

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT NO. 47

HON. ADOLPH ALEXANDER, JUDGE

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

No. A-253,156

CHARLES WATSON,

Defendant.

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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1971, 9:35 A.M.

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3 THE COURT: People against Watson.

4 Let the record show all jurors, all counsel and
5 defendant present.

6 Mr. Bubrick, you may proceed.

7 MR. KEITH: Call David Neale.

8 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand, please.

9 You do solemnly swear that the testimony you may
10 give in the cause now pending before this court shall be the
11 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
12 God?

13 THE WITNESS: I do.

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15 DAVID LYNN NEALE,
16 called as a witness for the defendant, testified as follows:

17 THE CLERK: Thank you. Take the stand and be seated;
18 and would you state and spell your name, please?

19 THE WITNESS: David Lynn Neale; last name spelled
20 N-e-a-l-e.

21 THE CLERK: Your middle name, please?

22 THE WITNESS: L-y-n-n.

23 THE CLERK: Thank you.

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25 DIRECT EXAMINATION

26 BY MR. KEITH:

27 Q David, how old are you?

28 A 27.

1 Q And do you presently live in the Los Angeles County
2 area?

3 A Yes, sir, I do.

4 Q Would that be in the San Fernando Valley?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Do you know Charles Watson, the defendant?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q When did you first become acquainted with Mr.
9 Watson?

10 A It must have been '65, in college, we were in
11 college together.

12 Q Now, what college was that, David?

13 A North Texas State University, Denton, Texas.

14 Q And where is Denton, say, in relation to Dallas?

15 A It is approximately 40 miles north-northwest of
16 Dallas.
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- 1 Q And is it what you might say a college town?
- 2 A Yes, sir, it is.
- 3 Q And were you yourself raised in Denton?
- 4 A Yes. That is my hometown.
- 5 Q Were you in the same class as Mr. Watson at North
- 6 Texas State, or were you ahead of him?
- 7 A I was a year ahead in school.
- 8 Q Were you in the same fraternity?
- 9 A Yes, I was.
- 10 Q And what was that?
- 11 A Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.
- 12 Q Were you a particularly close friend of Charles
- 13 at North Texas State?
- 14 A Not at that particular time, no, sir, I wasn't.
- 15 Q You just knew him as another fraternity brother?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q At some time did you move to California?
- 18 A I moved in '66.
- 19 Q Did you complete your education?
- 20 A No, sir, I didn't.
- 21 Q Before you moved?
- 22 A No, I didn't.
- 23 Q How many years at North Texas State did you complete?
- 24 A I attended a year and a half at North Texas. I was
- 25 a senior when I moved to California.
- 26 Q Again, approximately what was the date when you
- 27 moved to California? Not the exact date but the year and the
- 28 month, to the best of your recollection?

1 A As best as I can recall, I would say the spring
2 semester of '66.

3 Q Sometime after your moving here to California, did
4 you return to Denton, not for any particular length of time
5 necessarily, but once you got out here did you remain or did
6 you return from time to time to Denton, your hometown?

7 A No, sir. I remained in California.

8 Q Sometime after your coming out here did you have
9 occasion to see Mr. Watson?

10 A Yes, sir, I did.

11 Q And when was that for the first time?

12 A I don't recall the particular date. I was living
13 with my brother in Los Angeles and Charles was working for an
14 airline in Dallas.

15 Q You knew that of your own knowledge, did you?

16 A I didn't know that until he came out one weekend.

17 Q Did Charles tell you that he was working for
18 Braniff Airlines?

19 A Yes, sir, he did.

20 Q And when was that, approximately, when you saw him
21 for the first time here in California?

22 A I believe that was the fall of '67. I am not sure
23 about the dates, though.

24 Q At some time after that, Charles moved out to
25 California and lived here more or less permanently, did he not?

26 A Yes, sir.

27 Q But before his moving here to live permanently did
28 you see him from time to time?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q And on how many occasions would you say you saw him
3 in California before he picked up and moved here and by "he,"
4 I am referring to Charles, of course.

5 A Well, over a period of two months, I would say
6 eight times or so.

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1 Q During that two-month period, to your knowledge,
2 was Charles working for Braniff Airlines?

3 A Yes, sir, he was.

4 Q And would he come out here on trips from Texas,
5 if you know, as an employee of Braniff?

6 A He was employed at the time. He was coming out
7 on weekends on his own time.

8 Q Now, when was it, approximately, when Charles
9 moved out here to Southern California to stay?

10 A I'm not real sure on the dates.

11 Q Do you have an approximate month?

12 A '67 -- I want to say June of '67; I'm not sure on
13 the dates, though.

14 Q After Charles came here did he live with you?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And where were you living at that time?

17 A I was living in Hollywood.

18 Q And were you living with your brother at that time?

19 A Yes, sir, I was.

20 Q And what is his name?

21 A His name is Jay Scott.

22 Q Is that a stage name?

23 A Yes, sir, it is; he's an actor.

24 Q And is your brother older or younger than you are?

25 A He is older.

26 Q How old is he?

27 A He's 31, I believe.

28 Q Now, after Charles started to live with you and

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1 your brother in Hollywood, to your knowledge, did he enroll
2 in any school?

3 A Yes, sir; he enrolled at Cal State.

4 Q Is that Cal State Los Angeles, if you know?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And to your knowledge did Charles attend Cal State
7 for any period of time?

8 A Yes, sir, he did. I don't recall the time he was
9 in school, though.

10 Q Can you tell us whether it was a relatively short
11 period of time?

12 A It was less than a semester; I know he didn't
13 complete the semester.

14 Q And during the time Charles was going to Cal
15 State did he continue to live with you and your older brother?

16 A Well, Charles and I moved to an apartment together.

17 Q And where did you move?

18 A We moved to the Echo Park district.

19 Q And I gather that your brother didn't go along
20 with you and Charles.

21 A No, sir, he didn't.

22 Q After Charles dropped out of Cal State did he
23 go into, to your knowledge, some kind of business?

24 A Yes, sir. In fact, he was hired by a wig company
25 in Beverly Hills while he was attending school.

26 Q Did you also work for this wig company?

27 A Yes, sir.

28 Q Did you --

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1 A Sometime later I was employed.

2 Q Do you remember the name of the wig company?

3 A Continental Wig Company.

4 Q And do you know what Charles' function or duties
5 was with the wig company?

6 A Yes, sir. He was a salesman for the company.

7 Q Now, how long, approximately, David, did you and
8 Charles live in the Echo Park area?

9 A Approximately three months; three to four months.

10 Q And then did you and he move to another apartment
11 or house?

12 A Yes, sir, we did.

13 Q And where did you go?

14 A We moved to Laurel Canyon, which is in Hollywood.

15 Q And did you and he again live together?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q And at this time when you moved to Laurel Canyon
18 was Charles still working as a wig salesman?

19 A Yes, sir; and at this time I was employed, also.

20 Q In the same wig company, Continental?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Now, at some time during this general period --
23 incidentally, can you fix a time or times when you recall
24 Charles was employed by the wig company -- and you were, too,
25 for that matter?

26 A The dates?

27 Q Not exact dates -- of course, if you can give us
28 exact dates, fine; if you can't, your best recollection.

1 A Well, it would have been spring of '67, fall of
2 '68.

3 Q You say spring of '67, or do you mean '68?

4 A I'm not sure on the dates.
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1 Q Charles came out here to live with you in the
2 summer or fall of '67; isn't that right?

3 A Fall of -- it would have been '68, the spring of
4 '68.

5 Q And do you recall whether or not, David, Charles
6 was in an accident of some kind during that period?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And did he injure himself?

9 A Yes. He injured his knee. I was in the accident
10 with him.

11 Q When was the accident, approximately?

12 A Well, it would have been approximately two to
13 three months after we had moved to Laurel Canyon. I am not
14 sure on the date again.

15 Q And was Charles laid up for a time?

16 A Yes, he was. In fact he underwent surgery at
17 the time.

18 Q And during that period of time I gather he wasn't
19 able to work as a wig salesman.

20 A He did on occasion go to the shop and do some work.

21 Q Approximately how long would you say Charles
22 worked in the wig business for Continental Wigs as a salesman?

23 A Well, he was employed -- Phil Kern was the
24 gentleman that employed him.

25 Q Would you spell the last name for the record?

26 A K-e-r-n, I believe. I am not sure how to spell it.
27 And he had Continental Wigs. Then he had another wig shop
28 which was on La Cienega, I believe. In total Charles probably

1 worked a year.

2 Q Did you and he at one time open up your own wig
3 shop with another partner?

4 A Yes, we did.

5 Q And when was this?

6 A I'm not really sure on the date.

7 Q Would it have been 1968?

8 A I think it was the latter part of '68.

9 Q You moved from Echo Park to Laurel Canyon; right?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And how long did you and Charles live in the
12 Laurel Canyon area?

13 A I believe about seven months.

14 Q Then did you move some place else?

15 A Yes. We moved from there to Malibu.

16 Q Did you --

17 A Actually it is this side of Malibu.

18 Q Did you rent a place there in Malibu?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And again were you and he living together?

21 A Yes, we were.

22 Q And when you were living in Malibu was Charles
23 still in the wig business to your knowledge?

24 A Yes, sir.

25 Q At some time while you were living with him in
26 Malibu, did you meet a man named Dennis Wilson?

27 A My first encounter with Dennis Wilson -- Charles
28 had come home one afternoon and was telling me about going to

1 Dennis' and sometime later I went up to meet Dennis.

2 Q And where were you living at this time when Charles
3 told you he had met Dennis Wilson, do you remember?

4 A Well, we were living in Malibu. I keep saying
5 Malibu. It is actually this side of Topanga Canyon, on the
6 beach.

7 Q You did have occasion then to meet Dennis Wilson?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And did he have a house some place where you met
10 him?

11 A Yes. He had a home on Sunset.

12 Q Was this in Pacific Palisades?

13 A Yes, I believe it was.

14 Q Did you also meet a man by the name of Charles
15 Manson?

16 A Yes, sir, I did.

17 Q And where did you meet him for the first time?

18 A I met him in Malibu at the house.

19 THE COURT: Your house?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 Q BY MR. KEITH: Your house?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q And did he come to your place in Malibu once or
24 more than once?

25 A More than once. Only once while I was there.

26 Q What you are telling us is that you heard of
27 other occasions he may have come there?

28 A Well, I had come to the house -- we had leased the

1 house, or were leasing the house for a period of time. We had
2 planned to lease it for a month, sublease it, and I had been
3 staying with some friends and I came back to the house and
4 Charles Manson had been there and he left four or five teenage
5 girls there to take care of the house and they wouldn't let
6 me in the house.

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- 1 Q The teenage girls?
- 2 A Right; they had the doors locked.
- 3 Q Did you ultimately gain entrance?
- 4 A Yes, I did.
- 5 Q And would this be sometime in the summer or late
- 6 summer of 1968, when you couldn't get in your house because the
- 7 girls were there?
- 8 A I think it must have been somewhere in there.
- 9 Q To your knowledge, did Charles begin to live at
- 10 Dennis Wilson's house?
- 11 A He was living at Dennis' for a time, yes.
- 12 Q And did you ever meet a man by the name of Dean
- 13 Moorhouse?
- 14 A Yes, sir, I did.
- 15 Q Where did you meet him?
- 16 A I met him at Dennis'.
- 17 Q Were you a frequent visitor at Dennis' during this
- 18 period?
- 19 A No, I wasn't. In fact, I had only gone to Dennis'
- 20 on two or three different occasions.
- 21 Q Did you ever see Manson at Dennis Wilson's?
- 22 A No, I didn't.
- 23 Q Did you see -- I think you did tell us you saw
- 24 Dean Moorhouse at Dennis'?
- 25 A Yes, sir.
- 26 Q And to your knowledge, did Charles become friendly
- 27 or close with Dean Moorhouse?
- 28 A Yes.

1 In fact, he almost became like a father to him.

2 Q You mean Dean became like a father to Charles?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Did you ever have any philosophical discussions
5 with Moorehouse in the presence of Mr. Watson?

6 A Yes, sir, on occasion.

7 Q Was this at Dennis Wilson's place?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And do you remember the general subject matters
10 that were discussed?

11 A Well, we discussed LSD, the meaning of life,
12 fulfillment; his basic philosophy was a feeling of oneness,
13 having everyone as brothers and sisters, a Utopia.

14 Q You were talking about Dean Moorehouse's basic
15 philosophy?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q And was Charles there on this occasion, or occasions?

18 A I don't -- I think he was; I think he was at this
19 particular time.

20 THE COURT: When you say "Charles," you are talking about
21 Watson?

22 MR. KEITH: Charles Watson, yes.

23 Q Now, up to the time Charles Watson started living
24 at Dennis Wilson's with Dean Moorehouse, how long would you
25 say you and he had been together?

26 A As long as a year?

27 A Over a year, yes, sir.

28 Q So you became, I daresay, quite well acquainted --

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q -- with Charles; and I daresay you considered him
3 a good friend?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q During this period of time of over a year, what
6 sort of a person did Mr. Watson appear to you to be, a sort of
7 a brief personality profile?

8 A Well, he was very outgoing; not obnoxious, but out-
9 going, friendly.

10 I remember in collage he enjoyed socializing. He
11 partied quite a bit, was active in the fraternity.

12 Q No, while you knew him closely --

13 A Well, the way I knew him was more like a brother.
14 We became very close.

15 Q Except for one occasion that I will go into, did
16 you ever see Charles do anything of a violent nature?

17 A Never.

18 Q Did you ever see him attack anybody --

19 A Never.

20 Q -- or threaten anybody?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q Would you characterize him as just a very nice guy?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And during this period of time when you were
25 together with him and became very close to him, like a brother,
26 did you ever see Charles smoke marijuana?

27 A Yes, sir.

28 Q And did he smoke marijuana on a number of occasions,

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1 to your knowledge?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Did you ever see him during this period of over a
4 year that you were with him use anything, you might say,
5 stronger than marijuana?

6 A There was one incident. We were given some seeds
7 from -- rosewood seeds, I believe they were.

8 Q Now, when you say "we," you are referring to your-
9 self and Charles?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And where were you at that time?

12 A We were on Wonderland; we were living in Laurel
13 Canyon at the time.

14 Q So Wonderland Drive is the Laurel Canyon address?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And did you see Charles take these seeds?

17 A Yes, sir.

18 Q Did you see what reaction befell him, if any?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And what happened?

21 A It was about probably two hours after we had taken
22 the seeds, I was laying down in my bedroom and I heard Charles
23 jump up and he was hitting the wall; and as I opened the door,
24 he ran out of his room and into a hallway and there was a door
25 to a bathroom -- I don't recall if he kicked it -- I think he
26 hit it with his hand, but he put a hole through the door; and
27 I grabbed him and began talking to him and wrestled with him
28 for a moment and finally calmed him down; and he went back to

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1 bed and I stayed in the room and talked with him for a few
2 minutes; and that was it.

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1 Q Did you ever during this over a year period that
2 you were close to him see him use any acid or speed?

3 A No.

4 Q Or belladonna?

5 A No.

6 Q Were you aware that Charles went to the Spahn
7 Ranch to live with Charles Manson at the time that happened?

8 A No, sir.

9 THE COURT: Just a moment. When you say "at the time that
10 happened" are you referring to this rosewood seed incident?

11 MR. KEITH: No. I will reframe the question.

12 Q What I meant was were you aware that Charles Watson
13 want to live at the Spahn Ranch when it happened or did you
14 hear about it sometime later?

15 A He had gone to the ranch?

16 Q Yes.

17 A I was aware that he was with Charles Manson.

18 Q And when did you first learn that?

19 A Well, he told me that he was going to be with
20 Charles Manson.

21 Q All right.

22 Do you have any recollection of the approximate
23 date when Charles Watson told you he was going to live with
24 Charles Manson?

25 A No, sir. I don't know what the date would be.

26 Q Would it have been in 1968 sometime?

27 A I believe so, yes.

28 Q Would it be after Charles Watson met Dennis Wilson?

1 A Yes, it was.

2 Q And Manson at the beach.

3 A Yes.

4 Q And would it have been after you knew Charles
5 Watson had become close to Dean Moorehouse?

6 A Yes, sir. In fact, I think he met Charles Manson
7 through Dean Moorehouse.

8 Q Were you still living at this leased house in
9 Malibu when Charles Watson told you he was going to the Spahn
10 Ranch to be with Manson?

11 A No, I wasn't.

12 Q Where were you at that time?

13 A I was staying with some friends in Studio City.

14 Q And were you subleasing this house in Malibu
15 at that time?

16 A We had plans to and we had sublet it for a month
17 and when I went back to check on the house is when the girls
18 were there.

19 Q Did you know whether this was, when the girls were
20 there, whether this was before or after Charles Watson told
21 you he was going to the Spahn Ranch?

22 A This was before. He told me this during that period.

23 Q This was all about the same time?

24 A I don't believe that they had moved to the ranch.
25 In fact, they were living at our house in Malibu. When I went
26 back to the house, the girls were there and they had set up
27 camp in our house.

28 Q You have to be careful about using just "they."

1 You have to keep the record straight.

2 A Charles Manson, a number of teenage girls and
3 Charles Watson.

4 Q Did you ever see Charles Watson while he was
5 living at the Spahn Ranch, actually at the Spahn Ranch?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Did you go up there --

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q -- from time to time. And was this shortly after
10 Charles Watson moved to the Spahn Ranch?

11 A Yes, sir.

12 Q What was he doing there, if anything?

13 A At the ranch?

14 Q Yes.

15 A Well, when I went to the ranch for the first time
16 they were working in the yard and not really doing much of
17 anything.

18 Q And had you noticed any change about Charles Watson
19 at that time when you visited him at the Spahn Ranch?

20 A Not a drastic change, but I had noticed a bit of a
21 change in his personality.

22 Q In what sense? Could you describe it for us as
23 best you can?

24 A Well, he seemed to have -- he was beginning to have
25 an absence of emotion. He had a very blank look on his face.

26 Q Anything else you can tell us?

27 A Well, I know he was taking acid -- he had become
28 to take a great deal of acid.

1 Q How did you know that?

2 A He told me.

3 Q How many occasions, on how many occasions did you
4 visit Charles Watson at the Spahn Ranch after he had moved out
5 there with Manson?

6 A Well, I had gone to the ranch maybe two or three
7 different occasions, and Charles had come into town.

8 Q By Charles, we have got to keep it straight who
9 we are talking about.

10 Mr. Watson?

11 A Tex had come to town.

12 Q You didn't call him Tex?

13 A No, I didn't.

14 Q You called him Charles, did you not?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q So you saw Charles in town?

17 A He would come to town once or twice a week.

18 Q And you would see him then?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And did you notice the same gradual change?

21 A Yes, and slowly he began to -- I began to see him
22 less and less.

23 Q Let me interrupt you to establish a date. At
24 some time you were inducted into the Army, were you not?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And do you remember when that was?

27 A Yes, sir.

28 Q And when was that?

1 A December of '68.

2 Q On these occasions that you saw Charles Watson
3 after he moved to the Spahn Ranch, was this before you were
4 inducted into the Army?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And would you say the period we are now discussing
7 would be the latter part of 1968 when you noticed this change in
8 him?

