

A man with dark hair and glasses is speaking in a video stream. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. The background shows an indoor setting with a window, a chandelier, and a wall-mounted lamp. A small 'LIVE' indicator is visible in the top left corner of the video frame.

the **EVERYTHING ELSE SHOW** LIVE STREAM

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00:00:22,870 --> 00:00:20,610

[Music]

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00:00:24,580 --> 00:00:22,880

hello everyone not Martin Willis your

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00:00:26,470 --> 00:00:24,590

host and I'm really excited about

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00:00:32,409 --> 00:00:26,480

tonight's guest on the everything else

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00:00:35,860 --> 00:00:32,419

show it's John Kiriakou and he he was a

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00:00:37,570 --> 00:00:35,870

former CIA officer former senior

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00:00:40,450 --> 00:00:37,580

investigator for the Senate Foreign

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00:00:42,930 --> 00:00:40,460

Relations Committee and former

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00:00:47,470 --> 00:00:42,940

counterterrorism consultant for ABC News

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00:00:52,180 --> 00:00:47,480

basically what happened is he went to

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00:00:54,520 --> 00:00:52,190

prison for 23 months basically on

12
00:00:57,490 --> 00:00:54,530

I think trumped-up charges no pun

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00:01:01,149 --> 00:00:57,500

intended and we're going to be talking

14

00:01:04,620 --> 00:01:01,159

about that but he was charged at one

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00:01:07,180 --> 00:01:04,630

point with espionage which is a crazy

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00:01:11,110 --> 00:01:07,190

lost em all the way back from World War

17

00:01:14,469 --> 00:01:11,120

one that is on the books and I think

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00:01:17,770 --> 00:01:14,479

abused and so some of you may think this

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00:01:20,020 --> 00:01:17,780

is a controversial show but it's stuff I

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00:01:22,450 --> 00:01:20,030

want to talk about so dagnabbit I'm

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00:01:25,540 --> 00:01:22,460

going to talk about it and how you doing

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00:01:27,370 --> 00:01:25,550

John welcome to the show I'm doing well

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00:01:30,430 --> 00:01:27,380

Martin thanks for having me and I

24

00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:30,440

actually watched a great show that you

25

00:01:35,320 --> 00:01:32,960

were in it was called silenced a

26
00:01:37,480 --> 00:01:35,330
documentary and I remember that's when I

27
00:01:39,940 --> 00:01:37,490
first contacted you and you were nice

28
00:01:41,380 --> 00:01:39,950
enough to actually get back in touch

29
00:01:43,720 --> 00:01:41,390
with me and I thought that was great

30
00:01:45,610 --> 00:01:43,730
and what a excellent movie I suggest

31
00:01:49,990 --> 00:01:45,620
anyone that's interested in this topic

32
00:01:51,730 --> 00:01:50,000
watch that thank you you know what it's

33
00:01:53,230 --> 00:01:51,740
still available on Netflix even though

34
00:01:55,450 --> 00:01:53,240
it's been out for four years now it's

35
00:01:57,580 --> 00:01:55,460
still on Netflix and iTunes and Amazon

36
00:02:01,510 --> 00:01:57,590
and we were actually nominated for an

37
00:02:05,100 --> 00:02:01,520
Emmy les really Wow and you know the the

38
00:02:09,160 --> 00:02:05,110

the people that are in that show I

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00:02:13,360 --> 00:02:09,170

wanted to talk about also in this there

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00:02:15,970 --> 00:02:13,370

was a jezzin Ray deck Tom Drake people

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00:02:18,430 --> 00:02:15,980

like that that well Tom you know went

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00:02:20,800 --> 00:02:18,440

through pure hell as well

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00:02:23,050 --> 00:02:20,810

it was lucky he didn't get sentence and

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00:02:27,160 --> 00:02:23,060

charged like what happened to you and

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00:02:29,830 --> 00:02:27,170

let's first of all just as a nutshell

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00:02:31,420 --> 00:02:29,840

for the person that's not aware of your

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00:02:31,750 --> 00:02:31,430

case and how this whole thing happened

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00:02:35,080 --> 00:02:31,760

can you

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00:02:38,649 --> 00:02:35,090

explain exactly how this all unfolded in

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00:02:41,500 --> 00:02:38,659

the very beginning and sure I gave a

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00:02:45,009 --> 00:02:41,510

nationally televised interview in

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00:02:48,460 --> 00:02:45,019

December 2007 to ABC News in which I

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00:02:51,100 --> 00:02:48,470

said three things I said that the CIA

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00:02:53,170 --> 00:02:51,110

was torturing its prisoners I said that

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00:02:55,270 --> 00:02:53,180

torture was official US government

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00:02:57,339 --> 00:02:55,280

policy it was not the result of a rogue

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00:02:59,949 --> 00:02:57,349

CIA officer as President Bush had

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00:03:02,259 --> 00:02:59,959

intimated and I said that the torture

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00:03:05,020 --> 00:03:02,269

policy was personally approved by the

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00:03:09,130 --> 00:03:05,030

President himself and within 24 hours

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00:03:11,979 --> 00:03:09,140

the FBI began investigating me they

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00:03:14,199 --> 00:03:11,989

closed the case a year later so I was

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00:03:16,449 --> 00:03:14,209

investigated from December 2007 to

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00:03:19,030 --> 00:03:16,459

December 2008 and the FBI determined

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00:03:21,729 --> 00:03:19,040

that I had not committed a crime what I

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00:03:25,119 --> 00:03:21,739

did not know was that three weeks later

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00:03:28,509 --> 00:03:25,129

when President Obama was inaugurated the

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00:03:30,940 --> 00:03:28,519

most transparent president ever the CIA

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00:03:31,780 --> 00:03:30,950

asked him to secretly reopen the case

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00:03:34,809 --> 00:03:31,790

against me

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00:03:36,789 --> 00:03:34,819

which he did I had no idea that I was

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00:03:38,949 --> 00:03:36,799

under investigation for the next three

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00:03:42,490 --> 00:03:38,959

years and then finally in January of

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00:03:44,680 --> 00:03:42,500

2012 I was charged with five felonies

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00:03:47,619 --> 00:03:44,690

coming out of that interview including

76
00:03:51,159 --> 00:03:47,629
three counts of espionage that's amazing

77
00:03:54,129 --> 00:03:51,169
and let's talk about espionage because

78
00:03:57,539 --> 00:03:54,139
you know that goes back to 1917 and I

79
00:04:00,400 --> 00:03:57,549
know it's been amended several times but

80
00:04:02,650 --> 00:04:00,410
how do you think that's being used today

81
00:04:06,699 --> 00:04:02,660
I mean that's that's like a tool that's

82
00:04:08,920 --> 00:04:06,709
being used wrongly I believe yeah it's

83
00:04:12,189 --> 00:04:08,930
it's an iron fist to tell you the truth

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00:04:15,520 --> 00:04:12,199
um and President Obama's use of the

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00:04:18,099 --> 00:04:15,530
Espionage Act was scandalous in that as

86
00:04:20,710 --> 00:04:18,109
you pointed out Martin the Espionage Act

87
00:04:22,770 --> 00:04:20,720
was written in 1917 to combat German

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00:04:28,420 --> 00:04:22,780

saboteurs during the first world war

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00:04:31,240 --> 00:04:28,430

between 1917 and 2009 three Americans

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00:04:34,980 --> 00:04:31,250

were charged with espionage for speaking

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00:04:37,830 --> 00:04:34,990

to the press just under President Obama

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00:04:39,969 --> 00:04:37,840

eight Americans were charged with

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00:04:42,730 --> 00:04:39,979

espionage for talking to the press

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00:04:44,830 --> 00:04:42,740

that's almost three times the number of

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00:04:47,500 --> 00:04:44,840

all previous presidents come

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00:04:48,460 --> 00:04:47,510

line and it was because Obama had a

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00:04:51,010 --> 00:04:48,470

Nixonian

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00:04:54,280 --> 00:04:51,020

obsession with national security leaks

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00:04:58,360 --> 00:04:54,290

he did not recognize whistleblowing as

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00:05:01,540 --> 00:04:58,370

in the national interest and he used the

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00:05:05,920 --> 00:05:01,550

Espionage Act to prosecute political

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00:05:09,550 --> 00:05:05,930

crimes amazing so let's up I mentioned

103

00:05:12,340 --> 00:05:09,560

Jesslyn a minute ago and her statement

104

00:05:15,850 --> 00:05:12,350

that she makes up she wishes that could

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00:05:17,890 --> 00:05:15,860

go back to a pre two nine nine ten

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00:05:19,780 --> 00:05:17,900

instead of nine eleven yeah she said I

107

00:05:23,770 --> 00:05:19,790

want my September 10 country back right

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00:05:27,670 --> 00:05:23,780

and so tell me and I remember in

109

00:05:30,580 --> 00:05:27,680

watching silenced were Tom Drake says

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00:05:34,000 --> 00:05:30,590

the someone in the NSA said to him this

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00:05:35,740 --> 00:05:34,010

is a gift 9/11 is a gift now we can get

112

00:05:37,870 --> 00:05:35,750

all the money and more that we ever

113

00:05:39,969 --> 00:05:37,880

dreamed of you know and now I can

114

00:05:43,330 --> 00:05:39,979

understand why all these conspiracies is

115

00:05:45,790 --> 00:05:43,340

9/11 conspiracies you know come stem

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00:05:49,570 --> 00:05:45,800

from that but what did you see

117

00:05:54,580 --> 00:05:49,580

change in the CIA as soon as 9/11

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00:05:56,440 --> 00:05:54,590

happened literally everything I was in

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00:05:59,740 --> 00:05:56,450

the counterterrorism center at the time

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00:06:02,800 --> 00:05:59,750

we had a few hundred employees by

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00:06:04,990 --> 00:06:02,810

September 12th we had nearly 2,000

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00:06:08,890 --> 00:06:05,000

employees in the counterterrorism center

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00:06:11,650 --> 00:06:08,900

and we had a budget and a supplemental

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00:06:12,909 --> 00:06:11,660

appropriation I can't tell you the

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00:06:15,550 --> 00:06:12,919

actual number because it's still

126
00:06:18,490 --> 00:06:15,560
classified but it just the just a

127
00:06:20,920 --> 00:06:18,500
supplement dwarfed the counterterrorism

128
00:06:22,770 --> 00:06:20,930
centers actual budget I actually

129
00:06:25,659 --> 00:06:22,780
approached the head of counterterrorism

130
00:06:27,969 --> 00:06:25,669
cofre black in the immediate immediate

131
00:06:30,219 --> 00:06:27,979
aftermath of 9/11 and I said I had an

132
00:06:33,510 --> 00:06:30,229
idea for an operation that I wanted to

133
00:06:35,830 --> 00:06:33,520
initiate in a European country and

134
00:06:37,570 --> 00:06:35,840
before I could even explain to him what

135
00:06:41,260 --> 00:06:37,580
it was he put up his hands and he said

136
00:06:42,550 --> 00:06:41,270
whatever it is just do it he said I have

137
00:06:45,850 --> 00:06:42,560
so much money

138
00:06:48,730 --> 00:06:45,860

I can't possibly spend it all just doing

139

00:06:52,870 --> 00:06:48,740

well and so I did it and it wasn't just

140

00:06:55,409 --> 00:06:52,880

me I'm talking about you know case

141

00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:55,419

officers operations officers acting all

142

00:07:01,210 --> 00:06:57,280

over the world

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00:07:03,010 --> 00:07:01,220

amazing amazing now your book of course

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00:07:06,749 --> 00:07:03,020

we want to talk about that that was

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00:07:10,330 --> 00:07:06,759

recently released doing time like a spy

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00:07:13,059 --> 00:07:10,340

how the CIA taught me to survive and

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00:07:15,070 --> 00:07:13,069

thrive in prison I do want to talk about

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00:07:18,219 --> 00:07:15,080

your your stint your twenty three months

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00:07:23,279 --> 00:07:18,229

in prison but first I want to talk on

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00:07:26,649 --> 00:07:23,289

how what happened between this whole

151
00:07:28,990 --> 00:07:26,659
thing initiating and how they dragged it

152
00:07:31,629 --> 00:07:29,000
out and I heard you say in an interview

153
00:07:35,290 --> 00:07:31,639
that they stack charges so can you talk

154
00:07:37,540 --> 00:07:35,300
about that yeah there there are two

155
00:07:41,379 --> 00:07:37,550
tactics that the Justice Department uses

156
00:07:44,020 --> 00:07:41,389
to to break defendants and to win their

157
00:07:46,180 --> 00:07:44,030
cases one is called venue shopping where

158
00:07:49,659 --> 00:07:46,190
they will charge you in the federal

159
00:07:52,570 --> 00:07:49,669
district where they are most likely to

160
00:07:56,290 --> 00:07:52,580
get a conviction and most likely to get

161
00:08:00,369 --> 00:07:56,300
a severe sentence so if if they think

162
00:08:01,779 --> 00:08:00,379
that that you're going to get the worst

163
00:08:03,640 --> 00:08:01,789

possible sentence in the Eastern

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00:08:05,320 --> 00:08:03,650

District of Virginia that's where

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00:08:06,969 --> 00:08:05,330

they're going to charge you so that's

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00:08:09,100 --> 00:08:06,979

where they charged me that's where they

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00:08:10,749 --> 00:08:09,110

charged Jeffrey sterling another CIA

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00:08:13,450 --> 00:08:10,759

whistleblower that's where they charged

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00:08:15,730 --> 00:08:13,460

Ed Snowden that's where the rumor is the

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00:08:18,430 --> 00:08:15,740

grand jury is meeting on Julian Assange

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00:08:20,200 --> 00:08:18,440

so that's venue shopping the Eastern

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00:08:23,379 --> 00:08:20,210

District of Virginia is known as the

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00:08:25,420 --> 00:08:23,389

espionage Court because no national

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00:08:28,390 --> 00:08:25,430

security defendant has ever won a case

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00:08:30,519 --> 00:08:28,400

there we all lose and it's because the

176
00:08:32,170 --> 00:08:30,529
judges are hanging judges and they just

177
00:08:34,389 --> 00:08:32,180
deny your motions and then you end up

178
00:08:36,459 --> 00:08:34,399
not being able to defend yourself now

179
00:08:39,430 --> 00:08:36,469
the other tactic is called charge

180
00:08:41,860 --> 00:08:39,440
stacking let's say you actually have

181
00:08:44,079 --> 00:08:41,870
done something wrong or you've done

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00:08:46,810 --> 00:08:44,089
something illegal regardless of what

183
00:08:48,850 --> 00:08:46,820
your intent was instead of charging you

184
00:08:51,639 --> 00:08:48,860
with that one crime they'll charge you

185
00:08:54,790 --> 00:08:51,649
with five ten twenty felonies and

186
00:08:57,310 --> 00:08:54,800
they'll make you defend yourself up to

187
00:08:59,800 --> 00:08:57,320
the point where you go broke and when

188
00:09:01,990 --> 00:08:59,810

you finally go bankrupt they'll come

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00:09:05,920 --> 00:09:02,000

back to you and say all right we'll

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00:09:09,100 --> 00:09:05,930

dismiss all of the charges except one if

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00:09:10,900 --> 00:09:09,110

you take a plea well you're all red

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00:09:12,940 --> 00:09:10,910

broke and I'll use myself as an example

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00:09:15,400 --> 00:09:12,950

I was charged with these five felonies

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00:09:17,950 --> 00:09:15,410

well I hadn't committed a crime the FBI

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00:09:20,470 --> 00:09:17,960

said so that I hadn't committed a crime

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00:09:22,270 --> 00:09:20,480

but the CIA insisted that I be charged

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00:09:24,760 --> 00:09:22,280

and then I had to defend myself

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00:09:29,650 --> 00:09:24,770

well between January when I was arrested

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00:09:31,300 --> 00:09:29,660

in October when I finally went broke the

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00:09:33,640 --> 00:09:31,310

Justice Department came back and said

201
00:09:37,060 --> 00:09:33,650
okay take a plea to this lesser charge

202
00:09:38,950 --> 00:09:37,070
we'll drop all the other charges I said

203
00:09:40,450 --> 00:09:38,960
no I'm gonna go to trial and my

204
00:09:41,860 --> 00:09:40,460
attorneys pulled me aside and said

205
00:09:45,430 --> 00:09:41,870
listen this is how this is going to play

206
00:09:48,040 --> 00:09:45,440
out if we go to trial and we will if you

207
00:09:50,410 --> 00:09:48,050
want to when we go to trial it's going

208
00:09:52,660 --> 00:09:50,420
to cost you another two to three million

209
00:09:55,750 --> 00:09:52,670
I had already spent a million got right

210
00:09:57,040 --> 00:09:55,760
so it took everything I had plus I still

211
00:09:58,720 --> 00:09:57,050
owe them eight hundred and eighty

212
00:10:00,700 --> 00:09:58,730
thousand dollars and they're telling me

213
00:10:04,150 --> 00:10:00,710

it's going to be an extra two to three

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00:10:05,620 --> 00:10:04,160
million if you lose and this is the

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00:10:08,770 --> 00:10:05,630
Eastern District of Virginia so you

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00:10:12,190 --> 00:10:08,780
probably will lose you are realistically

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00:10:15,100 --> 00:10:12,200
looking at 12 to 18 years in prison

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00:10:16,720 --> 00:10:15,110
you could get 24 years but the

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00:10:18,430 --> 00:10:16,730
government's offering you two and a half

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00:10:22,120 --> 00:10:18,440
if you take the deal

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00:10:24,880 --> 00:10:22,130
so take the deal well like I said it

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00:10:28,000 --> 00:10:24,890
becomes an economic decision I have five

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00:10:29,500 --> 00:10:28,010
kids and so one night my wife and I sat

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00:10:32,230 --> 00:10:29,510
at the dining room table with a

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00:10:34,710 --> 00:10:32,240
calculator and we figured out how long

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00:10:37,870 --> 00:10:34,720

we could continue to make it as a family

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00:10:40,630 --> 00:10:37,880

with me in prison and we figured that we

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00:10:44,890 --> 00:10:40,640

could probably make it for two years and

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00:10:48,790 --> 00:10:44,900

I ended up doing 23 months Wow amazing

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00:10:53,050 --> 00:10:48,800

and now the question that comes to mind

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00:10:57,190 --> 00:10:53,060

is if you obviously had a stellar

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00:10:59,680 --> 00:10:57,200

team of lawyers but why didn't they tell

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00:11:02,500 --> 00:10:59,690

you in the very beginning that you have

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00:11:08,500 --> 00:11:02,510

no chance instead of racking up the

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00:11:11,110 --> 00:11:08,510

million-dollar bill you know Martin I've

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00:11:14,140 --> 00:11:11,120

asked myself that question a hundred to

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00:11:17,590 --> 00:11:14,150

those uh and I I don't have a

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00:11:20,920 --> 00:11:17,600

satisfactory answer looking looking back

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00:11:22,060 --> 00:11:20,930

on that whole nightmare experience you

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00:11:25,600 --> 00:11:22,070

know I'm a big boy

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00:11:27,670 --> 00:11:25,610

