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The information contained within this document is an edited transcript of an audiotape introduced as evidence at the trial of Robert William Pickton, March 2007. The audiotape was discovered by police searching Pickton's slaughterhouse. The contents of the tape are a 1991 audio letter to a woman named "Victoria."

Names of police officers involved in the transcription and investigation have been edited out.

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PICKTON'S AUDIO LETTER TO VICTORIA  
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Robert PICKTON's audio letter to Victoria LNU - December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1991

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Robert PICKTON: Mister Bob PICKTON from the City of Port Coquitlam and the province of British Columbia in the country of Canada. How are you tonight today is the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December of 1991. Okay here goes nothing....I was born and raised on a small little 13 acre farm in the area of New Westminster where there wasn't many houses around or anything and I'm telling you I did a few stupid...stupid things in my life which I don't want to recall about but I'll...I'll explain them as the tape goes on I mean it's a little foolish there was um...there was four of us in the family now there's only three but accidents do happen, but that...but that happens you know what I mean, I mean you can't expect everything (**tape malfunction**) once upon a time I was uh..I was at our other place here this is when I was about three years old and uh...stupid thing whatever happened I mean..my..I was in the truck there I was only about three or four years old I can't quite remember exactly the day and the age or whatever but it was between three and four years old and it wasn't too bad there I mean I was uh..I was sitting in my dad's...driver side seat in the truck as they were loading the pigs up because I was a little too young to help them load pigs on and I was playing around the steering wheel and all of a sudden I was just...you know, like I was...I thought I was driving the truck or something like that and for some reason I bounced it in neutral somehow or other uh...I shift, I shift the shifter from uh...from the 4<sup>th</sup> speed it had..probably was in reverse so I put in...probably put it into neutral and I started rolling down the hill and we had the pigs halfway loaded in the truck and uh...but this was..this was when I was about three years old so I would say that would be about 1940, no..1952 and um...I believe it was a 1940 old Maple Leaf and I believe not that..was a half tonne or three quarter tonne it was just a Maple Leaf and there's this kind of truck and that kind of truck and um..but it wasn't too bad there and I turn around and truck started rolling the pigs all start jumping off and my dad's running behind the pigs trying to holler to stop the truck and...I didn't know what to do so I smashed it right into a telephone pole, totaled the truck right out and uh...it wasn't...wasn't too bad but boy I sure got the hell beaten out of me but that's what happens I mean...you..uh..you're probably raised on a small farm where you were...where you never had too much money and I remember one time my grandfather was um...my dad was delivering milk to all the neighbors 'cause we only had 2 horses at the time and the horses that we had they were like draft horses (INDECIPHERABLE) packing...packing weight and everything else and my dad was delivering all the milk and we had to go to the store

to get groceries and the grocery store was about oh I guess around two or three miles away, I can't quite remember what we went down there for I think it was for cream of wheat, flower and so on and so forth because we did our own baking here, always did our own baking and because we always tried to save money there was about six or eight...eight guys working...working for us on the farm there and uh...we had about a hundred and fifty two hundred head of hogs, and uh, we had about 18 head of milk cows we never (INDECIPHERABLE)..we never had no uh..no milking machines and nothing like that, not like what they have these days, they're so modernized these days it's unbelievable but it's not too bad I mean it's uh, it's a nice life but it's a hard life I tell ya...I had a hard life and uh..I remember one time my mother uh..my mother always made my clothes all the time and uh, she went out to the store there I guess she must have made some money or something I can't quite remember what it all was ..anyway it was around Christmas time and my mother went down and she bought some new clothes for me and the biggest thing is I was about four or five years old at that time there I..I never wore new clothes, I never ever did wear new clothes, always second hand clothes, anyways when I bought...when my mother bought new clothes for me, dressed me up really all nice and pretty and everything else, I went outside there and I'm telling ya, the..the clothes were all full of starch and was never being washed or anything and it was...and I said it hurt me it hurt me so I threw all my clothes off I ran away with no clothes on but uh...these are the stupid things we kind of do in...in years back and...the problem is I mean..you're not..you're never used to the...um...of new clothes or whatever because I never been brought up that way, I was being brought up (INDECIPHERABLE)..very..very poorly and but we always had food on our table and we always had everything else, and we lived a good life but we lived a hard life, I remember one time there when I was about oh....about, I guess around 11 years...11, 12 years old I was uh...I went out to the...to the auction market and I bought myself a calf and I bought this here beautiful little black white faces, a nice little one. It's only about three weeks old, really, really nice pretty as the day is long and I was...I had this here calf here for ...I was going to keep this calf here for the rest of my life, then the next thing I know I turn around, I mixed my feed up and everything else and...'cause I had to feed all the chickens and do this and do that and after...after when that's all done you mix all your feed up for your other stock for whatever you get behind yourself, you know whatever you own, you got to do that afterwards, because you got the morning you have to do (INDECIPHERABLE) every night, ah...it's not too bad but anyways