9 A Yes, sir.

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1 Q When you saw Charles after he -- Charles Watson --
2 after he moved to the Spahn Ranch, whether at the Spahn Ranch
3 or when Charles came into town, did Charles ever talk philo-
4 sophically with you?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And what did he talk about, generally, on that
7 subject?

8 A Well, he talked generally about Charles most of the
9 time --

10 Q About --

11 A About Manson.

12 Q And this was, now -- we are talking about a period
13 of time before you went in the army, right?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And what did Mr. Watson say about Mr. Manson, in
16 substance or effect, if you can recall?

17 A Well, he had put him on a level, felt that he was
18 Jesus Christ.

19 Q Is this what Charles Watson told you?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q And anything else that you can remember during this
22 period of time?

23 A This was during, well, just prior to my being
24 inducted into the service, Charles called me --

25 Q I was going to get to that; and where were you
26 living at that time?

27 A I was living with my brother, who was living in
28 Highland Park.

1 Q And you received a call from Charles Watson?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And this was just before you went in the army; is
4 that right?

5 A Yes, sir; and I hadn't seen him, oh, for, I would
6 say, over six weeks. He called me --

7 Q All right; but just before going into the telephone
8 call, Charles Watson had talked to you about Manson and how he
9 thought Manson was Jesus Christ?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And something about Manson's philosophy?

12 A Yes, sir; at length.

13 Q All right. Now, getting back to the telephone
14 call -- incidentally, how did Charles know how to reach you,
15 if you know?

16 A I don't recall.

17 Q Pardon me?

18 A I don't recall.

19 Q At any rate, Charles Watson called --

20 A I think the way he got the number was through the
21 friends that I was living with in Studio City.

22 Q And you were living at Highland Park --

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q -- when Watson called you?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And did he express something about what was happen-
27 ing to him during this telephone conversation?

28 A Yes, sir. He had gone through a complete reversal

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1 of anything that he ever believed as far as Manson, it seemed.
2 He was almost frightened over the phone and asked me if there
3 was room for him to come stay, he was afraid of the girls and
4 also of Manson, and he was --

5 THE COURT: Just try to recall what he said and tell us
6 what he said, please.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, he said he was frightened; he was
8 frightened of what Manson and what the girls were doing and
9 he felt that he was going insane, could he come stay with me.

10 Q BY MR. KEITH: And did Charles come and stay with
11 you?

12 A Yes, he did.

13 Q This was in Highland Park?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q How long did Charles stay with you?

16 A He was there -- he was in Highland Park up until
17 the time I was drafted, which was December 2nd.

18 Q December 2nd, 1968?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And did Charles, himself, report for induction,
21 if you know?

22 A Yes, sir, he did.

23 Q And do you know what the result of the physical
24 was?

25 A Yes, sir; as a result of the knee injury that he
26 suffered, I think he was given a 1-Y classification. He wasn't
27 inducted.

28 Q And you went off to the army?

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1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Now, during this two-week period when Charles was --
3 Watson -- was staying with you in Highland Park, did you and
4 he have any further discussion about Manson and the girls?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And did these discussions continue along the same
7 lines as the telephone conversation, or what?

8 A We talked of Manson's philosophy and we talked of
9 the hold that he seemed to have on him and the hold that he
10 seemed to have on the people were at the ranch; and I remember
11 explicitly Charles saying that he felt he was losing his
12 identity, didn't really know who he was when he was there.

13 Q Did you try to make some effort to bring him out
14 of this state of mind?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And you don't know whether you were successful or
17 not, I suppose?

18 A No, sir, I don't.

19 Q When you left for the army did you have occasion
20 to see Charles Watson again while you were actually in the ser-
21 vice?

22 A Yes, sir, I did.

23 Q And on how many occasions?

24 A Two separate times.

25 Q When, approximately, was the first time?

26 A The first time was in -- well, December, '68; I
27 came home on a Christmas leave.

28 Q And where did you see Mr. Watson?

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1 A If I'm not mistaken, he was still staying at the
2 house, still living in Highland Park with my brother.

3 Q During this two-week period -- remember us talking
4 about the two-week period after Charles called you?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And he stayed with you in Highland Park -- did his
7 brother also stay with the two of you?

8 A Yes, sir -- my brother.

9 Q Not "his" but your brother, I'm sorry.

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And where was Charles, again, late in December
12 when you came home for Christmas leave?

13 A Well, he was living -- I think he was living in
14 town but he was staying with my brother part of the time. He
15 was traveling back and forth.

16 Q At any rate, he wasn't back at the Spahn Ranch?

17 A No, at this time he wasn't.

18 Q Now, when approximately was the next time you saw
19 Charles, Charles Watson?

20 A I want to say June of '69 -- I'm not sure of the
21 date. It was -- I was going to -- I had orders to go to Viet-
22 nam and I was home on leave and I was staying with a friend
23 in Hollywood.

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1 house with two young ladies from the ranch.

2 Q Do you remember who they were, the young girls?
3 Were you introduced?

4 A Yes, sir. I think one of them was Patricia
5 Krenwinkel but I am not sure.

6 Q Do you know who the other one was?

7 A Not for sure, no.

8 Q How did, if you know, Watson know how to find
9 you in Hollywood?

10 A I think that I had called him at the ranch trying
11 to get in touch with him. He had left a number with my
12 brother.

13 Q Now, on this occasion in June or so of 1969 when
14 Mr. Watson came to where you were living with two girls from
15 the ranch, did you have a discussion with him?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q And on this occasion did you notice any change in
18 him from the way you had seen him last?

19 A I didn't recognize him at first. That is the
20 difference, in the change.

21 Q What was it about his appearance that made it
22 difficult for you to recognize him?

23 A Well, physically, he had lost a great deal of
24 weight.

25 He was smoking cigarettes, which I had never seen
26 him do and he had a stare, absence of emotion almost.

27 Q Was it more pronounced, this absence of emotion?

28 A Yes, it was.

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1 Q Than when you had seen him after this telephone
2 call?

3 A Yes, definitely.

4 Q And did you have a discussion with him?

5 A Yes, sir, I did.

6 Q And did you and he take a walk?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q Did the girls from the ranch go with you?

9 A The girls did not go along. They remained at the
10 house.

11 Q What did Charles tell you, Charles Watson, in
12 substance?

13 A Well, he asked me to come to the ranch and to live
14 and he explained Charles Manson's philosophy, which was now
15 his, and he explained helter skelter and he told me that there
16 was going to be a revolution in the country.

17 He didn't say -- he did say that Charles Manson --
18 well, the thing that kept throwing me was he kept referring
19 to Charles Manson, the girls, and himself as one. They were
20 all the same.

21 Q Go on. Anything else you can remember?

22 A I remember him telling me of helter skelter, of
23 the revolution, and that it would be happening in this country
24 within a matter of months.

25 Q What did you say to him, if anything?

26 A Well, for starters no about going to the ranch and
27 living with the people. There really wasn't much reasoning.
28 I didn't really know him. He was a completely different person.

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1 Q How long did you see him on this occasion? A
2 matter of hours?

3 A A matter of an hour and a half or two hours.

4 Q And did he constantly talk about Manson and helter
5 skelter and the concept of oneness?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q Then did he leave with the girls?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q Did his appearance and did his conversation
10 disturb you or distress you in any way?

11 A It disturbed me mainly because I didn't -- he had
12 completely lost his identity from the Charles that I knew.
13 It wasn't the same person.

14 Q Did you ever see him again after that?

15 A No, sir.

16 Q Did you try to contact him at all or did he try
17 to, or did he contact you over the telephone, if you know?

18 A No, sir.

19 Q When you saw him in June of '69, other than his
20 dress, did he look something as he looks today?

21 A Well, his hair was longer. He was not quite as
22 thin, but he was thinner than I had ever seen him. He was
23 explaining to me how he was living on the desert and was
24 living strictly off of the desert. Any food that was obtained
25 was obtained from the desert. He was adapting himself to the
26 desert -- was another one of the things we talked about.

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1 THE COURT: Did he mention a bottomless pit to you?

2 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

3 MR. KEITH: I have nothing further at this time.

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5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. KAY:

7 Q David, you say that Mr. Watson told you in June
8 of '69 that helter skelter, the revolution, would be happening
9 in a couple of months.

10 Did he tell you how it was going to start?

11 A No, he didn't; he didn't mention it.

12 Q What did he say about helter skelter, about the
13 revolution?

14 A He just mentioned that through acid and through a
15 level of understanding that Charles Manson was on, and he was
16 also on, they had listened to enough music that the Beatles
17 were putting out at this time and he -- being Charles Manson --
18 had decided that helter skelter was what was going to happen.

19 Q Did Tex say that he thought that this was what
20 was going to happen?

21 A Well, he was talking almost as if he were -- when
22 I would ask him about Charles Manson or about the girls he
23 would say, "We are the same, so if you ask me about one of
24 them you are asking me about me."

25 Q Now, how well did you know Charles back in the
26 fraternity in Texas?

27 A I knew him to -- not closely, but I knew him; we
28 were friends.

1 wig business, but when he worked for this wig company -- how
2 much would he make, his salary, if you know, approximately?

3 A Approximately \$150 a week. I know he was selling
4 more wigs and doing better -- he was a salesman at that time.

5 Q And where was the wig shop located?

6 A It was located on Canon Drive in Beverly Hills.

7 Q Now, when you and Charles opened your wig shop
8 where was that wig shop?

9 A That was on San Vicente, Beverly Hills.

10 Q And how long did you have this wig shop together?

11 A I'm not sure of the time; four months, five months.

12 Q And was this a prosperous business or what?

13 A No, not really; that's why we closed the shop.

14 Q Did you mutually close the shop?

15 A Yes, we did.

16 Q In other words, it was a mutual decision?

17 A Right.

18 Q Now, this occasion where you say that you and Mr.
19 Watson took rosewood seeds, when would that be; could you place
20 a date in relationship to, say, when you had this wig shop
21 together in December of '68?

22 Was that before?

23 A This was just as we had moved to Laurel Canyon,
24 after we had been there, oh, a month.

25 Q And when would that be as far as --

26 A I don't recall the dates.

27 Q When would that be in relationship to when you
28 opened the wig shop together?

1 A Oh, seven months, eight months.

2 Q Now, on approximately how many occasions did you
3 and Mr. Watson smoke marijuans together?

4 MR. KEITH: That assumes facts not in evidence, that he
5 smoked any.

6 Q BY MR. KAY: Well, did you smoke any?

7 A Yes.

8 Q On how many occasions did you and Mr. Watson smoke
9 marijuana together while you were living together?

10 A Oh, numerous occasions.

11 Q Well, what would that be; 30, 40?

12 A Thirty or forty separate times? Probably at least
13 that.

14 Q Were any other drugs taken by either you or Mr.
15 Watson during that period --

16 A None.

17 Q -- other than the rosewood seeds and the marijuana?

18 A No.

19 Q Now, you say that the time you saw Mr. Watson out
20 at Spahn Ranch sometime before December of '68 you told Mr.
21 Keith that it appeared that Mr. Watson somewhat had an
22 absence of emotion.

23 What did you base this on; did you tell him a joke
24 and he didn't laugh, or what?

25 A Well, when I went to the ranch, as I recall, there
26 were girls -- they were cooking dinner and there was really
27 a look on -- I don't know at that particular time if they were
28 on acid or what, but there was very little emotion from anyone,

1 other than the old man, the blind old man, Spahn.

2 Q George Spahn?

3 A Spahn; he was there; and he would occasionally ask
4 a question, but the girls and Charles -- Tex -- seemed to be --
5 I thought they were stoned on something. I didn't know what,
6 but there was just no reaction.

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- 1 Q There was no reaction to what?
- 2 A Well, to questions.
- 3 Q By you?
- 4 A By me and by the old man.
- 5 Q Would they just not answer your questions?
- 6 A They would either not answer them or for the most
- 7 part just stare.
- 8 Q Without answering the questions?
- 9 A Without answering.
- 10 Q What type of questions were these that you asked?
- 11 A "It's a nice day --" anything. They would just --
- 12 they were not -- not only weren't they friendly, they were
- 13 almost scary.
- 14 Q You felt somewhat that you were unwelcome there;
- 15 is that right?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Did Mr. Watson seem unhappy at all when he was
- 18 living with you at any stage?
- 19 A Unhappy?
- 20 Q Yes, unhappy with society, with his life, with
- 21 college?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Do you remember who this other girl was besides
- 24 you think it was Patricia Krenwinkel, possibly that came over
- 25 when you were on this leave from the army, when Tex came over
- 26 to your place in Hollywood, the place that you were staying.
- 27 Do you remember?
- 28 A I don't remember who the -- there were three girls.

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1 I remember that.

2 Q Three girls?

3 A Right.

4 Q And when you and Tex went on this walk, they
5 stayed in the house?

6 A Yes, sir, they did.

7 Q Did Tex ask them to stay in the house so he could
8 go on the walk or did you ask them to stay or did they just
9 stay?

10 A I don't recall how that happened. I think we
11 just -- I think we were talking in the kitchen and we just
12 walked through the -- they were sitting in the living room
13 talking with some friends of mine and we just walked out the
14 front door and took a walk.

15 Q So just about every time you saw Mr. Watson after
16 he started living with the Manson family he always had girls
17 around, is that correct, or there always seemed to be girls
18 around?

19 A He always seemed to have someone from the ranch
20 with him.

21 Q Female?

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q And generally more than one?

24 A Yes, generally.

25 Q Did you ever see Mr. Watson take LSD?

26 A I had seen him under the influence of LSD, yes.

27 Q And when you say you had seen him under the influ-
28 ence, did you see him take what you knew to be LSD or did he

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1 just tell you he had taken LSD?

2 A I think he had told me but I recall seeing him
3 with capsules.

4 Q And was this out at the Spahn Ranch?

5 A This was out at the Spahn Ranch, yes.

6 Q And was he violent on that occasion?

7 A No.

8 Q How did he act?

9 A There was very little emotion. He wasn't violent.
10 He seemed to be almost lost as if he were in a daze, but he
11 was smiling. He wasn't unhappy.

12 Q Didn't threaten you or anybody that was around him?

13 A No.

14 Q So the last time that you saw Mr. Watson was June
15 of '69; is that right?

16 A I am not sure about the date, but that is close.

17 Q Until today?

18 A I have seen him since then.

19 Q What? In jail?

20 A Yes.

21 Q How many times have you visited him in jail?

22 A Two times.

23 Q When was that?

24 A It has been about two weeks ago and then about, oh,
25 two weeks before that.

26 Q Did you discuss your testimony at all with him?
27 What you were going to say in court?

28 A No.

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1 Q When is the first time you ever told anybody about
2 this phone conversation in December, or before you got inducted,
3 the phone conversation with Mr. Watson?

4 A When was the first time?

5 Q Yes.

6 A I told my brother just after he called.

7 Q Did you ever contact the police or law enforcement
8 authorities about any of this information that you are telling
9 us today?

10 A No.

11 Q And besides this marijuana and the rosewood seeds,
12 have you ever taken any other drug?

13 MR. KEITH: Object to the question as irrelevant.

14 THE COURT: With Watson.

15 THE WITNESS: With Watson?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 THE WITNESS: No.

18 MR. KAY: I think it might go to his state of mind, your
19 Honor, whether he has ever seen the other.

20 THE COURT: It might but I don't think so.

21 MR. KAY: May I have just a moment, your Honor?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 Q BY MR. KAY: When Tex told you that he was living
24 strictly off the desert, when you saw him in June of '69, did
25 he say exactly what he was eating? Like cactus plants or what?

26 A He said he was adapting to the desert and he was
27 eating cactus or plants of the desert, but mostly just drinking
28 water. He wasn't eating very much of anything.

MR. KAY: I have no further q

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1. MR. KEITH: May I reopen for just a question or two?

2. THE COURT: Go ahead.

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4. REDIRECT EXAMINATION

5. BY MR. KEITH:

6. Q David, before Charles ever went to the Spahn
7. Ranch, some short time before, did you ever have conversations
8. with Charles Watson about the subject of giving material
9. things away?

10. A Yes, sir.

11. Q And when and where did that conversation take place?
12. Did I say "Manson"?

13. A No.

14. THE COURT: "Watson."

15. MR. KEITH: I thought I said "Watson." Mr. Bubrick
16. said --

17. MR. BUBRICK: I'm sorry. I thought this was a conversa-
18. tion with Manson.

19. THE COURT: Those things happen.

20. Q BY MR. KEITH: My question was, when and where
21. was that conversation?

22. A This conversation -- well, it happened on several
23. occasions; but, as I recall, it was when he first started
24. living with, staying at Dennis Wilson's house.

25. Q And what did Mr. Watson tell you on the subject
26. of material possessions?

27. A It wasn't so much what he told me as his actions.
28. He was giving --

Q Well, don't tell us -- do you know this of your

1 own knowledge that he gave things away?

2 A Do I know that he gave things away?

3 Q Yes.

4 A Yes.

5 Q All right, tell us what you saw him do while he
6 was living at Dennis'.

7 A Well, I know he gave some Stereo equipment away,
8 a pickup truck, the majority of his clothes or all of his
9 clothes except for a pair of jeans or two.

10 Q Do you know to whom he gave these things?

11 A At the time, anyone who asked.

12 Q And did he ever discuss with you the concept of
13 sharing everything with everybody and that no one should own
14 anything?

15 A Yes, sir.

16 Q And what did he say on that subject?

17 By "he" I am referring to Watson now.

18 A Well, he said that material -- there was no --
19 how did he put it? -- there is no need in material possessions;
20 there is no need to have them.

21 Q Did he tell you this at or about the time he was
22 giving everything he owned away?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And did he ever tell you where he learned this
25 philosophy from, or did you know?

26 A Well, this was through Manson. He was with --
27 he talked about after being at Dennis' and after meeting Manson.

28 Q "He," now is Charles Watson?

1 A Charles Watson talked of Manson after meeting him,
2 began talking about him everytime I would see him, about the
3 things they were doing as far as spiritually being like one
4 and being together; and the material things they were giving
5 away.

6 I asked him once if they were keeping material things
7 and he said no, when they got material things if someone else
8 needed it worse than they did, they passed them on.

9 Q Who is "they," Manson and the girls?

10 A Manson and the girls; Charles Watson.

11 Q Were you aware that Manson was the one who
12 actually got the truck and the camera equipment?

13 MR. KAY: I believe this assumes facts not in evidence;
14 I believe the testimony is that Ruth Moorehouse got the truck.

15 MR. KEITH: I will withdraw the question.

16 THE COURT: You are right; that's the testimony.

17 MR. KEITH: I have nothing further.

18 MR. KAY: Nothing further.

19 THE COURT: Thank you; you may be excused.

20 Suppose we have our morning recess at this time.

21 Ladies and gentlemen, we will have our morning re-
22 cess at this time and, once again, please heed the usual
23 admonition.

24 (Recess.)
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1 THE COURT: People against Watson.

2 Let the record show all jurors are present. All
3 counsel and the defendant are present.

4 MR. BUBRICK: Call the defendant Watson, your Honor.

5 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand, please.

6 You do solemnly swear that the testimony you may
7 give in the cause now pending before this court shall be the
8 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you
9 God?

