

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE

5 B E T W E E N:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

- and -

10 SONIA ATIKIAN and
CHACHADOUR ATIKIAN

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--- Before THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE GERMAN with
a jury, at the Metropolitan Toronto court house;
commencing at 10:00 am., on June 28, 1991.

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- EVIDENCE OF MAGALY BIANCHINI -

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MR. McCOMBS: Thank you, Your Honour.
Your Honour, the next witness is Miss Magaly Bianchini.

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MAGALY BIANCHINI, Sworn

EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR. McCOMBS:

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Q. Miss Bianchini, the jurors will remember that you were in court earlier at the beginning of this case when Mr. Hanswille was testifying. You have met Mr. Hanswille before?

A. Yes.

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Q. First of all, before we deal with Mr. Hanswille, I would like to learn a little bit about you, please. Now, can you tell me how old you are?

A. I'm thirty-five years old.

Q. And you were born where?

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A. In Toronto.

Q. All right. And your family lived here?

A. Yes.

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Q. Do you have siblings, brothers and sisters?

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A. I have a brother.

Q. And your parents, were they born in
Canada?

A. No, they were born in Italy.

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Q. All right. Now, you went to school
here in Toronto?

A. Yes.

Q. And just tell us, where did you go
to high school?

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A. I went to high school in King City
and then to Thornhill.

Q. Then to Thornhill?

A. Thornhill.

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Q. And did you go to university?

A. I went to U of T.

Q. University of Toronto?

A. Yes, University of Toronto.

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Q. What did you study there?

A. I studied political science and
philosophy, and I received a Bachelor of Arts.

Q. Bachelor of Arts degree in political
science?

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A. And philosophy. There was no major

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5 but those were my --

Q. What year did you graduate from the University of Toronto?

A. I believe it was in 1977.

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Q. Now, I gather that after your graduation from university that you worked outside of Toronto; is that right?

A. Yes, I did, mm-hmm.

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Q. Could you tell us a little bit about your work history prior to your returning to school?

A. I worked in the Yukon, Yukon Territory, Dawson City, for I think it was about three summers shortly after my university degree. Would you like to know the details?

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Q. That's all right.

A. And then I worked in Calgary for approximately two and a half, three years, and there I was in the concrete forming business.

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Q. And you knew something about the concrete forming business for what reason?

A. My father had been in construction all of his life.

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Q. Now, at the time that you were in

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Calgary, your parents were both living in Toronto?

A. Yes.

Q. And I gather that in the -- I guess it was in the mid-70's that your mother had had some health problems?

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A. Yes.

Q. Could you tell us about that, please?

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A. Well, when she was young she suffered pneumatic fever. This damaged the valves of her heart and she had a lot of weaknesses, and the doctors felt that this would be remedied by replacing a valve, which they did in 1978. She suffered a few complications from that operation. She had a minor stroke during or shortly after the operation, and she was somewhat incapacitated for the next five years, at which time they decided to operate to replace another valve.

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And during the operation --

Q. If I could just stop you there, please. They made a decision to perform surgery on your mother a second time?

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A. Yes.

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Q. That was in what year?

A. That was in 1983.

Q. All right. And at that time were you still in Calgary, or had you returned to Toronto?

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A. I was still in Calgary. I returned later that year.

Q. At the time of your mother's surgery, were you in Calgary in 1983?

A. No, I came home for the surgery.

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Q. All right. Carry on, please, and just tell us what happened.

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A. She went into surgery, and at the beginning of the surgery, as they were sawing through the sternum to open her chest, they cut through the main returning vein and she lost a pile of blood and her blood pressure --

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THE COURT: I can't hear you. At the beginning of the operation they?

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THE WITNESS: They cut through -- as they were cutting through the sternum, they cut through the main returning vein. This caused great loss of blood and a drop in the blood pressure which they were never able to bring up again.

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MR. McCOMBS: Q. So there was a great loss of blood?

A. Mm-hmm.

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Q. And your understanding -- what happened after that?

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A. Well, she was in the operating room for approximately nine or ten hours which was a lot longer than they had expected. And when they brought her down, they put her into the Intensive Care Unit and inserted a balloon pump to keep the heart going.

Q. I would like to stop you there. During the ten hour period that your mother was in surgery, where were you?

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A. I was in the hospital waiting.

Q. And was anyone with you?

A. My father was there and my brother was there.

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Q. Your brother?

A. Yes.

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Q. All right. So the three of you were there waiting in the hospital for your mother's surgery to be completed?

A. Yes, mm-hmm.

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5 performed the surgery. We were waiting in the hallway of the intensive care -- across from the Intensive Care Unit at one point, and my father recognized the surgeon as he came out, and he asked him what her chances were and he very arrogantly said, "Excuse me?"

10 And my father went on to say, well, I understand from one of the other doctors that she is not doing too well and is she going to recover? And he said, "Oh, that! That's nothing. That will turn around in no time and she'll be fine". And with that he turned around and just took off down the hall. He was completely insensitive, and my father was quite taken

15 aback by all of this.

20 We did, however, find another -- the other doctor who was far more sensitive.

Q. Now, your mother died in the spring of 1983?

25 A. Yes.

Q. At that time you were about how old?

A. I would have been approximately twenty-seven.

30 Q. Now, what kind of a guy was your dad?

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Q. You mentioned a balloon pump?

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A. Yes, they inserted a balloon pump to keep the heart going and they put her on several drugs to try to get the blood pressure back up. And one of these drugs shut down the function of her kidneys so she expanded tremendously.

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At one point she regained a bit of consciousness but she couldn't even open her eyes because she was so puffed up. And she really didn't get any better. The blood pressure kept going down, and about two days later, we asked them to remove her from the monitor because they said there was no chance of her coming back.

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Q. I see. Now, your mother died?

A. Yes.

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Q. And I don't suppose it needs to be asked what affect this had on you and your family, but let's be specific and ask you, first of all, whether there was any experience at the hospital - apart, obviously, from the terrible tragedy - with the doctors that you recall?

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A. Yes, we were quite shocked and very disappointed at the response we got from the surgeon who

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A. He was a very hard working, optimistic, energetic young man, very intelligent, open-minded.

Q. How old was he in 1983?

A. About 58, 57 or 58.

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Q. You said he was a young man?

A. He was young. He was very youthful in his physique, in his demeanour, in his attitudes. He never thought of himself as being in his late fifties.

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Q. All right. Now, that same year, just a few months later, you got more bad news?

A. Yes, he was diagnosed as having cancer, specifically a tumor in the rectum.

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Q. I have here a photograph of your father as a younger man. I'll just show it to you and ask you if you can identify it.

A. Oh, yes, this is him.

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Q. I'm sorry, you're going to have to try and keep your voice up, Miss Bianchini. This is him?

A. This is him.

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Q. Looking at the photograph, can you give an approximation of how old he might have been in

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5 that photograph?

A. Probably in his late 40's.

MR. McCOMBS: I wonder if this photograph of Mr. Bianchini might be entered as an exhibit in this trial, Your Honour.