I'm tough right I spent a year kicking

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00:11:30,910 --> 00:11:27,680

butts all over the world for the CIA I

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00:11:34,050 --> 00:11:30,920

can handle the truth and I wish they had

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00:11:37,210 --> 00:11:34,060

said to me you know when I first got

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00:11:41,200 --> 00:11:37,220

arrested this is how this is going to

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00:11:43,900 --> 00:11:41,210

play out but they didn't and it might

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00:11:46,450 --> 00:11:43,910

have been because we were filing motion

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00:11:48,130 --> 00:11:46,460

after motion after motion and I think

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00:11:50,350 --> 00:11:48,140

maybe they thought in the beginning that

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00:11:53,680 --> 00:11:50,360

we could win in fact I hired a jury

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00:11:56,170 --> 00:11:53,690

consultant I didn't even hire him he

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00:12:00,610 --> 00:11:56,180

volunteered to help me he's the the

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00:12:02,830 --> 00:12:00,620

uncle of a very dear friend and he had

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been OJ Simpson's jury consultant he was

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George Zimmerman's jury consultant and

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00:12:11,350 --> 00:12:08,150

William Kennedy Smith so serious like a

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00:12:13,660 --> 00:12:11,360

list criminal cases right so he flew up

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00:12:15,550 --> 00:12:13,670

to Washington and we got him a security

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00:12:17,950 --> 00:12:15,560

clearance and he went through all of the

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00:12:20,470 --> 00:12:17,960

discovery that the Justice Department

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00:12:23,320 --> 00:12:20,480

had sent us and then we sat down in the

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00:12:26,050 --> 00:12:23,330

attorney's office and then he sort of

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00:12:29,530 --> 00:12:26,060

gave his briefing and he said listen if

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00:12:32,200 --> 00:12:29,540

we were in any other district in America

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00:12:34,630 --> 00:12:32,210

I would say this case is a winner we're

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00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:34,640

gonna win this thing but the Eastern

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00:12:39,850 --> 00:12:38,000

District of Virginia he said your jury

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00:12:42,490 --> 00:12:39,860

is going to be made up of people from

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00:12:44,020 --> 00:12:42,500

the CIA the FBI the Department of

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00:12:46,060 --> 00:12:44,030

Defense the Department of Homeland

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00:12:49,450 --> 00:12:46,070

Security intelligence community

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00:12:51,970 --> 00:12:49,460

contractors you don't have a chance you

273

00:12:53,680 --> 00:12:51,980

have to take the deal he said we could

274

00:12:56,170 --> 00:12:53,690

win it if we were anywhere else in the

275

00:12:58,600 --> 00:12:56,180

country but not show theirs and it was

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00:13:01,800 --> 00:12:58,610

that that made me decide to dig the deal

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00:13:05,590 --> 00:13:01,810

so there's no sense of empathy between

278

00:13:10,270 --> 00:13:05,600

these people if they put themselves in

279

00:13:12,430 --> 00:13:10,280

your position obviously yeah the

280

00:13:14,380 --> 00:13:12,440

internal I'm talking about say you were

281

00:13:17,140 --> 00:13:14,390

talking about who the jurors would be

282

00:13:18,460 --> 00:13:17,150

and it seems like professionally they

283

00:13:22,090 --> 00:13:18,470

would they'll say boy that could happen

284

00:13:22,720 --> 00:13:22,100

to me it would it's not like that no not

285

00:13:24,580 --> 00:13:22,730

at all

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00:13:26,800 --> 00:13:24,590

you know you hear all the time people

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00:13:28,450 --> 00:13:26,810

who have sat on juries saying well if

288

00:13:31,330 --> 00:13:28,460

they were innocent the cops would never

289

00:13:32,800 --> 00:13:31,340

rest up in the first place yeah you hear

290

00:13:33,350 --> 00:13:32,810

that all the time and then I read once

291

00:13:35,600 --> 00:13:33,360

in the washing

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00:13:38,120 --> 00:13:35,610

to most that a jury in the Eastern

293

00:13:41,509 --> 00:13:38,130

District of Virginia would would find

294

00:13:42,860 --> 00:13:41,519

guilty a bologna sandwich if the

295

00:13:47,509 --> 00:13:42,870

prosecution asked them because it's

296

00:13:49,699 --> 00:13:47,519

baloney you know did you talk about how

297

00:13:53,210 --> 00:13:49,709

and I'm going to use this word maybe

298

00:13:57,079 --> 00:13:53,220

improperly but the FBI tried to entrap

299

00:13:59,360 --> 00:13:57,089

you oh I don't think you're using the

300

00:14:00,500 --> 00:13:59,370

word improperly at all when I was with

301
00:14:02,389 --> 00:14:00,510
the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

302
00:14:05,690 --> 00:14:02,399
one of the one of the things that I

303
00:14:08,000 --> 00:14:05,700
enjoyed the most was was talking to

304
00:14:11,600 --> 00:14:08,010
foreign diplomats right I spent my

305
00:14:13,940 --> 00:14:11,610
entire adult life in in intelligence and

306
00:14:16,340 --> 00:14:13,950
diplomacy stationed overseas and a half

307
00:14:18,250 --> 00:14:16,350
a dozen countries and I really loved the

308
00:14:21,380 --> 00:14:18,260
give-and-take of international affairs

309
00:14:23,180 --> 00:14:21,390
so I got to have lunch with foreign

310
00:14:24,530 --> 00:14:23,190
diplomats all the time when I was on the

311
00:14:26,750 --> 00:14:24,540
Senate Foreign Relations Committee and

312
00:14:29,810 --> 00:14:26,760
one day a Japanese diplomat called me

313
00:14:31,699 --> 00:14:29,820

and invited me to lunch so I accepted we

314

00:14:35,090 --> 00:14:31,709

went to a restaurant on Capitol Hill and

315

00:14:37,939 --> 00:14:35,100

as I recall that lunch I remember it

316

00:14:39,620 --> 00:14:37,949

being delightful we talked about the

317

00:14:41,689 --> 00:14:39,630

Middle East peace process we talked

318

00:14:43,220 --> 00:14:41,699

about Turkish elections and there were

319

00:14:46,389 --> 00:14:43,230

elections in Israel we had a really

320

00:14:50,870 --> 00:14:46,399

great conversation and at the end of the

321

00:14:53,240 --> 00:14:50,880

lunch the Japanese diplomat says to me

322

00:14:54,920 --> 00:14:53,250

so what's next for you and I said well

323

00:14:57,500 --> 00:14:54,930

actually I think I'm going to resign

324

00:15:00,050 --> 00:14:57,510

soon I promised Senator Kerry I give him

325

00:15:01,340 --> 00:15:00,060

two years it's been two and a half and I

326

00:15:04,340 --> 00:15:01,350

think I'd like to go into business for

327

00:15:07,670 --> 00:15:04,350

myself and he got very animated and he

328

00:15:11,630 --> 00:15:07,680

said no no don't do that if you give me

329

00:15:13,939 --> 00:15:11,640

information I can give you money and I

330

00:15:16,730 --> 00:15:13,949

said what's the matter with you

331

00:15:18,620 --> 00:15:16,740

cold pitching me like that shame on you

332

00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:18,630

you know how many times I've made that

333

00:15:23,930 --> 00:15:21,600

pitch in my life so I excused myself and

334

00:15:26,689 --> 00:15:23,940

I went directly to the office of the

335

00:15:28,100 --> 00:15:26,699

Senate security officer and I said I

336

00:15:29,240 --> 00:15:28,110

want a report that I've just been

337

00:15:32,540 --> 00:15:29,250

approached by a foreign intelligence

338

00:15:34,040 --> 00:15:32,550

officer so he had me write it up on a

339

00:15:38,000 --> 00:15:34,050

standalone computer and he sent it to

340

00:15:41,180 --> 00:15:38,010

the FBI so the FBI

341

00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:41,190

a day later sent two young agents up to

342

00:15:44,990 --> 00:15:43,920

interview me and I told them the whole

343

00:15:46,880 --> 00:15:45,000

story

344

00:15:49,490 --> 00:15:46,890

and they said okay here's what we want

345

00:15:52,610 --> 00:15:49,500

you to do we want you to call him back

346

00:15:55,490 --> 00:15:52,620

invite him to lunch and try to get him

347

00:15:57,230 --> 00:15:55,500

to tell you exactly what information he

348

00:15:59,690 --> 00:15:57,240

wants and how much money he's willing to

349

00:16:01,370 --> 00:15:59,700

pay for it I said okay you want me to

350

00:16:02,720 --> 00:16:01,380

wear a wire or something they said no

351

00:16:03,650 --> 00:16:02,730

we're going to be at the next table

352

00:16:06,530 --> 00:16:03,660

we're gonna listen the whole

353

00:16:09,050 --> 00:16:06,540

conversation I said terrific so I called

354

00:16:10,850 --> 00:16:09,060

him invited him to lunch he said yes the

355

00:16:12,530 --> 00:16:10,860

day of the lunch the FBI called me and

356

00:16:13,940 --> 00:16:12,540

said that something had come up that

357

00:16:15,830 --> 00:16:13,950

they couldn't make it but that I should

358

00:16:18,140 --> 00:16:15,840

go ahead and do it and just write them

359

00:16:20,600 --> 00:16:18,150

another memo so I had lunch with the guy

360

00:16:22,160 --> 00:16:20,610

a second time I wrote up the memo I sent

361

00:16:23,810 --> 00:16:22,170

it to the FBI and then they asked me to

362

00:16:26,600 --> 00:16:23,820

do it a third time and then a fourth

363

00:16:28,760 --> 00:16:26,610

time and then a fifth time and finally

364

00:16:32,090 --> 00:16:28,770

in the fifth lunch the guy told me that

365

00:16:34,490 --> 00:16:32,100

he had been promoted that he was given

366

00:16:36,350 --> 00:16:34,500

his dream job his dream job and he was

367

00:16:37,940 --> 00:16:36,360

going to be the number two in the

368

00:16:41,030 --> 00:16:37,950

Japanese embassy in Cairo

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00:16:45,230 --> 00:16:41,040

so I congratulated him I shook his hand

370

00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:45,240

never saw him again a year later when we

371

00:16:50,960 --> 00:16:48,000

get discovery from the Justice

372

00:16:55,070 --> 00:16:50,970

Department we get these documents

373

00:16:58,460 --> 00:16:55,080

showing that there never was a Japanese

374

00:17:00,170 --> 00:16:58,470

diplomat that he was an FBI agent and he

375

00:17:04,449 --> 00:17:00,180

was trying to get me to commit real

376

00:17:06,860 --> 00:17:04,459

espionage and I kept foiling them

377

00:17:09,770 --> 00:17:06,870

because I was writing them these memos

378

00:17:12,290 --> 00:17:09,780

that contained a blow by blow by blow of

379

00:17:15,770 --> 00:17:12,300

the entire conversation finally after

380

00:17:18,350 --> 00:17:15,780

the fifth try they decided that I was

381

00:17:20,870 --> 00:17:18,360

not going to commit espionage and so

382

00:17:22,040 --> 00:17:20,880

they dropped the case and I said to my

383

00:17:24,350 --> 00:17:22,050

lead attorney why would they do

384

00:17:25,730 --> 00:17:24,360

something like this and he said because

385

00:17:29,000 --> 00:17:25,740

they have a [h__\h] case and they know it's

386

00:17:32,120 --> 00:17:29,010

[h__\h] and so that's why I decided to

387

00:17:34,370 --> 00:17:32,130

fight they were setting me up and I was

388

00:17:37,700 --> 00:17:34,380

going to fight them it's really that's

389

00:17:39,080 --> 00:17:37,710

such an unbelievable story I mean that

390

00:17:40,760 --> 00:17:39,090

they would actually do that it's three

391

00:17:43,520 --> 00:17:40,770

million dollars of the taxpayers money

392

00:17:45,620 --> 00:17:43,530

they spent to investigate me and put me

393

00:17:47,870 --> 00:17:45,630

in prison his society really better off

394

00:17:48,650 --> 00:17:47,880

was that three million dollars money

395

00:17:52,580 --> 00:17:48,660

well-spent

396

00:17:54,980 --> 00:17:52,590

crazy crazy now to your knowledge had

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00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:54,990

they tried any other tactic to entrap

398

00:18:06,179 --> 00:18:03,179

I'm not sure they tried to intimidate my

399

00:18:08,699 --> 00:18:06,189

wife I had I had written an op-ed for

400

00:18:12,299 --> 00:18:08,709

the Los Angeles Times right before the

401
00:18:14,639 --> 00:18:12,309
2008 election and I got the op-ed

402
00:18:16,139 --> 00:18:14,649
cleared by the CIA's publications Review

403
00:18:19,979 --> 00:18:16,149
Board so there was no problem

404
00:18:21,359 --> 00:18:19,989
and in this op-ed I said that whoever's

405
00:18:23,729 --> 00:18:21,369
elected president whether it's Barack

406
00:18:25,679 --> 00:18:23,739
Obama or John McCain they really need to

407
00:18:28,559 --> 00:18:25,689
pay attention to relations with Latin

408
00:18:30,779 --> 00:18:28,569
American countries because the Iranians

409
00:18:33,359 --> 00:18:30,789
are and the Iranians were improving

410
00:18:36,329 --> 00:18:33,369
relations they opened a factory in

411
00:18:39,239 --> 00:18:36,339
Venezuela and a factory in Paraguay and

412
00:18:41,219 --> 00:18:39,249
a factory in or away and they were doing

413
00:18:44,789 --> 00:18:41,229

all this this work in Latin America and

414

00:18:47,939 --> 00:18:44,799

we were ignoring Latin America so there

415

00:18:51,089 --> 00:18:47,949

was one line in this op-ed where I said

416

00:18:52,919 --> 00:18:51,099

that that the government of Paraguay had

417

00:18:56,759 --> 00:18:52,929

lifted visa restrictions on Iranian

418

00:18:59,249 --> 00:18:56,769

Nationals now I got that information

419

00:19:02,309 --> 00:18:59,259

from the Paraguayan foreign ministry's

420

00:19:05,729 --> 00:19:02,319

website and it was confirmed in a UPI

421

00:19:07,529 --> 00:19:05,739

Latin America Press report well my wife

422

00:19:10,259 --> 00:19:07,539

at the time was a senior CIA officer

423

00:19:13,259 --> 00:19:10,269

working on Iran and we had a rule in our

424

00:19:15,329 --> 00:19:13,269

house that we never talked about Iran

425

00:19:20,519 --> 00:19:15,339

and it was because I never wanted to put

426

00:19:22,889 --> 00:19:20,529

her in a bad position so um my op-ed

427

00:19:25,169 --> 00:19:22,899

runs on a Sunday Monday morning she gets

428

00:19:27,179 --> 00:19:25,179

called into the CIA's office of security

429

00:19:29,699 --> 00:19:27,189

they take her into a conference room and

430

00:19:31,949 --> 00:19:29,709

there's a camera set up and it's on and

431

00:19:33,719 --> 00:19:31,959

they're videotaping her and they said

432

00:19:35,999 --> 00:19:33,729

this is not an investigation it's an

433

00:19:37,889 --> 00:19:36,009

inquiry but we wanted to ask you about

434

00:19:39,839 --> 00:19:37,899

an op-ed that your husband published

435

00:19:43,039 --> 00:19:39,849

yesterday in the Los Angeles Times and

436

00:19:46,349 --> 00:19:43,049

she said my husband got that cleared and

437

00:19:50,849 --> 00:19:46,359

the investigator said and we appreciate

438

00:19:54,569 --> 00:19:50,859

that but the op-ed contained very highly

439

00:19:58,619 --> 00:19:54,579

classified top-secret human intelligence

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00:20:02,099 --> 00:19:58,629