10 THE WITNESS: I do.

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12 CHARLES WATSON,
13 the defendant herein, called as a witness on his own behalf,
14 testified as follows:

15 THE CLERK: Thank you. Be seated.

16 Would you state your name?

17 THE WITNESS: Charles, C-h-a-r-l-e-s Watson; W-a-t-s-o-n.

18 THE CLERK: Thank you.

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20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. BUBRICK:

22 Q Charles, when is it that you first came to Cali-
23 fornia?

24 A It was in August of 1967.

25 Q And when you came here, where did you come from?

26 A Dallas, a small town named Copeville, Texas.

27 Q Is Copeville where you had been raised?

28 A Yes.

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- 1 Q And who did you live there with?
- 2 A My parents and my brother and my sister.
- 3 Q Your sister is the oldest one in the family; is
- 4 that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And then your brother is next, obviously, then you
- 7 are the youngest?
- 8 A Right, yes.
- 9 Q And there was just the three of you in the family;
- 10 is that correct?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q What sort of a town, or how big a town is Copeville?
- 13 A Around 150 people.
- 14 Q Can you place it for us with respect to Dallas?
- 15 A It is 35 miles from Dallas, I believe, north, I
- 16 believe.
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1 Q 35 miles north of Dallas?

2 A Yes.

3 Q I take it you lived there all of your life; is that
4 correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Did you go to school in Copeville?

7 A I went to school in Farmersville.

8 Q How far is that from Copeville?

9 A Seven miles.

10 Q How did you get there?

11 A I rode the bus.

12 Q Did you have any difficulty in grade school or
13 elementary school?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you go to school regularly?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Did you play hockey; do you know what I mean by
18 that?

19 A No, I always got a perfect attendance award every
20 year for not missing any days.

21 Q Was your health good in those days?

22 A Yes, very good.

23 Q Did you have any hobbies while you were going to
24 grade school?

25 A No, I don't believe so, in going to grade school;
26 just maybe working around the station and around the house and
27 stuff, that's about all.

28 Q What did your father do?

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- 1 A He owns a gas station and grocery store, combined.
- 2 Q Is that close to the family residence?
- 3 A Yes, it is; the house is right beside the store.
- 4 Q Is that the only business you have known your
- 5 father to have?
- 6 A Yes, right.
- 7 Q And did you grow up while he was conducting that
- 8 station and that little store?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Did you work there with him from time to time?
- 11 A After school and in -- in my early years -- and
- 12 then after football practice and the sport practices when I
- 13 was in college.
- 14 Q But in your younger years, you would help out
- 15 occasionally; is that correct?
- 16 A Right, occasionally.
- 17 Q Eventually, I take it, you went into high school;
- 18 is that correct?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q Where did you go to school, in high school?
- 21 A Farmersville High School.
- 22 Q Did you go there the full four years?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Did you have any extracurricular activities in
- 25 high school?
- 26 A Sports, and I was in the band one year, I believe;
- 27 and the big thing kind of was sports all the time, football and
- 28 basketball and track.

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- 1 Q Did you letter in those sports?
- 2 A Yes, every year I lettered in sports.
- 3 Q How many letters did you get in high school?
- 4 A Well, I got one each year; that would be four in
- 5 football and in basketball and in track.
- 6 Q 12 letters for the four years?
- 7 A 12 letters, yes.
- 8 Q Did you ever do any -- did you ever belong to the
- 9 4-H Club?
- 10 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 11 Q How long were you in that organization?
- 12 A Two years.
- 13 Q What did you do as a member of that club?
- 14 A I remember we raised calves and things like that,
- 15 you know.
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1 Q Did you raise a calf?
2 A Yes, I did.
3 Q Anything else that you remember doing in the 4-H
4 club?
5 A No, I don't remember of anything else.
6 Q Did you belong to something known as the FHA --
7 I mean FFA?
8 A FFA.
9 Q I am sorry.
10 A Future Farmers.
11 Q Future Farmers of America?
12 A Right.
13 Q Is that an organization similar to the 4-H club?
14 A Yes.
15 Q How big a school is Farmersville High School?
16 A I'm not for sure about that at all. I know there
17 was about 40 in my class.
18 Q In your graduating class?
19 A Right.
20 Q Do you have any idea of about how many students
21 were in the school, the total school population?
22 A Just what I have heard recently, 500, but that is
23 all I know, you know. I don't know how many was in there.
24 Q What sort of grades did you get in high school?
25 A A's, mostly A's. I made a B every once in a while.
26 Q Were you on any honorary societies in school,
27 if you remember?
28 A I can't remember. I know I was in the top -- one

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1 of the top 10 in my graduating class.

2 Q Did you do any work after school or during the
3 summer periods while you were going to school?

4 A Yes. I always worked for Mr. Carpenter at an
5 onion packing plant, making money for college.

6 Q Save the money you made working for him?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do you know how many summers or how many years
9 you worked for him?

10 A I was around 14 when I started working for him and
11 I worked for him all the summers up until the summer I came
12 to California and then I didn't work for him that summer.

13 Q And the last summer would have been 1966 that you
14 worked for him?

15 A I believe so, yes.

16 Q You came here in '67; is that correct?

17 A Right, uh-huh.

18 Q I take it you did not work for him in '67.

19 A No, I didn't.

20 Q What sort of work did you do for Mr. Carpenter?

21 A I sacked onions and I was kind of a mechanic around
22 the shop and I drove a forklift and when I first started I
23 graded onions and toted bags, I should^{say} carried the bags around
24 to plant.

25 Q And in your latter years, Charles, how long would
26 you work during your summer vacation?

27 A We would work up to, I remember some weeks I
28 worked up to 90 hours a week.

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1 Q Would you work the entire summer?

2 A Yes, I would.

3 Q From the time school let out until the time school

4 started again?

5 A Sometimes I would start just a little before

6 school got out and work after school a little bit and then

7 I worked all summer.

8 Q How did you get along with the people at the

9 plant, the people you worked with?

10 A Good.

11 Q Did you ever have any difficulty with any of them?

12 A No, sir, not at all.

13 Q Did you ever have any fights with any of them?

14 A No.

15 Q How did you get along with your brother and

16 sister?

17 A Very well.

18 Q Did you have any difficulty with them that you can

19 recall?

20 A No, never did.

21 Q And how about your dad? What would you say your

22 relationship was with him?

23 A Well, my relationship with him was like I said

24 when I would get home from my school in my younger years I

25 would kind of play around between the house and the station

26 there, and then after I got into high school, I would always

27 be playing sports until dark like and I would come home and

28 then I would be at the house mostly, you know, studying or --

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1 studying until the time for bed, you know, then I would go to
2 bed.

3 THE COURT: What Mr. Bubrick wants to know is did you
4 get along well with your father.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes. I got along well with my father.

6 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: You never had any fights that you
7 know of with your dad?

8 A No, not at all.

9 Q Did you ever have any reason to leave home? Did
10 you ever run away from home?

11 A No, no.

12 Q Was your dad a pretty good mechanic?

13 A Yes, uh-huh.

14 Q Where did you pick up your mechanical skills?

15 A From my dad.

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1 Q After you graduated from high school, Charles,
2 did you go on to college?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q Where did you go?

5 A I went to North Texas State University.

6 Q Incidentally, how big a person were you physically
7 while you were going to high school?

8 A Most of the time I weighed around 155 or 160, maybe
9 up to 165 at times.

10 Q Is that about what you weighed while you played
11 football?

12 A Yes, that's what I weighed when I played football.

13 Q How about track, did you maintain the same weight
14 or did you slim down?

15 A I don't recall about that; I just --

16 Q What was your major endeavor in track?

17 A High hurdles and the hundred yard dash, and the 220.

18 Q Do you remember the best time you ever made for the
19 high hurdles?

20 A Fourteen something; fourteen nine or fourteen
21 eight, fourteen seven, in the upper fourteens.

22 Q Is that 220 high hurdle --

23 A No, it is 120 high hurdles.

24 THE COURT: How about the hundred yard dash; what was
25 the best you did there?

26 THE WITNESS: The best I ever did was nine nine.

27 THE COURT: Nine nine?

28 THE WITNESS: Right.

1 Q BY MR. RUBRICK: Now, when you went on into
2 college you went to Denton -- I'm sorry, you went to North
3 Texas State in Denton; is that correct?

4 A That's correct.

5 Q How far is that from Copaville?

6 A Around 50 miles.

7 Q When you went to college, Charles, did you live
8 in Denton or did you commute?

9 A I lived in Denton.

10 Q Whose decision was it to go to North Texas State?

11 A It was more or less my mother's decision to go to
12 North Texas.

13 Q You had an older brother who played football,
14 didn't you?

15 A Yes, I had an older brother that played football.

16 Q Where did he go to school?

17 A He went to school at Texas Christian University.

18 Q And did he go on a scholarship, if you know?

19 A Yes, he did.

20 Q When you went to North Texas State did you go on any
21 scholarship?

22 A No, I didn't.

23 Q Had your sister gone to that same school?

24 A Yes, she had.

25 Q Did you particularly want to go to North Texas
26 State?

27 A I really didn't know. It didn't make me any
28 difference, you know, where I went to college. I didn't really

1 object to it and I didn't really want to, you know.

2 Q Well, did you really want to go to college?

3 A It really wasn't my decision, you know, like my
4 brother and sister had gone, so that's what I was expected
5 to do, was to go to college.

6 Q You felt that was what was expected of you; is that
7 correct?

8 A In a way, yes.

9 Q And that I take it you did actually enroll and go
10 for three years; is that correct?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Did you do any work while you were going to school?

13 A Well, the summers I would work at the onion packing
14 plant until the last semester in college; and I started working
15 for Braniff International.

16 Q I appreciate that you worked during the summer,
17 Charles; but did you do anything while you were going to
18 school --

19 A No.

20 Q -- did you work after school, days?

21 A No, I didn't work after school. I had saved my
22 money, you know.

23 Q Did you come home very frequently?

24 A Not very frequently, no, I didn't.

25 Q Did you have any transportation? Did you have a
26 car by this time?

27 A Yes, I did.

28 Q When did you first get a car, if you remember?

1 A I believe my last year in high school I got a car.

2 Q And did you take that on to college with you?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q When did you start to work for the airlines?

5 A I started to work for the airlines, I believe,
6 around the first part of 1967.

7 Q Were you still going to school then?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And where did you work, in what facility did you
10 work?

11 A Dallas, Texas.

12 Q And how did you get from Denton to Dallas?

13 A I would drive.

14 Q How far is that?

15 A I believe it is around 40 miles.

16 Q 40 miles each way?

17 A I believe, yes.

18 Q And did you maintain a full course of studies in
19 college?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q Then what did you do, work everyday after school?

22 A No, I worked -- yeah, everyday after school, right.

23 Q How long, how many hours would you work daily?

24 A I worked a full eight hours, plus I went to school
25 full time and worked full time.

26 Q Do you remember what time your classes would let
27 out so that you could get on to work?

28 A Sometimes -- let's see, during that period I

1 believe they got over between noon and 2:00 o'clock, something
2 like that.

3 Q Then after class was over you'd drive down to the
4 airlines?

5 A Right.

6 Q Where, what facility did you work at; did you work
7 at some airport or something?

8 A Dallas airport.

9 Q Do you remember the name of that?

10 A I believe it was Love Field, I believe.

11 Q Love Field?

12 A Love Field, yes.

13 Q And you would leave school and drive the distance
14 to Love Field, and how long would you work at the airport?

15 A I would work there till around midnight.

16 Q And then what would you do?

17 A Then I would come back and study or go to sleep,
18 and get up and go to classes again.

19 Q How long did you maintain this schedule?

20 A Until school was out in the summer.

21 Q Summer of '67?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And what sort of grades did you get that semester?

24 A Much lower grades than I had been getting.

25 Q And what happened in the summer of '67, if anything?

26 A Well, I quit the airlines and decided to move to
27 California.

28 Q Now, do you remember -- did you know Dave Neal in

1 school?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q And how did you happen to know him?

4 A He was a fraternity brother of mine.

5 Q Did you live at a fraternity house?

6 A Yes, I did.

7 Q Did Dave live there?

8 A No, Dave didn't.

9 Q How often would you see Dave at school?

10 A Quite often, you know, during the weeks.

11 Q Was Dave a football player at school?

12 A Yes, he was on -- I believe he had a scholarship
13 or something like that in school.
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1 Q Did you know that Dave had moved to California?

2 A Yes.

3 Q I take it you realized he had dropped out of
4 school?

5 A Not for sure about that.

6 Q But you did know that he came to California?

7 A I know he came to California and he didn't finish,
8 so he must of -- I don't know if he dropped -- I guess you'd
9 call it dropout.

10 Q How long did you go to college?

11 A Three years.

12 Q And you dropped out your last year; is that
13 correct?

14 A That is correct. I didn't go my senior year.

15 THE COURT: Charles, have you told us when you were born?

16 THE WITNESS: I was born December 2nd, 1945.

17 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: You actually were born in Dallas;
18 is that correct?

19 A That is correct.

20 Q Then you moved right to Copeville thereafter?

21 A I guess I did. That was pretty early, you know.

22 Q Do you have any recollection of ever having lived
23 in Dallas?

24 A No, I do not.

25 Q Do you know how it was that you came to find Dave
26 in California?

27 A I remember that he -- right at the end of school,
28 I believe, that last semester, he was visiting some people in

1 Denton -- I believe his family or something -- and he talked
2 about California and I knew then I knew someone in California
3 then, I guess, you know.

4 Q Did you know where in California he lived?

5 A No, I did not. I didn't know. I just knew he was
6 in California.

7 Q Prior to coming to California, Charles, had you
8 ever visited any other parts of the country?

9 A No, other than I had been to Mexico a couple of
10 times.

11 Q How did you get there?

12 A On Braniff Airlines, passes and things like that.

13 Q This is while you worked for the airline company;
14 is that correct?

15 A Yes, that is correct.

16 Q Do you remember how many times you flew to Mexico
17 with them?

18 A I believe a couple of times. I went to Acapulco.

19 Q Both times?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And were those the only flights that you made out
22 of Texas other than to California, if you remember?

23 A Yes, that is correct.

24 Q Do you remember how you got in touch with Dave when
25 you decided to come out here?

26 A I phoned him.

27 Q From where?

28 A From Dallas, I believe.

1 Q How did you find out where he lived here in Los
2 Angeles, or in California, I should say?

3 A I don't remember really but I believe the telephone
4 was in his name or something like that.

5 Q And so you called him when?

6 A Around in August of '67.

7 Q Did you come out here then?

8 A Yes, I did.

9 Q How many times? Do you remember?

10 A I would say about four times, I believe.

11 Q You came out here at some time you decided to stay
12 permanently; is that correct?

13 A Yes. The last time I decided to stay permanently.

14 Q How many trips did you make between Dallas and
15 California before you came here on a permanent basis?

16 A I would say about four.

17 Q Do you remember when they occurred?

18 A During the month of August, I believe, maybe the
19 latter part of July, I believe. I can't recall for sure.

20 Q When would you come out, if you remember, what days
21 of the week?

22 A I would come out on the weekend, or when my -- I
23 would be working for them and then when my two days came up
24 to be off, I would come out.

25 Q How did you come out? On passes?

26 A Yes, and half fare, I believe.

27 Q Always on Braniff Airlines?

28 A No; it was on Delta Airlines.

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1 Q Delta?

2 A Yes.

3 Q When did you decide to come out here permanently,
4 if you remember?

5 A The latter part of August before school started
6 that year.

7 Q In 1967?

8 A Yes.

9 Q When you made that move, Charles, did you bring
10 anything with you?

11 A I brought all my possessions with me.

12 Q What did that include, if you remember?

13 A All my clothes, I had quite a lot of clothes and
14 a lot of stereo equipment and camera equipment and things like
15 towels and linens and just all kinds of little gadgets, you
16 know.

17 Q And prior to the time that you left Texas to come
18 to California, had you ever had any drugs? Ever use any drugs?

19 A I used marijuana one time.

20 Q Where was that?

21 A That was in Dallas.

22 Q Do you remember what year?

23 A That was nearly the day I moved to California.

24 Q What?

25 A Nearly the day -- it was just about the same day
26 or right around the time.

27 Q That would have been in August of '67?

28 A Yes, right.

1 Q Do you remember who you used it with?

2 A I used it with a girl in Dallas.

3 Q Is that the only occasion on which you used mari-
4 juana in Texas?

5 A Yes, that is correct.

6 Q Did you use any other drugs in Texas?

7 A None other than one or two times I stayed up for
8 exams or something at school and some kind of a pill that would
9 make you stay awake, you know, like to be able to stay up and
10 study for the test, one or two times. I believe that is all.

11 Q Other than those two occasions, are there any
12 other drugs that you can think of that you used in Texas?

13 A No, none at all.

14 Q When you came to California then in August of '67,
15 where did you stay, if you remember?

16 A I moved in with David and his brother.

17 Q Where were they living, if you remember?

18 A In the Hollywood area, I believe.

19 Q Did you bring your possessions with you, or were
20 they trans shipped, if you remember?

21 A Some of them I brought with me and a lot of them
22 were shipped in a big trunk, I remember a big trunk, and big
23 boxes.

24 Q Did you take all the things with you then to David
25 or wherever he lived with his brother?

26 A Yes, right.

27 Q How long did you stay there?

28 A I believe around two or three weeks.

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1 Q Can you fix the time of year for us now?

2 A It was before school has started and before I had
3 enrolled in school at Cal State.

4 Q Did you actually enroll at Cal State?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Do you remember when that was?

7 A I believe school started around the middle of
8 September, is that correct? The middle of September or some-
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1 Q What brought you to California, if you know?

2 A I don't really know why. I think it was just
3 maybe the adventure, I guess -- that's about it, about the
4 adventure, I guess, I mean --

5 Q You told us how big a city Copeville was. How
6 big a city was Farmersville?

7 A Around 2,000 people.

8 Q And how about Denton?

9 A I don't have any idea.

10 Q Was it bigger than Farmersville?

11 A Yes, it was big -- bigger.

12 Q And aside from being away from home at Denton, had
13 you ever been away from home before?

14 A No, I haven't.

15 Q So this is really the first time that you have been
16 away from home, on any extended period; is that correct?

17 A Yes, it was the first time away from home.

18 Q You enrolled, then, at Cal State in September of
19 '67; is that correct?

20 A That is correct.

21 Q Did you go to school?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q For how long?

24 A Up until the time when you could -- it was right
25 after the time when you couldn't drop out, without getting
26 all -- right after that time.

27 Q Can you tell us how long you went in terms of
28 weeks, months or anything like that?

1 A I'd say a couple of months.

2 Q Then you just left school, did you?

3 A Yes, I was working at the same time and going to
4 school.

5 Q What sort of work were you doing about this time?

6 A I was working for a wig company.

7 Q Do you remember where it was located?

8 A It was -- in Beverly Hills.

9 Q Is this still a time when you were living with
10 David and his brother?

11 A No, I had moved; David and I had moved into an
12 apartment together.

13 Q When did you make that move?

14 A A couple of weeks after I was living with David
15 in Hollywood, after -- a couple of weeks after I came to
16 California.

