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Transcript

Speaker 1

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Speaker 2

The way I feel it was, Mike. I think the. City committee people, some of them and the county committee people, probably a week before the. Advance team is going to come into town. I think they all kind of met and. Decided they better have a few names ready right where they you know, the president might say. And I think our name was on Bob's name. I know it was.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

On that list and probably 14. To 15, right and all. And naturally, everyone there was just hoping and never dreaming. It would be them. But hoping and hoping. Then I don't. Know what the actual work was? The advanced people except the Sunday before the president came, Bob had a meeting with one of the advanced people, Dan Lee. And up here at the house, supposedly to talk about the political questions and that they that.

Speaker 3

Political question is. To prepare the president right before.

Speaker 2

You know what would be interesting for him?

Speaker 3

You, you know, for what is going to happen, what might. Happen and or. What type of questions he might get into Moscow County and so forth? What the issues might be and all this sort of.

Speaker 2

What issues were, you know? So when he came up here that night, that's what they did. Talk two 2 1/2 hours. I guess in here and I.

Speaker

I mean.

Speaker 2

Just, you know, was in and out of the conversation doing the million other things and.

Speaker 1

You think he was also looking over the neighborhood?

Speaker 2

Well, I really think now looking back that that's what he was doing because when he went. To leave meant, yeah.

Speaker 3

He looked over the house. His father Heather. Yeah. That night. He, he said. Well, I'll, I'll, you know, be in contact with you again later and then after.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

He called. He called me at the store and asked me if the president could stay here and I'll listen the next morning. But then when when the decision was finally made that he might stay here? He had to turn it over to the Secret Service so he wasn't looking. Over the neighborhood at that point or anything.

Speaker 2

But they had to check it out.

Speaker 3

So these people who tell about knew a week ahead and knew.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

Two months ahead because all this was being done with the phone lines and all this. Stuff a lot of. The line it had to be.

Speaker 2

Well, because they worked with the phone lines and all that. But you know, to talk on people, everybody was up here after that. You know that week.

Speaker 1

You really hit everyone coming in the house.

Speaker 2

Oh yes, we had the phone, people, firemen, you know, policemen secrets, you know, checking it out naturally.

Speaker 3

I'm trash.

Speaker 1

So your house, you. You know more about your house now.

Speaker

Right.

Speaker 2

That's true. And you know, I feel. A lot better about the whole thing, because.

Speaker 1

Right. You get it all checked out. It didn't last do anything good. That's good.

Speaker 2

Evidently, you know. Right, right.

Speaker 1

Have you met the president at all before?

Speaker 3

I hadn't. I had met him. Four years ago, I. Had the Bangor Convention and when he gave the keynote advice, I talked with the media little bit and then.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

We had him here for a breakfast time at sings, right Restaurant 1 morning and I met him. At that time, only that time.

Speaker 2

That's when they first started a campaign.

Speaker 3

That's why he was campaigning for president.

Speaker 1

Were you were early Carter supporters.

Speaker 2

Awful, I guess, but Frank especially, he was like, you know, right from the very start. He was committed to Canada and everybody else was uncommitted. You.

Speaker 1

Know and there weren't too many at that time. Weren't too many. Carter supporters today, but.

Speaker 3

However, the at the caucus then you had to declare and.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

We do play it. Back then, which was. Very early, 2 years before the.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

Actual fact.

Speaker 1

It will be worth well Bango caucus. He did get more votes than any other candidate.

Speaker 3

I can't remember coming out of it. No. Well, I'm committed. I'm.

Speaker 2

Right. I'm committed with this.

Speaker 3

Committed with that strong one. And then. I guess maybe it was he. After that the uncommitted. Because even in our our Little precinct caucus, we just had sufficient votes to. To get a candidate to get a delegate, say, we get a. Delegate in a. Half an hour and I guess we're. Not of out of our precinct.

Speaker 1

Out of that little, yeah, right before the president came, you were. You had a lot of different media come in here. TV. The New York Times, the national, probably. National magazines. Awesome. How did you feel with all that? Attention aren't.

