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Final Interview with Eleanor Daley, Session Six  
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[The interview has already begun]

Dr. Robert V. Remini: Now here are the transcripts from last week's session.

Eleanor Daley: Well, thank you.

RVR: And here's the tape. We went for almost two hours. That was on February 5. And here I am back again at Mrs. Daley's house on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12.

ED: The twenty-second is Washington's Birthday. Our twins were born that day.

RVR: Yes?

ED: They were John's twins. And Beth's daughter was due on the twenty-second. When John's twins were born I said, "Name them George and Martha [RVR laughs]." They didn't do it.

RVR: That was a good idea [RVR laughs].

ED: Well, I thought it would have been nice.

RVR: Well, they could have done worse.

ED: They have a couple of holidays this week.

RVR: When I went to school, we always had Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday off.

ED: Yes, we always did too. We looked forward to it.

RVR: Now, next Monday is President's Day.

ED: It's President's Day.

RVR: That's Lincoln, Washington, and all of them.

ED: I thought that they should have had, at the time, one more for Kennedy because he was murdered that day. But that was in November.

RVR: [After being served his beverage] I'm really getting to enjoy these lunches at your house [ED, MD, and RVR laugh].

ED: What?

Michael Daley: He's looking forward to them.

RVR: My wife said to me, "What did you eat at Mrs. Daley's today [ED and RVR laugh]?" And I tried to remember the names. It's always different and delicious.

ED: That's nice. Thank you.

RVR: I remember the story of how your husband used to go out.

ED: Oh, he used to load us down with packages. We'd be up in the country during the summer. He'd go up to Buffalo, the little town. He'd get packages and drop them off at the different homes [laughs].

RVR: And he did.

ED: The kids all looked forward to that. One of them told me last night. It was one of Mary's sons. He has five little ones. He's a young lawyer and a really smart kid. He's a fine gentleman, too. He's a really good young fellow. He went to Yale and graduated. Then he went to Northwestern Law School. Michael's daughter took, not the entrance examination, but the application for law. So we may have another lawyer [RVR laughs]. I hope so.

RVR: That would be the first woman lawyer in the family.

ED: A skirt [ED and RVR laugh]. I always said that I'd like to see a skirt in the office.

RVR: Oh, you did [laughs]? Did you tell your husband that? Yes [ED and RVR laugh]?

ED: [ED nods affirmatively.]

MD: Mike's girls are all teachers, Mike's three girls.

RVR: I think he said that his older daughter might come today.

MD: Beth might stop by, Mom.

ED: My Pat?

MD: Beth.

ED: Oh Beth.

MD: Beth, she's the baby. They're leaving for Colorado on Thursday. So she wanted to see you before she left.

RVR: Here is your copy.

MD: Thank you, doctor. Do you want sugar and cream, Mom?

ED: That's interesting, thank you. She'll read them afterwards.

RVR: So, I thought we could begin by resuming where we left off last time. You were telling me about all of the presidents that you had met. We got as far as John Kennedy. I thought that we'd continue and talk about Johnson next.

ED: I liked Johnson very much.

RVR: You did? Thank you.

ED: He was a very strong man, I think. But he was heartbroken about the war. He just couldn't go and leave our American boys there and end the war. He had one of his son-in-laws. His daughter was going to get married shortly, very young. He was in the service. He just couldn't do it, he said.

RVR: He couldn't? Did he ever say why he couldn't?

ED: Well, he was heartbroken. It was very difficult. It must have been for Nixon, too. When they threw away their American boys down on the field, there was no room on the airplanes for them to come back home. They just said, "Leave them there." That would be heartbreaking, I think. My Dick was always after Johnson and Kennedy to end the war. When Kennedy first became president, Dick talked to him about ending the war. Dick said to him, "End it immediately. You were always in favor of ending it." He said, "Yes. But I wasn't the president then. I didn't know the circumstances then that I know today. I'm all for ending the war. But we can't do it very abruptly, you know, just stop it." But that was a heartbreaking war.

RVR: It really was.

ED: We had guys across the street with three gold stars, three young men. They were three sons.

MD: Mom, I'm going to run and pick up Beth. She had a little accident. But she's okay. The baby's okay. But the car can't be driven, though. She's just off of the expressway. So I'll be right back with her. Okay?

ED: Where?

MD: She's right at Armitage. That's where she lives.

ED: Call Ken and he'll go with you.

MD: No. She'll have to have the car towed, she said.

RVR: She's okay?

MD: Yes, she's okay.

ED: Sometimes you could make connections a little bit better.

MD: I'll get her, Mom. I'll be right back.

RVR: Okay. We'll miss you [laughs]. But we can continue.

MD: I'll be right back.

[MD leaves the interview]

RVR: Did you ever stay in the White House?

ED: Yes, I did. I stayed there when Kennedy was alive.

RVR: No, I mean with Johnson.

ED: Then I did with Johnson.

RVR: You did?

ED: We had the children with us. They were at something in Washington, a dinner. So he said, "Bring them over." When he was the president, that was a family house. He had two daughters that were in high school in Washington. So he took them to the third floor, I think, or fourth floor. He changed it around and made a big bay window on the back, at that entrance. He had a big ice cream parlor put in [RVR laughs]. It was a big, round ice cream parlor. It was because the girls loved sodas when they'd come home after school. The girls would invite them after school. They always had a lot of their kids' friends over. They were a little bit normal.... They were lovely people, President and Mrs. Johnson. They were very gracious.

RVR: Did your husband ever have to, that you remember, call the president because of some problems that he was having with federal officials?

ED: I don't know. But I know that the president used to call him quite frequently here.

RVR: He did?

ED: He'd always call him at home. He was just like a natural young man. The day after he was sworn in as president, he invited us to be the first family to visit the White House for him as president. He had the past president, Truman. That was the first time he was ever back in the White House since he was president. And he enjoyed it very much, he said, to think that he was invited back.

RVR: And you met him there?

ED: Then we met Truman. He was leaving as we were coming in. Our Richard was in college at Providence College. He had to leave at seven o'clock, or a little before seven, to get back to school. He was having some big test that day. Kennedy said, "You mean that

you were coming to see the president and you went to school instead? I'd have never done that [ED and RVR laughs]." That was important.

RVR: Your husband really believed in education and its importance.

ED: Yes, he did.

RVR: He believed in it not only for the individual, but for this city.

ED: He knew, because he went to school seven years at night. There was four years of college at night and three years of law school at night. So, he knew what it meant to these young men and women that were attending school.

RVR: Did your husband ever have any difficulty with the Board of Education in Washington, that you remember?

