

Tape 13, Track A

0:00:00.960,0:00:07.520

she's getting married in a February--it's time
she knows some of this--well then that [?]

0:00:07.520,0:00:09.493

I said this is a good premarital
experience--[laughter]--

0:00:11.973,0:00:15.360

Well tell her I I beg I beg her pardon but--listen

0:00:15.360,0:00:19.200

she likes she likes what she's hearing so much
she's working overtime on Saturdays to do it--

0:00:19.200,0:00:24.240

she's just waiting for the next uh--when
can I get the next take--the next dirty word

0:00:26.480,0:00:31.280

statement about something like that
well uh this is of course the way

0:00:31.280,0:00:43.680

you're gonna make the book we hope oh yeah uh
just enough there to uh not be dwell on the lewd

0:00:43.680,0:00:46.720

but after all a penitentiary is not a nice place

0:00:46.720,0:00:50.320

probably I think you know
and these guys talk you--

0:00:50.320,0:00:53.280

I think when a guy gets raped
in the penitentiary that's

0:00:53.920,0:00:58.000

you know yeah--they talk about rape outside--

0:00:58.000,0:01:02.160

after all how many uh--Sundays--yeah
I know--how many uh--

0:01:02.160,0:01:07.440

it's like this uh oral uh deal uh with the uh

0:01:09.040,0:01:15.440

new men you know in the in the toilet with one
of the older guys or guys that have been there

0:01:15.440,0:01:25.040

a longer time uh it happened it it's just one of
those things you know and--remember we caught that

0:01:25.680,0:01:32.240

what that man did was that wire--oh I've got
to do that--did you tell him that I think you

0:01:32.240,0:01:37.840
never recorded that you only told it--who
the guy--orally to--the guy that uh--an

0:01:39.040,0:01:42.000
older guy--he was a guy about 60--

0:01:42.000,0:01:44.720
and a nasty--and he was a nasty old

0:01:45.280,0:01:51.200
fink--dirty--and he yeah well he
told on everybody he used to roam

0:01:51.200,0:01:56.880
around the yard and he had this free pass so he
could watch people he'd tell on everybody anyway

0:01:59.120,0:02:05.600
he was found one day and we found him I
was helping in in the hospital at the time

0:02:07.360,0:02:13.520
with a copper wire stuck up his penis and into the

0:02:13.520,0:02:17.440
electric shock--yeah you told me
you recorded that story--did I

0:02:17.440,0:02:19.120
record it--I think you did record it--yeah

0:02:19.120,0:02:22.800
I remember that one that's--well
I mean it happened the guy was

0:02:22.800,0:02:28.960
evidently he had uh gotten by with it when he
had leather shoes on and he had rubber shoes on

0:02:28.960,0:02:30.320
this day and it was wet

0:02:30.320,0:02:34.329
and it he got too good of a ground and it
just--the other one was that pencil that--

0:02:34.329,0:02:34.391
yeah we have that--operated out
you have that too--I we have

0:02:34.391,0:02:43.600
pictures of the pencil--yeah--is
that also--we have pictures of

0:02:43.600,0:02:48.400
as it's coming out of the bladder surgical
pictures--yeah--in other words it's not just a

0:02:48.400,0:02:57.760
pencil we have a picture during surgery that I
had to obtain from the identification department

0:02:58.640,0:03:05.360

that were taken because the doctor wanted them
taken as the pencil was being removed from the

0:03:05.360,0:03:11.600

bladder--that's amazing while you were uh
we've talked about your amazement at the

0:03:11.600,0:03:22.960

prison homosexuality--yes it amazed me not not so
much that homosexual homosexuality was going on

0:03:24.000,0:03:27.120

because after all I've been
through medical school

0:03:27.120,0:03:31.280

and I was in Los Angeles and saw Pershing Square

0:03:31.280,0:03:40.960

and and tried to help Dr. Bailey and
Dr. Chapman treat some of these but

0:03:40.960,0:03:48.160

the way they do it they talk about getting
married and the mama does the washing and the papa

0:03:51.280,0:04:02.320

bets and steals or whatever he has to do brings
home the bread and uh the it's carried on

0:04:03.360,0:04:08.240

in a way that uh well

0:04:10.400,0:04:18.800

they call uh they call the the female part
supposedly she and they call her she--

0:04:18.800,0:04:21.520

right in the prison--all over
the world like that--well

0:04:21.520,0:04:25.680

but I didn't realize this
Ariane--oh but the French do that

0:04:25.680,0:04:31.760

the Germans do that I know that from [?]
everywhere--well I had never called any other

0:04:33.600,0:04:42.720

person with a male sex organs a parent 'she'
and I still didn't the day I walked out I didn't

0:04:42.720,0:04:50.960

what because I just couldn't permit myself I
realize now as uh Ariane and I have talked about

0:04:50.960,0:04:59.040

the fact that this uh on a European basis is not
uncommon but most of the ones you see in Europe

0:04:59.920,0:05:06.240
are inborn homosexuals and they
become impersonators and they

0:05:07.280,0:05:09.360
I don't think it's against
the law is it in Europe

0:05:09.360,0:05:12.480
to impersonate a woman--I think it is--well

0:05:14.720,0:05:20.480
excuse me at any rate the ones that we
see in society are inborn homosexuals

0:05:21.040,0:05:24.800
they they are born this way
and they can't help it--

0:05:24.800,0:05:30.000
yeah but the inborn they
seduce the others who are--

0:05:30.000,0:05:38.160
well they try sure of course this is they they
try to seduce those that might be bisexual

0:05:38.160,0:05:48.400
and so forth but--switch-hitters--yeah
switch-hitters catchers and pitchers uh of course

0:05:50.080,0:05:57.440
in the penitentiary beyond this percentage there
was the percentage of the prostitute or the

0:05:58.400,0:06:05.120
not necessarily prostitute but they do
prostitute themselves like many wives do they get

0:06:05.120,0:06:13.360
married because of economics the economical
homosexual the the guy who'll go that way

0:06:14.720,0:06:24.720
to get candy cigarettes a good job whatever
it might be and might be all all of that

0:06:27.440,0:06:30.720
these are the ones that are the finky-dinky ones

0:06:31.920,0:06:40.160
some of the in inborn homosexuals are the
most solid and stolid strong emotional people

0:06:42.640,0:06:46.120
as far as not uh

0:06:47.520,0:06:50.720
not doing anything basically against another

0:06:51.360,0:06:55.360
uh convict not for instance
being a stool pigeon a fink

0:06:57.520,0:07:00.880

I don't trust any of them because
I'm not sure which is which

0:07:01.760,0:07:08.320

al- although I thought I was able to pick
out several by the time I left naturally

0:07:08.320,0:07:13.280

which is which but what was amazing to me this
different differential between the two types

0:07:13.280,0:07:17.760

there was--there was the one kind that was
he was inborn in them and the other one

0:07:17.760,0:07:25.840

did it just for favors to--that's right and they
usually did it on the sly and they tried to keep

0:07:25.840,0:07:39.520

it quiet uh one guy I caught uh uh taking it
down in the um downstairs hospital uh file room

0:07:40.480,0:07:46.720

and he was an ex-marine this guy and he wanted
everybody to think that he was some kind of a man

0:07:48.080,0:07:57.360

and actually he was a punk and a punk is a
fellow that will take it in any orifice any

0:07:57.360,0:08:07.920

orifice that'll go you know uh punk and that's
why the use of punk uh should be carefully used

0:08:09.280,0:08:17.520

by people who are around anyone who's been in
any penitentiary this is universal and a punk is

0:08:20.400,0:08:29.840

is the catcher but the thing that
uh got me into almost some fights

0:08:31.440,0:08:37.600

was the fact that I pointed out when people asked
me I didn't answer questions or go into this

0:08:38.880,0:08:43.200

or make any crusade about it that
was what they do is their business

0:08:45.520,0:08:51.040

but when I was asked about it I had to tell
the so-called jockers the jocker was the guy

0:08:51.600,0:08:59.920

who did the pitching supposedly but in the
first place he was usually catching at times too

0:08:59.920,0:09:04.720

maybe from another source but
the jocker is also a homosexual

0:09:07.440,0:09:12.320

he is a person who has sexual
relations with the own-

0:09:12.320,0:09:18.320

his own sex so by definition he is a homosexual
but boy those guys don't want to hear that

0:09:19.760,0:09:26.960

they don't want to hear that they they consider
themselves big strong men you see and all

0:09:28.720,0:09:37.360

all male and I guess they are all male they
even love males I don't know but I I had

0:09:37.360,0:09:44.560

to tell them that that they're homosexual
too and they didn't like that a little bit

0:09:45.120,0:09:50.080

but I couldn't help what they like that's the
way it is--did anybody ever make a pass at you--

0:09:52.800,0:09:56.080

you must be kidding--well I
well--quite often yes--

0:09:56.080,0:09:59.600

well I mean what what uh did
this happen quite often--

0:09:59.600,0:10:03.440

quite often--and what did you--you
said only in the beginning

0:10:03.440,0:10:07.520

though--well only in the beginning--you'd
established yourself nobody was there--

0:10:07.520,0:10:14.480

oh yeah well I think that we're talking about
the beginning but maybe we're expanding it only

0:10:14.480,0:10:22.960

in the beginning uh and after I had told several
and knocked one man down then there was no more--

0:10:24.480,0:10:31.840

um--yeah right--no more uh attempts
because it became obvious but I had to wait

0:10:33.600,0:10:40.320

for the opportunity to knock the man
down where I wouldn't be we wouldn't be

0:10:41.120,0:10:48.320

under any direct observation of of a guard--was
that the garrison thing when you're--not no well

0:10:48.320,0:10:56.560

that was for garrison--but how about yourself--
myself it occurred it occurred on the yard

0:10:57.440,0:11:08.320

oh within two weeks of my entry and there's a dugout under for the football players underneath

0:11:09.120,0:11:19.240

the uh the stands it's just not well it's a it's a cement bleacher deal on uh

0:11:19.840,0:11:25.760

the one the left side of the football field and we were right near

0:11:27.280,0:11:33.280

that opening and it happened to be unlocked uh as of course we were

0:11:35.360,0:11:42.880

about into August first of August they were preparing well the football team was uh

0:11:42.880,0:11:51.680

getting started and I I was getting ready to try to do a little uh coaching uh with the

0:11:53.600,0:12:05.120

other men there that that coached before Pete Perini came and so I just I just said

0:12:07.680,0:12:11.840

I just made my finger move like come here and walked into the dugout well

0:12:12.480,0:12:13.920

that's where a lot of the

0:12:14.720,0:12:26.320

uh activity happens because there's not any guard in there on a regular basis and uh then I

0:12:26.320,0:12:34.720

let him step beyond me as he came in I stopped at the door and let him step beyond me and lead

0:12:36.880,0:12:43.200

and uh he was going to go back probably to his favorite spot I don't know but then I tapped him

0:12:43.200,0:12:49.520

on the shoulder before we got too far back and as he turned around I brought one from the floor

0:12:50.960,0:12:56.160

and I just left and there were some other inmates or convicts

0:12:56.160,0:13:00.400

around--you brought [?]-I brought a right hook--

0:13:00.400,0:13:08.160

well talking understandably--well I hit him very hard with my whole body behind it

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:13:08.160,0:13:12.880

and--this is a guy--it was a haymaker as we call it--was this a guy was that was bothering you

0:13:12.880,0:13:19.840

quite frequently--uh no this was this guy had never evidently uh

0:13:20.640,0:13:25.040

I had never been in his vicinity before but there there have been two others that

0:13:25.920,0:13:29.440

uh were the female uh

0:13:29.440,0:13:33.680

variety and this was a female variety but it

0:13:33.680,0:13:38.360

was a big guy that was--well how did you pick this guy out to--

0:13:39.120,0:13:43.840

well I picked him out because I had this dugout handy where I wouldn't be observed I didn't want

0:13:43.840,0:13:44.560

to be caught and

0:13:45.280,0:13:48.320

uh--so you just wanted to pick out one of these guys and slug him just for--

0:13:48.960,0:13:51.520

I had to do it to let everybody know--oh--by

0:13:52.720,0:13:56.080

by morning everybody in the penitentiary all the inmates

0:13:56.080,0:14:00.560

knew and that even the some of the officials probably knew that I had knocked this man down

0:14:00.560,0:14:06.240

but I hadn't been caught unless I'm caught and seen I don't go to the hole it doesn't go on

0:14:06.240,0:14:12.000

my record and I'm not a violent person you see this is what I've had to deal with all the time

0:14:12.640,0:14:21.280

I can't even show the emotions of a normal person because if I do then people say 'aha there's his

0:14:21.280,0:14:26.480

violence coming up'--that's what you felt when you were when you were walking out of the car

0:14:27.920,0:14:36.080

towards the penitentiary but after you had that nightmare ride from Cleveland from the jail to to

0:14:36.880,0:14:42.720

Columbus where a crowd of newspaper men were following you and honking horns and it

0:14:42.720,0:14:49.520

was like a carnival or a wedding--yes it was almost like a wedding proce- procession--and then

0:14:49.520,0:14:54.800

when you got out of the car and everybody stood around and people staring and talking