Speaker 2

Well, you know Mike, I.

Speaker

I just.

Speaker 2

I think I've described it everybody as exciting. It was so exciting that you just couldn't help but enjoy it. I think it was just such an unbelievable thing that you hardly could make yourself believe it. And yet very, very exciting. And those people are just wonderful. All they're beautiful. Oh, they were just so good to you.

Speaker 3

The advanced people, particularly, you know, there were there were actually not that many surprises in mind. These people pretty much breached you as to what was going to happen, right? They they were telling you exactly what the reaction of those people are going to be to you as well as you. To them. So they're going to have no great surprises, you know, nobody was throwing anything at you them.

Speaker 2

And they do it so well, Mike. You know those four advanced papers say there was. A oh, like they had advanced man with Dan Lee. And then there was one for the name of Brian, that kind of recalled his last name and he was communications. And Stew was in the Secret Service. And Ruth Barry was all the media in the press. And each one. Had their job, and yet they worked so beautifully as a team. And when they all came up here Monday night to meet with us, each one took their time and told us what to expect. So you know, you knew in every field, now they've come to the door and they'd say now this is what I was telling you, what we're going to do now. And this is what so really like Bob said, you expected everything and each one that came, you know, we're just as helpful and sensitive of your. Being here and what they're doing to your home, they kept saying, you know, we know we're uprooting you. We knew we took, we took all your privacy and all that. But somehow it was made so easy that you enjoyed it, you know.

Speaker 1

They were in. The house fairly steadily from the time.

Speaker 2

Oh yes, constantly. In fact, they used to lack.

Speaker 3

That they well, not the media so much as.

Speaker 2

No, no. The advanced, yeah, yeah. One thing. Or another now like you know, the Secret Service would come in and be checking for all their functions and so forth and other men with them. See. And then this telephone man Brian had all the local telephone people and the men out on the hold down the solar up

in the attic. You know, doing that and changing. See, we had to have three phones in here that were all connected to the White House. This was going to be the White House. God forbid anything should happen while you're here. Then there was a bomb squad that would check through the house top to bottom, you know, and they the last afternoon, 4:30, Friday afternoon, I think, was the. Most scary fact. Because they called it the final sweep. And what they did, they came in. The bomb squad community again, they reopened the. Attic door that. They had sealed off, you know, and just checked everything all over again. And then, you know, the telephone men checked, everybody checked again. And that's when the barriers outside that they had laying there all week, you know, along the side of the road, went up. And from that moment on, nobody came through those barriers. Except the people walking. To the houses in the area. But you know all of a sudden it was such hubbub all four days outside and all the kids and all the traffic people stopping and looking, it was really a traffic jam, you know, constantly then all of a sudden it's like peace, quiet, nothing so quiet. Nobody moving outside.

Speaker 1

That's the house.

Speaker 3

It got extremely quiet, yeah. It's it was surprising that I'd look out and and. Nothing would be moving.

Speaker 1

You'd expect to see someone looking in the.

Speaker 2

House. Yeah, but there.

Speaker 3

Would be people across the street lined up in the back of the thing just to watch the activity that was going on?

Speaker 2

Like very.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

But it it went from. Other confusion and how about just just just?

Speaker 2

In life. Absolute quiet and that's when I really got a funny field in my stomach and I thought this is this and the President is going to be here in a few hours, you know, I guess that's when the real realization you starting to get nervous at that point.

Speaker 3

Well, you know, this is Eddie. He's gone his way.

Speaker 2

Few minutes there I really got nervous, you know, happened to then you know, it just came and went and was. Fine. And as I said, Ruth had prepared, you know, made appointments like from all for, all the media at certain times to come. And if one day it was a CVS and then a B. And then New York Times, all these different ones at different times. So it was just one right after the other, you know you. Were very busy.

Speaker 1

So the president arrived in town to either. Of you go. To any of.

Speaker 3

The other I wanted to meet him at the plane.

