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Mr. Ben Kolakowski

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Interviewer: This is Tuesday, April 7, 1970. My name is Angela Torochi *[phonetic]* **[0:00:07]** and I'm going to interview Mr. Kolakowski. Mr. Kolakowski, will you give me your full name and address?

Mr. Kolakowski: Ben Kolakowski.

Interviewer: Where do you live, Mr. Kolakowski?

Mr. Kolakowski: *[inaudible]* **[0:00:25]**.

Interviewer: *[inaudible]* **[0:00:30]**?

Mr. Kolakowski: *[inaudible]* **[0:00:30]**.

Interviewer: What city?

Mr. Kolakowski: *[inaudible]* **[0:00:35]**.

Interviewer: How old are you?

Mr. Kolakowski: 81 *[inaudible]* **[0:00:41]**.

Interviewer: Where were you born?

Mr. Kolakowski: Poland.

Interviewer: When were you born?

Mr. Kolakowski: In 1888.

Interviewer: What is the full date, do you remember?

Mr. Kolakowski: Day is November 23rd.

Interviewer: 1888?

Mr. Kolakowski: 1888, yeah.

Interviewer: Under what government control was Poland at that time?

Mr. Kolakowski: *[inaudible] [0:01:05]*.

Interviewer: Tell me a little bit about your childhood in Poland.

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I can't say much about that as a child. I can't exactly remember everything.

Interviewer: What kind of education do you have? And tell me how was education given to people in Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, the education at my time, it can't get much because we're not allowed to have it *[inaudible] [0:01:39]*.

Interviewer: How many other brother or sisters did you have when you live in Poland? Were you the oldest maybe?

Mr. Kolakowski: No. I got two brothers and two sisters.

Interviewer: Were you the oldest or not?

Mr. Kolakowski: No, I'm the fourth one. Yeah.

Interviewer: At what age did you begin your education? How old were you when you started to learn?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, from the -- about eight years old.

Interviewer: Did you go to school or was it private home?

Mr. Kolakowski: Private home school. Yeah.

Interviewer: Did you learn Polish and Russian or both or only one?

Mr. Kolakowski: Polish and Russian.

Interviewer: How was the Polish language taught, were there difficulties?

Mr. Kolakowski: Very good.

Interviewer: Did you have to do it secretly?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yes, *[inaudible] [0:02:37]*. Yeah, secretly. Yeah.

Interviewer: In other words, it was against the government rule to learn Polish. Is that right?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, that's right. Yeah.

Interviewer: How many people in that private school? Were you the only pupil or there are more?

Mr. Kolakowski: Oh, we have some 15, 18, 20 together go from home to home. After school *[inaudible]* **[0:03:00]** father at home and next week, somebody else. Yeah.

Interviewer: When you were a little older, I am sure you began to work. Did you live in a farm or in a city?

Mr. Kolakowski: They live in a farm.

Interviewer: When did you began to help your father?

Mr. Kolakowski: When I was 11 years old?

Interviewer: Worked in the field?

Mr. Kolakowski: Work in the field, plowing and everything, I worked in a farm.

Interviewer: So all the time you stayed in Poland until you were 20. What were you doing? Just working on...

Mr. Kolakowski: Yes, working in the farm.

Interviewer: You didn't go in the city at all to do any kind of job?

Mr. Kolakowski: No, no.

Interviewer: When you were a young man, I am sure you heard about America. When did you first hear about it?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, the people were talking about it and some of them came from American, and so I heard about it. And all *[inaudible]* **[0:03:51]**.

Interviewer: What was your reason for wanting to leave Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, because not much *[inaudible]* **[0:03:59]**.

Interviewer: Was it hard?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, we have planned it and just don't have the money.

Interviewer: Don't have the money and not much freedom, I supposed.

Mr. Kolakowski: Not much freedom, yeah, yeah.