ED: No. I don't think he did. I don't ever remember him talking much about it.

RVR: We can talk about education in Chicago later, when we finish talking about all of the presidents you've met.

ED: Then when President Carter was in office, he invited me over to the office. There was a big party for Richard. He was a candidate for mayor at the time, the first time. There was Rostenkowski, a couple of other friends, and the senator from Chicago, Senator Dirksen. He always sat at the Democratic dinners [RVR laughs]. He was a fine man.

RVR: Even though he was a Republican?

ED: He was a big Republican, but he was a good friend of Dick.

RVR: They were? Yes?

ED: He was a very fine senator. President Carter invited me over for a little tour of the White House. I had been there before, but I went anyway. So he invited me to stay overnight. Mrs. Carter was there. So we sat and had a nice visit. After the dinner, I went there. We sat up for a couple of hours and talked. She's a very lovely lady.

RVR: You liked her?

ED: I liked her very much. I liked Mrs. Johnson. She was very interesting.

RVR: Was she? How was she interesting?

ED: She was interested in the beautification of the country, the roadways, and the big signs along the highway. She didn't like them. She wanted them all taken down. You'd see the beauty of the city and the country. They tried to, but it was advertising for the big corporations. But they did take quite a few down and beautify it. It helped quite a bit. But she was very interested in the beautification.

RVR: I remember down at the Hermitage, which is Andrew Jackson's home down in Nashville. She came for an event. It was a celebration of Mrs. Johnson's efforts to beautify America. And who should suddenly appear, but the president? He came! And we said, "He's stepping on her big day down here [laughs]!"

ED: He used to call her "Bird."

RVR: Pardon me?

ED: He used to call her "Bird." They called her "Lady Bird." But he called her "Bird." They were a nice couple.

RVR: And he was nice to her in your presence?

ED: He was very good to her, very kind and gracious to her.

RVR: Was she deferential to him in your presence, that you remember?

ED: No. He was very natural. Kennedy was very natural. And his sister Eunice lived right near the Drake at the time. She was married with two little children. Her husband's side, his side was Shriver, was head of the Merchandise Mart.

RVR: The family owned it.

ED: Yes. She came over and met John with her two children. But it was sad to see. He could never step down and pick his children up because of his back injury.

RVR: Oh, John Kennedy?

ED: John Kennedy. You could just see that it was an effort for him to go forward.

RVR: Yes. The poor man had a great many physical problems.

ED: But he was a very friendly man.

RVR: He was.

ED: He was very natural.

ED and RVR: And funny.

ED: He was very witty. Eunice brought some things. It was a formal that night. She came over with some of his formal things, like the studs for his coat and suit. But they were very natural as a brother and sister. He was very fond of the kids. The oldest girl is a newswoman. What's her name?

RVR: Sargent Shriver's children?

ED: Yes, it's Sargent Shriver.

RVR: Marie?

ED and RVR: It's Maria Shriver.

ED: Yes. She's a beautiful young girl.

RVR: Yes. She's a television personality. She's married to...

ED: Oh, that big, ugly, he looks like a wrestler.

RVR: [Laughs] Right.

ED: I remember sitting at a dinner across from him. I didn't know who he was. But I thought it was very impolite of one of the young Kennedy boys. They used to bring all of their acquaintances to all of the functions. They had so many interesting people at their dinners and things. They'd give good speeches. And he said to this young kid, "How did your sister ever meet up with that wrestler [RVR laughs]?" That poor kid, I felt sorry for him. I looked at him and I was interested in what his answer was going to be. He looked right up at him and he said, "I guess she met him and then they fell in love and they married. They're very happy. He may look like a wrestler. But he's a very gentle man [RVR laughs]."

RVR: Is he? That's nice to know.

ED: He told that to this other fellow. I thought that was a good answer for the kid. He was starting to think that the beautiful young girl would marry this rough and tumble young man.

RVR: He's a muscle builder.

ED: Yes.

RVR: Arnold Schwarzenegger is his name.

ED: He could hardly speak English, remember?

RVR: Pardon me?

ED: He could hardly speak English.

RVR: Is that so?

ED: That was the young man that she married.

RVR: At that time?

ED: At that time.

RVR: He does well now.



ED: But they were a very friendly family. They were very interesting and very friendly, all of them.

RVR: What was Sargent Shriver like?

ED: He was a very kind gentleman. He was a nice young man and a handsome young man.

RVR: Was he?

ED: Yes. He was interested in the interracial program in the beginning, years ago.

RVR: Did he work with your husband on the racial questions?

ED: He worked at the Merchandise Mart. If it was anything in the city, he probably called. But he was very civic minded and attended all of the functions for the city.

RVR: Oh he did?

ED: Yes. He was very interesting. This Christopher is a nice young man.

RVR: You mean his son?

ED: No. He's a Kennedy. He's one of the young Kennedy boys. He's Bobby Kennedy's son. They're very attractive young people. I thought that they were, and very friendly. He wanted to sit next to me. He came over. He said, "I've been waiting a long time to meet you."

RVR: Who was this? Who said this?

ED: It was Christopher, the young fellow.

RVR: It was the son of Bobby Kennedy.

ED: He was with the mother the day that Bobby was killed. Bobby Kennedy used to call my Dick quite frequently. He called and talked to him when he made his last speech. He got off of the platform and talked to Dick. He was coming into Chicago the next day. Remember at the end of the speech? He said, "On to Chicago."

RVR: Yes, it was famous.

ED: He said that he was coming to meet Dick. Dick was having a meeting of the ward committeemen or something. Dick was going to introduce him. Do you remember, what was his name? He was a Polish senator.

RVR: He was a senator from Chicago?

ED: No. He was from the east. He was from Connecticut.

RVR: And he was Polish.

ED: No, he was Jewish.

RVR: Oh, was it Lieberman?

ED: Who?

RVR: Was it Lieberman? I'm getting confused myself.

ED: Remember, he got up and...

RVR: Oh, was it Ribicoff?

ED: Yes, it was Ribicoff. For president, he was sponsoring McGovern. He was a real nice man.

RVR: You liked him?

ED: Yes. I thought he was interesting.

RVR: You knew everybody.

ED: I met them all [RVR laughs]. I met their wives. We had a big luncheon that day for all of the Democratic women. They had a big Democratic women's organization in Chicago.

RVR: Right. I'm surprised that you weren't the president.

ED: Mrs. McGovern was sitting on this side of me. Mrs. Humphrey was here. Mrs. McCarthy was at the table. Mrs. Johnson wasn't there, though. McGovern's wife was there. Mrs. Humphrey was next to me. And they wanted to know if that was any indication that her husband was going to be the nominee [RVR laughs]. I said, "No. I had nothing to do with it [RVR laughs]." But she was a lovely lady.