Speaker 2

Went to meet him.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

Then buddy went down to the City Hall. I. Mean I was. Going down, meeting to the town meeting, but we didn't quite did till because of traffic and trying to get back to you and trying to need him when he was his. See because they had told us that from the time he went off the air in 7 minutes he'd be at front door and it was exactly that it was.

Speaker 1

Right, yeah. Have you been watching it?

Speaker 2

Or listening. Yes, I get off and on.

Speaker 3

We like Patrick.

Speaker 2

And trying to get ready and then I'll be sure every last time.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 3

But he left early, left down there early so that he was going to get back in bed. And he did. Yeah, he did. He did. That was when they called us. Dan Lee called from the auditorium and said that when he stopped speaking, it'll be 7 minutes and he'll be at your front door. So I could buddy. The technician watched as soon as he stopped speaking.

Speaker 2

OK. 7 minutes.

Speaker 3

But he said. He was right.

Speaker 2

And he was at the front door.

Speaker 1

So then the big black limousine drove.

Speaker 2

Up. That's it. See, we couldn't see too much outside. Other people have given me snapshot, you know.

Speaker 3

Well, they can. Then they can. Never talk told us to go out on the front. Porch at that point, just as.

Speaker 2

He drove up.

Speaker 3

They were probably down about gallon St. when we went out at the front porch because I. Can remember the the.

Speaker 2

Stopping up coming. Down all with police guys, you know.

Speaker 3

We were on the front porch and the kids. Were away from.

Speaker 2

Here all the rest of the family went inside, so we waited on front porch to get out of the car, waved to the crowd. And of course, the lights were so bright out there all around that you couldn't see beyond that, anything really blinding. So when he came out and went up over the stairs and over the steps, Bob, who stand up to welcome him to our home.

Speaker 1

You couldn't say anything.

Speaker 2

And then I followed Bob and instead you know I got the big hug and so forth and he the crowd cheered and he hear hearing everybody holler. And then he said, Mr. President, I.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

If you could see beyond these bright lights and see the number of people that have gathered out here to, you know, to greet you and he said all of that right. But he puts color and well, let's go see them. And now the steps he went again in the crowd. All. No, no. And of course they jumped, you know, and said, wow, you know, they have to really.

Speaker 1

That wasn't going to.

Speaker 3

Schedule with who? Because the Secret Service told me about it again the next morning.

Speaker 2

Because they think once he was on the top step.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

He was in the. House. Right. Right. So they had to go right around with him. But all the people might have.

Speaker 1

It was my side, yeah.

Speaker 2

Remarked so much about that I was so clear. Because they had been standing there for hours and.

Speaker 1

Right. It was cold. It was snowing a little bit.

Speaker 2

Yeah, knowing a little bit.

Speaker 3

And he did the same thing the.

Speaker 2

Next morning, the next day he came down the stairs. I'd say about 7:15 in the morning and he said.

Speaker 1

He did do the same thing. One yeah.

Speaker 3

You're getting ahead of Mikes story now, though that's been a chronological order.

Speaker

Well, we'll.

Speaker 1

We'll go back, all right.

Speaker 2

But anyway, when you came down the next morning, we were all busy up in the. Kitchen, you know, that's. A very small kitchen and all the kids were coming back to the house and they come back.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

So without even realizing, but it was in here by the door or something. Talking. And I just didn't realize. And here all of a sudden the presents right in the kitchen with you saying how you doing, Larry? You get them all in order. You know, he was just. Like one of the family. And so he's all dressed in his. All right, I'll do it. He'd showered and all that, and he looked out the window and said, look at those people over there, he said. You know, when I get up to the 6:30.

Speaker 3

That was on the other side of the street. That's on my vote side.

Speaker 2

Yeah, he said. When I got up at 6:30, I looked out the wall window and they were gathering. Then he's not going to say well, but he went out on the porch that time, you know, and hauled and waved. And then after breakfast and. We went out to go.

Speaker 3

Y'all you y'all get up early around.

