



MARSHALL
REMEMBERS APOLLO

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00:00:01,130 --> 00:00:14,360

[Music]

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00:00:14,370 --> 00:00:17,920

you

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00:00:25,030 --> 00:00:21,550

I actually came to Marsha in 1967 as a

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00:00:27,610 --> 00:00:25,040

co-op from Alabama in him I really

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00:00:29,500 --> 00:00:27,620

hadn't thought about coming to NASA but

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00:00:31,589 --> 00:00:29,510

I kind of got bored with college for a

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00:00:33,790 --> 00:00:31,599

semester and decided to go down to the

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00:00:37,420 --> 00:00:33,800

coop office and they had this position

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00:00:39,760 --> 00:00:37,430

available at Martian and I applied for

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00:00:42,250 --> 00:00:39,770

it and and got it where the process

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00:00:45,370 --> 00:00:42,260

while you go sign up in the coop office

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00:00:47,410 --> 00:00:45,380

and then they would all show you the

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00:00:49,900 --> 00:00:47,420

position that was available that was in

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00:00:52,180 --> 00:00:49,910

your particular major so I just went and

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00:00:54,460 --> 00:00:52,190

it happen to be a position open at

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00:00:56,710 --> 00:00:54,470

Marshall and the reason I liked that

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00:00:59,619 --> 00:00:56,720

position what because I could steal and

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00:01:01,390 --> 00:00:59,629

at school and the dormitories and and

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00:01:03,910 --> 00:01:01,400

come back tomorrow every day versus

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00:01:05,800 --> 00:01:03,920

having to move a lot of folks coop they

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00:01:08,020 --> 00:01:05,810

went to different cities so you had to

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00:01:10,480 --> 00:01:08,030

go find residents and all that stuff for

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00:01:12,850 --> 00:01:10,490

me it was a lot easier to accept a

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00:01:17,230 --> 00:01:12,860

moistur position wherever an act when I

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00:01:19,600 --> 00:01:17,240

can am and and 6to4 I decided to major

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00:01:22,540 --> 00:01:19,610

in math primarily because of Frank

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00:01:26,310 --> 00:01:22,550

Harley who had gone a.m. and taught me

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00:01:28,270 --> 00:01:26,320

math in high school and at that time in

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00:01:30,940 --> 00:01:28,280

Alabama if you didn't have eight

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00:01:34,390 --> 00:01:30,950

students taking a course the state

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00:01:38,760 --> 00:01:34,400

wouldn't pay for what anybody to teach

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00:01:41,470 --> 00:01:38,770

the class so Frank Hollis trigonometry

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00:01:43,330 --> 00:01:41,480

after school we came back after school

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00:01:45,580 --> 00:01:43,340

to teach trigonometry because we didn't

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00:01:49,810 --> 00:01:45,590

have eight people wanting to take it he

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00:01:52,420 --> 00:01:49,820

taught our serial trimmer and I geometry

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:52,430

doing one of our breaks and taught us

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00:02:00,280 --> 00:01:56,000

advanced Arabic doing some study hall so

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00:02:03,250 --> 00:02:00,290

we was able to pick up therefore from

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00:02:05,980 --> 00:02:03,260

Frank because he he was just debt on

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00:02:10,330 --> 00:02:05,990

interested in students being able to or

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00:02:12,910 --> 00:02:10,340

to median math when I came to A&M my a

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durable class was the same algebra book

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00:02:16,180 --> 00:02:14,569

that I'd used in high school I guess

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00:02:18,460 --> 00:02:16,190

that's the only book Frank had so he

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00:02:20,050 --> 00:02:18,470

taught us out of that stuff so that one

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00:02:21,640 --> 00:02:20,060

thing people thought I really smart but

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00:02:23,290 --> 00:02:21,650

they didn't know I had already taken the

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00:02:23,950 --> 00:02:23,300

course once before so that worked out

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00:02:26,350 --> 00:02:23,960

really good

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00:02:28,810 --> 00:02:26,360
but how would foster came to a dime

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00:02:34,450 --> 00:02:28,820
about that same time and he started the

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00:02:36,250 --> 00:02:34,460
physics program now so myself and other

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00:02:38,800 --> 00:02:36,260
students were the first students to

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00:02:41,770 --> 00:02:38,810
minor in physics at Alabama A&M so

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00:02:45,370 --> 00:02:41,780
foster start that program and you know

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00:02:48,430 --> 00:02:45,380
eventually they produce the PhD in that

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:48,440
program which was a big tribute to dr.

