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PROJECT REBIRTH

01.00.32 PICTURE UP

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

JW: How are you doing?

01.06.10 JOE KEENAN: I'm doing ok. Doing fine.

JW: What about the grandchild?

01.06.18 JOE KEENAN: We have a, a new one since we saw you last. Michael, he's 7 months old. He's actually at my house right now. We, we watch them 2 days a week, when Janine's working, so Alisa goes to school where we live, so we, it's easier for us to bring them into us, and, and we watch them for a couple of days, so it's good.

01.06.41 He's chubby. He's trying to learn how to crawl, but his belly touches the ground when he gets on his hands and knees, so it's a little tough (LAUGHS). He's, he's a little round (LAUGHS).

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

01.07.17 JOE KEENAN: Well, he's only 7 months, but it's a stretch to imagine him as a tall drink of water (LAUGHS) 'cos he's, he's nowhere near that.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

01.07.27 JOE KEENAN: He's a little more like a keg (LAUGHS). (~JW~) And his sister just dotes over him. And you can see that when she's in the room when he, when she's, he's just into that recognizing different voices. And you can see that – when she speaks in the room, he turns towards her. So that's good, he recognizes her. And that's good. She's always trying to pick him up and move him around. We have to be careful, 'cos he's too big for her. And she's 4 now, and she's only 41 pounds.

01.08.03 And he's 7 months and he's 22 pounds. So it, it's quite a lift for her to try to carry him around.

JW: Football player?

JOE KEENAN: Yeah, maybe. He's got big, fat legs.

JW: That's it about football players?

01.08.21 JOE KEENAN: It's all about the legs. That's where all your strength is, in your legs, to drive your legs. That's if you have a, if you ever see youth football games or practices, you'll always hear the coaches telling them, move your legs, keep moving your legs, don't stop moving your legs.

01.08.33 That's where all your strength is.

JW: The same is for basketball.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

JW: Your granddaughter is 4?

01.09.15 JOE KEENAN: She was 4 in May, May 12th. So that's moving along. She's starting to become a little person. Which is an adventure in itself. We're used to her being a baby, and now she's, she thinks and she talks.

01.09.31 You have to be careful what you say around her. She picks everything up (LAUGHS).

JW: Are you taking walks with her?

01.09.40 JOE KEENAN: Oh, well, sure. We, we're always together. We, when we go to, when she goes to school every day, we walk. She likes to walk to school and walk home. And it's only 4 blocks. But it's, it's quality time. You know, (?) you talk to her about what she did wrong yesterday (LAUGHS).

01.10.01 You know, and, and she tells you what she's thinking. It's good. We're together a lot.

JW: You take her to school?

01.10.11 JOE KEENAN: Yes. In fact, last night, there's no school today because it's Brooklyn Day, so there's no school today, and she asked me, we going to the park in the morning? And I said, well, when I get home. I have to go out first. So when I walk in the house, I won't be in the house five minutes. She'll remind me. Are we gonna go to the park today? (LAUGHS)

JW: Is she there all the time?

01.10.32 JOE KEENAN: No. She's only with us two days a week. She only goes to school two days a week.

JW: You keep it tight?

01.10.41 JOE KEENAN: We keep everything tight. (~JW~) Well, it's a, it's, Brooklyn's a community. Everything is within walking distance. Yeah. My kids didn't get their driver's licenses until they were in their 20s. You just don't need it in Brooklyn, you know, everything's, everything's walking or bus and, tough to park anyway (LAUGHS).

JW: What do you have today?

01.11.09 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) we have our annual Emerald Society golf trip coming up this week. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday we go away. And I run that. So we have a, we're only two or three days before getting ready to leave, so we just have multiple of things to do. I have some sponsors to go see today.

01.11.30 I have to go pick up a truck. I have to go to the airport at 6 o'clock and pick up my brother. I have to go to the P.X. and buy some stuff that we need for, for the trip. So this week is usually very hectic week. And then, and then we got of course, Omar Redwood's death, which the police officer who died this week, who he was a member of our football team.

01.11.55 So we've been, we've been involved in that also. In fact, he's being, he's being buried this morning.

JW: I wasn't aware.

01.12.05 JOE KEENAN: Yeah, a police officer was shot I believe Friday night into Saturday morning. And he was a young fellow on the job. We knew him for 2 years. And he was a member of our football team, so our football team is very tight. So we've (?) been involved in that. And then we had our, we had the annual, we call it the, it's called the Fun City Bowl.

01.12.31 Where the annual football game Sunday between the police department and the fire department. And that was just the day after he had died. So that was, that was hectic. And then after that, we went, the next day we went to his mother's house to see his mother, most of the team went. And we sat with her and we talked for awhile. So it's been a, it, between that and the other things we have to do with, with The Emerald Society, it's been a, it's been a hectic week. It's been busy.

JW: How's (his family?) doing?

01.13.04 JOE KEENAN: You know, to be expected. I mean, how do you, I don't know how you feel, how can you feel? And, her son was in his 20s. I'm not exactly sure how old he is, but he's only on the job 2 ½ years. He can't be more than 25, 26. He has two little children. And now it's over.

- 01.13.27 So when we went there, we went after the game. Monday. Monday morning, we met a block from his house. And we all went to (?) visit her. And we brought the trophy, and we brought a couple of signed game balls and his jersey. Nobody will wear his jersey again on our team. And we presented her the game balls, and the jerseys. And at first it was very emotional. She was very upset. She was crying and she was very appreciative that we were there.
- 01.13.59 And after awhile, we were there about a half hour or so, and after awhile she started to loosen up and tell us stories about him, and how she was a Jet fan and he was a Giant fan, and she used to tell him it's my house, we'll watch the Jets. We're not gonna watch the Giants (?). She was joking about it, how they used to battle. But our football team is (?) a very tight organization. And in the past, in the past three years, I think we've lost 6 or 7 members.
- 01.14.32 So it just seems to keep going on and on. And we (?) he's the second fellow we lost this year. And (?) another boy died in, Matt Teschler died in a car accident earlier this year. And then so we try to do what we can to look out for the families of, of our former members.

JW: What about the other ones?

- 01.14.59 JOE KEENAN: Well, Eric Hernandez was killed in that incident in the Bronx, and another fellow, Richard Goring fell off a roof, and he died falling off a roof. These are the things that happen. It's a, it's a dangerous business.

JW: What about Karen?

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

- 01.15.39 JOE KEENAN: Well, of course, there are you know, of course you always, in fact my mom said once, she said, you know, I'm getting a little too old for this. She said, I had to worry all the time about your father. And she says, now then I had to worry about you. Now I have to worry about my grandchildren. And so it's, it's true. You, when they're at work, there's always that little mental clock that you have, that if you haven't heard from them at a certain point.

01.16.07 And you know they're finishing work, why haven't they called, why didn't you hear from them? And because the, anything can happen at any time. And you just, it's always in the back of your head. You get used to not thinking about it, but it's just always there. Sure.

JW: What other things have been going on for you?

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS re: last interview)

01.17.12 JOE KEENAN: Things are the same. I don't know, it's, it's trite to say well, nothing's going on, everything's the same. But that's pretty much what it is. Just the regular events at home, whatever they may be at any given time. And nothing, nothing momentous has happened (LAUGHS).

01.17.30 Nothing, nothing tragic. The kids are getting bigger, the grandchildren are getting bigger. And life's moving on, I guess. (~JW~) Sometimes they say when you try to do things and you don't get them done, you say well, just Life got in the way. And that's pretty much what's happening. We're just do our, our daily routines.

JW: Specifically, how's Joe doing?

01.17.57 JOE KEENAN: He's doing fine. Yeah, he's, he, and Dee are married now, I guess, year and a half, they were married in September, so they were a year in September, and actually he'll be at my house later on today. He's gonna help me with our chores (LAUGHS). He was over yesterday, I had him opening the pool in the backyard. So I, I get all the work I can out of him. (LAUGHS)

JW: Where is he working?

01.18.23 JOE KEENAN: He's, he works for this (?) Silverstein Associates, I believe they're called. The building people. He's an operating engineer down in 7 World Trade Center. In the new building that's opened down there. So he's doing fine.

JW: No kids?

JOE KEENAN: No, no kids.

JW: Janine's fine?

01.18.43 JOE KEENAN: Janine's got her hands full now with the two of them. I think she enjoys when we take them (LAUGHS) She's doing fine. Her and Andy are, are thinking about expanding the house and their family's getting bigger so, and older, you know, with the kids growing up.

01.19.03 And she's doing fine.

JW: You recently got together with Karen?

01.19.17 JOE KEENAN: Well, I didn't do it. Karen did. We have the, the. In the police department there are a number of ethnic organizations, as you know. The Emerald Society is one of them. And police departments across the country all have these varied ethnic organizations.

01.19.34 There's a national organization, called a National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, which is sort of an umbrella. It doesn't control the other organizations, but it's a place where each organization can meet and greet and exchange ideas with others. So, well, when we were in San Diego, that, that's what we were there for. So every year in Washington during Police Week, that organization runs a memorial march.

01.20.03 And we, we have that one day where we have, there's (?) a march, there's a ceremony at the police memorial. There are laying of wreaths and the playing of the pipes and it's (?) an all day affair. In conjunction with that during Police Week, there's something called the Police Unity Bike Tour, where police officers from all around the country will meet in different locations and bicycle to Washington.