Speaker 2

So then he said he'd be out later and he did, and he did go out, finally to go to the customer. He went around again and shook hands with people. He did eat breakfast there. Oh, yes. Yeah. Full breakfast. Well, the night before I had asked the people ahead of time, what does the, you know, want? What does he? Well, I just asked him. I said me. It's like usually.

Speaker 3

That makes sense. We didn't know right up until that time, rather was going to eat or not because they kept saying no, you won't eat, you eat out. It hasn't any word when you eat. It hasn't eat, eat on the plane.

Speaker 2

So that night I did. Not for.

Speaker 1

Sure, you're right. We don't know.

Speaker 2

And then he was so.

Speaker 1

You failed to refrigerate with everything you've engaged.

Speaker 2

Yeah, I just had things ready in case. Right. And I really had in the 1st place thought, you know, ham and eggs, bacon, eggs, something like. That idea of. But when they said he'd rather he would rather eat light, well, I had changed that. So the night before, all I did was just ask him. And I said, now, how do you when do you plan to get up in the morning or how do you arrange that or? Do you want me to wake your heart? And he said. Tim, am I going to be able to sleep now? Tim craft with his? He was here with us too, and he is his appointment secretary.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

He said, oh, I'll give you vacation. I'll just sleep late. And he said how late. And they said, you know, joking, he said 6:30. So he said you going to put a call in. And Tim said yes. Well, the call would be, I suppose, from the van and the telephones in their room, say, to wake them. I said so. OK, you two are getting up at 6:30. That's all I want to know because. One bathroom, you know, we had to get up ahead of that to see it's that breakfast and all. So anyway, Bob and I did get up the boat. 5:45 I guess good. Night sleep the first night all week that I slept so well. You know, I think it was just. One thing it was here, it was over. You know, the expectation of it all, and it was so wonderful and beautiful when you found your idea.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

And the Secret Service has certainly taken care of everything outside. He didn't have a worry. No. So really, we slept beautifully. And you know, I don't know if I get up. And that was it. But I came down. We started breakfast, as they say, and they got up and came down when they're ready. There were a lot. Of funny little things happened, I think. I don't know if might want to know some of. Those or not while he was. Here. Well, the night before, when he came in the hall. Because all the kids were lined up in the hallway, they say. And so I said, well, this is my family, Mr. President, or something like that. And he said. Well, I want to warn you all I know. A little bit about all of you. I've been reading see and or I've. Been briefed or something?

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

Like that. So buddy, you know the youngest. He's one of these. Quick ones and he said, well, we've read a little about you, Mr. President too. And of course, that kind of really got everybody laughing, right. So he did, you know, he said now this must be you didn't hardly have to introduce him to anything because he really did.

Speaker 1

Right, yeah.

Speaker 2

Know which one was which and all that. So we came in and sat down, took his coat, and hung it up. And of course, Emma, our grandson, really stole the show, but the schedule was supposed to be that the press would be allowed in for 10 minutes.

Speaker 3

Another collection here.

Speaker

Hi I'm here. This should be ready today, everybody.

Speaker 2

And they were all here. And they, you know, she had them all lined up to go in there. And of course, all that fence, she was pushed back so many times and they just took all the the pictures and the interviewing that night. And it was really about 10 minutes. It's like they said. And then when they were out, these fish are photographer too, you know.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

With the family quarters.

Speaker 1

Right, right.

Speaker 2

And so that. Took, you know, 10 to 15 minutes and then it was gone. So then he. Was here. Let Emma while he was while the the TARP was were all lined up there because there were lights galore. Mike. And this there, but the first word he ever said was light. I think he always was fascinated. Well, of course he was sitting on the president's lap right here, and he kept looking at the lights on nothing. When do we get down? And he went right around. He's pointing light, light, light, you know, light light. And so the next thing somebody said. Why don't you? Come over and see, Mr. President, he was beckoning to him too. And so on the spot. Just like that. Every turn went around the coffee table and while he started to come around, his mother, Cynthia, said. Why don't you shake hands with Mr. President? Look, he stuck that little hand right up, you know, just just as though he was programmed to. Do this you know.