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00:02:54,250 --> 00:02:51,200
Foster so he was really pushing math and

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00:02:57,160 --> 00:02:54,260
science and he also our was the one that

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00:03:02,140 --> 00:02:57,170
started helping students get on

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00:03:04,600 --> 00:03:02,150
positions I had a redstone and NASA and

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00:03:06,970 --> 00:03:04,610

also he had disagreement with in my

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00:03:09,400 --> 00:03:06,980

teeth that he could send students there

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00:03:11,920 --> 00:03:09,410

doing the summer so he kind of explained

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00:03:14,260 --> 00:03:11,930

it you know the horizon for students to

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00:03:17,230 --> 00:03:14,270

have opportunity to go to graduate

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00:03:20,290 --> 00:03:17,240

school after am so so I think it was

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00:03:21,940 --> 00:03:20,300

really the beginning I would see of the

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00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:21,950

Renaissance of math and science at

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00:03:29,170 --> 00:03:24,560

Alabama A&M and my first job at Marsha

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00:03:32,260 --> 00:03:29,180

was the computer operator and bill on

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00:03:35,380 --> 00:03:32,270

4200 down in the basement and operated a

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00:03:38,230 --> 00:03:35,390

controlled date of 1600 computer where

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00:03:39,940 --> 00:03:38,240

my first day as I always say it was kind

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of exciting and every henshin at the

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00:03:46,480 --> 00:03:42,980

same time because I had always been in a

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00:03:48,660 --> 00:03:46,490

total black environment you know I had

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00:03:50,770 --> 00:03:48,670

went to all-black high school and AM was

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00:03:54,210 --> 00:03:50,780

predominantly black so when I came to

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00:03:57,520 --> 00:03:54,220

NASA that was my first time being or

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00:04:00,160 --> 00:03:57,530

kind of integrated into early a majority

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00:04:03,340 --> 00:04:00,170

organization so the kind of impressive

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00:04:05,530 --> 00:04:03,350

about how that was going to be and kind

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00:04:07,510 --> 00:04:05,540

of excited about coming to NASA and

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00:04:11,880 --> 00:04:07,520

finding out what was going on there so

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00:04:14,590 --> 00:04:11,890

my first day I came in and it was very

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00:04:16,410 --> 00:04:14,600

nicely to our Doris Road and I never

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00:04:19,810 --> 00:04:16,420

will forget as she was over the

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00:04:23,200 --> 00:04:19,820

operation of the computer that anything

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00:04:25,600 --> 00:04:23,210

and so I came in and Larry Caddick guy

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00:04:29,530 --> 00:04:25,610

from Auburn we both came in the same day

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00:04:31,300 --> 00:04:29,540

as co-op and she said you boys don't

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00:04:34,659 --> 00:04:31,310

have to be afraid I can teach you how to

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00:04:37,540 --> 00:04:34,669

operate a computer so so from now and

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00:04:39,879 --> 00:04:37,550

she made us feel relaxed and

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00:04:42,249 --> 00:04:39,889

it really was an easier transition going

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00:04:44,499 --> 00:04:42,259

to learn how to operate the computer on

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00:04:47,650 --> 00:04:44,509

the first date when I came to the

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00:04:49,809 --> 00:04:47,660

computer lab special operating in 4200 I

101
00:04:53,110 --> 00:04:49,819
was in 4200 and most of the other folks

102
00:04:54,820 --> 00:04:53,120
in computer levels in 46 63 so there

103
00:04:57,520 --> 00:04:54,830
were some blacks doesn't new over there

104
00:04:59,920 --> 00:04:57,530
but you know my first experience like I

105
00:05:01,659 --> 00:04:59,930
guess most of my first semester I didn't

106
00:05:03,879 --> 00:05:01,669
get have much interaction over there but

107
00:05:07,210 --> 00:05:03,889
there were people like Clyde Foster

108
00:05:10,390 --> 00:05:07,220
Delana highly rich at hall and a flood

109
00:05:12,850 --> 00:05:10,400
sure that was working in the in the

110
00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:12,860
computer lab that I knew so later on I