Interviewer: What made you decide to leave Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, it make me decide because I don't want to go to the Russians army. I supposed to belong *[inaudible]* **[0:04:24]** Russians army as my father told me, "I'll send you to America," because my father been five years Russian army in cavalry. He doesn't like it much. He told me, "Anytime you'll be ready, go, I'll send you down." He gave me money, he gave me *[inaudible]* **[0:04:49]** this country, the United States.

Interviewer: Were you the only one from your family that left Poland then or did you with friends?

[0:05:00]

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, at that time, I have my oldest brother in United States *[inaudible]* **[0:05:08]**. Yeah.

Interviewer: How old were you when you left Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: 20 years old.

Interviewer: Did you get a passport or just try to get away?

Mr. Kolakowski: I got a passport. I still get away from the *[inaudible]* **[0:05:23]** and get to Germany.

Interviewer: What date was it that you left Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Ninth in April I left my home.

Interviewer: What year, 1900?

Mr. Kolakowski: 1900. Yeah.

Interviewer: Describe how was the trip from your home to the port? How did you travel?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, we travel -- first time I leave the home, I go with the horses and the wagons to the man *[inaudible]* **[0:05:56]** to the border. So we go over there, try to pass the border and we've got to walk. We walked in the night time and *[inaudible]* **[0:06:09]** to Germany. Yeah.

Interviewer: Were you alone or did you have friends with you doing that?

Mr. Kolakowski: Oh yes, we have about -- there might be 15 to 20 people at that time when we go together.

Interviewer: And once you cross the border, how was the trip from the border to the port? How did you travel?

Mr. Kolakowski: Oh, well. We travel to the train in Germany. Yeah.

Interviewer: What port did you get to? What's the name of the port?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, Hamburg, Germany.

Interviewer: So you sailed from Hamburg. All right. Do you remember when you left to Hamburg?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, in April 30 because the -- I get the boat over there, American boat named America. I started -- when I came to New York, 18 days, 8th in May I land in New York.

Interviewer: Now, would you tell me the life on the boat? What kind was it? What kind of meals you had and what did you do for recreation? Was it stormy? Was it a quite trip? Tell me.

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, very good -- everything is good. We have plenty to eat and I had a good time and go to the deck, nice weather, standing talking to the public and come to New York and *[inaudible]* **[0:08:00]**. And the next day from New York, I come to the *[inaudible]* **[0:08:07]** May 9.

Interviewer: Was it a German line that you traveled on the ship? Was it German?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, on the ship...

Interviewer: The ship was German?

Mr. Kolakowski: United States America.

Interviewer: It was an American ship?

Mr. Kolakowski: American and it named America ship.

Interviewer: So what English -- what language did they use under the ship?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, they're English.

Interviewer: English.

Mr. Kolakowski: English, yeah.

Interviewer: And you landed in New York?

Mr. Kolakowski: New York.

Interviewer: On May 8th.

Mr. Kolakowski: May 8th, 1909

Interviewer: 1909. So you landed in New York on May 9th. Did you travel from New York to Wilmington by yourself or did somebody meet you in New York?

Mr. Kolakowski: I myself come to Wilmington *[inaudible]* *[0:08:49]* five o'clock in the morning. Yeah.

Interviewer: Anybody met you there?

Mr. Kolakowski: My brother, oldest brother was in there. He met there.

Interviewer: And he took you where?

Mr. Kolakowski: He take me to the -- at my sister's home because my...

Interviewer: To your sister?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, because my brother stay with my sister.

Interviewer: Oh, he was single then, was he?

Mr. Kolakowski: He was single, yeah.

Interviewer: Was your sister married at that time?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, that time. She's married, yeah.

Interviewer: Just for the record, it would be interesting, what is her name? What was her name?

Mr. Kolakowski: Antonia Lizowski.

Interviewer: Lizowski.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: When you came to your sister's, I'm sure you did not know English, did you?

Mr. Kolakowski: No.