01.20.29 And Karen did that this year for the first time. She bicycled from the World Trade Center site to Washington. It took them 4 days. And as they go along, each state they go through, there are meeting points and their group will get larger and larger and larger. They left New York

with about 50 people. And they, their group was a few hundred when they reached Washington, and when they all meet in Washington, there were over a thousand of them.

01.20.58 And they raise money through sponsorship for how many miles they do and, and they give all that money to the, to the police memorial. So Karen did that for the first time this year. She, she left on a Saturday morning, and they arrived in Washington, I think they arrived Tuesday and then they had the formal entry into the memorial on Wednesday. So it was an experience for her. It's, she's, she hadn't done it before, and we met her down there. Because we were there, we were there for the memorial with our organization.

01.21.30 We were involved in running (?) the memorial march. Coordinating the memorial march. And we met her down there. And she did it, she made it. She was a little tired and a little sore. (~JW~) But for the first time (?) she was, she was a late fill-in. She had been helping a friend raise funds for her friend's sponsorship. And she's a, a little bit of a bicycle enthusiast to begin with.

01.21.59 And right at the last moment there was a drop out and there was an opening, and she (?) took the opening. And she joined the tour. So she wasn't quite ready, but she made it, she never dropped out. She stayed with the group all the way. Sometimes she was in the back, sometimes she was in the middle, but she never dropped out, which was good. (~JW~)

JW: How long a trip is that?

01.22.21 JOE KEENAN: It's got to be about I don't know, about 400 miles, 350, 400 miles. So it's (~JW~)

JW: How many days?

01.22.30 JOE KEENAN: In four days, they did it. They were doing, well, they left (?) Saturday morning, and they got there Tuesday night. (~JW~). They did 80, 85 miles a day. And they actually had a short trip; guys come from further away.

JW: You also do something else?

- 01.22.54 JOE KEENAN: No, well, that was this, that was the Bagpipe march (~JW~) at the, the memorial march at the (?) Law Enforcement Memorial. I was the (?) I'm the, I was the Emcee this year (~JW~) at the memorial. We have, what they do is they, they have about this year I think there were probably 30, 40 bands and honor guards from around the country. And they meet and they have a march. It's (?) a short march (?) less than a mile. But the idea is to form up and come into some sort of formation as you enter the memorial.
- 01.23.30 The memorial's an oval, I don't know if you've ever seen it. But it's an oval. So when you enter it, you can move out on either side. You, you can continually, continually march in. So the bands and the honor guards will march in. And then in the front there's a dais we have speakers. It was a (?) senator there this year. And each year there's a host honor guard and band. This, this year it was from Indiana.
- 01.23.57 And they brought their senator, and their senator spoke. And their police chief spoke, and the police chief from Philadelphia spoke. And Craig Floyd, who was the, the chairman of the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, he was there and he spoke. So it's (?) a nice ceremony. It takes about an hour and a half, two hours, from beginning to end. But it's, it's a, it's very fitting, it's very, very moving at the, at the memorial. It's very nice. Everybody's in uniform. It's solemn. It's respectful.
- 01.24.30 Every year they add new names onto the wall. And next year they'll be adding, unfortunately, the name of this, this poor boy who died last week. And. It's, it's (?) for us, it's a, it's a fitting ceremony. It's a, it shows respect for police officers all around the country who have died. And one thing that they do that's very nice, too, is the memorial's only, I'm not exactly sure, 15 years old, you know, 18 years old; however, it's less than 20 years old. And they've done a good job of adding the names of police officers who have died.
- 01.25.08 But also if a, this year, they added a name of a police officer who died in 1840. They found, they'll do research. If your organization does research and can come up with a name of somebody who died many years ago, he qualifies. And so that's good. So it gives, it (?) shows that we're not just a, an in the media thing, but an ongoing memorial to police officers in the country who have, who have died in the line of duty, even when we really didn't have police departments.
- 01.25.43 When we had little sheriffs an deputies (LAUGHS) constables. (LAUGHS)

JW: Your connection to the police department is strong?

01.25.58 JOE KEENAN: It probably (?) I probably do more volunteer work with the police department now than before, because before I had to do work (LAUGHS) work got in the way. So it, it's good, though. It, it gives me things to do. And keeps me connected. We travel a lot with it, so that's good. And you see your friends, it keeps you busy. It's, and somebody has to do it.

01.26.27 I'm not the only one, a lot of guys do it.

JW: Does it keep you reconnected?

01.26.34 JOE KEENAN: Yes, yes and no. I'm, I'm connected with, I'm not connected with everyday life in the police department. That's sort of passes you by; things change on a daily basis, and you have no idea that they're changing, and the things, the way you used to do things is different. Karen tells me you could never do it now, it's (?) too different (LAUGHS). You wouldn't put up with it (LAUGHS).

01.26.59 And but yet at the same time, I, I still associated with my friends. Guys you haven't seen in awhile. You see, you know you're gonna see them once, twice, three times a year at these different events. And that's good. It's still within the same mentality, same community. Even though you're not actually doing the, the heavy lifting. (~JW~) You get to, you get all the benefits without having to put any of the work in. (LAUGHS)

JW: That's true.

01.27.31 JOE KEENAN: You get to enjoy it, where before, you had to work. so you really didn't have time to enjoy the extra stuff. You had to, you worked, you had to go home, you had responsibilities at home. You did a little volunteer work, you might belong to an organization, but you only had so much time to put in. Now I have more time. So I, I put that in. (~JW~) As long as it doesn't get in the way of my golf (LAUGHS).

JW: What about golf now in your life?

01.28.03 JOE KEENAN: We try to, I try to. I always, I always fit in what I could. But when you're working, again, you know, you just, you can't golf in the city on the weekends. It's just too busy. And so we used to go out during the week when we had days, because we had rotating days off, and we'd go out during the week. But you never really got to go all that much, because you had other things to do on your days off.

01.28.27 You had stores to go to, and call the insurance man and whatever you had to do, go PTA. But now, if you, if you call me and say you want to go out next Tuesday? I say ok. (LAUGHS) 'Cos I really don't have to check my calendar too much. (~JW~) Yeah, I check my book right there. (LAUGHS)

JW: Are the kids still getting a laugh out of that?

JOE KEENAN: Yeah. It's (?) I'm, it's running a little thin (LAUGHS).

JW: Retirement's suiting you?

01.29.02 JOE KEENAN: I should have done it sooner (LAUGHS). Yeah, it's, it was a, as you know, we've had this conversation in the past, difficult decision at the time, but it was a decision I had to make. I had to go. And I was worried about it in the beginning. I knew there'd be life after. But it's, it's worked out fine.

(SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATION)

JOE KEENAN: Couple of setbacks here and there, but it's worked out fine.

JW: What did you think about coming here today?

01.29.41 JOE KEENAN: I felt like I was just here. And, and then I, and then I wondered, as I always say to you, what are we gonna talk about? You know, there's, this, there's nothing left for me

to talk about. You know, I'm (?) as we refer to each other, I'm a who now. Who's that? Who's that guy? I'm not one of the active people any more.

01.30.00 So I'm on the peripheral. And, the, the young guys in the Emerald society (?) still active who are new on the job, five, ten years on. They call us the Elders (LAUGHS) and, I enjoy it. I laugh at it. Some of the guys don't think it's funny. But (LAUGHS) I understand what they mean. Because when I was new, and I was just in the organization and, and working and just coming up on the, in the police department, I looked at the older fellows and.

01.30.30 If you had a real question, maybe you went and asked them. But they were just on a different level than you. They were separated from you. And I guess now I'm that guy. I'm the, if they have a question or a problem, something how did you guys used to do this? And then we'd, we'd tell them how to fix the problem. So I'm, I'm one of the elders now. I'm a little separated from the day-to-day activity, but still involved.

JW: Is there also a relationship similar to when you were their age?

01.31.00 JOE KEENAN: Who were now my age, who I thought were ancient (~JW~). You know, I wondered if I'd ever get there. And now, now I'm that guy. And you try not to, you try not to impose. Sometimes you see them doing things that you say oh, I shouldn't have done that (LAUGHS) but he'll learn (LAUGHS). And when they come to you and say should I have done that? You say no. You should have done it this way. And then you fix the problem. And, and you move on.

01.31.30 A little scar, a little bleeding. But it gets fixed.

JW: Did you look up to people the same way?

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01.31.47 JOE KEENAN: Let's say there, if (?) let's just make up a number. If there were 6 of them, 3 of them you would talk to, 3 you wouldn't. Because 3 you knew, no, I don't want to hear what he has to say. He's only gonna lecture me and pontificate. And, and the other three you'd say well, he'll, he'll actually tell me. He'll help me. So I'm sure we're the same. In

our, in our group, I'm sure that's the way they look at us – some you might get along better with me, or you might get along better with the, the guy next to me, and that's how you, who you ask.

01.32.17 Who you ask for advice.

JW: What about the notion of wisdom?

01.32.46 JOE KEENAN: I don't know if we have wisdom. We just have experience. I don't know if that's the same thing. It's just that we've been through it already. Anybody who's older than you has been what you're going through. So I don't know so much if that's wisdom, if that's the proper word, as it is experience.

01.33.08 You know, guys will say oh, give me your wisdom on this. But I, then they don't really mean that. They, they're looking for your advice – what happens when, you know, what's going to happen if I do this? And you'll tell them. You, you'll break down the steps. And at the end, you'll either say do it or don't do it. They have to make that choice. But I don't really know if was, it's just, you know, I don't know (~JW~)

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

JW: Because of the personal journey, I'd like to hear how you feel.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

01.34.34 JOE KEENAN: It's probably, I don't know if it's a, a misconception or a misinterpretation. I'm not a yeller. I, I don't talk down to people. It's just the way I am. I, it just I guess the way I was raised. So maybe sometimes that's interpreted that way. Because well, you can talk to Joe because he's not gonna yell at you. You know, he'll probably tell you the same thing somebody else would, but he won't yell at you while he's telling you. And that doesn't accomplish anything.