111
00:05:16,839 --> 00:05:14,479
had a chance to interact with them and

112
00:05:19,779 --> 00:05:16,849
they was able to or kind of lead me

113
00:05:26,370 --> 00:05:19,789

through the process and the things you

114

00:05:31,200 --> 00:05:28,440

didn't notice that a whole lot but you

115

00:05:34,130 --> 00:05:31,210

know at that time I think it was a I

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00:05:36,570 --> 00:05:34,140

didn't notice the cursor had changed oh

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00:05:38,610 --> 00:05:36,580

you know women's wouldn't allowed to

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00:05:40,860 --> 00:05:38,620

wear pants back in that timeframe a lot

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00:05:46,290 --> 00:05:40,870

of people don't remember them but uh I

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00:05:48,780 --> 00:05:46,300

think it was like 16 68 6 or something

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00:05:50,730 --> 00:05:48,790

and when they first said women's wear

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00:05:54,320 --> 00:05:50,740

pants to work so so that was a big

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00:05:56,820 --> 00:05:54,330

change I didn't notice that we had more

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00:05:58,410 --> 00:05:56,830

blacks coming on coop at that time

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00:06:01,400 --> 00:05:58,420

because they will say other people for

126
00:06:05,130 --> 00:06:01,410
me and him that came on coops before

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00:06:07,380 --> 00:06:05,140
before after ideas so so I could sense

128
00:06:09,750 --> 00:06:07,390
that there was some change in but you

129
00:06:12,240 --> 00:06:09,760
know the whole management structure was

130
00:06:14,670 --> 00:06:12,250
primarily white you know there weren't

131
00:06:17,340 --> 00:06:14,680
very many blacks and in management at

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00:06:19,620 --> 00:06:17,350
that time so I really didn't think much

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00:06:22,500 --> 00:06:19,630
about it I just knew that I wanted to do

134
00:06:24,330 --> 00:06:22,510
the best job that I could and that you

135
00:06:28,100 --> 00:06:24,340
know I had aspirations from the very

136
00:06:30,180 --> 00:06:28,110
beginning I guess I did a paper

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00:06:31,770 --> 00:06:30,190
everything graduate school where they

138
00:06:34,320 --> 00:06:31,780

said lay out your career and I kind of

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00:06:36,870 --> 00:06:34,330

laid out my career and my goal was to be

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00:06:39,330 --> 00:06:36,880

in charge of a major organization within

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00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:39,340

NASA some didn't really see I guess the

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00:06:44,430 --> 00:06:41,680

direct relationship between you know

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:44,440

what was happening locally like downtown

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00:06:50,190 --> 00:06:48,400

in motion but I did see the effort to to

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00:06:53,210 --> 00:06:50,200

hire more minorities in motion during

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00:06:56,070 --> 00:06:53,220

that time period Lee I mean once the EEO

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00:06:58,290 --> 00:06:56,080

board got up and running they kind of

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00:07:00,210 --> 00:06:58,300

set goals for sinners to do and they

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00:07:02,670 --> 00:07:00,220

start actually looking at the percentage

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00:07:05,730 --> 00:07:02,680

of minority had so that wasn't there was

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00:07:07,980 --> 00:07:05,740

a big effort to go and and and recruit

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00:07:10,080 --> 00:07:07,990

and how more minorities and Charlie

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00:07:13,020 --> 00:07:10,090

Smoot was hired in the Human Resources

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00:07:16,740 --> 00:07:13,030

office back at that time primarily to

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00:07:19,080 --> 00:07:16,750

recruit blacks to NASA and a lot of the

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00:07:20,940 --> 00:07:19,090

blacks that came in was a result of

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00:07:23,220 --> 00:07:20,950

Charlie going out recruiting them

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00:07:25,350 --> 00:07:23,230

between I think between Charlie Smoot

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00:07:28,680 --> 00:07:25,360

and Clyde Foster they probably brought

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00:07:30,930 --> 00:07:28,690

in 90% of the Earl or blacks that the

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00:07:37,379 --> 00:07:30,940

moisture space flexing of both of those

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00:07:42,180 --> 00:07:40,350