Interviewer: You had a hard time?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: How long did you stay without a job? How long did it take?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, short time, I get the job for the *[inaudible]* **[0:09:36]**.

Interviewer: Morocco?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, Morocco, the name of the *[inaudible]* **[0:09:41]**. At short time guess -- the quick time I got the job.

Interviewer: where did you live at that time? In other words, were your sister had her house?

Mr. Kolakowski: *[inaudible]* **[0:09:53]**. Yeah.

Interviewer: So you had -- you could walk to your work every day.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, walk every day.

Interviewer: And where is that Morocco shop?

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Mr. Kolakowski: On *[inaudible]* **[0:10:03]**.

Interviewer: So how long were you home did you say about a week or two before you got...?

Mr. Kolakowski: About a week.

Interviewer: About a week.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: How much did they pay you?

Mr. Kolakowski: Five dollars for five days.

Interviewer: How many hours?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, about eight hours a day. Well, *[inaudible]* **[0:10:26]** mostly eight hours *[inaudible]* **[0:10:31]**.

Interviewer: Did you have to work Saturday?

Mr. Kolakowski: Saturday, we got to get up in the morning four o'clock and started working five o'clock working about 11:30 and finish the job.

Interviewer: So you had half a day Saturday off and Sunday.

Mr. Kolakowski: And Sunday, yeah.

Interviewer: Now, how about evening, you have your evenings free, what did you do during the week in the evenings?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, you know, we can't do nothing maybe because we don't have the money to *[inaudible]* **[0:11:03]**. If we come from work, get supper, go at front and sit down and *[inaudible]* **[0:11:13]** get up in the morning and go to work.

Interviewer: How about Saturday afternoon and evening?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, Saturday afternoon, I just have \$0.50 to spend, I go to the *[inaudible]* **[0:11:25]** and come home.

Interviewer: How about Sundays?

Mr. Kolakowski: Sundays, well, we go to the church, nothing cares and don't go no place because we can't.

Interviewer: When you live with your sister, did you have your own room or did you have to share the room?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, I guess we are four boys together sleep for two beds.

Interviewer: Four men on two beds in one room?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, one room. Yeah.

Interviewer: Did you have a bathroom in the house there at that time?

Mr. Kolakowski: At that time, outside. Outside bathroom.

Interviewer: You mean the lavatory was outside?

Mr. Kolakowski: Lavatory, yeah.

Interviewer: No bathroom at all?

Mr. Kolakowski: No bathroom, no.

Interviewer: How did you take your baths?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, *[inaudible]* [0:12:05].

Interviewer: In where, in the kitchen?

Mr. Kolakowski: In the backroom in the kitchen *[inaudible]* [0:12:10].

Interviewer: How did you have -- to hate the water?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, *[inaudible]* [0:12:16].

Interviewer: In big buckets?

Mr. Kolakowski: Big buckets. Yeah, that's right.

Interviewer: We were talking about you working in the Morocco shop and you were paid \$5.50 a week. How long did you stay on this first job?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I think about six months I work in that shop *[inaudible]* [0:12:34] I work in the machine. And after that I make \$8 a week. They raised me pay, you know, because I know the machine. Yeah.

Interviewer: So then you had a job with more money, \$8 a week.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: Did you stay long on that job again? I'm interested in your jobs in here?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I don't have the job over there. I stayed, I think, a couple of years

Interviewer: Couple of years?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah. And after that *[inaudible]* [0:13:03] I think 1911, 1912 I can't get a job in our place. I don't have work in two years.

Interviewer: You were out of work for two years?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, for two years.

Interviewer: Well, how did you manage? There was no welfare then?

Mr. Kolakowski: I know. I can't get from nobody and I just -- I save my money before. I save a little bit every week. I gotten *[inaudible]* [0:13:31]. I never asked nobody for penny. I just tried my best as I can.

Interviewer: Were you single or where you already married then?

Mr. Kolakowski: Single.

Interviewer: Still single.