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THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

THE REGISTRAR: Exhibit 76, Your Honour.

THE COURT: Exhibit 76.

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--- EXHIBIT NO. 76: Photograph.

MR. McCOMBS: Q. Late 40's did you say?

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A. Approximately, mm-hmm, mid to late 40's.

Q. Now, you told us that your father was diagnosed as having cancer?

A. Yes.

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Q. Can you tell us the kind of cancer?

A. It was a malignant tumor in the rectum.

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Q. As of the time that your father was diagnosed with this illness, what was his attitude about the medical profession?

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5 A. He was sceptical of it because of
the experience we had had with my mother. Like, the
last thing in the world that he expected was for her to
die, but he had always had a great deal of respect for
the medical profession and faith in it as well.

10 Q. And what is the state of his mind
about the medical profession at the time that he was
diagnosed as having cancer?

15 MRS. DAWSON: Your Honour --

 THE COURT: I honestly don't think that
this witness can tell us what her father's state of mind
was. She can tell us what he said, what she thought his
state of mind was.

20 MRS. DAWSON: I have a concern with
respect to hearsay evidence being given by this
witness. Things that her father did, that she went with
him and saw and heard between her father and the people
I think she could perhaps relate to the Court, but not
25 her father's state of mind or things he said to her.

30 MR. McCOMBS: Things that he said to her
are directly relevant to his state of mind and are
admissible, Your Honour. If Your Honour is not in
agreement with that, perhaps it will have to be argued

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5 in the absence of the jury.

THE COURT: Well, to show his state of mind you can ask questions, but not for the truth of the contents.

10 MR. McCOMBS: Exactly.

Q. Did your father say anything to you, Miss Bianchini, that gave you any -- with respect to his attitude towards doctors at the time that he was diagnosed as having cancer?

15 A. No. As a matter of fact, he went ahead with a number of radiation treatments. He did follow the course that they prescribed initially.

20 Q. Can you tell us what you understood the course that they prescribed to be?

25 A. It was to be a number of radiation treatments, I think probably in the neighbourhood of fifteen, ten to fifteen. And a few months after those were over, there was to be surgery to remove the tumor, as well as the anal muscle, and they would have to have given him a colostomy because of that.

30 Q. Surgery to remove the tumor as well as the actual anal muscle?

A. Yes.

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Q. As well as a colostomy?

A. Yes.

Q. And it was to follow the radiation?

A. Yes.

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Q. And your father took the radiation treatments?

A. He took almost all of the radiation treatments, not quite all of them.

Q. At that time, where were you living?

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A. At that time I was living with him in the Toronto area.

Q. At some point I gather that Mr. Hanswille was mentioned?

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A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell us, please, when you first heard about Mr. Hanswille?

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A. My father came home one day and mentioned that at a relative's house he had heard about this Mr. Hanswille who was a herbalist in Markham, and that the relative who mentioned him said that she knew of several people who had gone to him who had no success with their doctor's treatment and had found themselves to be much better as a result of going to see this

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5 herbalist.

Q. And to your knowledge did your father go and see him?

A. Yes, he did.

10 Q. And did you speak with your father after his first visit to Mr. Hanswille?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. And what did he tell you?

15 A. He was very impressed with Mr. Hanswille. He said that he was an extremely knowledgable man, and that the shop was full of people waiting to see him. And he had spoken to several people in the shop and they were following his course of treatment and felt better, and that a lot of things Mr. Hanswille said seemed to make sense, and that perhaps I should go with him next time and see what I thought.

20 Q. All right. And did you do so?

A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. How long after the first visit?

30 A. I think it was a few days or a week, perhaps - I don't remember exactly - as soon as we could get into see him again. It was very difficult to get in to see Mr. Hanswille unless you had a serious

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condition.

Q. Are you aware of whether or not an appointment had been made when you went there the second time -- sorry, your first time; his second time?

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A. Yes, I think my father had made an appointment.

Q. Can you just tell us, then, when you arrived there -- on your way there what was your mood, what was your father's mood?

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A. Well, we were very concerned about the cancer, the colostomy. My father was a proud man and he really didn't want to have to live with a bag for the rest of his life, and he was willing to entertain
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other courses of treatment if it meant longevity, first of all, and not having to wear a bag. So we were somewhat optimistic going over there.

Q. Can you describe The House of Herbs that day?

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A. It was full of people. There were people waiting, perhaps five or six people, I think, at least, waiting to speak to Mr. Hanswille. And there were many other people in the shop buying things and it
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was a very busy place.

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Q. Did you have occasion to speak to anyone or overhear people speaking?

A. Yes, I overheard people speaking while we were waiting.

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Q. What were they saying?

A. They were saying how some of them were there for the first time and others were there on repeated visits, and they were saying how much better they felt. And a lot of them were recounting their own story of how they had gone to various doctors and had poor success.

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Q. What sorts of illnesses did they say they had?

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A. I think one person had gall stones ... I can't remember specifically what the other ones were, but they were mostly internal-related, digestion-related or internal organ-related.

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Q. Eventually you spoke to Hanswille?

A. Yes.

Q. In your father's presence?

A. Yes.

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Q. Can you tell us about that experience, please?

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5 A. Mr. Hanswille told my father that
his condition, namely the cancer, was completely
curable. My father would have to put a lot of work into
it, this wasn't going to be an easy route to follow. He
had to change his diet completely because this was the
10 cause of the cancer, and he would have to eat strictly
fruits and vegetables, raw, or juices of those fruits
and vegetables, and by doing this, the tumor would be
dissolved and the cancer would be cured.

15 Q. Let's talk about what sort of
impression the man made on you.

20 A. He was a very impressive man. The
man I saw here the other day when I walked into the
courtroom did not -- I hardly recognized him. He did
not strike me to be the same man at all. I mean, it was
obviously him but five years ago or six years ago, he
was radiant, he was -- he just glowed with health and he
25 was very charismatic, very jovial, charming, friendly,
very nice, very knowledgable. There was not a question
that you could ask that would -- that he will not have
an answer for.

30 As far as the -- are you also wondering
about the impression of the room?

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Q. Yes, go ahead.

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A. I think there were a lot of books in his room and he had access to a great deal of information. If you spoke about a drug, he would pull a certain book off a shelf and he would give you all the side effects of that drug. He just -- he had a lot of knowledge. He had a lot of information. He was very impressive, and he also told a lot of stories about people who had come to see him with various problems and how they had been cured by following his course of treatment.

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Q. What did he say to you, if anything, generally, about the way the human body works?

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A. Well, he greatly emphasized the intelligence of nature. He said that in nature the animals that are closest to man, i.e., the orangutan and the monkeys, and what not, they live on fruit, and that the animals that live on meat have a very small colon, small digestive system. For this reason man cannot digest meat.

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I'm sorry, what was your question? I lost my train.

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Q. Generally about how the human body

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5 functions.

