

(Woman) A Yeah. I could have said that. He had to do what he had to do. I mean there was my saying to him don't do it I don't think it would have made any difference. It would just made him feel bad because he still had to do it. It just made it a little better. I don't know, maybe he would have come home but I sure would have felt guilty the whole rest of the time. So I couldn't do that.

Q O.K. Well you're obviously both very different from this

(Woman) A Oh yes. Well it was difficult living near her, that was probably one of the most difficult things for me because had she not been living me near me I probably could have . I had served graduate school, the kids were in school and we just sort of when on with the day to day and you know, the routine and well you know, Daddy'll be home in a little while and he'd, he's here you know, right now, and he's doing what he has to do and everything's fine. But it was a little more difficult because Miz <sup>Liz [Liz]</sup> was there and she was very emotional about the whole thing and rightly so she didn't know what was going on. I think that it would have been more difficult for me had I not known what was going on, I think. So you know, and I think,

[Boulware]

Mary Bowler was also a friend of mine, Ralph's wife and she, although she says she didn't know and we never talked about it, this was afterwards she said she didn't know. I think she knew. But she and I never talked about it. We'd go out to lunch, we'd go shopping, you know, get together with the kids, spend the night . We never talked about it. Chiapparone We took Ruth ]Chaperoni (phonetic) for lunch one day all of us, didn't talk about it! It was just almost very very strange, we'd just talk about other things. [Boulware]

Q This Mary Bowler knew that something was happening because she had happened to walk into the bedroom when Ralph had his briefcase open with a \$100,000 in cash in it! So she knew something wierd was happening, but she didn't know what.

(Woman) A Then she knew Ralph!

Q O.K. Where were we? What did you study at graduate school?

(Woman) A industrial relations.

Q Did you graduate?

(Woman) A I'd just turned my thesis in when we didn't have . So we'll see if I've graduated or not!

Q Terrific.

(Woman) A I finished the class work over a year ago but then we moved to Mexico and I didn't do my thesis, then I did it while I was here, the first two months of the year I wrote it. So, we'll see.

Q I feel like a news-caster.

(Woman) A Thanks!

Q Alright. We were at the point when you went back to Dallas.

A Yeah, and I can't remember, I really can't remember what we did. Mean I ...

(Woman) A You were at work all the time. You only came home for 4 or 5 hours in the evening that was all.

Q Were you sleeping at Forest Lane at that point?

A No. Just wasn't sleeping very much! I can't remember what we were doing.

(Woman) A You were aircraft for one thing.

A Yeah but, we didn't do that until the last step, we didn't do that until I got the call-up, we had been out on Sunday right, we'd done something Sunday and when I got home Mary had been trying to contact me and you got me and you said, you know, get into work. And so then's when we started to work on getting the aircraft Sunday evening trying to get the crew and get Dick

[Douglas]

Q Dick Dallos (phonetic).

A Yeah Dick and get everything lined up for the airport. Now there may have been some work done on that you know, arranging that aeroplane ahead of time but I didn't know about it.

Q No I don't think so. I think that was all done on Sunday.

A Monday. Sunday or Monday.

Q Well Sunday the 11th of February you must have flown to

Washington on that plane on Monday.

A I did. With \$100,000.

Q Oh you, now you've got \$100,000. Everybody involved in this adventure leaves Dallas with \$100,000 in unsold bills!

A First, the first time I left I had \$10,000 and that fit in my shoes and I could carry it 'cos you had to be careful going to Turkey with money. I didn't ever take, I didn't take that \$100,000 off of the aeroplane until Monday, until we were on the way back . But you knew, Merv said O.K. you're gonna be the first one flying on this aeroplane, you're gonna be in charge of paying all the bills and doing all the administrative things with the airport. So he said, we sat down and tried to figure out how money I'd need, so, we figured \$50,000, so I went and got \$50,000 out and decided, and we got to thinking about it and thinking what if I needed it for a bribe or something, or something else and so I drew another \$50,000. We was. The first time I filled it up, one time I filled it up cost \$10,000 in Frankfurt. The first time it only cost £4,500 and you know, of course I didn't have a credit card. I had to pay cash for it so I was going out of cash. They couldn't believe it! The guy and there's only myself and I think Ron Davies was in Dallas with me at one time. He said, who's gonna pay the bill for this fuel and I said I am and he said American credit card Want my Hexon card!? They can put it on that! And so he said how you gonna pay and

I said cash and he said you don't understand! They cost £4,500 and he asked me if I wanted a guard. So I said oh no, somebody'll know I've got money! We had to walk across a ...