Mr. Kolakowski: Single. Yeah.

Interviewer: And did you continue living with your sister through the depression?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, at that time. Yes, with my sister.

Interviewer: I am very interested about the depression. Did your sister -- and her husband was also out of work, I supposed, was he?

Mr. Kolakowski: Not working, at that time nobody working. We can't get a job in our place.

Interviewer: How many people in the house without a job?

Mr. Kolakowski: It was all.

Interviewer: So they all lived on savings, did they?

Mr. Kolakowski: That's right.

Interviewer: I supposed you were not paying any board then at that time.

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I still pay my board \$3 a month for my place to sleep *[inaudible]* **[0:14:21]** that time.

Interviewer: I supposed your sister struggle too with her money very much.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, yeah.

Interviewer: So you mentioned that this depression lasted about two years, how did you get a job after that?

Mr. Kolakowski: After that, I find a job *[inaudible]* **[0:14:38]** in New York. I go over there look for a job. I got the job in a locomotive company. I work over there about six weeks, get laid off again because not much work. I come working into *[inaudible]* **[0:14:58]** can't find nothing in it.

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I go to the *[inaudible]* **[0:15:03]** New York. I look over there and *[inaudible]* **[0:15:08]** rich places, I look over there *[inaudible]* **[0:15:17]**. He make job over there. I work in two years down there. And I get -- first time I get to marry over there. I've been two years down here and I have to go back to the *[inaudible]* **[0:15:42]** in 1915 I come to *[inaudible]* **[0:15:47]**.

Interviewer: So you were married not in Wilmington but on Long Island.

Mr. Kolakowski: Long Island, yeah.

Interviewer: Tell me the name of your wife.

Mr. Kolakowski: Eleanor.

Interviewer: And what's her maiden name?

Mr. Kolakowski: Slahitka.

Interviewer: What was she doing there at Long Island?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, she's working with the rich people in housework.

Interviewer: Was she also from Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, she come from Poland. She's 16 years old she come in to this country.

Interviewer: How old were you when you got married?

Mr. Kolakowski: Past 25 years I got married.

Interviewer: How old was your wife?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, she was about 23. Yeah, she's 23 years old.

Interviewer: So here you are in Long Island, she's 23 years old, you're 25, you got married, how long did you both stay in Long Island before you came to Wilmington?

Mr. Kolakowski: Two years.

Interviewer: Did you have any children born over there?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, my son born over there in Long Island, New York.

Interviewer: So you and your wife and your child came back to Wilmington.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: What made you come back?

Mr. Kolakowski: I come to the Wilmington, my boy is 10 months old.

Interviewer: Why did you decide to come to Wilmington?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, because I figured the time get to start *[inaudible]* [0:16:59].

Interviewer: When you came to Wilmington, did you live with somebody or did you get your own home right away?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, at present time I live a couple of months with my sister in their home. After I got a house...

Interviewer: Did you buy the house or did you rent it?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I just rent it. Yeah.

Interviewer: Where were you living then?

Mr. Kolakowski: In Columbia *[inaudible]* **[0:17:27]**.

Interviewer: So when you came to Wilmington, what kind of job did you find here?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, *[inaudible]* **[0:17:36]**.

Interviewer: Again, Morocco.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: How long did you stay on this job and how much did they pay this time?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I make \$9 a week.

Interviewer: And how long did you work in the Morocco factory?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I work for a while, anyhow. I can't exactly remember. After that, you know, everybody get busy again and the war start and I was starting to make more money for \$10 or \$15 a week. That's what I make out. Yeah.

Interviewer: So when did you change the job? Or did you go into business or something after that?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, if I go to the business, just *[inaudible]* **[0:18:17]** both of us working.