17 Q Was that before you enrolled in school?

18 A Both of those happened about the same time.

19 Q So that might have been what, September of '67?

20 A Yes, right.

21 Q When did you go to work for the wig company, if
22 you know?

23 A Around the same time.

24 Q What sort of work were you doing?

25 A Started out walking around the streets passing out
26 cards to women to get them to come into the shop.

27 Q For wigs?

28 A Yes.

- 1 Q How long did you do that?
- 2 A Until I started selling wigs in the shop.
- 3 Q How long did you work at the wig shop?
- 4 A Until I had an automobile accident.
- 5 Q When did that occur?
- 6 A That was at the first of '68.
- 7 Q In January?
- 8 A In January, I believe, yes.
- 9 Q Where were you living -- were you living at the
- 10 same place with David while you worked at this wig shop?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And were you living with David when you had the
- 13 accident?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Did you have some surgery; were you hospitalized
- 16 with the accident?
- 17 A I had a knee operation.
- 18 Q Do you remember when that was?
- 19 A That was about a month after the accident.
- 20 Q Were you laid up for any period of time, if you
- 21 remember?
- 22 A Yes, for a while; and then for, I guess -- I don't
- 23 know how long, but I laid up a while and then I went back
- 24 working for the wig company.
- 25 Q Did your mother come out to visit you while you
- 26 were laid up?
- 27 A Yes, she did.
- 28 Q How long did she stay, if you remember?

1 A I don't remember exactly; about a week, I believe.

2 Q When you went back to work did you go to work for
3 the same wig company?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q How much longer did you work for that company?

6 A I believe about a month or two, I believe.

7 Q What happened after you left that job?

8 A David and I opened up a wig shop of our own.

9 Q Where did you do that?

10 A It was close to Wilshire, I know.

11 Q In the west end of town, downtown, where?

12 A Probably about 10 miles from downtown, I believe.

13 Q Was it in the western part of the city?

14 A No, it was kind of in the Hollywood district.

15 Q How long did you maintain that business, the one
16 that you and David started?

17 A Not for very long, because it didn't work out,
18 didn't make any money.

19 Q Did you ever meet anybody by the name of Dennis
20 Wilson?

21 A Yes.

22 Q When did you meet him, if you know?

23 A It was right around the time when we went out of
24 business at the wig shop.

25 Q How did you happen to meet Dennis Wilson?

26 A I was driving down Sunset Boulevard toward the
27 ocean and then I picked him up hitch-hiking.

28 Q Now, up until the time that you met Dennis Wilson

1 and after you moved here to California, had you used any drugs?

2 A Yes, I had used marijuana and hash.

3 Q What is hash?

4 A That's a form of marijuana; the same thing as
5 marijuana, I believe; and rosewood seeds one time.

6 Q Do you remember where you were living when you
7 used the rosewood seeds?

8 A I was living in Laurel Canyon.

9 Q Had you used them on any other occasion other than
10 this one?

11 A No, I only used them once.

12 Q What effect, if any, did it have on you, if you
13 know?

14 A Well, a lot of hallucinations. I remember the
15 room came in on me, completely; and it seems like my head was
16 just in one little room, you know, and the little room was
17 around my head. And I remember I hit a door, hit the door and
18 put my hand through a door; and kind of got mad at the guy
19 that gave them to us, you know.

20 I never had did anything like that or anything, and
21 I couldn't understand why he had given me something that would
22 make me do that.

23 Q Was anybody else with you at the time you took the
24 rosewood seeds?

25 A David was with me -- David.

26 Q Other than that you had smoked marijuana and
27 hash; is that correct?

28 A That's correct.

1 Q Had you ever had any reaction from those drugs?

2 A No, none at all.

3 Q Do you remember on how many occasions you might
4 have smoked them?

5 A We smoked -- I don't know how many occasions.

6 Q Numerous?

7 A Yes, uh-huh.

8 Q Now, can you tell us about when it was that you
9 met Dennis Wilson?

10 A It must have been around in April, I guess, April
11 of May of -- it would be '68.

12 Q I think you told us you picked him up hitch-hiking;
13 is that correct?

14 A That's correct.

15 Q Where did you take him, if you remember?

16 A I took him to his house.

17 Q Where was that?

18 A It was in Pacific Palisades.

19 Q Was there anybody else there when you got there?

20 A Yes, a guy by the name of Dean Moorehouse was
21 there; and Charles Manson was there and he had a bunch of
22 girls with him, about five or six girls.

23 Q Had you ever met any of these people before?

24 A No, that was the first time.

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1 Q How long did you stay at Dennis Wilson's on the
2 date of your first meeting with him?

3 A Just for a while that evening.

4 Q Did anything unusual happen while you were there?

5 A No, not nothing unusual. We just sat around the
6 coffee table and the girls brought in some food and we smoked
7 some hash that night.

8 Q That was the first night you met Dennis and the
9 other people?

10 A Yes, that is correct.

11 Q Was there anything other than hash that was used,
12 if you remember?

13 A No, not at all.

14 Q What sort of a car were you driving, if you remem-
15 bar?

16 A I was driving an old truck, '35 Dodge, kind of an
17 antique truck.

18 Q I think you told us you stayed a couple of hours
19 that evening, did you?

20 A Yes, that is correct.

21 Q Where did you go after that?

22 A I went back -- I went, drove on down to where our
23 house was on the beach.

24 Q In the Malibu area?

25 A Yes, that is correct.

26 Q Were you still living with somebody else?

27 A I was living with David at the time.

28 Q Were you working at this time?

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1 A No. I had just went out of the wig business.

2 Q Did you see Dennis Wilson often thereafter?

3 A On occasions I would drop by and visit and go
4 swimming in the pool.

5 Q Did you become friendly with anybody you met at
6 Dennis Wilson's?

7 A Dennis wasn't there a lot and a guy by the name of
8 Dean Moorehouse was living there. He was kind of the one that
9 raked up the leaves and kind of took care of the place.

10 Q Where was he living, if you know?

11 A He was living in a little log cabin behind the main
12 house.

13 Q That is on Dennis Wilson's property?

14 A Yes, that is correct.

15 Q Would you see Dean Moorehouse frequently?

16 A Yes, quite often. I eventually moved into Dennis'
17 house. Dennis asked me to move in.

18 Q Do you remember when you did that?

19 A David and I leased out the beachhouse, our beach-
20 house, and then after that I really didn't have a place to
21 stay, so Dennis asked me to move in to his place.

22 Q How many times would you say you had seen Dennis or
23 you had been at Dennis' house from the time that you first met
24 him and the time that you moved in?

25 A Probably 10 times.

26 Q How about Dean Moorehouse, had you met him on a
27 number of occasions?

28 A Every time I was there, he was there.

1 Q How about Charles Manson?

2 A Charles Manson was there a few times and his girls
3 was always there, you know.

4 Q When you say "his girls," do you know who they were?
5 Can you identify them for us?

6 A No, I can't. I believe Brenda was there, a girl
7 by the name of Diane.

8 Q Is that Diane Lake?

9 A She always went by the name of Diane Bluestein.
10 That was her name.

11 Q Is that the Diane that you are talking about?

12 A Yes, Diane Lake is the Diane I am talking about and
13 another girl named Diane, too, that was a girl friend of
14 Dennis' was living there.

15 Q Do you know her last name?

16 A No, I don't.

17 Q Does Mr. Moorehouse have a daughter?

18 A Yes, he had a daughter.

19 Q Was she there?

20 A On occasion she was there. She lived out at the
21 ranch mostly.

22 Q What would you do when you would visit with Dennis
23 before you moved in?

24 A Just kind of go over and sit around and go swimming
25 and then Dean Moorehouse would be talking to me all the time,
26 you know.

27 Q What did he talk about?

28 A Kind of about dropping out of society, I guess you

1 would say, or about society.

2 Q What would he say about society that you can now
3 remember?

4 A Well, he would talk about how they had a lot of
5 wants and desires, of wanting material things, and how they
6 had a lot of thought in their heads and a lot of wants.

7 Q Did he say there was anything wrong with having
8 thoughts in your head or having wants?

9 A Yes. He said that this was where the -- that it
10 was destroying the love in the world.

11 Q Did he ever tell you how he defined love?

12 A Not having any thought, being able to give every-
13 thing that you had.

14 Q On how many occasions would you say you and Mr.
15 Moorehouse talked along these lines?

16 A Every time I was around him, this is all he talked
17 about.

18 Q Were you taking any drugs at this time?

19 A During that period, just marijuana.

20 Q And how frequently were you using that?

21 A Pretty frequently.

22 Q At Dennis Wilson's?

23 A Yes, before I moved in.

24 Q Any other drugs that you used while you were at
25 Dennis'?

26 A After I moved in, I took some LSD.

27 Q Let's stop there a minute. Had you ever used any-
28 thing like LSD before you moved in to Dennis Wilson's?

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1 A No, this -- no, never had used LSD before.

2 Q Had you been staying with Dean Moorehouse before
3 you moved into Dennis Wilson's?

4 A Well, I wasn't staying with Dean Moorehouse, until
5 I moved in to Dennis Wilson's house.

6 Q When you say you moved in with Dennis Wilson, did
7 you move into the main house or did you move into the cabin
8 that Dean Moorehouse lived in?

9 A I moved into the main house, in one of the bedrooms.

10 Q I think you told us you used some LSD there; is
11 that correct?

12 A Yes, LSD, but it was real light, like it really
13 didn't have a big effect.

14 Q Do you remember what effect, if any, it did have
15 on you?

16 A At that time it just kind of made me submit and
17 believe more of what Dean Moorehouse was saying.

18 Q And was he saying the same thing you have told us
19 about here before?

20 A Yes, that is correct.

21 Q Would Dean Moorehouse use LSD at the same time you
22 did, if you know?

23 A Yes.

24 Q How about Dennis Wilson?

25 A I never did take LSD that much, when I was living
26 at Dennis Wilson's house.

27 Q Did you ever see Manson while you were at Dennis
28 Wilson's house?

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1 A Yes. He would always be coming over quite frequently.

2 Q Did you ever see Mr. Manson use any LSD?

3 A On one occasion, I believe while I was at Dennis'
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1 Q How long did you live at Dennis' house?

2 A Up until the end of August or close to the end of
3 August.

4 Q What year?

5 A I believe, '68.

6 Q Now, can you tell us the number of times that you
7 used LSD while you lived at Dennis Wilson's house?

8 A Around two times; one time some people came by and
9 gave it to us, and then another time I believe Dean had it that
10 time.

11 Q Did Dean use LSD both times that you did?

12 A Yes, he did.

13 Q Were you using anything other than LSD while you
14 were living at Dennis', other than the marijuana and hash that
15 you have told us about?

16 A Yes, some ^{cannabinol} / -- that's a synthetic marijuana,
17 I believe.

18 Q Does that also go by some initials, if you know?

19 A THC, I believe.

20 Q Anything else?

21 A That's all.

22 Q Were the girls there --

23 A Let's see, I think we took some -- one time we
24 took some peyote there.

25 Q Do you remember who brought that?

26 A N o, I don't remember who brought it by. I remem-
27 ber they cooked it or something. I remember I threw it up and
28 that was it.

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1 Q Do you remember what form the peyote took?

2 A It was a cactus-like plant.

3 Q Then what did they do with it, if you know?

4 A They cooked it up and we were supposed to eat it,
5 you know; and that's what we did.

6 Q You ate some solid mass?

7 A Right, it didn't stay down; I threw it up.

8 Q Did you take it on any other occasion that you
9 remember, at Dennis Wilson's?

10 A No, none at all; that's all I took at Dennis
11 Wilson's.

12 Q Did you still have your truck and the hi-fi equip-
13 ment and the other property you brought with you from Texas?

14 A Yes, I had the truck and it was loaded down with
15 all of my possessions that I could get in it; and the rest
16 was at the beachhouse that we had leased out. I had a storage,
17 kind of.

18 Q What did you do with the stuff that was on your
19 truck?

20 A I gave it to Charles Manson.

21 Q Do you remember when you did that?

22 A It was right before I left Dennis Wilson's house
23 and after Dean had been talking to me, telling me about Charlie
24 and all of the philosophies and stuff.

25 Q Can you fix the time of it for us?

26 A It was around in August of '68.

27 Q What did you give Charlie Manson?

28 A I gave him the truck and all of the possessions

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1 that I had in the truck at the time.

2 Q You mean you physically just turned it over to him?

3 A Yes, that's correct.

4 Q And you actually turned it over to Manson; is that
5 correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Did you have a pink slip for this truck?

8 A I don't believe I had a pink slip, but I had a
9 bill of sale.

10 Q Did you give that to Manson?

11 A Yes, I did. I believe a girl by the name of Ruth
12 Moorehouse, Charlie put it in her name.

13 Q Do you know that of your own knowledge?

14 A No, it never did go in her name because the truck
15 stayed in my name, I found out later; but I believe I do remem-
16 ber her signing something to get it, you know.

17 Q Did Mr. Manson ever tell you what he did with this
18 property?

19 A No, he said, I believe, something to the effect he
20 just let it kind of flow through him.

21 Q Was there any particular reason for giving it to
22 a woman or a girl?

23 A Well, he said that he always put it in the girls'
24 name, because he knew the girls would stay with him, where he
25 didn't know about the guys competely. He knew that the guys
26 were always running off and he didn't want anything in the
27 men's name, wanted to keep it in the girls' names because he
28 had control of all the girls.

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- 1 Q Well, did you have any feelings about turning your
2 truck and property over to Mr. Manson?
- 3 A No, I just gave it right to him.
- 4 Q Did you want to do that?
- 5 A At the time, that's what I did, you know.
- 6 Q Had you been talking to Dean Moorehouse frequently?
- 7 A Yes, like I was living with Dean, you know, day
8 and night; and this is what he would preach. He would preach
9 Manson's philosophy and also out of the bible.
- 10 Q Did you know anything about Dean Moorehouse at all?
- 11 A Just that he had told me that he'd given his --
12 that he had set one daughter free, and this was Ruth he was
13 talking about, because he had given her to Charles Manson; and
14 that Charlie had given him LSD up north, and that he was an
15 ex-Methodist minister.
- 16 Q Is that what Dean Moorehouse told you?
- 17 A Yes, that's correct.
- 18 Q Did he quote the scriptures?
- 19 A Yes, he was always reading out of the bible and
20 quoting the scriptures and relating the bible to Manson's
21 philosophy.
- 22 Q Was there anybody -- strike that.
- 23 Did Dean Moorehouse tell you anything about anybody
24 in the family, the Manson family, owning anything in their own
25 name?
- 26 A No, none at all; everything was one. He used to
27 talk about the oneness and how everybody was -- how you gave
28 up your identity and all of your wants and all of your desires

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1 and all your thought and became one, as one person.

2 Q Were you permitted to own property in your own
3 name as a member of the family?

4 A No.

5 Q Did Moorehouse say anything about that?

6 A He said that everything belonged to one and the
7 one was Manson.

8 Q Now, you said something about you left, you moved
9 from Dennis' when, in August of '68?

10 A That's correct.

11 Q Where did you go then, if you remember?

12 A Dean Moorehouse and I went up north to his trial.
13 He was having a trial on LSD or something; he was being tried
14 on LSD.

15 Q Do you remember where the trial was being conducted?

16 A No, I know it was on the other side of San Francisco.

17 Q You mean north of San Francisco?

18 A North of San Francisco.

19 Q How did you get up there?

20 A We went in Terry Melcher's car.

21 Q Had you ever met Terry Melcher?

22 A Yes, I met Terry Melcher at Dennis' house at -- I
23 guess you'd call it kind of a party, like Dean and I was living
24 there and then Greg Jakobson was living there, and a bunch of
25 Greg's and Dennis' friends just happened to be over one day and
26 I guess you'd call it kind of a party, I think.
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- 1 Q Is that the first time that you met Terry Malcher?
- 2 A Yes. I met him that time, that was the first
- 3 time. I remember Dean said that was Doris Day's son or
- 4 something like that.
- 5 Q Can you remember when this occurred?
- 6 A It was in the last month that we were at Dennis
- 7 Wilson's house. That would have been in August.
- 8 Q August of '68?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q When you say you went with Dean Moorehouse to
- 11 his trial in Terry Malcher's car, where did you get that car?
- 12 A Terry, I believe Dean had been talking to Terry
- 13 about going up north and Terry offered Dean his car to use.
- 14 Q Were you with Dean when he picked up the car?
- 15 A Yes, I was.
- 16 Q Do you remember where Terry Malcher was living at
- 17 the time?
- 18 A He was living -- it is on Cielo Drive, I believe,
- 19 off of Benadict Canyon Road.
- 20 Q How did you get up there, if you remember? I am
- 21 talking about the day you went with Dean to get the car.
- 22 A Yes. Dean had already picked up the car and he
- 23 had asked me to come along with him on the trip, when we moved
- 24 out of Dennis' house, and went by Terry Malcher's house to
- 25 pick up his credit card.
- 26 Q Whose credit card?
- 27 A Terry Malcher's credit card.
- 28 Q Dean already had Terry Malcher's car; is that

1 correct?

2 A Yes, that is correct.

3 Q Now he was going to get Terry Melcher's credit
4 card?

5 A That is correct.

6 Q Do you remember a gate somewhere in the driveway
7 leading up to the Terry Melcher house?

8 A It seems like I recall it but I don't believe --
9 I can't recall it having any big thing on it right now. I
10 do recall going through a gate, yes.

11 Q Do you remember whether it was open or closed
12 when you got up there?

13 A I can't remember at that time.

14 Q After you got in the front of the house, do you
15 remember what you did?

16 A We went in the house in the front room.

17 Q Did you knock on the door to get in the house?

18 A I can't recall.

19 Q You went in the house with Dean Moorehouse?

20 A With Dean, yes.

21 Q Had you ever been in that house before?

22 A No, not before, no.

23 Q This was the very first time you had ever been in
24 it?

25 A This was the first time.

26 Q Ever been at a party at that house?

27 A No, no party at that house.

28 Q And you went into the front room, did you?

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1 A Yes, right.

2 Q And Dean was also there?

3 A Yes, that is right.

4 Q Did something happen between Dean and Terry?

5 A No. I remember we sat around in the front room,
6 Dean and Terry and I, and we smoked some Marijuana together.

7 Q Was there anybody else there with Terry Melcher?

8 A His maid was there and his butler, I believe he
9 called it, or chauffeur.

10 Q They didn't smoke any marijuana?

11 A No.

12 Q The three of you smoked marijuana. How long
13 did you stay on that occasion?

14 A I don't recall. I can't recall. I can't recall
15 how long we stayed -- not too long, though, an hour I would
16 say or something like that.

17 Q And then I take it you left sometime shortly after
18 that?

19 A Yes, we did.

20 Q Did Dean get Terry's credit card?

21 A Yes, his credit card and his car.

22 Q What sort of a car did he get?

23 A It was a black XKE.

24 Q Jaguar?

25 A Yes.

26 Q Did you drive up north with Dean?

27 A Yes. Before going up north, though, we went by
28 a place called the Fountain of the World where Charlie Manson

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1 was, had a school bus parked there.

2 Q Where is the Fountain of the World?

3 A That is up in Box Canyon close to Spahn's Ranch.

4 Q That is in the Chatsworth area?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Had you ever been there before?

7 A No. That was the first time.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Bubrick, might this be a good time to
9 recess.

10 MR. BUBRICK: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen we will recess at
12 this time until 1:30.

13 Please once again heed the admonition heretofore
14 given by the court.

15 The spectators will remain seated until the jury
16 leaves.

17 (The noon recess was taken until 1:30 p.m. of
18 the same day.)
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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1971, 1:30 P.M.

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3 THE COURT: People against Watson.