RVR: Did you ever have anything to do with a nomination?

ED: No.

RVR: You never tried to influence your husband to say, "Why don't you back this man? I think he's the best man."

ED: No. I'd just give my opinion, though. No. Dick became very friendly with the candidates. He was a very fair man. When I was in the hotel that day for that big luncheon, I went up to say hello to him. He was coming around to be introduced. As I was walking to McGovern, Ribicoff was passing by. Ribicoff wanted Dick. They had a big caucus there, the men did. Ribicoff wanted Dick to introduce McGovern and sponsor, or name him as a candidate. And Dick said, "No. I never did that in my life." They always presented the candidates. They would get up and speak for themselves and give their own qualifications. He said, "No. He's welcome to get up and speak." Dick said, "I never tried to influence the ward committeemen or any men. They have to decide

themselves because they'll meet the candidate." Ribicoff didn't like that because when he got up to speak, he said something to Dick about not trying to influence them. Dick said, "I never do that. I wouldn't do that. They have to do this themselves and give their qualifications." Ribicoff said something to Dick. Dick said to him, "You're a faker," or something [laughs].

RVR: Yes?

ED: He did because he was mad. And in front of all the people at the Amphitheater, he was mad and said so. Dick said, "You were wrong in trying to do what you wanted to do."

RVR: This is 1968, I take it.

ED: It was at the convention.

RVR: It was at the convention. Do you remember? It was?

ED: Yes.

RVR: Yes? Okay. Was your husband angry with Ribicoff?

ED: No. My Dick never used a curse word. He was a man that never used foul language.

RVR: So he never said anything about...

ED: He never said anything other than faker, because he wanted something that wasn't right.

RVR: Some people have chosen to interpret that word as something else.

ED: They always said that Dick said a bad word, some curse word. And he didn't. We were all stunned because he never used any foul language. He wouldn't even say "Hell" at home.

RVR: No? Or "damn"?

ED: No. He was never one for using foul language at all.

RVR: I'm not surprised that he wouldn't do it at home. How about when he was out in public, in the city council, when he got angry?

ED: No. He would be angry, but he wouldn't use any foul language at all. He never did. He never used foul language. And when they said that he used a foul word, we were all stunned.

RVR: It was because it wasn't true.

ED: He never did use it. But Ribicoff was mad because Dick wouldn't introduce him and have them vote on him.

RVR: McGovern?

ED: It was on McGovern. When Dick died a short time later, he came to the funeral.

RVR: Ribicoff did?

ED: No.

ED and RVR: McGovern.

RVR: I see.

ED: McGovern did.

RVR: I'm not surprised. He was a very...

ED: He is a gentleman.

RVR: Yes.

ED: I think so.

RVR: He's a great, kind man, too.

ED: McGovern was.

RVR: Yes. He's still alive.

ED: Is he?

RVR: Yes.

ED: Is he still the senator?

RVR: No. McGovern?

ED: No, I meant Ribicoff.

RVR: Ribicoff? I don't think so.

ED: Oh, everyone was wild at him.

RVR: Oh yes?

ED: If he ever wanted to be a candidate for president [RVR laughs], he'd have been out here. He was so angry in his speech. And Dick was right. He said, "That's up to the men who are ward committeemen, to select the man themselves. We don't work that way in the city. We give all men a chance to get up and present themselves." McCarthy was there. He got up and presented himself. He was a big man, Gene McCarthy.

RVR: Yes he was. Did your husband have a preference though, even though he wasn't going to get up and voice it? As far as you know, did your husband prefer one of those candidates over any of the others? There was McCarthy, Humphrey, and McGovern.

ED: Well, Humphrey had been selected as the Democratic candidate. So naturally, he'd be for him.

RVR: Right. But before he was selected, did he express....?

ED: Now I can tell it. He'd say, "I think that this man is very good [laughs]. I think that he's very capable," just from reading the papers. And Rich would say, "Yes, he'd make a fine candidate." I said "Oh, you're just like your father." He's a very fine man. He'd make a fine candidate. I knew that Humphrey was the candidate because they had selected him as the Democratic candidate. But he was a nice man.

RVR: I'll let you drink your coffee and have something to eat.

ED: I eat early.

RVR: You do?

ED: I get up and have breakfast early. John comes every morning. John goes to Mass and then he'll come and have breakfast.

RVR: Is John like your husband, that he goes to Mass every day?

ED: Yes. John's a really good boy. They all are, every one of them.

RVR: Well, they have a very good mother! And they had a very good father.

ED: Oh, they had a good father.

RVR: They all agree.

ED: He was a kind man. He never raised his voice.

RVR: And he never brought business here?

ED: No. He would never discuss it. He would always come with a nice story or a little joke to tell at the table. It was some little one and he'd tell it at the table. And then he'd laugh louder than anyone.

RVR: Really [laughs]?

ED: Our Billy was the youngest. And he'd say "well, we heard that dad [ED and RVR laugh]. Dad, we heard that the other [laughs]." Billy was cute. He was the youngest. From Dick, they'd ask about different men, senators and all.

RVR: Your children?

ED: It was the children. Then, Dick would always tell them what he knew about them. They were always interested. That's why as young high school boys or eighth grade, we'd take them if a good speaker or some senator were coming. We'd always take them to hear them because we lived so close to the Loop that it only took us a short time to get there. They'd come home from school and start their homework right away. I'd say, "We're going to leave at six o'clock." Then I'd have their clothes all ready for them. They'd take a shower and put on their suits to go to the dinner. Eleanor was the oldest. She was in high school. Eleanor and the four boys would all sit at one table. When Kennedy used to come, his tables would be down with his secret service men, sitting at the tables, right under the speakers. Billy and the kids would sit at the table with them.

RVR: Oh they did?

ED: They'd talk to them. They were young men. They probably had young children at home. But Billy used to call them all by their first name. He was fascinated. There was one man by the name of Arthur Godfrey.

RVR: Arthur Godfrey?

ED: Billy would say, "Arthur [ED and RVR laughs]."

RVR: You don't mean the radio personality?

ED: No he wasn't. But he had the same name. Billy was just fascinated. He loved to say, "Oh Arthur, Art [RVR laughs]." But we took them to all of those interesting meetings. And they loved them, too. If Dick was going, he would take them to someplace interesting. He would take them when they were older. I can remember when they'd look over to see if I approved.

RVR: Oh yes [ED and RVR laughs]? And if you didn't [laughs]?

