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NOTE: There is an aide, Danny, in the room. She joins the conversation on some occasions.

Keith Ludden: Jim, can you tell me your name again?

Jim Reed. My name’s James Reed.

KJL: Do you mind if I ask when you were born?

JR: I was born—I don’t know but it should be in that when I was born. I don’t know.

KJL: I can check that later.

JR: Well, she’s going to go check it out.

D: June 16th, 1942.

KJL: 1942, okay. In the middle of World War II.

JR: War II. Because my father was a doctor.

KJL: Your father was a doctor.

JR: Yeah, he was, and he was in the army.

KJL: What was he like?

JR: Well, he’s about (inaudible). He was born a long time ago.

KJL: Okay. I’m hearing a refrigerator or something. Oh, the TV. Would it be okay to turn that off?
D: I can turn it down.

KJL: Okay.

JR: She can turn it down a little bit. There we go. It’s cold anyway.

KJL: I forgot my rule to use the headphones here. I’m always telling my workshop people to use headphones. Okay, so your father was a doctor.

JR: Yes, he was.

KJL: Where were you born?

JR: In Farmington. Yeah, Farmington Hospital. I was there for quite a while. I was, yeah. He married my mother.

KJL: And you lived in Farmington?

JR: I did, but now I lived in Otisville once, for quite while. I think I was born there. I’m not sure, but I went there.

KJL: Do you remember your home in Farmington?

JR: It was on Main Street.

KJL: What was it like?

JR: It was alright. Something about the back yard. I had a dog and the dog, Boxter, got bitten with another dog, so he was out of his misery anyway, so we had to go get another one. My mom picked up one out in the street somewhere. Didn’t have no home or anything, so she did. She kept him. But the only thing there is my mom died, too. Oh, yeah.

KJL: Were you very old when that happened?
JR: No, I was young. I wasn’t old.

KJL: Do you remember how old you were?

JR: No.

KJL: Who cared for you at home?

JR: My grandparents in Otisville. They brought me up there.

KJL: Did you have brothers and sisters?

JR: Yeah. I still do.

KJL: What are they like?

JR: Charlie is married to my sister, and you’ve seen them here. Danny’s seen them. They usually come down and see me about Christmas.

D: Where do they live? Where do you visit them?

JR: Sugarbush.

KJL: Where is that?

JR: Sugarbush.

KJL: Sugarbush?

JR: Yeah.

D: In Vermont.
JR: In Vermont. I go there, too, once in a while.

KJL: So you—I’m sorry, go ahead.

JR: So I go there to see them. I spend a lot of time at Sugarbush. I do.

KJL: Your grandparents took care of you?

JR: Yes, my grandfather did. My grandmother did. He swore awful! Arrgh! I couldn’t stand him if I wanted to. Something wicked came out of his mouth, so I kind of didn’t like that.

KJL: What were your favorite things to do at home?

JR: On the farm? Well, I had cows. I had cows and—two cows.

KJL: So it was a farm?

JR: Yes, it was. My father ended up selling it. Nothing [you] could do about that because [the] chickens all died. I had chickens, but the fox got them. Then he came up to the house. (Inaudible). I didn’t know if he was there or not, but he was underneath the truck. We moved the truck out of the garage. We was going somewhere one day.

KJL: What were your favorite things to do on the farm?

JR: I didn’t do much over there because all the chickens all died over there. I ate quite a few. I ate quite a few chickens and I still got some left here.

KJL: You’ve got chickens here?

JR: Yeah. I’m going to get some more sometime.

KJL: You raise the chickens?
JR: Oh, yeah. Well, I get them, then I raise them. Yeah. I get more. I probably will—I don’t know, But sooner or later I’ll get more.

KJL: What kind of chickens are they, do the lay eggs?

JR: Rhode Island Reds. Yeah, they lay eggs. I brought in a whole dozen this morning.

D: Bring in at least four a day.

JR: That’s right. I got out there—I was out there today cleaning out the chicken coop. I cleaned that out this morning, right after breakfast.

KJL: When you were a kid, when you were young, what was the neighborhood like?

JR: Same as always. Downtown, I was living there, but my mother and father, I guess they didn’t want me there in Farmington, so they brought me over to Otisville, so I kind of stayed there until I could move. My father sold the farm.

KJL: Was it the neighbors that didn’t want you there?

JR: I guess not. The neighbors didn’t want me there, I guess. My mom and dad didn’t want me there, so I kind of—

KJL: And what was at Otisville?