and she said my husband doesn't have

441

00:20:03,749 --> 00:20:02,109

access to classified top-secret human

442

00:20:07,919 --> 00:20:03,759

intelligence and the investors

443

00:20:10,990 --> 00:20:07,929

investigator said but you do and she

444

00:20:14,740 --> 00:20:11,000

said I'm telling you my husband

445

00:20:15,669 --> 00:20:14,750

I used press reports for that op-ed and

446

00:20:17,529 --> 00:20:15,679

that was it

447

00:20:20,529 --> 00:20:17,539

we have a policy at home we never talk

448

00:20:22,960 --> 00:20:20,539

about Iran and they said she could make

449

00:20:25,990 --> 00:20:22,970

this whole thing go away if I faxed over

450

00:20:28,960 --> 00:20:26,000

my sources so she called me from the car

451

00:20:32,399 --> 00:20:28,970

crying understandably

452

00:20:34,990 --> 00:20:32,409

and I immediately faxed over a

453

00:20:37,390 --> 00:20:35,000

screenshot from the Paraguayan foreign

454

00:20:39,549 --> 00:20:37,400

ministry website and the UPI Latin

455

00:20:41,710 --> 00:20:39,559

America press piece and I said do me a

456

00:20:45,970 --> 00:20:41,720

favor I said pass them a message for me

457

00:20:49,090 --> 00:20:45,980

to number one apparently nobody in the

458

00:20:50,799 --> 00:20:49,100

CIA speaks Spanish to be able to read

459

00:20:53,080 --> 00:20:50,809

the Spanish press and see that this is

460

00:20:56,169 --> 00:20:53,090

in the press number two they apparently

461

00:20:59,740 --> 00:20:56,179

have what they're calling a highly

462

00:21:02,409 --> 00:20:59,750

placed top-secret human source who's

463

00:21:04,149 --> 00:21:02,419

selling them press reports and calling

464

00:21:07,000 --> 00:21:04,159

it intelligence they have a

465

00:21:09,940 --> 00:21:07,010

counterintelligence problem but they

466

00:21:14,740 --> 00:21:09,950

they finally dropped it wow that's

467

00:21:17,320 --> 00:21:14,750

really well it's really a craziness

468

00:21:19,630 --> 00:21:17,330

because you know I start to think about

469

00:21:24,250 --> 00:21:19,640

how this whole thing came about and how

470

00:21:27,370 --> 00:21:24,260

you have to suffer and what you went

471

00:21:30,190 --> 00:21:27,380

through and it just seems like it comes

472

00:21:33,820 --> 00:21:30,200

down to someone's bruised ego you know

473

00:21:36,310 --> 00:21:33,830

oh yeah is is that yeah if you if you

474

00:21:38,470 --> 00:21:36,320

air the dirty laundry and you embarrass

475

00:21:40,960 --> 00:21:38,480

somebody at the at the you know top of

476
00:21:42,789 --> 00:21:40,970
government you're going to you're going

477
00:21:44,830 --> 00:21:42,799
to go down they're going to make sure

478
00:21:46,180 --> 00:21:44,840
that you go down and not just go down

479
00:21:47,919 --> 00:21:46,190
but they're going to ruin you to make

480
00:21:49,810 --> 00:21:47,929
you an example for other people who are

481
00:21:52,659 --> 00:21:49,820
considering blowing the whistle on rape

482
00:21:55,120 --> 00:21:52,669
waste fraud and abuse wow that's that's

483
00:21:59,680 --> 00:21:55,130
really something so are you afraid now

484
00:22:00,820 --> 00:21:59,690
at all are you watching what you do I'm

485
00:22:03,480 --> 00:22:00,830
not afraid of anybody

486
00:22:07,330 --> 00:22:03,490
I know that history will judge me as

487
00:22:09,909 --> 00:22:07,340
having been right I'm right on torture

488
00:22:12,450 --> 00:22:09,919

they're wrong I will said that they do

489

00:22:15,190 --> 00:22:12,460

sometimes engage in petty harassment

490

00:22:16,750 --> 00:22:15,200

every once in a while not terribly often

491

00:22:18,789 --> 00:22:16,760

but two or three times a year

492

00:22:21,100 --> 00:22:18,799

I'll be under surveillance and they'll

493

00:22:23,100 --> 00:22:21,110

follow me you know to the store just to

494

00:22:25,620 --> 00:22:23,110

church to work whatever

495

00:22:29,070 --> 00:22:25,630

um and then they drop off after a day or

496

00:22:31,020 --> 00:22:29,080

two I just assume that they're reading

497

00:22:32,460 --> 00:22:31,030

my emails and text messages and

498

00:22:34,110 --> 00:22:32,470

listening to the phone calls like I

499

00:22:37,770 --> 00:22:34,120

don't know but I just assume that they

500

00:22:39,150 --> 00:22:37,780

are but I have nothing to hide they're

501
00:22:42,270 --> 00:22:39,160
the ones who are hiding their dirty

502
00:22:44,419 --> 00:22:42,280
secrets now the law goes back quite a

503
00:22:49,080 --> 00:22:44,429
goes back a ways

504
00:22:51,830 --> 00:22:49,090
Against Torture and the oh yeah torture

505
00:22:54,810 --> 00:22:51,840
the federal torture Act of 1946

506
00:22:56,460 --> 00:22:54,820
specifically banned exactly the

507
00:22:59,760 --> 00:22:56,470
techniques that we were using against

508
00:23:01,950 --> 00:22:59,770
al-qaeda prisoners and so when 9/11

509
00:23:04,710 --> 00:23:01,960
comes along now they change that they

510
00:23:08,010 --> 00:23:04,720
call it enhanced interrogation is that

511
00:23:10,110 --> 00:23:08,020
what it is that's what they call it it's

512
00:23:12,570 --> 00:23:10,120
it's torture they can use whatever

513
00:23:14,370 --> 00:23:12,580

euphemism they want it's torture without

514

00:23:17,340 --> 00:23:14,380

it without any question and now I'm

515

00:23:19,890 --> 00:23:17,350

going to ask a question that I'm almost

516

00:23:22,530 --> 00:23:19,900

afraid to ask but do you feel that

517

00:23:26,480 --> 00:23:22,540

there's a growing movement toward people

518

00:23:30,210 --> 00:23:26,490

wanting the Americans to use torture I

519

00:23:32,010 --> 00:23:30,220

do you know what it makes me sick to my

520

00:23:35,010 --> 00:23:32,020

stomach but if you look at the polls a

521

00:23:37,680 --> 00:23:35,020

clear majority of Americans support a

522

00:23:40,799 --> 00:23:37,690

torture program it's something like 54%

523

00:23:43,560 --> 00:23:40,809

and let me just it's something that as a

524

00:23:47,909 --> 00:23:43,570

country we ought to be yes and as far as

525

00:23:52,470 --> 00:23:47,919

we know statistically it does not it's

526

00:23:54,419 --> 00:23:52,480

not effective no no it just simply

527

00:23:59,010 --> 00:23:54,429

doesn't work I mean on top of being

528

00:24:02,280 --> 00:23:59,020

morally and and ethically repugnant it

529

00:24:05,600 --> 00:24:02,290

just simply doesn't work and so let's

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00:24:09,299 --> 00:24:05,610

talk about the different types of

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00:24:11,510 --> 00:24:09,309

torture that is possibly being used

532

00:24:16,560 --> 00:24:11,520

because I think some people have died

533

00:24:18,419 --> 00:24:16,570

while being interrogated so to speak so

534

00:24:21,630 --> 00:24:18,429

let's talk about the different types of

535

00:24:24,270 --> 00:24:21,640

torture that were actually allowed for

536

00:24:27,750 --> 00:24:24,280

let's say al-qaeda or any other any

537

00:24:29,909 --> 00:24:27,760

other prisoner of war well that there

538

00:24:31,220 --> 00:24:29,919

were ten different techniques that were

539

00:24:34,350 --> 00:24:31,230

authorized by the Justice Department

540

00:24:36,840 --> 00:24:34,360

with the most mild being something

541

00:24:38,910 --> 00:24:36,850

called the belly slap so it's in

542

00:24:41,760 --> 00:24:38,920

open-handed smack across the belly it

543

00:24:44,700 --> 00:24:41,770

makes a loud cracking sound and makes a

544

00:24:47,490 --> 00:24:44,710

handprint on your on your belly um and

545

00:24:49,560 --> 00:24:47,500

then it went to the the facial slap and

546

00:24:53,160 --> 00:24:49,570

and we're one where they grab you by the

547

00:24:55,710 --> 00:24:53,170

lapels and slam you against a wall and

548

00:24:59,730 --> 00:24:55,720

then it went all the way up to two three

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00:25:01,830 --> 00:24:59,740

really terrible techniques one was

550

00:25:03,360 --> 00:25:01,840

waterboarding and everybody knows about

551
00:25:05,280 --> 00:25:03,370
waterboarding now but there were two

552
00:25:08,280 --> 00:25:05,290
that I've always maintained were worse

553
00:25:12,150 --> 00:25:08,290
than waterboarding one was um sleep

554
00:25:14,790 --> 00:25:12,160
deprivation scientists will tell us that

555
00:25:17,430 --> 00:25:14,800
people begin losing their minds when

556
00:25:21,380 --> 00:25:17,440
they get to day seven with no sleep and

557
00:25:23,550 --> 00:25:21,390
people begin to die around day nine and

558
00:25:25,620 --> 00:25:23,560
when I when I say sleep deprivation

559
00:25:30,210 --> 00:25:25,630
you're chained to an eyebolt in the

560
00:25:32,340 --> 00:25:30,220
ceiling so that you can't sit or kneel

561
00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:32,350
or lay down you can't get comfortable

562
00:25:43,170 --> 00:25:39,840
you have to stand or hang we know that

563
00:25:45,330 --> 00:25:43,180

day twelve people begin to die I'm sorry

564

00:25:47,280 --> 00:25:45,340

day nine and the CIA was authorized to

565

00:25:49,230 --> 00:25:47,290

keep people awake for twelve days so

566

00:25:52,200 --> 00:25:49,240

seven days you lose your mind nine days

567

00:25:54,960 --> 00:25:52,210

you start to die CIA was going 12 out

568

00:25:57,390 --> 00:25:54,970

and indeed indeed they killed a prisoner

569

00:25:59,790 --> 00:25:57,400

that way another terrible one was called

570

00:26:03,600 --> 00:25:59,800

the Colima just before air and from that

571

00:26:05,700 --> 00:26:03,610

how besides having them hang like that

572

00:26:10,860 --> 00:26:05,710

what are some other things they do to

573

00:26:15,480 --> 00:26:10,870

keep them awake oh they they bombard the

574

00:26:19,100 --> 00:26:15,490

cell with with hard rock music 24 hours

575

00:26:22,320 --> 00:26:19,110

a day you know at a volume of 10 just to

576
00:26:24,060 --> 00:26:22,330
make the person crazy and disoriented

577
00:26:27,450 --> 00:26:24,070
and to ensure that they just can't sleep

578
00:26:31,950 --> 00:26:27,460
and they use these these like military

579
00:26:33,900 --> 00:26:31,960
strength lights to so it's as bright as

580
00:26:36,150 --> 00:26:33,910
the Sun you just even if you close your

581
00:26:38,220 --> 00:26:36,160
eyes you can still see the light through

582
00:26:40,320 --> 00:26:38,230
your eyelids you just can't you can't

583
00:26:45,630 --> 00:26:40,330
get comics sounds like up just sounds

584
00:26:47,160 --> 00:26:45,640
like a pure hell it is hell and then

585
00:26:48,720 --> 00:26:47,170
there's this cold cell where you're

586
00:26:49,810 --> 00:26:48,730
chained into that same I bolt and

587
00:26:53,500 --> 00:26:49,820
ceiling

588
00:26:55,210 --> 00:26:53,510

strip naked and then every well they

589

00:26:57,700 --> 00:26:55,220

they chill the cell 250 degrees

590

00:26:59,530 --> 00:26:57,710

Fahrenheit and then every hour a CIA

591

00:27:01,960 --> 00:26:59,540

officer goes into the cell and throws a

592

00:27:04,230 --> 00:27:01,970

bucket of ice water on you and we killed

593

00:27:09,790 --> 00:27:04,240

people with that technique as well

594

00:27:11,230 --> 00:27:09,800

unreal now I read or I heard I listened

595

00:27:16,030 --> 00:27:11,240

to Dan Carlin I don't know if you ever

596

00:27:18,570 --> 00:27:16,040

listened to him yeah and I think in one

597

00:27:23,110 --> 00:27:18,580

of his shows that he mentioned that

598

00:27:26,050 --> 00:27:23,120

people were brought to actually

599

00:27:29,500 --> 00:27:26,060

prisoners were brought to a country out

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00:27:32,590 --> 00:27:29,510

of the UN where it did not have any

601
00:27:34,840 --> 00:27:32,600
torture statutes and were worked on

602
00:27:39,700 --> 00:27:34,850
there have you ever heard of anything

603
00:27:43,030 --> 00:27:39,710
like that uh I've not heard of a country

604
00:27:45,010 --> 00:27:43,040
outside the United Nations no we

605
00:27:47,110 --> 00:27:45,020
certainly had secret prisons I mean like

606
00:27:52,090 --> 00:27:47,120
an archipelago of secret prisons around

607
00:27:55,150 --> 00:27:52,100
the world okay when someone is enhanced

608
00:27:57,160 --> 00:27:55,160
interrogated as they say how do they

609
00:28:00,760 --> 00:27:57,170
monitor it I heard you say something

610
00:28:03,580 --> 00:28:00,770
about you know that has to be done a

611
00:28:05,710 --> 00:28:03,590
certain way but how do how they kept in

612
00:28:09,690 --> 00:28:05,720
check so some someone just doesn't go

613
00:28:12,460 --> 00:28:09,700

berserk and and you know kill someone

614

00:28:14,470 --> 00:28:12,470

that's a good question um and and they

615

00:28:16,900 --> 00:28:14,480

were supposed to monitor it they had

616

00:28:19,330 --> 00:28:16,910

physicians from the CIA's office of

617

00:28:20,920 --> 00:28:19,340

medical services there to act like dr.

618

00:28:24,190 --> 00:28:20,930

Mengele to make sure that you're still

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00:28:25,720 --> 00:28:24,200

healthy enough to keep torturing you and

620

00:28:30,340 --> 00:28:25,730

they were supposed to keep check on each

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00:28:32,500 --> 00:28:30,350

other as as they were being tortured but

622

00:28:35,290 --> 00:28:32,510

people went overboard and there there

623

00:28:37,660 --> 00:28:35,300

are at least three prisoners that we

624

00:28:39,820 --> 00:28:37,670

know were killed by CIA officers or CIA

625

00:28:41,920 --> 00:28:39,830

contractors and I've seen numbers of as

626

00:28:44,230 --> 00:28:41,930

many as 18 who were killed in CIA

627

00:28:47,140 --> 00:28:44,240

custody so this this check-and-balance

628

00:28:52,350 --> 00:28:47,150

didn't really work very well I can't

629

00:28:56,500 --> 00:28:52,360

imagine being having the the mindset to

630

00:28:59,290 --> 00:28:56,510

torture someone and not empathize with

631

00:29:01,890 --> 00:28:59,300

how it must be like you know I mean it

632

00:29:03,640 --> 00:29:01,900

must take a certain type of person

633

00:29:05,740 --> 00:29:03,650

almost psyche

634

00:29:09,970 --> 00:29:05,750

Radek or someone that just does has

635

00:29:13,770 --> 00:29:09,980

little care for four can you explain how

636

00:29:18,220 --> 00:29:13,780

someone can torture and walk away easily

637

00:29:20,290 --> 00:29:18,230

easily a CIA psychiatrist once told me

638

00:29:23,370 --> 00:29:20,300

that the CIA actively seeks to hire

639

00:29:26,860 --> 00:29:23,380

people who have sociopathic tendencies

640

00:29:30,190 --> 00:29:26,870

not sociopaths sociopaths have no

641

00:29:32,380 --> 00:29:30,200

conscience and easily pass a polygraph

642

00:29:34,540 --> 00:29:32,390

exam but they're they're impossible to

643

00:29:38,110 --> 00:29:34,550

control people who have sociopathic

644

00:29:40,150 --> 00:29:38,120

tendencies do have a conscience and so

645

00:29:42,130 --> 00:29:40,160

can be polygraphed but they're

646

00:29:43,600 --> 00:29:42,140

comfortable working in moral legal and

647

00:29:47,590 --> 00:29:43,610

ethical gray areas

648

00:29:49,240 --> 00:29:47,600

the problem is sociopaths are constantly

649

00:29:50,890 --> 00:29:49,250

slipping through the cracks and it's

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00:29:56,560 --> 00:29:50,900

because they can pass that polygraph

651
00:29:58,960 --> 00:29:56,570
exam so yeah you know psychologists will

652
00:30:01,240 --> 00:29:58,970
tell you that it's it's the sociopath

653
00:30:04,600 --> 00:30:01,250
who rises to the top of corporate

654
00:30:06,190 --> 00:30:04,610
structures in in business in the

655
00:30:08,860 --> 00:30:06,200
business world well the same thing

656
00:30:10,690 --> 00:30:08,870
happens in government it's the sociopath

657
00:30:12,400 --> 00:30:10,700
who makes his way to the top of the

658
00:30:14,560 --> 00:30:12,410
structure because he's comfortable

659
00:30:17,500 --> 00:30:14,570
stepping on people to further his own

660
00:30:19,900 --> 00:30:17,510
career the same thing happens in the CIA

661
00:30:21,700 --> 00:30:19,910
it's the lunatics who end up getting

662
00:30:23,710 --> 00:30:21,710
promoted and end up running the place

663
00:30:25,660 --> 00:30:23,720

it's the lunatics who become the

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00:30:27,160 --> 00:30:25,670

torturers and then go home and play with

665

00:30:30,220 --> 00:30:27,170

their kids and play with their doggin

666

00:30:32,680 --> 00:30:30,230

and sleep soundly at night it's because

667

00:30:37,330 --> 00:30:32,690

they're sociopaths well I guess that

668

00:30:40,300 --> 00:30:37,340

sadly makes sense you know I I was

669

00:30:41,950 --> 00:30:40,310

really surprised reading things I

670

00:30:45,100 --> 00:30:41,960

mentioned you this real quickly before

671

00:30:48,850 --> 00:30:45,110

we started the show and that was how the

672

00:30:51,370 --> 00:30:48,860

Obama administration kind of surpassed

673

00:30:55,330 --> 00:30:51,380

things that I used to be really upset

674

00:30:57,550 --> 00:30:55,340

that Bush was doing and how did all that

675

00:31:01,120 --> 00:30:57,560

as a Democrat and everything how you

676

00:31:03,970 --> 00:31:01,130

need just it was it was kind of shocking

677

00:31:06,430 --> 00:31:03,980

especially and I don't know the name of

678

00:31:10,120 --> 00:31:06,440

the act or whatever it's called but an

679

00:31:14,830 --> 00:31:10,130

American citizen can be assassinated on

680

00:31:17,440 --> 00:31:14,840

foreign soil without without any you

681

00:31:20,830 --> 00:31:17,450

know trial or you know conviction

682

00:31:24,129 --> 00:31:20,840

or anything yeah yeah and Eric Holder

683

00:31:27,129 --> 00:31:24,139

said that in a in an open congressional

684

00:31:29,320 --> 00:31:27,139

hearing on Capitol Hill he also said in

685

00:31:32,440 --> 00:31:29,330

response to a question from Senator Ron

686

00:31:35,860 --> 00:31:32,450

Wyden that if the president declared an

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00:31:39,909 --> 00:31:35,870

American citizen in the United States to

688

00:31:41,769 --> 00:31:39,919

be an imminent threat that the

689

00:31:43,930 --> 00:31:41,779

government could kill that American

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00:31:46,120 --> 00:31:43,940

without benefit of trial in the United

691

00:31:48,970 --> 00:31:46,130

States I haven't heard that oh my god

692

00:31:50,560 --> 00:31:48,980

Wow now that's he was saying that that's

693

00:31:52,210 --> 00:31:50,570

a legal theory that the Obama

694

00:31:54,070 --> 00:31:52,220

administration had they they hadn't

695

00:31:56,950 --> 00:31:54,080

actually killed anybody on American soil

696

00:31:59,529 --> 00:31:56,960

but they claimed legal justification for

697

00:32:02,649 --> 00:31:59,539

doing it had they decided to do it the

698

00:32:07,389 --> 00:32:02,659

thing about these these uh these laws

699

00:32:10,840 --> 00:32:07,399

that are created is that they're once

700

00:32:12,700 --> 00:32:10,850

they're there they're there and they can

701
00:32:16,629 --> 00:32:12,710
be able attacked

702
00:32:21,850 --> 00:32:16,639
yeah the Patriot Act for instance that's

703
00:32:25,830 --> 00:32:21,860
that changed everything and how did that

704
00:32:29,409 --> 00:32:25,840
affect what you you were doing

705
00:32:32,470 --> 00:32:29,419
it didn't really because um it was

706
00:32:35,799 --> 00:32:32,480
almost entirely domestically focused it

707
00:32:39,490 --> 00:32:35,809
drastically changed the way the FBI did

708
00:32:41,259 --> 00:32:39,500
its job and of course we created the

709
00:32:44,379 --> 00:32:41,269
Department of Homeland Security at the

710
00:32:48,669 --> 00:32:44,389
same time which was really revolutionary

711
00:32:50,139 --> 00:32:48,679
in that in that it gave it gave law

712
00:32:52,419 --> 00:32:50,149
enforcement authority more law

713
00:32:55,139 --> 00:32:52,429

enforcement authority to one person than

714

00:32:58,539 --> 00:32:55,149

at any other time in American history

715

00:33:03,129 --> 00:32:58,549

for me it really didn't it didn't change

716

00:33:05,710 --> 00:33:03,139

the job my job being overseas but as an

717

00:33:08,889 --> 00:33:05,720

American citizen like anybody else in

718

00:33:10,659 --> 00:33:08,899

this country I objected to a lot of the

719

00:33:14,560 --> 00:33:10,669

Patriot Act tenants just because I

720

00:33:16,600 --> 00:33:14,570

believed that that it was a it was a

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00:33:18,190 --> 00:33:16,610

whittling away of my civil liberties and

722

00:33:20,320 --> 00:33:18,200

and I thought you know this is something

723

00:33:22,060 --> 00:33:20,330

we ought to be debating in Congress not

724

00:33:24,279 --> 00:33:22,070

not pushing through in the middle of the

725

00:33:26,680 --> 00:33:24,289

night so nobody notices and then that's

726

00:33:29,930 --> 00:33:26,690

exactly how and I have the feeling that

727

00:33:32,240 --> 00:33:29,940

our our civil liberties our Vantage

728

00:33:34,460 --> 00:33:32,250

more and more and I just have a feeling

729

00:33:37,490 --> 00:33:34,470

that that's kind of like on the track

730

00:33:39,320 --> 00:33:37,500

Ron it seems to be oh it is you know

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00:33:41,320 --> 00:33:39,330

when when the President and and the

732

00:33:44,779 --> 00:33:41,330

Attorney General of the United States

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00:33:47,570 --> 00:33:44,789

talked about using the Espionage Act to

734

00:33:50,269 --> 00:33:47,580

punish journalists who publish

735

00:33:51,919 --> 00:33:50,279

classified information I mean that's

736

00:33:53,060 --> 00:33:51,929

that's the end of our constitutional

737

00:33:59,210 --> 00:33:53,070

rights as we know them

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00:34:00,350 --> 00:33:59,220

okay well along those lines we hear you

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00:34:01,820 --> 00:34:00,360

know I'm going to take some flak from

740

00:34:06,940 --> 00:34:01,830

this because I'm going to talk a little

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00:34:13,490 --> 00:34:06,950

bit about Trump but the fake news thing

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00:34:18,500 --> 00:34:13,500

it's it's almost like it's similar to

743

00:34:23,059 --> 00:34:18,510

how a dictator would take down the media

744

00:34:26,210 --> 00:34:23,069

in a way now again I'm going to take a

745

00:34:31,040 --> 00:34:26,220

lot of flack for saying this but what do

746

00:34:33,139 --> 00:34:31,050

you feel about the way he has well how I

747

00:34:36,139 --> 00:34:33,149

should put it this way how do you feel

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00:34:39,159 --> 00:34:36,149

the media has treated Trump and how do

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00:34:42,050 --> 00:34:39,169

you think Trump is treating the media I

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00:34:43,879 --> 00:34:42,060

think the media have been hard on Trump

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00:34:46,849 --> 00:34:43,889