10 A. Oh. So man would have to eat fruit and vegetables in order for the human body to function properly, and any deviance from that type of diet would create toxins and poisons in the body which would have a destructive effect on the body and that's how a disease would come about.

15 Q. Was he -- was there a discussion at all about the specifics of your father's illness?

20 A. There was a bit of a discussion about the specifics. My father had been a meat eater and a cheese eater and a pasta eater and did not have a lot of fruit and vegetables in his diet. And Hanswille felt that this was probably why my father had cancer. I mean, it stood to reason that all these toxins and poisons had accumulated in one place and the result was cancer.

25 Q. And what about the tumor itself, you told us, I think, that there was a discussion about the fact that he had already been having radiation treatments?

30 * A. Yes, Mr. Hanswille said that because my father had been going for radiation, this radiation

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5 would have sealed or encapsulated the tumor.

Q. Encapsulated?

A. Yes, sealed it so it would be harder
10 to dissolve this tumor and it would take much longer
than if he had not gone for the radiation, and he would
need different kinds of herbs and it would just be a
more difficult treatment, but it could be done if he
stuck to the treatment.

15 Q. Did he express any opinion about
what would happen in the future?

A. Well, he said that if he followed
the course of treatment that the tumor would dissolve
and that the body would rid itself.

20 Q. It would or could?

A. It would, would dissolve. The body
would rid itself of the tumor and all the toxins and
poisons, and he would be a hundred per cent afterwards.

25 Q. Did he say anything about doctors
that day?

A. Yes, he did. He said that doctors
and the whole medical society, the whole system, is
30 based on money, and that the doctors really didn't care
and it was a self-perpetuating system, because if they

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5 found the cure to cancer, then they wouldn't have as many billings.

Q. How did that sound to you at that time, the sort of comments that Mr. Hanswille was making that day?

10 A. It sounded perhaps a little bit far-fetched, but a lot of what he said -- you have to understand the whole context of the place. There's people -- these people are milling around and, you know, we listened to what he had to say. I mean, some of it
15 sounded quite realistic, quite credible. He spoke about people that had gone through this course of treatment and had been fine, their cancer had disappeared and there was literature to back that up.
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Q. Did your father tell you why he wanted you to come with him?

A. I think he valued my judgment. He just wanted to know what I thought of this individual.
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Q. And after you left -- first of all, how long were you there?

A. We were there for quite a while. I think we were there at least 45 minutes. He was very generous with his time. He didn't rush us out of the
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office.

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Q. Did he charge you any fee for the
consultation?

A. No.

Q. What impression, if any, did that
have on you?

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A. That this man was very genuine and
why would he do it. He wasn't looking for money. He
was --

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Q. Did he - I beg your pardon, go
ahead.

A. I was just going to say that he
showed real, true concern and really knew something.
Why else would he do it if he wasn't doing it for
money?

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Q. And did he make any recommendations
about what your father should purchase?

A. He have said that he should initiate
with the liver cleanse, which is an olive oil treatment,
and start drinking some fruit juices, and what not. So
we purchased some olive oil and grape juice and some
herbs and some books, perhaps several other things.

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THE COURT: I'm sorry?

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5 THE WITNESS: Perhaps several other things.

MR. McCOMBS: Q. Did he tell you what the olive oil treatment was for?

10 A. It was to open up the liver and get the poisons initially out of the liver and the bile ducts and the gall bladder.

Q. Can you tell us, then, what he told your father to do?

15 A. Well, he told him to do this treatment, and he also said that -- he predicted the results of the treatment. He said that you would eliminate certain little round -- a waxy substance, which is indeed what happened. And that he should start drinking the juice and change his diet.

20 Q. What did he say the waxy substance was?

25 A. I can't remember. I understood it to be a non-desirable element, like a poison or toxin.

Q. How much money did you spend at his store that day, can you remember?

30 A. I think somewhere in the neighbourhood of a hundred to two hundred dollars.

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Q. Okay. Now, you left the store with the property -- the merchandise that you purchased with your father, what was your father's mood after leaving the store? What was your mood?

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A. Very optimistic. This man gave us a great deal of hope, you know. My father was the type of man that was willing to put in whatever it took to get something done and to do something right. And he was very, very optimistic.

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Q. How often after that did your father go to see Mr. Hanswille?

A. Initially I think my father went approximately once a week.

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Q. Did he follow the regimen that had been prescribed by Hanswille after the visit that you went with him?

A. Yes, he did, religiously.

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Q. Were you present in the home to be able to see the effects of it?

A. Yes, mm-hmm.

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Q. Can you tell us what those effects were?

A. Well, initially it was very

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difficult and my father was hungry a great deal. Over
the first couple of months he lost a lot of weight.
Over the first two, three, four months he lost a great
deal of weight. And he claimed that he had much more
energy and that he was feeling a lot better.

10 Q. Now, you mentioned that your father
would go to see Hanswille, did you say once a week?

A. About once a week, I think.

Q. What about you, Miss Bianchini?

15 A. I didn't go quite as often. I went
initially, I think, about once every two weeks.

Q. Once every two weeks you went with
your father to see Hanswille?

20 A. Yes.

Q. For how long?

A. For a few months, maybe three or
four months.

25 Q. So during this early period, over
that three or four month period, could you tell us
approximately how many times you went to Hanswille's
House of Herbs with your father?

A. Probably about six to eight times.

30 Q. And on each of those occasions could

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5 you tell us how long you were in the company of Mr. Hanswille with your father?

A. Anywhere from fifteen minutes to an hour.

10 Q. And then altogether over that -- again just talking about this early time, how many hours did you spend with Mr. Hanswille and your father?

A. At least four hours, five hours.

15 Q. Now, during that four or five hour period that was spent over that three or four-month period - I may be getting a little bit ahead of ourselves here - did your father -- you've already told us that he followed the regimen --

20 A. Yes.

Q. -- that had been prescribed by Hanswille?

A. Yes.

25 Q. Can you tell us about that regimen or diet?

30 A. He ate only raw fruit and raw vegetables, and he bought a juicer and he would juice the fruits and the vegetables. He would make these herbal concoctions that he would drink. He would not

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5 eat any meat or cheese, fish, bread, pasta, rice,
anything like that.

Q. Now, you mentioned the juicer?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did he get the juicer?

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A. From Mr. Hanswille's shop.

Q. Were you with him the day he bought
it?

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A. No, I was there when he brought it
home.

Q. You don't know what it cost?

A. Several hundred dollars.

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Q. Now, can you tell us what the
kitchen looked like during this period of time?

A. The kitchen was full of herbs and
full of fruit and vegetables. The house was full of
books.

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Q. You mentioned that your father had
lost a lot of weight?

A. Yes.

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Q. What did Hanswille tell him about
that, if anything?

A. According to Mr. Hanswille, the

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5 weight loss was -- had no bearing at all. It was
completely insignificant. He told him that the weight
loss was due to the fact that the body was starting to
10 rid itself of toxins and poisons, and that this was all
excess stuff and not to worry about the weight loss at
all. When the body was finally clean and healthy, that
the body would find its own weight level and it would be
like a homeostatic state.