JR: Otisville? Oh. Just a farm, just like this one.

KJL: Was that your grandparents’ farm?

JR: Yeah. My mom and dad had it for a long time. They come down and see me, from Farmington once in a while. Right in the middle of winter time. They walk down. They leave the car up by the church I guess.

KJL: Where did you go to school?
JR: Where did I go to school? Oh. Down in—someplace. I didn’t go to school then. I can still write, you know. I can. I also can write and read, too. The same time.

KJL: When did you learn to do that?

JR: Oh, a couple of years ago. A couple of years ago at Goodwill.

KJL: So you didn’t go to school when you were a boy?

JR: No. I couldn’t. No way. I couldn’t go there, so… So now I know how to write, too.

KJL: How did you learn to read and write?

JR: John Sherlick showed me how.

KJL: And who was that?

JR: I’m not sure, but he was a teacher, showed me all kinds of things. I used to work in Goodwill.

KJL: So you worked for Goodwill for a while?

JR: I used to.

KJL: What did you do there?

JR: Dental floss. Right, dental floss—Danny?

D: I don’t know.

JR: Well, that’s what I did. And I worked in Biddeford for a while.
KJL: What did you do at Biddeford?

JR: Same thing.

D: In a day program? Is that what it was?

JR: No, it was—No, you put toothpaste together.

D: Oh, dental floss.

KJL: You made dental floss, is that what you did?

JR: Yeah. Quite a few boxes I made a long time ago.

KJL: Did you enjoy that?

JR: It was all right until Danny come along and tore my shirt.

D: Not me.

JR: No, not you. Another Danny. Up to Greenhill. Yeah, he pulled my shirt, my buttons off. He caused more trouble and then I got fired. Yeah. They fired me. They didn’t want me there. I was going to go back there to work Monday morning. They didn’t need me, so I went back to Greenhill.

KJL: And what was Greenhill?

JR: Greenhill Farm.

KJL: Greenhill Farm, and where was that.

JR: Oh, up north, here, right?
D: It’s another group home.

JR: Another group home.

KJL: When did you go to Pineland?

JR: About two years ago.

KJL: It would have been closed two years ago.

JR: I know. I closed it.

KJL: When did you go to live at Pineland?

JR: Quite a while ago. When I come out of there, I wrote a letter to the Governor, telling [him] to close it down and I guess everybody else was glad to get out of there, too. They didn’t like it.

KJL: Do you remember the day you arrived at Pineland?

JR: I don’t remember. I don’t remember—I went to the hospital. The guy come and get me.

KJL: Why did you go to Pineland?

JR: Why did I go to Pineland? Because I run away.

KJL: From the group home?

JR: Yeah. They couldn’t—didn’t know where I was.

KJL: Why did you run away from the group home?

JR: Well, I wanted to get away from everybody.
KJL: Did they not treat you well there?

JR: Well, one of them was the administrator and she called the ambulance. I wasn’t going to Pineland. That’s for sure. But I did.

KJL: What was it like there at Pineland?

JR: Well, I’ll tell you one thing. It wasn’t very good in Pineland. I’ll tell you that. The food was no good. That’s for sure. They’d lock the door on me. I couldn’t go out, so that’s one thing I couldn’t do.

KJL: What did you do during the day at Pineland?

JR: I didn’t do anything. That’s all. I didn’t do anything. Well, I was going to go to camp. I didn’t go because I was still in Pineland. Donna Clough was there, too. She went to camp.

KJL: What camp was that?

JR: I’m not sure. I was hoping to go this year. but I didn’t go.

KJL: What did you not like about Pineland?

JR: Too much headaches, you know, and the food wasn’t too good. They was going to pound the shit out of me. I didn’t like that, either.

KJL: They attacked you?

JR: (Affirmative).

KJL: What happened?
JR: I don’t know. They had to have bodyguards when I take a shower and everything. Just for one minute they didn’t leave the area. They had to have bodyguards there to watch out what you’re doing. I didn’t like that either. Privacy. That's not good.

KJL: Where did you stay at Pineland? Was it a dorm, or

JR: It was. It was a dorm, yes.

KJL: What was it like?

JR: (Chuckles) Well, I’ll tell you. There was no—no sheets and no nothing there. You couldn’t cover up if you wanted to.

KJL: There were no sheets on the bed?


KJL: Were there a lot of other people in the dorm with you?