I've talked to Charlie about that over

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00:07:44,490 --> 00:07:42,190

the years and what he did he said we

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00:07:47,430 --> 00:07:44,500

have an opportunity here to get a good

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00:07:50,159 --> 00:07:47,440

job he talked about Hunt's vehicles even

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00:07:51,480 --> 00:07:50,169

though he was from over on us feel had

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00:07:54,719 --> 00:07:51,490

been around him for a while his wife

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00:07:58,950 --> 00:07:54,729

worked at Alabama A&M so he could sell

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00:08:02,670 --> 00:07:58,960

them only you know the the ANM community

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00:08:05,809 --> 00:08:02,680

are primarily selling on opportunity at

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00:08:08,969 --> 00:08:05,819

Marcia to come to be a part of something

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00:08:11,309 --> 00:08:08,979

great early on so I think that what

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00:08:14,219 --> 00:08:11,319

Charlie's message you know we have a

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00:08:16,020 --> 00:08:14,229

fluent black community here you know

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00:08:18,540 --> 00:08:16,030

Marcia we're gonna give you the

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00:08:21,210 --> 00:08:18,550

opportunity to succeed in a career and

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00:08:23,580 --> 00:08:21,220

in math and science that you've all you

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00:08:25,200 --> 00:08:23,590

know you went to school for I know some

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00:08:28,080 --> 00:08:25,210

of his big recruiting down Southern

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00:08:30,839 --> 00:08:28,090

University for he talked some people in

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00:08:33,659 --> 00:08:30,849

FM coming I said after I will start

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00:08:37,589 --> 00:08:33,669

cooperating we had a I think one of my

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00:08:42,920 --> 00:08:37,599

alternate court was memorable from down

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00:08:46,820 --> 00:08:44,810

you know if I thought there was the

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00:08:49,160 --> 00:08:46,830

issue I went to talk to people you know

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00:08:51,500 --> 00:08:49,170

I think we've talked about before that

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00:08:53,510 --> 00:08:51,510

day would this one got it people kind of

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00:08:56,000 --> 00:08:53,520

said that he was prejudiced in all this

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00:08:58,790 --> 00:08:56,010

so I went to his office and sat down and

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00:09:01,640 --> 00:08:58,800

talked to him and and he said well I'm

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00:09:03,980 --> 00:09:01,650

not productive and I will help you learn

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00:09:05,840 --> 00:09:03,990

as much as I can until I think you're

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00:09:06,770 --> 00:09:05,850

ready to take over my job and then I'm

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00:09:08,660 --> 00:09:06,780

not telling you anything

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00:09:10,910 --> 00:09:08,670

one of the thing that I always a

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00:09:12,380 --> 00:09:10,920

remembered you know how you go an

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00:09:14,180 --> 00:09:12,390

organization that more people are

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00:09:16,430 --> 00:09:14,190

looking at yourself you have a bigger

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00:09:18,380 --> 00:09:16,440

responsibility to carry yourself in a

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00:09:21,620 --> 00:09:18,390

certain way so when I came out here I

201
00:09:25,060 --> 00:09:21,630
think the high black was a gs-13 and it

202
00:09:27,710 --> 00:09:25,070
was clouds false then you know you know

203
00:09:29,300 --> 00:09:27,720
Heidi and those guys over in come laughs

204
00:09:32,630 --> 00:09:29,310
I think that would be that was the

205
00:09:35,540 --> 00:09:32,640
highest grade we had out here and later

206
00:09:37,730 --> 00:09:35,550
on I think you know after the EEO office

207
00:09:41,300 --> 00:09:37,740
get started you know Clyde got promoted

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00:09:44,120 --> 00:09:41,310
to a 14 when he came to the office and

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00:09:47,120 --> 00:09:44,130
and then eventually all some of the

210
00:09:50,660 --> 00:09:47,130
other guys got promoted to a young - 14

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00:09:53,600 --> 00:09:50,670
people like Richard Hall and fletching

212
00:09:57,110 --> 00:09:53,610
those guys and Lord gardening he was in

213
00:10:03,910 --> 00:09:57,120

paid you know program development I

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00:10:09,310 --> 00:10:06,610

wellyeah cloud was you know he was one

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00:10:11,519 --> 00:10:09,320

of those guys and one of his mantras was

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00:10:15,100 --> 00:10:11,529