0:14:54.800,0:14:59.680

and whispering and screaming and that's when you stood there and you felt like

0:15:00.560,0:15:06.160

screaming your innocence and your in their faces right--that's right--why don't you say that--

0:15:06.160,0:15:10.000

you thought well I can't afford to do that because if I do then they'll say

0:15:10.000,0:15:11.837

there he shows his real nature--

0:15:11.837,0:15:15.280

go ahead and say that when you get to the penitentiary we'll

0:15:15.280,0:15:21.200

get it in your words--yeah--well this uh in other words

0:15:21.200,0:15:29.760

I whenever I hit a man in the penitentiary I had to do it in such a discreet way or hidden way

0:15:31.000,0:15:40.000

uh such as going to the ring as we did at times but I I chose this dugout because I wouldn't

0:15:40.000,0:15:45.040

be under observation but yet I knew that the other convicts would learn of this

0:15:46.000,0:15:49.040

and leave me alone in that respect anyway

0:15:51.600,0:16:01.600

and this relates to as I approached and came to the parking lot of the penitentiary as I was being

0:16:04.400,0:16:10.480

placed in the penitentiary I wanted to turn and scream my innocence and

0:16:12.960,0:16:17.160

even grab some of those terrific uh

0:16:20.320,0:16:26.080

blinding cameras my eyes hurt anyway just from the sunlight and then these flash bulbs were going

0:16:26.080,0:16:41.120

off in my face but I uh again had to realize that any such action on my part would just give people

0:16:42.880,0:16:48.400

my enemies or the people who claim that I did this terrible thing

0:16:49.200,0:16:56.480

some basis on which to say 'aha there this guy's violent' so I couldn't give even the

0:16:57.120,0:17:02.480

the more natural and normal reaction I think Frank Sinatra for instance

0:17:03.840,0:17:13.280

has been a pretty normal guy but he just has had a couple of minor outbursts at news people

0:17:13.280,0:17:21.520

because they've been unfair to him they've been uh shooting off light bulbs in his face uh to the

0:17:21.520,0:17:29.680

extent that uh it's beyond what the normal person should tolerate and he reacted accordingly

0:17:29.680,0:17:34.320

Frank Sinatra is I don't want to go into his personality

0:17:34.320,0:17:38.880

but he's a guy that's uh sticks up for his rights

0:17:38.880,0:17:46.840

but he's not an aggressor he's not a guy that has gone out and tried to bully people around uh

0:17:48.320,0:17:57.200

and it uh I think is apparent in his early nature but I couldn't afford the normal

0:17:59.040,0:18:05.920

response to such things and uh scream out even even though I might do nothing--

0:18:07.120,0:18:10.800

so uh can we get back to this uh you you decked this guy and

0:18:10.800,0:18:12.560

that was the end of anybody bothering you--

0:18:13.360,0:18:20.720

that's right except that from then on I was [?] and there was one fellow in particular who

0:18:22.000,0:18:28.720

who was a homosexual who worked in surgery when I finally was drafted over to surgery and was

0:18:29.760,0:18:36.200

in place to in the surgical crew and he uh

0:18:37.440,0:18:42.720

said 'well I'll give you about five years or maybe a little longer but you want to get

0:18:42.720,0:18:51.120

married you'll get married they all do' and uh he said 'you'll be the you'll be the father but uh

0:18:51.680,0:18:58.480

but you'll be you'll get married' and I said well I I don't know if I ought to say what I said

0:18:58.480,0:19:03.680

[Ariane speaks indistinctly]--

0:19:03.680,0:19:07.520

well I said that if anybody-- we can just cut it--I know what you said--

0:19:08.080,0:19:16.240

yeah but uh the funny part is Ariane--yeah--I I'm sorry I

0:19:16.240,0:19:20.640

all right we we cut it off we cut it off-- you can say anybody finds traces

0:19:20.640,0:19:22.720

of um sexual intercourse

0:19:22.720,0:19:26.443

with a man on me or something--all right I got it--

0:19:26.443,0:19:31.120

you know you're educated enough to know--I got it I'll say it--

0:19:31.120,0:19:39.040

uh Bill is helping us here I thought that you were inconsistent with the first statement and

0:19:41.920,0:19:46.080

and uh we've eliminated the second statement--right okay let's uh--so--

0:19:46.080,0:19:52.400

well that's only part of it-- the thing is that when Ariane came

0:19:54.880,0:20:04.160

it so happened that I was uh the the teacher of the school of nursing and the the head

0:20:04.160,0:20:10.560
nurse or chief nurse I always call him head nurse
because he was a head man if you get what I mean

0:20:14.320,0:20:21.840
was at the hospital in Marion
and the the day after Ariane

0:20:23.360,0:20:32.480
was on television as announcing our engagement
I walked into the dining hall and uh saw this

0:20:32.480,0:20:38.000
guy and I thought well I finally got him
around with where there are a lot of men

0:20:40.160,0:20:45.600
they had six-man tables there and then a
lot of other tables around we were eating

0:20:47.040,0:20:53.360
and I was able to stop a moment and
talk to him because they permitted

0:20:55.600,0:21:01.840
a conversation between people in the hospital
because there always might be an emergency or

0:21:01.840,0:21:07.680
something anyway I walked up and I said
'Ernie you always told me I'd fall in love

0:21:07.680,0:21:14.000
while I was in prison by god you told me and
you're right I fell in love and I'm engaged'

0:21:15.120,0:21:19.280
and uh he got redder and a beat he got so red

0:21:19.280,0:21:23.440
like your sweater and he said
'all right all right Sammy

0:21:23.440,0:21:32.400
all right Sammy you got me you got me' and I'll
never forget that he was so embarrassed you know

0:21:33.360,0:21:40.640
but at the same time he well everybody
was yak yak yakkin' about Ariane what else

0:21:41.440,0:21:46.960
Jesus Christ this beautiful gal walking in
and wanting to marry a convict any convict

0:21:49.600,0:21:56.880
was beyond their conception it was beyond my
conception to be honest with you--well let's

0:21:56.880,0:22:01.680
during let's wrap up this chapter here now during
uh that well during that first six months uh

0:22:02.320,0:22:07.600
you're getting a lot of mail and it helped to
keep you--right--your frame of mind was it bad or

0:22:07.600,0:22:12.720
how would you say or just one of getting used
to it--well my frame of mind was one of uh

0:22:14.240,0:22:26.080
uh sort of like working in the Siberian
salt mines I would imagine or maybe uh

0:22:26.080,0:22:34.320
well I shouldn't say that it was one of drudgery
and uh every morning as I would wake up I would

0:22:34.320,0:22:41.840
look at that ceiling that was within almost well
it was within a foot of my head I shouldn't say

0:22:41.840,0:22:46.720
that two feet of my head
and see that bright light

0:22:48.160,0:22:50.640
shining in my eyes which of course affected my

0:22:50.640,0:22:57.360
eyes again and thinking
'oh no oh no' I was hoping

0:22:57.360,0:23:00.960
it was a dream and actually during that six month

0:23:00.960,0:23:08.880
period I kept hoping that I'd awaken from this
dream and every morning when I woke up I'd be

0:23:10.240,0:23:18.640
again shocked that I was in this dark house
as Ariane's mother has so aptly put it

0:23:20.160,0:23:35.280
it at the same time I did attain this teacher's
uh status uh I was gaining a certain amount of

0:23:35.280,0:23:43.120
respect from the men even though they some of
them had to be straightened out a little bit

0:23:45.200,0:23:50.320
I was given a name and the name was a solid square

0:23:52.160,0:24:00.400
and they and I in other words to them I
was square I didn't earn my living by um

0:24:02.880,0:24:10.800
thieving or by cheating or
anything of that sort and it became

0:24:12.480,0:24:17.440

well-known grapevine talk around
the prison that Sheppard is really

0:24:17.440,0:24:24.400

innocent because men had heard me talk in
my sleep they had lived with me very closely--

0:24:28.000,0:24:30.400

well you had that big picture
of Marilyn in the cell--

0:24:30.400,0:24:31.840

well I kept a picture of Marilyn in
the cell I wanted it there--

0:24:32.520,0:24:37.040

[?] you saw it all the time--it was
right up in the middle right right

0:24:37.040,0:24:39.760

as you come in the cell the picture

0:24:39.760,0:24:50.000

was right at the top of the wall near the
ceiling and uh we always had to have our beds

0:24:50.640,0:24:56.640

with our well we had to lie in our beds with our
heads toward the bars so that the guards can count

0:24:56.640,0:25:06.160

heads of course so every man in the cell can see
that picture at all times and yet I slept well

0:25:06.160,0:25:14.240

and talked of Marilyn of course in in a nice way
and didn't permit anybody to talk any other way

0:25:14.240,0:25:20.240

about her--yeah but it's obvious that no man who
killed his wife and especially in a way like that

0:25:21.040,0:25:26.400

as Marilyn was killed he couldn't bear having
a picture there--that's right and even though

0:25:26.400,0:25:35.520

he might do that to put on a show originally he
wouldn't be able to tolerate uh and sleep well and

0:25:37.680,0:25:46.880

go with the situation as I did and um--
you even got three bad points(?) for oversleeping

0:25:46.880,0:25:50.800

yeah well this was not during the first uh six

0:25:50.800,0:25:54.720

months though baby I did
tend to oversleep though they

0:25:54.720,0:26:02.080

always had to awaken me I was the last
one up and the guys would always get up

0:26:02.960,0:26:06.960

and each one would take their
turn at washing and shaving

0:26:07.920,0:26:17.040

and I only shaved three times a week because
that was what was required uh I stayed clean

0:26:17.040,0:26:24.320

but I didn't I did that because I didn't have
to shave so often yeah could I have some more--

0:26:24.320,0:26:24.960

what uh

0:26:25.920,0:26:29.520

what are the do you want to give me a little
description of the cell what was your cell like--

0:26:31.760,0:26:41.520

well a cell--once you're out of isolation now
then you're in a regular cell--yes and cell was uh

0:26:44.720,0:26:53.040

a prison used during a civil war and these cells
were two-man cells made into four-man cells

0:26:54.640,0:27:06.240

and so they were designed with a double bunk
designed with a double bunk

0:27:06.240,0:27:15.520

for one side and because of the crowded conditions
a double bunk was put on the second side now

0:27:19.200,0:27:27.440

the cell has on each side a double bunk
that comes down from the wall on chains

0:27:30.320,0:27:35.200

and the chains restrain them
from going onto the floor

0:27:37.360,0:27:43.920

they're on hinges so that we can raise them
during the day and mop the floor and so forth

0:27:45.760,0:27:55.840

but when the when the bunks are down you open
the door and walk in and there's about that much

0:27:55.840,0:28:03.520

space I'd say uh--a yard--about three feet yes
between the two at most that's being generous

0:28:05.520,0:28:16.080

the uh bunks were six feet long and about a half
a foot from the bars going in and about a foot

0:28:16.080,0:28:24.720

from the bars going I mean from the back wall at the back there was a wall at each side there were

0:28:24.720,0:28:33.440

walls the entire front of the cell were bars-- so you couldn't see the guys in the next cell--

0:28:33.440,0:28:45.840

that's right and this was by design obviously uh so that makes a cell about six seven and a

0:28:45.840,0:28:51.120

half feet long at most maybe seven feet maybe eight feet

0:28:51.120,0:29:00.480

at most as I said before the uh width would then be

0:29:03.520,0:29:07.200

almost the same but I would say seven feet would be

0:29:09.200,0:29:13.600

a little better there are about three feet width

0:29:14.160,0:29:23.760

of the bunks and again that's generous but there's a little uh area away from the wall

0:29:23.760,0:29:29.360

on each side to account for the hinges so that we could put them up and down and then

0:29:30.240,0:29:37.600

on the other side so in the foot between that'd be seven wide the length we've already got seven by

0:29:37.600,0:29:47.840

seven then the height was about about seven feet I would say seven feet all the way around would

0:29:48.400,0:29:54.960

pretty well cover it because I could stand up and I'm six foot tall and just put my hand right there

0:29:54.960,0:29:55.840

on the wall on

0:29:55.840,0:30:01.600

the ceiling--they have a sink and a john in there--there was a sink about as big around

0:30:02.640,0:30:15.120

as a radio speaker about like this uh we have a picture or two of of a cell that

0:30:17.440,0:30:22.480

had been used in some articles that they're using to try to push for a new prison I guess

0:30:23.280,0:30:26.720
but uh--well it wasn't--this--
it wasn't very comfortable was it--

0:30:28.000,0:30:35.360
well it was very uh cramped to say the least
then there was a john and there was well if you

0:30:35.360,0:30:42.320
can imagine a john with no toilet seat that's
the way it was there was no toilet seat you

0:30:42.320,0:30:54.080
just sit on the on the cold uh porcelain
that's all and in our cell the porcelain uh

0:30:55.840,0:31:02.000
washbowl had evidently broken or there had
never been one there and never evidently from

0:31:02.000,0:31:11.280
the olden days I don't know what but there was a
a pot metal sink in there it was a mixture of

0:31:11.280,0:31:22.560
aluminum and lead and god knows what else and uh
this of course was corroded well I would scrub it

0:31:23.520,0:31:32.400
at night for about an hour and by morning
it was black or grayish black and uh

0:31:32.400,0:31:39.200
there was a metallic odor about it which was
not too bad the water that comes into the cells