JR: Oh, yeah.

KJL: What were they like?

JR: I don’t know. But I didn’t like them, neither. I wanted to get out of there, just as quick as I can. I’ll tell you. I didn’t like that.

KJL: What were most of the days like there at Pineland? What happened during the day?

JR: Well, you stay in the dorm all day. Nothing to do. So that wasn’t funny either.

KJL: Were there games or things you could do?
JR: No. No games or nothing. Couldn’t do anything that hurts anybody. I couldn’t do anything if I wanted to. They wouldn’t let me.

KJL: What was the staff like?

JR: Not too good, I’ll tell you that. The staff wasn’t too good. They didn’t treat me right.

KJL: What did they do?

JR: I don’t know. They just kind of cooked something and then shove it down my throat. I didn’t like that either. They want to do that, too. And I got very sick from that stuff.

KJL: Tell me about that.

JR: When it’s not very good you don’t want to know I’ve been there long enough to know. Too much. It was time for me to go.

KJL: How long were you at Pineland?

JR: Two years, I guess. More than that. About two years. Before I come here. That’s for sure. They was going to put me in a different place. I refused it, I did. So I went back to Greenhill and I stayed there for a while. Then I came here. I came here for good.

KJL: Do you remember the day you left Pineland?

JR: No, I don’t remember. Dick Tryon come and get me. Brought me back. He said that was enough of it. He didn’t like it. And I told him, I said I want to get out of there as quick as I can. I didn’t like it.

KJL: And who was Dick?

JR: Dick Tryon? Well, he was administrator at Greenhill Farm.

KJL: So you were in group homes before you went to Pineland
JR: Yes I was. I was.

KJL: And after Pineland you went back to another group home.

JR: Yeah. Afterwards, I did. Then I moved out again. I moved out at Greenhill because they had another guy from Pineland, so we had to go get him, from Pineland. I didn’t think we was going to but we did.

KJL: When you were at Pineland, did you get to make some decisions about what you were going to wear, or how you were going to spend your time?

JR: No, I didn’t. I didn’t make any decisions at all. That’s one thing I didn’t do.

KJL: And what about in the group home? You made those kinds of decisions in the group home?

JR: No, well I was going to move out. I made a decision to move out at Greenhill Farm and I lived over by Danny Lilly’s place for a while, but near him there was another house that I was in, so it was not too good. The house was—I didn’t dare to go in the bathroom, because the floor was going to cave in. I’d be down in the cellar. Yeah.

KJL: And where was that?

JR: Over by Dennis Willy’s house, until I moved again. I had to move. This is the third time I had to move. This time I’m not going to move again unless I have to.

KJL: What were the hardest things about living at Pineland?

JR: Not good. Not good at all. I didn’t think of it and I didn’t like it. So what do you think about that!

KJL: I’ve heard a lot of stories about Pineland.
JR: Oh, yeah.

KJL: Was there anything you liked about Pineland?

JR: Well, I didn’t like it too much. I didn’t care for it too much. No, I didn’t.

KJL: And in the group home. Were there things you liked about the group homes?

JR: You mean the group home?

KJL: (Affirmative).

JR: Oh, yeah. I liked that, but there was another group home, too. In Sanford. They closed that down, too, so there’s nobody living there.

KJL: What did you like about the group home?

JR: The group home? Well, I liked it all right. This is a group home, too. Right, Danny?

D: Yeah.

JR: This is a group home.

KJL: And are there things you like about here?

JR: I like it here much better. You do things. You do things and you can get out, do things, do—like getting shavings, and I’m hoping to get more chickens.

KJL: You like kittens.

D: Chickens.

KJL: Oh, you like chickens, okay.
JR: Yeah, I’m gonna get some more soon.

D: Springtime.

JR: In the springtime we’re gonna get more.

KJL: What is it you like about chickens?

JR: Because they like me. I take good care of them.

D: Yeah.

JR: That’s why. That’s easy to take care of. I got a pen out there for them.

KJL: In the group homes does somebody help you with your money, and help you make decisions?

JR: I have a guardian. She comes around and talks to me. And I have another one that comes too, and oh, I get money alright. We have a house manager now, Tasha. We have Tasha now. She gives me money, so I can go buy stuff, because I didn’t have any stuff then. Right, Danny?

D: Yeah.

JR: Like fish oil. I had to go there yesterday.

KJL: Tell me about your guardian.