Clyde to always try to help other people

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00:10:17,350 --> 00:10:15,110

so although he was a you know very smart

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00:10:20,019 --> 00:10:17,360

and very successful himself he always

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00:10:22,720 --> 00:10:20,029

looked at 420 of other people you know

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00:10:24,310 --> 00:10:22,730

being interested in in computer science

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00:10:26,980 --> 00:10:24,320

and wanting to give people the

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00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:26,990

opportunity now they gave him a leave of

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00:10:31,540 --> 00:10:29,120

absence from NASA to go work at A&M

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00:10:33,490 --> 00:10:31,550

full-time and he started a computer

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00:10:35,740 --> 00:10:33,500

program and turned out that was the

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00:10:37,630 --> 00:10:35,750

first computer science on program in the

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00:10:39,880 --> 00:10:37,640

state of Alabama at Alabama A&M

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00:10:42,519 --> 00:10:39,890

a lot of people probably don't know that

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00:10:44,440 --> 00:10:42,529

now but you know Clyde he did all that

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00:10:46,960 --> 00:10:44,450

and you know I kind of won that you know

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00:10:49,269 --> 00:10:46,970

you know how do you kind of do that on

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00:10:52,000 --> 00:10:49,279

your own you know from just going with

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00:10:54,340 --> 00:10:52,010

the limited resources in in but a very

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00:10:56,380 --> 00:10:54,350

successful program I mean still

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00:10:59,550 --> 00:10:56,390

successful program today and students

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00:11:02,170 --> 00:10:59,560

are able to contribute from his efforts

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00:11:04,360 --> 00:11:02,180

so one of the things in a couple have

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00:11:07,090 --> 00:11:04,370

our in program and you know you have to

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00:11:09,730 --> 00:11:07,100

have certain certifications to do

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00:11:11,920 --> 00:11:09,740

certain kind of program and at that time

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00:11:14,620 --> 00:11:11,930

most of the training was done downtown

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00:11:17,019 --> 00:11:14,630

in hotels and you know blacks weren't

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00:11:19,600 --> 00:11:17,029

allowed and then early or late 50s and

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00:11:23,350 --> 00:11:19,610

things so cloud to work to get those

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00:11:25,630 --> 00:11:23,360

courses taught at a.m. on he went to IBM

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00:11:28,389 --> 00:11:25,640

or somewhere else to take the courses to

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00:11:30,069 --> 00:11:28,399

get certified so so his big push was to

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00:11:32,829 --> 00:11:30,079

make sure that opportunities was

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00:11:35,439 --> 00:11:32,839

available for everybody and when I first

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00:11:37,540 --> 00:11:35,449

came on full-time in August so about six

251
00:11:39,819 --> 00:11:37,550
to eight kind of pulled me to the side

252
00:11:42,699 --> 00:11:39,829
and say I know you I know you're smart

253
00:11:45,130 --> 00:11:42,709
say if you are if you keep your nose

254
00:11:47,590 --> 00:11:45,140
clean and do a good job you can go

255
00:11:49,389 --> 00:11:47,600
forward in this organization you know so

256
00:11:51,699 --> 00:11:49,399
I kind of wonder what - keep your nose

257
00:11:53,740 --> 00:11:51,709
clean was but eventually I found that

258
00:11:56,170 --> 00:11:53,750
that was you know not not get into

259
00:11:58,480 --> 00:11:56,180
trouble do you work and and and thing

260
00:12:00,699 --> 00:11:58,490
would work out for you so so he was good

261
00:12:05,319 --> 00:12:00,709
in that perspective and you know later

262
00:12:08,860 --> 00:12:05,329
on about 7:00 to 3:00 us some time they

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00:12:12,939 --> 00:12:08,870

started agency-wide eco opportunity

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00:12:16,540 --> 00:12:12,949

board and I Clyde had was made deputy or

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00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:16,550

eel officer at martial arts innocent so

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00:12:20,060 --> 00:12:17,760

we got a chance to

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00:12:21,710 --> 00:12:20,070

a lot then because I was on that board

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00:12:24,140 --> 00:12:21,720

when they started the board it was made

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00:12:25,670 --> 00:12:24,150