Q. Homeostatic state?

15 A. That's the word I remember,
homeostatic state.

Q. Did he use that word?

A. He used that word.

20 Q. What did you understand that to
mean?

A. I understood that to mean that the
25 body had its own intelligence and would look after
itself, know what level to be at and how much fat that
it should have.

Q. Now, you've said that your father
conducted himself in a way consistent with what
30 Hanswille told him?

A. Yes.

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Q. Did he say things to you that would give you an idea about how he felt about Hanswille?

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A. Hanswille -- increasingly Mr. Hanswille became my father's mentor. He was always very impressed with the amount of knowledge Mr. Hanswille had. He was also meeting more people, I guess, during this time and he was very impressed with the results that he was seeing in these other people that were coming into the shop.

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Q. And what were these other people being treated for?

A. All kinds of things, everything.

Q. Everything?

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A. Everything. Mr. Hanswille could -- he claimed that this system could treat anything and everything because you were just treating the body as a whole and the body had its own intelligence. So if you just cleaned it up and treated it properly, then it would become, for lack of a better term, perfect. It would look after itself completely and totally.

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Q. That's what he seemed to believe?

A. Yes.

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Q. Your father?

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A. Yes.

Q. What about you, Miss Bianchini?

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A. I must admit I was overwhelmed by that belief system as well. It's -- it's very hard, right from my perspective now, to look back and admit that I was so taken by this man.

Q. How did he do it?

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A. It's a very difficult thing to convey, to communicate, just how mesmerizing this man was. I think I've said it before, this man could sell icecubes to Eskimos in the dead of winter. He was so good. He was so positive. He was so knowledgable. He was so powerful. He just exuded this powerful aura about him.

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He had people around him all the time. He had students learning from him all the time, people coming to him for knowledge, and it seemed that there was nothing that he couldn't handle. I mean, at the time I didn't hear about any cases that went wrong. I just heard about -- everybody I ran into there, everybody I spoke to, was getting better and was very exuberant about this man and about his course of treatment. It was like a spell that I was under, you

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Q. Your dad lost quite a bit of weight?

A. Yes.

10 Q. I guess we all know weight loss is one of the things we see in cancer patients?

A. Yes.

15 Q. What did you think the weight loss was caused by?

A. I thought it was caused by this body ridding itself of the excess, of the poisons.

20 Q. There's another picture I want to show you. It's a photograph of your father and he's older and apparently thinner?

A. Yes.

25 Q. That photograph, could you tell us, please, if you know, approximately when that was taken?

A. I think that was taken about a year to a year and a half prior to his death.

30 Q. Was this before or after he had met Hanswille?

A. Oh, after he had met Hanswille.

Q. Approximately how long after he met Hanswille would you estimate that picture was taken? I

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just want to get an idea. I want the jurors to get an idea of how he looked after he'd been on Hanswille's diet for a while. Is that a picture of that or not?

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A. It is. Maybe it's six months to a year after he met him, something like that, a year and a half.

Q. A year and a half?

A. I don't know, six months, a year or a year and a half.

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Q. Another picture here that in fairness is a picture of your father when he was a younger man, as well as bigger?

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A. He was younger but he was always that weight most of his life. Prior to the treatment by Hanswille he was that weight.

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MR. McCOMBS: I think that the first photograph that was tendered Mr. Registrar did not have an opportunity to complete filling out the --

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THE REGISTRAR: Your Honour, there's a slight discrepancy in the last two exhibit numbers. If I could check it at the recess before I assign an exhibit number to this.

MR. McCOMBS: For now I would like to

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5 show these photographs to the jury.

THE COURT: All right.

10 MR. McCOMBS: Q. Now, this photograph, Miss Bianchini, which is the last photograph that's been tendered to you, was taken after he had been on Hanswille's diet for a while?

A. Yes.

15 Q. How much weight would you say he lost during that first couple of months when he went on Hanswille's diet?

A. I think about fifteen to twenty pounds.

20 Q. And your father was saying what about himself?

A. That he felt stronger, he felt much better. He had a lot more energy. He was happy, he felt very good.

25 Q. Did Mr. Hanswille, during any of these visits that you were having every couple of weeks, did he talk about how the tumor was coming along?

30 A. No, he didn't specifically talk about the tumor. He generalized a great deal and just talked about the body ridding itself of the poisons.

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5 Q. Did he express any reservations that this treatment would be successful?

A. None whatsoever.

10 Q. Could you just tell us again how he would convey to you, his thoughts, about the treatment of your father's cancer?

15 A. Well, he would talk -- he would draw analogies between the intelligence of the universe and the laws of the universe, and there were -- I mean, there were basically no other ways to go. I mean, if you wanted to get better, then this is what you had to do. And if you did these things, then you would rid yourself of all this -- these bad things that were
20 creating the cancer, and you had to get better just as a matter of law.

Q. Matter of law?

A. Law, the universal law of nature.

25 Q. Mr. Hanswille sat right where you are and he told the jury that he only tells people -- gives them options and he only gives them information. What if anything do you want to say about that?

30 A. The only option he gives you is that one. As far as he's concerned, that is the only route.

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Any other route you're going to die. You won't make it. Because it's not according to the laws of nature, to do it any other way. If you go to the hospital, if go to the doctor, they would treat you symptomatically. They will remove what is ailing you but they will not get rid of the cause.

Q. So you say treat you symptomatically, you mean just treat what --

A. They'll take the tumor out, that's it, but they won't go to the route of the problem and remove what caused the tumor.

Q. Now, when you first met Mr. Hanswille was a few months after your mother had died?

A. Yes.

Q. Your father had been diagnosed as having cancer?

A. Yes.

Q. You moved in with your dad and lived at home?

A. Yes.

Q. And that was in the fall of 1983, am I right?

A. That's right.

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5 Q. During that next -- we've talked about the few months after the diagnoses and the diet and so on, what about the next few months after that?

10 A. He seemed to be progressing quite well, so I took the liberty of going to school in Halifax for a few months.

Q. When was that?

A. That was in the fall of '84.

15 Q. Had you lived at home all the time up to the fall of '84?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, your father's weight, had it stabilized at that period of time or not?

20 A. He went through a period of stabilized weight, yes, mm-hmm.

Q. And his degree of commitment to the diet, was it --

25 A. Absolute.

Q. Absolute?

A. Absolute.

30 Q. And his state of mind -- I'm sorry, the things that he would say about Hanswille during that period of time, did you hear him say negative things?

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5 A. Never. Always very, very positive, always very impressed with the man.

10 Q. What about the treatment that had been prescribed by the medical profession, did he proceed with the radium treatments that he had been getting when he went to see Mr. Hanswille?

A. No, he didn't finish up the radiation treatments. He cut them short.

15 Q. What about the surgery?

A. No, he didn't go for the surgery.

Q. Did he say to you why?

20 A. Because he said that he could dissolve the tumor through a diet and, therefore, there was no need to go and have surgery and have to wear -- have to use a colostomy -- or wear a colostomy.