Speaker 1

Right.

Speaker 2

And so, of course he he really stole the show. But it was quite exciting. He stayed for a while, and then the babysitter that since he had brought up with it, took him home, you know. And all evening, you know, we joked and we laughed and we showed him our. Book we were going to like a scrapbook, you know, memoirs. And we told acting she'd just soon be fishing rights on the end of it. Which he did. And when I asked August, I started asking you must be hungry or thirsty. You know, you'd be talking a long time. And he said, I really AM. And the things I offered him anyway, should lemonade. And I asked him what he asked him, what he want to eat. And then today, pudding and apple pie. And of course, there was a big joke about the date pudding is, you know, the photo of. Yeah, the reporters ahead of time that said, you know, all these questions, they kept asking.

Speaker 1

In all the newspaper.

Speaker 2

What are you going to feed? What do you call a cook? Farm. I guess that's what it was.

Speaker 3

Right.

Speaker 2

And he thought it was. And he said, I said, oh, I don't know, probably Dave putting you had to say something. And then I had to. Carry through it. Of course he did. Yeah, he did.

So we actually did have the data putting.

And I don't know what after that but.

He he admired her not to tell her how much he did eat. A bit, though, yeah, he ate more than he. He said I told you that, you know, she had told the papers. That she was going to feed him there, he says. OK, so you can tell him.

Ohh pudding right?

So, but the kids were funny because, you know, they're always kidding me. And they were saying now, Mr. President, better say the right thing. You know, she's asked me, do you want this or that? But you better say the right thing. And he was laughing. Oh, is that right? Now, what am I supposed to say, you know, because I had said my day putting in the paper or something.

Right.

So anyway, he did say that.

The whole time he was here, it was a big coal strike going on, then few other issues. Did he seem preoccupied at all like?

Yeah, when he came that night, he when he started up the bed, he said. I've got great word on the coast, right. And everything's going fine on the coal strike. And I was busy.

He was relieved. All right.

Yeah, but then during the night, had breakfast the next morning, OK. After we had eaten.

Yeah, but 630 the guy came.

That's what I just going to say, anything that he had, he said he had to leave the. Table, he said. Because I've. Gotten word that the it's broken down called strike.

When was, it broke down around 4:00 in the morning. Just like, yeah.

Sometime during the night it had broken down and and.

He knew about it, or even got. To breakfast. Oh, yeah, yeah.

The guy came in with the.

News briefing.

With another briefing.

They still have that black bag used to read about that, you know with all the. Secrets. It's always near though.

Yeah. So yeah. Wasn't here, though. We're here on the street.

He he had it down the.

Street, a naval attache, was carrying it around. They stayed down at at Beth Loggie's House.

And the doctor said this.

His personal physician and and. And this naval attache stayed down down the street.

And that that never came out in the papers that.

I don't think it did.

That that would be in Canada around no. I don't. I don't think it ever did. And I noticed the next morning he was Guy was carrying.

He was right up by the president again.

Yeah, they. They came right up in the limousine was when we were starting out your house and they were the second time we were in the limousine. Better way than.

Peter Calf shipping cat. Isn't that interesting? They told me that.

You know.

Even the way they line up that.

Motorcade motorcade.

Present isn't the first one that group is in the second one. That was the physician and this guy is in the second one and the third one is the staff type car. If something would have happened then beyond that. Of the reporters of the Dog and finally.

Right.

I guess they wind up. With an ambulance or something. If something would have happened, something critical would have happened. The first three calls are the only ones that leave the 1st 3 caves Peel off and take off for the airport. Any any for any reason at all? But the rest of your.

Stay another thing too. You know these phones and everything that we're hooked up here. I know this was as I said, this was like my house, I suppose everywhere.

I don't know how much they want us to. Talk with money. They asked us not. Too late. Area of protection. They wanted a, you know, I imagine they married each.