01.35.03 You know, I had guys, when I did things wrong when I was young on the job, and yell at you and slap you in the back of the head. That didn't accomplish anything. Tell me how not to do

it in the future. And I guess I've just always been that way. I'm a little laid back, I'm a lot laid back. And sometimes I'll see things happen in front of me before I take the step. And that's usually because my friends were taking (LAUGHS) the step in front of me, and I saw it go wrong.

01.35.31 But if that's wisdom, ok. I, I don't think I'm endowed with wisdom. But if (~JW~) that's the way you interpret it, fine. Yeah.

JW: Maybe it is experience but it's more of observances and derivation of knowledge?

01.35.54 JOE KEENAN: I've never been afraid to try things. Or, or to, to move in a direction that I had to. I just wanted to make sure that I knew where I was going. I'd look at it a little bit more carefully before I jumped. If I'm with you and you jump first, then I have to jump with you. I have to, you know, we have to, have to go along with the situation. But if I'm by myself I'll (?) try to evaluate it a little bit before I jump into it. If it's the right thing to do, you can always do it a minute later. You don't have to do it right now.

01.36.28 I'm not talking about split second decisions; I'm talking about something where you can think about it first. A split second decision you just have to make your move and hope it was right. But if you can try to, if you can try to figure something out first, why not?

JW: Did you have those decisions on the job?

01.36.46 JOE KEENAN: You always do. You always do. To, sometimes you were right, sometimes you weren't. You know, I (?) was pretty lucky. I, I was always in good places to work. I had good, I had a good run. I was in good places to work; I was in busy places and usually when (?) you're in a busy place you make more quick decisions, 'cos you're, you're into it.

01.37.12 You're (?) fine-tuned. As opposed. We, we would, I don't know if you would understand this, but you could go to a, when we, when I was young on the job, when I was working in the 7-1 precinct down in Crown Heights, which was a very busy place in Brooklyn at the time. It still is.

01.37.30 You would go out and work a 4-12. We worked shift work, 3 shifts. And we rotated a week each. Or, or there was a schedule. It wasn't exactly a week each. But we would rotate our

shifts. And you could go to work on a, on a normal day on a 4 to 12, get in a radio car, go out and Central would call you. And you'd be holding 17 jobs. There'd just be a backlog of work. (~JW~)

JW: So many jobs?

01.37.56 JOE KEENAN: There's be 17 jobs on the queue for (~JW~) 17 people or incidents waiting for you to arrive (~JW~)

(SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATION)

01.38.06 JOE KEENAN: You'd work all night, maybe handle 25, 30 jobs, and when you turned it over to the next shift, they'd have 18 hanging. So you just had to keep working, you had to, had to move along. Now, when you work in a busy place, you become a little more fine tuned to that. If you work in a place where when you, and it's just the nature of where you're assigned. Some places are less busy. Some places are less populated.

01.38.31 Certain precincts are less populated than others, and that's, that's what makes the work. just the sheer number of people will create more work. Not that anything's less dangerous or, or easier. Nothing is (~JW~) A robbery or a rape call in a less busy precinct is just as an important and, and busy and dangerous as one in (?) a busy precinct. It's just that the, the sheer number of people-population you'll run across things more often. And when you run across them more often, you, you learn how to handle them a little better.

01.39.01 And you start to make decisions without realizing you're making them. It's just it just becomes a, a nature to you. So sure, you always have. Whenever you step out of the radio car, you have to make a decision. And you have to make it fast, and that's why it's good to have a steady partner – somebody you know, somebody you can work with. You can pretty much know which way he's gonna move left, I can move right. And you know, you know which way you're going. I don't know if that answers it. Again, it's just experience. It's, it's getting old and learning things. (~JW~)

01.39.33 It's like (?) training, taking the training wheels off your bicycle. You just reach the next step.

JW: For you, personally, over the last 7 years, what do you think about, or what comes to mind?

- 01.40.12 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) the high points are probably be the same whether I had met you or not. There was the, when I retired. The, all three children getting married. And having, having grandchildren. My son and my daughter going on the police department.
- 01.40.30 Those were all steps in the evolution of life, I guess. And those are, those were (?) if I closed my eyes and have to pick important times, it would be those. The other things - graduations at Madison Square Garden for the kids, and going to the hospital to wait for the babies being born. Those are all little adventures that you never thought you'd get, be involved in.
- 01.41.01 Twenty years ago I never thought of that. I didn't think about where my kids were gonna work and playing with grandchildren. And it just, it was just too busy working and going day-to-day. So those are probably, I think. I think now, at this stage, when you get a little older and you, and you retire, you can enjoy those more. You can focus on them more. Where, when you, when you're still working and raising your own family, you enjoy them, but you just don't have all the time to put into them.
- 01.41.32 Now I can prepare for the kids coming over for the day and get ready for them, as opposed to them just appearing (LAUGHS). So those are the focal points. I, I'm still, I know I've said to you every single time I see you, but I'm still amazed that you're interested. I just, I just don't see. I just don't grasp the enormity of my involvement in this.
- 01.41.58 I was just, I was just the person the police department picked to talk to you the very first time, and I'm still here 7 years later.

JW: Have you changed at all?

- 01.42.16 JOE KEENAN: Probably gotten easier. I've probably, I don't know about less regimented, but I don't think things bother me as much now as they used to.
- 01.42.31 I just fading (LAUGHS). Things that were very important before, aren't always important now. They can just, they can just be handled. We'll take care of it. I just have a more time to work on situations. So. I don't know if that's a change, it's probably an evolution, probably happens to everybody.

01.42.58 It's just your lifestyle changes, so when your lifestyle changes, the way you think changes, I guess. I'm still the same person, probably still make all the same decisions. If I had to, you know, if I had to make a, a bold statement 20 years ago, I'd probably make the same bold statement now. But I might believe it a little more now (LAUGHS). But it's, oh, I don't think I'm any different than I was before.

JW: There is a time when people said what they really believe when they're younger?

01.43.49 JOE KEENAN: I'll find that I might say something to now that I never would have (?) I wouldn't have said before. I, I would have thought it before, but I wouldn't have said it. And now I'll say it.

JW: So say something?

JOE KEENAN: (LAUGHS)

JW: What is something poignant?

01.44.09 JOE KEENAN: In a situation where, if you were to do something that bothered me, I probably wouldn't have told you before. Now I'll say why'd you do that? You know, what, what'd you say that for? I'm, it's not that I'm more confrontational, it's just that I guess I'm more comfortable where I am, more comfortable with myself.

01.44.31 It's not creating another problem to challenge you. Say why did you do that? Why did you go to that, why did you go to that bar? You shouldn't, you know you shouldn't have been there. Why'd you stay out so late, you know? The later you stay out, the more bad things can happen. Where I might not have said that to you before. I would have just said oh, you'll learn (LAUGHS). He shouldn't have done that, he'll learn. (~JW~) Now I'm a little easier to, I'm a little more apt to offer what I'm thinking.

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02.00.42 PICTURE UP

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JW: How's your health?

02.01.18 JOE KEENAN: I'm Ok. I had a, I think right, right after Christmas, I think it was in January, maybe it was in December, I think it was in January. I had another nerve block on my back.

02.01.29 It, the bones were starting to, the separation between the discs was narrowing, and I had to have another nerve block where they inject steroid fluid in there to, to separate. So I had that done in January. And then I still go to the ENT, 3, 4 times a year. So I went in, in March, and he did a little fine tuning, you know.

02.01.57 He gives you the, it (?) all in patient office work so nothing, nothing major. But he goes in and he goes down my throat and up into my sinus cavities and cleans out whatever he has to. Each time he may find a little, a little polyp here or a little congestion and he cleans them out. But much improved. Much better than it was before the surgery.

JW: How are your lungs?

02.02.22 JOE KEENAN: Pretty much the same. I go every 6 months for the CAT scans. There's been no, no movement or growth on the spots they found, so they, they consider that good. But I, I, now I just go in for regular CAT scans. I don't get the, the dye injected anymore. And they (?) just monitor it. But the, the pulmonary doctor told me that he thinks it's just old damage. And that it hasn't increased any. So he's satisfied with it. I still take the breathing tests. I, I passed the last one, border line, you know, low pass, which is good.

02.03.02 It's better than high fail (LAUGHS). So it's, it's, I'm Ok. I just have to be conscious of it. I just have to be aware that I (?) certain things that I can't do anymore. So I'm just aware of that.

JW: What are those kinds of things?

02.03.21 JOE KEENAN: Heavy physical work. I just, I just tire out a little, I tire out quick, more quickly than I used to. Heavy lifting. That's what I have a son for (LAUGHS). He can do it.

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JW: The anticipation of those tests can be anxiety-filled?

02.04.11 JOE KEENAN: Well, I. After my surgery with Dr. Showit, before, before the surgery, I never really anticipated how difficult it could be. Or what was involved. I knew something had to be done. I knew he was gonna do some surgery.