ED: But I did. Nine o'clock then, Dick would always leave. See, he would come home and have dinner at night. Not every night, because there were some nights that he had to go to some dinners right after work. They'd have receptions so he could go in and stay a short time and leave. Then he'd come home and have dinner. The kids would sit down at the table with him and have dinner. So then he'd go. Eight o'clock would be the big dinner down town. He would leave here then, maybe at seven thirty or quarter to eight. He'd go down to have the big dinner. He'd already have his dinner. But he'd get there in time for the coffee and cake, or dessert. Then he'd sit there and then he'd give his speech. Then after his speech, he could walk right out.

RVR: He'd come home?

ED: He'd be able to be home here and spend some time with the children.

RVR: Tell me, at dinnertime, was the conversation mostly about what the children had done that day?

ED: Yes.

RVR: Not about politics?

ED: Oh, if they'd ask anything about politics, he'd answer them and give it to them straight. Oh yes, they were interested in politics. He'd never sit down and make the conversation politics and what went on during the day. But he was always interested in their schooling and all and what they did that day at school.

RVR: John Kennedy's father encouraged his children to discuss world events and national issues.

ED: Oh yes, they always did. I always remember that the Tribune had current events. There was a column in the Tribune. They'd get up and take the Tribune [laughs] with current events. Michael had one little girl. She was only about in six or seventh grade. She was about in seventh grade, I think. She'd pick it up and she was reading. I said, "That's very interesting." She said, "Yes. I have one teacher that always discusses the current events of the day. So I want to be ahead of him today [ED and RVR laugh]." So it was interesting.

RVR: Well, getting back to the presidents then, did you ever meet Richard Nixon?

ED: No, I never did. I didn't meet Nixon, but I met Ford and his wife. He came here. My Dick, to respect, he always thought that the mayor should always greet the president when they came. And he met every president that ever came to the City of Chicago.

RVR: He met them at O'Hare Airport?

ED: He'd go out to O'Hare and meet them. Then he'd ride back with them in their car and have a nice visit with them. If the wife came with them, then I would have to go and meet them, too. It was just a courtesy.

RVR: Did you ride in the same car?

ED: No. They'd use another one. We'd sit in one car with whoever the guest was. Usually, the wife of the chief of protocol would come with us.

RVR: Do you remember what the conversation was, generally?

ED: It was mostly about their visit here or where they came from. They came from Washington. They'd have a dinner in Washington with the heads of state. You see, President Eisenhower, he was a general, wasn't he?

RVR: Yes, he was a general.

ED: He was General Eisenhower during the war. All of these heads, the kings and queens, were so kind to the American young men during the war. He brought them back and had them visit Washington for a day or two, then Chicago. Then he'd go on to New York. And they would visit us all day. We'd take them to the Chicago Library and then out to the Museum of Science and Industry and then maybe Navy Pier. I think we took Queen

Elizabeth there. She was interested in that.

RVR: She was?

ED: So we'd spend all day long and then have a big dinner in the evening with a thousand people at the dinner [RVR laughs].

RVR: Who were you usually sitting next to, the wife?

ED: I'd always sit next to the wife, and Dick would be there. When the Queen was here, I sat next to Charles, her husband.

RVR: Charles is her son.

ED: No, I mean her husband, not Charles.

RVR: He's the Duke of Edinburgh. Gosh, I can't remember his name.

ED: It was Prince Phillip.

RVR: Phillip, yes!

ED: He was with me.

RVR: Was he pleasant, Phillip?

ED: He was with her, yes.

RVR: When you were sitting next to him, did he talk with you?

ED: Oh yes. And it was interesting. He was speaking of Edward. Edward was my Richard's age. And he was just ready to enter high school. I forget the school that they go to and prepare them to be king, as far as all of their manners. He was interested in my boys, to find out what school they were going to.

RVR: Oh he was?

ED: Richard was going to Providence. Michael didn't want to go away at all.

RVR: Michael didn't?

ED: No. He wanted to go to Loyola.

RVR: I wonder why. Did he tell you?

ED: He didn't want to go away to school. I don't know. When Michael got out of grade school, they had a seminary. And he thought that maybe he'd like to go to seminary. But he only went for a couple of months and then he didn't. It wasn't the life he wanted. It's a preparatory school. You're there to make your decision, whatever you want. And he said no.



He didn't want to go away and John didn't want to go away.

RVR: No? Did John go to Loyola too?

ED: John and Billy went to Loyola. Eleanor went two years to St. Mary's at Notre Dame. She came back. She had an infection in her ear. So she saw the doctor quite frequently during the summer, on a daily basis. The doctor's office was right across the street from Loyola's downtown university. She was a great one for taking different courses that the Board of Education offered. She'd pick them all up. My boys were always out there. She had so many credits. They'd say, "Why don't you take the principal's examination?" She didn't want to teach the big boys. She didn't like them. She said that they were too tough and you had to teach them manners and everything. You had to go in with the knowledge of teaching them manners and everything, which their parents should have done. So she said, "I'm not going to start that." She taught eighth grade, and six or seventh, and then also early childhood. She loved the early childhood.

RVR: Yes. She was a good teacher.

ED: She was a very good teacher. Whoever that was, he was a principal in the Chicago schools. He taught at Loyola, too. He was giving some special classes on early childhood courses. So he said to her, "Why don't you come and take them?" So she went and took the courses. But she loved school. She was one of those that loved school.

RVR: Was your husband alive when she...?

ED: Yes.

RVR: Did he help her get a job teaching?

ED: No. Both Mary and Eleanor went to St. Mary's at Notre Dame. They made applications up at Wilmette to teach in the Wilmette Schools. That was because if they came to Chicago and got a good school, it was because of their father. And if it was a bad school, he wasn't much of a father [RVR laughs]. They didn't like it in the public city at all. But they didn't like to be interviewed. She got a little job one time as a typist in some office downtown. But not for the city, they didn't, not one of them.

RVR: Was that Eleanor or Mary?

ED: That was Mary. There was a reporter in the office. Oh, she was wild. She took pictures of her typing. She'd always say, "I wasn't much of a typist [ED and RVR laugh]." But anyway, she was a young girl, just out of school. Then she went back and took the teachers' courses and became a teacher.

RVR: They were just as private as you and your husband were.

ED: Pat was in the convent for a while, for a couple of years. So she taught in the Catholic schools as a nun. So naturally, she went right out and taught. She taught night school. Three of them taught. They loved teaching. When they were young girls, during the summers we would go up to Michigan. They always had a little play school for the children. They

worked at the play school. Then, when they got into college, they operated the little play school themselves. Now, what do they call it, kiddie college [RVR laugh]? Peter Thompson's little boys went to the University of Chicago, to the little kiddie college [ED and RVR laugh]. I said, "That's a new one [RVR laughs]."