0:31:40.320,0:31:52.080
is usually from a well it's uh I guess good
water but it smells like rotten eggs it's a

0:31:52.080,0:31:59.440
sulfur water deal and it does smell bad--
in addition to the overall bad smell anyway--

0:31:59.440,0:32:04.880
well in addition to the smell of the feet of your
cell mate you--how did the whole place smell--

0:32:06.560,0:32:16.720
well we we call it funky it smelled like a mixture
of sweat--and has an overall unfresh smell doesn't

0:32:16.720,0:32:23.360
it that's what you said--well it was not only
unfresh it smelled like dirty feet it didn't even

0:32:23.360,0:32:34.160
smell as good as a locker room there was the odor
of uh urine and uh other uh excrement because uh

0:32:35.600,0:32:48.480
every man has got his toilet right in in the cell
well you know uh you're maybe sitting there eating

0:32:48.480,0:32:55.840

a candy bar and the guy sits down and you have to you have to it's hard not to see the guy and--

0:32:57.440,0:33:03.400

there wasn't much privacy--well there was no privacy absolutely not--god--and uh--

0:33:05.840,0:33:11.120

that's what he also said to me when you came out one of the first things you talked about was

0:33:12.320,0:33:20.320

what it means to be watched for 10 years with everything you do no matter what you what if

0:33:20.320,0:33:28.160

you sleep or if you scratch yourself or if you dress or undress or wash or go to toilet

0:33:28.160,0:33:34.640

anything you're always watched at all times and that becomes a terrible complex doesn't it--

0:33:34.640,0:33:44.880

yes it finally got to the point that Mr. Koloski and I must give him this much credit he uh

0:33:48.400,0:33:54.720

got Warden well I think Warden Maxwell really is the one that uh

0:33:56.880,0:34:04.640

thought this up but he gave Mr. Koloski the credit be that however it was they permitted finally the

0:34:04.640,0:34:08.640

men if they wanted to miss the noon meal they could

0:34:09.920,0:34:14.080

not not the breakfast meal because this involved

0:34:14.080,0:34:18.880

getting up of course but they permitted the men

0:34:18.880,0:34:22.240

to miss the noon meal or evening meal if they wished

0:34:25.360,0:34:35.200

and many many times in the year and a half or two years that Ariane was on the scene

0:34:36.160,0:34:44.160

I just stayed in the cell and missed the meal just to be alone with Ariane just to look at her

0:34:44.160,0:34:48.080

picture and think and maybe write a few lines that

0:34:48.080,0:34:50.480
somebody might not be looking over my shoulder

0:34:51.360,0:34:58.880
about and uh incidentally read some of the
the illegal letters that I got from her

0:34:59.760,0:35:07.040
because I couldn't let these other three guys know
that I got these illegal letters this would have

0:35:08.240,0:35:16.240
jeopardized the entire operation--we'll have
to go into that--but uh just apart from that

0:35:16.240,0:35:24.080
many times I'd just stay there and miss a
meal and I'm a hungry kind of guy usually but

0:35:26.240,0:35:31.760
and in the later years the food was better
there was a man named Mr. Jones a dietitian

0:35:31.760,0:35:39.680
that did a terrific job with what he had to work
this guy he he was a miracle man he made me even

0:35:39.680,0:35:46.560
like bread pudding and I always hated bread
pudding because he put orange sauce and well

0:35:47.920,0:35:53.280
the thing is this this is something that I
wanna I think that honesty is the best policy

0:35:53.280,0:36:01.600
when a guy deserves a uh credit just
like Warden Alvis I think it should be uh

0:36:04.240,0:36:12.240
given and uh I personally went and told Mr. Jones
this but anyway I often just would lie on my bunk

0:36:14.000,0:36:21.840
and Ariane's picture was over the right side of
me and Marilyn's picture and incidentally Ariane's

0:36:21.840,0:36:30.800
right next to her of course I wasn't allowed to
have a regular portrait picture of Ariane but uh

0:36:30.800,0:36:37.520
men had sent me newspaper pictures of her and I
had one quite large one and I had them both right

0:36:37.520,0:36:46.960
there together and which I had had from the
first day I was in there uh Marilyn's picture and

0:36:46.960,0:36:51.440
uh I just sort of meditated or had a a little uh

0:36:52.640,0:36:57.040

thought to myself uh unless
I had a letter to read--

0:36:58.240,0:37:02.600

well I think we got this Chapter 11
in real good shape--think so--

0:37:03.280,0:37:09.120

oh yeah and I think I have a few
tapes where there are a few other things on--

0:37:09.120,0:37:19.920

I might add that the first Christmas was a
rough one and it was remarkable to me how human

0:37:19.920,0:37:25.520

and how considerate a a guy who
has been a hoodlum all of his life

0:37:26.560,0:37:31.920

could be here was a saying a guy named Sam
Caputo and you won't want to use the name but

0:37:32.880,0:37:41.920

he was a hoodlum a bank robber and he knew that I
was under pressure first Christmas away from home

0:37:41.920,0:37:49.120

and all that and he went and bought me with
cigarettes and he didn't get too much money

0:37:49.120,0:37:58.000

from home it was [?] with about four packs
of cigarettes he bought a little baby canary

0:37:59.360,0:38:07.360

that had just been weaned from its mother and he
bought the meal and so forth and he had raised

0:38:07.360,0:38:17.000

canaries and he taught me he gave it to me but
he said he'd teach me how to feed it and how to uh

0:38:17.520,0:38:27.920

take care of it and he said 'now Sam that bird's
gonna gonna fly on Christmas Day'--when did he

0:38:27.920,0:38:35.600

when had he bought this bird for you--well
he bought the bird uh about two weeks before

0:38:36.640,0:38:44.080

because evidently he could see how I was reacting
to Christmas cards of course we had been getting

0:38:44.080,0:38:53.200

Christmas cards for a month or so before
and I was not bawling all over the place but

0:38:53.200,0:39:03.440

he could see a little tear fall now and
then and uh how lonely I was among many

0:39:07.120,0:39:13.840

how it's so strange to be lonely
and yet not be able to get alone

0:39:15.680,0:39:20.960

to think of your loved ones and
everything and so he bought this

0:39:22.720,0:39:32.080

bird about two weeks before now how when the
bird had actually hatched I'm not sure but it was

0:39:33.200,0:39:37.920

not too long before--where did he buy it--from
one of the other inmates who raises birds who

0:39:37.920,0:39:46.960

who had breed who had bred male and female and
gotten a nest they breed birds and canaries in

0:39:46.960,0:39:52.800

there all the time--the birdman of Alcatraz--well
I'll tell you some of these men if you touch

0:39:52.800,0:39:57.520

their canary this is some of these men the
canary is the only friend they've ever had

0:39:59.440,0:40:04.160

and there have been killings
there were two killings in the

0:40:06.800,0:40:10.400

year the pa- the year just
before I left over canaries

0:40:11.920,0:40:21.120

the riot uh the main issue of the riot back in
uh what was it '52 or something like that the

0:40:21.120,0:40:26.720

Halloween riot was not the food except the
food for canaries they had been denied the

0:40:27.360,0:40:35.120

opportunity to to buy uh canary seed--so there
are a lot of guys at canaries there--oh yeah

0:40:36.000,0:40:40.960

oh yeah and they'd chirp and chirp
and chirp I sent Ariane two just

0:40:43.440,0:40:49.280

a year before I came out that had been given to
me but anyway he helped me and over Christmas

0:40:49.840,0:40:52.480

this diverted me--this was
one of your cell mates--yes

0:40:53.280,0:40:58.120

yes he was the range man when I was teaching uh

0:41:01.200,0:41:06.160

school you see I went down in July

0:41:06.160,0:41:10.080

and it was right after Christmas
that they made me go to the hospital

0:41:10.800,0:41:14.080

against my wishes because I
would that way I lost good time

0:41:15.680,0:41:19.840

I wanted to continue teaching so I could get
that good time and go to the board sooner--

0:41:20.640,0:41:23.920

well so that this guy gave
you the canary and uh--well

0:41:23.920,0:41:30.320

and he taught me how to
here's the thing the school of

0:41:30.320,0:41:40.480

both vocational school and regular school stops
uh the regular activity uh 10 days or two weeks

0:41:41.200,0:41:47.840

before Christmas and there's nothing to do
except lie in the cell you're locked in the cell

0:41:48.800,0:41:49.440

all the time

0:41:50.160,0:41:57.600

24 hours a day except to go out and eat--and
no recreation--no recreation recreation is closed

0:41:59.440,0:42:07.120

because they're the recreation men are helping
deliver Christmas boxes from the people outside

0:42:10.560,0:42:21.760

well Sam Caputo knew what was coming and he knew
that if I was a little uh lonely and uh concerned

0:42:23.600,0:42:28.880

while I was still teaching school what was it
going to be when I was locked in that cell over

0:42:28.880,0:42:41.360

the Christmas 10, 14 or possibly 10 it was 14 days
as I recall period so at first I was oh what the

0:42:41.360,0:42:45.520

hell I never knew anything about canaries and
he said well I when I get through with you you

0:42:45.520,0:42:52.560

are gonna know something about canaries and uh
he taught me how to feed it and everything and

0:42:53.200,0:43:02.720

and I became attached to it naturally--did you give it a name at all--yeah I named it uh Chirper

0:43:04.240,0:43:10.960

of course the relation to Chip is quite obvious because of course the little canary would

0:43:10.960,0:43:14.000

chirp chirp chirp and then put its mouth open to

0:43:14.000,0:43:17.600

eat you know and we'd take a little tiny stick from an

0:43:17.600,0:43:18.560

ice cream sucker

0:43:19.600,0:43:27.680

and uh mix the feed with water and-- you had a cage for them--no we didn't need a cage

0:43:27.680,0:43:34.080

uh at that time and uh it was so young couldn't fly

0:43:35.520,0:43:47.440

but uh it did fly on Christmas Day and to see its little feathers grow and then develop and uh we

0:43:47.440,0:43:56.160

he taught me how to treat it so that it would always sit on a person's head and take uh kiss you

0:43:56.720,0:43:59.680

on the shoulder and always you could hold it on it

0:43:59.680,0:44:02.640

on your finger and as soon as it was large enough

0:44:03.360,0:44:10.240

I sent it to uh the little boy that I opened the chest on and recovered in Tommy Willard

0:44:10.960,0:44:17.120

and he had it for some time--you sent it in a box or--well I got a cage then and sent it out

0:44:17.920,0:44:22.800

a small well it was a shipping cage but it was big

0:44:22.800,0:44:26.720

enough for that little bird then--well that helps you

0:44:26.720,0:44:33.840

get through the Christmas--well as I look back I believe he he helped more than I could even know

0:44:35.200,0:44:42.080

uh because it diverted my attention it was difficult to even read medical journals

0:44:42.080,0:44:51.840

at that time because it reminded me of what I should be doing in surgery it a magazine I'd see

0:44:51.840,0:44:58.960

a maybe a sports car or some nice clothing and this related to the outside and uh

0:45:03.280,0:45:13.360

I did read material on my teaching and I did read my legal material but

0:45:14.480,0:45:24.320

for 14 days with nothing to do but eat and sleep uh this didn't fill the time and

0:45:24.320,0:45:29.520

old Sam really helped me I believe--would you say this was the roughest two weeks of your prison--

0:45:31.680,0:45:36.240

I would say so because the Christmas holidays it always meant so much to

0:45:36.240,0:45:40.960

our family and we always tried to get together during that period

0:45:41.920,0:45:52.720

uh other than uh that first night when I was fearful for Sam's custody I would say so

0:45:54.960,0:46:01.760

the roughest in a deep uh bone marrow shattering way uh

0:46:02.880,0:46:12.320

because it uh became apparent through talking to many many different uh

0:46:12.320,0:46:20.720

convicts that I might very well be turned down by the Ohio Supreme Court though I was hopeful again

0:46:22.560,0:46:31.120

uh I started to study percentages and started to realize that though they have to take the case

0:46:32.400,0:46:44.080

uh so so few ever get any sort of satisfaction and it started to dawn on me that I'd better

0:46:44.080,0:46:55.840

settle down and start pulling time and uh try to get this well live day-to-day again I

0:46:56.560,0:47:04.320

thought of uh my father in a tough situation and he had a few tough ones when he had

0:47:06.400,0:47:11.200
typhoid fever he had picked
up from Typhoid Mary I guess

0:47:12.240,0:47:16.800
in years past this woman that used to go around

0:47:16.800,0:47:23.200
from one cooking place to another and she was
a carrier typhoid carrier until they caught her

0:47:23.200,0:47:30.560
boy she gave a lot of people typhoid fever anyway
he was very ill as a young man and he had told me

0:47:31.120,0:47:37.360
the way the way he did it was just to pull himself
through one day at a time and not think about the

0:47:37.360,0:47:45.920
future not think about what might happen just one
day just one day and this really uh again helped

0:47:47.360,0:47:52.160
but I believe you're right
it's probably the toughest

0:47:52.160,0:47:55.600
two weeks but lightened some by the canary--

0:47:56.880,0:48:03.680
well I think we've had it for the day real
very good excellent I'll tell you that bit of--

0:48:03.680,0:48:06.080
now which chapter are we on--number 12--

0:48:08.720,0:48:13.600
uh I've found that uh I do a little better
when I don't look at the chapters when you just