I thought the media had been hard on

752

00:34:49,450 --> 00:34:46,859

Clinton that's I mean the media was hard

753

00:34:53,119 --> 00:34:49,460

on me that's just what they do

754

00:34:54,710 --> 00:34:53,129

you know there might when I was a little

755

00:34:58,069 --> 00:34:54,720

kid my grandfather used to say that

756

00:35:02,059 --> 00:34:58,079

there are no worse people on earth than

757

00:35:05,599 --> 00:35:02,069

doctors and priests and I would say now

758

00:35:08,030 --> 00:35:05,609

that I'm an adult in my 50s that there

759

00:35:11,960 --> 00:35:08,040

are no worse people on earth than

760

00:35:14,120 --> 00:35:11,970

journalists and attorneys uh journalists

761

00:35:16,010 --> 00:35:14,130

you know many of them are scumbags it's

762

00:35:18,890 --> 00:35:16,020

they see it as their job to be scumbags

763

00:35:20,870 --> 00:35:18,900

and and I think that most of them

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00:35:22,880 --> 00:35:20,880

actually are seeking the truth there's

765

00:35:24,500 --> 00:35:22,890

probably a political bent one way or the

766

00:35:26,120 --> 00:35:24,510

other to the left of the to the right

767

00:35:28,579 --> 00:35:26,130

just because they're human like

768

00:35:30,770 --> 00:35:28,589

everybody else is but yeah sure Trump

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00:35:33,319 --> 00:35:30,780

has had a tough time with a breast so

770

00:35:35,180 --> 00:35:33,329

did Hillary Clinton um so I don't think

771

00:35:37,640 --> 00:35:35,190

he's getting any special treatment

772

00:35:40,520 --> 00:35:37,650

special anti Trump treatment not at all

773

00:35:42,349 --> 00:35:40,530

okay and how do you think what do you

774

00:35:43,610 --> 00:35:42,359

think about his reaction by just calling

775

00:35:45,770 --> 00:35:43,620

them fake news

776

00:35:48,710 --> 00:35:45,780

like you know the book I think that's

777

00:35:53,450 --> 00:35:48,720

actually damaging the country you know

778

00:35:55,610 --> 00:35:53,460

the the press is is just as important in

779

00:35:59,260 --> 00:35:55,620

the governance of the country as the

780

00:36:03,260 --> 00:35:59,270

three branches of government are and to

781

00:36:05,810 --> 00:36:03,270

devalue the press as an institution I

782

00:36:08,660 --> 00:36:05,820

think really does a disservice to the

783

00:36:12,170 --> 00:36:08,670

whole country I agree that's that's

784

00:36:14,120 --> 00:36:12,180

really good now what do you say to I've

785

00:36:17,630 --> 00:36:14,130

heard the term many times that we

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00:36:20,480 --> 00:36:17,640

created Isis and do you think that

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00:36:25,870 --> 00:36:20,490

America does indeed create you know

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00:36:29,390 --> 00:36:25,880

terrorist groups no um now that's that's

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00:36:33,920 --> 00:36:29,400

conspiratorial nonsense what happened

790

00:36:37,160 --> 00:36:33,930

was um we invaded Iraq which was which

791

00:36:39,470 --> 00:36:37,170

was stupid and bad policy and

792

00:36:41,480 --> 00:36:39,480

short-sighted and illegal under

793

00:36:44,090 --> 00:36:41,490

international law but we did it we

794

00:36:48,020 --> 00:36:44,100

invaded Iraq we overthrew Saddam Hussein

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00:36:51,230 --> 00:36:48,030

and many of the al Qaeda fighters in

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00:36:53,960 --> 00:36:51,240

Afghanistan and Pakistan ran to Iraq to

797

00:36:56,210 --> 00:36:53,970

fight the Americans there and so we

798

00:36:58,130 --> 00:36:56,220

started rounding them up and they they

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00:37:03,580 --> 00:36:58,140

formed this branch of al-qaeda called al

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00:37:06,020 --> 00:37:03,590

Qaeda in Iraq right and and we arrested

801
00:37:07,640 --> 00:37:06,030
hundreds of them and put them in

802
00:37:09,560 --> 00:37:07,650
military prisons all around the country

803
00:37:13,390 --> 00:37:09,570
well it was in one of those military

804
00:37:15,980 --> 00:37:13,400
prisons that Omar al-baghdadi and

805
00:37:18,470 --> 00:37:15,990
several of the other people who became

806
00:37:20,780 --> 00:37:18,480
his lieutenants in Isis got together

807
00:37:23,260 --> 00:37:20,790
they actually met in an American

808
00:37:29,510 --> 00:37:23,270
military prison outside of Baghdad and

809
00:37:32,150 --> 00:37:29,520
decided to form this group Isis um they

810
00:37:34,190 --> 00:37:32,160
believed that al-qaeda was not radical

811
00:37:36,350 --> 00:37:34,200
enough that al-qaeda wasn't fighting

812
00:37:37,790 --> 00:37:36,360
hard enough and so that's why they

813
00:37:42,140 --> 00:37:37,800

wanted to go their own way and create

814

00:37:44,630 --> 00:37:42,150

this new group so did we create Isis no

815

00:37:46,220 --> 00:37:44,640

we didn't we it wasn't a bunch of white

816

00:37:47,450 --> 00:37:46,230

guys sitting around the table saying you

817

00:37:49,190 --> 00:37:47,460

know what we should do we should create

818

00:37:54,490 --> 00:37:49,200

this terrorist group to fight ourselves

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00:37:56,430 --> 00:37:54,500

and you know no but our stupid policy

820

00:38:02,400 --> 00:37:56,440

resulted in the creation

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00:38:06,230 --> 00:38:02,410

of Isis I see okay now for what you went

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00:38:07,589 --> 00:38:06,240

through and for what you basically

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00:38:11,640 --> 00:38:07,599

exposed

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00:38:15,450 --> 00:38:11,650

did you actually change anything yeah

825

00:38:17,160 --> 00:38:15,460

yeah you know what I'm actually most

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00:38:26,300 --> 00:38:17,170

proud of this through this whole

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00:38:30,359 --> 00:38:26,310

nightmare in in 2015 Congress passed the

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00:38:34,079 --> 00:38:30,369

McCain fine Stein amendment which which

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00:38:37,620 --> 00:38:34,089

formally banned torture in the United

830

00:38:39,660 --> 00:38:37,630

States permanently and said that that

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00:38:41,940 --> 00:38:39,670

the CIA is allowed only to use the

832

00:38:45,210 --> 00:38:41,950

techniques that are outlined in the Army

833

00:38:47,339 --> 00:38:45,220

Field Manual so you know what we weren't

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00:38:50,849 --> 00:38:47,349

even having a national conversation

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00:38:53,339 --> 00:38:50,859

about torture until I went on ABC News

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00:38:56,160 --> 00:38:53,349

and even though the price that I paid

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00:38:58,500 --> 00:38:56,170

has been very high that was all worth it

838

00:39:02,460 --> 00:38:58,510

because now torture is illegal in this

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00:39:04,319 --> 00:39:02,470

country could you talk about um I'm

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00:39:09,569 --> 00:39:04,329

gonna try to say his name right Abu

841

00:39:11,790 --> 00:39:09,579

Zubaydah elucidating uh-huh yeah we

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00:39:14,309 --> 00:39:11,800

believed in 2002 that Abu Zubaydah was

843

00:39:16,589 --> 00:39:14,319

the number three in al-qaeda that turned

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00:39:19,500 --> 00:39:16,599

out to not be true he was still a bad

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00:39:20,280 --> 00:39:19,510

guy he was sort of a logistician for

846

00:39:26,970 --> 00:39:20,290

al-qaeda

847

00:39:28,680 --> 00:39:26,980

southern Afghanistan he ran the safe

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00:39:32,510 --> 00:39:28,690

house in Peshawar Pakistan called the

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00:39:36,410 --> 00:39:32,520

house of martyrs he could procure

850

00:39:38,700 --> 00:39:36,420

passports and travel tickets and

851
00:39:40,620 --> 00:39:38,710
whatever it was that that al-qaeda

852
00:39:42,839 --> 00:39:40,630
fighters needed to either get in or get

853
00:39:45,359 --> 00:39:42,849
out of Afghanistan he was the guy that

854
00:39:52,309 --> 00:39:45,369
you went to but he never formally joined

855
00:39:55,290 --> 00:39:52,319
al-qaeda so in March 2002 I was the

856
00:39:58,170 --> 00:39:55,300
chief of counterterrorism operations for

857
00:40:00,059 --> 00:39:58,180
the CIA in Pakistan and I led a series

858
00:40:03,240 --> 00:40:00,069
of raids that resulted in the capture of

859
00:40:06,450 --> 00:40:03,250
Abu Zubaydah and many dozens of other

860
00:40:08,839 --> 00:40:06,460
al-qaeda fighters Abu Zubaydah was that

861
00:40:11,779 --> 00:40:08,849
hurt the first high-value target that we

862
00:40:15,769 --> 00:40:11,789
captured and it was on Abu Zubaydah that

863
00:40:19,219 --> 00:40:15,779

we began the torture program and they

864

00:40:22,940 --> 00:40:19,229

now at first you reported on some news

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00:40:24,979 --> 00:40:22,950

show that he was only tortured or he was

866

00:40:27,920 --> 00:40:24,989

only waterboarded one time in a reason

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00:40:31,069 --> 00:40:27,930

you achieved results who told you that

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00:40:34,880 --> 00:40:31,079

and uh well that's that's what the CIA

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00:40:36,380 --> 00:40:34,890

reporting cables said see he was being

870

00:40:38,650 --> 00:40:36,390

tortured by these two contract

871

00:40:40,819 --> 00:40:38,660

psychologists named Bruce Mitchell and

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00:40:44,349 --> 00:40:40,829

I'm sorry James Mitchell and Bruce

873

00:40:47,180 --> 00:40:44,359

Jessen and Mitchell and Jessen were

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00:40:49,099 --> 00:40:47,190

carrying out the torture and then

875

00:40:51,109 --> 00:40:49,109

writing the reporting cables back to

876
00:40:53,630 --> 00:40:51,119
headquarters while they were saying this

877
00:40:56,509 --> 00:40:53,640
whole time you know we did it we did it

878
00:40:59,210 --> 00:40:56,519
once it worked he cracked he gave us

879
00:41:00,410 --> 00:40:59,220
this information it saved lives were

880
00:41:03,620 --> 00:41:00,420
disrupting attacks

881
00:41:06,829 --> 00:41:03,630
none of that turned out to be true they

882
00:41:08,900 --> 00:41:06,839
waterboarded him eighty three times he

883
00:41:10,910 --> 00:41:08,910
didn't give any actionable intelligence

884
00:41:17,650 --> 00:41:10,920
that saved lives are disrupted attacks

885
00:41:23,809 --> 00:41:21,859
that's our okay um he didn't give us any

886
00:41:26,269 --> 00:41:23,819
information that disrupted attacks and

887
00:41:29,390 --> 00:41:26,279
the information that he did give he had

888
00:41:31,880 --> 00:41:29,400

actually given to an FBI agent several

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00:41:35,329 --> 00:41:31,890

weeks earlier when the FBI agent was

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00:41:38,509 --> 00:41:35,339

debriefing him so it was a lie and

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00:41:41,749 --> 00:41:38,519

nobody knew it was a lie until April of

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00:41:43,969 --> 00:41:41,759

2009 when the CIA inspector general's

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00:41:44,359 --> 00:41:43,979

report was Declassified and released to

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00:41:47,029 --> 00:41:44,369

the press

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00:41:49,880 --> 00:41:47,039

so what I was telling Brian Ross on ABC

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00:41:52,249 --> 00:41:49,890

News in 2007 was what I had read in the

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00:41:55,670 --> 00:41:52,259

CIA's reporting cables and at that time

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00:41:59,120 --> 00:41:55,680

what was her stance on on torture on

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00:42:00,950 --> 00:41:59,130

well the enhanced interrogation yeah why

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00:42:06,249 --> 00:42:00,960

I said that there were two separate

901
00:42:09,380 --> 00:42:06,259
issues here number one um was torture

902
00:42:11,239 --> 00:42:09,390
moral and ethical and I said no I said

903
00:42:13,130 --> 00:42:11,249
it's not enhanced interrogation it's a

904
00:42:16,309 --> 00:42:13,140
torture program and as torture it's

905
00:42:18,079 --> 00:42:16,319
morally wrong I was the first person to

906
00:42:19,670 --> 00:42:18,089
call it torture as a matter of fact and

907
00:42:20,359 --> 00:42:19,680
then secondly I said there was a

908
00:42:22,309 --> 00:42:20,369
separate

909
00:42:24,349 --> 00:42:22,319
question about whether or not it worked

910
00:42:27,200 --> 00:42:24,359
and the CIA was saying that it worked

911
00:42:32,509 --> 00:42:27,210
and that second half turned out to not

912
00:42:35,029 --> 00:42:32,519
be true unreal now can you explain the

913
00:42:40,460 --> 00:42:35,039

knowledge that you have why torture is

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00:42:42,769 --> 00:42:40,470

not effective sure because your prisoner

915

00:42:45,380 --> 00:42:42,779

will tell you literally anything that he

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00:42:48,529 --> 00:42:45,390

thinks you want to hear just to get you

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00:42:51,380 --> 00:42:48,539

to stop torturing him it might be true

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00:42:54,049 --> 00:42:51,390

information it likely will not be true

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00:42:55,819 --> 00:42:54,059

but whether it's true or not you're

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00:42:57,950 --> 00:42:55,829

going to have to take all this

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00:43:00,799 --> 00:42:57,960

information and give it to a team of

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00:43:02,569 --> 00:43:00,809

analysts to pour through it and try to

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00:43:05,569 --> 00:43:02,579

figure out what's true and what's not

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00:43:07,880 --> 00:43:05,579

true so if the point of the torture is

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00:43:09,980 --> 00:43:07,890

like in this ticking time bomb scenario

926
00:43:11,960 --> 00:43:09,990
you know there's a there's a bomb that's

927
00:43:13,970 --> 00:43:11,970
going to go off in some major American

928
00:43:16,190 --> 00:43:13,980
city you got to get the information from

929
00:43:17,930 --> 00:43:16,200
the guy so you start torturing him and

930
00:43:19,940 --> 00:43:17,940
he gives you the information well he's

931
00:43:22,730 --> 00:43:19,950
going to give you some kind of

932
00:43:25,549 --> 00:43:22,740
information probably way too much

933
00:43:27,950 --> 00:43:25,559
information 90% of which is going to be

934
00:43:29,779 --> 00:43:27,960
false by the time you analyze it and

935
00:43:31,970 --> 00:43:29,789
figure out what it is that's true and

936
00:43:32,829 --> 00:43:31,980
what's not true the bombs gone off and

937
00:43:38,359 --> 00:43:32,839
everybody's dead

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00:43:41,299 --> 00:43:38,369

well what was the exact charge that was

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00:43:43,989 --> 00:43:41,309

the felony that gave you the 23 months

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00:43:47,029 --> 00:43:43,999

and I you I know you had to take it as a

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00:43:49,370 --> 00:43:47,039

plea bargain so I'm not saying that you

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00:43:52,789 --> 00:43:49,380

actually did it but what is the charge

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00:43:57,489 --> 00:43:52,799

okay it was violating the intelligence

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00:43:59,749 --> 00:43:57,499

identities Protection Act of 1982 I

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00:44:03,170 --> 00:43:59,759

confirmed the name of a former colleague

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00:44:06,829 --> 00:44:03,180

to a reporter who never made the name

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00:44:08,420 --> 00:44:06,839

public but and even though that happens

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00:44:10,989 --> 00:44:08,430

in Washington like all the time

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00:44:13,519 --> 00:44:10,999

including in today's Washington Post

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00:44:17,269 --> 00:44:13,529

they decided to prosecute me for that

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00:44:20,269 --> 00:44:17,279
and this was actually an overt right it

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00:44:22,099 --> 00:44:20,279
wasn't a covert it was an overt someone

953
00:44:24,019 --> 00:44:22,109
that had retired that was one of the

954
00:44:26,059 --> 00:44:24,029
charges that I'll like on it okay they

955
00:44:28,370 --> 00:44:26,069
tried to charge me for outing an overt

956
00:44:31,099 --> 00:44:28,380
employee and it's like he's over he's on

957
00:44:32,809 --> 00:44:31,109
LinkedIn as a CIA employee you know

958
00:44:36,499 --> 00:44:32,819
he gave a speech at James Madison

959
00:44:39,170 --> 00:44:36,509
University as a CIA employee so the

960
00:44:42,979 --> 00:44:39,180
judge actually threw that charge out Wow

961
00:44:47,140 --> 00:44:42,989
now it must be you must really go under

962
00:44:50,779 --> 00:44:47,150
a lot a lot of emotional stress

963
00:44:52,700 --> 00:44:50,789

depression all that can you explain what

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00:44:55,509 --> 00:44:52,710

you were going through and was it the

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00:44:58,670 --> 00:44:55,519

unknown that was the worst part of it oh

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00:45:01,329 --> 00:44:58,680

yeah it's the unknown that that does you

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00:45:04,039 --> 00:45:01,339

in you know Aaron Schwartz was arrested

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00:45:05,720 --> 00:45:04,049

and they did charge stacking with Aaron

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00:45:09,079 --> 00:45:05,730