Q [Davis]  
But Davies did a lot of that work as well didn't he, paying the airport landing fees and so on? Maybe on the way back he did that.

A He picked up the credit card when we got to Washington.

Q O.K. But I understood from him that in Istanbul and coming back in Frankfurt he'd paid landing fees?

A He did the co-ordination with the ground crews and that kinda stuff and what with the, what with the, the engineer, the flight engineer and did that stuff.

Q. O.K. You left, you took off from Washington on the morning of Tuesday 13th February about 8.30?

A I guess it was. I didn't remember it was being light. I remember it was dark when we landed and it was pretty heavy snow on the ground and I knew Ross was very anxious to get off the ground and we hadn't he was getting perturbed. He was hacked off about something. But I thought we were taking off, it was still dark, but it may have been 8.30, not much after that though.

Q. O.K.

A We got back on the plane it was dark.

Q So you recall you took off from Washington about 8.00.

A 7.00

Q [Boulware]  
7.00 See Bulwer (phonetic) records that you landed in Turkey at 6.00 in the morning on Wednesday.

A Yeah, that's about right. It was very early in the morning in Turkey and he came on the airplane first thing. See we had, we flew to London and we picked up another crew, 'cos our crew couldn't fly all the way, they didn't have enough hours. They had to sleep. So they then went to sleep and this other crew, one of Laker's crews flew us in to Turkey and then we gave them tickets back to England.

Q Were you in on the conversation with Bulwer at Istanbul?

A Uh-uh.

Q He came on the plane.

A No, he came on to see me.

Q What did he say?

A Well he was all, he was in a big rush, and we had gone over lots of things that we were gonna do and Bulwer had his own plan put together and we were anxious to have him sit and listen to us but he said now look I've only got about 5 minutes, listen to me, so he just told us, he said I'm on my way to the board and he said I don't have time to explain to you everything that's happened but just trust me, and I'll see you there later. And that's about all that I can remember.

Q O.K. and what was your plan?

A Our plan was to see if we couldn't find aircraft that one of these two pilots could fly and Ross was working on trying to get an aircraft flown in. There was some Swiss made plane that would fly a long distance and they

had found one. A semaphore (phonetic) or something?

Q Yeah but they wanted a  $\frac{1}{4}$  million dollars for it, but did you want this plane to fly to Tehran or to fly to the border?

A We weren't sure where we were gonna have to go with it.

Q O.K. That came to nothing that proposition.

A That's right. Right. Now after that, you know, we worked on a lot of that stuff during the day and then at about before night fall Ross told me, he said I want you to go get them the highest ranking American in Istanbul and have him come to the hotel and talk to me. You know.

Q He meant in the Embassy. He meant in the diplomatic, highest ranking in the diplomatic corp.

A Right. When he tells you to do something you don't ask him how you just O.K.! So I didn't know where to start or what to do, I went and got two men and told them what I had to do and said take me to the Council we'll start there.

Q The Consulate?

A Uh-uh. So he, and he had no idea how to you know, who to talk to, he had no connections or anything and so I went to the Council and there were some Turkish guards at the gate and <sup>Mr. Fish</sup> [REDACTED] told them to let me use the telephone and I called and got some Maureen Pravin on the telephone and Corporal Maby (phonetic). So alls I wanted to do is, I knew I couldn't talk to him about anything, I just needed to find out, I couldn't tell

anybody too much but I need to talk to somebody a lot higher ranking than a Corporal and after about 2 or 3 telephone calls to this character I finally got him to put me on the telephone to his senior officer who was I think, was an officer, can't remember if it was a First Lieutenant or a Captain. I figured well you know, this guy'll have some smart so I can tell him and I need to, first of all say have you every heard of . The guy said no, so I said oh come on. Said certainly you've heard of him, you know, he did this, tried to get the Christmas presents into the prisoners in North Vietnam don't you remember. No never heard of him. Who are you? So I said well who in hell are you? Said who is your ranking, who do you report to? And he starts getting upset and I gave him as hard of a time as I could so that it would get a reaction out of him. And so he gave me the number to this party where this Lieutenant Colonel was in the Air Force. And these are all Air Force guys too. They, well the first guy was a Marine, but the next guy was Air Force and then this Lieutenant Colonel's Air Force. I called up the Lieutenant Colonel who's at the party and I asked to talk to him and he came on the telephone, he was a little upset, asked him if he'd ever heard of Ross and he said no! And I said you've got to be kidding man! I reminded him about North Vietnam, and he didn't remember. I told