0:48:13.600,0:48:18.240
uh talk--well I'm just taking it through as we go
along here because I think you know we might pick

0:48:18.240,0:48:22.160
up something that we had missed before so we might
as well just go through chapter right now--I think

0:48:22.160,0:48:25.440
so but I mean if I look at
the chapter and try to uh

0:48:26.080,0:48:30.400
get to uh related to one particular subject then

0:48:30.400,0:48:38.480
I might not answer your questions as well as
uh as I might otherwise I feel like I can turn

0:48:38.480,0:48:44.560
the volume up a little bit and get everybody
we might even catch some of Ariane's comments--

0:48:46.080,0:48:52.320

well I hope okay well at any rate you
uh you're there six months and then you

0:48:52.320,0:48:56.800

were approached to work in the in the hospital
you want to describe what happened how that--

0:48:58.880,0:49:10.080

well uh Mr. R.R. Jones Richard R. Jones as I
say was a prince of a fellow uh as far as the

0:49:10.080,0:49:19.120

penal system goes and uh he had Ariane gave me a
look you know prince of a fellow there's no such

0:49:19.120,0:49:25.040

thing in the penal system but I mean as far as the
system goes he and Warden Alvis were really tops

0:49:26.160,0:49:34.560

and he wanted me to continue as a teacher which
I wished because I was earning good time uh the

0:49:35.760,0:49:42.920

every three months uh in other words uh I've got a
month off which amounted to four months a year off

0:49:43.840,0:49:50.440

and I wanted to continue this
but uh I was called over to the uh

0:49:52.240,0:49:58.080

to the personnel office and at that time it was
run by a man by the name of Koloski M.J. Koloski

0:49:58.080,0:50:03.120

Marion J. Koloski K-o-l-o-s-k-i

0:50:03.920,0:50:07.760

I spelled it once with a 'y' and he got
all upset because he said that was uh

0:50:09.360,0:50:13.120

I don't know he said that was the
Jewish spelling or something and I

0:50:13.120,0:50:19.840

said well I I told him I'd rather be a a Jewish
person than a Polack and he got all upset at that

0:50:20.880,0:50:25.840

I find now that uh some of
the aristocratic Polish were

0:50:28.160,0:50:37.760

very very high in European circles but his parents
had been coal miners not that that's anything

0:50:37.760,0:50:46.160

against him but he was very proud of his
white-collar job anyway he was the man that

0:50:46.160,0:50:55.040

had talked with a lisp and had said keep clean when we went over to the original lectures to

0:50:55.040,0:51:00.000

enter the penitentiary he said we'll give you this was in the middle of July of course

0:51:02.720,0:51:10.560

and we were sweltering and he said 'keep clean fellas keep clean we'll give you one bath a week

0:51:11.120,0:51:18.960

but keep clean' and it was against the rules to wash your own shirt or own trousers or anything

0:51:18.960,0:51:22.080

although some of them hadn't washed their things in the toilet I

0:51:24.400,0:51:30.400

stopped at this I wouldn't permit myself to wash my things in a toilet which I knew would only

0:51:31.440,0:51:40.400

essentially dirty them I'd rather live in my own sweat than somebody else's fecal material uh

0:51:42.080,0:51:53.040

shit to put it quite plainly anyway I felt that I was being put upon when I was called to the

0:51:53.680,0:51:58.960

personnel office because I had not asked to go there usually the men are asked

0:51:58.960,0:52:06.880

that they send what is called a kite it's uh inter uh penitentiary communication a yellow slip

0:52:07.680,0:52:16.560

that is made out by the uh convict or inmate as the case may be it's a way in which incidentally

0:52:17.200,0:52:24.160

a lot of men think they'll tell a story on somebody and put it in a kite and send it to the

0:52:24.160,0:52:36.320

assistant warden or the whoever's their their man you know and uh these are uh sealed communications

0:52:36.960,0:52:43.600

but I had sent no kite I hadn't made no request and uh Mr. Koloski called me over and asked me

0:52:43.600,0:52:50.400

how I'd like to work in the hospital and I said well I would like to work in

0:52:50.400,0:52:56.400

the hospital back home but I wouldn't like to work in the hospital here at the penitentiary

0:52:58.880,0:53:04.800

anyway Mr. Koloski said that
they needed a man in uh surgery

0:53:06.960,0:53:14.480

over at the hospital who was acquainted
with surgical technique and sterilization

0:53:14.480,0:53:20.800

procedure and especially anesthesia
of the endotracheal type where we

0:53:22.640,0:53:30.160

uh place a a tube into the windpipe and
control breathing for cardiac surgery

0:53:30.160,0:53:37.440

lung surgery a removal of the voice box
larynx as we call it and uh

0:53:39.520,0:53:43.760

I said well that you know don't tell me
your troubles I get troubles on my own

0:53:43.760,0:53:49.040

I'm able to start telling you my troubles
I would like to stay in vocational school

0:53:50.320,0:53:59.040

so that I can maintain this good time and if I
continue it will put me to the board about two

0:53:59.040,0:54:06.400

years sooner than otherwise the automatic
good time that is given to the average

0:54:08.400,0:54:15.120

inmate doesn't apply to second-degree
or first-degree murder or any sentence

0:54:15.120,0:54:23.920

thereof in other words like a sentence of uh
life second degree such as entering a home

0:54:26.080,0:54:34.240

breaking and entering after dark is also a
a life sentence of the second-degree nature

0:54:34.240,0:54:37.840

they go to the board in 10 years
and they are eligible for parole but

0:54:39.120,0:54:47.440

they were under the same situation as I as my
sentence and he said 'well we'll see but uh

0:54:49.680,0:54:55.600

you uh get uh read up on your anesthesia'
and I looked at him and I said 'well

0:54:57.280,0:55:05.840

I don't have to read up on anesthesia' this was a
prerequisite I had to know anesthesia in and out

0:55:06.480,0:55:14.480

in order to do neurosurgery many of the cases of
in which I did neurosurgery I had to induce and

0:55:16.400,0:55:24.560

start the anesthetic and put the tube in the lung
for some of the anesthetists on outlying hospitals

0:55:24.560,0:55:30.800

where the men aren't expected to know this I had
a wonderful training I'm not saying I'm such a

0:55:31.360,0:55:37.760

great brain or such a great man I had wonderful
training the Los Angeles County General Hospital

0:55:38.560,0:55:46.720

in my opinion the best training center in the
world uh of course I'm prejudice in in their favor

0:55:46.720,0:55:54.880

but they do offer tremendous uh amount of material
and the doctors in the area donate their time

0:55:55.840,0:56:00.400

and there are so many doctors
that they do donate their time

0:56:01.600,0:56:13.120

in great amount so I I didn't mean to say that I
was so smart or so great or so accomplished well I

0:56:13.120,0:56:18.400

didn't mean to say that I was accomplished because
I had had the training so I said 'well you better

0:56:19.280,0:56:21.680

check up you know if you want to check on me'

0:56:22.400,0:56:25.520

I was a little bit surly I
was a little bit smart but

0:56:26.960,0:56:34.960

only because I was stimulated to be so I could
not compromise my profession I I never compromised

0:56:34.960,0:56:41.280

my oath and my oath to my medical practice
and my surgical practice always came first

0:56:43.520,0:56:50.720

to be a good convict or live up to the
convict code always came second to my oath

0:56:50.720,0:56:59.920

as a physician and I stated this to him and he
said he didn't think that this was consistent

0:56:59.920,0:57:05.200

and I said well that just displays your
intelligence and he was very upset about this

0:57:06.560,0:57:14.400

but uh I was at that time I didn't care
really and if he wanted to put me in the hole or

0:57:15.360,0:57:22.160

string me up I didn't care I had met Warden Alvis
and I knew Warden Alvis was more man than this

0:57:22.160,0:57:29.120

fellow could ever think of being and by man I
don't mean all masculine and so forth I mean

0:57:29.120,0:57:39.840

fair square honest and uh many women can be this
way uh more human I perhaps should say anyway

0:57:42.000,0:57:46.800

I went back to my job and two days later
I received a transfer to the hospital

0:57:48.800,0:57:55.200

and uh in the as I was passing the
personnel office on the way to the

0:57:55.200,0:58:02.320

hospital this is right next to the hospital
within feet of the building of the hospital

0:58:03.040,0:58:08.880

is this brand-new deputy's office with the
personnel office and the vault where they keep the

0:58:08.880,0:58:18.160

men's things and and uh social service and this
antiquated hospital is it's crumbling you see and

0:58:18.160,0:58:24.080

yet they've got to have a brand new building
for the deputy and for the personnel and for

0:58:25.120,0:58:33.120

uh social service and all that bullshit they
they let the hospital uh crumble it's been

0:58:34.320,0:58:40.400

as I said before condemned for many many years
and on the outside of the walls it wouldn't last

0:58:40.400,0:58:49.360

one minute it couldn't it couldn't stay open one
minute it would be closed by the uh by the health

0:58:49.360,0:58:55.920

department anyway I stopped and saw Koloski I I
just walked in his office and this is of course

0:58:57.120,0:59:03.200

not the usual thing and I said 'what's the big
idea I told you I didn't want to move' I thought

0:59:03.200,0:59:12.320

that no man in here they say that no man unless he
has done something wrong and is being punished is

0:59:12.320,0:59:18.800
moved from a job well according to their scale
I was being moved up because this moved me into

0:59:18.800,0:59:25.360
the hospital dormitory where I had actually
a single bed and a little bedside table and

0:59:28.560,0:59:35.120
I had a 24-hour pass in and out of the
hospital and extra meals and so forth

0:59:35.120,0:59:36.880
but this didn't get me out sooner

0:59:39.760,0:59:47.600
and I said I understood that I didn't have to move
unless I requested it unless I did something or

0:59:47.600,0:59:53.440
committed some wrong and he said
'well are you freezing up' of course

0:59:53.440,0:59:56.720
he lisped and I don't want to
make fun of people that lisp

0:59:56.720,0:59:59.880
because uh uh I don't know--[Ariane speaks]--

1:00:00.880,1:00:06.480
well god has struck them in a way--that's what
my mother would say--well this is something the

1:00:06.480,1:00:12.800
guy couldn't help and I don't want to criticize
anybody for a defect because I've devoted my life

1:00:12.800,1:00:22.640
to try to repair defects but this fella was such
a he's about a six-foot-four uh pot-bellied uh

1:00:23.760,1:00:30.160
guy about my age who thinks he he just
thinks his shit doesn't stink that's all

1:00:31.200,1:00:37.680
and uh he he's made the grade he
thinks and so far he has he's gone on

1:00:39.200,1:00:45.120
uh he took some courses in psychology and night
work and finally completed his master's degree

1:00:45.120,1:00:52.000
I mean his uh his bachelor's and finally his
master's and he's uh he's now the warden at uh

1:00:52.720,1:00:59.200
at Mansfield Reformatory but the point of the
story is that he said well 'either you go to

1:00:59.200,1:01:00.240

the hospital and work

1:01:00.800,1:01:06.800

or you will be considered a freeze-up'
in other words a man who refuses to work

1:01:08.960,1:01:11.600

and in that case of course I would have been put

1:01:12.880,1:01:18.480

in the hole and been treated badly that wasn't
the important thing it would have gone on my

1:01:18.480,1:01:28.080

record that I was uncooperative and that I was a
uh incorrigible this would have reflected on my

1:01:28.800,1:01:36.240

family and on the possibility and probability
of guilt or innocence and this I couldn't stand

1:01:37.200,1:01:43.200

so I went ahead and went to the hospital
and met Dr. Swenson who was a principal man

1:01:44.880,1:02:00.160

uh Dr. Swenson uh he's a Swedish fella uh S-w-e-n
Swenson S-w-e-n-s-o-n was his name and he uh

1:02:02.000,1:02:07.520

well we took to each other he
is uh sort of a mild-mannered

1:02:07.520,1:02:12.560

but very accomplished general surgeon I uh

1:02:14.720,1:02:20.480

got my clothes and the first day
that I went into the hospital

1:02:21.360,1:02:28.480

I worked as a team with Dr. Swenson it
was a team job to remove a cancer of the

1:02:29.200,1:02:36.880

large intestine of an old man and we
did a pull-down operation that my father

1:02:36.880,1:02:43.360

had taught Dr. Swenson's partner how to do
interestingly enough Dr. Swenson's partner

1:02:44.320,1:02:50.800

as I found out later is a Dr. Smith who
was my father's roommate in medical school

1:02:52.240,1:02:58.320

and this was uh this is something the
officials still don't know about they'll learn

1:02:58.320,1:03:04.400

perhaps through this book but Dr. Smith was Dr. Swenson's senior partner and Dr. Smith had taught

1:03:06.240,1:03:14.000

Dr. Swenson this pull-down in other words instead of removing a cancer of the large bowel

1:03:14.000,1:03:20.880

down near the rectum and making the outlet on the belly wall where they have to wear what

1:03:20.880,1:03:26.000

we call a colostomy bag like Herbert Marshall no not Herbert Marshall but

1:03:27.360,1:03:35.440

well one of the movie stars have worn for years Herbert Marshall had a wooden leg and this other