25 Q. You went to Dalhousie to go to school, in fact you went to Dalhousie Law School?

A. Yes.

30 Q. And did you have contact with your father during the time when you were in Halifax studying law?

A. I spoke to him by phone the first few months, and then I saw him at Christmas.

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5 Q. What did he say on the telephone, if anything, about his condition?

A. He was always very positive, always felt that he was very strong and getting better.

10 Q. And your own state of mind?

A. I was very positive. You know, I felt that he -- I felt that he was in good hands with Mr. Hanswille and I, as a result, I was positive too.

15 Q. I gather around Christmas or exam time you got a call from your father?

A. Yes, he was very, very distraught because he found out that his mother in Italy had leukemia and he was --

20 Q. That's another kick in the head?

A. Yes. And he was phoning to tell me that he was leaving the next day and I guess he was off on a mission to try help her the same way he was being helped. He was going to try to change her diet, put her on fruits and vegetables.

25 Q. There had been plans during the Christmas vacation to travel with your father?

A. I believe so, yes.

30 Q. You believe so? Well, let me --

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your father went off to Italy to visit his mother?

A. To visit my grandmother, yes.

Q. How do you know that your father wanted to persuade your grandmother to go on this diet?

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A. He told me that this was her only chance, if she went on this diet, because otherwise she wasn't going to make it.

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Q. And what did he tell you about the trip when he came back? Did he tell you whether your grandmother had gone along with this?

A. Well, my grandmother didn't go along with that diet. He was very depressed about that.

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Q. And what happened with your grandmother?

A. She died a few months later.

Q. And what affect, if any, did that have on your father's faith of Hanswille's way?

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A. Well, I think it probably reinforced his faith because she died.

Q. And you?

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A. Well, at that point it really didn't seem like there were other options. My grandmother chose not to go that way and she died, what option do

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you have?

Q. I asked you about plans to go on a vacation at Christmas?

A. Yes.

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Q. And you said you believe it was the Christmas of '84 there were such plans?

A. Yes.

Q. What plans were they?

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A. Well, I'm not -- we went to Cuba with Mr. Hanswille and his wife. It was either Christmas of '84 or Christmas of '83, I'm not exactly sure which Christmas it was. I think it was of '84.

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Q. You're not sure whether it was that same Christmas that your grandmother -- you got the news about your grandmother or whether it was the year before?

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A. I think it was that Christmas where we got the news about my grandmother, but I'm not a hundred per cent sure.

Q. Why did your father take Mr. Hanswille and his wife to Cuba?

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A. Mr. Hanswille was a very pleasant man to be around. He was also a very knowledgable man

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5 and I think my father -- I know my father saw this as a tremendous learning opportunity for both him and his children, us.

Q. What about you, how did you feel about it?

10 A. Um-m, I felt the same way, you know.

Q. What did you talk about in Cuba?

15 A. All kinds of things. I must admit it was quite a while ago, and I think as a result of my experiences, I've blocked a lot of it out, but we spoke about elements, about hermetics, about diet, about politics, about economics.

20 Q. What impression did you have of Mr. Hanswille after that holiday?

25 A. I still felt that he was a very knowledgable man. A lot of what he talked about I didn't understand, but never the less I felt he was knowledgable.

Q. When you were unable to understand what he was talking about, what conclusions did you arrive at?

30 A. That I was stupid.

Q. After the trip you came back and you

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went back to law school?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell us about what happened, why you came to leave law school?

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A. Well, in terms of my father, I became very concerned about him because he was really upset about his mother dying, and he seemed very, very low, and I came back to be with him.

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Q. Is that the reason you left law school?

A. That was the main reason I left law school.

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Q. So you moved back to Toronto?

A. Yes.

Q. To be with your father?

A. Mm-hmm, yes.

Q. And you moved back into the home?

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A. Yes.

Q. Now, what about after your return, about your contacts with Hanswille and your father's contacts, can you help us with that?

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A. They continued, and Mr. Hanswille was always the same, always very positive, very

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absolute, very friendly. My father had become very good friends with him by that point, so he had the liberty of stopping in whenever he wanted and Mr. Hanswille would see him.

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Q. And what about you, did you see him very much?

A. I saw him on occasion. We would have dinner on occasion, all of us.

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Q. All of you?

A. Well, Mr. and Mrs. Hanswille and my father and I.

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Q. Did you attend at The House of Herbs?

A. Yes, on occasion.

Q. And for consultations in the back?

A. Yes.

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Q. How was your father over that period of time?

A. His health?

Q. Physically, yes.

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A. By the time the fall rolled around, I noticed that he was losing more weight and he had developed quite a bit of diarrhea to the point whereby

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late fall he really didn't leave the house very much
because of the diarrhea.

Q. The diarrhea was so bad he couldn't
leave the house?

A. Yes.

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Q. How about his weight?

A. His weight had dropped quite
dramatically and was continuing to drop.

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Q. Tell us how much he weighed when he
first got sick, if you know.

A. I think he weighed approximately a
hundred and sixty-five pounds.

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Q. By this time when the diarrhea was
so bad, what would you estimate his weight to be?

A. In the late fall?

Q. Yes.

A. A hundred and twenty pounds, maybe.

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Q. Now, what was your attitude towards
Mr. Hanswille as the weight started to come off?

A. Well, I was very concerned, you
know. I had my moments of doubt, and when I expressed
these to Mr. Hanswille, he was very reinforcing, he was
absolutely sure that this was the toxins, poisons, that

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5 were coming out and not to be concerned. And he had to go through this, there were no two ways about it and when this was done, the body would regain its -- regain more weight and he would be fine, absolutely fine.

Q. Did you accept this or reject it?

A. I accepted it.

Q. Why?

A. I was scared. I -- I had been told on a number of occasions that if I took him to the hospital that he would die if they gave him any drugs or anything. His system was very clean or getting very clean and the drugs would kill him, and I didn't want to take that chance. I didn't want my father to die. And Mr. Hanswille seemed so sure of himself and everybody else was still getting better and the shop was still full of people, and he really seemed to know what he was doing.

He indicated that he had seen this happen many other times. I mean, one really had the impression that he was very familiar with this kind of situation.

Q. Tell us what he said, if you can remember, be a little more specific.

A. He said that because dad had had

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radiation that it was a little more difficult for him than the average person who had not had radiation because of the problem with the tumor being sealed off, but he had to persist, and if he did persist, this tumor would be dissolved and everything would be fine.

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Q. Now, you mentioned the diarrhea, this was by the fall of 1985, the diarrhea was so bad that he had to stay home?

A. Yes, late fall.

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Q. What about the continued interaction with Hanswille, how did that take place?

A. It took place mainly over the telephone between my father and Mr. Hanswille. My father could call him up any time and he would take his call.

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Q. By the way, there was another trip to Mexico?