Right.

Oh, I imagine they do too. And I meant, you know, that I'm sure everywhere he goes, it's something like that. Oh, sure, they have to.

They took a lot of precautions.

Anyway, yeah, the thing about the fog line, they said that they. It stays active until the plane was. Halfway between here and New Hampshire. And then there's a. A phone in New Hampshire. It takes over and this is cut.

Off. Well, I suppose if it goes, that probably is the way it has to.

Be then after we left, did they come in and they hauled everything.

Out. Oh, yeah, this was, yeah.

They were standing around when we get back from from Hassan, you know, two or three telephone men standing around. And I imagine that they're waiting for this time lapse to take place. And then and then they had tried really clean that up.

Worked, yeah. They worked a while after.

Came back and take a nap.

Are you kidding? This house was full like people. Well, yeah. Everybody in the family, friends and everybody was coming back here, you know, in the waters and photographers. And we had quite a bit. And then they, yeah, build it and.

And person reported.

Back. Bill. Exactly. Oh, bill. Bill, stay for 9 1/2 two hours after.

You did? Oh, at least that is. He must have been removed. Yeah, he was pleased. Yeah, he seemed very, very pleased though.

They're rehashing the whole thing. And then the noodle. I got.

I was so tired.

Tied up and she was so tired and with the so when Bill arrived at the door, she says he had take him so he. Had the media and.

He gave us the whole release.

You get a lot of coverage.

They were all here waiting. And you know, you just get so tired, I suppose the tension and everything, and I just. Had to have. A breather in a cup of coffee. Or I I felt I was going to pay at this point, but that worked out great, didn't it? To build? It's great to talk with the media, of course. And then?

While they were quite enthused because, you know, he had made that. Lowering statement right before right? So they were and seven was here of course. Wasn't and.

Who's the attorney there?

Yeah, 7 and and half were both tickled to death about the the way the situation was developing and rightfully.

Then Mondale down in Portland last weekend. He said that well, the Secret Service used to wake him up every morning at 6:30, but now he gets a call from Bill Hathaway saying what's the latest on learning info?

That was cute every morning, yeah. But it was so enjoyable, Mike. You know that all I know we've left out many, many things, you know, little funny things that happen all the way through. Oh, yes, one little thing, I think is quite. Unique about Tuesday, I'd say it was when when they announced it, right. So you know the people here gave you OK or something to the White House to Jodie Powell. And then all of a sudden it's. Announced, you know well then. All the news media. Will that's coming, you know? And she had said to me now you know. Why we can't say don't come, you know and all that. But we try to set it up so that. They'll all come together. You. Do it. You know once and for all for a group and then another group, but it was pretty difficult. You know, your own TV stations and you have newspaper trying to say no.

The local.

You know until. Tomorrow, like when you'd be all the kid ready, right? Yeah. It's so funny because you'd be at the front door, you know, trying to talk with these people and say please just, you know, honestly, if you'll come tomorrow, we'll give you one time and. Then you'd see the. You know the replay of all this stuff on TV and the things you were supposed to have said to them, you know what you didn't.

Say at all.

It was just all and you weren't so constantly that he asked that, you know, it's bound to happen like that. But I can remember saying that one of the local ones, I can't remember which one. It was something. About oh, no, come on, you wouldn't. Want to take me like this, you know? Boss getting a blouse and you know not dressed or anything. And she he said that. Ohh and I said, well look, look in my hair or something like that and it came across said. Mrs. Mary has graciously agreed to have us all in for an interview tomorrow, but she has to go to the beauty color first, you know? And you, you laugh. You think God did. That's the way that came across and bracelet. Yeah, that's well, what it really was. This Insignia came. Quite a key to. End that we we were given some. More features of. Jewelry like, you know, tied back like she paid.

Right.

So I haven't designed this. He took his artist Key Chain and got me a bracelet. So, and I think it's kind of different too. So. So that's just another memento.

That is nice.

I've been I've been going to have it. The date engraved on the back of the face that I never I can't.