I went down there to mix my feed up one time there this was about three weeks after I bought this calf, and I bought this calf for about 35 dollars and um...I went down to the barn there after I mixed the feed up, oh gees it was a nice calf and you know I was going to keep the calf for the rest of my life, but anyways I went down to the barn there and the barn door is wide open, I don't believe it, I went everywhere looking for this here calf and I couldn't find it anywhere's so...then what already happened there they says oh it must have g...it must have got out. I said how can it get out the door, the door is locked I locked the door, he said maybe they took a stroll down the barn, and here I says what would it do something like that for? Anyways I went down to the barn there where the piggery is, and here I see the calf hanging upside down there, they butchered my calf on me, oh boy I was mad, I couldn't talk to anybody for about three or four days I was...I locked everybody out of my own mind and everything else I didn't want to talk to anybody and... but he says uh..here's an extra twenty dollars because (INDECIPHERABLE) I got another 20 dollars more and... the problem is at that time that was big money that was good money and...but that was the name of the game I mean you..you buy today you sell tomorrow and um...until I started realizing that, that's uh...that's life I mean uh...I mean we're only here for so long here and that's it I mean and when you're time is over you're time is over and you let somebody else take over but it's really hard to say I mean like I said I had a really hard life, I remember when I was 13 years old I was up the...I was up in the tree picking plums and uh...when I was up there picking plums and everything else I seen a little..I seen a great big black bear it was about 350 pound black bear was trying to corner me up the tree and um...I was picking the plums for the store because I was selling the plums to the store to make a few dollars here, a few dollars there and everything was really tight in those times, I mean we were going back awhile and now it's not as bad as it was but it's uh..it's tough I mean you really gotta work hard to..to make a dollar and like even my mother says and..I mean that was a good dollar for the calf there I said I'm going to let it go I mean, you can turn, you can go out and buy another one, and I says no I want to keep that calf for the rest of my life and now it's gone I mean I...I mean that really upset me but that happens I mean uh...and that's life and that's when you face the fact that's it I mean, what else can you do you know what I mean? And uh...it's not too bad but as uh...as the time was growing on I mean uh...we...this is back about 1961, 62 when they closed our store down and from there I went..I mean I was going to school alls..all the time all the way right down the line and I remember one time where my brother...he played hooky, I guess

that's what you call it, I mean we only had a...uh..he played hooky in school for 18 days in a row, but I was going to school one way in one school and my brother was going to school the other way in the other school and he never did go to school uh..so he..he went around the circle and he went down behind the house there and crawled up back up in the room and crawled underneath his bed until it was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon he comes out uh..he comes out at 3 o'clock in the afternoon oh well..I'm back home from school already, and he never did go to school and afterwards uh...uh..the principal phoned us up about...about sixteen days later and says what's wrong with your..your son there he doesn't even go to school, yeah he goes to school everyday, so he put a trace on him every time uh, (INDECIPHERABLE) me follow him and he turns around and makes a...makes a circle goes back to the room and everything else and...then he crawls underneath his bed and then we finally sneaks up and talk to him, see what...what are you doing under there you're supposed to be in school, yeah but he says...I don't like school..but anyways after that I mean...then..me and my brother as the time was growing on we were into grade four or something like that and we went into a little one room school, they had four different grades in one school, it was quite...quite nice, it was quite nice because we had four different black boards and uh, really as far as that goes I guess it's down around your way I don't know what they had done there but this is a very new country, this country is only about 124 years old if I'm right, or right around that I'm not saying that...I'm not exactly sure, my dad was born in England and uh..so he came out here and he met my mother over at the aristocratic hamburger place where they make hamburgers and breakfast and this and that, and uh..I mean it's not too bad but it's um..it's nice and uh..he was picking up from the institutions and everything else (INDECIPHERABLE) for the pigs because we were licensed under garbage and my mother she was living in a small little place where...they had the house in the front and the chickens was behind the house, which is okay, but it's um...and she enjoyed it and..afterwards I mean I...that's where my dad met my mother is...aristocratic hamburger, eh..it's not too bad only thing is like I mean is um...that happens I mean it just..it's just incredible how...how in the world...how in the world you meet everybody from one place to another place and from here to there and uh...they got...they got married back in..in the 30's I believe it was...and..no he's not...I guess in the, in the early 40's..I don't have the exact dates in front of me right now but it's uh...it's okay, I mean it's something different but it's uh... and but other times going on we went to this here...go back to school again where I was going to school...I was