Interviewer: Your wife was working?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, she work and I work. We try to save money to buy the property. In present time and *[inaudible]* **[0:18:28]** we have child, one buy, somebody, you know, to watch the boy and I pay \$16 a month to watch the boy. And I got tired with that and I found a place right in *[inaudible]* **[0:18:43]** \$25 a month. If I get that *[inaudible]* **[0:19:05]**, "You stay home. Don't work anymore. Just watch the business and watch the child," the boy, you know. I go to work. I'm working and I work *[inaudible]* **[0:19:20]**.

Interviewer: What kind of business was the first business? What was it?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, candies, cigars and -- it's most like everything, you know, clothing and, like...

Interviewer: Did you expand in your business? Did you have a bigger store? Or where did you move?

Mr. Kolakowski: Oh, just small store, just put so much stock I can put in it and it's been pretty good. And then it started to get busy. I think it was pretty good.

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From that time I buy the store. I have the grocery store for a little while. My wife got sick and after that she got to go to the operation *[inaudible]* **[0:20:13]** and I quit the store because I can't do myself and everything. It's too much work. And she come back, she gets better, she get well *[inaudible]* **[0:20:30]**. Yeah.

Interviewer: From that business that you had on Oak Street, you said, where did you move next? Which kind of business you had next?

Mr. Kolakowski: In the beach *[inaudible]* **[0:20:43]**.

Interviewer: Was it still that same type of business?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, grocery and *[inaudible]* **[0:20:49]**. Yeah.

Interviewer: You mentioned that you only have one child, did you ever have any more children?

Mr. Kolakowski: No, I don't have any.

Interviewer: You -- last time you were saying that you had business in Maryland -- no, on beach?

Mr. Kolakowski: Beach in Harrison.

Interviewer: Beach in Harrison. How long did you stay at that business, about how many years?

Mr. Kolakowski: I think about four years.

Interviewer: And you moved to where from there?

Mr. Kolakowski: *[inaudible] [0:21:14]*.

Interviewer: That was a big place then.

Mr. Kolakowski: A big place, yeah.

Interviewer: All the time that you were in this country, did you correspond, did you write letters to Poland all the time?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yes, that time, yes.

Interviewer: You still have a father and mother in Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, at that time, still my father and mother live.

Interviewer: You mentioned that you came here to your brother and to your sister.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah.

Interviewer: Did anymore relations come to this country after you?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, after that, I bring my brother-in-law. I bring him.

Interviewer: You took care of him?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, yeah.

Interviewer: And he came alone or did he bring your sister?

Mr. Kolakowski: No, he just come himself.

Interviewer: Alone.

Mr. Kolakowski: Himself, yeah, alone. Yeah.

Interviewer: Did he live with you?

Mr. Kolakowski: He live with my sister. Yeah.

Interviewer: And finally, he brought his wife, I supposed.

Mr. Kolakowski: No, no, no. And 1918, you know, that *[inaudible] [0:22:08]*. He died.

Interviewer: Any more relations came to this country that you helped them to come?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, *[inaudible]* [0:22:22]. My youngest brother been this country. He marry here and he go to Poland back again. He has three children in Wilmington. He spent eight years in Poland and *[inaudible]* [0:22:41] him and his wife together. And after, I tried to get his children. I gave those three children to United States. Yeah. I sent them money, sent them, you know, to get them here. I kept them for eight years. And I make them job here and work and save them money. After five years' time, I got my brother from the *[inaudible]* [0:23:24].

Interviewer: And I am interested to know when did you first start learning English. How long were you here before you learn English?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, you got *[inaudible]* [0:23:45].

Interviewer: You just pick it up all the time.

Mr. Kolakowski: Just pick it up *[inaudible]* [0:23:48].

Interviewer: Did you become a citizen of this country, and when?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I go to the post office *[inaudible]* [0:23:58].

Interviewer: At what year was it, do you remember?

Mr. Kolakowski: What year? Look, exactly, I can't exactly remember. I know I have been *[inaudible]* [0:24:14].

Interviewer: About when, about?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well - anyhow, it might be about four or five years ago that I'm citizen of this country. Yeah.