1:03:35.440,1:03:45.200

one had a colostomy bag that was unknown for years and years but anyway instead of this necessity

1:03:45.200,1:03:54.800

my father devised an operation whereby the intestine the large intestine is freed up above

1:03:54.800,1:04:02.160

and then it's pulled down to the rectal opening as the rectal diseased area is removed and then

1:04:02.160,1:04:07.840

sutured to that area below so that they can still eliminate from below they might have to wear a

1:04:07.840,1:04:13.920

diaper depending on whether the muscle has to be removed or not usually he could leave some muscle

1:04:15.040,1:04:19.280

so that they could still control until they could reach a toilet and so forth

1:04:19.280,1:04:28.560

this was a breakthrough actually in surgery and it's been taken up by various surgeons since and

1:04:28.560,1:04:37.360

Dr. Swenson was one but uh anyway this is another story uh Dr. Swenson and I worked on this uh man

1:04:37.360,1:04:43.680

with cancer of the bowel and worked as a team it was the first time I'd been in surgery for

1:04:44.480,1:04:51.120

well a year and a half and it just seemed like I had been there yesterday and he

1:04:53.040,1:05:01.280

and I evidently uh sort of worked so well together because of this past association

1:05:01.280,1:05:06.320

he had had with Dr. smith and Dr. smith with
my father and of course my father with me

1:05:07.120,1:05:13.600

and neither one of us realized what was happening
until later and we started talking about it

1:05:16.960,1:05:22.160

on this same case I put the tube in the man's

1:05:22.160,1:05:27.840

windpipe and in other words started the anesthetic
put him to sleep put the tube in the windpipe

1:05:30.480,1:05:36.240

and established the man's
breathing and stabilization

1:05:37.360,1:05:43.840

by then Dr. Swenson was scrubbing and I
went out and scrubbed with him and came in

1:05:44.480,1:05:49.840

on his heels and assisted him in other words
I turned the anesthetic over to another

1:05:51.360,1:06:00.000

man a convict who was not adequately trained
but who had had experience in anesthesia and

1:06:01.760,1:06:09.360

was able to uh control the case after the
tube was in he was not able evidently to well

1:06:09.360,1:06:14.880

he hadn't developed the skill to put the tube in
the windpipe--what did the surgery look like there

1:06:15.760,1:06:19.920

how big you know how big was
the hospital--well the hospital

1:06:24.400,1:06:32.640

is about as big as our home
on the east side of town uh

1:06:35.760,1:06:45.840

possibly a little larger--how many beds do
they have--they had approximately 70 beds

1:06:46.880,1:06:48.680

most of the uh

1:06:50.320,1:07:00.960

cases that would ordinarily be accepted in a
hospital in our society today on a medical basis

1:07:02.000,1:07:06.000

were treated on an outpatient
basis were treated from the cell

1:07:08.720,1:07:17.920

people in other words diabetics unless they went into coma were not admitted there were three

1:07:18.480,1:07:25.840

heart cases that died on the way back from the hospital that I know of three that I know of

1:07:25.840,1:07:30.000

in the five years that I was inside the walls

1:07:30.000,1:07:33.840

one died at the corner of the dining hall just outside

1:07:33.840,1:07:41.360

the hospital because the convict head nurse said that there was nothing wrong with him other than

1:07:41.360,1:07:48.800

his acute heart problem that was established and that he should go back to his cell and

1:07:50.720,1:07:57.280

be quiet and he walked he walked on out and got to the dining hall corner and

1:07:59.040,1:08:05.680

grabbed the wall and fell and died this is one of three that I know of

1:08:05.680,1:08:10.640

of course there are many others I couldn't possibly know of all of them

1:08:13.600,1:08:21.680

most of these beds are taken up with a top floor and assigned to the old men that can't walk

1:08:22.880,1:08:29.600

stroke cases uh cases of uh paraplegia where police or

1:08:30.880,1:08:37.840

or even fellow uh rat partners have shot men through the spine and that sort of thing

1:08:38.400,1:08:45.040

or even quadriplegia one man had quadriplegia which means of course all four limbs are paralyzed

1:08:46.160,1:08:54.320

and he had a gunshot through the neck and we had to amputate both legs in order to prevent

1:08:54.320,1:09:02.800

the tremendous bed sores from causing uh overwhelming infection because he had

1:09:04.960,1:09:15.280

contractures of these legs and he was getting sores on his abdomen and legs from rubbing

1:09:15.280,1:09:21.680

each other you see uh this was of course
the result of inadequate treatment--

1:09:23.520,1:09:33.840

how many floors were there in the hospital--there
were well three four floors uh the first floor was

1:09:35.040,1:09:47.840

the uh receiving ward uh an outpatient department
minor surgery which is uh a combination

1:09:48.480,1:09:56.720

there are two receiving wards they put the men
first on one side give them haircuts and uh

1:09:56.720,1:10:06.080

de-lice them and but still let them go out
in the population the first day he is a man

1:10:06.080,1:10:13.280

were able to go out in the population and um
they're able to be visited by officials of course

1:10:15.120,1:10:22.800

for instance if I had had lice which of course I
didn't I might have had bedbugs uh I was visited

1:10:22.800,1:10:29.280

by the Catholic priest which incidentally was a
wonderful thing because he gave me some help that

1:10:29.280,1:10:38.080

I needed right then and as I develop this
story I will point out that the the Catholic

1:10:40.240,1:10:44.880

priest seemed to do and the Jewish rabbi seemed to

1:10:44.880,1:10:49.280

come through for me in a better
way than my own supposed uh

1:10:53.440,1:10:59.440

minister as the faith would would
go I'm a I'm a member of the

1:11:00.480,1:11:09.520

Presbyterian church in college and a Methodist
church here in the community and I right here I

1:11:09.520,1:11:16.960

wouldn't trade Alan Davis or all of them but
down there Alan Davis wasn't available and

1:11:19.040,1:11:24.720

the first night I was there the Catholic priest
came in anyway the second floor is devoted to

1:11:24.720,1:11:34.160

medicine there is a and uh orthopedics there
is one medic ward only which contains 40 beds

1:11:34.160,1:11:44.080

no 35 beds and one bone ward which contains
20 beds now this is post-operative bone cases

1:11:45.360,1:11:50.080

now here they have orthopedic bone surgery

1:11:52.240,1:12:00.560

post-operative which is a very touchy thing must
be kept uh of the cleanest and it's right next

1:12:00.560,1:12:09.600

door to the the ward where they have the
pneumonia and they've got uh questionable uh

1:12:10.480,1:12:19.840

contagious cases now right off of the bone ward
is a special little uh alcove or special little

1:12:19.840,1:12:24.880

lock cell area where they
ran the tularemia experiments

1:12:24.880,1:12:27.040

just off of the bone ward if you please

1:12:29.600,1:12:38.480

and it was then used after the tularemia
experiments and before for contagious case

1:12:38.480,1:12:45.360

uh patients or questionable contagious patients
uh the man who had uh leprosy that they picked

1:12:45.360,1:12:54.960

up there incidentally uh was placed on that ward
just off the bone ward uh the man who developed

1:12:58.880,1:13:05.440

meningitis and the man who developed uh
gonorrhoea of one of the joints was the

1:13:05.440,1:13:11.040

knee the left knees I recall was placed
on this contagious ward and this was just

1:13:12.160,1:13:20.560

well you had to walk through the uh orthopedic
bone surgery ward to get in to even feed these

1:13:20.560,1:13:27.040

patients or go see them to administer them the
the nurses had to come and go through the bone

1:13:27.040,1:13:34.800

ward and they'd stop and talk with the patient
of the nurses the nurses from the contagion ward

1:13:34.800,1:13:41.600

would stop and talk with the nurses so-called
nurses if you want to call them that uh of the

1:13:43.600,1:13:48.320

other of the bone ward and there was inner-contamination to say the very least

1:13:49.120,1:13:55.920

uh this was this made me well I had to throw my hands in horror more or less

1:13:57.120,1:14:01.360

then on the third floor was a surgical floor

1:14:03.520,1:14:08.160

or the rest of the second floor before I finish was devoted to offices the

1:14:09.520,1:14:19.680

uh the medical supervisor then the head nurse which was a convict the medic the

1:14:19.680,1:14:23.520

the chief medical supervisor of course was a is a

1:14:24.560,1:14:27.840

outside doctor Dr. Brooks is his name Dr. Richard Brooks

1:14:30.080,1:14:39.440

I won't say too much more about him because I don't like to criticize individuals the chief

1:14:41.680,1:14:49.440

guard of the hospital who was a lieutenant always had an office in in that area and there was a

1:14:50.400,1:14:56.880

large area devoted to records and the psychiatrist had his office in this area

1:14:59.040,1:15:05.440

now on the third floor the surgical suite which was fairly well isolated

1:15:07.200,1:15:15.520

the the tuberculosis ward though was between the surgical suite and the surgeon's office

1:15:18.000,1:15:27.280

and the nurse who took care of the tuberculosis patients was able to walk in and out of

1:15:27.280,1:15:32.880

the surgeon's office or into either ward or often he'd walk back into surgery and observe

1:15:35.280,1:15:44.960

he happened to be a fellow I liked very much but I had to tell him look jack please stay out of

1:15:44.960,1:15:54.720

surgery as a favor to me because I can't stand it or get out of to you the TB ward and go into the

1:15:54.720,1:16:02.560

surgical ward then there were two large wards one on either side in other words we can say east west

1:16:05.120,1:16:12.160

uh was surgical suite and surgeon's office with examining rooms and north

1:16:12.160,1:16:21.360

south although the hospital isn't exactly set up that way perhaps we it'd be better to say uh

1:16:23.280,1:16:37.920

east-west would be the two surgical wards west was well west was the pre-operative ward no west

1:16:37.920,1:16:43.120

was a post-operative ward the patients after they had been operated and they were being recovered

1:16:43.120,1:16:53.680

east was pre-op they're being prepared north-south north was a surgical suite and this included

1:16:53.680,1:17:04.000

the linen room the sterilizing room the instrument and so forth and surgery and uh south was the

1:17:04.000,1:17:13.040

surgeon's office with with with his examining rooms with the TB ward in between uh sort of

1:17:13.040,1:17:24.960

sloshed on the side but the TB uh ward door was within one yard of the surgeon's office door which

1:17:24.960,1:17:30.960

was I think atrocious and probably still is as far

1:17:30.960,1:17:35.200

as the instruments and equipment is concerned it

1:17:37.360,1:17:48.640

was somewhat antiquated they had no proper method of indicator uh sterilization for instance when we

1:17:50.320,1:17:57.840

put in a uh a pack of linen or instruments to make sure that something is properly sterilized

1:18:00.400,1:18:09.680

whether we go by the or we rely on one another or not the best thing to do is to put an indicator a

1:18:09.680,1:18:13.440

little tag or the scotch tape

1:18:15.280,1:18:21.920

people have come out with a scotch tape that you put around a pack and

1:18:23.600,1:18:30.640

when something is properly sterilized
that tape well it's like masking tape

1:18:30.640,1:18:37.760

and it looks just like regular brown tan
masking tape and when it's properly sterilized

1:18:38.400,1:18:47.600

uh brown dark brown almost black lines develop
in the masking tape and this is indicator tape

1:18:48.240,1:18:54.720

there are other methods little uh tags that
can be uh hooked or pinned to the pack and

1:18:55.600,1:19:02.960

when it turns red it's properly sterilized some
of this none of this uh upon my suggestion

1:19:02.960,1:19:05.200

Dr. Swenson right away ordered it

1:19:05.200,1:19:09.760

uh he didn't even realize it hadn't
been done the man was so busy he

1:19:09.760,1:19:12.720

was so busy that he didn't
know what to do he had lost

1:19:12.720,1:19:15.840

these patients he knew something was wrong he knew

1:19:17.120,1:19:21.840

there were too many infections they had
10 or 12 infections in the past two months

1:19:23.520,1:19:27.520

he didn't know why and he talked to
me and asked me to do what I could

1:19:28.240,1:19:35.040

and he said he knew I would run into opposition
but he would back me up and help me in any way

1:19:35.040,1:19:40.160

that he could which he did the man was
wonderful--how uh what was the overall

1:19:40.160,1:19:44.720

building was it kind of decrepit looking you
said before--well it isn't the way it looked I

1:19:44.720,1:19:52.400

don't care how building looks the point is that
it was a frame building with a veneer of of a

1:19:53.760,1:20:04.400

fire brick outside um it was a fire trap and
still is if it's still being used I assume it is

1:20:06.400,1:20:13.520

they were able to build a brand new uh Catholic church and I don't say Catholic because as I say

1:20:13.520,1:20:20.320

the Catholic priest did me more help probably than any other denomination while I was there

1:20:20.320,1:20:27.520

but they were able to build a brand new church a brand new deputy's office social service personnel

1:20:27.520,1:20:33.760

office but they couldn't buy and couldn't produce a brand new hospital now the hospital

1:20:34.640,1:20:40.320

represents a place where they're men that are unable to do for themselves this is something

1:20:40.320,1:20:47.200

that was in my opinion essential of course I'm uh interested in this phase of things but

1:20:47.840,1:20:56.400

uh who isn't who who shouldn't be this was a framed building even the the

1:20:59.440,1:21:07.600

the mortar between the veneer was falling apart and uh there was an antiquated elevator