RVR: That's their laboratory school, I guess [laughs].

ED: Yes, it's a little lab school. So they're out there now. He moved out there.

RVR: Who is this?

ED: Peter did. He went out there and got his master's degree.

RVR: Peter Thompson?

ED: Peter Thompson. Courtney went to Northwestern. She went nights, though. But he went during the day. Mike went to Northwestern Graduate School. So did Courtney.

RVR: You remember the education of all of your grandchildren.

ED: My seventeenth grandchild graduated from college last June.

RVR: Which number is she?

ED: Seventeen.

RVR: Seventeen.

ED: I have twenty grandchildren. And now the eighteenth girl is at Notre Dame this year, Richard's daughter. So she'll be the eighteenth one to graduate.

RVR: That's quite a record.

ED: That's a record, I think.

RVR: You're proud of that.

ED: They had to work hard.

RVR: Yes. They went to night school.

ED: They went to night school. My Dick went to night school.

RVR: Did they work at the same time that they were going to school?

ED: Yes. They all had little jobs. Lally, that goes to Notre Dame now, didn't get paid for it. But she worked darn hard tutoring the kids over at the projects.

RVR: She was a volunteer?

ED: She was a volunteer.

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ED: They'd pick out their own school.

RVR: You never tried to influence them?

ED: No. I didn't. Michael wanted to stay home and go to school.

RVR: You didn't necessarily want them to go to a Catholic school?

ED: No. Bobby went to Yale. That's where he wanted to go. Wherever they wanted to go, they could go. That includes public schools, if they wanted to go.

RVR: So many Catholic parents want their children to go to Catholic schools.

ED: Yes. I didn't demand that at all. But we were so close up here with our parish, so naturally...

RVR: That's where they went.

ED: Right. Dick went to school up here. His mother went to school at Nativity. But that was no influence on them going. They went right up there. They walked. I could look down the street and see them coming and going to school [RVR laughs]. But they went over to De LaSalle.

RVR: Yes. Tell me more about President Ford and Betty Ford. Do you remember...?

ED: Who?

RVR: Betty Ford and President Gerald Ford, what were they like?

ED: They were very natural people. She was a nice lady.

RVR: How did you meet them?

ED: They came to the city.

RVR: They came to Chicago.

ED: They came to Chicago. They flew into Chicago rather than O'Hare. But we would always go to O'Hare to meet them, and then come into the city. But they did the opposite. They flew right here into Meigs Field. They were attending a big luncheon here by the Republicans. But Dick met every president that came here. They'd go on to whatever function they were going to. This is interesting. President Nixon, the day after he left office, which was a sad day, was coming to Chicago to attend a function in the evening by some big corporation. I don't recall the name of it. He was invited to speak at this big dinner they

were having. So Dick went out to O'Hare to meet him with the head of the Navy Reserve and whoever the general was here in Chicago. They would always come and meet the president at O'Hare. So Dick and the four boys were here that night. So Dick said to them, "Would you like to come out and meet the president? It'd be an honor to meet him." So they said, "Oh yes, we'd love to." So they went out with him. It was a very gloomy day. It was rainy, cold, and stormy. So they went in the evening, at about seven o'clock. So they went up to O'Hare. And when they got out there, usually when the president comes, there's always a lot of representatives out there. And when they got out there, there wasn't a soul to meet him, only Dick, and the Army and Navy representative. There wasn't another representative from the Republican Party. My boys were appalled. To think, at a time like that, he had just left office. And it was a sad time for him. And then to have him come and nobody was there. But he was very nice. Dick had met him several times before, I guess. He had a nice visit with him. But it was a sad time, he said, to have a man leave office that way. "You know, all people make mistakes," my Dick would say. And he made a mistake.

RVR: Really? Is that what your husband said about him?

ED: Yes, when he was at home. He said, "It's sad. I felt sorry for him because everyone makes mistakes. He could try to correct them then. Dick said that they were very sad when they came in, to think that there weren't more people there to meet him at the time.

RVR: They run from a man. He's the only president who ever resigned his office.

ED: He was the only president, I think. And it was sad. I bet he felt bad, too. My boys were so surprised that there weren't any other representatives there.

RVR: They were used to seeing....

ED: There was always a large representation of someone, some businessmen or someone. He was the president.

RVR: But you never met him yourself?

ED: I never met President Nixon, no. Seldom did she travel with him. So if the wife wasn't coming, I wasn't required to go.

RVR: If there was a wife there, then you always went.

ED: If his wife came, then I would always go. I would always go out and meet the wives. Then they would always have the wife of the ambassador of protocol. It was very interesting to meet them all. I would say, on a whole, they were all great representatives of first ladies. They were representative of the women of America. They were very kind and gracious. They were good representatives, every one of the wives I met.

RVR: Did you ever meet Nancy Reagan?

ED: I met Nancy Reagan one time, I think, but not with the president. I always think of when I was a kid. I belonged to this Ronald Reagan fan club.

RVR: You did?

ED: He was a movie star, remember?

RVR: I know. And you liked him as a movie star?

ED: Yes, all of the kids belonged to it [ED and RVR laugh] I always said, "If I ever meet him, I'm going to tell him."

RVR: Did you?

ED: I didn't meet him.

RVR: You never met him?

ED: I didn't meet him.

RVR: But didn't he come to Chicago?

ED: He came to Chicago. But the time he came, his wife never traveled with him.

RVR: What did you think of Nancy, his wife?

ED: I thought that she was a nice lady. I never met her personally. But her mother and father, it was the second, Dr. Davis, wasn't it?

RVR: Right.

ED: He was a neurosurgeon. She was a very friendly lady. She used to come in Dick's office. She met Dick. She came into his office to meet him. She was a big Republican. But she said, "I'm a Chicagoan." She said that she'd like to meet the mayor. So she came right in to meet him. She was very friendly.

RVR: That's nice.

ED: But Dick was always very thoughtful, like when he had the Queen of England here. They had that big dinner. It was a big state and city dinner. It made no difference if they were Democrat or Republican. They were all invited. He said that he was the president of all the Democrats and Republicans. They were all invited to the big state dinners they had. Whenever these officials came to Chicago, he'd always invite them to the dinners. They enjoyed him, too.

RVR: Did you speak with the Queen of England yourself?