Engrave you know we have this. Get it off and then you know.

You did with that. That really get good at piece of jewelry. They think it's gonna wear up very quickly.

Oh no. But at least it's in the middle, you.

Know any regrets about the whole thing? You pestered it all.

Oh well, no, I don't think. I don't think it's pestering Mike. I think, you know, people were actually interested in and enthused about it. And that people still come into the store and and talk about it and want to talk about it. So it's it's great in that in that respect. And I think it's great that they say it's too bad that.

Right.

More people couldn't have shared in the thing with us.

Experienced veteran.

Because you know to know. To have. Just met him for that length of. Time and on the basis that we met him, you know, sitting down with your family and.

Right.

Talking to him. A marvelous person, the guy has got to be great in order to. Or I'll be at the auditorium. Take those the questions that he was taking and bat them off with no hesitation to any extent and then come up here an hour and a half an hour later and sit around.

Right.

Just four questions. You know, just kidding questions. And and he's he's a sharp attackers cause buddy. And Winifred a great one liners. You know, like throwing these things, these zingers and you know he he wasn't.

Like Josh.

5 minutes into the thing when he was talking. To which he. With better things, yeah.

He really. It was.

It was very. It was like. An extremely enjoyable evening because. Maybe you know? He batted around here one hour and a half before he went to bed and they they have won us before and now he may come in. He may be very tired. He may sit with you for about 5 minutes and. Go to bed.

Minimize your.

So we were expecting nothing. Beyond that, just the fact just the fact.

But we really enjoyed it.

But ** *** healthy food around for an hour and a half with with nothing, just just kidding questions. Fully questions.

Oh we we talked a little about families like.

What type of family? Because he was fascinated by that.

Then he left.

Thing that Winifred had made for us.

What it could mean that family tree see and his wife's mother's name was Murray. And he said, you know, and then he went on to tell us that, you know, it's fell the same way. And when they came to this country and. All. So we had a little thing in common there and you know, we get serious about a lot of things like that and. So we we talked about families, but it was just like somebody you would always know. It was one of the family and dear friends or something like.

That so he may have even been related.

You know this. We laughing about, you know? Who knows? But I really enjoyed every second and he was just so easy. He made you feel somebody. That's great. And the next morning, when I had a few goofs. You know, when I set the table.

Right.

11 people around the table, Mike and. I'm counting when we went to sit down, Bob said Grace, you know, and then we went sit down and I was putting all these last minute things on and I noticed an empty chair. And without tracks, without trying to make it too obvious, what what do?

He got it about one step further than that.

You mean back and everybody?

Just sat around there for a minute, they kept waiting and waiting and Laura was locking.

Ohh I know but. Her. Well, I was looking around for blonde there and I'm thinking I couldn't just kind of like, you know, kids and thinking to myself and. Keep moving. What I'm doing, and as I said, Bob. With grace and everything. And we started to eat and I don't know, it wasn't very just a very few minutes later when the. President said that. Alright. Did you wake Kim? I couldn't have died. I just said. Oh, no, no. I wasn't supposed to remember you people agreed that they were. Going to call. You and I said besides that, that man from, you know, the White House come in six days, morning, start up posted and said oh.

Right.

You you know. And he said, I want to see Tim Crash. So I said I told. Where Tim's room was, I assumed he woke him. He said. That doesn't mean anything. It could. He could have wakened him, but he could have gone right back to sleep. But maybe you better go holler through her. Well, I could have died, you know? So I've been up over the stairs and hollered. He was in the bathroom by then. He said coming right down. So I made light of it and said, look, Tim, sorry about that. We didn't even miss. You we everything is getting cold. So when he came down the table, didn't we ride poor Tim, you know, sorry. Cold coffee cold. It's cold out, you know.

When I was gonna tell him, Laura, whether we sat around there looking at each other, she hadn't put any butter. On for anyone.