A. There was. I did not participate in that trip. My father took Mr. Hanswille down.

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Q. By the fall of 1985, what was the level of commitment to Hanswille or Hanswille's --

A. Complete, total.

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Q. On the part of whom?

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A. My father.

Q. And on your part?

A. And on my part as well.

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Q. Now, you say that your father would speak to Hanswille on the telephone. And what about you, did you have occasion to see him?

A. I would go down and see him on occasion, mainly to pick up herbs or other things because my father couldn't really go out of the house.

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Q. Where did your father get the stuff in the kitchen?

A. Sorry?

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Q. Where did your father get all of the stuff that was in the kitchen that you told us was there before?

A. He he got it at Mr. Hanswille's shop.

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Q. Can you give us a rough idea how much money he spent in that shop over that period of time?

A. Over the --

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Q. Just on an average visit.

A. On an average visit?

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Q. Mm-hmm.

A. A hundred dollars, sometimes more,
sometimes a little less.

Q. How often would these visits take
place?

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A. Once a week.

Q. Now, you mentioned that there were
always others in the shop?

A. Yes.

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Q. How many others would there
generally be in the shop?

A. Probably about twenty people or so,
twenty -- somewhere between fifteen and thirty.

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Sometimes fifteen; sometimes thirty.

Q. When you would go to the shop after
the fall of 1985, you would have occasion to speak to
him?

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A. Yes.

Q. How long would these talks be?

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A. Five or ten minutes. He always gave
me as much time as I needed. He never tried to rush me
out because I would express my concern about my father's
situation. He would always take the time to reassure me

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5 and tell me not to be so concerned, that everything was progressing as it had to, as it was supposed to.

Q. Now, this continued over the next few months --

A. Yes.

10 Q. -- with your father being unable to leave the house?

A. Yes.

15 Q. And then, I gather, towards the last couple of months he was pretty well confined to the house all the time?

A. Yes, he was.

Q. What did you do then?

20 A. I stayed home with him on a full time basis.

Q. Did you stop working?

25 A. Yes, I did. He needed to have me around.

Q. What was his condition at that point when you first made the decision that you had to stay home with him?

30 A. Well, he was extremely weak. It seemed that he was always on the toilet and he was

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5 starting to lose his voice and I had to care for him.

Q. What about Mr. Hanswille, did you still have contact with him?

A. Oh, yes.

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Q. And what was the state of your mind as far as Hanswille was concerned when your father got to that point?

A. As far as Mr. Hanswille was concerned?

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Q. Let me ask the question a different way.

A. Yes, please.

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Q. Once your father reached the point where you had to stay home all the time and you decided to stay with him, how did you feel about Hanswille?

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A. I felt -- I felt that the man was still concerned, available whenever we wanted him to be, and he seemed so sure that everything was going just fine. I was very concerned and he didn't seem concerned about my concern. I felt like a silly woman, you know. He never called me a silly woman but I felt like a silly woman to be so worried all the time.

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Q. You thought that's what he thought

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5 of you?

A. Yes, mm-hmm. I mean, you must understand that I had never been in this situation before, I didn't know what to expect. There were things happening that I didn't expect and I went to him because he indicated that he had been through this so many times and he knew his way around, he knew what was going to happen. I confided in him. We had complete trust in him.

10 Q. Did that trust remain or not during that period?

A. Yes, it remained during that period.

15 MR. McCOMBS: Your Honour, is this an appropriate time for a break?

THE COURT: All right. Fifteen minutes.

20 THE REGISTRAR: Yes, Your Honour.
Members of the jury, you may retire for fifteen minutes, thank you.

25 Your Honour, the first photograph is now Exhibit 75 and next photograph is 76.

30 --- EXHIBIT NO. 75: Photograph.

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--- EXHIBIT NO. 76: Photograph.

--- The jury retires at 3:34.

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THE REGISTRAR: The jury has retired,
Your Honour.

--- Court adjourned at 3:35.

--- Court resumes at 3:50.

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MR. COOPER: Mr. Skurka --

MR. McCOMBS: Fifteen minutes, I'm
anticipating Your Honour's question.

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THE COURT: I was going to say that you
had to tell the jury they had to stay late.

MR. COOPER: May I tell the jury that Mr.
Skurka had to go to a doctor's appointment?

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THE COURT: Yes.

--- Jury returns at 3:51.

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THE REGISTRAR: The jury's all present,
Your Honour.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

MR. COOPER: Your Honour, my associate counsel, Mr. Skurka, had to go for a doctor's appointment.

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THE COURT: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Mccombs?

MR. McCOMBS: Thank you, Your Honour.

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Q. Miss Bianchini, you told us that in the last about two months of your father's life that you made the decision to go stay home full time with him?

A. Yes.

Q. And the reason for that was that he was too weak to get around?

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A. Yes, he was.

Q. Was he able to get around inside the house?

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A. Initially he was, yes, and then in the last two weeks of his life, he was confined to his room.

Q. So your father died on March 13th, 1986?

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A. Yes.

Q. And this decision to stay home was

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5 in January?

A. Yes, January.

Q. Initially, as you say, he was able to get around the house, and could he prepare his own food?

10 A. He could initially. I would help him at times.

Q. And what sort of food was he eating then?

15 A. He was eating the same thing he'd been eating for the two years prior. He was eating raw salads, raw fruits. By this time I think he was taking in more juices, more soft food because he had -- it was more difficult for him to chew and to make the food, and he had a lot of diarrhea as well.

20 Q. When he got to this weakened state, what was his attitude towards Mr. Hanswille?

25 A. He still trusted the man completely. He was still following the regimen and still felt that Mr. Hanswille knew what he was doing. He would carry on.

30 Q. And during this period, during the last couple of months, well before he got so weak that

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he was bedridden, did you have occasion to speak with Mr. Hanswille as well?

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A. I spoke to him. I spoke to him on several occasions and expressed my concern, and he insisted that I not worry, that this was not easy but this was the final chapter of the poisons coming out, and we just had to get through this last little bit and be patient and everything would be fine.

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Q. Now, you were watching your father deteriorate?

A. Yes.

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Q. You expressed your concern to Mr. Hanswille?

A. Yes.

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Q. And he told you what you just told us?

A. Yes.

Q. Is this on one occasion or several occasions?

A. Several occasions, every time I spoke to him.

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Q. Were you persuaded by this or not?

A. I was persuaded by it. I mean, I

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5 look back now and I think how could I have been persuaded by it. I was persuaded. The man is unbelievably persuasive. He's very, very charismatic and --

Q. Sorry?

A. Extremely charismatic.

Q. Charismatic?

A. Charismatic. He's also, you know, very gentle with you when he -- when you come to him so concerned. He was very gentle. He's very grandfatherly. He's like an elder. You trust him and he seems very genuine, very concerned.

Q. Now, I gather that during the last two weeks of his life he was bedridden?

A. Yes.

Q. And if my friend doesn't mind, I'm going to lead you on this next point. I gather at this stage you really had to take care of his personal hygiene?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. That meant you had to bathe him?