him, I said well he's here in Istanbul and he wants to speak to the highest ranking American official here in Istanbul tonight as soon as possible. And the guy said that's not possible I'm                      and I said when you get me on the plane with someone who's intelligent and so he got upset and he told me to wait and the next thing I got a telephone call there at the gate.

Q     You're still at the gate at the Consulate?

A     I'm still at the gate. I've just been making telephone calls.

Q     But they didn't even let you in?

A     No they wouldn't let me in.

Q     O.K.

A     State Department! So the next thing the Consulate in Istanbul called me and he says, he says who's this and I says this is Pat Scully I said, just tell me something have you ever heard of Ross                      . He said of course I have! I said thank God! He said why what do you want and I said well Ross is here in Istanbul and he wants to talk to you. He said he's where? I said he's here in Istanbul. Said where. So I said Sheridan and the guy said well when you know, I'll be there whenever you want and I said well think we said after 11.30. By this time it was getting late 10.30 or something like that.

Q     That evening?

A     That evening. And he said he'd be there and so I left

and went to the hotel and ...

Q Do you remember the man's name?

A And I don't think I'd remember if I heard it either. But I do remember when he came. I went up to Ross' room and Ross was down eating so somebody ran down and told him that the guy was coming and then Ross said well I'll be up before that so we just sat around drinking beer. After a while [Schwebach] Swayback said I'm gonna go downstairs and get something to eat so he went down in the elevator and as he got off and was walking through the lobby so these two guys come walking in! And he knew who they were so he gets in the elevator with them. They didn't even notice him and he's standing behind them and they get off the elevator on the 11th floor and turn in the wrong direction and Jim says gentlemen it's this way! He'd been tailing them all the way! But it was, one of the guys was a, worked for the C.I.A. and the other guy was this guy from the State Department. So it was good and they were very helpful, and Ross was open with them and told them everything that we were planning to do. The C.I.A. guy, the guy that worked for the C.I.A. his first name was Jim and I think the other guys name was Phil something. But they, but the C.I.A. guy told us he said it's gonna be impossible to get aircraft cos we asked him about getting aircraft to the border and didn't they use some he says as far as we know it's gonna be impossible but we'll try, you know, we'll pull whatever strings we can with the

Turkish authority and see if we can get it. And they came back the next day, he came back the next day, and told us he couldn't do it.

Q The next day was Thursday.

A Was it already Thursday? When did we go to the border?

We must have gone to the border that night. Cos that night was when, this was when I started, this was the first, well, there were a couple of times that I was worried on the whole operation. The first time that I left to go to Istanbul when we had the plane and we were gonna break them out of jail. I figured that odds of us succæding were good but the odds of us all making it back were not good! And I was not sure I was coming back! The next time I was worried was when Swayback and I got on the airplane and we heard that they were going through everybodys bags in Tehran and we thought we were going to have a hard time at the airport and I didn't want to worse than anything else that if

[Schwebach]

Swayback and I got thrown in jail Paul would really be mad! So I was worried about that and then this

time Ross said O.K. here's what we're gonna do. He said, you'll all go into the board room, and

to the boardroom [to the boardroom.

[Schwebach]

Swayback taking the pilots with you. And we ended up taking [Davis] Davies too and he said if they don't come

across on whatever night it was, they'd already started. He said if they don't come across on this day.

Q Thursday night that would have been.

A Said if they don't come across on, I guess it was Friday?

Q Well they were scheduled to come across on Thursday.

A And which day did they come across?

Q Well they came across just after midnight.

A On Thursday?

Q Yeah.

A O.K. So he said if the're not, if the're not there, if the're not across on Friday, Scull and Swayback you're going in. Anyway you can get in, find them.

Q There was a code wasn't there for the, there were messages that would be taped to the roofs of the Range Rovers, they had to abandon them after they got stopped. Do you remember anything about that?