1:21:07.600,1:21:18.160

that uh couldn't move uh uh couldn't well barely would accept a small hospital bed they

1:21:18.160,1:21:24.480

had to use a small old variety hospital bed in order to get it on the elevator

1:21:26.560,1:21:33.280

and uh the uh of course the personnel was inadequate but

1:21:34.080,1:21:39.120

it was uh all convict personnel so what can you expect--and it was all convict

1:21:39.120,1:21:46.640

personnel--except for the operating surgeons and the attending staff that would come in

1:21:49.280,1:21:59.520

for their regular clinics they had they employed a what they call an extern a junior student or two

1:22:00.720,1:22:04.480

as they could employ them and I imagine they still do

1:22:05.600,1:22:09.840

to attend and be available at all times but they went home at night

1:22:11.040,1:22:17.120
and every night and often
when these men attending

1:22:17.120,1:22:23.040
staff and or the even the junior or senior medical

1:22:23.040,1:22:28.560
students would happen to go to a movie or
something where they're not available and

1:22:30.640,1:22:31.920
this left me in the middle

1:22:32.480,1:22:38.080
because I was known as a qualified physician
and surgeon but I was not given the uh

1:22:40.240,1:22:44.000
I was not given the responsibility other than

1:22:44.000,1:22:48.400
in surgery with Dr. Swenson
uh Dr. Swenson backed me up

1:22:49.200,1:22:54.160
all the way in surgery but he couldn't
back me up on the medical ward when

1:22:54.160,1:22:58.560
there was some poor slob dying
of a heart attack or too many uh

1:23:01.040,1:23:09.600
ephedrine nose drops that they used to drink
or something like that and of course uh

1:23:09.600,1:23:14.480
at the same time I was sometimes the only guy that
could get out of these men what they had taken

1:23:15.440,1:23:22.000
because they wouldn't tell an outside person they
came to respect my uh confidence because they

1:23:22.000,1:23:28.800
knew I wouldn't tell on them uh but I was in the
middle I I was damned if I did and I was damned

1:23:28.800,1:23:34.000
if I didn't so I went ahead and did I took care
of as many men as I could and I thought what the

1:23:34.000,1:23:42.640
hell if I go I go I mean I I had to live up
to my oath again--on the first day I recall you

1:23:42.640,1:23:46.080
told me that one of the guys in the surgical

1:23:46.080,1:23:48.560
suite tried to cut off the
oxygen supply of a guy--

1:23:50.640,1:23:56.640

this was on the ward after the surgery that we had completed

1:23:59.680,1:24:06.800

successfully incidentally and Dr. Swenson was gratified and so was I I enjoyed

1:24:06.800,1:24:14.000

being with a man that could operate as well as he and working with him and

1:24:15.600,1:24:22.880

it was almost like being back with my father or brothers and uh doing a good job well--did you

1:24:22.880,1:24:28.480

kind of forget while you were assisting him where you were--definitely and of course this is

1:24:29.280,1:24:36.880

the fact when I took part in athletics which is one reason I became as active as I did but after

1:24:36.880,1:24:44.640

that surgery I was called upon to treat a heart patient and this is just what I was referring to

1:24:44.640,1:24:51.360

before Dr. Swenson had gone Dr. Brooks the medical director had gone all the attending doctors had

1:24:51.360,1:25:02.160

gone the uh so-called extern had gone and there was a man dying of an acute coronary thrombosis

1:25:04.080,1:25:12.960

I was called upon by the head nurse who felt that maybe I could help he knew I was a doctor

1:25:12.960,1:25:21.840

and he needed help he he hated to I guess call on me this particular guy uh because he

1:25:21.840,1:25:27.760

was a fearful of his job not knowing I didn't want his goddamn job wouldn't have it if they

1:25:29.040,1:25:33.680

I would have frozen up if they pushed that on me but I I didn't want his job I wouldn't have

1:25:33.680,1:25:43.840

ever taken it anyway he did call on me and I went in and I uh I ordered the usual standard

1:25:43.840,1:25:50.320

procedure for an acute coronary attack which is a intravenous morphine a quarter of a grain

1:25:50.320,1:25:58.400

a quarter of a grain morphine intramuscularly and monophyline and uh seven and a half grains and uh

1:25:59.040,1:26:09.760

50ccs of 50% glucose and oxygen directly and uh
adrenaline by uh cardiac needle available and

1:26:10.320,1:26:17.360

uh Fowler position in the bed and ba ba ba ba ba
I could go on and on but uh these are

1:26:17.360,1:26:23.440

some of the basic things uh the man
started to uh change from blue to white

1:26:24.640,1:26:28.960

and then all of a sudden
he and started to display

1:26:28.960,1:26:33.840

a better regular respiration and regular heartbeat

1:26:35.200,1:26:42.880

and all of a sudden uh he started to change
again and I immediately looked around as any

1:26:42.880,1:26:50.560

doctor should do and here was some son of a bitch
up by the oxygen tank and he had the the hose from

1:26:50.560,1:26:54.720

the oxygen tank crimped
off like you'd hold a hose

1:26:54.720,1:26:58.160

double to turn the water off momentarily well he

1:26:58.160,1:27:06.640

was just holding it there and well again I didn't
I was a doctor trying to take care of somebody

1:27:06.640,1:27:14.000

no matter where I was and I never been able to
relate to being guilty or in a penitentiary or

1:27:14.000,1:27:19.760

where especially in the hospital and I just
snatched him by the shirt and grabbed him

1:27:20.560,1:27:25.760

and he let go of the hose and I said 'what in the
hell do you think you're doing'

1:27:27.040,1:27:28.000

he said 'this guy's

1:27:28.000,1:27:35.520

a fink and I'm making sure he's not going to live'
and I told him look don't tell me your troubles

1:27:36.080,1:27:42.560

you take care of him on your time not on my
time now this is a man we're trying to recover

1:27:43.920,1:27:50.080

and you get out of here and I said 'if
you don't get out I'm gonna throw you out'

1:27:51.040,1:27:56.080

and he said 'well I can get some guys and we
and see about that' I said 'well you get all the

1:27:56.080,1:27:59.840

guys you want but go get 'em you get them'--

1:27:59.840,1:28:01.840

what about the guy whose
heart had stopped that you--

1:28:03.200,1:28:10.720

well that's another story of course but that
was uh the time that the two Grambo brothers

1:28:12.080,1:28:18.800

the two real tough strong ones a wrestler and
one both had been wrestlers and one had been

1:28:18.800,1:28:25.680

a boxer and they're tough rough safe crackers the
toughest hoodlums you could ever think of but

1:28:25.680,1:28:33.120

they respected my way of handling this
and they both came up to well the one

1:28:33.120,1:28:34.080

worked in the hospital

1:28:34.080,1:28:38.480

and he sent word to his brother who worked over
in a planing mill and he walked away from the

1:28:38.480,1:28:43.840

planing mill no pass nothing walked right over
the hospital and said he had something in his eye

1:28:46.160,1:28:48.800

and they'd back me up that first day

1:28:51.280,1:28:55.840

and they said 'Doc we wondered about
you but now we don't wonder anymore'

1:28:57.120,1:29:03.120

and this guy has been called a fink but he's
not well it so happened that the the man had

1:29:03.120,1:29:12.240

been in a bind and he had gotten a bum rap on on
so-called finking but the point is I don't care

1:29:12.240,1:29:16.560

I'm not going to kill somebody because they're
a fink I'm not going to kill anybody and I'm not

1:29:16.560,1:29:22.720

going to let somebody else affect medical
treatment if they want to go out on the yard

1:29:22.720,1:29:25.040

and settle their own
differences this is something

1:29:25.040,1:29:29.600

I can't control but anyway these two Grambo boys

1:29:30.960,1:29:37.840

that enter into the story a little later uh in
regard to the this alcohol drinking incident

1:29:40.480,1:29:51.840

told me along with a man named Jim Hier who is the
very refined guy who was in Ohio State University

1:29:52.800,1:30:02.400

and uh got into a argument at a party one night
and got in a long division these four these

1:30:02.400,1:30:11.200

three along with me uh told these other men
well get you know shoot your big stick because

1:30:12.000,1:30:21.680

we're gonna back up what we think is
right incidentally the man lived uh and

1:30:23.040,1:30:31.680

I believe that the man's name is Tony Manfreda
and he was paroled just I think yesterday

1:30:31.680,1:30:42.160

the day before I got a commutation Tony Manfreda
yeah uh which is an interesting twist yeah

1:30:46.640,1:30:53.520

I believe that's the man I'm not sure but
he lived on until I lost track I his name was

1:30:53.520,1:31:02.320

Tony Man-something and I think it was Manfreda
he was moved to London I know and that's where

1:31:02.320,1:31:08.480

Manfreda went and he was called a fink
and fink and a fink and a fink but uh

1:31:09.680,1:31:15.840

the Grambos knew the true
story on this and knew that--

1:31:15.840,1:31:18.960

what about this heart attack business
the guy whose heart had stopped already--

1:31:18.960,1:31:22.080

well we have yeah--well that's
Johnny McCormick and that's

1:31:22.080,1:31:24.560

another story that's--did you tell about the other

1:31:24.560,1:31:27.440

one where you were told that man is

1:31:28.000,1:31:32.080

incurably sick and is going to die
in the morning--well that was where

1:31:32.080,1:31:37.280

the death certificate had been signed--no no
no and you diagnosed him once more you looked

1:31:38.240,1:31:38.960

you found he

1:31:38.960,1:31:46.400

only had a severe case of influenza or something
and you cured him and in the morning he walked--

1:31:47.840,1:31:51.200

yeah well that was the man where they
signed his death death certificate baby

1:31:52.000,1:31:57.120

uh they said--he went out so that's right they
said that he--before the doctor left he signed

1:31:57.120,1:32:03.040

death certificate because the men were supposed
to die during the night--right and uh there again

1:32:03.040,1:32:09.360

the head nurse who is a another character--
well let's let's go back let's talk about

1:32:09.360,1:32:15.440

that later yeah okay because I'm I'm trying
to follow this yeah all right well anyways uh

1:32:16.240,1:32:20.320

so the guy recovered--the the man
recovered who had had the oxygen

1:32:21.120,1:32:23.920

tube crimped and evidently these

1:32:24.720,1:32:36.720

uh two Grambo fellows plus a boy named James here
had been observing me quite closely over the uh

1:32:36.720,1:32:43.520

five or six months period previously and when
I came off strong that way and wasn't afraid to

1:32:46.320,1:32:54.960

live up to my uh my feelings my my philosophy of
life and wasn't afraid to take whatever was coming

1:32:56.160,1:33:03.680

of course uh I didn't give a goddamn really if
somebody had stabbed me I couldn't have cared less

1:33:05.120,1:33:13.280

I was sort of like you know the guy who's in the war flying an airplane he just lost his wife and

1:33:13.280,1:33:21.840

both kids and mother and dad and what the hell he goes out and he's able to be

1:33:25.360,1:33:34.000

fearless because he almost wishes to die and I can even admit I had a death wish but I couldn't take

1:33:34.640,1:33:41.040

my own life so uh but I wasn't I wasn't trying to bring it on

1:33:41.760,1:33:49.440

but I was that there I think they're upon less afraid--well the other uh--and I gained

1:33:49.440,1:33:56.480

a certain amount of confidence from some of the tougher guys in the place and stronger-willed men

1:33:57.120,1:34:03.440

because of this I think--early in the game there in the penitentiary in surgery you

1:34:03.440,1:34:08.400

found that other crew members members uh started to steal pentothal other drugs--yes

1:34:13.040,1:34:20.560

this man that I mentioned before that had gone to Ohio State University was the man who had

1:34:20.560,1:34:26.640

been doing the intubation work the anesthesia work he had been a veterinary pre-veterinarian student

1:34:27.840,1:34:33.920

intelligent fellow he did second-degree murder he's out now I don't want his name used his

1:34:33.920,1:34:40.320

name is James Hier but I do hope to contact him later he's one of the finest men I've ever known

1:34:41.280,1:34:49.600

uh one of the few he's one I think about the only man that I knew in prison and I can say

1:34:50.320,1:34:56.720

was a real friend but anyway he told me he warned me a little bit he gave me a little forewarning

1:34:58.560,1:35:10.240

and uh the man he went to the honor dormitory and fenced to an honor camp and then was paroled when

1:35:10.240,1:35:18.240

he first came up but uh as he predicted uh the other man on the surgical crew and there were

1:35:18.880,1:35:31.040

uh four others or five others as the shift went
uh we tried to have six when possible but five at

1:35:31.040,1:35:41.840

least would uh these men would steal the pentothal
or ephedrine which is of course a stimulant

1:35:44.640,1:35:55.840

and sometimes uh causes some euphoric reaction
and often they would be used together or oftentimes

1:35:58.160,1:36:04.640

I would order morphine even or Demerol
which is of course a heavy narcotic drug

1:36:05.280,1:36:13.120

in surgery and for the first time or two
I was dumb enough or square enough to

1:36:13.920,1:36:21.360

go for the okie-doke the one fellow would say 'well
can I give it for you Doc' the guard would come to

1:36:21.360,1:36:25.840

the door with the morphine for instance the door
of surgery well he can't come in surgery because