02.04.31 And then afterwards, after it happened, I realized what he had done, it took so long to recover and it was so much, so much pain and (?) I was in the hospital for, for a week, they wouldn't let me out of the hospital until I could swallow a glass of water, because I couldn't swallow from the surgery. And, and now I'm just a little more cautious of things. Before I, I know, I do whatever they tell me to do. A good patient. But I'm just a little more apprehensive.

02.04.59 I had, in my last two World Trade Center checkups, they noticed some blood traces in my urine. So first time, they just said well, let's see what happens next time. And then the next time it was there again. So they sent me to a urologist to do some testing. And he couldn't find what was the cause. So they, he had to give me more extensive tests, and then he had to give me, he set me up for scoping. And they had to go into my kidneys, and into my bladder and my prostate.

02.05.30 And I'll tell you the truth. Before that, before that day when I was driving to his office that day, I was a (?) little, maybe I shouldn't go (LAUGHS) you know? I don't want to go through this again. Where before my original surgery I would have just said, ok. I'll go there, I'll be out in an hour. So I'm just a little, pain has a good effect on you; it slows you (LAUGHS) down a little. It makes (LAUGHS) you don't jump off the top step anymore (LAUGHS). You're just a little more careful. So all the tests came out fine.

02.06.00 Said he didn't find anything in there. It's just a little traces that, they were worried about where the blood was coming from, but they didn't find anything. They didn't find anything wrong. Everything was working the way it was supposed to. So they, so it worked out fine, it worked out Ok. It was in the sense it was an unnecessary test because nothing was wrong, but it was necessary to determine that. And but it was just a little, I'm not looking forward to if he says let's do it again.

02.06.29 I'll say do we really have to? (LAUGHS) We really have to do this again?

JW: What about the situation with your lungs?

02.06.43 JOE KEENAN: I, I'm not exactly sure to tell you the truth. I had, after, before the surgery (?) you know, during that time and afterwards, I had, I have difficulty breathing at times. Not, not actually difficulty breathing, but I feel it more, I felt it more.

02.07.01 Stairs were, I, I could run but I couldn't do stairs. There's no correlation there; that shouldn't, that should be. To walk up from the basement to the attic I felt, but I could run around the block and not feel it. So there, there was a question as to why that was happening. Some of it was probably the airway that Dr. Schowit opened. But they also during the prep and, and during the, the testing that they did, one of the things they did was a, a breathing test, which I failed.

02.07.34 And then from the breathing test, they sent me to have a CAT scan. And when I had the CAT scan, they found 3 spots on my right lung. And the doctor said all right, we have to watch that. We have to monitor it. But it hasn't changed. It hasn't (?) increased, it hasn't moved. So the doctor said whatever it was, whatever caused that damage, has stopped. And we'll just watch it. And that's pretty much what it is. I don't.

02.08.03 I still feel it sometimes, but when I feel it, I just go a little bit easier. And it'll, and it'll go away.

JW: What is the feeling?

02.08.11 JOE KEENAN: The feeling is a just a little restriction. Now, I'll have to oh, gee, what was that? (LAUGHS) Or, or basically you know, too much activity. And I'll breathe a little heavier than I, than I should be. But I'll just slow down a little and it'll, and it's fine.

JW: You take things with a measure of salt?

02.08.42 JOE KEENAN: It's not too much I can do about it. What am I gonna? You know, I, I can't make it go away. All I can do is, my doctor told me, says you're a very good patient. I said no I'm not, I'm a coward. I'll do everything you tell me to do (LAUGHS). I just have to, you have to trust them, that they know what they're doing, and follow what they say.

02.09.00 I mean, I can't, I can't wish it away, I can't will it away, I can't ignore it and have it go away. So just do what they tell me. When I, I go to my appointments, I see my doctors every, all my checkups in the past year have been fine. So. I just have to accept it. You can ignore it or accept it; either way, it's not gonna change. It's not gonna, it's not gonna affect whatever it is.

JW: What does the doctor think about the future of your condition?

02.09.34 JOE KEENAN: He thinks it's fine. (~JW~) He thinks it's fine. He thinks that it, it's old damage, probably from well, it's (?) damage from the pneumonia I developed as a result of the obstructed airway that I had. And, and the, and the clogged sinuses and the ear canals. And (?) I developed the pneumonia from that. And he's pretty sure that's where the spots came from. Apparently pneumonia will leave spots on your lungs.

02.10.00 That's one of the things that will do that. I've never smoked, so it's not that. I've never really had any asbestos connection other than the World Trade Center. And which that, which was what they were originally looking for. And so he feels that's what it's from. And I had the two bouts of pneumonia after the, after the World Trade Center because of the airway. But since they've corrected the airway condition, I haven't had that again.

JW: You are going for regular checkups?

02.10.28 JOE KEENAN: I go all the time. Every (?) 3, 4 months, whenever they send me the postcard (LAUGHS).

JW: That's what happens?

02.10.37 JOE KEENAN: Yeah, well, when you go, they give you an appointment in the future, or they might tell you, well, you don't need another appointment in 6 weeks, we'll send you a postcard. (LAUGHS) When they do, I call them up and make an appointment.

JW: How's Karen?

02.10.54 JOE KEENAN: She's, she's fine. (~JW~). She, I think you know she changed her position at work. maybe you don't. She was in, she's still in OCCB, Organized Crime Control Bureau. She was, she's still in narcotics. But I believe when we spoke last, she was on buy and bust teams. She's no longer doing that. She now works for the special narcotics prosecutor, in Center Street, where she works in a unit that evaluates and writes search warrants.

02.11.28 When you (?) they, and in, in narcotics, they like everything to be fit into the hole. Everything to be regimented. When (?) you get a search warrant, it's a very particular thing. It has to fit all the requirements, the legal requirements, certain things you're allowed to do. Other things you're not allowed to do. So a narcotics officer will bring his case to this team, and they, they'll go over it and then they'll secure the warrants for them, and then they, they go out and execute their warrants.

02.11.59 So that's what she's doing now. It's a nice (?) position.

JW: Little off the streets?

JOE KEENAN: Yeah. (?) yeah.

JW: More into?

- 02.12.09 JOE KEENAN: Mostly, mostly (~JW~) how would you say, evaluation of casework? She'll tidy up your case folder, and make, make sure you, if you come in, you need certain points for, to get a search warrant. If you come in and you're missing something, she can tell you what you're missing, and then you go out and secure that, and come back, and then you can, you can get your warrant signed by the judge.
- 02.12.33 And go out and execute it as it furthers your case. Bu you need, and it's a good, I think it's a, real good concept; rather than individual detectives going all the time to the District Attorneys' office and getting different district attorneys who evaluate your case differently, and then go to a friendly judge and get it signed. This way, there's a central location. They deal with the same people, they deal with the same district attorneys.
- 02.12.59 Everybody knows what you need, what you don't need. When you walk out of that office with your warrant, you know your warrant's good. You know it's not (?) what, your work's not gonna bounce back because your warrant was faulty. And that's, that's good. You can lose a whole case, you can lose a year's work on a faulty warrant.

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- 02.13.19 JOE KEENAN: It'd just disappear. So it, it's best not to let that happen. And I don't know when, I was (?) never a narcotics officer, so I don't know the evolution of it, but at some point, they decided it would be a good idea to have a unit like this, and it is a good idea.
- 02.13.34 And that's where she works. I think it's a 3-man unit. And she works in Center Street in lower Manhattan. And it seems to be working fine for her.

JW: What about things with Vinnie?

- 02.13.50 JOE KEENAN: Not good. You know, it's a, a sad situation. I don't know how deeply I want to go into it. But. I don't want to say it's one of life's bumps, but it just didn't work. Didn't work, and Karen's at home now.

JW: Any explanation?

- 02.14.12 JOE KEENAN: I, I don't know (~JW~) it's, it's. That's Karen's life. It's not for me to say, it's not for me to tell you, you know? So it just. It, it went bad very quickly. Is all I can really, you know, they got married in November, and things were not good already by April-May.
- 02.14.37 And then they just steadily went downhill. And I guess these things happen. (~JW~) You know, there's nothing, I don't think there's anything that could have been done to correct it. It just wasn't going to work. And it didn't. (~JW~)
- 02.15.00 I wasn't in their house, so (~JW~), I don't know what went on, you know? I know our side of the story (LAUGHS) so (~JW~)

(SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATION)

JOE KEENAN: It would really be unfair for me to say. You know, what happened.

JW: Right.

- 02.15.18 JOE KEENAN: I don't dislike him. I'm extremely disappointed. You know, I, I thought better. But I don't hate him, it's not one of those things. It's just it was very sad situation.

JW: Right. Was it part of a story about 9-11?

- 02.15.46 JOE KEENAN: It (?) definitely is (~JW~) I think, I think he. He has consequences from his time over in the Middle East. That's, and he had either not a long enough adjustment period back at home.
- 02.16.05 Or he hasn't yet made that adjustment. And it's affected his life in all aspects of his life - his marriage, his family, his work. And it's (?) a very, very sad thing. That's why I say I could never hate him, because I don't think it's his fault. But it happened. He, and he, he went away a couple of times and he just didn't come back the same.
- 02.16.32 It's all part of our story, I guess. It's all part of why I'm, you know, how we originally met.

JW: That's what's interesting, the 9-11 ties to Vinnie?