ED: Yes, I spoke with her. She was lovely. They were very kind and very gentle. They spoke quite a bit about their children, the family, and about her mother. She told about how much she enjoyed being with her mother, in her old days, and how glad she was that her mother was in good health. Of course, she lived a long time after that. She was a hundred years old. She was very close to her father, who was King George. He was next in line after

Edward. Then Edward resigned. Then he had to step in for a few days or a few weeks. But he wasn't well. He had tuberculosis. So he wasn't physically fit. But they say that he was very kind. But the two girls were raised a little more normal than any of the other royalty because they lived at home with the mother and father.

RVR: Did Edward, as Duke of Windsor, ever come to Chicago?

ED: I didn't ever meet him.

RVR: Or his wife?

ED: No. They were older.

RVR: Getting back to the first ladies, after Nancy Reagan...

ED: Nancy, they say, was very friendly. They always praised Chicago. One time I was visiting a friend of mine who lived in California. She was a friend of theirs. She had called to talk. So she let me talk. The father got on the phone. He was alive. He said hello and said that they loved Chicago. He never lived anywhere else. Just for the winter he went out there. But he said that he missed Chicago. He missed the bright lights [ED and RVR laugh].

RVR: How about Hillary Clinton?

ED: I met Hillary. Hillary was a very nice lady. She was a very smart girl and very interesting. I met her at a big party they had for her when she ran for office. She was running for senator.

RVR: Yes, it was for New York.

ED: They had a party here in Chicago for her. So she came to the party.

RVR: And you went?

ED: I went to the party, yes. It was a big fundraiser, I think. She was very nice and a very interesting lady. She spoke and told about how, as a child, she lived here. Then, when she was a little older I guess, they moved out to one of the suburbs. So she knew Chicago and she knew everything downtown. And quite a few of her friends were at this party. Whenever she came to Chicago, they'd always come in and visit with her.

RVR: She spoke to you?

ED: Yes, she came and spoke to me. She asked about my family and all. She loved my Bill. She said that she just loved him very much. She said that he was very smart and very wise. In meeting people, she said that he knew everyone. He was so young. But his father would take him with the boys. Dick was great for taking them. Not everyone was going to be a late party at night, like if he'd be out somewhere at a fundraiser or something. He would go and be home before nine thirty. He was not a late night owl. He was an early bird because he had to get up. They'd say, "You're leaving so early?" He'd say, "Yes. I get up early in the morning. These people don't start work at seven thirty. I'm in the office at seven thirty. So I

usually leave quite early in the evening and get home early." With my boys, it didn't interfere with their schooling, because if we went somewhere, they were early sessions. Maybe right at dinnertime they'd have a reception and they could come and meet the gentleman or the woman that was going to speak. One woman I found interested in her speaking was Kirkpatrick. What was her first name? It was not Rita. She was with the State department.

RVR: Kirkpatrick?

ED: She was with the federal government.

RVR: She was with the federal government? I don't know.

ED: Kirkpatrick, she was a little short woman. Was she an ambassador?

RVR: Oh, I remember! Yes right, she became the representative at the U.N.

ED: Yes. I think she was the ambassador.

RVR: Yes. She was an ambassador. I know who you're talking about.

ED: She spoke at several affairs that we went to.

RVR: Jean Kirkpatrick?

ED: It was Jean. She was a very brilliant lady. She spoke at many of them. And the men were always interested in her talk. I always noticed that. When she would get up and speak, they'd all be sitting on the edge of their seats, listening to her very intently.

RVR: She taught at Georgetown.

ED: Did she?

RVR: Yes.

ED: Michael's girls went to Georgetown.

RVR: Yes. Well, how about Hillary's husband Bill Clinton, did you meet him?

ED: I met him. I found him interesting. Whenever he came to Chicago, if they had a little affair, it'd be a short visit. He'd always be there. He was a very popular man. You know, I think if he ran for office, he'd be elected president. No matter what city he visits, there's always a crowd of people there to greet him or to attend some function. If it's just to visit the city, there's always a big crowd. You know, he had his faults, bad faults [RVR laughs]. But my visits were very short with him.

RVR: Yes. Your husband was not alive?

ED: No. He died just before Carter was elected.

RVR: I wonder what your husband would have said about Clinton? He has his faults [laughs]. He's still a very popular man.

ED: He's a very popular man. What he's doing now, I don't know. But no matter where he goes, I always call it to the attention of the kids. I'll say, "Just look at the crowds that are there. He was in New York for some little gathering there. They were at Rockefeller Center. He was right there. And there's always a crowd there. But these were people coming. Honestly, there were thousands of people gathered around. He's a very friendly man. But I met him at little receptions and things. My Bill worked for him. What was he?

RVR: He was Secretary of Transportation.

ED: It was Commerce.

RVR: Yes, he was Secretary of Commerce. Do you want to rest? We've been talking for so long. Your son is not here. Your throat is...

ED: My throat doesn't bother me.

RVR: I don't want to tire you.

ED: I tire easily.

RVR: [inaudible]

ED: I can sleep for eight hours at night.

RVR: Good for you!

ED: Then I can get up in the morning and have breakfast. But I take quite a bit of medicine. I think that's probably it. I take my medicine and I can go like this.

RVR: You go right back to sleep [laughs].

Housekeeper: Do you want more coffee or anything?

ED: No. Do you want another cup of hot coffee?

RVR: No. We're fine.

HK: You're okay?

RVR: You haven't heard from...?

HK: No, I haven't heard him call back yet.

RVR: Okay.



ED: Mike will be back.

RVR: Yes, he's coming back with his daughter.

ED: It surprises me, though. She's a little girl. There were no small children around in their family. She's the oldest girl. She went to St. Ignatius and then to Georgetown. Well, the four of them did. She comes to visit me once a week with the little girl.

RVR: She does?

ED: She's a little blond and she's darling. But she's such a good little mother for one that hasn't been around babies very much, other than Peter, when we have the parties. I have dinner and have them all here. A year ago on my birthday, I had all of them here. We always used to have a big dinner party on Thanksgiving and Christmas every year. I'd have all separate tables. At one time, each of the boys had four children. They were four. So I had tables of six, the two parents and the four children.

RVR: [Laughs] And you're going to have a birthday party, soon?

ED: And they're going to be quiet then.

RVR: Oh yes? There won't be a big party?

ED: No.

RVR: But all of your children will be here?

ED: They'll all be here. Oh, I couldn't keep them away. They're all coming. I'll have to cut the cake in front of them all.

RVR: Really [laughs]?

ED: I have movies of all of them from when my husband was alive. He had a camera.

RVR: He had a camera?