going to school there until I guess about 1964 and uh...then I went to from there...I was going to school two days a week and I was working five days a week but I'm talking about long, long hours I was uh...I was a meat cutter for almost uh, six and a half years If I stayed with it for six more months I could work at any...any butcher shop, any plant, or anywheres because you have to have seven years in Canada, I don't know what their...what the diploma is down there is, but anyways I have to have seven years in and I turn around and threw it all out the door at six and a half years, and then after that I said I think I'm going to go back to the farm and I mean I'm fed up of cutting up the meat and doing this and doing that, I'm getting tired of that, I just wanted to learn my trade and go into something else and I came back to the farm here, in 1960...no...1969 that is and um...I went on the farm here looking after the pigs and everything else, but it..it's uh...okay I mean it was a hard life I mean sometimes I was in the store there till almost two or three o'clock in the morning cleaning up and by god darnit I'm telling you, you have to have everything on the shelves and the doors are all unlocked and everything else for 8 o'clock in the morning, and uh..I tell you 8 o'clock in the morning comes awful early when you go to bed at 2:30...3 o'clock in the morning too..and that was, this wasn't just only five days a week, this was seven days a week and like I says I mean uh...uh..so I'm very used to working long..long hard hours as um...I'm sending you some pictures of the trucks that I rebuilt, I mean I'll show you...show you part of some of the work I was doing, uh...along with this here tape and everything else, I wrote a long letter there for you uh... uh..it's been...been a quite a while, thank you very, very much for the Christmas card that I received from you, Victoria, but it's uh, as, uh...but as the time was going on I went back to the farm here, and then 1970 no 1960...no...yeah, 1970 I went to work for the BC Hydro Metro Vancouver and I was trucking there for almost four and a half years and uh...19...no...it was 1975 that was, 1975 I worked for BC Hydro for about four years, 1978 like all my piggery barns and everything else all burnt down I...I was working for Hydro at the same time I was building the barns up, but it was slow I was working by the hour so it's just only..in..in the summer time it's pretty slow for me, so I was building my barns up it took about four and a half months to build my barns up and that was 150 feet long by 34 feet wide, and uh...and it's not too bad I was running over 700...700 head of hogs here at that time, and at the same time I was running out..about 110...120 head of cattle which is I'm talking about a lot of work I mean even myself I was out there until two or three o'clock in the morning and...by god darn you have to be out there first thing tomorrow

morning or you're...if you lose one hour you're all day looking for that hour you'll never get caught up so um...and then from there uh..back when I got to 19...1980 I lost uh... the market went real sour um..for pigs and all that, I sold all my breeding stock and everything else for 20 dollars a piece and all my wieners and feeders I sold it all for 7 dollars a piece, it's really incredible I mean uh..I mean how much the market fluctuates from good to bad, from bad to good sometimes you make it sometimes you don't, and after that I went to...I went..I lost...I guess 27 thousand 800 and some odd dollars in stock, (INDECIPHERABLE) the market went sour because I bought them for 250 dollars a piece, the price of grain was up to....what was it, it was uh...30...no...234 dollars a tonne at that time. Now they're uh...by that time there I says I had to pack it in I quit and um..I know I owe that much money, but uh..what I did I turn around I says hey I know I owe you guys...I know I owe you that much money, so I want to pay you, but I can't pay you right now, so uh, they said that's okay, that's okay that's no problem just..just as long as you're willing to pay for your own uh payments and everything else I said there's no problem there so uh, I went..I went from there and I went to driving trucks for awhile, I went to driving a dump truck 1977 Ford LT 9000 and this was in uh, 1980 when I when I lost so much and uh, I bought this here truck for 20 thousand dollars, 10 thousand dollars down and...pay for the rest and the balance in installments in payments which wasn't too bad, I bought the truck over to Edmonton that's in C...that's in uh, Alberta, I brought it all the way back in BC here I uh...I drove that truck for almost 295 thousand miles, no... 295 thousand kilometer miles which is a lot of miles for a little dump truck and uh..I had it for almost four years I never had a break down I was working from day in and day out, seven days a week, but I looked after it and it looked after me, yeah. Even right up to today I still got the same truck here and my brother bought it off of me back in 1984...'85..uh, the truck looks pretty raunchy right now because my brother never looked after it but...when I had that truck you could eat off the engine it was so clean it was so spotless it was really, really clean I..I mean I washed it twice a week and sometimes I'm washing it for almost two hours at a time, and I had good luck with it and it had good luck with me after when I went into uh...I started building houses, went framing...framing houses and I built one one nice house there it's uh...2 thou...no...1900 square...nineteen hundred and sixty some odd square feet on the bottom floor and the upper floor was 2100 some odd square feet I don't know have exactly the figures right in front of me is...as the time right now it is uh...it was an experience for me because it was something I never did before and uh...turned out real nice, real nice,