- 02.17.03 JOE KEENAN: They met in the Police Academy. (~JW~) Right. I think he had a, again, I (?) really don't want to go too deeply into it, but I (?) just think that he had. It affected his relationships. He has a hard time. I'm not being evasive, now, I'm just trying to look for the right word. He had a hard time, I think he has a hard time getting close to people.
- 02.17.34 Where he didn't have it before. And, and it really affected him, and it's, it's sad. It's (?) I feel sorry for him. And then I feel sorry for (?) you know. If I have to choose sides, I'm gonna choose Karen (LAUGHS) you know, but it's something that happened to both of them. And it was a, it's one of those little stories that just falls away and nobody notices it. But it's a, it's a consequence of, of the war, of what went on.
- 02.17.59 These are the, these are the things that happen that nobody knows about. You know, after, after guys come home guys and girls come home and how (?) they have to readjust and live in society. It's (?) not easy. Now, I'm not saying, again, I'm not saying it's solely his fault; it's just that I think that's an aspect of it. (~JW~) I wish it hadn't happened.
- 02.18.32 But now Karen's, she was very, very upset. Obviously. Tragic moment in her life, but now she's trying to come back. And she seems to be doing Ok. I think this police unity bike tour was a great thing for her. She. It was her first venture out. And she met new people and she actually had fun, fun for the first time in a year and a half.
- 02.19.03 So that, that was good.
- JW: She's back home?
- 02.19.10 JOE KEENAN: She lives at home. She lives with us. She came home and asked you know, we, we didn't know what was going on. It was going on for a number of months and we didn't know because they live far away. They live upstate. We didn't, you know, we are, our contact was not as frequent as with Joseph and Janine. Because, just because of the distance.
- 02.19.28 So we didn't (?) we didn't know exactly what was going on. And then when she told us and she said she needed a little break. She had to come home for awhile. So she came home, then she went back. And she came home again. And now she's, she's living with us. Getting ready to move on again. I think she's had enough of us (LAUGHS). It's, I guess it's not easy to go back home after you've been away.

JW: How often do you think about 9-11?

02.20.04 JOE KEENAN: Only when, well, (?) you know, you see something on TV or speak to a friend you haven't spoken to in awhile. It's, it's always part, everything that you do in the past is always part of your daily life. But it doesn't dominate. It, it doesn't dominate my thoughts. It, I've.

02.20.32 My involvement with it wasn't, wasn't that deep. I've come to, you know, I know what I did, and we, I've. I've come to terms with it. If we, if we're gonna start talking about world politics then I'll have some real strong views. But, but I don't think that, you know, 9-11 isn't the focal point of my life. It, as, as you move along, no matter what incident happens, it starts to fade the further you get from it.

02.21.03 And that's, other things take over.

JW: What are the other things that have taken over in your life since 9-11?

02.21.11 JOE KEENAN: Well, the grandchildren. The. More involvement with Jane and myself doing, being able to just relax together and not have to worry about when the kids are coming home and get the homework done and how we gonna pay for the tuition, and all of that's gone now.

02.21.33 So it's (?) it was, we did it when we had to. And we, we got everything done. We took care of all our responsibilities. But now we don't have those anymore. And it's easier, it's (?) a easier life right now. I don't know about better, but it's easier. I guess easier is better (LAUGHS).

JW: You were philosophical about life –how it's like a reverse pyramid - the last time we were together?

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- 02.23.22 JOE KEENAN: I don't know if they were all, I probably wouldn't have had the health issues. If 9-11 didn't happen, ok.
- 02.23.30 But I don't know if anything else in my life wouldn't have happened. I mean, Karen probably still would have gone on the police department if 9-11 had not happened. You know that's the way she was (?) that's the way (?) she was in the business world. She was out working. And it, and she decided that she wanted to do something else instead. So I don't know if that would have. It, probably if I was still working, that would be a better question.
- 02.24.00 But I'm, I'm pretty much divorced from all of that now. So I, I don't know, I know how I feel about certain things, but I don't have direct involvement with them. I think (~JW~) that, I think that our (?) country wasn't prepared for that. Well, I know we weren't prepared for it. You could just tell by the fact that it happened, we weren't prepared for it. We weren't secure as we were supposed to be. As we should have been.
- 02.24.31 Probably, hopefully we are now. Hopefully we're more secure, we're more secure now. I mean, I know we see the, you see, everybody sees the peripheral things. You see road blocks, you see security at airports. You see restrictions of things you're allowed to do, you're not to do. But that's all, that's all little bit, you know? The important part is the intelligence issue. And (?) I'm sure, I'm confident that, regardless of who's in power, who's president, who's not president, that that's still going on, the intelligence-gathering, so that we'll be more aware of things.
- 02.25.07 Who knows how many 9-11's we've stopped since then. I don't know. You know, maybe none. But I'm sure the fact that we're more conscious and more (?) vigilant in (?) our intelligence gathering in security, I'm sure we've (?) stopped something that would have happened here.
- 02.25.29 I, I just think we have. Maybe I'm wrong, maybe I'm naïve, but I don't think so.

JW: And your health?

- 02.25.41 JOE KEENAN: And in, all right, I, I wouldn't have had the, the breathing problems, I wouldn't have hurt my back if, if that hadn't happened. But I might have had other issues, I, I don't know. My health issues in relation to 9-11 were something that happened.

02.26.00 But it happened to everybody. You know, we'll, everybody down, when you go to the 9-11 clinic, when you go to World (?) Trade Center clinic, you're not the only one there. There are hundreds of people there. They have a, they have a rotation every day. People coming. So I'm, I'm not the only one involved in that. I had some health issues, and they sent me to the doctors and hopefully we've corrected them. I, nothing's gotten worse, so that's good. They got worse and then they got corrected. But nothing's gotten worse since the doctors took action, so that's good.

02.26.34 So I'm on the other side of that now, and I just have to maintain it. You just have to watch what you, you know, you just have to do what you're supposed to do. You know? Keep your appointments, do your checkups. Take the medicine they tell you to take, and, you know, don't go skydiving (LAUGHS) just. Do what you're supposed to do.

JW: You have had humility about your experiences?

02.27.23 JOE KEENAN: I don't know if it's a humility. It's just an acceptance. (?) Do I wish it hadn't happened? Sure. Do I, I wish that I walked through all of this and said, gee, none of that happened to me? Of course. But it wasn't that way. So I just have to be realistic about it. I can't ignore it. But at the same time, I can't dwell on it, I can't let it ruin my life. It didn't ruin my life. It was a bump. It was a speed bump in life, that's all it was. So it'll be corrected. I, I went many years before it happened, and then it happened.

02.28.01 And I had a couple of bad years there, and now it's been corrected, so. I, I had a car accident and it was fixed. The car was fixed. I took it to the shop and got it fixed (LAUGHS). So now I'll keep riding the car.

JW: You feel good about the car?

JOE KEENAN: Yeah. Yeah. I'm glad (?) I'm happy at where I am.

JW: What about that in summation?

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02.28.40 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) I'm not gonna say I wasn't glad it's the last (LAUGHS). Actually to be honest with you, not that I'm not honest on the other things, but to be honest with you, I, I did think of, you know, because (?) I speak to Danielle quite a bit in email and (?) I see you a couple of times a year. Says, gee, they're not gonna be there anymore. And I thought about that.

02.29.04 Sometimes it's, sometimes it's an inconvenience, when you call up and say can we come to your house and can we follow you here, can we do. And I'll say, oh, again? And then when you come it's not so bad. (LAUGHS) It's, I got, I've gotten used to (?) my, my neighbors have gotten used to the cameras shooting my front door (LAUGHS). They don't even look out anymore. But also, as the same time, I says gee, they're not gonna be there anymore. I'll have to, I have to keep up my emails with Danielle to, to you know, let her know what's going on.

02.29.34 But. I sort of drifted. I forgot what you asked me (LAUGHS).

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JW: It's a little nostalgic and it's been a journey?

02.29.57 JOE KEENAN: Seven years, seven years is a long span. There are not many things you do for 7 years in your life. You go to college for 4 years. You know, you might have a job for (?) change jobs. You know, so 7 years is a long time. And even though it wasn't daily, it was in those 7 years. That is a, that is a big connection. Out of the past 10 years of my life, you've been there 70% of the time (LAUGHS). So it is a, it is (?) a long period and (?) you're not gonna be there anymore, and that might, that might be interesting, I don't know.

02.30.32 That, I guess a good question would be, how will I feel next 9-11 anniversary? When you guys aren't asking me questions about it. I don't know.

JW: How will you feel (~ovlp~)

02.30.41 JOE KEENAN: I don't know. Will I think about it more, or will have you, have you deflected my reflection on it? I don't know. Has the fact that I know you're always gonna ask me about it and make me stop thinking about it? I don't know. We'll have to see. We'll have to see when you're not around anymore.

02.30.58 Not that you're going anywhere. You're just gonna be someplace else. (LAUGHS)

JW: In thinking of your specific experience of 9-11, what's your acquired wisdom?

02.31.38 JOE KEENAN: Well, I, I wish it had never happened. If I could have done anything to make it not happen, I would have. But since it did happen, I'm, I'm satisfied with my involvement with, during the time. I know, you know, we always used to say, it's nothing you can show me, I've seen everything.

02.32.01 Well I used to say that too. Oh, I've seen everything. You, you young guys, you think you're telling me something new. I've seen everything. Well, I hadn't seen everything. Now I have. (LAUGHS) Now I, now I don't think anything will surprise me from now on. It might be something I hadn't seen before. But it's not gonna surprise me. That surprised me. And my involvement in it, although in my thoughts not major, I did every day what I was supposed to do everyday.