ED: When they were little, they'd all be up dancing. I always remember Little Lally, Rich's little girl. She went to St. Ignatius. But for grade school, they had a private school over at Old St. Patrick's for the grade school kids. So she went over there and she was in first grade. They taught Japanese. She was studying Japanese. She could say a few words. She was up on a chair and she was singing "Silent Night" in Japanese.

RVR: [Laughs] Oh really?

ED: And we were laughing at "Silent Night." She was good. She was young. In the background, my Eleanor had the camera. She was taking the pictures. Patrick Thompson, Pat's boy, was in the background and he was going like this [RVR laughs].

RVR: [Laughs] He was using his fingers to create slant eyes [ED laughs].

ED: I said, "That was disrespectful of you [RVR laughs]. She was up there. She was so kind and religious singing, 'Silent Night.' And you were making fun of her." He said, "Oh, I wouldn't do that grandma." I said, "Come here [RVR laughs]." I put the camera with the television on. We had the film. He nearly died [ED and RVR laughs].

RVR: Where are those films now?

ED: I have them.

RVR: They're in the house?

ED: Yes. One day I'll let you see some of them.

RVR: I'd love to, yes.

ED: Someday we'll take a few minutes. We have quite a few of them.

RVR: Are those to go to the university as well?

ED: Dick used to take the pictures. Eleanor was taking the picture that day when Michael was in the background. Oh, he never lived that down. She always told him about it. He was sacrilegious [ED and RVR laughs].

RVR: How far back do the films go? When did you start with the films, the movies?

ED: It was when they were young. The first Christmas that we were in the house, Dick bought a camera.

RVR: A movie camera?

ED: It was a movie camera. The movie camera had big lights, you know. He'd set them up. I think that all evening long, he was setting the camera up there. We had the Christmas tree. He bought a little puppy. I brought in a big stocking. We were going to put this puppy in the stocking. Over on the other side of the tree, I held the stocking like this with the puppy [RVR laughs]. It's nice to be young, yes?

RVR: What happened to the puppy?

ED: He was a little puppy. You could hold him.

RVR: Did you keep him?

ED: Yes, we kept the little puppy. It was a nice, little one. The two little girls got up. They were upstairs. We brought them down. He had a big bell or whistle. I think it was a horn. He blew the horn and they came down the stairs. "Merry Christmas," he would say. And down they came. When they saw the bright lights, they started to cry. So we had to turn the lights off. The bright lights frightened them.

RVR: I would say that it blinded them.

ED: When we turned the lights out, then went the pictures. But it would have been a nice picture. I was in the background. I think that one picture came out very well. You could see my feet in the background [ED and RVR laugh], under the tree. We have quite a few pictures of our children.

RVR: Yes. Are those movies also going to go to the university?

ED: I don't think so. They're family, you know, when the children were little. We'd like to keep those. And then with the grandchildren, we took pictures of all of them.

RVR: Well, I'd love to see them.

ED: I have pictures of Beth when she was the size of her daughter. Our kids were all dancers. They'd turn the music on and they'd all be up dancing. Beth and Little Nora, Rich's girl, they were the same age. They were dancing. It was interesting. They'd give one another a push, you know, and then they'd turn [RVR laughs]. The children were always pushing one another. They'd give one another a good nudge. We have a lot of wonderful memories in our home.

RVR: I wonder if they remember, the way you do?

ED: Yes they do. They remember many things. I remember Peter Thompson, Pat's oldest boy. I have to share this. She came right home with us. They stayed with us for a little while. Then they got this little cottage next door that was for sale. Dick said we'd buy it for her. So we bought it. But she made it into a dollhouse. It had a big yard. She got a little pool for the yard. They were raised there. Michael would say, "Pat did a great job in raising them because they're such good boys and girls." She never had a bit of trouble. Patrick would say, "We had to be. We had Mother Superior next door [RVR laughs]."

RVR: That's you.

ED: I'd raise the window and say, "Keep quiet [RVR laughs], Mother Superior!" And her sister was my daughter Ellen. Her sister would be yelling. Pat said, "Mom, that was the greatest move that I ever made in my life, because they were raised with you and dad." Dick would come out in the morning to go to work. He'd be all dressed up. Peter was in kindergarten or first grade and had to draw a picture of his family. He had all of us. My boys were home back then. Then he had my Dick, with a cowboy hat [ED and RVR laugh]. And he was carrying a briefcase. That was his family.

RVR: Your daughter had to go to work?

ED: Yes, she had to go to work. She was teaching out at Kennedy. She went right to work. She said, "You didn't give me any time," after she came back. She was a good teacher. She came home on the Fifteenth of August, or the Twentieth, whatever the first day was, to go back into the public school. A friend of ours was opening up a new school up north. She was the new principal. She was an elderly woman. But she had been a principal for years. She was going to be the new principal there. She said, "I need an English teacher. I need a

teacher." So she was able to get a job there right away, because she was badly in need of it. So Pat went there. She said, "Pat, I need you in a day's rush." She had to go down and get her certificate changed or something. Then she went right over.

RVR: Your husband never helped her get a job?

ED: No. And Eleanor too, they went themselves. They wanted to go themselves. They were so critical. They said he helped...

RVR: Your sons?

ED: He said, "If a father wouldn't help his son, who would he help?" Which is true, all fathers help their children. But the girls were very independent. When Eleanor came the following year from St. Mary's, she went to Loyola. Pat got her own certificate and registered and taught at Mather High School, I think. Eleanor taught up here at Graham School. It's a very good school. They have some good teachers and principals up here.

RVR: But Mary went up to Wilmette? You mentioned earlier that Mary and maybe Eleanor...

ED: Mary went to Wilmette. She had applied as a teacher up in Wilmette. So when she graduated, she taught up there for about seven or eight years. Then Eleanor registered up there and was accepted. They're a nice class of teachers up there, very fine teachers. Eleanor registered and taught there. She was up there for about eight years. In fact, the other day, I think it was Beth. When they take the children to school, they have programs at different schools. There's an academy at Wilmette. Beth took her little girl to pre- kindergarten. Some man came over to her. Whether he was a teacher or not, I don't know. He said to her, "Someone just told me that you were related to the mayor. Is Eleanor Daley related to you?" She said, "Yes." He said "You know, she taught me in kindergarten. I'll never forget her. She was one of the finest teachers I had."

RVR: Isn't that nice?

ED: She just passed away about four or five years ago.

RVR: Yes, I remember that.

ED: She had a brain tumor.

RVR: That must have been very hard for you.

ED: Oh, it was the worst thing I've ever had, even with my husband's death. But to lose a child, I think that's the worst of all.