it was solid I got more...more concrete and more cement in the footings and more rebar in the footings when it went over the whole massive floor and the uh...I went...I put what 21 yards in the ..in the footings alone, and the footings were 12 inches wide by 24 inches deep, and the pads below that was 12 no 24 inches wide by 8 inches thick that's your pads and I put 54 strands of rebar in there which uh...which is a lot of material and uh...from there after building this house up I mean I was uh...I was getting behind at working on the farm here at the same time, but it wasn't too bad there because I was uh...I was working 7 days a week down there and plus I was working here, plus (INDECIPHERABLE) there and doing this and doing that, I turned around and sold my truck so I didn't have my truck to worry...worry about but after when I sold my truck two...within two weeks later the truck's already broken down, the both axels had broken out of it the drive shaft broken and this and that is broken out of it, but that shows you from uh..what one driver does to another driver, if I was still driving the same truck I probably would have never broken the axle, never done anything, but I know that truck inside out and just the way different people drive different trucks and the just, uh, it's very, very hard on them, unless you know the truck inside out I mean I uh....you've got to be careful what you...what you're getting into and from there I...after when I sold the truck I went to building houses and going here and going there, then I went to work in the rubber place for (INDECIPHERABLE) recapping tires. That's a dirty job, don't ever do that, not that you'd want to or anything but it's a...it's a dirty job, I'm telling you, you're out there day in and day out when you come out of there you smell like rubber when you come out of there, when you go in there you smell like rubber and uh...I'm telling you get rubber all over yourself and everything else I mean it's..not too bad, not too bad but the problem is I mean, I couldn't stick with it for that long a time, so I stayed with it for about four or five days and I packaged it up only the one thing I ever did in my life and I always wanted to, but there was too big a line (INDECIPHERABLE), is I wanted always to go work on a green chain on a saw mill and probably if I did I might be still with them right now, but I was unable to get in there at the time, and when the opening did come open for me, I turned it down because I had another job already doing..I was driving a truck at the time so I uh..I couldn't turn around and turn one away and go onto the other, so that happens, and from there as the time is going on I mean uh...I built (INDECIPHERABLE) whole barn down here back in 1978 uh, I built the cow barn up here in 1964 believe it or not, in 1964 I built a barn up here and I built a machinery shed here in 1968 that was in between I was working the stores at the

same time and uh, and from there I went uh...I went from there over to welding doing mechanic work but I never really took any training or anything, I did it all myself and that's where you learn you..you don't turn...I mean, like I, I, what I'm trying to get into now, I'm trying to get into more body work and he says you want to get into more body work why don't you work in a body shop, I says no I don't want to do that, I want to learn everything on my own I mean I'm not here to...to follow by somebody else's foot steps, I want to follow...I want to make my own mistakes, I mean it's...it's more costly on my behalf, but the problem is you learn by your mistakes and that's the name of the game and what I want to do is as this is such a new country up here, I want to go back down there into the old country and where's there's around like a..a third world what they call it..and uh... you, they know a lot more down there than what I ever known up here and uh...a lot of questions I can...I can ask and up here they don't even have any record of it, but down there, there's old remedies and there's different uh..different kind of medicines down there different kind of this, and different kind of that and that's what I'm trying to get into is..is know more about um...where we...where we went off from the new country to the old country because there's a..a lot..a lot of things that...there's a big, there's a big bunch of changes between here and between there, they never brought anything over here, I mean it..it I don't hold any grudge against it, the only thing is like I mean there's a lot of things that what we should know up here what we don't know, I know they got more computers up here than what you probably got down there, because of the new country I mean sure, no problem there, the only thing is it's not that problem, it's the problem of...of they got..they got their remedies up here which I think there could be more sophisticated if they take back onto the old remedies and just update them, this uh..I mean it's something different and uh, I went from here in 1974 and I...I was gone for almost 6 weeks, I went from here to Kansas city Missouri by plane and from there I went to St. Louis..St. Louis, Missouri all the way up through Chicago and St. Louis, Missouri that's uh..it was about..I was on a bus there and I think I was the only guy that was on the bus the rest was all girls. Holy geez I was only 24 years old at the time, but you won't believe it I'm telling you, unreal I mean...I said what's all happening, where's all the guys? They said they're all in the army uh, I was supposed to go to the army too, the only thing is my mother says no...we gotta keep the..uh, I gotta stay on the farm because I gotta keep the farm...the farm going and uh, so it wasn't too bad there but in '74 we had the gas (INDECIPHERABLE) on the states and when I was down in the states there, they were giving these cherry pies away I believe this was in February