02.32.29 And we had a mission to try to accomplish, and we did that. And (?) I feel, when I read in the paper about people complaining about Freshkills and how we didn't do our work and how we were disrespectful to remains and how we didn't search hard enough, I just shrug my shoulders and say they have no idea what they're talking about, because they weren't there. They didn't know what we did.

02.32.58 It could not have been more respectful. It could not have been more thorough. It had never been done in the history of the world before. And we did, did we make mistakes? Maybe. Probably. But we did absolutely everything we could at that moment. Technology better now than it was 7 years ago? Probably. If it would have happened today, would there be things we could do that we couldn't have done 7 years ago? Yes. But that's not a, that's not a condemnation of what we did 7 years ago. We did absolutely everything we could at that site for forensic recovery.

- 02.33.32 And probably more than we could. We went longer than we should have. We, we searched everything. There was not, there was not one piece of, of debris larger or smaller than this box that we didn't. We searched everything. We went so far as to, when they were in the World Trade Center, (?) when they were in the hole and they were bringing in the heavy machinery, they had to bring in large timbers, 12 by 12 timbers, probably I don't know, 20, 15 feet long, 12 by 12.
- 02.34.04 Tremendous timbers, that they had to lay on the ground for the heavy machinery to drive over, because it was sinking in the mud. They build a roadway out of wood. When they were finished there, they took that wood and brought it to us, and we searched that wood. That wasn't even there when it happened, when World Trade Center happened. That wasn't even there in the beginning. By the time that wood got there, most of the, most of the recover and removal at the site was near completion.
- 02.34.32 But yet we still searched that, the just in case maybe it was laying in a spot that hadn't been searched and had some remains that (?). I don't know how people. And I, I don't get angry at them. I just know that they don't know. They're either, they're either people who are out on a cause. Or, or people who are bringing publicity to themselves. They weren't there, nobody came up there.
- 02.34.59 First of all, nobody was allowed up there. But no, there weren't people clamoring at the front gate, let us in, let us help. That didn't happen. And representatives from all over the world came, because they all feared that it was going to happen in their country, and they wanted to see what we were doing so they could be prepared. British government sent their, they have a chief, I don't know what he's called, chief medical examiner for the whole, the whole kingdom. And he was there, and he wanted to know would we be able to go to England if this happened and help them set it up.
- 02.35.33 So I know we did what we were supposed to do. You know, we were not to, not to denigrate it, but we were a bunch of cops, you know, and FBI agents, and we went out there and did what we do. And it, and (?) it annoys me when I hear people say that we were disrespectful. They're disrespectful for saying that. And (?) that's one of the things that, I see, now, now the last time we were together you got me going on that again, the same issue.
- 02.36.04 And this, this issue annoys me, because I don't, you know, they just have no clue. They weren't there. They're talking without knowledge. They're talking without background.

People weren't there. I see sometimes politicians talking about this. And, and I don't know the names, but when I see it, I'll you know, when I hear somebody, and say he was never there. I was there every day. He was never there, how does he know what he's talking about?

02.36.29 And he doesn't. doesn't know what he's talking about. We took helicopters. Drove over the site to make sure there were no spots that we missed. You know, we, we went down 6, 8 inches of the original structure, the original ground itself. When we, the first day we walked on there, when there was nothing there, we went down 6, 8 inches under that. The, there wasn't stuff there. Well, we had all the debris we had brought, we searched but just to make sure, we went further.

02.37.00 So it's, anybody who is, anybody who's going to make a statement about that, a negative statement about that is misinformed. If they want to say we made a mistake, say something specific, you did this wrong. We'd have to say, well, Ok, maybe we did that wrong. But they're misinformed with their general statements of what we didn't do and what we did do.

JW: Why is it so emotional?

02.37.28 JOE KEENAN: Because I know we tried. I know we (?) tried to do everything we could. And, you know, it's, it's one of those situations where I don't know your job, you don't know my job. I basically know what you do, you basically know what I do. But until you're doing what I'm doing or I'm doing (?) what you're doing, I can't criticize it. And, and it's just wrong. Because they do it for the political gain. They do it for one-upmanship. For, gee, I haven't been in the paper lately, I think I'll make a statement. And, and it's not right.

JW: It's also connected to the emotional nature of the job you were doing?

02.38.04 JOE KEENAN: It is. Because they're just the, I think they're, they're taking advantage of the situation. (~JW~)

Q: With respect to what you were doing?

- 02.38.12 JOE KEENAN: Well, we, I know what we did. I mean, that, that operation was set up, I don't know exactly when, September 17th, September 18th, I, I don't remember the exact date. And it went all the way until July. It was longest continuous operation in connection with the World Trade Center.
- 02.38.29 And I know that when we were finished, there was nothing else to do. There was nothing else we could do. Originally they (?) were bringing in debris to us in truckloads. They had the highways closed. And they were bringing in truckloads, and you know, there was just a transportation factor. And of course, that was disrupting the whole city so they had to stop doing that. They couldn't leave highways closed for months and months. Then they started barging the stuff in. They would, they would load the debris from the World Trade Center in Manhattan on barges and bring the barges into Staten Island. And the barges would be offloaded.
- 02.39.05 We went so far as to go in the water - not me personally – but people go into the water and, and check those barges. Go climb down into the barges when they were all finished and go into the, into the corners and, and remove whatever debris might be stuck from months of use. And take all of that out, and then have that searched. There was, if anybody had an idea of what to do, what to search, we did it.
- 02.39.32 That's and if anybody came up with an idea. Somebody came up with the idea of checking those barges. So we did it. And the roadway where it was offloaded from the barge onto the truck and then driven up the hill. It's all, all within the site, all of that was checked. So to say, I guess, I guess what annoys me is you're telling me I didn't do my job. That's probably what it is, when people say this, they're telling me I didn't do my job. That all I did was go there all day and you know, spend time.
- 02.40.02 We didn't just spend time, we did work. And it'd be the same as if I told you you weren't doing your job. Just because I was not aware of what you're supposed to do, or how you do it. And that's not right.

JW: It's also driven by the event, as well?

- 02.40.18 JOE KEENAN: Sure. Of course. (~JW~) It was a tragic event. It was a, it was a worldwide tragedy. It wasn't just, it happened here. But it was a world tragedy. And, and people were,

people are now saying we did things wrong and, and we didn't (?) we weren't thorough. They don't know that. They don't, they have no way of knowing that, how thorough we were. Maybe we weren't. Maybe we faked the whole thing. But they still wouldn't know that 'cos they weren't there, they didn't see it.

- 02.40.48 Only the people who were there know what went on. And there were hundreds of people there. (?) It wasn't just a select few. Some of us were assigned there every day; others came in on a rotating basis. But I was assigned there every day.
- 02.41.06 I know that the people who were there tried to do the right thing, tried to do what they were supposed to do. And a lot of good was done. A lot of good was accomplished up there. A lot wasn't. But what wasn't accomplished was un-accomplishable before it got to us. The site was so horrific - the flames, the fire, the heat in the hole, everything was just disintegrated.
- 02.41.30 And there was, there's no way to put that back together. Whatever wasn't and was to be found, we found. And what wasn't to be found, we can't find. I mean, I live in Brooklyn. I live - no traffic on the road, a 20 minute drive from my house to World Trade Center, a few miles away the crow flies. The next morning, my backyard was littered with debris. It was, if it came all the way to where I live, we have a pool, my pool had a film over it.
- 02.42.03 The cars had, had debris, dust on it. If it came that far, it went everywhere. There's, there's no way to, there's no way to suck all that up. You can't put the film in reverse and make it all back up. It just doesn't work that way. But what we had, we worked as diligently as we could with. And you know, maybe I'm, maybe I'm a shill for the police department and I'm saying all the right things.
- 02.42.29 But I'm really not, I'm saying what I think. If (?) it is the same story as the police department's putting out and the government's putting out, good. But I'm saying what I think because I was there. And I know, there (?) were people who came up there to work who we felt weren't working. We sent them home. We sent them back to the command, get out of here, don't come back again. We call up their boss. Don't send Jim here anymore - he's useless when he gets here. And so. And I know that because I was the guy who made the phone calls.
- 02.42.58 That was one of my, one of my jobs. So I, I know that the people who came up tried. That they would be, they were there early. They were there before they were supposed to be there, they were already dressing. They wanted to get out in, in different areas and get their work

done. So you know, if people say was there stuff we didn't find? Probably. But it wasn't there. It was there not to be found. It was someplace else. Where I don't know.

JW: It's also a disrespect to the families?

02.43.33 JOE KEENAN: Absolutely. Absolutely, you know, these, these people who continue to perpetuate this, they don't know what they're doing to those families. I mean, families are starting to come, I don't know, I shouldn't say that. I was going to say they're starting to come to acceptance or to ease with this. That's probably not true. Because I wasn't one of those families, so I don't know what they're feeling. But you don't need to keep bringing it up and, and to keep putting a thought in their mind that maybe their, their father, mother, son, daughter, niece, uncle, aunt, child, was disrespected by something we did.

02.44.10 'Cos that wasn't so. And everybody sees all the pictures of the, of the bucket line at the World Trade Center the first couple of days and how respectful it was, and how quiet it was. And that's true. But it was the same thing in Freshkills. There was, there wasn't joking around and, and wasted time.

02.44.31 That didn't happen.

JW: Is there a word to describe the past 7 years?

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02.44.56 JOE KEENAN: New, probably. Because a year and a half after the World Trade Center, I retired. So my life took on a, a new aspect. You know? Other than my involvement with the police department, I was fortunate not to be personally involved. You know, I didn't have any family members there that day. So you know, a healing process would (?) be unfair for me to say that.