Schwartz - he was the one of the

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00:45:11,150 --> 00:45:09,089

founders of BuzzFeed and they charged

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00:45:14,269 --> 00:45:11,160

him with something like 20 felonies

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00:45:16,519 --> 00:45:14,279

related to internet fraud or wire fraud

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00:45:18,710 --> 00:45:16,529

or something for accessing some it's

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00:45:21,710 --> 00:45:18,720

some hacking related charge well the

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00:45:24,319 --> 00:45:21,720

poor guy was like 25 years old 26 years

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00:45:26,989 --> 00:45:24,329

old he's just been charged with 15 or 20

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00:45:30,289 --> 00:45:26,999

felonies and he went home and and blew

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00:45:32,269 --> 00:45:30,299

his brains out and you know reporter

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00:45:35,120 --> 00:45:32,279

asked me if I was surprised and I said I

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00:45:36,620 --> 00:45:35,130

said no the way they they charge you

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00:45:38,809 --> 00:45:36,630

with these multiple felonies and you're

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00:45:40,940 --> 00:45:38,819

looking at you know 75 years in prison

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00:45:43,069 --> 00:45:40,950

100 years in prison I'm surprised more

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00:45:45,799 --> 00:45:43,079

people don't kill themselves when I was

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00:45:49,069 --> 00:45:45,809

first charged I was looking at 45 years

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00:45:51,380 --> 00:45:49,079

in prison why I'm 52 years old I was 48

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00:45:53,450 --> 00:45:51,390

years old at the time looking at 45

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00:45:57,589 --> 00:45:53,460

years in prison that's a death sentence

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00:46:00,049 --> 00:45:57,599

but that's the point they want you to

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00:46:01,970 --> 00:46:00,059

face a death sentence so that you take a

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00:46:03,890 --> 00:46:01,980

plea and they get a conviction that's

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00:46:06,829 --> 00:46:03,900

how they get promoted that's how they

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00:46:09,529 --> 00:46:06,839

get budget increases so that's the way

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00:46:11,960 --> 00:46:09,539

they do help do you think of going back

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00:46:14,420 --> 00:46:11,970

to the the topic I shouldn't talk about

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00:46:16,910 --> 00:46:14,430

but do you think in today's world with

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00:46:18,589 --> 00:46:16,920

the present administration that anything

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00:46:24,019 --> 00:46:18,599

would be different and what happened to

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00:46:27,559 --> 00:46:24,029

you you know this may sound crazy to you

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00:46:29,720 --> 00:46:27,569

but yeah I do um you know there's a

1001

00:46:35,120 --> 00:46:29,730

there's a lot to criticize Jeff sessions

1002

00:46:37,370 --> 00:46:35,130

about mandatory minimum sentencing drug

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00:46:39,049 --> 00:46:37,380

sentencing the use of private prisons I

1004

00:46:42,700 --> 00:46:39,059

think he's a terrible Attorney General

1005

00:46:44,530 --> 00:46:42,710

but he did not have this this this

1006

00:46:50,510 --> 00:46:44,540

laser-like

1007

00:46:52,220 --> 00:46:50,520

Espionage Act to prosecute

1008

00:46:55,880 --> 00:46:52,230

whistleblowers like Eric Holder did I

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00:46:59,720 --> 00:46:55,890

think Eric Holder was was one of the the

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00:47:02,090 --> 00:46:59,730

great menaces to our civil liberties

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00:47:04,340 --> 00:47:02,100

over the last half a century I think

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00:47:06,290 --> 00:47:04,350

honestly and I and I say this from the

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00:47:08,690 --> 00:47:06,300

bottom of my heart I think Eric Holder

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00:47:11,920 --> 00:47:08,700

was one of the worst attorneys general

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00:47:14,600 --> 00:47:11,930

in in American history in terms of

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00:47:18,500 --> 00:47:14,610

taking away our civil rights and our

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00:47:20,120 --> 00:47:18,510

civil liberties so now you know there's

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00:47:21,680 --> 00:47:20,130

a lot of rhetoric coming out of the

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00:47:23,510 --> 00:47:21,690

Trump White House about these issues

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00:47:26,570 --> 00:47:23,520

especially as they relate to the

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00:47:28,760 --> 00:47:26,580

journalists but no I I'm not seeing I'm

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00:47:30,200 --> 00:47:28,770

not seeing investigations initiated by

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00:47:33,590 --> 00:47:30,210

the Trump administration against

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00:47:36,050 --> 00:47:33,600

whistleblowers now not not yet anyway at

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00:47:38,540 --> 00:47:36,060

one time or I thought at the beginning

1026
00:47:41,810 --> 00:47:38,550
of Obama's administration that he was

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00:47:43,910 --> 00:47:41,820
encouraging whistleblowing did you ever

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00:47:46,460 --> 00:47:43,920
hear that well you know the sad truth is

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00:47:49,460 --> 00:47:46,470
during the the Obama administration we

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00:47:52,550 --> 00:47:49,470
passed a whistleblower protection act

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00:47:54,830 --> 00:47:52,560
but it specifically exempted national

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00:47:55,760 --> 00:47:54,840
security whistleblowers from coverage so

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00:47:59,180 --> 00:47:55,770
Barack Obama

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00:48:02,000 --> 00:47:59,190
not only did literally nothing in terms

1035
00:48:04,190 --> 00:48:02,010
of the law to help whistleblowers he

1036
00:48:07,370 --> 00:48:04,200
actively pursued whistleblowers for

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00:48:09,830 --> 00:48:07,380
prosecution and how many whistleblowers

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00:48:11,750 --> 00:48:09,840

that you're aware of and when it comes

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00:48:19,090 --> 00:48:11,760

to national security while he was in

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00:48:25,160 --> 00:48:19,100

office eight Wow and and prior to that

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00:48:26,870 --> 00:48:25,170

none Wow you know in history zero well

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00:48:29,180 --> 00:48:26,880

well you know when I take that back um

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00:48:32,810 --> 00:48:29,190

the next administration tried to charge

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00:48:36,950 --> 00:48:32,820

Daniel Ellsberg with Sol summit but but

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00:48:39,830 --> 00:48:36,960

the the key fell apart right right so

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00:48:43,040 --> 00:48:39,840

one one in American history amazing now

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00:48:45,680 --> 00:48:43,050

I do want to talk about what prison was

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00:48:48,260 --> 00:48:45,690

like for you in just a minute here but I

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00:48:51,080 --> 00:48:48,270

also want to ask you your thoughts on

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00:48:54,950 --> 00:48:51,090

two different people first of all

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00:48:57,470 --> 00:48:54,960
Chelsea Manning recently released I

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00:49:01,609 --> 00:48:57,480
believe very recently right

1053
00:49:03,589 --> 00:49:01,619
yeah on the 17th I think it was and so

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00:49:06,020 --> 00:49:03,599
what it yeah man what were your thought

1055
00:49:07,430 --> 00:49:06,030
I'm thrilled I'm thrilled for Chelsea

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00:49:09,530 --> 00:49:07,440
Manning one of the last things I did

1057
00:49:12,559 --> 00:49:09,540
before I went to prison was I I tweeted

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00:49:15,289 --> 00:49:12,569
that I had fought as hard as I could and

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00:49:17,210 --> 00:49:15,299
I just couldn't fight anymore the

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00:49:19,460 --> 00:49:17,220
president elected not to give me any

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00:49:21,109 --> 00:49:19,470
kind of relief but that I hoped he would

1062
00:49:25,700 --> 00:49:21,119
give Chelsea Manning some kind of relief

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00:49:27,230 --> 00:49:25,710

and and he did finally you know Chelsea

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00:49:29,150 --> 00:49:27,240

Manning I think was the victim of

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00:49:30,950 --> 00:49:29,160

torture solitary confinement as

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00:49:32,450 --> 00:49:30,960

practiced in the United States has been

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00:49:34,730 --> 00:49:32,460

declared as a form of torture by the

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00:49:36,799 --> 00:49:34,740

United Nations and not only did Chelsea

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00:49:39,319 --> 00:49:36,809

Manning spend long stretches of her

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00:49:42,230 --> 00:49:39,329

sentence of her seven plus year sentence

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00:49:45,559 --> 00:49:42,240

in solitary confinement but she did so

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00:49:49,819 --> 00:49:45,569

with forced nudity and that was meant

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00:49:51,140 --> 00:49:49,829

just to humiliate and to control so it's

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00:49:53,420 --> 00:49:51,150

a wonderful thing that she got out of

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00:49:58,039 --> 00:49:53,430

prison okay and the next one is Edward

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00:50:00,920 --> 00:49:58,049

Edward Snowden oh I think ed Snowden is

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00:50:04,370 --> 00:50:00,930

a bona fide American Hero we would have

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00:50:08,859 --> 00:50:04,380

no idea that the government was spying

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00:50:12,859 --> 00:50:08,869

on us had snowed not not told us that

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00:50:14,750 --> 00:50:12,869

when I was in prison I wrote I wrote an

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00:50:16,579 --> 00:50:14,760

open letter that was published in the

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00:50:17,630 --> 00:50:16,589

was published everywhere but it started

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00:50:19,490 --> 00:50:17,640

in the Huffington Post

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00:50:21,680 --> 00:50:19,500

and then I followed it up with a private

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00:50:24,440 --> 00:50:21,690

letter we share several attorneys and

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00:50:26,539 --> 00:50:24,450

have some mutual friends so I passed in

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00:50:29,150 --> 00:50:26,549

this private letter with some lessons

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00:50:31,520 --> 00:50:29,160

that I learned in my own experience the

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00:50:33,710 --> 00:50:31,530

most important of which is don't come

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00:50:35,960 --> 00:50:33,720

home you're charged in the Eastern

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00:50:38,930 --> 00:50:35,970

District of Virginia you will not get a

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00:50:41,440 --> 00:50:38,940

fair trial they will try to lock you up

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00:50:43,940 --> 00:50:41,450

in a prison for the rest of your life

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00:50:46,510 --> 00:50:43,950

why don't you do like a call and see if

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00:50:50,059 --> 00:50:46,520

we can get good a question out of it no

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00:50:53,559 --> 00:50:50,069

it's not my house

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00:50:57,380 --> 00:50:53,569

oh that's okay it's not a big deal

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00:51:02,930 --> 00:50:57,390

so you have has he actually communicated

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00:51:04,520 --> 00:51:02,940

with you through the lawyers yes we we

1100

00:51:09,200 --> 00:51:04,530

never put anything in writing our

1101
00:51:11,330 --> 00:51:09,210
messages are all verbal right right I I

1102
00:51:14,150 --> 00:51:11,340
agree you know

1103
00:51:18,200 --> 00:51:14,160
said that a few times and kind of had

1104
00:51:20,420 --> 00:51:18,210
people harshly disagree with me that I

1105
00:51:21,380 --> 00:51:20,430
think it's a really good thing that he's

1106
00:51:23,960 --> 00:51:21,390
exposed I

1107
00:51:25,850 --> 00:51:23,970
I personally you know I understand

1108
00:51:28,610 --> 00:51:25,860
there's national national security and

1109
00:51:32,780 --> 00:51:28,620
understand that we are in really strange

1110
00:51:35,900 --> 00:51:32,790
times but I also think that the truth

1111
00:51:38,930 --> 00:51:35,910
should be known especially when it comes

1112
00:51:39,770 --> 00:51:38,940
to what you mentioned earlier our civil

1113
00:51:41,840 --> 00:51:39,780

liberties

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00:51:44,990 --> 00:51:41,850

you know vanishing it it should be known

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00:51:46,670 --> 00:51:45,000

and so in that case you know maybe there

1116

00:51:51,200 --> 00:51:46,680

were some things that maybe he shouldn't

1117

00:51:52,370 --> 00:51:51,210

have exposed I don't know but I yeah we

1118

00:51:54,470 --> 00:51:52,380

don't we don't have to agree with

1119

00:51:57,230 --> 00:51:54,480

absolutely everything he did like for

1120

00:51:59,180 --> 00:51:57,240

example I I want the NSA to intercept

1121

00:52:01,400 --> 00:51:59,190

Angela Merkel's cellphone that's what

1122

00:52:03,620 --> 00:52:01,410

NSA is supposed to do every country does

1123

00:52:05,480 --> 00:52:03,630

that to every other country and if it

1124

00:52:08,060 --> 00:52:05,490

gives us a leg up and you know treaty

1125

00:52:10,880 --> 00:52:08,070

negotiations or or business negotiations

1126
00:52:12,200 --> 00:52:10,890
then that's great but we have to look at

1127
00:52:15,770 --> 00:52:12,210
the bigger picture of what he did and

1128
00:52:17,750 --> 00:52:15,780
what he did was positively patriotic we

1129
00:52:22,700 --> 00:52:17,760
should celebrate him for it I agree I

1130
00:52:26,450 --> 00:52:22,710
agree now let's talk about the people

1131
00:52:29,360 --> 00:52:26,460
out there that have done either exactly

1132
00:52:31,550 --> 00:52:29,370
what you have done or done I know there

1133
00:52:33,920 --> 00:52:31,560
was a movie called uh what was it dark

1134
00:52:37,100 --> 00:52:33,930
thirty or I'm trying to remember than

1135
00:52:38,660 --> 00:52:37,110
zero dark thirty I couldn't watch it I

1136
00:52:41,360 --> 00:52:38,670
tried to watch it I just couldn't watch

1137
00:52:45,050 --> 00:52:41,370
it but but I understand there was some

1138
00:52:48,020 --> 00:52:45,060

classified information leaked to the to

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00:52:50,600 --> 00:52:48,030

the either the producer or something of

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00:52:53,930 --> 00:52:50,610

that movie to the producer into the

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00:52:55,640 --> 00:52:53,940

writer Mark Boal in Kathryn Bigelow yeah

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00:52:59,270 --> 00:52:55,650

Leon Panetta leaked classified

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00:53:01,460 --> 00:52:59,280

information to Mark Boal and Michael

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00:53:05,720 --> 00:53:01,470

Morell who was the deputy deputy

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00:53:08,960 --> 00:53:05,730

director the CIA gave gave the producer

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00:53:12,380 --> 00:53:08,970

director a classified briefing standing

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00:53:15,950 --> 00:53:12,390

over a classified mock-up of the bin

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00:53:18,230 --> 00:53:15,960

Laden compound in addition there were

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00:53:21,260 --> 00:53:18,240

several CIA analysts who had briefed

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00:53:24,650 --> 00:53:21,270

them and who then accepted gifts in

1151

00:53:27,410 --> 00:53:24,660

exchange which is also a crime uh

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00:53:30,670 --> 00:53:27,420

furthermore leon panetta then in an

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00:53:35,000 --> 00:53:30,680

attaboy speech in the cia's auditorium

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00:53:39,770 --> 00:53:35,010

revealed the name of the Navy SEAL who

1155

00:53:42,140 --> 00:53:39,780

killed bin Laden to the crowd which

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00:53:46,220 --> 00:53:42,150

included people who had worked on this

1157

00:53:48,770 --> 00:53:46,230

film this was a classified setting so

1158

00:53:51,559 --> 00:53:48,780

why were those crimes never prosecuted

1159

00:53:53,500 --> 00:53:51,569

David Petraeus is worse you know I was

1160

00:53:57,230 --> 00:53:53,510

accused of confirming the name of a

1161

00:53:59,750 --> 00:53:57,240

former CIA officer David Petraeus past

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00:54:03,349 --> 00:53:59,760

the name the names of ten covert CIA

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00:54:06,829 --> 00:54:03,359

officers to his adulterous girlfriend to

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00:54:11,480 --> 00:54:06,839

try to impress her they did it for sex

1165

00:54:15,109 --> 00:54:11,490

and he got a misdemeanor charge 18

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00:54:17,870 --> 00:54:15,119

months unsupervised probation and no

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00:54:19,819 --> 00:54:17,880

jail time so where's the where's the

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00:54:22,549 --> 00:54:19,829

justice there there's another

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00:54:25,579 --> 00:54:22,559

disgruntled CIA officer who gave the

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00:54:28,130 --> 00:54:25,589

names of seven covert officers to the

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00:54:30,109 --> 00:54:28,140

same reporter that I talked to but they

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00:54:32,720 --> 00:54:30,119

didn't charge him because he didn't blow

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00:54:37,099 --> 00:54:32,730

the whistle on the torture program this

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00:54:40,339 --> 00:54:37,109

was all very much very much so so um you

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00:54:44,690 --> 00:54:40,349

know and I understand that a president

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00:54:47,180 --> 00:54:44,700

can basically declassify anything that

1177

00:54:51,440 --> 00:54:47,190

he wants to but what how do you feel

1178

00:54:54,799 --> 00:54:51,450

about the recent you know talk with

1179

00:54:56,240 --> 00:54:54,809

Russia a Russian official yeah well what

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00:54:59,210 --> 00:54:56,250

President Trump did was not

1181

00:55:01,670 --> 00:54:59,220

declassification he just blurted out

1182

00:55:03,260 --> 00:55:01,680

classified information you can't you

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00:55:05,870 --> 00:55:03,270

can't prosecute a president for that

1184

00:55:07,519 --> 00:55:05,880

they're they have ultimate authority to

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00:55:11,359 --> 00:55:07,529

do you know whatever they want to do

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00:55:13,700 --> 00:55:11,369

with the information but there's there's

1187

00:55:16,370 --> 00:55:13,710

a process for passing classified

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00:55:19,069 --> 00:55:16,380

information to a foreign government you

1189

00:55:20,420 --> 00:55:19,079

you take the original report you take

1190

00:55:24,890 --> 00:55:20,430

the information that you want to pass

1191

00:55:27,440 --> 00:55:24,900

out of it you put it on a clean fresh

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00:55:29,269 --> 00:55:27,450

piece of paper you write secret

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00:55:31,279 --> 00:55:29,279

releasable - and then the name of the

1194

00:55:32,809 --> 00:55:31,289

country at the top and the bottom you

1195

00:55:35,450 --> 00:55:32,819

make sure that it doesn't reveal any

1196

00:55:37,789 --> 00:55:35,460

sources and methods and then you pass it

1197

00:55:38,210 --> 00:55:37,799

through official channels but what the

1198

00:55:40,280 --> 00:55:38,220

present

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00:55:43,250 --> 00:55:40,290

it was he just blurted out this highly

1200

00:55:45,770 --> 00:55:43,260

classified information that came from a

1201
00:55:47,750 --> 00:55:45,780
third country now when you pass when you

1202
00:55:49,880 --> 00:55:47,760
pass another country's information to a

1203
00:55:51,830 --> 00:55:49,890
third country you have to get the

1204
00:55:54,530 --> 00:55:51,840
originating countries permission to do

1205
00:55:56,030 --> 00:55:54,540
it in advance and he didn't do that he

1206
00:55:58,730 --> 00:55:56,040
just blurted and that was the most

1207
00:56:01,480 --> 00:55:58,740
damaging part of it wasn't it the other

1208
00:56:03,800 --> 00:56:01,490
country it was not having a commission

1209
00:56:06,410 --> 00:56:03,810
because then they're less likely to

1210
00:56:08,089 --> 00:56:06,420
share whatever secret it is yeah they're

1211
00:56:10,310 --> 00:56:08,099
less likely to share in the future it

1212
00:56:14,450 --> 00:56:10,320
damages the the bilateral leaves on

1213
00:56:16,940 --> 00:56:14,460

relationship now let's talk about your

1214

00:56:18,710 --> 00:56:16,950

stint in prison and first of all you

1215

00:56:22,880 --> 00:56:18,720

mentioned earlier that you have five

1216

00:56:26,000 --> 00:56:22,890

kids I can't imagine being separated

1217

00:56:28,220 --> 00:56:26,010

from your kids and you know day to day

1218

00:56:32,839 --> 00:56:28,230

missing their birthdays Christmas all

1219

00:56:36,770 --> 00:56:32,849

that how can you not be bitter or are

1220

00:56:37,580 --> 00:56:36,780

you bitter no no one I'm not bitter

1221

00:56:39,710 --> 00:56:37,590

actually

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00:56:42,020 --> 00:56:39,720