something about uh...somebody chopping a Cherry tree down and or whatever and they were giving all these cherry pies away and uh..it was different it was really different, every store I went into, every place I went into, here take this with you, what's this here another pie? Holy gee, how come they're giving so many pies away I mean...and he says no this is on the house and he said something about somebody...I forgot who it was somebody chopped a cherry tree down and it was on his birthday or something or whatever I can't quite remember, anyways uh, when I went from there to St. Louis, Missouri, I tell you, you got to be careful uh...careful in the...you gotta be careful in Chicago, Chicago is uh...there's lots of black people out there and you gotta be careful you can't be out there at nighttime or anything, it's really a little rough out there, that was back in '74 when there was no gas..when there's no gas around, you go in the gas station there and you..and if you're lucky you can get five dollar...five gallons of gas and that don't go very far, because they always have big motors at the time, but then from there I went over to uh, Detroit, Michigan, Utica Michigan and I was gone for 6 weeks, I had a good time, I met a lot of people and uh...believe it or not, once I had a chance for me, believe it or not, me...I'm just a plain old farm boy, I'm...they want me for a model, model? Me forget it, I'm here on my holidays, model, what's a model? I mean what are you doing modeling, anyway they says that we want you to so and so change clothes, do this and do that and we...we'll give you 40 dollars an hour and I says 40 dollars an hour that sounds..uh...sound opportunity but I says, no I'm here on my holidays I don't think so I don't know what I'm getting into here, like I says I'm just um...I'm just uh...I just want to know more about what the country's like, because I mean the time going on and I was going to even rent a car but I was only 24 years old so, you have to be 25 to rent a car, I'm kind of glad I never did rent a car, because the problem is I mean by the time you rent a car and everything else, that all costs money but I went around by bus, I went here I went there and I..I had a good time, I met a lot of people, there was so many people wanting to come back with me it's unbelievable the oh, uh... they says can we go back with you, is there any more guys like you around any more this, any more that I says, no I am not going to take you back into another country, another world, because uh...it's some place where you have never been in your life, yes that's right, but the problem is I mean it's not for me to take you to another country because uh..I don't know if you're going to be happy there or not, so the biggest thing is you have to uh, you have to turn around and figure out exactly where your line is all that, and figure out what your goal is (INDECIPHERABLE) now what my goal is here, we bought this here

little farm where we're on right now, it's a 40 acre farm back..bought it back in 1963 and a half, it was about half way through 1963 we bought this here place and uh, we've been here for too many years really I gotta say...about let's think about it almost 27, 28 years which is quite a long time on one piece of land, and uh...well I had my experiences here, I got thrown off of horses I got tossed upside down I got mauled by bulls, I got torn apart by wild boars and I'm telling you I had my..I had my mishaps, I had my mishaps and what I want to do is, after when we sell out here I'm on my own I want to...I want out and I'm going to start a whole new life in a whole new place, start everything over and I mean it's..uh..it's a big step but it's uh, but it's not a big step really, because the problem is I mean I've been on my own for a long time but this is still my parents place I mean and my parents are long gone anyways now they...my dad passed away in 1977 as old age, he was 77 years old. And uh, my mother she died with cancer, hard to believe and she was up and going and going and going and she was..like everyday you never, you never keep her down, and even almost to right to the end we had to put her on a stretcher when she left here, she said I want to have a look at this place one..one last time, and so we sat her up uh, she had a look at the place looked all over the place and everything else, I (INDECIPHERABLE) never see this place ever again so...and she's right, she never did, she never did come back and about two months she was in the hospital there and then she was dead, but uh..that's life I mean life comes, life goes you're here today, you're gone tomorrow so really you uh, everybody says you can...I own a piece of land yes...you own a piece of land for as long as you're here for, but you'd never own a piece of land, you'll never own a piece of land, the land owns you, this land has been here for many years before you've been here and the land will be here many years after you're gone, so...just make the best of it as long as you're here, and it's uh...it's not too bad I mean it's incredible I mean but the problem is I mean there is so many life experiences where you see and go through and your friends are dying here and all of a sudden you've got new friends over here, so myself I mean it's uh, life is never, never..no uh, no ending it comes, it goes uh...even on my behalf it was uh...I don't know I think there was about uh..11 of us in my dad's family and now there's only three or four of us left. There's me and my brother and my...uh....my brother's...my brother's I don't know I'm not too sure, in-laws or whatever but there's only about 4 of us left that's in Canada here, I mean it's in the phone book anyways, so I mean it's uh...and believe it or not there was over 11 of us. But that happens, I mean accidents happen uh...my dad always being, all our family been logging all of