1:36:25.840,1:36:34.880

he has doesn't have surgical clothes on he doesn't
have a cap and mask on so this very helpful this

1:36:34.880,1:36:40.800

guy would go to the door 'can I help you Doc' well
I'm twisting the knobs on the machine and checking

1:36:40.800,1:36:46.720

the tube and making sure everything's proper or
perhaps I've turned the anesthetic over to one

1:36:46.720,1:36:55.200

of these assholes and scrubbed in with Dr. Swenson
and later Dr. Walker who returned from the service

1:36:57.440,1:37:05.680

and they would ask me well can we go ahead and
give the morphine well I couldn't break sterile

1:37:05.680,1:37:12.240

and give it they would have to give it well
they would this is the technique they would use

1:37:13.520,1:37:20.240

they would take the patient's arm with their thumb
and forefinger as you might to squeeze the arm

1:37:20.240,1:37:27.600

then they would puncture the skin of the arm
and puncture on through into their own finger

1:37:28.240,1:37:36.240

and inject the morphine into their own finger
this is their technique a couple of them

1:37:36.240,1:37:47.840

tried the business of squirting the material into uh a bottle cap of one of the saline 1000cc

1:37:48.640,1:37:55.200

or one-liter saline bottles that we take the cap off and then put a special drip drip

1:37:55.200,1:38:02.960

murphy drip cap for uh intravenous use uh of course I picked up on that and I told him that

1:38:02.960,1:38:10.720

wasn't going to happen anymore well that's when I started lifting lifting weights uh because I

1:38:10.720,1:38:16.880

realized I was going to have to get in shape I was going to have to protect myself and protect my my

1:38:18.320,1:38:26.560

anesthesia and my patient then I picked up on this bit of uh sticking themselves in their own

1:38:26.560,1:38:32.240

finger through the patient's skin yet and into their own-- they'd put the needle right through the skin and

1:38:32.240,1:38:38.000

right into their own fingers--right in their own finger yeah isn't this interesting I mean what

1:38:38.000,1:38:49.600

ends they'll go to uh one of them actually faked a gallbladder attack and faked well he didn't take

1:38:49.600,1:38:55.280

the gallbladder dye so that on the pictures it looked like a non-functioning gallbladder and he

1:38:55.280,1:39:01.040

went through a gallbladder operation just to get the narcotics following the the operation

1:39:03.200,1:39:08.640

incidentally they found on the operation he had cirrhosis of the liver from taking so much

1:39:10.240,1:39:20.320

narcotic and god knows what else typewriter cleaner and paint thinner and canned heat and

1:39:21.440,1:39:29.040

what--glue--they'd sniff glue yeah they'd sniff glue they sniffed glue when I first went there that's

1:39:29.040,1:39:36.000

why it's no news to us that this is being done now I mean it's not we hate to hear it

1:39:36.000,1:39:44.080

that the kids are doing it but it's I mean I'm glad well I'm glad the authorities are on it

1:39:44.880,1:39:51.200

uh so you began this physical fitness program--I had to--I mean up until that point you'd just been

1:39:51.200,1:40:00.000

getting your regular exercise--well yes and I'd been playing baseball with the uh regular uh

1:40:01.600,1:40:09.040

team that we of the hospital were associated with we had uh one dormitory that we were

1:40:09.760,1:40:13.200

assigned to in other words we were a small dormitory so

1:40:14.160,1:40:22.320

we were assigned to a dormitory called 1E which is a dormitory of uh oh a hundred

1:40:22.320,1:40:30.400

and some men it's the same dormitory that's the visiting room so uh if you're ever down there or

1:40:30.400,1:40:38.960

have ever seen it or ever seen any pictures of it you'll have some idea it's a pretty large place uh

1:40:40.400,1:40:48.160

so I played baseball basketball and football with uh with this dormitory and until that time

1:40:48.160,1:40:54.560

and then I decided well this isn't preparing me to defend myself these sports are great

1:40:54.560,1:41:07.440

and I enjoy them I always have but I've now got to go on a program of protection of uh actually

1:41:08.560,1:41:13.680

either defense or offense as the situation might arise

1:41:14.880,1:41:22.720

the two Grambo brothers uh having been wrestlers and boxers both and having taught and trained

1:41:23.520,1:41:31.840

uh wrestlers and boxers one was ten years older than I and the other was five years older than I

1:41:32.880,1:41:39.280

and they had been through the mill pretty much one was in the prison for the third time for

1:41:40.400,1:41:45.840

manslaughter he had killed three people with his hands

1:41:47.680,1:41:52.800

the other was in for the third time on safe-cracking

1:41:55.600,1:42:02.160

they both were probably guilty of the other
other's acts but it just so happened that

1:42:04.400,1:42:06.960

that they were always convicted on the same

1:42:08.480,1:42:14.320

crime and this is pretty much consistent with
police methods they like to convict if they

1:42:14.320,1:42:22.240

convict I understand on a similar crime then when
they get so far they can get a man on a habitual

1:42:22.960,1:42:30.640

criminal act which represents a life sentence
anyway both men knew how to handle themselves

1:42:30.640,1:42:36.400

they knew how to handle themselves in the ring and
on the street I had had a little scuffle now and

1:42:36.400,1:42:44.240

then but nothing I'd never run into any real dirty
tactics these men taught me how to fight dirty and

1:42:47.120,1:42:56.160

the next time that a man stole pentothal off of
the and pentothal of course is a barbiturate the

1:42:56.160,1:42:59.440

injectable barbiturate that we
use to put people asleep with

1:43:00.880,1:43:04.640

the men would drink it or take
it rectally by two by enema

1:43:05.680,1:43:12.720

retention enema and get a big bang out of it a
big drunk out of it well I caught the next man he

1:43:12.720,1:43:20.160

was a man named James Tybe(?) he was an Italian
fella pretty good size big talker wisecracker

1:43:21.360,1:43:29.760

and I said nothing he replaced it with some water
with a little bit of uh tincture of Zephiran in it

1:43:29.760,1:43:35.040

uh the colored stuff like mercurochrome
or tincture of a metaphon or whatever

1:43:36.160,1:43:41.120

uh you put it just a drop or two in evidently
just to cause a little yellowish effect to look

1:43:41.120,1:43:47.200

like pentothal now isn't this a horrible thing
to think that here's a man on a table asleep

1:43:47.200,1:43:50.720

under anesthesia and he replaces this

1:43:50.720,1:43:56.640

pentothal with this water with
actually a denatured material--

1:43:56.640,1:44:03.520

right while the guy's on the table--yeah asleep
and I I I was underneath the table this was a

1:44:04.080,1:44:13.600

this was a total laryngectomy incidentally like
William Gargan had--yeah--and in order to do this

1:44:13.600,1:44:20.720

and anesthesia I had to get clear under the
drapes because the man was turned on his side

1:44:22.400,1:44:29.760

but I just happened to have a peek hole
and uh toward the table and I just luckily

1:44:29.760,1:44:36.400

really uh looked out and saw
this greasy hand uh grab this

1:44:38.640,1:44:47.600

this bottle we'd make it up in in sterile
bottles and what he evidently did was remove

1:44:47.600,1:44:54.720

it with a syringe syringes were available all
around surgery during a case of that sort and

1:44:58.400,1:45:06.000

I was told later how well he told me
in his jibbering request that I not

1:45:07.120,1:45:13.440

knock his teeth down through his asshole
which I was which I practically did

1:45:14.560,1:45:16.560

but anyway I I said nothing

1:45:18.000,1:45:24.240

I merely asked uh a man by the
name of Charlie Bowman who later

1:45:24.800,1:45:30.160

lost his life in the hole because of a
penetrating ulcer but I could rely on this

1:45:30.160,1:45:36.720

young fella to go get me some more pentothal
that the stuff that was there was not reliable

1:45:38.240,1:45:41.440

and he didn't ask any questions or
anything he just went and got it

1:45:42.480,1:45:48.880

and uh I mixed a new batch and held it in my own hand and went ahead and used it as needed

1:45:51.040,1:45:58.000

uh and after the case and after everything was cleaned up and the patient was in good

1:45:58.000,1:46:05.840

shape back on the ward and the one guard that was assigned to that floor was giving shots

1:46:08.160,1:46:15.360

off on the post-operative ward I called this man into the locker room and

1:46:17.840,1:46:24.480

just knocked him three feet I didn't knock him three feet off the floor but I hit him a good one

1:46:25.440,1:46:30.400

and he hit the corner and just crumpled into the floor now this was not I didn't lose my

1:46:30.400,1:46:37.120

temper it was calculated it was something that had to be done but by then I had

1:46:37.120,1:46:45.600

developed a little better physical condition and uh he was a little larger than I but it was all

1:46:45.600,1:46:52.870

blubber it was all fat and slop--well did he know I mean-- he didn't know what was coming--did he know

1:46:52.870,1:46:58.080

on the table that that you had--no--he didn't know you--he didn't know that I that I made him

1:46:58.080,1:47:02.400

that I caught him--yeah--uh and I didn't want him to know until I

1:47:03.440,1:47:12.160

wanted him to know so when he fell onto the floor then he I didn't even have to tell him he said

1:47:12.160,1:47:18.240

'oh don't I know I did wrong and don't don't do it don't kick me' well I wouldn't kick a man when

1:47:18.240,1:47:25.324

he's down but of course this is the convict way so evidently this is what he expected and of course

1:47:25.680,1:47:32.880

he knew well if it had been one of the Grambo boys he'd have stomped him he'd kicked him and broken

1:47:32.880,1:47:41.120

who knows what but uh I didn't touch him again I just said this is just a taste time just a taste

1:47:42.640,1:47:47.680

and if you ever touch that table
anything on that anesthetic table again

1:47:49.360,1:47:57.680

you're gonna get more than a taste because
anybody that takes anything off of that table that

1:47:57.680,1:48:03.840

jeopardizes the patient on the on the operating
table has got to fight me before they do it

1:48:05.760,1:48:13.920

and you better believe it and I was really upset
because this goes against everything that we learn

1:48:14.560,1:48:25.871

in medicine and surgery this goes against the very basis
of of of treating uh illness and and they got the message--

1:48:26.320,1:48:32.463

uh had you prior to that given an ultimatum to the
staff that they'd have to fight you for the drugs--

1:48:32.463,1:48:43.335

uh no I had indicated that that it was the wrong
thing to do I had tried to be refined about it

1:48:43.920,1:48:48.800

I thought that I was talking to human
beings and tried to treat these men as human

1:48:50.320,1:48:58.560

but it was at that time that I recognized the
fact that though one or two or three or four

1:48:59.440,1:49:04.800

people that I might meet in that place might
be human the rest are animals and I had to

1:49:07.040,1:49:10.000

conduct myself as I would in a jungle

1:49:12.640,1:49:18.560

so that's what I did I just used my
elephant gun and told them that that was uh

1:49:20.240,1:49:24.560

the beginning or I used my deer rifle and
told them the elephant gun was coming if they

1:49:25.520,1:49:28.640

you know in other words all
all the this type of person

1:49:29.360,1:49:36.400

could respect or understand was
physical power or physical uh uh

1:49:39.520,1:49:46.640

overwhelming ability he couldn't
understand reason he couldn't go along with

1:49:46.640,1:49:51.680

uh an honest appraisal of he might
be the man on the table tomorrow

1:49:52.720,1:49:58.512

you see he couldn't to go for this all he
understood was that I could beat the dog shit

1:49:58.512,1:50:05.360

out of him and that if he didn't do as I
said that I would that's all he could appreciate--

1:50:05.360,1:50:09.280

did word uh spread around the penitentiary
what you had done to this guy--definitely

1:50:12.400,1:50:22.080

including the including the warden
and the deputy warden and later on I

1:50:22.080,1:50:29.520

incidentally got evidence from Warden Alvis that
he thought it was the greatest thing in the world--

1:50:29.520,1:50:37.360

what you have done to this guy--because of why
I did it not not what I did but because of the

1:50:37.360,1:50:44.320

the reason why I did it yes he thought it was
a good thing uh what I did but only because

1:50:44.960,1:50:47.920

the reason I did it not not the act itself--

1:50:49.520,1:50:55.200

you want you want to take a break for a minute--
no well let's finish this tape--uh well then there

1:50:55.200,1:51:01.520

was the John McCormick incident wasn't there
uh which related to this type of thing--yes--

1:51:01.520,1:51:08.603

the guy who had substituted pentothal--
well from then on of course that didn't make

1:51:08.603,1:51:20.561

the guys give up they never give up
but they came to the realization

1:51:21.440,1:51:31.840

and they tried to capitalize on this
realization that I would not permit

1:51:31.840,1:51:38.897

or I would fight for the right of the patient
on a table but I would never tell on anybody

1:51:39.680,1:51:47.520

and they capitalized or tried to capitalize on
the fact that I would never go to the deputy

1:51:47.520,1:51:56.880

warden or any guard or the warden himself
and tell on any other convict or inmate

1:51:58.880,1:52:05.200

now they might tell themselves on there they'd
tell on their grandmother to get something

1:52:06.640,1:52:13.520

but they recognized that I among others I
wasn't the only one but I became one of a