A I remember, I can remember that there was but I can't remember what it was but there was a deal in it, they were gonna put up on the roof, on the top, so that we could spot them from an aircraft and I can't remember what it was, some big block type of letters to indicate that they'd abandoned them, and that would at least give us a starting point but you know, what we were gunning for was gonna try and find the Range Rovers and of course ask questions. Now what <sup>Mr. Fish</sup> [redacted] had contacts in Eastern Turkey with

who had family on the other side of the border.

And that's how we were gonna be able to get across

so we had a way to [redacted] and that was, you know, that's easy. [Schwebach] Swayback and I being in the [redacted] anyway

on the ground covering a short, you know, not too far distance but then trying to find somebody when you haven't got the slightest idea where you've got. Alls we knew we had the maps and we knew the, we knew the raft that they were gonna be on but that was not going to us easy. And we didn't exactly blend in! with the natives!

Q Had you two grown your hair and grown moustaches and stuff like that or not?

A We'd grown our hair and I'd grown a beard but then I shaved it off. But it wouldn't have made any difference.

Q Neither of you look like Iranians anyway.

A Not much.

Q Anyway in the end you didn't have to and that was your mission to the border. If they didn't come across you had to go into Iran and find them.

A And we were also to take to, to get a bus and we needed somewhere to transport for the people and we knew that what Ross had at the border wasn't gonna be good enough and Ross wanted it to go very very smooth and we needed to get an aircraft there. So there was a number of things he wanted us to do but the hard part was to get across the border. I guess .... So we got a, within Turkey if you fly to any normal, any airport that has normal service you have to take the, the Turkish airline T.H.Y. That's what it is. So we flew to Anchora on one of those flights, normal flight and then we had a ... February 28th in and Anchora they flew us to Vann, cos Vann was now a place that had

regular service. In fact it was a very difficult airport to land in because of the mountains.

Q Was it a jet that plane?

A Yes. I think it had about 60 seats in it.

Q You probably didn't need that much but probably it was the only plane you could get.

A It was the only plane we get and there was only 6 of us! We raised quite a stir in Vann when we arrived there, you've probably heard that. That was kinda wierd. Tuna had told us in the beginning, he thought we were crazy going to Eastern Turkey you know, and he said that he wouldn't go and when we said well we're going without you then he said O.K. I guess you're serious so I'll go.

Q Did he have an alternative plan?

A Uh-uh. He just didn't want to do it, he was scared. He was really scared that was it. Well he was scared when he heard about, he was mad when he heard about the radios. This time he was scared and you know, we thought big deal. But after we got there I can see why.

Q So you went to Vann with Swayback, [Davis] and Mr. Fish  
Davies and Tuna?

A And the two pilots.

Q And O.K. [Kanauch] And Canachan- (phonetic) O.K.

A So that makes 6 right.

Q Yeah.

A There was 6 of us.

Q Did you get a bus in Vann?

A Yeah. What we did was - [Mr. Fish] said, he said now listen,

he said I'm gonna check into the best hotel in town and I don't want you complaining about it! Wowie, there were roaches running up the walls and there was concrete floors and the beds were so bad that we wouldn't even sit on them! It was, ah it was terrible. But we checked into that hotel and then it was dark and ████████ and I, <sup>Mr. Fish</sup> why he took me but he said O.K. let's go get the boss and we went.. Everything was closed in town and we pulled out, <sup>Mr. Fish</sup> we had this guy came back who ████████ knew, picked us up in a Mercedes.

Mr. Fish

Q ████████ knew somebody in Vann?

Mr. Fish

A Yeah. ████████ knew somebody everywhere.

Q Everywhere.

A So this guy picks us up and takes us to this electrical type shop where you know, where they've gotta, they're selling some T.V.'s and some radios. Not real stock but that's what it was, it was you know, had one of those big iron gates that comes down in front of it. And we pulled up and somebody lifts the gate and lets us walk in underneath it and pulls it back down. One light bulb in the back there. They, alls they talk was Turkish all the time and I didn't understand a word of what was going on. I don't know why they took me, but they negotiated for the bus and then we spent maybe an hour doing that. I dunno why it took so long. Then we left and went down to the bus station and picked up the bus, we were still in the Mercedes and then, and then we got on the bus down there and went back to the