4 Let the record show all jurors, all counsel and
5 the defendant are present.

6 Mr. Watson, would you resume the stand, please?

7 THE CLERK: You have been previously sworn.

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9 CHARLES WATSON,
10 resumed the stand and testified as follows:

11 THE CLERK: Would you restate your name for the record?

12 THE WITNESS: Charles Watson.

13 THE CLERK: Thank you.

14 MR. SUBRICK: Your Honor, before I pick up where I left
15 off, may I approach the witness, please?

16 THE COURT: You may do so.

17 MR. SUBRICK: Your Honor, I have three photographs I
18 have heretofore shown them to counsel; I show the defendant
19 the defendant's photograph -- may it be marked WA for "Watson
20 A," if your Honor please?

21 THE COURT: It may be so marked.

22 Gentlemen, for the record, we have the alphabetical
23 series in another case under the same number, so I think to
24 keep them apart we'll prefix all the defense exhibits with a
25 "W," indicating "Watson."

26 MR. BUGLIOSI: Yes, your Honor.
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DIRECT EXAMINATION (Resumed)

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2 BY MR. BUBRICK:

3 Q I show you WA, Mr. Watson, and ask you to look at
4 that picture, please.

5 Do you recall the photograph being taken at or
6 about the time of your graduation?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And is that the kind of a cap and gown you wore
9 at the time of graduation?

10 A Yes, it is.

11 Q And do you recognize that picture as a picture of
12 you at the time of graduation?

13 A Yes.

14 MR. BUBRICK: I have another photograph; may it be marked
15 WB for identification, if your Honor please?

16 Q I show you that photograph, Mr. Watson, and ask
17 you if you recognize the likeness of yourself in that photo?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you remember when it was taken?

20 A I believe my junior year in high school.

21 MR. BUBRICK: I have another photo, your Honor; may it
22 be marked WC?

23 Q And I show you that WC, Mr. Watson, and ask you to
24 look at that photo, please.

25 Do you recognize yourself in a football uniform?

26 A Yes.

27 Q And do you remember when that photo was taken?

28 A Either my junior or senior year.

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1 Q Do you happen to remember the game that you were
2 playing in at the time?

3 A No, I don't.

4 THE COURT: Is that your number, 26?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, 26.
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1 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Now, Mr. Watson, I think when
2 we left off at the noon break you were with Mr. Dean Moorehouse
3 in Terry Malcher's Jaguar and you were at the Fountain of the
4 World in Box Canyon. Do you recall that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Who was at the Fountain of the World?

7 A Charlie Manson and about six of his girls, I
8 believe, and then the people that lived at the Fountain of
9 the World.

10 Q What was the Fountain of the World?

11 A I am really not for sure what it is. I believe it
12 is some church organization or something like that but I
13 don't really know that much about it at all.

14 Q All right.

15 Where was Manson and the girls? Where were they
16 living when you got up there?

17 A Charlie had a school bus and it was parked on top
18 of a hill right by the Fountain and they were working around
19 the Fountain, I believe, and eating and joining in with the
20 group there or something like that.

21 Q You had met Manson prior to this date, had you not?

22 A Yes; at Dennis Wilson's house.

23 Q How about the girls that were there with Manson?
24 Had you met all of them before?

25 A No, I hadn't.

26 Q Do you remember who the girls were in the bus at
27 the Fountain of the World?

28 A I remember two of them. One was Sandy and a girl

1 by the name of Bo.

2 Q Now, did anything occur while you were with Dean
3 Moorehouse at the bus?

4 A No. About the only thing I remember is a ride
5 over the hill to the ranch and I remember meeting --

6 Q Wait. When you got to the bus, did Dean get out
7 and stay there?

8 A Yes, he did, uh-huh.

9 Q Did you leave?

10 A After being there a little Charlie asked Dean
11 to borrow the black car.

12 Q You mean Charlie Manson?

13 A Yes, asked Dean.

14 Q Did Manson borrow the car?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you go with Manson?

17 A Yes, I did.

18 Q Where did you go with him?

19 A We went over to Spahn's Ranch.

20 Q Did Manson tell you why he wanted you to go with
21 him?

22 A Well, he said that he wanted to get me away from
23 the girls because I was talking about the wrong things, or
24 something. I had too much ego he said and I was talking about,
25 I guess, my past or what was -- you know, I was talking too much
26 about things, I guess.

27 Q Too much about the past?

28 A Too much about what I had in my head, I guess, what

1 I was talking about, you know.

2 Q Did you talk to any of the girls at the bus?

3 A I remember talking to one about Mexico or
4 something, you know, something about Mexico, I believe, you
5 know. He didn't want me talking about things outside of the
6 family, you know, so he took me away from the girls and we
7 went over to the ranch.

8 Q How long did you stay at the ranch?

9 A Not very long.

10 Q Can you give us any idea of the distance between
11 Fountain of the World and Spahn Ranch?

12 A Probably about five miles.

13 Q Who drove the car?

14 A Charlie did.

15 Q Charlie Manson?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Do you remember who you met, if anybody, at all
18 at the Spahn Ranch?

19 A I remember seeing some of the girls, you know,
20 running around the ranch. I met Juan Flynn, I believe that
21 is the name, met him, and I remember seeing my truck that
22 I had given them.

23 Q Do you remember seeing what? I'm sorry. What?

24 A My '35 truck that I gave Charlie.

25 Q The '35 Dodge?

26 A Yes. It was parked there at the ranch and that
27 is about all I remember happening then, you know.
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1 Q Did you do anything at all at the ranch that day?

2 A No, just drove over there and back.

3 Q How long did you stay?

4 A I'd say probably around an hour, I guess; 30 minutes

5 or an hour, not too long at all.

6 Q Then you drove back up to the Fountain of the World,

7 did you?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Did Manson drive?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Was Dean Moorehouse there when you got back?

12 A Yes, he was.

13 Q What happened so far as you and Dean Moorehouse

14 are concerned, then, after you got back?

15 A Then we took out up north.

16 Q Where did you go?

17 A To a town the other side of San Francisco.

18 Q Is that where Dean Moorehouse had a trial going?

19 A Yes, that's correct.

20 Q Did you drive directly to that city?

21 A Well, we was on the road to the city all the time

22 but we stopped, I believe, a couple times along the beach,

23 and that's about all.

24 Q Would you recognize the name of the city if you

25 heard it?

26 A Probably would, yeah.

27 Q Were you going to Ukiah?

28 A Yeah, Ukiah, that's the name of it.

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1 Q Up in Mendicino?

2 A Mendicino, yeah, that was close by, I believe.

3 Q Did you spend any nights on the road after leaving

4 the Fountain of the World and before arriving at Ukiah?

5 A I believe we drove all afternoon and drove all

6 night.

7 Q How long did you stay in Ukiah, if you remember?

8 A I'd say a week or two.

9 Q Incidentally, did you use any drugs on your way up

10 to Ukiah?

11 A I believe when we stopped along the beach a couple

12 of times we met some guys one time that gave us some marijuana

13 and we had a few marijuana cigarettes, and that's about all on

14 the way up.

15 Q Did Dean Moorehouse talk while you drove up north?

16 A Yes, that was his thing, kind of; he would con-

17 tinuously kind of preach, you know.

18 Q What did he talk about on the way up north?

19 A The same thing, you know, person losing their ego

20 and losing their thought, and this way you'd have more love,

21 you know, to give.

22 Q Had you formed any attachment or feelings for Dean

23 Moorehouse by this time?

24 A Yeah, Dean and I were pretty close.

25 Q What did you think of him as, if you did?

26 A He was just a close friend, I'd say.

27 Q Had you formed any opinion about Mr. Manson by this

28 time?

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1 A No, just like that's what Dean was always talking
2 about, was Manson; and the way Manson had brought him to think-
3 ing like this, always talking about Manson's philosophy as well
4 as his.

5 Q Well, did Dean refer to Manson as anything in par-
6 ticular?

7 A Not that I can recall.

8 Q Was Manson ever referred to as Jesus Christ?

9 A Yes, he was referred to that when I got back and
10 started living with the family, I knew him as that.

11 Q Did Dean Moorehouse ever refer to him as Christ?

12 A I'm not for sure; I know that Dean was always
13 talking about Christ and seems like the two had so much together,
14 you know, by him talking about Christ and by him talking about
15 Manson at the same time, that it just kind of became that
16 Manson was Christ.

17 Q Do you remember where you stayed in Ukiah when you
18 finally got there, Charles?

19 A At a friend's, a friend of Dean Moorehouse's; and
20 a friend of the family's, too, I believe.

21 Q Now, you think you stayed up north a week or two?

22 A Yes, right.

23 Q And you were using Terry Melcher's credit card,
24 were you?

25 A Yes, gasoline and stuff.

26 Q Did you use any drugs while you were up north with
27 dean?

28 A I believe at the house we stayed at we smoked.

1 marijuana a couple times or so.

2 Q And when Dean's matter was over up north, did you
3 come back with him?

4 A Yes, we did.

5 Q Did you drive back in a car?

6 A Yes, same car.

7 Q And do you remember stopping in San Francisco on
8 your way back?

9 A Yes, we did stop in San Francisco.

10 Q Did anything happen in San Francisco?

11 A We stopped at a friend of Dean's, and the guy gave
12 him some LSD. It was yellow, I remember, bright yellow LSD.

13 Q What happened to that?

14 A We took a couple of trips together and then we gave
15 the rest to Charlie when we moved in with Charlie.

16 Q Do you remember how much acid you got from this
17 fellow up in San Francisco?

18 A I don't recall.

19 Q Do you remember how many of them you used?

20 A A couple.

21 Q And how about Dean?

22 A I only saw him use a couple, you know, when we took
23 them together.

24 Q Do you remember how many trips you took on acid?

25 A Altogether?

26 Q Yes -- no, no; in San Francisco.

27 A A couple, I believe.

28 Q Do you know, Charles, what the normal dose, if

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1 there is a normal dose, for LSD is?

2 MR. BUGLIOSI: Calls for a conclusion, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Well, suppose you confine it to him.

4 THE WITNESS: All I know is I have taken -- this is
5 what I was told, anyway, that some of them were 500's and some
6 of them were 2,000's.

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1 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: 500 what, if you know?

2 A I don't know -- little measurements, I guess. I
3 don't know what they were.

4 Q Which of the two is the largest?

5 A The 2,000.

6 Q Were these drugs that you got by prescription?

7 A No, no prescription ever.

8 Q You don't know who made them, do you?

9 A At first when I was out back to the ranch --

10 Q No; we are talking about the drugs you got up
11 there in San Francisco.

12 A Oh, in San Francisco.

13 Q Yes.

14 A Well, I wasn't talking about 500 and 2,000 then.

15 Q All right. Maybe I confused you.

16 Do you know the size of the tablets that you
17 took in San Francisco?

18 A I know the guy gave Dean a bag of yellow powder
19 and then some individual caps that stuck together.

20 THE COURT: You mean gelatin capsules?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Do you remember which of the
23 two you took? The bulk powder or the capsules?

24 A I took after it had been put in the capsules.

25 Q I take it you know where that came from.

26 A It came from a friend of Dean's.

27 Q It had no labels on it or anything of that nature?

28 A No, none at all.

1 Q After you left San Francisco on these trips that
2 you have talked about, did you come directly back to the Los
3 Angeles area?

4 A Yes, we did.

5 Q And where did you go when you arrived in the Los
6 Angeles area?

7 A We saw Charlie riding around on a motorcycle and
8 he led us up to a place where Dennis Wilson had moved, not the
9 old place, but a new place on the beach in Malibu.

10 Q Now, can you fix the time of the month for us,
11 Charlie?

12 A I believe that was around in September.

13 Q 1960 --

14 A '68.

15 Q Did you go to Dennis Wilson's beach house then?

16 A Yes, we did.

17 Q Did you still have Terry Melcher's car?

18 A Yes, we did.

19 Q And was Dean still driving that?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What happened, if anything, at the beach house?

22 A I remember we drove the car up there and spent one
23 night at Dennis' place there and then Dennis suggested that --
24 I think he was kind of mad at Dean or something because of
25 something that happened in the old house, something with Dean
26 and one of the girls in the old house, I believe, and so Dean
27 really didn't want to stay with him and he suggested we go
28 out and stay with Manson out at the ranch.

1 Q Did you do that?

2 A Yes, we did.

3 Q When, if you remember?

4 A Sometime still in September there, about a day
5 or two after we got back from up north.

6 Q Did you go out to the Spahn Ranch?

7 A Yes, we did.

8 Q Did you still have the car?

9 A No. We left it at Dennis' house. We were told
10 to leave it at Dennis' house and that Terry would pick it
11 up.

12 Q Is that the last you saw of that particular car
13 at that time?

14 A Yes.

15 Q How did you get over to the ranch, if you remember?

16 A I believe we hitch-hiked.

17 Q Did you have anything with you other than what you
18 were wearing?

19 A No, that was all.

20 Q Do you remember how you were dressed?

21 A No, I don't.

22 Q When you got to the ranch, what happened on your
23 first day, on the day of your arrival?

24 A I know Charlie was living in a tent and some of
25 the girls and people were living up at the ranch part and
26 Charlie moved out of the tent and told Dean and I that we could
27 live in the tent.

28 Q Where was the tent with respect to the main

1 structures on the ranch?

2 A The tent was between the farm house and the main
3 branch part up a creek a ways.

4 Q I think we have seen some pictures of the ranch
5 that was identified as a kitchen, the part that you ate in,
6 as a kitchen or the saloon.

7 A Yes. It was about half a mile from there.

8 Q Did you and Dean then live in the tent?

9 A For a couple of weeks.

10 Q What, if anything, were you doing on the ranch
11 while you lived there at this time?

12 A Charlie was coming around us all the time and
13 started talking to us and he would bring his guitar up to
14 the tent and bring some girls with him and he would sit around
15 and play music and I know he had marijuana. We smoked
16 marijuana and somewhere in that period right there we started
17 taking acid.

18 Q Well, were your acid ingestions, that is the taking
19 of acid, something that you did alone or while as a member of
20 the group?

21 A It was always as a member of the group or when
22 Charlie would give it to me by myself or something.

23 Q Did you do anything else while you and Dean lived
24 in the tent?

25 A Yes, he, Charlie, asked me to build a house for
26 him.

27 Q Did you do that?

28 A I built a house for him.

1 Q What sort of a house did you build?

2 A It was just a house, you know, just a little
3 house called the "in case place."

4 Q Like in case you have to go somewhere?

5 A In case that was the only place to go.

6 Q Do you remember when you built this house, Carles?

7 A It was still right there, started on it I know when
8 I was living in the tent, in that first two-week period, and
9 I built on it until December.

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- 1 Q You worked on it that long?
- 2 A Uh-huh, all the time I was there the first time.
- 3 Q Now, you started to tell us about Manson coming
- 4 to the tent with his guitar and the girls; is that correct?
- 5 A That's right.
- 6 Q And was there some singing that was done at the
- 7 time?
- 8 A Yes, a lot of singing then, at that time.
- 9 Q Was there any preaching being done at the time?
- 10 A Well, this is kind of how Manson would, I guess
- 11 you could say, preach. This is how he would put his message
- 12 over to you; and this is how, also, he could look at a person
- 13 and be able to tell you what you are thinking about, you know,
- 14 and then you would see that he could tell you what you were
- 15 thinking about and it would kind of have a big effect on your
- 16 mind when you didn't even tell him what you were thinking about,
- 17 and this is what he would sing in his songs; and you'd be
- 18 listening to him and you could hear your thoughts coming out
- 19 in his songs.
- 20 Q Well, when he sang, was there any response from
- 21 the listeners?
- 22 A Yes, at that time the girls would all sing with
- 23 him and, like Dean and I was new and we was just kind of sitting
- 24 there watching; and that's about it.
- 25 Q Was any acid being used or any other drugs being
- 26 used at this time?
- 27 A That's when we first started taking, that I started
- 28 taking acid, I guess, real heavily there at the tent and also

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1 in the back ranchhouse we lived in.

2 Q Did you, aside from working on the building, was
3 there anything else that you did at the ranch?

4 A I was the mechanic, too. When George, the old man --

5 Q Mr. Spahn?

6 A Yes, he lived at the ranch -- he would tell Charlie
7 what he wanted done and Charlie would come and tell me what to
8 work on that day.

9 Q How frequently would you have these singing sessions --

10 A Every night.

11 Q -- or music sessions?

12 A Every night and sometimes in the afternoon and
13 night; sometimes all day and sometimes in the morning, just
14 any time everybody got together.

15 Q Who decided when everybody got together?

16 A Charlie.

17 Q Manson?

18 A Manson.

19 Q And who led these singing sessions?

20 A Charlie.

21 Q Did anybody other than Charlie Manson do any
22 singing or chanting?

23 A No, just when the group kind of sung together, you
24 know.

25 Q And aside from singing and chanting, did he ever
26 discuss philosophy with the group?

27 A Yes, this was done every night, too.

28 Q What would he tell you, if you remember?

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1 A Well, during this first period I was there I know
2 he was always talking about bringing out your inhibitions, I
3 believe; you bring out all the stuff that -- especially on
4 acid, he would -- we'd all be on acid or something and he would
5 throw all your faults up in front of you, and that's the way
6 he'd pull them out of you. He'd pull the thoughts out of your
7 head and that wouldn't be there anymore.

8 Q Is this the reaction you got to Mr. Manson?

9 A Yes.

10 Q How often would you use acid while you were at the
11 ranch during this period of time?

12 A Anywhere from one, two or three times a week, I'd
13 say.

14 Q And who supplied it when you used it?

15 A Most of the time when it came, the girls -- like
16 Charlie used to say that they were the power, you know, the
17 power to get new guys and power to run the whole thing. He
18 used to say they had all the power and they would be out hitch-
19 hiking and they'd bring home a new guy or something, and pretty
20 soon he'd be coming back with acid and this is kind of how
21 acid came into the ranch, is by people just bringing it, you
22 know.

23 Q Well, when you first started to live at the ranch,
24 were there any drugs other than acid which were available?

25 A All different kinds of drugs: Acid, mescaline,
26 psilocybin, and the THC, and STP, stuff like that; all psycho-
27 delic drugs, I guess you'd say.

28 Q Were the drugs that you have just enumerated drugs

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1 that Manson usually kept under his control?

2 A Yes, it would always be in a Baggie and it would be
3 under his control or the girls' control; and the girls' control
4 and his control was the same control, so he would just ask one
5 of the girls to go and put the acid away and then when he wanted
6 it, he'd ask the girls to bring it to him.

7 Q Could a person who wanted acid just go over and
8 take some on their own, without permission from Mr. Manson?

9 A Nobody ever knew where the Baggie was. It was
10 under his control all the time.

11 THE COURT: Do you know what a stash is?

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's what it was; it was a stash.

13 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Do you know what speed is, Charles?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What is it?

16 A It is a white powder that gets you to speeding.

17 Q Were you using speed at this time?

18 A Not at that time, no.

19 Q Now, you said you worked on the house until about
20 December; is that correct?

21 A Yes, that's correct.

22 Q What feelings, if any, did you develop about Manson
23 during the period of time that you were talking about, between
24 September through December, or while you were working on the
25 house?

26 A It was just -- I looked on him as kind of a
27 supreme being, I guess you'd say, like I said before, that
28 could see all my thoughts that were in my head; and the longer

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1 was around him, the more of these thoughts I didn't have
2 anymore.