A. Yes.

Q. And assist him when he went to the

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washroom?

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A. Yes, I did.

Q. What was he eating at that time?

A. I would have to spoon feed him at the end he was so weak. He was eating very soft things, avocados and things that you could mush up, bananas, avocados.

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Q. Was he still able to communicate with you?

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A. Yes.

Q. Did you talk to Hanswille about him?

A. I did, ^{F. the} and he wanted to continue on the course of treatment, very afraid of doctors. At one point I mentioned to him that -- I asked him if he wanted to go to the hospital because I knew he was in a tremendous amount of pain and perhaps they could give him something, morphine or something. And my father looked at me quite horrified and said "No, no way, they'll kill me. I'm not going to the hospital".

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Q. Did you talk to Hanswille about your father going to the hospital?

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A. Yes.

Q. What did Hanswille tell you?

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A. He said that he would die. I asked Mr. Hanswille, because I was, as I said, very concerned about the pain. So I spoke to Mr. Hanswille directly and --

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Q. I'm sorry to interrupt, I know how difficult this is, but we have to make sure that all of the members of the jury can hear you.

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A. On several occasions, at least two or three occasions, I specifically mentioned taking my father to the hospital and giving him morphine. And Mr. Hanswille said that that would kill my father.

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Q. Did you believe that or not?

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A. I believed it, yes. I was scared to death. I didn't want to take that chance.

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Q. Tell us how Hanswille was able to persuade you not to take your dying father to the hospital?

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A. He scared the living daylights out of me. He told me in an authoritative way that if I took him to the hospital he would die, that they would kill him. The minute they put morphine into him or anything like that, it would kill him. There were no two ways about it.

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5 Q. How did you feel about that advice? Did you accept it or not?

A. I accepted it. I was, you know, devastated by the thought. I was horrified.

10 Q. Now, I gather at some point during the last week or ten days he was unable to get out of bed at all?

A. Yes, that's right.

15 Q. And you carried him?

A. We put a diaper on him.

Q. Now, at some point did he draw your attention to a problem that he was having beyond what we've already heard about?

20 A. Yes.

Q. Please tell us about that.

25 A. About two weeks before he died, he called me into the bathroom and he said, "Can you have a look because there's another hole". And I didn't know what he was talking about. I said, "Another hole?" He said, "The feces are coming out of another hole". And I went in to look, and indeed there was a small lesion with this substance, this God awful substance, that was coming out of it. And we immediately phoned Mr.

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5 Hanswille, completely perplexed, and Mr. Hanswille said that this was the radiation that was coming out.

He asked me to describe what it was and I described it, and he said this was undoubtedly the radiation that was coming out, that we had to go -- he had to go through this, had to come out and when it was all over, then he would be fine. This lesion would close itself up again after all the radiation came out.

Q. Did you accept that?

15 A. I did. I really had no choice but to accept it.

Q. Why did you feel you had no choice?

20 A. Because not to accept would have meant losing him.

Q. Now, what happened to this lesion, this --

25 A. It grew larger and larger and larger.

Q. Did you see it each day?

30 A. Yes, every day it grew bigger and bigger and bigger.

Q. Pardon?

A. Every day it grew bigger and bigger.

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Q. Do you know now what that was?

A. I know now that it was the tumor that had completely dissolved all his bowls, and I understand that it was gangrene.

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Q. What did you believe it was then?

A. The radiation coming out.

Q. And did you have occasion to speak to Mr. Hanswille and tell him that the lesion was getting larger each day?

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A. Yes, and he said that it was because of the amount of radiation that my father --

Q. Do you recall -- did he say this was a good thing or a bad thing?

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A. This was a good thing, had to come out.

Q. Your father died on March 13th, 1986?

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A. Yes.

Q. The late evening of March the 12th?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you tell us about the last few hours of his life?

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A. He drifted in and out of a coma and

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5 I think at that point he realized that he was dying, because he said to himself -- he was in a real fog. He said to himself, "What are you doing? You're dying", you know, sort of like, "Hang on, grab on, keep going. You can get through this".

10 And it was very sad. He shed some tears and he called each of us over. It was as if he was saying good-bye, but you could tell he was really trying to struggle to stay alive.

15 Q. What did you feel about this situation at that point? Did you feel that his death was eminent?

20 A. I oscillated between feeling that this was the final chapter in getting rid of these toxins, as soon as this came out that it will all be over. Oscillated between that and feeling that it all had been a hoax and he was going to die.

25 Q. He died that night?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you learn that he'd died?

30 A. My aunt was sitting with him at the time and she walked out of the room to get a sweater, and when she returned, he was no longer breathing.

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Q. And your aunt came and told you?

A. Yes.

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Q. I think we all understand what your reaction must have been. Can you tell us, in any event, how you felt at that point?

A. I was devastated. I felt completely betrayed. I felt angry. I felt hurt. I felt the biggest loss of my life. I felt really empty.

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Q. Did you spend some time alone with your father after his death?

A. I did. (He did not die in A)

Q. How long were you with him in the room?

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A. Probably about an hour, half an hour, an hour.

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Q. Now, I understand that you felt compelled to do something. You did something that might surprise us?

A. It surprises me now when I think about what I did, but I took a photograph of the condition of my father after he died.

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Q. Can you tell us why you felt compelled you had to take a photograph?

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5 A. I felt such utter disbelief that all
this had happened, that he had died, that he had
developed all this -- what later I knew was getting to
be gangrene, and it was almost as if I wanted to -- I
10 was concerned that at some point in the future I would
not believe what I had gone through, and I would not
believe that all this horrible two years had taken
place, and this horrible ending had come to my father.
I guess I just had to frame that moment and somehow take
15 it with me forever.

Q. Last year you read about Mr.
Hanswille and did you do anything as a result of that?

A. I'm sorry, I read?

20 Q. I want to know how you came to be
here today.

A. Oh. I heard about Mr. Hanswille and
I phoned Mr. Minden's office.

25 Q. Mr. Minden's office?

A. Yes. I felt that I had a social
duty to share my story because I wasn't the only one.

30 Q. You told Mr. Minden what you've told
the jury?

A. Yes.

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Q. And you told Mr. Minden about the photograph?

A. Yes.

Q. And I gather it was in a slide form?

A. Yes.

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Q. Did you consent to defence -- having the defence having the photograph reproduced?

A. Yes, I did.

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MR. McCOMBS: Your Honour, I propose to show this photograph to Miss Bianchini. It's a very difficult thing. It's a horrible photograph, but I feel that it's necessary to do so.

Q. Can you identify the photograph?

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A. Yes, that was my father's body after his death.

MR. McCOMBS: Might this be introduced, Your Honour, as Exhibit No. 77?

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THE COURT: Yes.

--- EXHIBIT NO: 77: Photograph.

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MR. McCOMBS: Q. Looking back on this tragedy, how do you feel about what happened?