I wonder why they weren't eating like you. Know with muffins? And we had you asked me, you know about breakfast a while back when I changed the menu. It was like English muffins and blueberry muffins and coffee and juice and a fruit. Glad I you know things. Like that? Couldn't imagine why they weren't. And you know then all of a sudden, they all had these season fun. So of course they kidded me about that a bit, you know. So it was a very natural normal. Kind of good.

The funny travel well, you know. It was 2 weeks ago we were down to. Washington then we went into Tim Craft's office because we went into the President's office. He started talking about that and then we hit the thing. So they have retained some of this thing and because he was kidding about that. Oh, yeah, that's the. One to get the cold coffee you. Know this and that.

Yeah, but probably if he's in the late when the president wants, it could be some comment.

About that, yeah, I I'm sure about that because he did bring it up, yeah.

Yeah, I was always. You know, as if.

But what a great guy you know.

That the no lapse of time in between we just out of kidding about the same things we were kidding about that night and that.

Morning. And I'm sure there's so many, many places and people that they see, you know, that to think that he remembered even that much of it. That was quite a filter. When we went down there.

We had a really good visit with the President.

You know, just a very few minutes, but we were in Tim Craft's office waiting. That's next to the Oval Office and. See, when I walk in there like, that's when it really hit. I think I was completely relaxed here, probably because of my home ground. But I went down on his home ground and realized, well, I guess they are of it all. I just couldn't believe it. But again, what a wonderful person was. Me. He just.

With relaxed.

You know just. Yes, the window I walked in again, you know. But it's just. Tremendous to think we've even been there. You know, you've never met any other presidents? No, I never met. You know you do.

You never guessed the one. Would stay in your house.

We never know.

So you probably keep the house and the family for a lot of years. Well, I'm not saying that, but.

You know, I mean, this is at. Home and I'm. Sure, all the kids would never want to.

Right. You know, somebody says it happens once in a lifetime, but the last present to stay overnight in the city of Bangor was 107 years ago. You listen says Grant stayed down at the old Bangor House while so I don't think outside of this occasion. I don't think there has ever been one stay in a private home.

Right now.

Except present pattern. And that's very few. I think the 4th one was just last week at Spokane, WA.

Yeah, he was.

Yeah. And so it was Clinton and someplace in Mississippi and here and now. Spokane, I think he really hits all the corners of the country.

Yeah, and Yahoo Mississippi.

I think so. OK. So it it isn't once in a lifetime at all. We were saying that and somebody corrected us. It's very, very rare, you know. So we will, yeah, that's all please.

I have the odds against it.

Astronaut him to come to this city and then yeah, stay with that one. A certain family.

Right.

Hey, Greg.

I we're still getting a little male and things, you know, I can show you the box up there of the mail from all over. Country, you know, I guess I just didn't realize how great people are, that people who don't even know that would cut newspaper, put things out, and write a little note and send them to yourself. Every corner of this country, you know, and someday I'm willing. I'm going to get it together in a scrapbook, you know, and some way to. You know, to preserve it laminated or something so that it could be passed on to grandchildren and so forth.

Right.

Because my gosh, it's just so unheard of.

Do you get clippings from all? Over there.

Everywhere, everywhere. In fact, today, a woman I met at Church said. You know, I've got one that I have blown up and I've been trying to get it to you and I am going to get it over from her daughter in Philadelphia. Will do somebody in the paper and you know that.

It's funny, they still track a limb, didn't beg before yesterday, a girl brought one into the store. To me, the picture we never seen before, Laura standing out on the.

Yeah. Nice.

Why don't we get? Nervous anymore.

On the steps talking to a bunch of kids from Abraham Lincoln School.

What a picture that that she had taken herself. Well, somebody that.

No, it was a. A reporter from.

St. John's Valley Times was a guy who? I don't know where it come from, but.

And we had never seen that picture and it was a write up in the picture. So they're still coming, you know, still letters and things. Yeah, it's good.

Yeah, well.

Well, thank you. OK, bye. I pleasure. Believe me.

Yeah, way of sharing it with someone else, right?