3 Q Were you staying in touch with your family during
4 this period of time?

5 THE COURT: That is, your own family, not the Manson.

6 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Yes, your own family, your mother
7 and father?

8 A Not during that time, no.

9 Q Were you aware of the fact that you were changing
10 in some respect?

11 A I was aware of it, but I was losing -- losing from
12 what I had had, it was going out of me, and that's why I left
13 in December.

14 Q What did you feel you were losing when you left in
15 December?

16 A I was losing all my -- myself, my individual think-
17 ing; like I was becoming Charles Manson and I was becoming all
18 the girls.

19 I remember we could look into each other's face
20 and it would be the same face; my face would be Manson's and
21 the girls' faces would be Manson's, and just have one face.

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1 Q Was this something that Manson preached?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did it go by any particular name?

4 A Not that I can recall right now.

5 Q Did you talk about oneness?

6 A Yes. That is what it was, yes. It wasn't really
7 a name. That is just what it was, it was all being the same
8 person.

9 Q Did you ever hear of helter skelter at any time
10 while you were with the family?

11 A Yes, later on.

12 Q Later on. That is what I want to get.

13 Did you ever hear during this period between
14 September and December what you later on knew was helter
15 skelter?

16 A No. It was just all kind of a love thing up
17 until this time and it was just -- I know his philosophy
18 was you have to get rid of all of your thoughts before you
19 could love.

20 Q Did you ever discuss with Manson this thing that
21 you refer to as love? Was it some physical or psychological
22 or mental thing?

23 A It was all of them. It was all of them: Mental
24 and spiritual and physical and every way, you know, just one
25 big love.

26 Q This is what Manson told you about love?

27 A Yes.

28 Q Could one do just what he wanted to do while living

1 with the family during this period?

2 A Well, you had to do what everybody else was doing.
3 I mean you could always leave but there just wasn't any way
4 of leaving, it seemed like. It seemed like it was just a
5 magnetic pull between Manson and everybody there and anybody
6 that would get around the people too, they would just kind of
7 be sucked in right with it.

8 Q Do you have any idea of how many people were
9 living in the family about this time, Charlie?

10 A Probably around 30 then.

11 Q And how did they break down in terms of male and
12 female?

13 A Probably about six or seven males and the rest
14 were females.

15 Q Do you know Paul Watkins?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Brooks Poston?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Were they at the ranch at this time?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you remember who else was there among the
22 fellows?

23 A Steve Grogan and a guy by the name of T.J. and
24 another guy that was real close to Paul but I can't remember
25 his name. That is about all I recall.

26 Q Can you give^{us} any idea, Charles, of the number of
27 times you might have used LSD in this period between September
28 and December that you are referring to?

1 A I have no idea really. I know it was -- like I
2 say -- one, two, three times a week and maybe more than that
3 some weeks.

4 Q And then you have enumerated other drugs that you
5 used; is that correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And would you use those drugs in conjunction,
8 along with LSD, or independent of the LSD?

9 A Oh, we would be sitting around in a circle-like
10 when Charlie would get us together and then he would come
11 around with the baggie and say, "This is what you need," you
12 know, "You take this, this, and this," and then he would
13 go to the next person and give them this, and this and that
14 is the way he would do it.

15 Q He would determine the type of drug and the
16 quantity that you got; was that correct?

17 A Yes, that is correct.

18 Q Did Manson himself use much by way of drugs?

19 A I never did see him take a lot of drugs but I
20 always thought he was on drugs, you know, a lot of times.

21 Q Was he talking about right and wrong at this time?

22 A Well, that is what was coming out like if you
23 would take your thoughts away everything would become perfect.
24 There was no wrong. Everything was right.

25 Q How about good and bad? Did he talk about that?

26 A There wasn't any bad. Everything was good.

27 Q How about death?

28 A He would always say you had to die, you know, and

1 at first I didn't know what he was talking about, whether he
2 was talking about mentally or physically or how he was talking
3 about because I never had heard of dying in this way, you know,
4 but I came to find out he was talking about, to me anyway, he
5 was talking about mental death.

6 Q What was your major in college? What were you
7 trying to do in college?

8 A I was a business major.

9 Q Take any courses in philosophy?

10 A No. I had one course, that is all, a beginning
11 course. I believe just something you had to take for a
12 business major.

13 Q Were you much concerned with philosophy in
14 college?

15 A No, I really didn't even know what it was.

16 Q Did you have any idea of philosophy when you
17 joined the family?

18 A Did I have any philosophy?

19 Q Yes.

20 A No, I had nothing.

21 Q Was the doctrine preached by Moorehouse similar to
22 what Manson was telling you?

23 A Yes, it was the same because Charlie had got
24 Moorehouse onto acid, and onto this same thing.

25 Q Was Moorehouse living at the ranch during this
26 period between September and December?

27 A He left after about two weeks when he moved out
28 of the tent. He went on down the road.

1 Q When was that, if you can tell us?

2 A I really don't know. I just know it was about
3 two weeks after we got there. It was around September of '68.

4 Q Did Moorehouse tell you why he was leaving?

5 A Well, I know that Charlie -- I heard something
6 to the effect that Charlie didn't want older men around the
7 ranch.

8 Q Did you ever see Dean around the ranch after he
9 left on this occasion?

10 A I believe only one time.

11 Q When was that?

12 A I don't know if it was before or after. I don't
13 know.

14 Q Now, you have used the December date as a frame
15 of reference about working on the house and in leaving.

16 What happened in December?

17 A I had to take an Army physical the first part
18 of December there, so I was at a telephone, I remember, at
19 a friend's house, at a friend of the family's house, in
20 Topanga Canyon and I called up Dave and this is when I called
21 Dave and told him that I was kind of losing myself.

22 Q Dave Neal?

23 A Yes; and this is when I asked if I could come and
24 stay with him.

25 Q Did you leave?

26 A Yes, I did.

27 Q Do you remember about when this was?

28 A All I remember is it was around the first of

1 December. It could have been the last of December or later.

2 Q Do you remember where Dave was living at the
3 time?

4 A He was living in the Pasadena-like area.

5 Q With whom?

6 A With his brother.

7 Q Jay?

8 A Yes, that is correct.

9 Q Did you move in with them?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q Incidentally was it difficult to leave the ranch?

12 A Yes, it was. Like I --

13 Q No, I don't mean, you know, psychologically. I
14 mean was it difficult to just walk off the property, physically,
15 just move, walk away from it?

16 A Well, we had been up north on -- Charlie had sent
17 us up north to see a man called the Candy Man and going to
18 bring back some candy.

19 So we went up north and Charlie wasn't with us then,
20 you know, like he had told us to go up there and see about the
21 candy and so a couple of guys and I and some of the girls
22 went up north in a school bus.

23 When we got back down from north this is when I
24 called Dave.

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1 Q Did you call him from the area of the ranch?

2 A No, I called him from the beach area around Topanga
3 Canyon.

4 Q Then you never went back to the ranch; is that
5 correct?

6 A I did on one occasion.

7 Q No, I mean coming back from this northern trip
8- that you have told us about.

9 A I went to live at Dave's; then something drew me
10 back to Manson. Then I went back to Dave's again.

11 Q But when you called Dave in the latter part of
12 November or early December, you went out and stayed with him
13 in Pasadena; is that correct?

14 A Right.

15 Q How long did you stay with him then?

16 A I stayed with him until he went into the army.

17 Q When was that, if you remember?

18 A Somewhere the first of December.

19 Q And after he was gone did you continue to live
20 with Jay?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q Same apartment in Pasadena?

23 A Yes.

24 Q How long did you stay?

25 A On and off, I'd say about a month and a half.

26 Q Did you eventually get back to the family; that is,
27 to Manson and the ranch?

28 A Yes, I did.

1 Q How did that happen?

2 A Well, that was about -- I called him up one day
3 and said -- I just called up the ranch, you know, and --

4 Q Do you know why?

5 A Well, like I said, there was kind of a power that
6 was just pulling me back, a magnetic thing between my mind and
7 their mind that just pulled me back; I don't know why.

8 Q All right; you called Manson on the phone?

9 A I called the ranch on the phone.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Manson convinced me to come back out and just see
12 them, you know, just see them.

13 Q Did you do that?

14 A Yes, I went out.

15 Q And when was this, now?

16 A That was about sometime in February.

17 Q 1969?

18 A Yes, February or March, somewhere like that.

19 Q Did you go back out to the ranch then?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q Did you stay then?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q Where did you live on the ranch, or where did you
24 move into when you got back to the ranch?

25 A We were just staying all over the ranch, kind of;
26 all over the ranch part there.

27 Q Do you have any idea how many people were at the
28 ranch when you got back in February or March?

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1 A I'd say around 30, again.

2 Q And how many men, if you remember?

3 A There was a few more men then.

4 Q And what did you do, if anything? What was your
5 work assignment?

6 A Well, at that time he had started a club, a little
7 club or something there at the ranch, and also Charlie had
8 got a couple of dune buggies; and so he kind of got me to work-
9 ing on the dune buggies.

10 Q Did he still preach or philosophize with you?

11 A It was the same, except he had a different kind --
12 his philosophy had changed.

13 Q What was he talking about now?

14 A Now, he was talking about the Beatles all the time
15 and helter-skelter and the revolution coming down, and singing
16 about it and talking about the end of the world coming and
17 about the bottomless pit out on the desert, and all of these
18 songs that the Beatles had, someday, he was bringing all them
19 out, too, to back up his philosophy, I guess you'd call it.

20 Q Had you ever listened to the Beatles' music prior
21 to this time?

22 A Yes, on a few occasions, yes.

23 Q Were they played at the ranch?

24 A Yes, in the saloon where the club was.

25 Q Had they been played when you were first there
26 between September and December?

27 A Not those records, no.

28 Q Was there much talk about the Beatles when you

1 were first there between September and December?

2 A No, none at all.

3 Q Then, how regularly would this helter-skelter
4 philosophy of his be talked about?

5 A Every night and all day long.

6 Q Were drugs being used at the same time?

7 A Yes, a lot of real heavy physical and mental acid,
8 you know.

9 Q I'm sorry, I didn't hear that.

10 A A lot of heavy physical acid and mental acid, too.

11 Q What was mental acid?

12 A Well, that's the kind that would -- well, both of
13 it did the same, except one of it drew your body, drew stuff
14 out of your mind; and the other at the same time would be draw-
15 ing your body.

16 Q Did you ever use belladonna while you were at the
17 ranch, Charles?

18 A Yes, I used it in April of '69.

19 Q Do you remember how you first got it?

20 A Paul Watkins got some from around the ranch there
21 and Brenda cooked it up.

22 Q What form was it in when you used it?

23 A A root form.

24 Q Had you ever seen anybody eating it in root form?

25 A No, I hadn't. I never had seen it before.

26 Q Did you know what the belladonna was used for?

27 A No, I didn't even know it would have any effect on
28 you. I had never even heard of it before this.

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1 Q What happened when you took it?

2 A I took it on the ranch and I started hitchhiking
3 down to this motorcycle shop and by the time I got down there
4 I was crawling on the ground.

5 Q Do you remember anything else that happened on that
6 occasion?

7 A Yeah, I remember having cotton mouth so bad that I
8 couldn't speak there at first; and then I got this little
9 scooter thing out, a little hill climber, hill climber motor-
10 cycle out of the shop, and started toward the ranch with it and
11 I blacked out going down.

12 Q Where were you when you came to?

13 A I was in the back seat of somebody's car.

14 Q Do you remember anything else about that experience?

15 A The police were shaking me and waking me up.

16 Q Did they take you off to jail?

17 A They carried me off; one of them had me under both
18 sides of my arm and they were dragging me.

19 Q Did anything happen to you in jail that you remember?

20 A I had a fight.

21 Q Do you know why?

22 A Three guys jumped on me and they said I was crazy,
23 said I was insane; that's why they beat me up.

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1 Q Did you get any injury in that fight?

2 A I cut -- they cut my eye; one of them cut up my
3 eye pretty bad. I had to have it sewed up.

4 Q Do you remember what jail you were in when this
5 occurred?

6 A I found out later it was Van Nuys.

7 Q And do you remember what month this was in?

8 A April, I believe.

9 Q Do you have any idea what the belladonna that was
10 being brewed up by Paul Watkins and Brenda was to be used for?

11 A I know after that I heard that Charlie kept talk-
12 ing about putting it in the water tanks of this city.

13 Q Was that in connection with helter-skelter, if
14 you know?

15 A Something in that -- something to do with it.

16 Q Did Manson say anything more about helter-skelter
17 during this period of time?

18 A That's all that was talked about during this whole
19 period of time, during the whole period of time it was helter-
20 skelter; and like the more acid we took, the more helter-skelter
21 it would be.

22 Q Well, did he say when it was going to start?

23 A Any second.

24 Q Is that what he would say?

25 A Uh-huh.

26 Q Did he tell you what the dune buggies were to be
27 for?

28 A Yeah, after helter-skelter came down, that's how

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1 we'd get out of the city.

2 Q Did you believe in helter-skelter?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q Did you believe in the revolution?

5 A Very much so.

6 Q How about the bottomless pit?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Was there any portion of the Manson philosophy
9 that you disagreed with?

10 A No, I agreed with it all.

11 Q Did he tell you what you would have to do during
12 helter-skelter?

13 A No, it was just that I remember we were the only
14 ones that were going to be saved, because we didn't have any
15 fear.

16 Q Was fear a big thing with Manson?

17 A Yes, it was.

18 Q Did he talk about it a lot?

19 A All the time. This is what the acid would do,
20 and plus Manson's philosophy.

21 Q What did he say about fear?

22 A He said that we had already experienced -- we were
23 experiencing now all the fear that you could have, and that he
24 would take us on wild dune buggy trips and wild car trips
25 while we were on acid; and the acid and his philosophy and him
26 scaring us all, with the animals and stuff, would pull out all
27 our fear until we had no fear at all; and then he'd talk about
28 the people down in the city, how they were afraid to die and

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1 that we had already experienced death and that we were exper-
2 iencing death at the time, and pretty soon we were dead mentally.

3 Q Were there any demonstrations by Manson during
4 these sessions where death was talked about?

5 A He would always make out like he had -- somebody
6 was sitting in a chair on the other side of the room, and some
7 person that had a lot of fear, like one of the persons down
8 the hill or something, we had no fear and we'd always be on
9 acid, like that; and he would pretend like -- like we were just
10 sitting there with no fear and we could just see the fear in
11 this imaginary person that was sitting there; and he would be
12 talking to them and telling them how not to be scared or any-
13 thing and don't worry and everything would be all right, all he
14 wanted was for you to sign all their possessions to him and
15 after they'd do this he'd just scare them to death.

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1 Q Did he use animals in demonstrating fear?

2 A Yes. He would bring naimals into the room and he
3 would take an animal, like a cat, for instance, and he would
4 start throwing it up in the air and squeezing it and pulling on
5 it and the cat was crying at first, I remember, and then when
6 he got through with it, the cat didn't even -- never would make
7 a noise again and it was still walking around alive.

8 Q Did he give the cat any drugs or anything of that
9 nature, if you know?

10 A No, no drugs at all. He would do us the same way.
11 He would take us into his arms, on acid trips, and he called
12 it the movement or the flow, or something and he would take
13 all our stiffness out of our body, until we would just float
14 right with him.

15 Q How would he do that?

16 A I don't know how he would do it. He just put his
17 arms around you and take you and caress you and start moving
18 you in all different directions and taking all of your fear
19 out of you and all you are and the rest that you had in you
20 out of you, until there wasn't anything, until you and him
21 were one body.

22 Q You would move when he moved?

23 A It was the same movement, the same body. There
24 was no push or there was no pull.

25 Q If you would lift your arm up, it would just drop
26 down immediately?

27 A Yes, because he would take it and he could move
28 you in any direction you wanted to move.

- 1 Q And you didn't resist; is that correct?
- 2 A There was no push or there was no pull, no resistance,
- 3 just like one, being one body.
- 4 Q I think you told us you started to use -- you used
- 5 belladonna for the first time in April of '69; is that correct?
- 6 A That is correct.
- 7 Q Did you use it again while you were at the ranch?
- 8 A Yes, I did.
- 9 Q How often would you use it?
- 10 A Not very often. About once a month or a little
- 11 over.
- 12 Q What effect would it have on you when you used it?
- 13 A About the same effect all the time.
- 14 Q What was that?
- 15 A Well, the blackout and then waking up and having
- 16 hallucinations and being completely away from reality and
- 17 talking to space people that would come down out of the sky
- 18 and you could see their space ships.
- 19 Q Did you ever do that? Talk to space people?
- 20 A Yes, uh-huh.
- 21 Q Where, do you remember?
- 22 A Well, several times out at the ranch and one time
- 23 in jail the first time.
- 24 Q Was that what led to the fight in jail?
- 25 A That was some of the things because I was making
- 26 strange noises back at the space people.
- 27 Q How long would a trip on belladonna last?
- 28 A It would depend on if you got woken up. If somebody

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1 woke you up, you would start having a lot of hallucinations.
2 I know it took about 18 hours before you could walk around
3 on your own with it and then if you took speed with it then
4 you could move around.

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1 Q Did you ever take belladonna and speed at the
2 same time?

3 A Yes. That was one of the things to take belladonna
4 and then when you woke up to get your energy going and to --
5 you would have a lot of energy from the belladonna and the
6 belladonna would give you so much energy that after you woke
7 up, it would give you so much energy that you just wouldn't
8 know what to do. You would be bright red, kind of red, and
9 your whole body would be dehydrated to where you wouldn't be
10 anything but muscles and bones.

11 Q When you say the body was bright red, did you
12 actually turn red or did you imagine that you were red?

13 A Well, I looked red from my eyes. I don't know
14 how I looked to other people.

15 Q Did you ever look at yourself in the mirror under
16 belladonna?

17 A No, not that I can recall.

18 Q I think you told us that when you were there, when
19 you were at the ranch between September and December, you
20 used LSD and no speed; is that correct?

21 A Used what?

22 Q You didn't use any speed between September and
23 December of 1968.

24 A That is correct.

25 Q When you got back in this period you are talking
26 about, February or March of 1969, was speed available at the
27 ranch?

28 A It started being available in a little tablet.

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1 Charlie used to give it to us all the time, all the guys and
2 some of the girls too, to be able to stay up and work on the
3 dune buggies.

4 Q Do you remember what the tablet looked like?

5 A It was a round tablet with a cross in it and then
6 we run out of those and then he had a baggie, a white powder
7 that was methedrine.

8 Q How would you use the methedrine?

9 A Sniff it.

10 Q Who kept that supply? That is the methedrine.

11 A The girls would keep all of the supplies.

12 Q Did you ever have any on your own?

13 A I knew where the speed was but I didn't take any
14 unless Charlie or the girls would bring it to me to take to
15 work on the dune buggies.

16 Q Is that what you were doing primarily during this
17 period of time? Working on dune buggies.

18 A Yes, working on dune buggies. Eventually I got
19 so high and out on speed that I didn't work on any dune buggies
20 any more that much.

21 Q What did the girls do in this period of time?

22 A The girls, I know the girls that were around me,
23 they were around me so I could work on the dune buggies more.
24 They would go after screw drivers and parts and wash parts off
25 to help me out so I wouldn't have to do that.