Interviewer: You mentioned that your wife was ill and you never had any more children. Tell me about your wife? How long did she live? How old did she died during your life here, and all that?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah. She, after that, she come from the hospital, from Philadelphia. From that time, she don't have any more children. And *[inaudible]* [0:24:59].

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And my wife, after she have -- she get diabetic, you know, she live. But at 70 she died, 70 years old.

Interviewer: What year was it that she died?

Mr. Kolakowski: **[inaudible] [0:25:21].**

Interviewer: What year? What year, do you remember?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I think '60, I think. No, just a moment, it wouldn't be 10 years. About '60, yeah.

Interviewer: 1960.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, 1960. Yeah.

Interviewer: Mr. Kolakowski, from the conversation I had with you, I can see that you went through two World Wars while you are in this country, World War I and World War II. During World War I, where you able to correspond with your relatives in Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: No. At that time, no.

Interviewer: There were no letters going back and forth?

Mr. Kolakowski: No letters, no.

Interviewer: Now, World War II, was it about the same, was all corresponded stopped between people in Poland and you?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, **[inaudible] [0:26:13].**

Interviewer: When World War II broke out, did you have children old enough to go into the army?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I got this on **[inaudible] [0:26:29].**

Interviewer: Where did he fight? Where was he sent?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, he's been in this country for a little while. And then after they came to Africa, I think South Africa, some place over there **[inaudible] [0:26:46].**

Interviewer: So he came home safely from the war. Was he wounded or not?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, *[inaudible]* [0:27:07] prisoner in Germany. They came to Germany country, they kept him over there. And he came home, four years and a half alto her in the army. He came home and he's so skinny. He gets some kind of sickness *[inaudible]* [0:27:30]. And after he's stable, he got married anyhow. And so, I hand him out my business.

Interviewer: You set him up in business, did you?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, I give him the business *[inaudible]* [0:27:42] raise his children.

Interviewer: He has three children.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, three children. Yeah. In five years' time, my son died.

Interviewer: And you also lost one grandson, did you?

Mr. Kolakowski: One grandson, yeah.

Interviewer: So you now have living only two grandchildren.

Mr. Kolakowski: Two grandchildren. That's all.

Interviewer: You mentioned about your wife dying. That was your first wife. Did you marry again?

Mr. Kolakowski: Well, I married, it'd be nine years now.

Interviewer: And who did you marry? What's her name?

Mr. Kolakowski: Nancy.

Interviewer: You're married nine years with your wife now, with your present wife?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, yeah.

Interviewer: Well, considering all the trouble, considering the depression and the war and the tragedies and the hard time you had and the loss of lives, how do you compare life in America with what it was in Poland when you were there? You're not sorry, are you, that you ever left Poland?

Mr. Kolakowski: Sure. Well, I'm sorry I leave Poland. I'm glad I came to United States and I get citizen paper. I'm glad I'm here because it's better living.

Interviewer: Better living in this country.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, better living.

Interviewer: So in your opinion, living in the United States is the best place in the world?

Mr. Kolakowski: Best place to live. Yeah.

Interviewer: Just for the record, I will ask you again. Your second wife's full name.

Mr. Kolakowski: Nancy Romanovka *[phonetic]* **[0:29:01]**.

Interviewer: Are you happy with this marriage now?

Mr. Kolakowski: I'm happy because I got a good wife.

Interviewer: And you like living in this country?

Mr. Kolakowski: Yes.

Interviewer: And you would never want to be in Europe now, did you?

Mr. Kolakowski: No, no, no I've never been out there. The time I come in to this country, I'm still here.

Interviewer: And you're still satisfied.

Mr. Kolakowski: Yeah, I'm satisfied.

Interviewer: Your life was not altogether happy. But it was a good life.

Mr. Kolakowski: I got a good life, yeah.

Interviewer: So, now, Mr. Kolakowski, I want to conclude this interview. I want to thank you.

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