hotel. Now it's about 2 o'clock in the morning and maybe a little earlier, maybe one. Then we went into the hotel, no-one was very pleased about the hotel! We sat there looking at each other for a few minutes and everybody said I'm not sleeping here and so we decided well let's just leave and <sup>Mr. Fish</sup> [REDACTED] thought hmmm. The police had, were watching the building, they had a car park outside. He was kinda worried about what the reaction would be and we said well let's just try it, let's just kinda walk out nonchantly and see what happens. We got downstairs and we got stopped by the manager of the hotel and they bring the police in and they ask some questions about what we doing. So, well, we're just going down the border, we're gonna leave now. And they let us do it. One thing that, one of the, in Gaylord's account, I read Gaylord's account, Merv sent it to me. He said that we arrived at the border later than we did. We arrived at the border it was so dark it was about 5.30 in the morning.

Q O.K.

A What we did was, we got into Secova (phonetic) and it was about 4.30 in the morning.

Q Where's that?

[Yuksekoval

A Secova. It's a town that Ralph had been staying in.

Q Oh. Can you spell it?

Mr. Fish

A [REDACTED] knew what... I got there I'm saying it! It starts

with a U!

[Yuksekoval

Q U-Secova?

[Yuksekoval

A U-Secova. If I saw a map I could, I could you know,

pick it out its, its, not very far from the border.  
It's the last before, it is the border town.

Q Have you been, have you spoken to Ralph before you  
left the hotel on the bus?

A No. I don't think, I'm not, it wasn't a. I don't  
think, there was only one phone in that town! It was  
one of those things you had to do like this to get the  
operator! We had to call Ross from there I remember  
doing that. And I said we're never gonna get through  
on that and we did!

Q When you left that hotel.

A In Vann.

Q In Vann. You didn't know that they'd crossed the border?

A Uh-uh.

Q But you knew that Ralph was supposed to be at U-Secova  
(phonetic)?

A Ralph was staying in a hotel in U-Secova. You see [redacted] <sup>[Yuksekoa] Mr. Fish</sup>  
brother-in-law was with Ralph. Well, some guy was..

Q Well it was some relation of [redacted] <sup>Mr. Fish</sup> yes. It was supposed  
<sup>Mr. Fish</sup> to be, according to [redacted] he was supposed to be in the  
Turkish C.I.A.

A Right. But they're called the M.I.A. or something.

Q Whether he was or not nobody knows but..

A Yeah.

Q O.K.

A But he didn't do too damm good a job.

Q So you knew, you knew where you were supposed to find  
Ralph?

A He weren't there.

Q O.K.

A I walked in. Ross thought that hotel in Vann was bad! We got into U-Secova (phonetic) and the smallest about two feet deep. I don't know is it. Yeah it is YUKSEKOVA. Yuksekova.

Q YUK-SEKOVA?

A I'm not sure that that's where it is.

Q Yuksekova.

A I thought it was on the straight from Vann, I'd have to see a map with Tehran is on the ... I know the, I know the man was in Yuksekova! Maybe he was in ... I don't know. Yeah that's right and then it was that far down. Cos see they came... Here's Roja (phonetic) and they came across almost straight from Roja. So it was Yuksekova.

Q O.K.

A O.K. So we went into...

Q So you went into that hotel.

A And that hotel had a dirt floor and it smelled of urine! I couldn't believe it! And we thought we'd had it bad. Didn't have any lights or nothing. And you know, Tuna and I walked in there and after everybody was asleep and after yelling for a while we finally, it was totally dark inside. There were no lights or anything, I mean it was just like walking into a barn. And we got some young kid finally got up and came out and asked what we wanted. Told him we were looking for <sup>[Boulware]</sup> Bower (phonetic) and he said he left hours ago and hadn't been back. So

we just got in the bus and drove to the border and when we got to the border and opened the door. We had, we had taken, we had taken water, <sup>2</sup>/5ths of scotch from [Schwebach] Ross' room! Swayback and I had learned after Dvoranchik's being in Duranchicks (phonetic) apartment what Paul liked to drink so we didn't have cigars so we knew we'd better have that scotch! Or we'd have been in big trouble! And the first thing he asked for was cigars. He was mad! But he poured out the scotch! But first I think, when the bus pulled up and I got off. I got off the bus and there was Gaylord. He was happy. He was glad to see us.

Q How did you know what border station to go to?

A Well we knew where.

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