26 Q Were there other chores being performed by the
27 girls?

28 A They would cook and do the things that girls did on

1 dune buggies.

2 Q What did the girls do on dune buggies?

3 A They put a lot of fur on Charlie's dune buggy.

4 Q How about garbage runs? Were there any things
5 like that going on?

6 A Yes. They went on garbage runs everyday.

7 Q What was the purpose of that?

8 A To go behind grocery stores and get the vegetables
9 and fruits and anything that they could find to eat.

10 Q Is that what you lived on then at the ranch?

11 A Yes, that is right.

12 Q Did you ever hear of a creepy crawl while you were
13 at the ranch during this period of time?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What did that mean?

16 A That meant to, that is another way Charlie would
17 take the fear out of you. He would take you out at night and
18 just walk up and down the beach and get close to people's
19 houses and stuff, you know, to experience the fear of being
20 around things.

21 Q Did you ever go into a house and take anything
22 while you were with Manson?

23 A No, I did not.

24 Q Did the girls do that, if you know?

25 A I don't know.

26 Q Were there credit cards around the ranch?

27 A Yes.

28 Q Do you know where they came from?

1 A I know the girls on two or three times I can
2 remember, the girls went out and got credit cards.

3 I remember one time or two times they were
4 hitch-hiking and the guy would take them home with him and
5 they would end up leaving with his credit cards.

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1 Q Then would you use them around the ranch?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Were all the girls around the ranch pretty much
4 of the same order; that is, would they all do pretty much the
5 same thing?

6 A Pretty much the same thing.

7 Q Was there any one girl who seemed to be a little
8 closer to Manson than anybody else?

9 A Brenda, seemed like she was always pretty close
10 to Manson.

11 Q Anybody else that you can think of that was close
12 to Manson?

13 A I don't know -- all of them was; they were all,
14 you know, his girls. You know, that was understood, that they
15 were his, you know.

16 Q Well, was there any one girl that gave any more
17 orders than any other girl, if any of them did?

18 MR. KAY: Well, that assumes a fact not in evidence, that
19 any of them gave orders.

20 MR. BUBRICK: I said, "if any of them did," in his presence.

21 THE COURT: Overruled. You may answer.

22 THE WITNESS: What is the question, again?

23 MR. BUBRICK: Would you read it back, please, Mr.
24 Reporter?

25 (Record read.)

26 THE WITNESS: I don't say if any orders were given to
27 any girls it would have been from -- by any girls, it would
28 have been from Brenda or Squeaky or Sadie.

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1 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Were they the oldest members of
2 the family, as far as you know?

3 A Yes; nearly all of the girls were -- was all
4 members older than me, had been there a lot longer than I had.

5 Q What sort of a person was Sadie?

6 A Her and Charlie were always -- Charlie was -- her
7 and Charlie was always kind of having trouble together because
8 she would kind of tell people what to do. She was kind of an
9 authoritative like girl.

10 Q Did Charlie disapprove of that?

11 A Yes, he did.

12 Q And how did he demonstrate that disapproval?

13 A He'd beat her up in front of everybody.

14 Q Did you see him do that to any of the other girls?

15 A I saw him beat on some other girls, yes.

16 Q About the same time?

17 A Well, through the periods I was there, all the time,
18 I guess.

19 Q Did you ever meet Linda Kasabian?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q Do you remember when?

22 A Around July '69.

23 Q Do you remember where you first met her?

24 A Her and Gypsy were walking up to the ranch one
25 afternoon and I was out standing on the grounds of the ranch
26 and they came walking up to me.

27 Q Were you introduced to her?

28 A Yes, her and her little girl.

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1 Q Did Linda have a baby with her?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Did you talk with her for some while?

4 A No, they just kind of passed by me -- was intro-
5 duced to her, and then they went on about their business, you
6 kow.

7 Q Did you see her anymore that first day?

8 A Yes, I was standing at the end of the boardwalk and
9 she came walking up.

10 Q Did she still have the baby with her?

11 A No, she didn't.

12 Q About what time of the day or night was it when
13 you met her this way?

14 A I know it was still -- the sun was still up.

15 Q I take it you didn't have watches out there; is
16 that right?

17 A No watches or nothing like that.

18 Q What happened between you and Linda?

19 A I know I put my arms around her and we went into
20 a back shack and made love.

21 Q How long did that take?

22 A I don't have any idea. I know that some girl came
23 and got us because it was time to eat, time for everybody to
24 eat and Charlie was getting everybody together, you know, to
25 eat.

26 Q Where did you eat on that occasion, if you remember?

27 A I don't remember.

28 Q Did you talk with Linda at all that evening?

- 1 A Yes, I did.
- 2 Q What did you talk about, if you remember?
- 3 A Well, she was interested in the family.
- 4 Q What did she ask you?
- 5 A I remember the main question she asked me was how
- 6 did we live and how did we get our money, things like that;
- 7 just how we got along, you know.
- 8 Q Did you tell her?
- 9 A Yeah, I told her that everybody who came to the
- 10 ranch gave up all their money and possessions and everything.
- 11 Q Do you know of your own knowledge whether Linda
- 12 ever brought any money back to the ranch?
- 13 A Yes, about, I don't know, a day or two later she
- 14 brought back \$5,000.
- 15 Q Did you send her for it?
- 16 A No, I did not.
- 17 Q Did you tell her to get it?
- 18 A No, I did not.
- 19 Q Were you around when she brought it?
- 20 A I saw it, but I didn't -- I saw the money there
- 21 but I wasn't around when she came back with it.
- 22 Q Do you know who she gave it to?
- 23 A No, I do not.
- 24 Q It wasn't to you, was it?
- 25 A No, it wasn't.
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1 Q Do you remember what you continued to do during
2 the month of July around the ranch?

3 A I know I was taking a lot of speed then.

4 Q Anything else?

5 A Any other kind of drug?

6 Q Yes.

7 A LSD.

8 Q Was Paul Watkins and Brooks Posten still there?

9 A No, sir, they were not.

10 Q When did they leave?

11 A I believe they left in May.

12 Q Do you recall, Charles, whether drugs became more
13 or less frequent after Brooks and Paul left?

14 A A lot more.

15 Q About how many men were left after Brooks and
16 Paul left?

17 A About three, I guess, or four of the ones that
18 had been there for a while.

19 Q You were there and who else was there with you?

20 A Steve Grogan and Bruce Davis.

21 Q How did Manson and Bruce get along?

22 A Bruce was always real loud, loud talking, and he
23 was just running around kind of trying to be Charlie all the
24 time and putting out -- all he would do is just go around
25 preaching Charlie's philosophy all the time, you know. He
26 was trying to be Charlie.

27 Q How about Steve?

28 A Everybody was, you know, preaching his philosophy

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1 except Steve didn't have the -- you know, he was real quiet.
2 He didn't have that kind of thing.

3 Q Was halter skelter still being discussed?

4 A Yes, more and more all the time.

5 THE COURT: Would this be a good time to have our afternoon
6 recess?

7 MR. BUBBICK: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we will
9 have our afternoon recess at this time. Once more again
10 please heed the admonition heretofore given.

11 (Recess.)
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1 THE COURT: People against Watson.

2 Let the record show all our jurors are present;
3 all counsel and the defendant are present.

4 Mr. Watson, please.

5 THE CLERK: Would you restate your name for the record.

6 THE WITNESS: Charles Watson.

7 THE CLERK: Thank you.

8 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Mr. Watson, I think you told us
9 before the break that in the period of time between the leaving
10 of Paul Watkins and Brooks Posten and this July period that
11 we are talking about, you increased your use of LSD; is that
12 correct?

13 A Correct.

14 Q What effect was the LSD having on you, if any at
15 all?

16 A Well, the LSD, this drew up the fear. The LSD
17 made me more aware, hearing and seeing and taste and smell,
18 just all your senses became more aware; and you became so
19 aware that you were living in fear and getting so used to
20 living in fear, with all the awareness of things around you
21 you were more like an animal; and until I experienced so much
22 fear that there wasn't any fear any more.

23 Q The end result was that you became fearless; is
24 that correct?

25 A Correct.

26 Q Did Manson talk about fear a great deal?

27 A Yes.

28 Q Was that part of his philosophy?

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2 too, then and Manson.
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1 Q How about the subject of killing? Was that brought
2 up by Manson?

3 A There was no wrong. Everything was perfect. It
4 was perfection, the flow and the oneness, and there was no
5 mistake. Manson was a perfect being, to me more like Christ
6 and we were totally him then.

7 Q Did you ever doubt or dispute anything he told
8 you?

9 A No, none at all. Everything was perfect.

10 Q Did he make any particular comments about killing?

11 A Well, this was just the trip. The whole thing
12 he always talked about was death mentally and physically.

13 Q Did he say it was all right to kill?

14 A Yes, everything was perfect. There wasn't nothing
15 that was wrong. There was no thought of any wrong at all.
16 There was no thought in our heads. All the thought was gone.

17 Q Did he use the word "Pigs"?

18 A Not that much but he always talked about the
19 people, the people down the hill and how much fear they had
20 and how we had already experienced all the fear there was,
21 and had no thought any more, and that all of those people down
22 there were dead already because they had so much fear, and
23 there was no way for them to escape helter skelter when it
24 came down.

25 Q Was he talking more about helter skelter during
26 this period?

27 A Yes. The helter skelter, of confusion of all
28 the people would be in when it did come down, the fear that

1 they would have. They would just be running into each other
2 in cars, trying to get away from all the fears that they
3 hadn't experienced yet and we didn't have any fear. That is
4 why we were going to get away.

5 Q I take it you remember the day of August 9, 1969.
6 Do you remember that day?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Do you remember what you did in the morning of
9 that day?

10 MR. BUGLIOSI: For the record, you might indicate
11 August the 8th for clarification.

12 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: August the 8th, August the 8th
13 running into the 9th. Do you remember August the 8th?

14 A Yes, the morning. I remember all that night before
15 the 8th. I was up all night on speed and I ended up at the
16 waterfall where Charlie and the girls and I believe some
17 babies were over there, a couple of babies that were at the
18 ranch, and the younger people were at the waterfall and
19 there was belladonna hanging around that they had pulled up
20 all around the waterfall and I took some belladonna that
21 morning.
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1 Q The root form?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do you remember how big a piece you took?

4 A About the size I always took, about an inch or
5 three-quarters of an inch long and about that ^{big} ~~big~~ around or
6 so --

7 THE COURT: An inch in diameter?

8 THE WITNESS: About an inch; three-quarters of an inch
9 or an inch, something like that, not a large piece.

10 Q BY MR. BUBBRICK: That was in the area of the
11 waterfall?

12 A Yes, that was at the camp at the waterfall.

13 Q What did you do after, after taking the bella-
14 donna?

15 A Walked over to the ranch.

16 Q How far a walk was that?

17 A I'd say less than a mile.

18 Q What happened at the ranch?

19 A I got over it and I remember seeing Sadie and
20 Linda Kasabian. they had just got back from somewhere, I
21 recall that.

22 Q Do you remember whether it was early in the morning
23 or mid-morning or what?

24 A It was real early in the morning, about the same
25 time the sun was coming up; about sunrise, yeah.

26 Q How were they dressed when you saw them?

27 A They were in black, all black.

28 Q Did you say anything to them?

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1 A Not that I can recall. I just -- no, I heard
2 something about conversations they had got some credit cards
3 or something, that's about all I heard.

4 Q What did you do that day, if you can remember?

5 A I went in the shack down below the ranch and I was
6 out all day on belladonna.

7 Q Do you remember what time you woke up?

8 A At eating time; when it was time to eat, one of the
9 girls came and woke me up and told me it was time for the
10 family, like Charlie was pulling everybody together for the
11 night meal or something.

12 Q Who decided when it was time to eat dinner?

13 A Charlie did.

14 Q Did anybody ever eat before he did?

15 A No, I remember one time somebody ate before he did
16 and he got real mad, you know; or nobody ever went to sleep
17 before he did or nobody ever got out of bed before he did.

18 You know, it was everybody was doing everything
19 at the same time, one person; that was Charlie.

20 Q When you were awakened in time for dinner, did you
21 go to dinner?

22 A Yes, I did. I had a lot of energy but I didn't
23 have a lot of pep or something, so I took some speed to get me
24 moving, you know.

25 Q Do you remember eating?

26 A I didn't eat that night.

27 Q Did you see Manson again that night?

28 A I was sitting on the fireplace in the house where

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1 we ate and I don't remember who was in the house, but I know
2 he called me outside and told me to go up to the ranch front,
3 so that's what I did.

4 Q When you got to the ranch front, who else was
5 there, if anybody?

6 A I remember a girl walked out, one of the girls;
7 and everybody was taking acid that night, and that's what I
8 was told, anyway, so I took some acid.

9 Q Who gave it to you, if you remember?

10 A I can't recall. I believe it was Squeaky, though
11 I'm not for sure.

12 Q Did anything else occur that evening that you can
13 remember?

14 A Yes, then Charlie called me over behind the car,
15 down at the far end of the ranch, and handed me a gun and a
16 knife and he said for me to take the gun and the knife and to
17 go up where Terry Melcher used to live and to kill everybody
18 in the house, as gruesome as I could, or something to that
19 effect; or, "Make sure everybody is dead, as gruesome as you
20 can," or something to that effect.

21 Q Did he tell you who was in the house?

22 A I think he said something about movie stars but
23 I'm not for sure. I believe he did, though, I recall something
24 about movie stars. I recall something.

25 Q Did he say something about Terry Melcher living
26 there?

27 A No, he didn't. He said where Terry Melcher used
28 to live, I believe.

1 Q Who else was present at this conversation?

2 A No one, just Manson and I.

3 Q And what happened after that conversation?

4 A Well, he continued to tell me the things he wanted
5 done.

6 Q Like what?

7 A He said, "The bolt cutters are in the back of the
8 car for you to cut the highline wires; then to go in and make
9 sure everybody is dead as gruesome as you can"; and he said
10 afterwards to wash off and to throw away the guns and the
11 knives and the clothes; and then to come back to the ranch.

12 Then he said something about writing on the walls,
13 and we were walking over to the car that the girls were in
14 and I said -- the first words that I had spoken -- and I said,
15 "Now, what did you say?" or something to that effect. I
16 wasn't real clear on what was to be wrote on the walls or
17 clear about the whole thing, really; and he said, "Don't worry
18 about anything, just make sure that everybody is dead and that
19 it is done as gruesome as you can do it."

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- 1 Q What did you do then?
- 2 A I got in the car.
- 3 Q Where?
- 4 A In the back seat of the car.
- 5 Q Who was in the car?
- 6 A Linda Kasabian.
- 7 Q Where was she, if you remember?
- 8 A She was at the driver's under the wheel.
- 9 Q Who else was in it?
- 10 A Sadie and Katie.
- 11 Q You were in the back. Who else was in the
- 12 back with you, if you remember?
- 13 A It was either Katie or Sadie. I can't recall
- 14 to be that perfectly clear on who it was.
- 15 Q Did you see the bolt cutters in the car?
- 16 A They were laying on the back floorboard of the
- 17 car.
- 18 Q Did this car have a back seat?
- 19 A No. There was all kinds of stuff on the floorboard
- 20 and there wasn't anything in the back seat but a bunch of
- 21 bottles and stuff like that.
- 22 Q Do you remember what the bolt cutters looked like?
- 23 A They were big and they were bright red.
- 24 Q How big?
- 25 A About that long (indicating) or so.
- 26 Q Two feet?
- 27 Your Honor, I have here what appear to be a pair
- 28 of red bolt cutters. May they be marked W-4 for identification?

1 THE COURT: W-D.

2 MR. BUBRICK: W-D. I am sorry.

3 Q Will you look at the bolt cutters in front of you
4 and tell me if you recognize those?

5 A Yes. They are the bolt cutters.

6 Q Were they the bolt cutters in the car that night?

7 A That is the kind.

8 THE COURT: It looks like it anyway?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, right.

10 Q BY MR. BUBRICK: Incidentally this car that you
11 were in was a yellow car, do you remember?

12 A Yes. It was a yellow car.

13 Q Who did it belong to, if you remember?

14 A I believe his name was John.

15 Q It was the car that you saw around the ranch?

16 A It was, yes.

17 Q All right.

18 Did you drive off from the ranch?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And was Linda driving?

21 A Yes, that is correct.

22 Q And you were in the back seat; is that correct?

23 A Right.

24 Q Was there anything else in the car that you were
25 aware of?

26 A The only other thing that I was aware of is the
27 gun and the knife that Charlie had given to me.

28 Q How about any items of clothing?

1 A No.

2 Q And where was the car driven, if you remember?

3 A It was driven up to the top of the hill and that
4 is where Terry Melcher lived.

5 Q It was on Cielo Drive?

6 A I didn't see the street or anything. That is
7 where we were, though.

8 Q Did you say anything while the car was being
9 driven?

10 A No. I was laying down in the back seat. My
11 head was in the girl's lap when I was laying down.

12 Q Could you hear any directions being given to
13 Linda?

14 A No. I couldn't hear anything.

15 Q Do you recall the car coming to a stop, the
16 car stopping somewhere on the hill?

17 A Yes, it stopped.

18 Q Where? Do you remember?

19 A It was by a telephone pole.

20 Q What happened at the pole?

21 A I know the girl that I was in the lap with shook
22 me and said I'm to cut the wires, so I knew, you know, Manson
23 had told me that to cut the wires, so I just went straight up
24 the pole, you know.

25 Q How did you get up the pole? Do you remember?

26 A I can remember being on the pole, on the things
27 that you climb on, your know. I was on those.

28 Q The pegs or the bars in the pole?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you remember how far off the ground the first
3 one was?

4 A No, I don't.

5 Q Do you know how you got up there?

6 A I can't recall exactly how I did get up there.

7 Q When you got up on the pole were you carrying the
8 belt cutters?

9 A No, I was not.

10 Q How did you get them?

11 A Linda handed those to me.

12 Q Where was she in the car?

13 A She was -- the car I remember was parked right by
14 the pole and she was in the driver's thing, right outside the
15 door, handed them up to me.

16 Q Did she get out of the car to do that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And then you went up the pole, did you?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And you cut the wires?

21 A I cut the first wire, all the wires that I could
22 see.

23 Q Do you remember how many there were?

24 A No, I do not.

25 Q Did you come down the pole?

26 A I know I had to come down the pole but I actually
27 don't recall coming down the pole.

28 Q Do you remember whether you cut any other wires

1 on the ground?

2 A No. I did not cut any other wires.

3 Q Did you have any other cutting device other than
4 the bolt cutter?

5 A Just my knife, that is all, the knife that Charlie
6 had gave me.

7 Q Did you have any pliers in your pocket or wire
8 snips or anything of that nature?

9 A No, nothing else like that.

10 Q And you used those, that bolt cutter, to cut those
11 pole wires; is that correct?

12 A Yes, that is correct.

13 Q You came back down the pole. Do you remember
14 getting in the car?

15 A No. The next thing that I can recall is walking
16 back up a hill.

17 Q Do you remember where the car was parked when
18 you started to walk back up the hill?

19 A We walked up the hill. It was at the bottom of a
20 hill.

21 Q Is that where the telephone pole was where the
22 wires were cut?

23 A No. The car was a long ways from the -- a pretty
24 good little walk back up the hill.

25 Q How did the car get from the pole where the wires
26 were cut to where it was parked at the bottom of the hill?

27 A It was drove to the bottom of the hill.

28 Q By whom?

1 A I don't know for sure who drove it.

2 Q Did you do it?

3 A No, I did not.

4 Q Then how many were walking back up the hill when
5 you got out of the car?

6 A There was four of us.

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1 Q Do you remember what you were carrying?