I've worked hard on this and it's

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00:56:43,849 --> 00:56:42,030

because you know you come out of prison

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00:56:45,859 --> 00:56:43,859

and you think you can step right back

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00:56:48,349 --> 00:56:45,869

into your life again and you can't you

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00:56:50,810 --> 00:56:48,359

deal with depression you deal with anger

1227

00:56:53,599 --> 00:56:50,820

issues you deal with PTSD which

1228

00:56:57,200 --> 00:56:53,609

everybody has when they come out but I

1229

00:56:59,359 --> 00:56:57,210

made it I made a decision early on in

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00:57:01,430 --> 00:56:59,369

this whole process that I was not going

1231

00:57:04,089 --> 00:57:01,440

to be bitter because it wouldn't get me

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00:57:07,130 --> 00:57:04,099

anything if I dwell on this and say oh

1233

00:57:09,260 --> 00:57:07,140

poor me I've been wronged didn't look

1234

00:57:13,460 --> 00:57:09,270

what they did to me that doesn't help me

1235

00:57:15,650 --> 00:57:13,470

in any way and so I decided I was truly

1236

00:57:16,700 --> 00:57:15,660

going to put this behind me this book

1237

00:57:19,820 --> 00:57:16,710

was therapeutic

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00:57:21,770 --> 00:57:19,830

it helped me work out work through a lot

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00:57:26,390 --> 00:57:21,780

of issues and I think it's funny at the

1240

00:57:28,760 --> 00:57:26,400

same time and and I've just been working

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00:57:30,079 --> 00:57:28,770

on on new opportunities that I've had

1242

00:57:32,900 --> 00:57:30,089

that's what I'm doing here in Los

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00:57:36,230 --> 00:57:32,910

Angeles right now that's really an

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00:57:38,630 --> 00:57:36,240

amazing attitude and and wonderful

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00:57:40,880 --> 00:57:38,640

really I think it's great thanks you

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00:57:42,710 --> 00:57:40,890

know Nelson Mandela did it and and

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00:57:44,270 --> 00:57:42,720

Martin Luther King did it and Mahatma

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00:57:46,940 --> 00:57:44,280

Gandhi did it and these guys were all

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00:57:48,170 --> 00:57:46,950

giants and I thought when they said that

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00:57:50,930 --> 00:57:48,180

they weren't bitter and that they

1251
00:57:54,530 --> 00:57:50,940
forgave they were they were telling the

1252
00:57:57,110 --> 00:57:54,540
and and I thought I have to do the same

1253
00:57:59,150 --> 00:57:57,120
thing I have to forgive and forget and

1254
00:58:01,940 --> 00:57:59,160
move on and so that's what I've done now

1255
00:58:05,210 --> 00:58:01,950
when you went off to prison that day you

1256
00:58:06,800 --> 00:58:05,220
thought you were going to have I forget

1257
00:58:09,740 --> 00:58:06,810
what they call it it's sort of like the

1258
00:58:11,900 --> 00:58:09,750
white-collar prison yeah it's a

1259
00:58:13,340 --> 00:58:11,910
minimum-security working work camp right

1260
00:58:16,340 --> 00:58:13,350
and that's where you thought you were

1261
00:58:18,590 --> 00:58:16,350
going but yeah the judge ordered that I

1262
00:58:21,140 --> 00:58:18,600
go to a work camp minimum security and

1263
00:58:23,690 --> 00:58:21,150

at a camp there are no bars on the

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00:58:25,610 --> 00:58:23,700

windows there's no barbed wire the doors

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00:58:26,630 --> 00:58:25,620

are not locked you're free to come and

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00:58:28,730 --> 00:58:26,640

go as you please

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00:58:31,820 --> 00:58:28,740

you're just on your honor not to abscond

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00:58:33,710 --> 00:58:31,830

and so when I got to the prison I turned

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00:58:35,630 --> 00:58:33,720

myself in the prison guard started

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00:58:37,520 --> 00:58:35,640

walking me around to the back of the

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00:58:39,740 --> 00:58:37,530

actual prison which is across the street

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00:58:41,930 --> 00:58:39,750

from the camp and I said no no there's a

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00:58:44,570 --> 00:58:41,940

mistake I'm supposed to be at the camp

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00:58:46,730 --> 00:58:44,580

across the street and the guy chuckled

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00:58:50,180 --> 00:58:46,740

and said not according to my paperwork

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00:58:53,030 --> 00:58:50,190

you're not and so it took me five days

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00:58:55,070 --> 00:58:53,040

before I got access to a phone and I

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00:58:57,260 --> 00:58:55,080

called my attorney and I said hey they

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00:58:58,910 --> 00:58:57,270

put me in the actual prison with the

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00:59:02,120 --> 00:58:58,920

murderers and the pedophiles and the

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00:59:05,390 --> 00:59:02,130

drug kingpins what do I do and he said

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00:59:07,160 --> 00:59:05,400

oh my gosh well it'll take us you know

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00:59:08,840 --> 00:59:07,170

we could file a motion but it'll take us

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00:59:10,940 --> 00:59:08,850

two years before we get a hearing and

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00:59:12,470 --> 00:59:10,950

you'll be home by then he said I'm sorry

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00:59:15,920 --> 00:59:12,480

you're just gonna have to tough it out

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00:59:18,890 --> 00:59:15,930

and so that's when I decided I was going

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00:59:21,620 --> 00:59:18,900

to use my CIA training to make sure that

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00:59:23,660 --> 00:59:21,630

I was safe and to keep myself on the top

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00:59:25,640 --> 00:59:23,670

of the social heat and then that's

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00:59:27,260 --> 00:59:25,650

exactly what led to the writing of this

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00:59:29,330 --> 00:59:27,270

book all right I do want to talk about

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00:59:33,040 --> 00:59:29,340

that story I do want to talk about that

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00:59:35,870 --> 00:59:33,050

but now why couldn't your attorney

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00:59:38,480 --> 00:59:35,880

contact the judge and say hey you

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00:59:42,740 --> 00:59:38,490

ordered him for this you know for this

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00:59:45,080 --> 00:59:42,750

up prison this it's a low security

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00:59:46,400 --> 00:59:45,090

prison and why is he in the you know why

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00:59:49,490 --> 00:59:46,410

was he put on the other side of the road

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00:59:51,650 --> 00:59:49,500

what as it turns out

1301

00:59:53,090 --> 00:59:51,660

judges can only make recommendations to

1302

00:59:55,400 --> 00:59:53,100

the Bureau of Prisons the Bureau of

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00:59:57,320 --> 00:59:55,410

Prisons has ultimate authority and so

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00:59:58,670 --> 00:59:57,330

they just elected to ignore the judges

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01:00:01,640 --> 00:59:58,680

recommend it's another thing that just

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01:00:04,250 --> 01:00:01,650

doesn't seem right in any way to me yeah

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01:00:07,310 --> 01:00:04,260

yeah a lot of in justices

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01:00:08,780 --> 01:00:07,320

so and you know I think about what you

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01:00:12,320 --> 01:00:08,790

mentioned earlier all these different

1310

01:00:15,440 --> 01:00:12,330

people that actually did more of a crime

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01:00:17,500 --> 01:00:15,450

than you did and it just makes me angry

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01:00:20,630 --> 01:00:17,510

I got to tell you I did you know that

1313

01:00:24,100 --> 01:00:20,640

they could just because of this torture

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01:00:27,190 --> 01:00:24,110

thing that this is how you were treated

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01:00:30,470 --> 01:00:27,200

now let's talk about what it was like

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01:00:35,090 --> 01:00:30,480

being in prison and how you did survive

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01:00:37,070 --> 01:00:35,100

using your CIA skills yeah yeah so what

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01:00:43,400 --> 01:00:37,080

was that like yeah first of all let me

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01:00:45,080 --> 01:00:43,410

ask you this because you were CIA did

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01:00:47,480 --> 01:00:45,090

that was that a good thing or a bad

1321

01:00:49,310 --> 01:00:47,490

thing when you're walking into the

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01:00:51,440 --> 01:00:49,320

prison well I wasn't sure in the

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01:00:53,990 --> 01:00:51,450

beginning it turned out to be a good

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01:00:56,900 --> 01:00:54,000

thing and it it was a good thing because

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01:01:01,690 --> 01:00:56,910

of the the kindness of one other

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01:01:04,070 --> 01:01:01,700

prisoner there was a prisoner an Italian

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01:01:07,940 --> 01:01:04,080

who was associated with an organized

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01:01:11,330 --> 01:01:07,950

crime family who had followed my case in

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01:01:13,100 --> 01:01:11,340

the New York Times and read in the times

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01:01:16,640 --> 01:01:13,110

that I was being assigned to Loreto and

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01:01:19,370 --> 01:01:16,650

so he took it upon himself to go to all

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01:01:21,950 --> 01:01:19,380

of the Italians in prison and I mean we

1333

01:01:24,530 --> 01:01:21,960

had the boss of the Gambino's we had the

1334

01:01:26,930 --> 01:01:24,540

underboss of the decal vacante z-- we

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01:01:29,180 --> 01:01:26,940

had the the top captain of the bananas

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01:01:31,940 --> 01:01:29,190

these were serious organized crime

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01:01:34,010 --> 01:01:31,950

figures so he went to each and every one

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01:01:36,590 --> 01:01:34,020

of them and he explained to them the

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01:01:40,490 --> 01:01:36,600

difference between an FBI agent who's a

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01:01:43,460 --> 01:01:40,500

cop and a rat and a CIA officer who's a

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01:01:46,960 --> 01:01:43,470

hero and is working overseas to protect

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01:01:49,100 --> 01:01:46,970