1:52:13.520,1:52:20.560

group that would that felt very strongly
and that there was a very strict code

1:52:23.040,1:52:29.840

I wouldn't tell on another doctor in
a hospital that's up to him to tell

1:52:30.880,1:52:39.360

now I would go to him personally and talk to him
about something if I see well for instance I I

1:52:41.200,1:52:51.120

knew a doctor once that had been operated for a
cervical disc herniation and he became he became

1:52:51.120,1:52:57.840

addicted to Demerol and I talked to him personally
but I never turned him into the narcotics bureau

1:52:59.840,1:53:04.560

and he turned himself in and he went down
to Lexington and spent a couple of years

1:53:04.560,1:53:11.040

and came out and now he's a successful doctor
in California and doing going great guns but he

1:53:11.040,1:53:17.120

became addicted because he had terrible pain and
he had the stuff in his bag and he took it and

1:53:18.320,1:53:23.680

tried to get by without surgery too long and
so forth but that that's another story but

1:53:25.120,1:53:28.880

it it isn't too far from the code and the way we

1:53:29.760,1:53:40.320

try to handle our own problems in our own
backyard in medicine and surgery or law or uh

1:53:40.320,1:53:49.520

the police department or Goodyear or wherever
you try to police your own uh little uh plot

1:53:49.520,1:53:55.520

and uh help one another--what happened
in the McCormick incident then--well they

1:53:55.520,1:54:03.840

realized that I wouldn't uh of course tell on
on them and on the McCormick incident I was uh

1:54:06.000,1:54:17.920

called upon to help induce the patient uh with
the anesthesia and we used a tube into the lung

1:54:18.800,1:54:27.280

on this case of appendicitis because the man had
developed the symptoms of appendicitis after his

1:54:27.920,1:54:36.560

um dinner he had eaten a fairly full meal and we
knew that there was a possibility or probability

1:54:37.200,1:54:46.720

that he would uh vomit following the surgery or at
least it could happen and the tube of course has

1:54:46.720,1:54:53.760

a cuff around it that we blow up with uh a little
bit of air and this makes an airtight connection

1:54:54.400,1:55:02.480

with the lung and also prevents any foreign
material from going down into the lung this cuff

1:55:05.200,1:55:10.480

prevents any vomitus or saliva or material
from gaining entrance into the lung

1:55:14.160,1:55:21.920

so I induce the patient with pentothal and
a nicotine which is a rapid acting curare

1:55:21.920,1:55:33.280

a relaxing agent and put the tube into the lung
and then turn it over to this uh convict who

1:55:34.240,1:55:38.800

had been doing anesthesia for years and
years he was a lifer he had been there for

1:55:38.800,1:55:45.840

20 years then or so or 18 but he either had
poor vision he claimed he had poor vision

1:55:47.360,1:55:49.920

but at any rate he was unable to do intubation

1:55:53.440,1:56:00.720

but he was good at handling if he wanted to be
he was very good in fact he was too good

1:56:00.720,1:56:09.840

at handling the patient under anesthesia
well Dr. Swenson wanted me to assist

1:56:11.200,1:56:18.720

so I turned it over to this man named Ernie Kish
incidentally who has since been paroled and he's

1:56:18.720,1:56:29.680

the guy that I caught performing oral copulation
on a young negro boy up in surgery one day

1:56:31.920,1:56:36.560

uh he's a and he's a fellow that
incidentally told me I'd get married someday

1:56:37.680,1:56:43.280

and I told him when Ariane came along yeah
and he was then at Marion as head nurse

1:56:44.160,1:56:49.520

he was always head nurse and so forth
because he always reported to the

1:56:50.240,1:56:57.600

uh officials he was a four dollar a month
guard besides being very intelligent

1:56:58.320,1:57:05.840

he's the man that was in the robbery years
and years ago and which was a a stickup of

1:57:05.840,1:57:10.880

a gas station and on the way out the gas station
attendant was on the floor with his back to them

1:57:11.840,1:57:16.880

his rat partner had gone with the money and on the
way out just for the hell of it he plugged the man

1:57:19.440,1:57:25.280

four times in the back killing him just for
the hell of it well this is the kind of guy

1:57:25.920,1:57:32.560

anyway I turned the case over to him
anesthetically I scrubbed in surgery

1:57:32.560,1:57:39.840

I assisted Dr. Swenson with the appendectomy
everything went well Dr. Swenson uh said 'Sam will

1:57:39.840,1:57:47.440

you close' I said 'certainly' Dr. Swenson went out and
dressed left and in the meantime I uh closed the

1:57:47.440,1:57:58.160

abdomen with the assistance of one of the other
convicts that was fairly good in assisting and uh

1:58:00.400,1:58:07.520

I asked the anesthetist that I had turned
the case over to anesthetically Ernie Kish

1:58:08.240,1:58:11.360

is everything all right and he said
'oh yes yes everything's all right'

1:58:13.280,1:58:20.480

well during the case I had worked with Dr. Swenson
actively and of course done the closure myself and

1:58:20.480,1:58:28.160

I had had no real chance to devote to checking
the anesthetic anesthetic tray what medicine was

1:58:28.160,1:58:36.480

being used and how much I had to do my job and do
it well and this take this is a full-time thing

1:58:39.586,1:58:46.320

but I did notice as they wheeled the man out of surgery
that he didn't cough properly and

1:58:46.320,1:58:50.000

he didn't open his eyes like he
should like I would want him to

1:58:55.600,1:59:06.720

but the anesthetist in charge at the time said
he's all right so I uh more or less courtesy wise

1:59:06.720,1:59:18.160

perhaps relating to previous days in civilian
surgery I didn't question this in other words when

1:59:18.160,1:59:24.240

we have a good anesthetist in in a good hospital
we don't question their integrity and their opinion

1:59:27.360,1:59:33.600

but back in my mind I did have some
question to say the least because

1:59:33.600,1:59:37.120

though there was some response the
patient's eyes were barely open

1:59:37.680,1:59:46.160

and the cough was weak to say the least--
what why were his eyes open was it a local anesthetic--

1:59:46.160,1:59:51.280

well it was a general anesthetic but we try to
wake them up before they leave surgery--oh I see--

1:59:51.280,1:59:59.120

so that they are adequately able to have enough
reflex to protect themselves especially a person

1:59:59.120,2:00:05.840

that has uh stuff in their stomach a meal in their
stomach because we want that vomit reflex to work

2:00:07.040,2:00:15.040

uh even on a patient that hasn't has been
you know without food before surgery so

2:00:16.960,2:00:25.760

they uh quickly wheeled the man out of surgery
and this was uh around 8:00 at night

2:00:25.760,2:00:33.920

something of that nature and uh some of the other
men were rushing around trying to get uh a ticket

2:00:33.920,2:00:39.840

for a special meal and they were trying to figure if they could get the captain on to get a mistake

2:00:39.840,2:00:46.499

and all this bullshit uh before even we were cleaned up but that's

2:00:46.499,2:00:57.520

the way it goes in prison anyway the two men wheeled this man back to the ward

2:00:58.240,2:01:07.840

and I told the man that has had assisted me in closing the abdomen 'just uh run a trailer will you

2:01:09.200,2:01:16.000

see what's happening make sure he's all right' as I started to wash some of the

2:01:16.000,2:01:22.160

anesthetic material clean the machine and some of the routine things that have to be done

2:01:24.000,2:01:33.600

because this this prima donna had taken off he he was had done his big job and all that

2:01:35.200,2:01:40.560

he had some date somewhere I guess I don't know um but the point is that

2:01:41.840,2:01:49.200

uh the man that had helped me close up who was a he looks like a grown-up Huckleberry Finn we

2:01:49.200,2:01:55.600

called him Crow Kerrigan he got freckles all over his face and big buck teeth that stick out and uh

2:01:58.160,2:02:06.400

he's a funny sort of guy but smart in surgery he looked down the hall and he whistled to me he said

2:02:06.400,2:02:15.040

'Doc' he went like this to me with uh well he made his hand go like a slippery slide which meant to

2:02:15.040,2:02:22.080

me uh intubation it meant the laryngoscope and putting the tube in because the tube when we

2:02:23.120,2:02:32.000

when we um fashion it or bend it we put a obturator in it with a wire a bendable wire and

2:02:32.000,2:02:42.080

it looks about the the shape of a child slippery slide and the laryngoscope is placed and then we

2:02:42.880,2:02:50.240

snake it in to the windpipe and this has to be done of course uh very carefully not to

2:02:50.240,2:02:55.280

injure the vocal cords and so forth but
this meant to me that there was trouble

2:02:56.960,2:03:00.480

and that the tube was needed
so I grabbed the laryngoscope

2:03:01.200,2:03:07.280

which I had cleaned first I grabbed the tube which
I had cleaned second and placed the obturator

2:03:09.120,2:03:18.640

thinking I didn't know what was happening but I
was worried and it wasn't my habit to clean these

2:03:18.640,2:03:25.840

things so rapidly and on this on the spot so I
grabbed the tube in the laryngoscope ran down

2:03:25.840,2:03:33.040

the hall into the post-operative ward and there
was John McCormick uh blue turning white he was

2:03:36.480,2:03:45.840

dead actually the guard a man named
Clark who was fired just shortly before I

2:03:48.000,2:03:51.360

got out of prison but could be easily located

2:03:54.160,2:03:59.280

was saying he was a one of these roving
guards an assistant to the captain and he

2:03:59.280,2:04:04.240

was saying to the guard on the ward 'you better
call Dr. Brooks because you'll need a death

2:04:04.240,2:04:13.600

certificate the man's dead' 'the man's deader than
hell' is what he said well I checked his pulse his

2:04:13.600,2:04:21.120

respirator there was no respiration obviously so
I told him 'Crow go get a knife and tell somebody

2:04:21.120,2:04:29.680

to get the anesthetic machine' which is of course
a source of oxygen and a source of positive pressure

2:04:29.680,2:04:35.600

uh Crow ran his tail off and there was another
man by the name of Callahan there that helped

2:04:36.960,2:04:44.800

who was the doctor's clerk Dr. Swenson's clerk uh
I put the uh we had suction at the bedside which

2:04:44.800,2:04:55.040

is the standard procedure I put the tube down
John John's lung aspirated the vomitus by then the

2:04:55.040,2:05:02.880

machine was there I hooked it under the tube
I pushed oxygen into his lung I jumped on his

2:05:02.880,2:05:10.880

chest and gave him a what I learned from Dr. Beck
external cardiac massage I gave him about four

2:05:13.440,2:05:21.200

external stimulating pressure
movements the heart then became

2:05:22.160,2:05:34.320

uh active uh Crow the convict was on the wrist and
he said he felt pulse so I got off but we didn't

2:05:34.320,2:05:42.240

have respiration so I then used the bag and the
anesthetic machine and and breathed for the man

2:05:43.520,2:05:50.240

for about half an hour then he established his
own respiration I stayed with him until 6:00 in

2:05:50.240,2:05:57.760

the morning and he maintained the tube without
even coughing until 6:00 the next morning

2:05:59.440,2:06:06.560

so it turned out that Ernie Kish this so-called
anesthetist had used curare let's--spell that--

2:06:06.560,2:06:15.840

c-u-r-a-r-e it's the uh uh South American arrow
poison that we do use as a in small amounts

2:06:16.560,2:06:24.720

to get relaxation but he'd use that instead of
pentothal and save the pentothal for this uh

2:06:24.720,2:06:31.840

character--anesthetic he'd use this--yes and he
had had this man paralyzed instead of anesthetized

2:06:33.920,2:06:36.720

and as it turned out he used this technique in

2:06:37.600,2:06:45.440

in many cases which is a terrible thing because
the patient can feel pain when they're paralyzed

2:06:46.400,2:06:53.280

but they can't do anything about it and uh
it's it's a horrible thing to subject anyone to

2:06:53.280,2:07:00.400

a slight amount with an anesthesia helps the
surgeon to have a relaxed abdomen or relaxed

2:07:01.840,2:07:11.840

area to work on but to use it instead
of anesthesia well it's torture

2:07:15.760,2:07:22.000

we might go running on out because anyway
uh that was about the end of it except that uh

2:07:22.000,2:07:28.800

the fact that anybody that has a tube in their
windpipe will cough unless they have some

2:07:28.800,2:07:35.280

paralytic agent acting on them and that's why I
say that he didn't even cough until approximately

2:07:35.280,2:07:41.600

6:00 the next morning and then he opened his
eyes and he he tried to talk through the tube

2:07:41.600,2:07:47.760

and finally started to cough and get a good
reflex a good cough reflex and good he could

2:07:47.760,2:07:53.120

open his I made him open his eyes wide and I stayed
with him all night right by his bedside I didn't

2:07:53.120,2:08:02.960

get permission or anything I stayed there and this
was not questioned of course uh later but the fact

2:08:04.000,2:08:11.520

that it took that long for the curare to wear off
means that he must have had approximately three or

2:08:11.520,2:08:24.960

four times uh the normal dosage if not more--
what'd you do to that Kish--well I just told him that he

2:08:24.960,2:08:32.400

had better not ever be on another case
with me that I would never take part in any

2:08:32.400,2:08:42.960

case with him again uh I uh he was he
as I said with a very smart fella and

2:08:42.960,2:08:49.840

never permitted himself to get with me in a
room alone away from any guard or official

2:08:53.440,2:09:03.840

he was a of slight enough
build that I wouldn't want