our lives for long, that's all it is, everything's being done with wood, my dad...my dad's brother got killed on a bicycle on the last day of work uh, from the mill he was just retiring off of work and he was on his way back home, just just retired, just retired his last day he rides in...he never drove he always rode his bike, he went back and forth on his bike from here to there, back from my place over to his place from there over to here, I mean it's uh...and uh..like I says this here country is only about 123 years old and we never had no paved roads a few years ago, I mean even the road on Dominion Avenue, where we are here, this road here, because last time being paved it wasn't even...it wasn't even...it was never being paved uh, before hand it was tar and gravel and we still got the same old tar and gravel road we had there 20 years ago, that was back 1972 when I believe they put tar and gravel down, and right now we're 1991 oh yeah, oh about 19 years that's about right and uh, I mean we did (INDECIPHERABLE) a few little pot holes here and there but they keep going along filling them..with..with uh...black top, you know, just where ever it's breaking down, but now this place is going up pretty fast and this here we're out of the land freeze as there's already for developing for...for uh..housing, we've got one school..playground the rest are townhouses and condos and a few single family dwellings and hopefully I....I was hoping...hoping that we'd be out of here long before this, but it's holding me all back and now...me..uh..my brother and my brother's girlfriend, they've been living together for almost eight years and it's hard to believe that they they're breaking up and it's uh..it really surprised me but that happens too I mean I myself they want to go their own different way I mean it's okay but I mean it's uh..they want a change in life and that's what they want so she's in the process of moving out of here now, she's taking everything...everything in the whole house pretty well, like all the...I mean, uh, pretty well everything in the house like all the furniture and TV...we got a nice 33 inch color TV in here now, which cost us over 3000 dollars but she no, no she's taking everything, but...myself, I wouldn't settle for anything less on my behalf if I was her and uh...but it's uh...but it's okay I mean uh...I mean I don't hold no grudge against nobody I mean that's what she wants let her go ahead, she's got two little girls not on my brother's side, on her side on her..on her ex...on her boyfriend..on her...this is before my brother even met her, now my brother he...he got two...two kids too..he got a boy and he was born in 1974 no...that's the girl born in 1974 the boy was born in 1978 and uh...uh..right now..now...uh..they're not getting along with their mom right now neither so I think Dave's going to take them and bring them in here and uh, they're going to go to school from here or whatever

I'm not exactly sure, it's way over my head anyways, and I don't really put my nose into their business, because I mean he got his own life to live, and I got mine I mean, I like it...uh..myself I gotta get my shop down there and got this and I got that I got the barns, I got the horses, I got the cattle, I got pigs so on and so forth, and it's keeping me busy mainly through Christmas is really bad uh, I do the odd little butchering here and there for different people, mainly for...for barbequing for Lichon uh..for the Filipino's uh...style barbeques it's uh..I mean it's not too bad and um...I went through about oh 40, 50 head this year already for Lichon for uh...just..just at Christmas time that is, but it's, uh, it's not too bad and it's uh...I mean like I says..I gotta say uh...I've been working on one truck there for almost six months in between times after hours two to three o'clock in the morning, still working this truck and... gee I'm telling you I mean morning comes early and here you got, holy gees, your eyes are getting watery and...you want to keep...you gotta keep on going but you're..you don't know exactly how to and the problem is you're just getting more tired and you just put longer hours in and..just slow down a little bit, when you really feel tired then I just turn around and stop and rest for about 15, 20 minutes, 15 or 20 minutes that is and then I go again I mean that little...that little rest sure means a lot I mean uh, you don't need uh..you don't have to have about 10 or 12 hours sleep like a lot of people says...no you don't I mean 7 hours is more than efficient, but the problem as well when I do that when I leave here I want to slow down, I'm tired and let somebody else take over, I mean uh...I don't want to do that when I leave here, I want to turn around and I want to build myself (INDECIPHERABLE) figure out what I want to do and then buy my own place, but the biggest thing is if I find somebody or whatever and if..or when I find somebody that's when I'll probably settle down and what I'll do I'll build a house myself just to...just the way, because the problem is when you...when you get together with somebody else, I mean it's not just a one way stream it's a two way stream, you got to think on both behalf's I mean not just on my behalf on ...on the other party's behalf too because the biggest thing is I mean uh...uh..I mean they...they think too I mean uh...they gotta plan their way out so the biggest thing is I mean this...(INDECIPHERABLE) one reason why I want to start uh..and do something where uh...where I'm going to feel more comfortable..something what I...what I'm going to do is, when I..feel like what I always feel like (INDECIPHERABLE) and uh, I mean it's okay, it's okay, the only thing is I mean it's, um..it won't be too bad. The only thing is I mean what I want to do is I want to build a house with about a...oh I don't know about four or five...four or five rooms

anyways, six rooms. And I want to have a Planatorium (ph?) Right down the center, spiral staircase I want to have like a tennis court or something out back and probably a built in swimming pool, not that I do any swimming or anything but the problem is I mean you got to build (INDECIPHERABLE) for the year 2000 we're...we're coming in so...sophisticated country now everything's computerized, everything's getting computerized. You..you don't even hardly even find a calculator anymore, I mean you don't find anybody to (INDECIPHERABLE) or anything else or whatever but everything is always done by calculators no more adding machines hardly anything anymore, and uh...but..but you gotta have it you gotta have...fancy this and fancy that and display this, display that and spiral staircase, balcony over top of the planatorium uh...with (INDECIPHERABLE) railing all the way around, make it look really respectable, big high ceiling when you go into the house (INDECIPHERABLE), you gotta have a 9 foot ceiling, I mean I learned all this here things when I was building houses and, uh, I mean the first thing what you do is...I was going to buy a house, I would look into a house the...as soon as you walk in the house you wanna have a nice wide open space, nice and high, second thing is when you get into a house you want uh...the kitchen is the main thing I think because uh, half the time you're spending, half the time in the kitchen and the other big sale-er, sell is, is in the bathroom because a lot of people they want to be in the bathroom, they look in the mirror and this and that I mean and uh, the ensuite doesn't mean nothing, I mean it sure is nice to have a little ensuite off the..off the master bedroom but that don't mean too much I mean myself...they uh, the eye opener is the bathroom, the kitchen, if you have got it displayed nicely with a Gen Air Range right down the center, have it right down the center, make it look really respectable, that's a real big seller and uh...and another thing is when you walk into a house or something like that, you gotta have a nice high ceiling and if you're gonna have a furnace inside, I like to have a ceiling 9 feet high, I built the last house. There was 9 feet high all the way around, and the bathroom was six feet high and uh...all..I had all suspended ceilings, like everything was from the suspended ceilings up to the...up to the rafters was all bare empty, I mean you couldn't see any pipes, you couldn't see nothing, but it's really nice, and the house that I put together over there uh....just the family room was over 700 square feet, just the family room, it takes a lot of furniture to fill a room up, 700 square feet. It's really hard to build it just the way you got to set up at..so it's really hard to say like I says, I mean I went through the (INDECIPHERABLE), and I went through here and I went through there, but I'm telling you even...even uh...when my