2 A I was carrying a gun and a knife?

3 Q Did you pass any buildings, any houses on the
4 way up the hill?

5 A Yeah, I believe there were houses on one side and
6 on the other side was hills and rocks and things like that.

7 Q How were you dressed?

8 A I had on Jeans and a black shirt, I believe.

9 Q How about the girls?

10 A They all looked kind of like I did.

11 Q In what respect?

12 A The same kind of clothes kind of thing.

13 Q Do you remember where you -- how you were carrying
14 the knife in one hand and I had that gun in the other hand.

15 Q And were you carrying them exposed that way as
16 you walked up the hill?

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18 A I was carrying them/the way they were given to
19 me.

20 Q What sort of a knife did you have, Charles, if
21 you remember?

22 A I know it didn't have a handle on it; it was just
23 a piece of metal.

24 Q Do you mean there was no wood on the part that
25 you grasp?

26 A Right, yeah; there wasn't any, it was just a
27 piece of metal.

28 Q Did it have anything wrapped around it?

A No, not that I know of. I didn't look that close.

1 Q Now, as you passed these houses and approached
2 this house on Cielo Drive, Terry Melcher's old house, were you
3 aware of a gate?

4 A No, we just walked right up to the fence and
5 started over the fence; there wasn't really -- more of a gate,
6 I don't know.

7 Q Had you ever been to this house before?

8 A Yes, I had.

9 Q On how many occasions?

10 A I'd say three.

11 Q Do you remember how you got into the house -- or,
12 strike that.

13 Do you remember how you got up the driveway on
14 the other three occasions?

15 A Yes, there's a button outside the gate.

16 Q What do you do to the button?

17 A You push the button and the gate swings open.

18 Q Did you do that on this night of August the 8th?

19 A No, we did not.

20 Q Did anybody push the button, as far as you know?

21 A Not as far as I know.

22 Q Why didn't you do it, if you knew it was there?

23 A There was no thought about a button, it was just
24 the fence was there and we just went over the fence; there
25 just wasn't any thought about a button or anything like that.

26 Q How high was the fence?

27 A It was hard to get over; I don't know how high it
28 was.

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1 Q You eventually got across the fence?

2 A Right.

3 Q And did the girls do it, also?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Then you got back to the driveway and continued
6 walking on up; is that correct?

7 A That is correct.

8 Q Did anything happen as you were walking up the
9 driveway?

10 A Yes, a car lights flashed on us and the car came
11 up and --

12 Q Just before that, do you remember, Charles, whether
13 you -- what order you were in, in the sequence of four going
14 up the hill; was there anybody in front of you?

15 A There was two girls in front. We were kind of like
16 we were riding in the car, the same way we was riding in the
17 car we was riding up, going up that hill.

18 Q Two girls in front of you?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And you are in back with another girl; is that
21 correct?

22 A Correct.

23 Q The four of you walked up this hill together?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q What happened then, when you saw the approaching
26 lights?

27 A We were all four across the fence and the car
28 pulled up and stopped and --

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1 Q Was anything said by anybody?

2 A No, nothing was said by anybody. I stuck the gun
3 in the car and shot.

4 Q Shot what?

5 A The guy.

6 Q How many times?

7 A I don't recall the exact number of times.

8 Q Did you know who was in the car?

9 A No, I just knew that Charlie, you know, like I
10 could see and hear him, hear his voice like, and to kill every-
11 body in the place; and I remember one of the girls did say
12 something about, "We got to get everybody," or something to
13 that effect.

14 Q Was this before or after you saw the headlights
15 of the car?

16 A This was before we saw -- I saw the headlights
17 of the car.

18 Q Were you able to see who the driver of the car was?

19 A No, I didn't see anything.

20 Q Did he take any form or shape in your eyes?

21 A No, huh-uh, just kind of like a mass thing there,
22 you know. There really wasn't any -- felt like I was in a
23 dream or something, you know, about half and half, you know;
24 I felt half awake and half not awake.

25 Q All right. After you shot the driver of the car,
26 what did you next do?

27 A Started walking up to the house.

28 Q Were the girls still with you?

1 A I didn't see the girls again until we were in
2 the house.

3 Q Was there anybody in front of you as you continued
4 on up the driveway toward the main house?

5 A No, there was nobody in front of me.

6 Q What happened as you approached the front of the
7 house?

8 A I walked in the front door.

9 Q Was there anybody there?

10 A There was a guy laying on a couch asleep.

11 Q But that's after you got in the house; is that
12 correct?

13 A That's after I got in the house.

14 Q As you approached the door, was the door closed?

15 A I believe it was, uh-huh; and I walked right in
16 the door.

17 Q You just opened the door --

18 A Just opened it up.

19 Q -- just turned the knob and go right in?

20 A Right.

21 Q Was any of the group -- that is, any of the three
22 girls with you at this time?

23 A No, I didn't see any girls at that time.

24 Q All right. What happened when you got in the
25 house?

26 A Then I saw Sadie.

27 Q Where?

28 A She just popped up.

1 Q Do you know where she came from?

2 A No.

3 Q Did you see her before^{or}/after you saw the man on
4 the couch?

5 A I saw her -- did you say before or after I saw
6 the man on the couch?

7 Q Yes.

8 A I believe I saw her before.

9 Q What was she doing, if you know?

10 A She went by me and went in the other part of the
11 house. I was in the front room and she started bringing out
12 people out of the rooms.

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1 Q How many people were in the front room that you
2 went in?

3 A There was one man laying on the couch asleep.

4 Q And was he awakened while you were in that room?

5 A He awakened when everybody was coming into the
6 room.

7 Q Who was coming into the room?

8 A A bunch of people walking into the room.

9 Q How many? Do you remember?

10 A Three or four people were walking into the room.

11 Q Was Sadie one of them?

12 A Sadie, yes, Sadie was one of them.

13 Q Do you remember who else among the girls was in
14 that group, if they were?

15 A I didn't see any other girls yet.

16 Q You didn't see Linda?

17 A No, I didn't see Linda.

18 Q Nor did you see Patricia; is that right?

19 A She walked in the house as everybody was walking
20 into the room.

21 Q What happened when the group was in the room then?

22 A A guy started toward me and --

23 Q Was this the man that had been on the couch?

24 A No, it was another person.

25 Q What happened then?

26 A And I was -- I remember I was kind of running or
27 jumping back and forth behind the couch and making funny noises
28 and Sadie said, "Watch out" or something like that and I

1 turned around and I emptied the gun on this man.

2 Q You say emptied the gun on this man?

3 A Yes.

4 Q How many times did you shoot him, if you know?

5 A I don't know. I just shot, you know. I don't
6 know how many times I shot him.

7 Q Did you do anything else?

8 A Then I went around the couch and started stabbing
9 him.

10 Q This is the same man that you shot?

11 A Yes. Patricia was already over there stabbing
12 him and I went over and I did the same thing.

13 Q How long did that take or last?

14 A Until Sadie hollered at me and she was fighting and
15 stabbing a man going out the door.

16 Q What did you do about that, if anything?

17 A I remember Sadie hollering, "Tex, Tex," a bunch
18 of times and I ran over and started hitting him with the gun.

19 Q After you hit him, did you do anything else?

20 A I hit him for a while and then there was a little
21 lapse of time, I believe, and then Sadie was still stabbing
22 him on the ground and I walked over and stabbed him some
23 more.

24 Q While he was on the ground?

25 A Uh-huh.

26 Q He is now outside of the house; is that correct?

27 A That is correct.

28 Q On the lawn?

1 A On the lawn.

2 Q Did anything else happen?

3 A Then Katie came running over and grabbed me by
4 the arm and said something like, "There's one over here,"
5 or something. I don't know what she said but she said,
6 "Come over here," and we ran over and there was just a woman
7 lying there that had blood all over her and stabbed her.

8 Q Did these people, or these people that you
9 stabbed, or the objects that you stabbed, have any form?

10 A They had form but I really didn't see any faces,
11 you know, or expressions or -- they were just blobs of, you
12 know --

13 Q Did you have a rope with you that evening?

14 A No, I did not.

15 Q Did you carry a rope up the hill or into the
16 house?

17 A No, I did not.

18 Q Did you tie any people up in that house?

19 A No, I did not.

20 Q Did you throw a rope over a rafter or anything
21 of that nature?

22 A No, I did not.

23 Q I think you told us now you shot and stabbed
24 somebody in the house; is that correct?

25 A That is correct.

26 Q And then you stabbed some people outside of the
27 house; is that correct?

28 A That is correct.

1 Q Do you remember where the couch was in the house?

2 A The couch was kind of in the middle of the room
3 longways, up and down, up and down the room.

4 Q Where were the two people that you stabbed in
5 the house in relation to the couch?

6 A Well, I only stabbed one person.

7 Q I am sorry -- the one person in the house.

8 A In front of the couch, laying longways, laying --

9 Q Parallel or perpendicular to the couch?

10 A It was the opposite way of the couch.

11 Q That would be perpendicular to the couch?

12 A Perpendicular to the couch.

13 Q How about the other person, do you remember if
14 that was a man or a woman?

15 A Had on blue jeans and stuff. I guess it was a
16 man.

17 Q How about the other person?

18 A The other person was laying at the end of the
19 couch up toward the room where they came out of perpendicular
20 to the end of the couch, on down from the end of the couch.

21 Q Did you touch either of those bodies after you
22 had shot and stabbed them?

23 A No.

24 Q Did you move them?

25 A No, I did not.

26 Q Did you tie anything to them or tie them together?

27 A No, I did not.

28 Q After you left that room and went outside, did

1 you go back into the house again?

2 A No, I did not.

3 Q Did you write anything on the walls of the house?

4 A No.

5 Q Did you slit the screen in that house?

6 A No, I did not.

7 Q Did you see Linda about that house at all while
8 you were there?

9 A No, I did not.

10 Q You did see Sadie and Patricia; is that right?

11 A Sadie and Patricia, yes.

12 Q Was there any screaming among any of these victims?

13 A It was wild and it was loud and all kind of noises.

14 Q Did anybody beg for their life?

15 A I couldn't really make out anything like that --
16 screams and noises, loud noises.

17 Q Did you hear any dogs barking?

18 A No, I didn't hear any dogs barking.

19 Q Did you hear the sound of music from a hi-fi set
20 or anything like that?

21 A No, I didn't hear any music or anything like that.

22 Q How long would you say you were in this house on
23 Cielo Drive?

24 A I don't have any idea of time or anything, how long
25 I was in there.

26 Q After you left the house where did you go?

27 A I was outside in the -- between the, like on the
28 driveway outside of the house there.

1 Q I take it these people were not people you had
2 ever seen before, were they?

3 A No. I never had seen anybody. I couldn't make
4 them out, not that much.

5 Q Can you tell us what it is that made you go there?

6 A I was doing what Charlie had told me to do.

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1 Q I take it you had no grievance with those people?
2 A No, none at all.
3 Q How did you leave the premises, Charles?
4 A We walked down the hill.
5 Q How many of you walked down?
6 A Three.
7 Q Was Linda among that group?
8 A No, she was not.
9 Q Did you punch the button and get through the gate
10 on the way out?
11 A We walked out the gate, but I didn't punch any
12 button.
13 Q Do you know who did?
14 A No, I do not.
15 Q You walked on down the hill?
16 A Yes.
17 Q Did you have the gun and the knife with you?
18 A Yes, it was still with me.
19 Q And where was the car, if you remember?
20 A Parked at the bottom of the hill.
21 Q Where you had left it?
22 A Yes.
23 Q All right; did you get back in the car?
24 A Yes. No, Linda was sitting in some leaves or
25 something beside the car, and she got in the passenger's seat
26 and the girls got in the back seat and I got under the wheel
27 and then Sadie or Katie, one, said for Linda to drive and for
28 me to change clothes.

1 So I scooted over and Linda drove off and I was
2 changing clothes.

3 Q Did the car come to a stop again?

4 A Yes, it did.

5 Q Where?

6 A On some street.

7 Q What did you do in between the time that you left
8 Cielo Drive and the car stopped?

9 A I changed clothes.

10 Q Removed what, your shirt and trousers?

11 A Yes, removed everything I had on.

12 Q And you obviously put some other clothing on; is
13 that right?

14 A Yes. The girls in the back seat handed me some
15 clothes to change into.

16 Q And how about the girls, did they change their
17 clothes?

18 A As far as I know; I can't remember what they did,
19 really, at that time.

20 Q Where were you in the car when you changed clothes?

21 A I was in the front seat.

22 Q Alongside of Linda; is that correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And do you have any recollection of how long you
25 might have been driving before you next stopped?

26 A No. It didn't seem like too long, though, too long
27 a time.

28 Q Then you came to a stop in the car, did you?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Did you all get out?
- 3 A Yes, we did.
- 4 Q Where did you go?
- 5 A We were walking up the street and a water hose
6 was coming out the driveway.
- 7 Q Incidentally, when you drove on this street where
8 you saw the water hose, did you park the car on that same side
9 of the street?
- 10 A The car was parked going back down the street.
- 11 Q So the front was pointed down toward Beverly Glen;
12 is that right?
- 13 A It was pointed back towards the main street.
- 14 Q I mean Benedict Canyon, not Beverly Glen, I'm
15 sorry.
- 16 Is that correct?
- 17 A It was pointed down towards the main street.
- 18 Q Then you walked toward the water hose, did you?
- 19 A Yes, that's correct.
- 20 Q The four of you?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Did somebody come out while you were there?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q What happened when that person appeared?
- 25 A He appeared and walked right up in front of me,
26 right up to my face and said, "What you doing?" or something
27 like that; and I said, "Getting a drink."
- 28 Q What were you doing?

- 1 A Getting a drink.
- 2 Q Did you have the water hose and the water running?
- 3 A I don't recall that.
- 4 Q What happened after he talked with you?
- 5 A I know there was a lot of confusion came down then;
6 somebody ran out the house and we started walking towards the
7 car.
- 8 Q Did this man say or do anything?
- 9 A I can't recall him saying anymore than what he
10 said.
- 11 Q Did he say, "What are you doing?" and you said you
12 were getting a drink of water?
- 13 A That's correct.
- 14 Q And there was this confusion that you spoke of?
- 15 A Yeah, and we started walking toward the car.
- 16 Q How far away was the car?
- 17 A Not too far at all; it was just right -- not too
18 far.
- 19 Q Did this man ever threaten you?
- 20 A No..
- 21 Q Did you threaten him?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q You still had the knife and the gun, didn't you?
- 24 A Not on me.
- 25 Q Well, was it in the car?
- 26 A Yes, it was in the car.
- 27 Q What happened when you got back to the car?
- 28 A I jumped under the wheel this time and the girls

1 got in and we drove away.

2 Q Where did you go?

3 A I started driving and then one of the girls in
4 the back seat said we had to stop and throw out the clothes
5 and knives, so that's what we did; stopped and threw away
6 everything that was in the car.

7 Q Incidentally, Charles, I hate to take you back,
8 but do you remember how many people you shot in the house?

9 A One person.

10 Q Oh, you shot one in the car, is that correct,
11 outside of the house?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q And one in the house?

14 A That's what I did.

15 Q Do you have any recollection of shooting any other
16 person in the house?

17 A No, I have not, no.

18 Q Did you know that the gun still had live bullets
19 in it?

20 A No, I did not.

21 Q You thought you had discharged them all?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q All right. Now, back to leaving the house at the
24 scene: Where did you drive after you left the house where
25 you got the water?

26 A Where did we what, now?

27 Q Where did you drive after you left the house where
28 you got the water?

1 A Up the hill.

2 Q To where, if you remember?

3 A We went up and over and stopped at a filling
4 station.

5 Q Didn't anything happen there that you remember?

6 A No, I know I got out and went to the bathroom.

7 Q And then after that, where did you go?

8 A I came out of the bathroom and got into the back
9 seat of the car and laid down and ended up at the ranch.

10 Q Do you remember what time of day or night it was?

11 A Just that it was dark and late.

12 Q What did you do when you got to the ranch?

13 A We all went into the room at the end of the ranch
14 house.

15 Q Was anybody up at that hour?

16 A Charlie was running around without any clothes
17 on, I remember that.

18 Q Anybody else with him?

19 A And Brenda was there, and that's all I can recall.

20 Q Did you tell Charlie what happened, or was anything
21 said about that night?

22 A I didn't say anything that night, but I know
23 Charlie was kind of talking to some of the people in the ranch
24 house there.

25 Q What did you do after seeing Charlie back in the
26 ranch house?

27 A I went to sleep.

28 Q Did you talk at all with Charlie that night?

A No, I did not talk to Charlie that ni

Q Did you see him the following day?

A I didn't see him until late, until about a
again, that night.

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1 Q Do you have any recollection of being up at all
2 that following day?

3 A Not the following day, no.

4 Q Did you sleep most of the day?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q What happened the following day when you saw
7 Charlie?

8 A The first thing I remember is him giving me a
9 knife and some acid.

10 Q What time of the day or night was this?

11 A I know it was just dark, a little after dark.

12 Q Had you eaten supper yet?

13 A I can't recall about supper that night.

14 Q You got the knife and acid and then what?

15 A He told me to get in the car.

16 Q It was the same --

17 A The same car.

18 Q The same Ford automobile?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Was anybody else in the car?

21 A Linda and in the back seat, was full, it had
22 Sadie, Katie, and Leslie and Steve Grogan.

23 Q There were seven of you; is that correct?

24 A Yes, that is correct.

25 Q Who was driving?

26 A Charlie was driving.

27 Q Did he say where you were going or what you were
28 going to do?

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1 A I can't recall right now what he said.

2 Q Incidentally, before you went out this evening of
3 the 9th, had there been any discussion between you and Charlie
4 about weapons? Anything said about weapons?

5 A No.

6 Q Did you ever tell Charlie that you ought to have
7 better weapons than you had the night before?

8 A No, I did not.

9 Q Did you ever use the expression "I am the devil
10 here to do the devil's work"?

11 A No, I did not.

12 Q Did you ever say that at the Tate house?

13 A No.

14 Q Did you say that the following night, if you
15 remember?

16 A No.

17 Q Did you ever tell Charlie in the bunk house that
18 that is what you said?

19 A No, I did not.

20 Q Had there ever been any discussion about the
21 devil as part of the Manson philosophy?

22 A The devil was the people, society, in that they
23 were -- had so much thought that they were tearing up the
24 world.

25 Q That is who Manson considered the devil?

26 A Yes; and also we, before we lost our thought, we
27 were the devil.

28 Q But you were no longer the devil now?

1 A No, sir. We were considered as Christ, perfect.

2 Q Is that what Charlie told you?

3 A Everything was perfect, no mistake.

4 THE COURT: I think this would be a good time to recess.

5 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, we will recess
6 at this time until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

7 Once more do not form or express any opinion in
8 this case.

9 Do not discuss it among yourselves or with anybody
10 else. Please keep an open mind.

11 9:30 tomorrow morning.

12 (An adjournment was taken until Thursday, September
13 2, 1971 at 9:30 a.m.)

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