JR: Well, she’s a woman guardian, not a man. He was. Now he’s gone. He’s working in someplace else right now.

D: You have a state appointed guardian.
JR: Huh?

D: You have a state appointed guardian.

KJL: What’s your guardian like? What’s she like?

JR: Nice girl. She’s a woman, though. But she’s going to come around pretty soon to see me again.

KJL: You get along with her pretty well?

JR: I get along alright. Then there was another one, too. I got two of them. One comes here first. The other one comes after. After—right after my (inaudible). So think I got two of them. One of them is a state—she’s a guardian, one of them is and the other one ain’t.

D: You go to program now, too.

JR: And I go to day program, too.

KJL: Tell me about the day program.

JR: Oh, I go there. I do all kinds of things.

KJL: What do you do at the day program?

JR: I go bowling.

D: He’s a very active man.

JR: I go there.

D: I know you do.
JR: And I go bowling in the morning and just before the afternoon I come back here. Don’t I Danny?

D: Yeah.

KJL: Are you a pretty good bowler?

JR: Are you kidding me? Wssstt! Just like that. Both hands.

KJL: Do you knock all the pins down?

JR: Oh, yeah. I knock everything down. I miss a little bit, but I got the right idea how to do it now. It’s been a long time since I haven’t been bowling.

KJL: You said you worked at Goodwill for a while.

JR: I did.

KJL: You’re not working there now.

JR: No.

KJL: Okay. Have there been other jobs you’ve done?

JR: Well, I’ve been in Sanford, too. I’ve been there, but otherwise that that…

KJL: What did you do at Sanford?

JR: Same thing. Dental floss, toothpaste and everything. Same thing. All at once. Put them together. That’s just about all I ever done.

KJL: Sometimes did you advocate for yourself? Did you speak to groups about people like yourself?
JR: People like me. Of course they do. I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t.

KJL: Do you talk to other people about what your life has been like and what needs to be done?

JR: Oh, my life has been a long time. I spent a lot of time in my lifetime.

D: Jim, I think what he’s saying is have you ever stood up for yourself and others?

JR: Oh, yeah. I stood up for myself alright.

KJL: Tell me bout that.

JR: Well, I ‘ll tell you one thing. I had one customer try to hit me. Tried to hit me in the back. He did. He it me in the back, not in the front. I turned around so he wouldn’t hit me in the stomach and just as I was going out he put his fist right in my back. Oh yes. He hit me. He tried to hit me twice, but I’ll tell you one thing. He didn’t get that far. No way. I had counselors there too. Oh, yeah.

KJL: Where was this?

JR: In Kezar Falls. My other roommate, he just, you know. He tries to hit me and I called the police. The Sheriff come and get him, because he was…

KJL: Was this in a group home?

JR: (Affirmative).

D: It was when you lived in Cornish?

JR: Yeah. He ran away, too. To cool off. Then he decided to move, you know.

JR: When they started closing places like Pineland, what did that mean for you?
JR: What?

KJL: When they started closing places like Pineland what did that mean for you?

JR: That means you don’t go. That means you don’t go to Pineland again.

KJL: Were you happy about that, or…

JR: Oh yeah, I was happy not to go back there. I’m never going to go back there. They closed it down for good. That’s why I wrote to the Governor, [to] tell him to close it down, because…

KJL: How did you feel about them closing it.

JR: I feel pretty good and I guess everybody else did, too. I don’t know what they’re doing now. Maybe they got a farm there in Pineland.

D: (Inaudible). I’ve never seen it.

JR: I haven’t either.

KJL: Have you ever been back there?

JR: No, and I’m not gong back there. No way. I ain’t gong back there no more. I’ll tell you that. I had enough of it.

KJL: Do you have friends who were there?

JR: Well, not very good friendly place there. Not very good. I’ll tell you that right now. Not so good as you think. I would never go there. Never. No, I like it here better.

KJL: How has having a disability affected your life? How has that made a difference for you?
JR: Disability?

KJL: (Affirmative).

JR: Disability is good. I have a better life and I always have, you know. See, my parents couldn’t take care of me. Disability. But I have a sister which she takes good care of me when I’m up there. Oh, yeah. We get along fine. They have a farm up there, too.

KJL: Where is the farm again?

JR: Sugarbush.

KJL: At Sugarbush, yes, excuse me. I’m sorry

JR: Yeah. That’s where that is.

KJL: You said you worked at Goodwill for a while.