brother brings his, brings his trucks over here for me to work on I tell him how to do this, and tell him how to do that and he doesn't do it that way, then it becomes a problem about the only way you can do it, but the biggest thing is that there's so many other people out there, always trying to challenge you because when you're on the top it's hard to stay there, it's very hard to stay there, they're always trying to knock you down one inch or knock you down another way and um, it's different, it's different, but I kind of like it, I kind of like it because the problem is, I mean..they always, they try to do it their way, and then they always come back to me and they want my..my ideas and everything else, believe it or not they do it my way, no matter whatever, whatever which way I say it or whatever, I'm always right it's hard to believe, it's hard to believe, well it's not too bad I mean it uh...even we get (INDECIPHERABLE) over here, I guess I don't know if you've ever heard of but we have a lot of accidents around this way or whatever, and now they putting a big thing down a lot of these trucks that are on the road shouldn't be on the road, I kind of admit that...I really admit that but I mean a lot of these police around here don't know. (INDECIPHERABLE) don't know nothing compared to what I know, I mean I can tell them more stories about between. I can just look at a truck and I can pretty well tell you what's wrong with it. But I was pretty well raised up with trucks, trucks and cars and tractors, and so on and so forth. I remember one time there uh...when I got all chewed up by, uh, by two wild boars I tell you, you can get mauled by a cougar, you can get tore up by a wolverine you can get chewed up by bears, (INDECIPHERABLE) we'll stitch you up that's what the hospital says but when you get mauled by a by a wild boars, forget it, we can wrap you up and we'll take you, we'll give you a tetanus shot and just rest and don't do anything for the next three weeks. Three weeks I got a farm to operate. I can't do that but anyways they said...you have, you have rest you...you have to get somebody else to take over it..you can't..okay no problem I'll figure out what I have to do I'll...okay no problem..just do whatever you can and...so they put me on kind of a stretcher or something like that so you can't bend your leg or anything, so you make it back and have your leg up in the air, I got back here and I says...this is a about mid-summer I go to the (INDECIPHERABLE), it was around the end of June but anyways uh..to make a long story short I went from there, jumped in my tractor and (INDECIPHERABLE) and by god I'll tell you, my legs were sure sore, swollen, I mean they ripped your whole knee cap wide open, but anyways, I got everything all back in place and everything else and...but it still bothers me up to today a little bit, uh..once in awhile you feel a little pain there, mainly when it gets cold



that's when I really feel it but uh, I get on my truck there (INDECIPHERABLE) thank you for listening to the tape on side one there, uh..this is Mister Bob PICKTON from Vancouver, Canada. I was wondering..can you switch over to side two now....

(Side A ends)

(Side B starts)

Robert PICKTON: Uh, starting back where I left off there from when I was on the tractor. I was on the tractor there and I was working at a great big deep gully it was so hot there it was unbelievable how hot it was it was um...I believe it was about 110, 115 degrees uh...some..some areas even hotter than that I believe but it was really, really hot and it was the hottest time I ever been on the..I couldn't get off the tractor, I couldn't move my leg, I couldn't do anything but the problem is I kept on going and I stayed on the tractor all day and all night, and I got all my hay all done, it took me a little while to get it down but it wasn't too bad I mean it turned out really nice and...that's only one time I can remember when I did haying and she was like a torch she was really hot, I took my shirt off I....you won't really believe how hot it was, I'm telling you I got burnt pretty bad, I almost got sun stroke once because uhh, of that time there, then after when I left there I went on...when I was driving a truck there, it was a really hot day on the truck and..I guess I just can't handle the heat anymore like I used to, not that I'm that old or anything I mean come on now don't make me that old yet, but the problem I mean is I mean it uh..that's life I mean it's uh...that happens...happens to the best of us sometimes, and uh, (INDECIPHERABLE), and I was building a house over on Fraser street there in Poco there that big house there then I went from there and I went back here and did a bunch of welding and then about a year ago I started working at an apartment (INDECIPHERABLE), apartment blocks when you're working on condominiums or town houses, so on so forth and it's really quite...quite enjoyable because I probably learn a lot more than you learn anywheres else, and um..I mean I got right into there and...as I know a lot about lumber and everything else, it wasn't really that bad it wasn't really that bad I mean uh...within about three days I had everything over top and everybody was admiring how nice a job I was doing and everything else, I was doing a...I was doing a really nice job but then there was about four no...about seven of us that started work there and they only needed four guys and I was one of the four, in fact I was one of the top four but the only thing is what I did there, I mean...I..everybody