RVR: It really is.

ED: She was just a fine lady. She was every bit a teacher. She was always an outstanding teacher. She loved school. She loved the children. She loved attending classes while she was teaching. Every course that she could take, she'd go on to school. Nights or days, after

school, it didn't make any difference. She got her masters degree in the evenings. She went nights.

RVR: And she lived here with you?

ED: She lived with me. I said to her when Dick, my husband died, "I don't want you to stay home with me just because I'm a widow. I want you to go and get your own apartment." She said, "No, I enjoy living at home. I'm very independent and I can be independent." But I even went when they built a couple of those apartment buildings down near Grant Park. They're overlooking the park. In fact, I thought for myself I loved it. But I thought, "Well, if she goes out and gets it, I couldn't do that [RVR laughs]." So I went down there one day. She had a girlfriend that lived at home with her mother and father. She was an only child. She had her own home. And she wouldn't even go. I said, "You need some encouragement." I took the two of them down there, to one of the new buildings, to see the apartment. No they'd rather have their own homes.

RVR: And she felt comfortable living here.

ED: Oh yes, and she was very independent. She loved going to the opera. She loved going out to dinners and all. They were active girls. She had a group of teachers that didn't sit around talking, you know. They would attend all of the functions that were going on. They'd attend all of the different operas. They'd go on to anything that was going on in the city. To any functions of any kind, they would go and attend. This friend of hers was very active. They were very active. My daughter Pat said, "I thought I was active. She's more active than I am."

RVR: So she had an independent life?

ED: She was very independent.

RVR: And you never interfered?

ED: I was very independent.

RVR: Yes, I can tell.

ED: I told her, "I don't want you staying at home just because I'm single now, with your father gone. She said, "No. I wouldn't do that."

RVR: You know, Mrs. Daley, you amaze me more and more. I mean, to be able to say that. Here you are alone in this house. I think it's natural to want to have a member of your family here with you. But you realize that it might not be good for her.

ED: No. I didn't want her to stay at home and be a companion to me. I said, "No, I want you to go out." And she did go out with men friends. She went to St. Mary's and was with a lot of young men from Notre Dame. She went out many times, even before she was married. No. I mean that even though everybody else was married, she came home and she was single. And these other young fellows that she went to school with, they would always keep in touch with her. They'd go out to the theater or somewhere. She was always very friendly

with them.

RVR: And they liked her?

ED: And they liked her because they call her. They'd go to the theater or the opera.

RVR: That's a wonderful tribute that you're giving to your daughter.

ED: I tried to insist that she get an apartment [RVR laughs]. But she said, "No. I would prefer being at home. I can come and go as I want. I'm not tied down with anything or anyone. If I want to go somewhere, I can go. She had lots of friends.

RVR: Did you really want her to get married?

ED: Oh yes. I would have loved to have her get married. She wanted to get married. She went with several young fellows. She did go out with quite a few young men. But I don't know why. She wasn't one for sitting at home. She was one for going places. But why stay home? Why she didn't get married, I don't know. The other two girls got married, and all of my boys. I said to Richard one time, he was about twenty-seven. He said to me, "There was a lot of work when Mary Carol was getting married." I was doing something. There's a lot of work when a girl gets married. I said, "God was good to give me boys [RVR laughs] Some other mother will have to do it." He said, "Suppose we don't get married?" I said, "God wouldn't do that to me [RVR laughs]. He wouldn't have given me Irish sons [RVR laughs]." There will always be an Irish son [RVR laughs]. I said, "It's about time to be getting married and meet a nice girl to get married." My God, if they didn't. I said, "She's a wonderful wife."

RVR: And he met a wonderful woman. I've met her only once. But I was quite taken with her.

ED: My Pat is a lovely girl.

RVR: And she is indeed. I've interviewed her.

ED: Did you interview her?

RVR: Yes. I haven't interviewed Mary.

ED: Oh Mary Carol, she's a little on the quiet side.

RVR: She's a very private lady.

ED: But she did say that someday she'd come down.

RVR: Someday she will come down.

ED: She'll come down.

RVR: That would be nice. And I really need to talk to her children sometime.

ED: Oh yes. She has some nice kids.

RVR: Her older boy was going to come and be interviewed.

ED: That's Bobby. He's the one that went to Yale.

RVR: Oh he did? He's a lawyer?

ED: Everyone says, "Yale."

RVR: [Laughs] Yes, that 's very good.

ED: But he loved it. He made lovely friends. They were nice friends. They were not Catholic boys. But they were friends and they're still friends. Some of them are married. A couple of them even moved to Chicago. They live on the north west side. It 's a nice neighborhood for young people. They're all around the same age, which is his age, thirty to thirty-two. And they have young children. There was a big party for Richard the other night, with young people. He invited all of these young couples. Some of them lived in the suburbs. Some of them lived around him. He invited them. They had never gone to one. And they were all young people. Patrick, Pat's boys, and Mary's boys, they were all there. So they attended. They rented a bus. They all went down in the bus and came home in the bus because they all had small children. They couldn't stay long. I said that that was wise, not that any of them drink. None of them have, ever. I said, "In case you did have a glass of beer, you could all have a glass of beer and get stopped by a policeman and get a ticket."

RVR: Did your husband drink much?

ED: No.

RVR: Not at all?

ED: Once in a while, he'd take a drink.

RVR: You didn't have wine at dinner?

ED: There was wine at dinner. He'd always have a glass of wine.

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RVR: Did he have a cocktail beforehand?

ED: No. He'd always have a glass of wine.

RVR: That's all.

ED: He never had any trouble, never.

MD: How's it going?

ED: We had a nice visit.

MD: Did you? Good.

RVR: I don't know what happened. It [the tape] stopped on its own.

MD: Without me interrupting it [MD and RVR laugh].

ED: Beth was here the other day. And she was sitting here reading last week's copy. And she said, "My dad interrupted quite a few times [MD and RVR laugh].

MD: I know. I read it too, and I noticed that. I'm going to keep my mouth quiet.

RVR: Tell the story again about how you made a left turn.

ED: Oh, she said to me, "Did you ever get a ticket?" I said, "Yes." I had been driving a short time. And I was going downtown. Michigan Avenue was one way, going north. So I went down Michigan and turned over to State. I was looking for a parking place. It was on Dearborn. So I made a left turn off State Street over to Dearborn [MD and RVR laughs].

[RVR: When the traffic officer realized who she was the officer let her off with a warning, saying "don't do it again."]

\*\*\*\*\*END OF INTERVIEW\*\*\*\*\*