02.45.27 But new. You know, because now, actually if (?) it weren't for 9-11, I wouldn't have retired. So my life took a turn, as a result of that. Turn for the better, probably. You know, I don't know. We can't tell you that until it's over (LAUGHS).

JW: What if was over?

02.45.49 JOE KEENAN: If it was over, I'd say oh, it's too short (LAUGHS). I had a, an elderly man used to live next door to me. He died when he was 93. And I used to see him every day and we talked to him, and I would ask him how he was doing, how, how you doing today?

02.46.03 And he'd say well, I opened my eyes and I saw the ceiling, so I got out of bed. The first time I open my eyes and I don't see the ceiling, I won't get out of bed. (LAUGHS) So it's, it's hard to tell until it happens.

JW: Are there lessons from this?

JOE KEENAN: You know, those lessons are bigger than me.

JW: In this film, the universal gets explored by identifying the specific.

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02.46.47 JOE KEENAN: I think the lessons that (?) could be learned are that the, they all go (?) towards governments and towards protection. No, maybe towards individuals, too. You have to be more aware of your surroundings.

02.47.01 Have to be more conscious of who your friends are and who your friends aren't. And you have to be, you have to be wary of that. Maybe in the past we've been too lax, too easy. Too involved in our own lives to worry about the next door neighbor, or the guy in the next state or in the next country. But I think we should be. We should be aware of other people doing. You have to be (?) in order, in order to protect myself the best, I have to be aware of my surroundings.

02.47.34 I wouldn't (?) start a campfire in my living room because I know what would happen if I did. And so now I should be aware of other things, also. I should be aware of who else is setting campfires someplace else. And, and to make sure that I have a protection zone for myself. You know, you're talking to somebody who spent his whole life as a police officer. So my,

my opinions are gonna be probably almost stern and conservative than somebody who, who did something else their whole life.

02.48.06 I don't want to single out any, any profession. But you know, you, on a whole, we're probably an extremely conservative profession. An extremely cautious profession. And, and you know, we (?) weren't ready. I don't know if we dropped the ball, but we weren't ready.

02.48.31 We got ready quick. Afterwards. On, you know, the government made movements and we here in the city made movements to protect ourselves in the future. But it always seems (?) it always seems to be the way it is. You always correct the condition after it's happened. Maybe we should start correcting things before they happen.

JW: What about lessons for yourself?

02.49.01 JOE KEENAN: Personally? (~JW~). I don't know, that's hard to say, you know. I could be, I could be righteous about it and say I've learned to not to trust everybody, but. I've learned that you have to take care of yourself. You know, and if you're not gonna, even in the, in a larger situation you have to look out for your own and take care of yourself.

02.49.29 And if everybody does that, maybe we'd be all a little more fragmented and splintered, but (?) we might all be better off. We just can't go on living in our own little world without being aware of what surrounds us. It's like, it's like the, like the hole on the green in the golf course. It's 3 inches surrounded by the whole world. And you're trying to put the ball in the 3 inches surrounded by the whole world.

02.49.58 You know, you don't, you're not that (?) you are that little hole, but the whole world surrounds you. So you have to be aware of, you can't, you can't live your life dictated by what might happen. But you'd have to be, you have to be aware of what might happen, and try to, try to stay conscious of it, and out of harm's way.

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03.00.23 PICTURE UP

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JW: Your conclusion is a bit conflicted between helping people and being aware of neighbors?

- 03.03.18 JOE KEENAN: I don't know if it's me so much. I think (?) it's a personality that takes this type of job. And that personality lends the individual to be willing to help, be willing to interact with the worst of society.
- 03.03.41 Some people don't feel they want to do that, and they don't. That's fine. But I, I don't know what my, what's in me that makes me do this, that made me do it. But if it wasn't there, if it wasn't in me, then I'd be doing something else. I don't know so much if it's, if it's my nurturing, how I was, how I was, how I grew up, (?) maybe. You know, all (?) of that.
- 03.04.07 Nothing touches you that doesn't stick in some way. So your whole life, as you, as you grow up as you go to school, as you have friends and meet different people and go to your churches or your synagogues, or wherever you go, all those things touch you and (?) they develop you. But there has to be a core there to develop.
- 03.04.27 And I think certain people are just meant to do this work. And it's not, I'm not getting philosophical here with a predetermined personalities, whatever. I'm just saying that some people like to play baseball, some people like to play hockey. And it's what you like and it's what you're willing to do. And if we were, our work is the type of work that if you don't want to do it, if you don't enjoy it, get out. Because you're gonna be miserable. You're just gonna be miserable. And a lot of guys do that. Lot of guys try it for a little while.
- 03.05.01 And they say, you know, I can't do this. I'd rather be stock broker. I'd rather be a painter, and they, and they go and they do that. But. You know, and then others stay with it. And you know, you get, all get in your little comfort zone, but you can't be in your comfort zone if you're not comfortable. So, I, I think that certain people are better at different things. I'm not a surgeon.
- 03.05.28 I, I went to, when I was, I went to Fort, Fort Sam Huston, Texas, in San Antonio, 1970. I was in medic school. And I'll never say, never said any time in my life, gee, I wonder, I should have been a doctor. Nope. I'm not putting my hands in there again (LAUGHS). You

know, it just wasn't for me. I, I went to school, I learned how to become a medic, and to do what I was supposed to do. But that cured me of ever saying later on in life, gee I should have been this, I should have been that. 'Cos doctor's not one thing I want to do.

03.06.01 This is what I wanted to do. How did I get there? I don't know. (?) I followed the crooked road and I wound up in a certain spot. But certain type of people do different types of jobs, and I just think that our personality is, is the factor that puts us here.

JW: What about protecting yourself? Is that connected to that?

JOE KEENAN: Sure.

JW: Because you've seen a lot of bad?

JOE KEENAN: Yeah. (?) We only (~JW~)

(SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATION)

03.03.34 JOE KEENAN: When I come to your house, as a police officer, why am I there? Because something either happened to you or you did something. Neither of which are good. Something bad happened to you or you did something bad, or something bad's going to happen to you. So my, my interaction with you is really never good. (LAUGHS) You know? You either don't want to see me or I'm too late. You should have been here a half hour ago. Or I didn't do it, it wasn't me.

03.07.01 And so my interaction with you is, is never good. So what does that make me think? It makes me think that I have to be, well, you know, careful and, and protect myself.

JW: Did 9-11 accentuate that?

03.07.14 JOE KEENAN: On a larger scale, sure. You know, it made it worldwide. It made it national. As opposed to my little house. I didn't worry about terrorist attacks before. And that was my parents' generation during the War.

03.07.31 They worried about it. I didn't worry about it, I didn't grow up in that. So I, I really was lax on my thinking, as were probably everybody else. But now, I see it can happen. So you can either sit there and wait for it to happen again, or you can try your best to avoid it happening again. And I, I think that's what we should do, and that's protecting yourself on a large scale and on a small scale.

03.07.59 I mean, you wouldn't leave your door and your windows open at night (?) or you wouldn't go on vacation for a week and leave your doors and your windows open. So you know, on a small scale, because you know something bad's gonna happen. If nothing happens, at least the rain's gonna come in (LAUGHS). You know, so why, why set yourself up for something to happen? Maybe that's living in a shell, I don't know.

JW: It's neither?

03.08.29 JOE KEENAN: I, I don't live on a, I don't live in a cabin on a mountain and grow my vegetables. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but just not who I am. That's not what I, now that person thinks differently than I do, you can be sure of that. He's not worried about the things that I'm worried, and I'm not worried about the things that he's worried about. But I guess we need a little of each. We need everybody to worry together. It, you have to admit, the world's different now than it was before.

03.09.03 August 2001, world's different than it is now. Everybody was sort of la-de-dah, moving along getting things done. And now, it's (?) touched everybody. And everybody in this country, whether they know it or not, has been touched by that, because there's now something that they either can do or can't do because of that. Because of 9-11. It's (?) if it's as simple as having to take your shoes off at the airport.

03.09.33 You didn't have to do that before, but now you do. So it's touched everybody, whether they want to admit it or not, it has. Some it's touched more. Some, some people it's changed their lives forever because it ruined their families. And then others are just in their own way of thinking, inconvenienced by it. But everybody's been touched.

03.09.59 It's changed your tax structure. It's changed the government. It, it's changed everything.

JW: And you?

03.10.11 JOE KEENAN: Yeah, I guess it's changed me, too, you know? It's (?) I don't know how. It's like I said before, it's, it's a little easier for me because my life has changed because I retired. If I had had ten years on the job when that happened, as opposed to already past my time, I'd still be working and I don't know how I'd feel then.

03.10.32 But I'm more relaxed now than I was before, only because of the nature of that whole, I've accepted that whole change of life situation (LAUGHS) where I'm, I'm not getting up every morning and going to work and putting food on the table and worrying about sending the kids to school and how am I gonna pay my mortgage, and, and I'm past all that.

03.10.58 I don't worry about that anymore. So now I just read the paper and say boy, that was stupid (LAUGHS).

JW: What about your mortality?

03.11.11 JOE KEENAN: Like most people, you try not to think about it, you know?

JW: Are you more in connection with it?

03.11.20 JOE KEENAN: Well, yeah, but yes, but yes, but more due to my age than you know, if I had been 25 when 9-11 happened, I don't think I would have the same concept of mortality. You know, you start to (?) everybody rationalizes, whether they want to admit it or not. And they, you know, and they think about the numbers, and if something's gonna happen, what's the percentage I'm gonna be involved, or percentage is pretty good I'm not gonna be involved, so I'm not gonna worry about it. But you know, I mean, just, you get older, you start to think about things.