us from terrorism and so once they

1343

01:01:51,860 --> 01:01:49,110

understood the difference between the

1344

01:01:57,020 --> 01:01:51,870

FBI and the CIA I was welcomed with open

1345

01:02:00,560 --> 01:01:57,030

arms Wow so how did you did you actually

1346

01:02:04,180 --> 01:02:00,570

have an easy time all along or did that

1347

01:02:07,220 --> 01:02:04,190

was that did that take a while before

1348

01:02:11,240 --> 01:02:07,230

you know you are constantly battling

1349

01:02:13,900 --> 01:02:11,250

depression and boredom so you know there

1350

01:02:16,110 --> 01:02:13,910

were challenges along the way

1351

01:02:18,780 --> 01:02:16,120

only once did I have a challenge

1352

01:02:20,870 --> 01:02:18,790

from another prisoner and I took good

1353

01:02:23,970 --> 01:02:20,880

care of him as you'll see in the book uh

1354

01:02:28,760 --> 01:02:23,980

but it was it was the guards the group

1355

01:02:31,530 --> 01:02:28,770

the guards are sadistic boys and and

1356

01:02:34,680 --> 01:02:31,540

much of their behavior is is criminal

1357

01:02:36,750 --> 01:02:34,690

and I mean that literally which I also

1358

01:02:39,840 --> 01:02:36,760

document in the book so it was the

1359

01:02:42,240 --> 01:02:39,850

guards that were far far more dangerous

1360

01:02:43,980 --> 01:02:42,250

and more of a problem than that any

1361

01:02:46,350 --> 01:02:43,990

prisoner was yeah just like in the

1362

01:02:48,000 --> 01:02:46,360

movies right there's always that now can

1363

01:02:49,380 --> 01:02:48,010

you give some examples of some of the

1364

01:02:52,620 --> 01:02:49,390

things that you would consider illegal

1365

01:02:55,500 --> 01:02:52,630

that they were doing well I I was in

1366

01:02:57,960 --> 01:02:55,510

prison for five days and I was called to

1367

01:03:01,560 --> 01:02:57,970

the lieutenant's office and when I got

1368

01:03:03,390 --> 01:03:01,570

there uh the two cops in the in the

1369

01:03:05,400 --> 01:03:03,400

special Investigative Service showed me

1370

01:03:07,710 --> 01:03:05,410

a picture of another prisoner they said

1371

01:03:09,510 --> 01:03:07,720

do you know this guy I said I don't know

1372

01:03:13,050 --> 01:03:09,520

one but I met him last night

1373

01:03:15,870 --> 01:03:13,060

Oh would you say to him I said I told

1374

01:03:18,510 --> 01:03:15,880

him not shut up in medic Tech it's nice

1375

01:03:22,080 --> 01:03:18,520

to meet you in Arabic what did he say to

1376

01:03:24,600 --> 01:03:22,090

you I said he told me to shut up in

1377

01:03:26,720 --> 01:03:24,610

medic back to you it's nice to meet you

1378

01:03:30,570 --> 01:03:26,730

too I shook his hand I walked away and

1379

01:03:32,730 --> 01:03:30,580

they said well after you met him he

1380

01:03:36,060 --> 01:03:32,740

called the number in Pakistan and they

1381

01:03:38,160 --> 01:03:36,070

told him to kill you and I said please I

1382

01:03:41,130 --> 01:03:38,170

could kill this guy with my thumb and

1383

01:03:42,480 --> 01:03:41,140

they said no don't do that we've been

1384

01:03:44,250 --> 01:03:42,490

looking for a reason to ship him to

1385

01:03:48,030 --> 01:03:44,260

another prison he's the uncle of the

1386

01:03:49,590 --> 01:03:48,040

Time Square bomber I said okay they said

1387

01:03:52,170 --> 01:03:49,600

don't don't do you know don't do

1388

01:03:55,800 --> 01:03:52,180

anything I said okay that's fine so I

1389

01:03:57,780 --> 01:03:55,810

walked out well every time I pass this

1390

01:03:59,190 --> 01:03:57,790

guy in the hall we've given him the

1391

01:04:01,320 --> 01:03:59,200

stink eye and he's given me the stink

1392

01:04:02,760 --> 01:04:01,330

eye back but the more I thought about

1393

01:04:05,130 --> 01:04:02,770

this the more it didn't make any sense

1394

01:04:07,860 --> 01:04:05,140

because the Times Square bomber was

1395

01:04:10,710 --> 01:04:07,870

Pakistani and this guy was an Iraqi

1396

01:04:14,250 --> 01:04:10,720

curly and they don't speak Arabic in

1397

01:04:20,250 --> 01:04:14,260

Pakistan they they speak or do Pashto

1398

01:04:22,530 --> 01:04:20,260

Cindy Punjabi so um this didn't make any

1399

01:04:24,750 --> 01:04:22,540

sense to me so finally I walked up to

1400

01:04:26,970 --> 01:04:24,760

the guy outside on the yard and I put my

1401
01:04:28,070 --> 01:04:26,980
hands up I said hey I mean you no harm I

1402
01:04:31,490 --> 01:04:28,080
gotta ask you

1403
01:04:35,000 --> 01:04:31,500
question have the cops said anything to

1404
01:04:37,670 --> 01:04:35,010
you about me and he said yeah they told

1405
01:04:39,590 --> 01:04:37,680
me that after we met you call the number

1406
01:04:39,860 --> 01:04:39,600
in Washington and they told you to kill

1407
01:04:43,880 --> 01:04:39,870
me

1408
01:04:46,070 --> 01:04:43,890
unreal so I went to the law library and

1409
01:04:48,770 --> 01:04:46,080
research this and this is a felony it's

1410
01:04:50,740 --> 01:04:48,780
a class D felony and it's conspiracy to

1411
01:04:54,350 --> 01:04:50,750
incite violence at a federal facility

1412
01:04:56,360 --> 01:04:54,360
they wanted me to kill this guy or they

1413
01:04:58,910 --> 01:04:56,370

wanted him to kill me or they wanted

1414

01:05:02,120 --> 01:04:58,920

both of us to to hurt each other trying

1415

01:05:06,020 --> 01:05:02,130

to kill each other for their own sick

1416

01:05:08,870 --> 01:05:06,030

pleasure so when I reported this in in a

1417

01:05:12,110 --> 01:05:08,880

blog and this blog of course is in the

1418

01:05:14,690 --> 01:05:12,120

book it's a part of the book the the

1419

01:05:17,320 --> 01:05:14,700

press went wild CNN drove up to the

1420

01:05:19,520 --> 01:05:17,330

prison 60 minutes came to the prison

1421

01:05:22,100 --> 01:05:19,530

everybody's beaten up the warden to try

1422

01:05:23,690 --> 01:05:22,110

to get a comment so the warden promised

1423

01:05:27,110 --> 01:05:23,700

that there would be an investigation and

1424

01:05:29,930 --> 01:05:27,120

as you might guess there was and it was

1425

01:05:31,790 --> 01:05:29,940

an investigation of me and how I got

1426

01:05:35,420 --> 01:05:31,800

that blog out and got it to the

1427

01:05:37,790 --> 01:05:35,430

huffington post unreal now did you have

1428

01:05:41,510 --> 01:05:37,800

like a constant connection to the

1429

01:05:44,330 --> 01:05:41,520

outside as far as right yeah my

1430

01:05:47,120 --> 01:05:44,340

attorneys or attorneys yeah my attorneys

1431

01:05:48,620 --> 01:05:47,130

I put everything in legal mail I sent it

1432

01:05:50,270 --> 01:05:48,630

all out to my attorneys and they made

1433

01:05:52,580 --> 01:05:50,280

sure it got to the right reporters Wow

1434

01:05:55,840 --> 01:05:52,590

now how about people coming to see you

1435

01:06:01,040 --> 01:05:55,850

did you have like supporters come up

1436

01:06:05,060 --> 01:06:01,050

call them oh yeah a half a dozen CIA

1437

01:06:10,090 --> 01:06:05,070

officers a couple of NSA people a judge

1438

01:06:12,830 --> 01:06:10,100

an FBI agent I actually had trouble

1439

01:06:16,280 --> 01:06:12,840

juggling all the visits because you're

1440

01:06:18,020 --> 01:06:16,290

only allowed four visits a month uh and

1441

01:06:22,340 --> 01:06:18,030

and I wanted to see my wife and kids

1442

01:06:24,440 --> 01:06:22,350

once a month and so um we had to like

1443

01:06:26,510 --> 01:06:24,450

pair visits like a friend from high

1444

01:06:28,730 --> 01:06:26,520

school would visit at the same time a

1445

01:06:30,950 --> 01:06:28,740

friend from college would or a friend

1446

01:06:32,630 --> 01:06:30,960

from my hometown would visit along with

1447

01:06:33,950 --> 01:06:32,640

a friend from the CIA

1448

01:06:36,230 --> 01:06:33,960

even if they didn't know each other and

1449

01:06:39,440 --> 01:06:36,240

that way I could see everybody that that

1450

01:06:42,019 --> 01:06:39,450

wanted to see me how did your your wife

1451

01:06:45,849 --> 01:06:42,029

and kids how did they handle this that's

1452

01:06:49,640 --> 01:06:45,859

been very hard it's hard but my wife is

1453

01:06:53,420 --> 01:06:49,650

is just she was a rock-solid supporter

1454

01:06:56,750 --> 01:06:53,430

she was just so tough and so certain

1455

01:06:59,410 --> 01:06:56,760

that that we were in the right she stuck

1456

01:07:02,630 --> 01:06:59,420

by me through those really awful days

1457

01:07:06,740 --> 01:07:02,640

and I remember when we spoke a year or

1458

01:07:08,569 --> 01:07:06,750

so ago on the phone you told me the what

1459

01:07:11,599 --> 01:07:08,579

I think was a really happy ending to

1460

01:07:13,609 --> 01:07:11,609

what happened to her job basically she

1461

01:07:16,400 --> 01:07:13,619

got fired and just can you kind of tell

1462

01:07:18,319 --> 01:07:16,410

that story real quickly yeah she was

1463

01:07:20,420 --> 01:07:18,329

fired on the day of my arrest only

1464

01:07:22,160 --> 01:07:20,430

because she was married to me and she

1465

01:07:23,750 --> 01:07:22,170

ended up getting a job with a defense

1466

01:07:27,049 --> 01:07:23,760

contractor she's been promoted there

1467

01:07:29,960 --> 01:07:27,059

three times and as it's turned out she's

1468

01:07:33,079 --> 01:07:29,970

making just more than triple what she

1469

01:07:36,230 --> 01:07:33,089

made it CIA so she was at the CIA lost

1470

01:07:40,700 --> 01:07:36,240

her job and a story turned out turned

1471

01:07:43,430 --> 01:07:40,710

out well so you so you're there for two

1472

01:07:45,980 --> 01:07:43,440

years that is that that you talk about

1473

01:07:50,990 --> 01:07:45,990

boredom how did you keep your mind

1474

01:07:53,539 --> 01:07:51,000

active I a couple ways I made a decision

1475

01:07:56,029 --> 01:07:53,549

on my very first day I've been in prison

1476

01:07:59,319 --> 01:07:56,039

for like two hours and it was mail call

1477

01:08:02,240 --> 01:07:59,329

and I received a card from a lady in

1478

01:08:04,160 --> 01:08:02,250

Ringgold Georgia who I had never met and

1479

01:08:05,630 --> 01:08:04,170

I thought that that was such a sweet

1480

01:08:08,240 --> 01:08:05,640

thing to do that this woman took the

1481

01:08:10,009 --> 01:08:08,250

time she actually handmade the card it

1482

01:08:11,900 --> 01:08:10,019

was such a nice thing to do that I was

1483

01:08:14,150 --> 01:08:11,910

going to respond and I decided that day

1484

01:08:17,749 --> 01:08:14,160

that I was going to respond to everybody

1485

01:08:20,749 --> 01:08:17,759

who wrote me a letter not having any

1486

01:08:22,910 --> 01:08:20,759

idea that by the end of the two years I

1487

01:08:25,849 --> 01:08:22,920

would have responded to more than 7,000

1488

01:08:29,720 --> 01:08:25,859

letters which is what it was well I hand

1489

01:08:32,200 --> 01:08:29,730

wrote seven thousand letters I hand

1490

01:08:37,070 --> 01:08:32,210

wrote this book five hundred and fifty

1491

01:08:39,229 --> 01:08:37,080

legal pages handwritten so that kept me

1492

01:08:42,019 --> 01:08:39,239

very busy writing like a crazy person

1493

01:08:43,010 --> 01:08:42,029

and then just to keep my mind sharp I

1494

01:08:52,099 --> 01:08:43,020

read

1495

01:08:54,470 --> 01:08:52,109

months at Loreto and every single day I

1496

01:08:57,950 --> 01:08:54,480

forced myself to do the New York Times

1497

01:09:00,349 --> 01:08:57,960

crossword puzzle I needed to keep my

1498

01:09:02,599 --> 01:09:00,359

mind show yes and I think it's a I've

1499

01:09:05,390 --> 01:09:02,609

just been in a point of recovery after

1500

01:09:07,789 --> 01:09:05,400

surgery that I decided to force myself

1501

01:09:09,590 --> 01:09:07,799

to do something every day you know and I

1502

01:09:12,680 --> 01:09:09,600

think it's very important for your head

1503

01:09:15,590 --> 01:09:12,690

to you know like even though I couldn't

1504

01:09:17,510 --> 01:09:15,600

walk in you know I made sure that I got

1505

01:09:19,849 --> 01:09:17,520

in the shower somehow and I shaved every

1506

01:09:22,910 --> 01:09:19,859

day even though I'd no one would see me

1507

01:09:24,590 --> 01:09:22,920

unshaven you know is I think it's kind

1508

01:09:27,440 --> 01:09:24,600

of like the regiment that kind of keeps

1509

01:09:29,090 --> 01:09:27,450

you together it lifts your spirits yeah

1510

01:09:32,750 --> 01:09:29,100

it lets you spirit and what are some of

1511

01:09:34,280 --> 01:09:32,760

the other things that you did was let's

1512

01:09:36,170 --> 01:09:34,290

talk about your interactions you've

1513

01:09:39,829 --> 01:09:36,180

mentioned the Italians so you had them

1514

01:09:42,769 --> 01:09:39,839

on your side yeah they were my closest

1515

01:09:44,390 --> 01:09:42,779

friends so you know I you don't go to

1516

01:09:47,480 --> 01:09:44,400

prison and make friends I actually made

1517

01:09:48,050 --> 01:09:47,490

like three like true friends three

1518

01:09:52,220 --> 01:09:48,060

people

1519

01:09:56,780 --> 01:09:52,230

um but you rather than make friends you

1520

01:09:59,180 --> 01:09:56,790

engage in strategic alliances so my

1521

01:10:04,400 --> 01:09:59,190

strategic alliances were with you know

1522

01:10:05,540 --> 01:10:04,410

the Italians the Aryans the Crips and

1523

01:10:08,840 --> 01:10:05,550

the Bloods Wow

1524

01:10:10,730 --> 01:10:08,850

when it was necessary I actually had

1525

01:10:12,820 --> 01:10:10,740

very good relations with the Crips and

1526

01:10:16,430 --> 01:10:12,830

the Bloods and with their shot collars

1527

01:10:18,350 --> 01:10:16,440

and then there were people that you just

1528

01:10:19,310 --> 01:10:18,360

weren't going to get along with or

1529

01:10:22,100 --> 01:10:19,320

didn't want to

1530

01:10:23,990 --> 01:10:22,110

number one pedophiles I had nothing

1531

01:10:25,820 --> 01:10:24,000

literally nothing to do with pedophiles

1532

01:10:28,250 --> 01:10:25,830

wouldn't speak to them wouldn't touch

1533

01:10:33,560 --> 01:10:28,260

them nothing whatsoever to man to police

1534

01:10:35,930 --> 01:10:33,570

in um and you know the the Latin drug

1535

01:10:39,320 --> 01:10:35,940

gangs they're in their own little world

1536

01:10:41,660 --> 01:10:39,330

and they're so divided so we had like

1537

01:10:46,910 --> 01:10:41,670

you know the borrachos the North Daniels

1538

01:10:49,250 --> 01:10:46,920

the ms-13 the Latin Kings the Mexican

1539

01:10:52,340 --> 01:10:49,260

Mafia and then they have factions within

1540

01:10:55,370 --> 01:10:52,350

their gangs you know it's best just not

1541

01:10:59,090 --> 01:10:55,380

to mess with that and not to

1542

01:11:02,330 --> 01:10:59,100

engage and so I I kept my distance did

1543

01:11:04,580 --> 01:11:02,340

anyone in prison think that you were an

1544

01:11:07,280 --> 01:11:04,590

opportunity to get to be able to speak

1545

01:11:11,750 --> 01:11:07,290

to a CIA force it

1546

01:11:15,890 --> 01:11:11,760

oh yeah and in what ways well the

1547

01:11:17,780 --> 01:11:15,900

problem was they were okay yeah yeah one

1548

01:11:20,120 --> 01:11:17,790

guy told me that he needed for me to

1549

01:11:24,500 --> 01:11:20,130

broker a meeting for him with the CIA

1550

01:11:28,850 --> 01:11:24,510

because he commanded a group of

1551

01:11:30,800 --> 01:11:28,860

intellectuals that had a militia and he

1552

01:11:34,820 --> 01:11:30,810

wanted to be installed as president of

1553

01:11:37,180 --> 01:11:34,830

Iran and I said listen I know you're the

1554

01:11:39,680 --> 01:11:37,190

guy who poops in the shower over to me

1555

01:11:42,740 --> 01:11:39,690

right I know I know it's you

1556

01:11:45,020 --> 01:11:42,750

everybody knows it's you secondly I'm

1557

01:11:47,120 --> 01:11:45,030

here you're in the announcements calling

1558

01:11:49,300 --> 01:11:47,130

calling you to the psychiatrist's office

1559

01:11:51,590 --> 01:11:49,310

I know you have mandatory psychiatric

1560

01:11:53,300 --> 01:11:51,600

treatment so now I'm not going to

1561

01:11:54,280 --> 01:11:53,310

frickin broker a meeting for you with

1562

01:11:58,669 --> 01:11:54,290

the CIA

1563

01:12:00,350 --> 01:11:58,679

look lunatic but whether I got that

1564

01:12:02,990 --> 01:12:00,360

everyone huh but were there are people

1565

01:12:08,180 --> 01:12:03,000

that thought they may get the inside

1566

01:12:10,570 --> 01:12:08,190

scoop from you Oh always always but they

1567

01:12:13,160 --> 01:12:10,580

were always very conspiratorial you know

1568

01:12:16,189 --> 01:12:13,170

the CIA had done everything of

1569

01:12:18,470 --> 01:12:16,199

everything from area 51 to you know

1570

01:12:20,800 --> 01:12:18,480

shooting that Malaysian plane down to

1571

01:12:23,090 --> 01:12:20,810

beaming waves at their heads

1572

01:12:25,820 --> 01:12:23,100

it was everything the CIA was behind

1573

01:12:28,669 --> 01:12:25,830

everything you know squelching the cure

1574

01:12:32,030 --> 01:12:28,679

for cancer faking the moon landing all

1575

01:12:34,370 --> 01:12:32,040

that huh I got a call now yeah so what

1576

01:12:39,439 --> 01:12:34,380

did you learn by being in prison as far

1577

01:12:41,180 --> 01:12:39,449

as let's talk about reform is it

1578

01:12:43,010 --> 01:12:41,190

non-existent yeah the prison system

1579

01:12:45,379 --> 01:12:43,020

though the whole judicial system is

1580

01:12:50,450 --> 01:12:45,389

utterly broken it's racist its

1581

01:12:54,260 --> 01:12:50,460

xenophobic it divides and ruins families

1582

01:12:57,050 --> 01:12:54,270

there's no rehabilitation there's no

1583

01:12:59,090 --> 01:12:57,060

education there's no job training we

1584

01:13:01,129 --> 01:12:59,100

have 5% of the world's population in

1585

01:13:03,290 --> 01:13:01,139

this country and 25% of the world's

1586

01:13:05,600 --> 01:13:03,300

prison population that's right and so

1587

01:13:06,950 --> 01:13:05,610

you know we are we are light years

1588

01:13:09,020 --> 01:13:06,960

behind our European

1589

01:13:11,660 --> 01:13:09,030

allies on these on these reform issues

1590

01:13:13,820 --> 01:13:11,670

late years and God knows it's only going

1591

01:13:17,140 --> 01:13:13,830

to get worse with Jeff Sessions as

1592

01:13:20,540 --> 01:13:17,150

Attorney General do you think the reason

1593

01:13:24,290 --> 01:13:20,550

that the the prison population is so

1594

01:13:28,459 --> 01:13:24,300

high is because is because of re-entries

1595

01:13:33,650 --> 01:13:28,469

because of not no reform things yeah I

1596

01:13:35,860 --> 01:13:33,660

do um you know I thought that I thought

1597

01:13:39,500 --> 01:13:35,870

that there would be some sort of

1598

01:13:41,660 --> 01:13:39,510

training in fact I even I even joked

1599

01:13:44,660 --> 01:13:41,670

with my wife before I went to prison

1600

01:13:47,300 --> 01:13:44,670

that well at least I can learn plumbing

1601
01:13:52,430 --> 01:13:47,310
or something or electrical work or small

1602
01:13:54,950 --> 01:13:52,440
engine repair ha ha ha and you know they

1603
01:13:57,380 --> 01:13:54,960
phase that out in the late 70s there

1604
01:14:00,530 --> 01:13:57,390
there is no such training now for me it

1605
01:14:02,090 --> 01:14:00,540
was a joke but if if you've been a drug

1606
01:14:05,260 --> 01:14:02,100
dealer all your life and the only thing

1607
01:14:08,450 --> 01:14:05,270
you know how to do is deal drugs and

1608
01:14:10,610 --> 01:14:08,460
you're not being educated or trained in

1609
01:14:11,990 --> 01:14:10,620
prison well you're going to go home

1610
01:14:13,100 --> 01:14:12,000
eventually and what do you think you're

1611
01:14:15,020 --> 01:14:13,110
going to do you're going to sell drugs

1612
01:14:17,300 --> 01:14:15,030
again because it's the only thing you

1613
01:14:18,979 --> 01:14:17,310

know how to do and that's why our

1614

01:14:21,320 --> 01:14:18,989

recidivism rates are so high in this

1615

01:14:24,110 --> 01:14:21,330

country you know forty five percent of

1616

01:14:26,750 --> 01:14:24,120

all prisoners are reincarnated within

1617

01:14:29,420 --> 01:14:26,760

three years forty five percent that is

1618

01:14:34,090 --> 01:14:29,430

really has no idea I think so no idea

1619

01:14:36,350 --> 01:14:34,100

but um now I followed and I had an a

1620

01:14:38,479 --> 01:14:36,360

prosecutor on this show

1621

01:14:41,090 --> 01:14:38,489

I followed making a murderer that was a

1622

01:14:45,140 --> 01:14:41,100

Stephen Avery case yeah and you know

1623

01:14:47,030 --> 01:14:45,150

here basically uh I I believe he

1624

01:14:49,160 --> 01:14:47,040

basically wanted to go back to prison

1625

01:14:51,890 --> 01:14:49,170

how do you feel about you think that is

1626

01:14:56,000 --> 01:14:51,900

something that prison makes you want to

1627

01:14:59,170 --> 01:14:56,010

go back let me tell you about a

1628

01:15:03,229 --> 01:14:59,180

conversation I once heard in the TV room

1629

01:15:05,780 --> 01:15:03,239

three guys playing cards middle of the

1630

01:15:06,890 --> 01:15:05,790

day nobody else is in there I'm just

1631

01:15:10,100 --> 01:15:06,900

standing there looking to see what the

1632

01:15:12,410 --> 01:15:10,110

news tickers saying and one of them kind

1633

01:15:16,670 --> 01:15:12,420

of leans back in his chair and looks

1634

01:15:20,330 --> 01:15:16,680

around and he says you know they give us

1635

01:15:21,080 --> 01:15:20,340

clothes they give us medical they give