I pulled the EEO officers from all the

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00:12:28,340 --> 00:12:25,680

sinner and all the deputy center

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00:12:29,750 --> 00:12:28,350

directors and they had four employees on

272

00:12:32,300 --> 00:12:29,760

that board and I was one of those

273

00:12:35,600 --> 00:12:32,310

employees we had a lady from garlic

274

00:12:37,700 --> 00:12:35,610

black lady in a white lady from Ames and

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00:12:40,400 --> 00:12:37,710

then we had an expending gentleman from

276

00:12:43,040 --> 00:12:40,410

down at Kennedy Space Center so the four

277

00:12:46,910 --> 00:12:43,050

of us was on there I guess

278

00:12:49,490 --> 00:12:46,920

took Carolyn give the employees a voice

279

00:12:52,520 --> 00:12:49,500

but they didn't realize that we had big

280

00:12:54,470 --> 00:12:52,530

voices so we are kind of rock the boat

281

00:12:57,440 --> 00:12:54,480

on a lot of stuff as a part of that

282

00:13:04,590 --> 00:12:57,450

committee and eventually they decided

283

00:13:10,509 --> 00:13:06,970

unfortunately I was fighting a war for

284

00:13:14,019 --> 00:13:10,519

us casaya drafted into the army right

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00:13:16,480 --> 00:13:14,029

after i came to work for vanessa so i

286

00:13:19,210 --> 00:13:16,490

was i was in the army

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00:13:21,670 --> 00:13:19,220

at that time and we was all looking at

288

00:13:24,040 --> 00:13:21,680

it on TV and everybody was looking at me

289

00:13:25,720 --> 00:13:24,050

because I was at NASA saying is this

290

00:13:28,480 --> 00:13:25,730

coming being successful so you know I

291

00:13:30,549 --> 00:13:28,490

was assuring everybody that it was great

292

00:13:32,439 --> 00:13:30,559

and it was gonna work and it really did

293

00:13:34,840 --> 00:13:32,449

you know something so I wasn't I didn't

294

00:13:36,699 --> 00:13:34,850

get an opportunity to go seeing it

295

00:13:39,970 --> 00:13:36,709

Apollo launches but you know from my

296

00:13:43,360 --> 00:13:39,980

knowledge and Marsha and my arm being

297

00:13:45,369 --> 00:13:43,370

able to or running the programs of the

298

00:13:47,739 --> 00:13:45,379

trajector to the moon from a lot of the

299

00:13:50,230 --> 00:13:47,749

folks as co-op and also start some of

300

00:13:52,210 --> 00:13:50,240

the programming that I graduated I kind

301

00:13:54,220 --> 00:13:52,220

of knew the steps and I could say this

302

00:13:55,809 --> 00:13:54,230

is what should happen next this is what

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00:13:57,639 --> 00:13:55,819