03.11.56 You, you're more aware of your mortality the older you get because you become, I guess, more conscious and more afraid of it. But I don't know if that's directly 9-11 related. Because I rationalize, too. What's the chances of me being some place when something happens. As long as it doesn't happen on the golf course, I'm in pretty good shape (LAUGHS).

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

JW: Has the scar healed?

03.13.01 JOE KEENAN: Sure. The scar heals. Its' still there because it's a scar. But. The less you're directly involved, the easier it is to put it to sleep. And it heals for people who didn't touch it, it's now an unfortunate situation that happened. Oh, gee, that was sad. You know, all those poor people who were involved.

03.13.28 Then according to your level of involvement, it takes you longer to come to terms with that. But. You know, people say that time heals all wounds, you know, the old saying. I don't know if that's so, really. It just takes you, time just takes you further away. It's still there. If you think about people in your life who have died for whatever reason - you, your family members, your grandparents, your parents. Your, you know, your friends.

03.14.00 It's less traumatic today when you think about it, but you're still sad when you think about it. You say gee, you know, that, the fellow who you went to high school with who was the first one in your group to die, and you say wow, you know, he was a good guy, or we had some good times together. I mean, you don't feel the same way you did the day you found out he died. But it's still, it still hurts when you think about him, when you solely think about him. Where he's (?) your main thought at that moment. It's still sad. You still feel bad about it.

03.14.29 So that's (?) you know, that's, that's the way it is now. It's just that you have a, you try to fill your life with other things. You think about other things instead, and when you think about that, you feel bad. Doesn't go away. It just, you get more used to it.

JW: Anything else to wrap it up?

03.14.50 JOE KEENAN: No, I guess. You've probably had, you've probably gotten more words out of me in your time than anybody in history. (LAUGHS) Because I'm not really known too much as a talker. So you've, you've accomplished your mission (LAUGHS). My, my family would be shocked if they ever saw how much I talk to you.

JW: I'll take that as a compliment from you.

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03.15.59 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) not to minimize my involvement, but I really, you know, I was just a cog in a wheel. But, and I find it interesting that you find what I did interesting. And if you do, I made a commitment to, in the beginning, if I had, the day I said to you Ok, I'll, I'll be involved, I'll go with this, I could have said no. And I thought about saying no (LAUGHS). But I didn't. And so now I've made the commitment, and again, that's the personality thing.

03.16.30 I made the commitment, and there were times where I said oh, I would see an email and I would say oh, it's them again (LAUGHS). But, I, I made the commitment so I tried to stay with it.

JW: I hope this project will have a lasting effect.

JOE KEENAN: I hope so, I hope you're right.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

JW: What about the site itself?

03.20.51 JOE KEENAN: The site? The site's sort of I guess for guys like me, the site's sort of ruined. Because as we drive by there, and as we stop, well, I was there that Saturday that the bicycle tour took place, that's where it started from. Now it's, it's a construction site and it doesn't in, in my private eye, it doesn't seem to be going anywhere. You know, I'm sure there are accomplishments there every day, I just can't see them. And I'd like to see something happen. You know, it's 7 years. You can build a lot in 7 years. I know there's a lot of red tape and rigmarole and in-fighting and money issues.

03.21.31 But it just doesn't seem to be going anywhere. And either do something with it or don't. You know, don't, again, those people who were more involved from, than me, those family members, it can't be good for them to see nothing happening. It, see, now I'm not saying

nothing's happening, I'm sure a lot is happening. But the person who just walks by doesn't see anything happening. And that's probably not a fair statement.

03.21.58 I probably just got the guy who's doing that mad at me, like I was mad before (LAUGHS) so I, I apologize to him, whoever that is. When I probably just, 'cos he, he's saying he doesn't know what I'm doing. And, and that's true, I don't know what he's doing. All I can, all I can judge is what I see. And I just wish they would, they would, you know, move on with it. Because my, my, when I close my eyes now and I picture the World Trade Center, I don't picture the two tall buildings. I picture the site the day after, or that day.

03.22.30 That's what I see when I close my eyes and see the World Trade Center. So I almost don't even remember the two tall buildings anymore. I know they were there, and every once in awhile you'd be watching a movie and you'll say oh, look at that, the World Trade Center. And, and I know since then that movie people have pretty much been conscious not to show that part. To stay away from that area. But (?) if I close my eyes now, I can picture the, the debris falling and still glowing red. And I can picture the, the, that girder that fell in the sign of a cross.

03.23.02 I can picture that. I can picture the (?) bucket lines. And I don't know what the building across the street was. I think it might have been the American Express building that had the big atrium. I, I don't, the big dome. I don't know which building it was being there the next day and seeing a girder stuck in the wall like a dart. That had to shoot 200, 300 feet across the street, to stick in there. That's what I see when I close my eyes and I see the World Trade Center.

03.23.29 I really don't even see the planes hitting. And now you see the aftermath. And there would be nice if that could be fixed. That's all I have to say about that (LAUGHS).

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

03.24.35 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) one of my jobs before, before 9-11, I was on the staff of the chief of detectives. And when you're a, on the staff, sometimes you get sent to different meetings, and different assignments, 'cos the chief just can't go everywhere. So certain people have different assignments, and one or two days, 3 days a week after 9-11, they had a meeting in headquarters.

03.25.01 And they sent representatives from all the departments involved - to FBI, fire department, transit workers, EMS, any, anybody you could think of, state Troopers, the whole thing. And I, the chief sent me. And I sat in there, and it was basically a, let's exchange ideas, let's, let's see where we're going so we can set up training for this, if it happens again. So that's (?) what you're talking about. And, and we pretty much decided at that meeting that we didn't have anything at that particular.

03.25.32 In fact, we even, I even called the fellow in, I called San Francisco, I called some place else, I don't remember, oh, Oklahoma. And asked them to send us their after report on the Oklahoma incident and the San Francisco earthquakes, to see how they could one, I mean, one was actually terrorism, and the other was handling disaster in (?) an urban setting. And they sent us their after reports of, of what they did and how things, to try to put everything together.

03.26.02 But of course, that didn't help us. That was all, you know, later on stuff. But maybe something like this adds a little piece. Like I said before, everything that touches you sticks a little.

JW: The idea is to create a hub of information to help people, especially officers, in the grieving process.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

02.27.14 JOE KEENAN: I, I don't feel that's my grieving process here. If you ask me about my grieving process with this, I, I'll immediately focus on the armory interviews the next day. I never do that again. I'll just never do that again. You can send me there, and if I have to resign or quit, I will.

03.27.34 'Cos I'll just never do that again. All those poor people just lined up waiting for us to tell them it was gonna be Ok. So. That's a hard thing. But as far as, you know, your personal stuff, (?) I don't know. I don't, I don't really consider any personal grieving, you know. I (?) don't know the right word for, what did you just call it?

(SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATION)

JW: There are others that have direct loss in the film, and hopefully the film will be able to provide help.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

03.28.54 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) just from the fact that now the next time's not the first time. So we'll already know. I, I'm sure there, again, after. After 9-11, I was still in the police department, but I was pretty much separated from the police department because my, my task was the recovery. And after awhile, after 6 months or so, when the police department started to get back to normal, they started to institute new procedures. But I was still involved with the recovery, so I, I never really learned those new procedures. But I know they've done it. They, I'm sure they have. I'm sure it's, I'm sure it's taught in the police academy and the new recruits now. I'm sure it's taught in in-service training.

03.29.29 I, I'm sure they have a, a weapons of mass destruction training. I'm sure all of that's going on, so that's good, (~JW~) that's good.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

03.30.21 JOE KEENAN: (MID-STATEMENT) when I called Oklahoma, they actually Fed-exed me everything. And the San Francisco, when I found the detective in San Francisco who was in charge of that particular report. He said how do you want me to send it to you? I said, well, send it to me you know, as quickly as you can because the, you know, the chief wants it. And he says, you know, this is gonna sound funny, he says, but my wife is getting on a plane tomorrow to come into the city to be with her sister. He says I could give the whole thing to her. I said sure. So he get, I met her at the airport, and I picked her up in a police car and I drove her into (?) she was like in awe because the city was still at that time unfortunately, you know, the site was still smoldering and roads were closed.

03.31.02 And we were riding up and down one way streets, and, and she was just her eyes were (?) bugged out. And when I met her at the airport, I picked her right up when she got off the plane. And Port Authority guys filtered her right through. She got her luggage, and we were

out the door, we were in a police car when she was leaving. And all she, she had like this magical package that she was giving me (LAUGHS). (~JW~)

03.31.30 I'm sure she has some reflection on that. (~JW~) I, I'm sorry, but I don't remember, I don't remember their names (~JW~) I don't remember their names, but. It was, it was interesting how everybody, as I said before, touched everybody, and here's somebody, you know, 3, 4000 miles away, I don't know how far San Francisco is, but however far it is, it touched her. And she had really nothing to do with it.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

03.35.30 B ROLL – STILL

03.36.26 JOE KEENAN: See, now you're supposed to say ok, now turn to the right.

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

03.36.57 JOE KEENAN: Are you finished now? Ok, now, now in, now what you have to say is you have to say turn to the right, so you can get a picture this way for the booking card.

(LAUGHS)

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

03.37.29 ROOM TONE

03.38.19 END OF TAPE # JK 066