come over they shake they shake my hand and everything else what beautiful job you're doing and everything else, and I said hey don't give me all the credit, please do not I mean there's more than just me working here we all deserve the credit and if you think...if you think one of us deserves the credit we all deserve the credit so I mean...I mean the problem is, a lot of people think of uh, hey you're number one, but it never, it never works that way, it never works that way, you're uh...you're always never think of yourself as number one I mean sure if you think uh..uh..if you think you're somebody or whatever and...but the problem it's..it's hard to be there and..the problem is I mean..you just can't always take the credit you just got to..give the other people the confidence uh...to do what they have to do and I just..and I showed them the way how to do it and then I take off now I mean uh...uh..like I said I got a lot of things on my mind a lot of things going on, a lot of work going on and...myself if I asked them to give me a hand, nobody's around but when they want a hand, they know where I am so I'm going to do the opposite thing I'm going to pretend that I'm not around when I show them how to do it and uh, I mean it's about time for them to start learning on their own I mean someday I'm not going to be here I'm might be somewhere else or wherever and...and they won't have me to depend on so I'm going to uh..I started this year about uh...oh about a month and a half ago now I mean I just can't uh...sure no problem they needed welding done and they need this done, they need that done. There's no problem there, I give them a hand to do this and do that, I mean there's no problem there, only thing is that it uh..sometimes they ask for a little too much and I don't get nothing back in return it wouldn't be so bad if they gave me a hand or whatever, but it's not to bad I mean uh, I kind of enjoy it and...the biggest thing is I mean uh...I got uh, I put in..I put a nice truck together I got to put a...I got to put another wreck together one that hit by a train a truck got totaled right up by a train uh, I gotta fix that one all back up it's a..it's one mess...one hell of a mess but I mean I'll fix it up I'll put it back together again I'll get it running, it'll be a nice truck when I'm finished with it, it's uh..it's going to take me a little bit of time and uh..dealing on a couple of cars right now and everything else, one's got a blown motor it's in a 1980...no 1982 Oldsmobile front wheel drive, four cylinder and uh..I got a bit of a motor job on that thing there, then I got a Datsun with a four speed transmission with a blown..blown tranny which is no problem that's an easy..that's an easy repair job and uh...I don't know it's not too bad I mean it's...everybody else is bringing their stuff over to me and...I'm kind of turning them away because I've got my own stuff to do I got to put a bit...I've got to build a dump truck yet, I gotta have another dump

truck on the road by April of this..April of 1992 and that's uh, 1979 Ford 700 it's a conventional F700 it's a conventional truck, uh...but it's not too bad I mean gotta put dump boxes on it gotta fix this up, put that on, get it certified and so on and so forth all the way down the line, it's alright I mean it's uh..it's...it's okay...and also is I...I got to build one more, another truck up this will be a 1976 Ford F350 I gotta build that right from the frame up again, same thing as I did on my Chevy 1983 Chev...I built it right from the frame up, right from the bare frame, right from no wheels no nothing, the motor blown and no transmission no nothing and I...it took me six months to put that together but it turned out really nice truck, really nice truck, a lot of people gave me compliments on it, that is uh..uh..some people asked me if I want to sell it and I says no I don't know, I said I'll tell you what I'll give you 6900, 7000 dollars for it I want that truck, I said hey I mean it uh..I put 3500 dollars worth of parts in that thing, but it's a..it's a nice truck, it runs nice it uh, drives nice and uh...not that you guys know too much about trucks probably. I don't know. I'm not sure I mean it's hard to really say, I just can't say that I know everything, 'cause I don't I can't say I know everything and a lot of people says they do know everything when they don't so um..its not too bad, it's not too bad but anyways I'm going to transfer over to a couple songs while this tape is still going on and uh... I mean some of these songs I kind of really like and I hope you don't mind, and I know it's very close to Christmas and it's going to be by the time you get this it will be well after Christmas and..I guess I've got some photographs coming in but I don't have them in yet, so I'm going to..I'm going to hang onto this here tape until the photographs come in and I'll send them out with...with the tape, okay.. Just bear with me and...and you'll hear the..hear a couple of these songs that I kind of picked out....

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(INDECIPHERABLE)

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