should happen next so I could go through

304

00:14:01,210 --> 00:13:57,649

the sequence of what was supposed to

305

00:14:03,429 --> 00:14:01,220

happen my class graduated in May of 1968

306

00:14:05,949 --> 00:14:03,439

and I didn't graduate to August because

307

00:14:07,989 --> 00:14:05,959

I had done the to co-op period which is

308

00:14:11,049 --> 00:14:07,999

very fortunate the only graduate three

309

00:14:13,689 --> 00:14:11,059

months later than my class but before I

310

00:14:16,299 --> 00:14:13,699

got home and me I had a letter to go

311

00:14:18,939 --> 00:14:16,309

down for my examination you know for

312

00:14:21,040 --> 00:14:18,949

physical for the army so I came back got

313

00:14:23,710 --> 00:14:21,050

a draft board and told him I wasn't

314

00:14:25,780 --> 00:14:23,720

graduating to August so you know could

315

00:14:27,340 --> 00:14:25,790

they see fit did not draft me before

316

00:14:29,590 --> 00:14:27,350

August and they assured me that they

317

00:14:30,069 --> 00:14:29,600

would but they didn't give me much time

318

00:14:33,699 --> 00:14:30,079

my buddy

319

00:14:36,009 --> 00:14:33,709

in September I got the letter to say you

320

00:14:37,780 --> 00:14:36,019

have to go in October see so but I went

321

00:14:39,970 --> 00:14:37,790

to Fort Benning did basic training at

322

00:14:43,480 --> 00:14:39,980

Fort Benning and then I got assigned to

323

00:14:45,579 --> 00:14:43,490

Fort Lewis Washington and I was as a

324

00:14:48,489 --> 00:14:45,589

computer operator so my experience at a

325

00:14:50,619 --> 00:14:48,499

computer awful really gave me a good MOS

326

00:14:52,410 --> 00:14:50,629

in the army so I didn't have to go out

327

00:14:55,419 --> 00:14:52,420

to infantry and all of those good things

328

00:14:57,489 --> 00:14:55,429

so I Fort Lewis working in an overseas

329

00:15:01,179 --> 00:14:57,499

replacement office where we actually

330

00:15:03,699 --> 00:15:01,189

process people through that was going to

331

00:15:06,160 --> 00:15:03,709

Korea and Vietnam primarily to Vietnam

332

00:15:07,929 --> 00:15:06,170

so we got our list every day of

333

00:15:09,669 --> 00:15:07,939

everybody that was coming through so I

334

00:15:12,220 --> 00:15:09,679

go down the list to see if there were

335

00:15:14,110 --> 00:15:12,230

people don't know that I knew and a lot

336

00:15:15,879 --> 00:15:14,120

of my friends came through some of the

337

00:15:16,240 --> 00:15:15,889

people that I was in basic training came

338

00:15:18,670 --> 00:15:16,250

through

339

00:15:20,590 --> 00:15:18,680

so I'd go down and have a drink with him

340

00:15:21,430 --> 00:15:20,600

and say I hope I have one wish before

341

00:15:24,580 --> 00:15:21,440

you come back

342

00:15:26,950 --> 00:15:24,590

fortunately when we got down to about 17

343

00:15:29,830 --> 00:15:26,960

months us so in that particular unit

344

00:15:31,630 --> 00:15:29,840

people usually got sent to Vietnam I got

345

00:15:33,640 --> 00:15:31,640

down to about 14 months and I got

346

00:15:36,910 --> 00:15:33,650

assigned to the Pentagon so people say

347

00:15:39,220 --> 00:15:36,920

who do you know so I don't know anybody

348

00:15:41,680 --> 00:15:39,230

you know but they needed compute

349

00:15:44,920 --> 00:15:41,690

operators so that that computer

350

00:15:47,050 --> 00:15:44,930

operation experienced really benefited

351

00:15:50,040 --> 00:15:47,060

me throughout being an army so got

352

00:15:52,810 --> 00:15:50,050

assigned to the Pentagon and far more to

353

00:15:55,390 --> 00:15:52,820

lots of services unit you know we had

354

00:15:58,810 --> 00:15:55,400

Air Force Navy and all of those guys in

355

00:15:59,290 --> 00:15:58,820

and we actually worked in the up at for

356

00:16:01,750 --> 00:15:59,300

Ritchie

357

00:16:04,060 --> 00:16:01,760

where they held underground Pentagon up

358

00:16:05,770 --> 00:16:04,070

they and them in the mountain essel so

359

00:16:09,070 --> 00:16:05,780

that was very fortunate didn't go to

360

00:16:15,450 --> 00:16:09,080

Vietnam you know watched a lot of folks

361

00:16:20,670 --> 00:16:18,120

I could see that the time frame

362

00:16:23,610 --> 00:16:20,680

forgiving promoter to a14 was too long

363

00:16:25,620 --> 00:16:23,620

for my ambition so that's when I decided

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00:16:27,900 --> 00:16:25,630

to apply for jobs elsewhere so I applied

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00:16:30,810 --> 00:16:27,910

for a job at headquarters and apply for

366

00:16:33,210 --> 00:16:30,820

a job at Kennedy and within a one week

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00:16:34,890 --> 00:16:33,220

period I got I got two job offers at

368

00:16:36,780 --> 00:16:34,900

headquarters in the one job office

369

00:16:40,260 --> 00:16:36,790

dining Kennedy so I decided to take the

370

00:16:42,300 --> 00:16:40,270

119 Kennedy because I kind of decided

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00:16:45,930 --> 00:16:42,310

that you could go to headquarters almost

372

00:16:49,650 --> 00:16:45,940

any time so I went to Kennedy has a 14

373

00:16:51,990 --> 00:16:49,660

and had a very good career I ended up as

374

00:16:54,870 --> 00:16:52,000

deputy center director down at Kennedy

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00:16:57,470 --> 00:16:54,880

and left's down with the headquarters as

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00:17:00,060 --> 00:16:57,480

a associate administrator for

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00:17:01,890 --> 00:17:00,070

institution and management which is Nana