JR: I did for a while.

KJL: How hard was it to get a job?

JR: You’ve got to apply for the job.

KJL: Was that hard to do?

JR: Well, if you’re going to do it, you’ve got to do it. I mean, you’ve got to know how to do it and what you want to do. Make plans for it. That’s one thing.

KJL: And what about the people you worked with? How were they?
JR: Well, it was all right when I was there. Didn’t work too good when I got fired because they think you fight with them. Not too good. Couldn’t get along with the one you got up there, you know. But as I got older I didn’t want anything to do with them for a while.

KJL: Did you have a job at Pineland?

JR: No.

KJL: You didn’t work there, okay.

JR: I don’t think so. If I had, things would be different.

KJL: How so?

JR: They would have been.

KJL: How would they have been different?

JR: Well, people change if I wanted to work there and I would change, too. So Pineland is not a good choice. I don’t think so.

KJL: Who has most influenced you in your life? A teacher or one of your guardians, or…

JR: Well Jim was my guardian, wasn’t he?

D: Don’t look at me. I don’t know. Anyway, he’s working someplace else right now. Working for the judge, I think. I’m not sure, but I heard a lot of stories about it.

KJL: What have you most enjoyed?

JR: I enjoy here.

KJL: What is it you enjoy about here?
JR: It’s peaceful and quiet. It is. What do you think?

D: Pretty chill.

JR: Hmmm?

D: Pretty chill. You do a lot of adventures and go out a lot.

JR: We do.

KJL: You go out sometimes?

JR: Do I what?

KJL: Do you go out sometimes?

JR: What do you do when you go out?

D: Where’d you go the other day after program?

JR: Oh, the cemetery. Larry’s grave. I put some flowers on his grave. We had a hard time finding it.

D: Don’t tell people that. (laughs).

KJL: And who is Larry?

JR: Larry Curran.

D: He’s an old roommate, huh?
JR: My roommate. He died. He passed away.

D: Twelve years ago, I believe.

JR: Huh?

D: Twelve years ago tomorrow.

JR: Yeah.

D: What’s the hardest thing you’ve ever had to do?

JR: Live with it.

KJL: Live with it?

JR: Yeah. You’ve got to live with it whether you want to or not, but I’ll tell you one thing. Sooner or later I’ll have a gravestone, too [at] Kezar Falls. You know that?

D: (Affirmative).

JR: I do. Headstone. Right now somebody’s buried there.

D: Next to you.

JR: Yeah. Right next to me. Yeah

KJL: Have you been able to help others sometimes?

JR: If they need it. If they need help. I could go grocery shopping when they need it. Just the other day I went grocery shopping and I come home, then we started out eating a lunch here and then I went right after lunch, I went grocery shopping.
KJL: How have you been able to help others?

JR: Push the cart. You push the cart. Yeah, and they put groceries in. Right?

D: Yeah. You help bring in the groceries?

JR: Yeah. I help bring the groceries in the house. I go the other way, though. I go up on [the] ramp on the porch.

D: Yeah. Safety first.

KJL: Do you feel independent here?

JR: I sure am. I am independent, yes. Yes I am.

KJL: Is that important to you?

JR: Of course it is. I wouldn’t be going anywhere if it wasn’t. I wouldn’t be going to—I was going to go to camp this year but too many people wanted to go before I did.

D: You go to the fairs?

JR: Oh, yeah, I’m going to the fair too, pretty quick.

KJL: You enjoy the fair?

JR: I do.

KJL: What do you like about that?

JR: Cows and horses and chickens and everything else, so that’s the way it goes.

KJL: Is this the county fair?
JR: County fair?

D: What fair is it, Jim?

JR: The Fryeburg Fair.

KJL: The Fryeburg Fair.

JR: Yeah.

D: You’ve been counting down since July.

JR: Huh?

D: You’ve been counting down since July

KJL: Is that coming up?

JR: I think so, in July.

D: Four weeks.

JR: Four weeks! I’m going to wait for that. But you’ve got to have staff with you.

D: Yeah.

JR: You like going to the fair?

D: Oh, yeah, we’re going.
JR: Danny’s going. Got to, because she knows how to do the insulin. I’ve got to take that, too. I’m diabetic, you know. Ain’t I, Danny?

D: Sure are.

JR: Danny knows that.

KJL: What do you wish had been different? What do you wish you could change?

JR: Change for what?