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5 A. Stupid. I mean, I look back now and
I just can't believe that I fell under this man's spell,
that my father fell under his spell, the way that we
did. I feel like it was a horrible, horrible nightmare
that never should have happened. [I feel like I was
10 living in a completely different reality, and after it
was all over, it was like I woke up and couldn't believe
that this had happened, that we had believed this.]

MR. McCOMBS: Thank you, Miss Bianchini.

15 I would like you to remain there a moment.

May I address the jury just very
briefly?

THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

20 MR. McCOMBS: I propose to show the
photographs to the members of the jury. The first
photograph is the one, Exhibit 75, when Mr. Bianchini
was a younger, robust man; and then the picture of him
after the Hanswille treatment began; and finally the
25 photograph that Miss Bianchini took of her father.

I just want to caution the jurors that
the last picture is a very shocking one. If I might
just hand them to the jury.

30 THE COURT: It is not necessary for the

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5 members of the jury to look at it at this point if they
feel that they prefer not to. It will be available to
you in your jury room at the conclusion of the trial.
So if you feel that this has been a long week and you'd
10 just as soon not look at it today, that's fine. It is
not a pretty picture.

MR. McCOMBS: Thank you, Miss Bianchini,
for coming to court. One question that I forgot to ask,
if I may, with your permission?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

MR. McCOMBS: Q. Did Hanswille ever
phone or send a card or in any way --

A. Nothing.

20 Q. -- show any sign of concern?

A. After his death? Nothing.

MR. McCOMBS: Thank you.

25 THE COURT: I think you can pick up the
pictures now from the jury.

MR. COOPER: I may say, Your Honour, I
have no questions of this witness.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Cooper.

30 MRS. DAWSON: Just a few questions.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MRS. DAWSON:

5 Q. Miss Bianchini, about eight months before your father died, he went to the hospital, didn't he?

A. Yes.

10 Q. He was encouraged to go by your brother because your brother was concerned?

A. Yes.

Q. And he had a cancer count done?

15 A. Yes.

Q. Cancer count was up?

A. It was up, yes.

20 Q. He was very seriously ill, wasn't he?

A. I don't know how they rated that cancer test, you know, but I know that it was higher than it should have been.

25 Q. And that was about eight months before he died?

A. Eight months to a year, something like that. I don't exactly recall the date.

30 Q. Now, when your father was originally diagnosed as having cancer, I think they diagnosed his

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5 chances at about fifty/fifty; is that right?

A. If he made it for five years -- if he made it to five years, after that it would be better.

10 Q. Your father -- that the diagnoses was 50/50 originally?

A. Yes.

15 Q. And when your father went to Mexico with Mr. Hanswille, did he receive any treatment in Mexico, any cancer treatment?

A. Other than Mr. Hanswille?

Q. Yes.

A. No.

20 Q. He didn't go down for Laitrile treatment?

A. No.

25 Q. And your contact with Mr. Minden was after you read a fair amount of publicity about Mr. Hanswille during the previous case; is that right?

A. Yes, after reading about it initially.

30 Q. Now, Mr. Hanswille, he never did a physical examination of your father, did he?

A. No, he didn't. The tumor was

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inside.

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Q. And did you know that Mr. Hanswille taught courses?

A. I know that he did.

Q. Did you ever go to them?

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A. I think I went to one of them.

Q. And the course that you went to, what was that about?

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A. To be perfectly honest, I don't even recall. I didn't go to the whole course. I went to one session, and I sat in for a while and left.

Q. Did you know that Mr. Hanswille was interested in white magic?

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A. I knew -- I know that he was interested in what he called hermetics.

Q. Do you know what hermetics was?

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A. I understood it to mean something -- like some kind of magic, I guess.

Q. What exactly did you understand it to be?

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A. I understood it to be the -- similar to the laws of alchemy, similar to the laws of ... well, I guess he would use the words macrocosm and the

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microcosm.

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Q. Did you think that he practised magic?

A. I really don't know.

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Q. Well, at the time this was going on, did you think that he practised magic?

A. He didn't practice magic on my father.

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Q. Were you aware of whether or not he purported to practice magic?

A. He never came out and used the word "magic" with me. I was aware that he had some understanding that were a little more in-depth than what I understood.

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Q. Were you aware that he taught people about things like the Astral plain, creating elements, making clay dolls and putting bits of blood in the dolls? Were you aware of that?

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A. I wasn't aware of the clay dolls. I heard him speak about the Astral plain -- and, I'm sorry, what was the second item you mentioned?

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Q. To tell you the truth, I can't remember myself. But the clay dolls, you never heard

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about?

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A. I didn't hear about clay dolls, no.

Q. And did you find that a little bit odd, the Astral plain comments?

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A. I had heard -- I had read about the Astral plains so I didn't find it that odd. It's something that is very common in a lot of the literature that ...

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Q. Do you think that items such as thought control, thought projection, healing through magic mirrors, and the creation of clay dolls as strange?

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A. Well, let's put it this way: When I was in Sri Lanka I saw people going into a trance and walk on hot coals.

Q. Yes?

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A. When I was in India I saw people bury themselves under the sand and just leave their arm out with a prayer bead for three days, so when you talk about mind control, thought control, I mean, I don't know anything about it. I can't do it, but I wouldn't say that it's not possible just because of what I've seen.

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Q. So you wouldn't think it was strange if Mr. Hanswille was doing this sort of thing?

A. If he actually did it himself?

Q. Yes.

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A. Well, I mean, probably now I would think it was strange but probably back then I wouldn't.

MRS. DAWSON: Fine. Thank you, ma'am.

THE COURT: Any re-examination?

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MR. McCOMBS: Yes, Your Honour, just one point.

RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. McCOMBS:

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Q. Miss Bianchini, Miss Dawson raised something that I had overlooked and that was the test when the cancer cells were found in your father's system.

A. Yes.

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Q. Did he discuss this with Hanswille in your presence?

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A. He didn't in my presence, but he came home after he spoke to Mr. Hanswille and he told me that Mr. Hanswille belittled this test and said that the doctors are very inaccurate about these things, and it's

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5 irrelevant, and they should look at the whole and not just a single part, and most of their tests are inaccurate as most of their operations are too.

MR. McCOMBS: Thank you again, Miss Bianchini.

10 THE COURT: Thank you, Miss Bianchini. You may step down now.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Do I anticipate that that's the last witness for the day?

MR. McCOMBS: It is, Your Honour, yes.

THE COURT: Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, members of the jury.

20 THE REGISTRAR: Members of the jury, you may retire until ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Thank you.

25 --- The jury retires at 4:17.

THE COURT: We'll all retire.

30 --- Trial adjourned to July 2, 1991.

--- Court adjourned at 4:20.

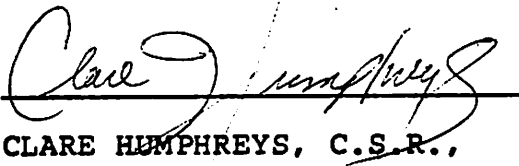
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