KJL: Change from the way things were? What do you wish you could change about your life?

JR: My life?

KJL: (Affirmative).

JR: Oh, I don’t know. My life is never going to change.

D: If you could change one thing, what would you have done differently?

JR: I don’t know. It could have been different.

D: Like what?

JR: I don’t know. Different things, maybe. I don’t know. But right now things don’t—well, change a little bit. That’s how I went to Westbrook.

D: Westbrook.

JR: —to work. That’s been changed. I’ve been over to the other place.

D: Oh, yeah, your day program changed for you.
JR: Yeah, in Biddeford. They closed that down, too. I always been there, close enough so I can go home. But now, I have to—

D: But your past, what would have have changed different, like going to Pineland, or Greenhill or anything?

JR: No.

D: What would you change?

JR: I wouldn’t be going to Greenhill, that’s for sure. Not with Danny around, I wouldn’t. Not with him around. I go up there and had a party up there every Tuesday they have a cookout up there. I come home here. I’m better off here than I am somewhere else.

KJL: Why are you better off here?

JR: Because I have an option here. I’m better off here than I am somewhere else.

D: Your own room, you have the church down the street.

JR: Huh?

D: You have your own room upstairs, the church down the street…

JR: Yeah, and the church is down the street.

KJL: Tell me about that.

JR: I go there. Every Sunday I go to church. I got a job there, too.

KJL: What do you do there?
JR: Count money. Take the money and put it—They put in and pass it around you know. I go around, they put the money right in the dish.

KJL: You like doing that?

JR: I sure do. I wouldn’t be there if I didn’t.

KJL: Are the people at the church pretty nice to you?

JR: They’re pretty nice. Chris is. He’s pretty nice to me. He’s suppose to be coming to see me.

KJL: Who’s Chris?

JR: The church people.

D: The pastor?

JR: Yeah, I got a new pastor, too. Pastor Bob. He’s supposed to be coming to see me, too.

D: You’re quite the social butterfly.

JR: Yeah.

KJL: What do you want most for yourself?

JR: For myself? I don’t know, why?

KJL: I’m just curious about what you want.

JR: I can do most anything that I want to do here.
KJL: What do you most want to do?

JR: I don’t know. I almost wound up—I ended up going to day program anyway. Oh, I know. I ride a horse, too.

KJL: Tell me about that.

JR: I started riding a horse now.

KJL: When did you start doing that?

JR: In Sanford.

KJL: When?

JR: When did I start doing that?

D: How old were you when you started out on horses.

JR: Quite young.

KJL: Do you enjoy riding horses?

JR: Yeah. I used to have one

KJL: What did you like most about that?

JR: I like it. You’d get on the saddle and you’d just go, that’s all.

KJL: Are you a good rider?

JR: (Affimative). Just the other day I rode one horse. I started that on Saturday and I’m going to go again, soon.
KJL: That must be fun.

JR: Oh, yeah, I like brushing the horse, too. They stand still, you know. He might go sideways, but you get around him, he’ll stand still. He likes that. You give him something that he likes, you know. I don’t have anything to give him. I should give him an apple. I don’t have one.

D: We’ll have to talk to the owner.

JR: I’m going to.

D: All right. Make a wish.

JR: I’ll make a wish.

D: Got it.

JR: Wish I could give it some apples. I guess I’m going to have to buy some at the store.

D: Make a list, how about that.

JR: I think we ought to.

D: I’ll write it on the blackboard afterwards.

JR: Hmmm?

D: I’ll make a list on the chalkboard for you.

JR: Why don’t you.

D: I will.
KJL: I’m about out of questions here, but I want to ask if you’ve enjoyed this conversation.

JR: I enjoyed doing it. I sure have. Why?

KJL: I just wanted to know how you felt about it.

JR: I feel pretty good about it. The story came through.

KJL: Good, good.

JR: I think everybody would like that.

KJL: Everybody likes to tell their story, don’t they?

JR: They sure do. They like to tell stories all right.

KJL: You like telling stories?

JR: Yeah, I do. Why?

KJL: I like telling stories too.

JR: You do?

KJL: (Affirmative).

JR: Why don’t more people do that?

KJL: I don’t know. People should tell more stories, shouldn’t they?

JR: They should. They don’t. I don’t know, I don’t think that’s going to work out too good. I don’t think so, anyway.
KJL: Okay. Well, I enjoyed meeting you and I appreciate your time.

JR: Good.

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