1636

01:15:23,660 --> 01:15:21,090

us three school

1637

01:15:26,620 --> 01:15:23,670

your meals a day we work out in the

1638

01:15:30,020 --> 01:15:26,630

weight room we run the we run the track

1639

01:15:34,370 --> 01:15:30,030

he said if we had [h__h] this place would

1640

01:15:37,810 --> 01:15:34,380

be paradise Wow and you and I thought

1641

01:15:40,339 --> 01:15:37,820

wow wow a lot of people feel that way

1642

01:15:45,700 --> 01:15:40,349

yeah I've heard that you know you

1643

01:15:50,089 --> 01:15:45,710

mentioned PS the what is it called PSD

1644

01:15:51,979 --> 01:15:50,099

PTSD DSD and I think you know anyone

1645

01:15:55,160 --> 01:15:51,989

that is in prison for a long time like

1646

01:15:58,729 --> 01:15:55,170

you said has that and you know just the

1647

01:16:03,439 --> 01:15:58,739

adjustments so you know back to society

1648

01:16:05,540 --> 01:16:03,449

must be I think I watched in maybe it

1649

01:16:08,540 --> 01:16:05,550

was silenced or one of those films where

1650

01:16:11,959 --> 01:16:08,550

you had to get a job no matter what job

1651

01:16:13,970 --> 01:16:11,969

it was so what is that what's that

1652

01:16:18,350 --> 01:16:13,980

struggle been like um what was coming

1653

01:16:19,939 --> 01:16:18,360

home like coming home was a lot rougher

1654

01:16:21,830 --> 01:16:19,949

than I thought it was going to be like I

1655

01:16:23,060 --> 01:16:21,840

said earlier I thought I could just step

1656

01:16:26,260 --> 01:16:23,070

back into my life again

1657

01:16:30,649 --> 01:16:26,270

and and you can't you're dealing with

1658

01:16:33,530 --> 01:16:30,659

with probation and halfway house

1659

01:16:35,839 --> 01:16:33,540

restrictions and travel restrictions and

1660

01:16:38,629 --> 01:16:35,849

you have to do this this financial

1661

01:16:40,850 --> 01:16:38,639

report every month and then you have to

1662

01:16:43,399 --> 01:16:40,860

request permission every time you leave

1663

01:16:45,439 --> 01:16:43,409

the house and and then you call them the

1664

01:16:49,550 --> 01:16:45,449

minute you get back to the house and I

1665

01:16:51,320 --> 01:16:49,560

mean it's just it's it's onerous it's no

1666

01:16:53,570 --> 01:16:51,330

wonder so many people get violated and

1667

01:16:55,760 --> 01:16:53,580

go back to prison there are so many

1668

01:16:58,879 --> 01:16:55,770

rules the system is set up to make you

1669

01:17:00,950 --> 01:16:58,889

fail it's not set up to help you succeed

1670

01:17:03,320 --> 01:17:00,960

you know at this halfway house that I

1671

01:17:05,330 --> 01:17:03,330

had to report to there were a hundred

1672

01:17:08,060 --> 01:17:05,340

and ten guys in the halfway house they

1673

01:17:10,820 --> 01:17:08,070

had one job listed on the job board it

1674

01:17:13,729 --> 01:17:10,830

was it was to be a dishwasher at

1675

01:17:17,089 --> 01:17:13,739

Fuddruckers for a hundred and ten men

1676

01:17:18,910 --> 01:17:17,099

and if you don't get a job in 30 days

1677

01:17:22,310 --> 01:17:18,920

you go back to prison

1678

01:17:24,229 --> 01:17:22,320

unreal so I mean for me I had a job set

1679

01:17:28,040 --> 01:17:24,239

up already you know before I even got

1680

01:17:29,300 --> 01:17:28,050

home but what does everybody else do you

1681

01:17:34,250 --> 01:17:29,310

kill each other for this job at

1682

01:17:35,000 --> 01:17:34,260

Fuddruckers now that I think I heard you

1683

01:17:36,379 --> 01:17:35,010

say

1684

01:17:39,290 --> 01:17:36,389

and one of your interviews that I

1685

01:17:43,459 --> 01:17:39,300

listened to that the average American

1686

01:17:44,029 --> 01:17:43,469

commits three crimes a day or something

1687

01:17:47,569 --> 01:17:44,039

like that

1688

01:17:50,509 --> 01:17:47,579

in three felonies a day and this is this

1689

01:17:53,689 --> 01:17:50,519

is by accident mostly I mean we yeah

1690

01:17:55,759 --> 01:17:53,699

mostly by accident sure if this is a

1691

01:17:57,439 --> 01:17:55,769

book written by Harvey silverglade a

1692

01:18:02,709 --> 01:17:57,449

professor of law from Harvard University

1693

01:18:05,209 --> 01:18:02,719

and he says that the country is so over

1694

01:18:07,129 --> 01:18:05,219

legislated and I'm so over criminalized

1695

01:18:09,890 --> 01:18:07,139

that the average person commits three

1696

01:18:12,350 --> 01:18:09,900

felonies every single day with the

1697

01:18:14,450 --> 01:18:12,360

operative notion being that if they want

1698

01:18:16,430 --> 01:18:14,460

to get you they're going to get you and

1699

01:18:18,500 --> 01:18:16,440

you're going to end up having to take a

1700

01:18:20,689 --> 01:18:18,510

plea to something that's something when

1701

01:18:23,089 --> 01:18:20,699

I was up I lived in California for nine

1702

01:18:25,189 --> 01:18:23,099

years and I had to go to traffic school

1703

01:18:27,319 --> 01:18:25,199

because I had a violation and you can

1704

01:18:29,000 --> 01:18:27,329

get some points removed from your

1705

01:18:31,640 --> 01:18:29,010

license if you go to traffic school and

1706

01:18:33,080 --> 01:18:31,650

save on insurance and all that so I went

1707

01:18:36,020 --> 01:18:33,090

to the traffic school and I'll never

1708

01:18:39,049 --> 01:18:36,030

forget the instructor said that each of

1709

01:18:43,970 --> 01:18:39,059

you sitting in this class has violated

1710

01:18:46,669 --> 01:18:43,980

at least 3,500 of traffic laws for the

1711

01:18:50,720 --> 01:18:46,679

one that you got caught on you know and

1712

01:18:53,899 --> 01:18:50,730

it's pretty amazing and I'll only that

1713

01:18:55,759 --> 01:18:53,909

I probably violated 3,500 today driving

1714

01:18:57,319 --> 01:18:55,769

around Los Angeles that's that's pretty

1715

01:19:00,319 --> 01:18:57,329

easy to do

1716

01:19:03,169 --> 01:19:00,329

so how was the family how was it going

1717

01:19:05,299 --> 01:19:03,179

back to like say you said your wife was

1718

01:19:06,950 --> 01:19:05,309

a rock how about the kids you weren't

1719

01:19:10,640 --> 01:19:06,960

there and all of a sudden you're popped

1720

01:19:12,830 --> 01:19:10,650

back in well I called I called home

1721

01:19:14,689 --> 01:19:12,840

every day and and talked to the kids all

1722

01:19:18,350 --> 01:19:14,699

the time and then they came to visit me

1723

01:19:20,240 --> 01:19:18,360

every month and so it was you know that

1724

01:19:23,270 --> 01:19:20,250

that part was really great that that

1725

01:19:26,779 --> 01:19:23,280

part was exciting and and heartwarming

1726

01:19:29,870 --> 01:19:26,789

and and really great and the kids

1727

01:19:33,109 --> 01:19:29,880

they're they're just all all of them so

1728

01:19:35,390 --> 01:19:33,119

smart and so well adjusted and thank God

1729

01:19:37,209 --> 01:19:35,400

everything everything has worked out

1730

01:19:38,839 --> 01:19:37,219

beautifully I had a really good mother

1731

01:19:42,740 --> 01:19:38,849

while you're gone

1732

01:19:45,259 --> 01:19:42,750

you sure do that's great now a question

1733

01:19:47,089 --> 01:19:45,269

came in from chat do you think the

1734

01:19:48,340 --> 01:19:47,099

government is still keeping a close eye

1735

01:19:50,680 --> 01:19:48,350

on you

1736

01:19:52,270 --> 01:19:50,690

have you had any encounters with them

1737

01:19:56,050 --> 01:19:52,280

since you were out of prison

1738

01:19:59,110 --> 01:19:56,060

oh that's a great question um yeah I

1739

01:19:59,440 --> 01:19:59,120

think they probably are keeping tabs on

1740

01:20:10,120 --> 01:19:59,450

me

1741

01:20:12,070 --> 01:20:10,130

earlier I've seen surveillance several

1742

01:20:14,140 --> 01:20:12,080

times more than several four or five

1743

01:20:16,420 --> 01:20:14,150

times since I've been home I've

1744

01:20:18,550 --> 01:20:16,430

documented it I'm positive I was a

1745

01:20:19,780 --> 01:20:18,560

surveillance instructor at the CIA so I

1746

01:20:26,140 --> 01:20:19,790

know when I'm under surveillance

1747

01:20:28,030 --> 01:20:26,150

um so yeah and in terms of my

1748

01:20:31,860 --> 01:20:28,040

communications I think we all should

1749

01:20:34,390 --> 01:20:31,870

assume that that we're under scrutiny so

1750

01:20:35,979 --> 01:20:34,400

I'm careful I use encrypted

1751

01:20:37,330 --> 01:20:35,989

communications now not because I

1752

01:20:38,830 --> 01:20:37,340

necessarily have anything to hide but

1753

01:20:41,080 --> 01:20:38,840

just because it's nobody's damn business

1754

01:20:42,910 --> 01:20:41,090

what I say in my communications what can

1755

01:20:46,479 --> 01:20:42,920

the average American do to protect

1756

01:20:49,150 --> 01:20:46,489

themselves from from this well like that

1757

01:20:51,280 --> 01:20:49,160

what do you do yet there's a lot

1758

01:20:55,120 --> 01:20:51,290

actually I got my phone right here I use

1759

01:20:56,920 --> 01:20:55,130

different encrypted apps whatsapp is

1760

01:20:58,510 --> 01:20:56,930

encrypted signal is encrypted I like

1761

01:21:01,450 --> 01:20:58,520

signal a lot although it's still

1762

01:21:04,000 --> 01:21:01,460

breakable um it'll at least slow them

1763

01:21:06,490 --> 01:21:04,010

down there's an encrypted telephone app

1764

01:21:09,340 --> 01:21:06,500

called red phone I think it costs a

1765

01:21:11,320 --> 01:21:09,350

dollar I use that you can also make

1766

01:21:12,700 --> 01:21:11,330

calls within signal that are also

1767

01:21:15,550 --> 01:21:12,710

encrypted and they give you an

1768

01:21:18,160 --> 01:21:15,560

encryption key and then for email I use

1769

01:21:20,350 --> 01:21:18,170

a proton mail account which is not just

1770

01:21:22,479 --> 01:21:20,360

double encrypted but it's also hosted on

1771

01:21:26,370 --> 01:21:22,489

a server in Switzerland which is not

1772

01:21:28,690 --> 01:21:26,380

subject to us subpoenas so you know

1773

01:21:30,370 --> 01:21:28,700

again if they really want to get you

1774

01:21:32,620 --> 01:21:30,380

they're going to get you but at least

1775

01:21:34,330 --> 01:21:32,630

this way you might slow them down a

1776

01:21:36,940 --> 01:21:34,340

little bit so getting back to this

1777

01:21:42,280 --> 01:21:36,950

surveillance a question when you're

1778

01:21:45,220 --> 01:21:42,290

before trial or before court your court

1779

01:21:46,750 --> 01:21:45,230

appearances what was that like were you

1780

01:21:51,060 --> 01:21:46,760

being surveilled through this whole

1781

01:21:53,410 --> 01:21:51,070

investigation very heavy in-your-face

1782

01:21:55,930 --> 01:21:53,420

surveillance where they would Park five

1783

01:21:59,140 --> 01:21:55,940

cars like all around my house

1784

01:22:02,680 --> 01:21:59,150

I on a street every block around my

1785

01:22:04,300 --> 01:22:02,690

house they would follow us to church and

1786

01:22:05,380 --> 01:22:04,310

come into church and sit in the pew

1787

01:22:07,780 --> 01:22:05,390

right behind us

1788

01:22:11,280 --> 01:22:07,790

they would follow us into target or into

1789

01:22:15,010 --> 01:22:11,290

restaurants I mean it was really heavy

1790

01:22:16,630 --> 01:22:15,020

nasty provocative surveillance yes so

1791

01:22:21,100 --> 01:22:16,640

when we put this whole thing into

1792

01:22:24,490 --> 01:22:21,110

perspective basically the this whole

1793

01:22:29,860 --> 01:22:24,500

thing you went through was all because

1794

01:22:33,310 --> 01:22:29,870

you talked about torture yeah and and

1795

01:22:35,530 --> 01:22:33,320

like you were a danger to society a

1796

01:22:37,990 --> 01:22:35,540

danger to this country at and I know

1797

01:22:42,570 --> 01:22:38,000

that I heard you in an interview say

1798

01:22:45,760 --> 01:22:42,580

that a newspaper called you a traitor

1799

01:22:47,470 --> 01:22:45,770

yeah the it was an op-ed in the San

1800

01:22:51,370 --> 01:22:47,480

Francisco Chronicle said that I should

1801
01:22:55,750 --> 01:22:51,380
be put to death my god what's dead and

1802
01:22:57,910 --> 01:22:55,760
they published it yeah and so when you

1803
01:22:59,860 --> 01:22:57,920
when you're reading things like this did

1804
01:23:01,660 --> 01:22:59,870
you feel like you needed to explain

1805
01:23:05,500 --> 01:23:01,670
yourself I would just let it roll off

1806
01:23:07,000 --> 01:23:05,510
you I did feel that I needed to explain

1807
01:23:08,860 --> 01:23:07,010
it to myself and you know this is

1808
01:23:11,050 --> 01:23:08,870
another another instance where my wife

1809
01:23:13,870 --> 01:23:11,060
really came to the rescue and she said

1810
01:23:16,660 --> 01:23:13,880
she said to me very pointedly you have

1811
01:23:19,450 --> 01:23:16,670
to embrace this you didn't do anything

1812
01:23:21,760 --> 01:23:19,460
wrong you have to be out there fighting

1813
01:23:23,560 --> 01:23:21,770

them and telling your side of the story

1814

01:23:25,780 --> 01:23:23,570

because eventually they're going to move

1815

01:23:26,710 --> 01:23:25,790

on to the next person and they did that

1816

01:23:29,440 --> 01:23:26,720

was ed Snowden

1817

01:23:31,930 --> 01:23:29,450

she said if you keep talking and if you

1818

01:23:34,030 --> 01:23:31,940

keep telling your story your story will

1819

01:23:36,160 --> 01:23:34,040

be the side of record it'll be the story

1820

01:23:38,380 --> 01:23:36,170

of record and she said they have

1821

01:23:40,630 --> 01:23:38,390

consistently underestimated you you're

1822

01:23:42,880 --> 01:23:40,640

tougher than they think you are you need

1823

01:23:46,240 --> 01:23:42,890

to keep talking and so that's what I've

1824

01:23:48,130 --> 01:23:46,250

done well so I'm going to ask you what

1825

01:23:51,520 --> 01:23:48,140

the best thing that came out of this but

1826

01:23:53,590 --> 01:23:51,530

uh I think you already told us but what

1827

01:23:58,420 --> 01:23:53,600

is that what was the worst the hardest

1828

01:24:00,760 --> 01:23:58,430

part of this whole situation it was the

1829

01:24:04,420 --> 01:24:00,770

first in two weeks

1830

01:24:06,190 --> 01:24:04,430

after my arrest I can't even I don't

1831

01:24:09,669 --> 01:24:06,200

even have the words to describe to you

1832

01:24:14,620 --> 01:24:09,679

how terrible that period

1833

01:24:18,640 --> 01:24:14,630

uh you you think of doing horrible

1834

01:24:20,350 --> 01:24:18,650

things to yourself you you can't I can't

1835

01:24:22,810 --> 01:24:20,360

even tell you what crosses your mind

1836

01:24:25,330 --> 01:24:22,820

though those were the darkest days of my

1837

01:24:29,439 --> 01:24:25,340

life it was it was worse than than my

1838

01:24:32,049 --> 01:24:29,449

parents dying no uh but in the end it's

1839

01:24:34,120 --> 01:24:32,059

it's really given me a cause and like I

1840

01:24:37,629 --> 01:24:34,130

said earlier I know I'm on the right

1841

01:24:38,830 --> 01:24:37,639

side of history and they're not and you

1842

01:24:42,429 --> 01:24:38,840

know we're going to look back on this

1843

01:24:44,469 --> 01:24:42,439

period and and we're going to say can

1844

01:24:47,319 --> 01:24:44,479

you believe we used to torture people

1845

01:24:51,609 --> 01:24:47,329

what were we barbarians it is barbaric

1846

01:24:54,310 --> 01:24:51,619

totally barbaric and so the best thing

1847

01:24:58,919 --> 01:24:54,320

that came out of this whole situation is

1848

01:25:05,080 --> 01:25:02,379

well you know it puts life into

1849

01:25:07,689 --> 01:25:05,090

perspective you really get to see who

1850

01:25:10,870 --> 01:25:07,699

your friends are and I remember you know

1851
01:25:14,350 --> 01:25:10,880
in the heat of the case you know I I was

1852
01:25:16,899 --> 01:25:14,360
very polarizing in 2012 battle lines

1853
01:25:20,529 --> 01:25:16,909
were drawn and I remember my wife

1854
01:25:24,069 --> 01:25:20,539
telling me wow you really have good

1855
01:25:28,359 --> 01:25:24,079
friends and I said I do I'm blessed with

1856
01:25:30,370 --> 01:25:28,369
good friends I can count on one hand the

1857
01:25:32,410 --> 01:25:30,380
number of people who walked away from me

1858
01:25:34,839 --> 01:25:32,420
in this whole experience well that's

1859
01:25:39,129 --> 01:25:34,849
that's really really nice to hear Tom

1860
01:25:41,890 --> 01:25:39,139
Drake his story is absolutely amazing to

1861
01:25:42,219 --> 01:25:41,900
me as well are you still in touch with

1862
01:25:45,310 --> 01:25:42,229
him

1863
01:25:47,410 --> 01:25:45,320

oh yeah close touch in fact I spoke with

1864

01:25:50,560 --> 01:25:47,420

in this morning yeah tom has been a

1865

01:25:52,000 --> 01:25:50,570

great great source of support for me we

1866

01:25:53,500 --> 01:25:52,010

do a lot of good work together that's

1867

01:25:58,209 --> 01:25:53,510

that's really great and how about

1868

01:26:00,819 --> 01:25:58,219

Jesslyn yeah I'm in regular contact with

1869

01:26:02,580 --> 01:26:00,829

jessalyn as well she now leads the it's

1870

01:26:04,839 --> 01:26:02,590

called the whisper program the the

1871

01:26:08,799 --> 01:26:04,849

whistleblower and source protection

1872

01:26:12,689 --> 01:26:08,809

program at expose facts done just for a

1873

01:26:17,020 --> 01:26:12,699

little back story on that she actually

1874

01:26:18,580 --> 01:26:17,030

was a whistleblower yeah she was at the

1875

01:26:20,949 --> 01:26:18,590

Justice Department she was the Justice

1876

01:26:23,200 --> 01:26:20,959

Department's ethics officer and she was

1877

01:26:25,510 --> 01:26:23,210

fired because she recommended the

1878

01:26:27,280 --> 01:26:25,520

John Walker Lindh be read her be read

1879

01:26:29,560 --> 01:26:27,290

his rights when he was arrested in

1880

01:26:33,490 --> 01:26:29,570

Pakistan and I understand there was some

1881

01:26:35,340 --> 01:26:33,500

missing files and all that yeah she had

1882

01:26:39,010 --> 01:26:35,350

documented all the back-and-forth

1883

01:26:41,440 --> 01:26:39,020

between herself and her superiors and

1884

01:26:43,479 --> 01:26:41,450

the FBI saying that John Walker Lindh as

1885

01:26:45,220 --> 01:26:43,489

an American citizen had to be read his

1886

01:26:48,100 --> 01:26:45,230

rights and had the right to counsel on

1887

01:26:51,340 --> 01:26:48,110

the right to remain silent and when she

1888

01:26:53,620 --> 01:26:51,350

went back to the file it had been

1889

01:26:55,780 --> 01:26:53,630

destroyed someone had gone in and just

1890

01:27:00,310 --> 01:26:55,790

destroyed the whole file to cover it up

1891

01:27:03,720 --> 01:27:00,320

it's unbelievable so your book what what

1892

01:27:06,100 --> 01:27:03,730

can someone expect to read in your book

1893

01:27:09,370 --> 01:27:06,110

well it's a combination of things it's

1894

01:27:12,700 --> 01:27:09,380

it's it's kind of a in some places it's

1895

01:27:15,040 --> 01:27:12,710

a serious political science II look at

1896

01:27:19,950 --> 01:27:15,050

at the judicial system and prison reform

1897

01:27:23,020 --> 01:27:19,960

um but I'm told it's very funny uh

1898

01:27:23,560 --> 01:27:23,030

I'm proud of that I think it's very

1899

01:27:25,390 --> 01:27:23,570

funny

1900

01:27:27,190 --> 01:27:25,400

I actually still laugh out loud on one

1901

01:27:28,840 --> 01:27:27,200

chapter every time I read it and I've

1902

01:27:30,850 --> 01:27:28,850

read it you know a million times and I

1903

01:27:34,570 --> 01:27:30,860

wrote it because I experienced it still

1904

01:27:36,220 --> 01:27:34,580

makes me laugh and it also includes the

1905

01:27:39,430 --> 01:27:36,230

letters from Loreto blog series that

1906

01:27:41,280 --> 01:27:39,440

that won me the the pen First Amendment

1907

01:27:44,500 --> 01:27:41,290

award one of the one of the big four

1908

01:27:46,270 --> 01:27:44,510

literary prizes on America so I think

1909

01:27:48,580 --> 01:27:46,280

people will like it the reviews have

1910

01:27:50,500 --> 01:27:48,590

been fantastic and not only have the

1911

01:27:53,560 --> 01:27:50,510

reviews been great but we completely

1912

01:27:56,140 --> 01:27:53,570

sold out of the first edition really in

1913

01:27:58,840 --> 01:27:56,150

the yeah the first five days that it was

1914

01:28:01,390 --> 01:27:58,850

on the market and on Friday the

1915

01:28:02,830 --> 01:28:01,400

publisher ordered another three thousand

1916

01:28:05,320 --> 01:28:02,840

copies to be printed so it's actually

1917

01:28:07,840 --> 01:28:05,330

back ordered now on Amazon I think

1918

01:28:09,310 --> 01:28:07,850

they're gonna I think they're gonna get

1919

01:28:12,790 --> 01:28:09,320

the copies tomorrow or the day after but

1920

01:28:15,610 --> 01:28:12,800

but yeah it completely sold that is that

1921

01:28:20,020 --> 01:28:15,620

is reciting so what do you think the

1922

01:28:22,390 --> 01:28:20,030

future is for yourself I will never work

1923

01:28:24,940 --> 01:28:22,400

in Washington again I'm essentially

1924

01:28:28,090 --> 01:28:24,950

persona non grata in Washington but I'm

1925

01:28:31,120 --> 01:28:28,100

here in beautiful sunny Los Angeles

1926

01:28:34,030 --> 01:28:31,130

because uh I do have a future in Los

1927

01:28:35,980 --> 01:28:34,040

Angeles I heard with Oliver Stone we

1928

01:28:37,630 --> 01:28:35,990

sold a TV series together to the his

1929

01:28:39,700 --> 01:28:37,640

we channel that's in development now I

1930

01:28:43,090 --> 01:28:39,710

partnered on another show for AMC

1931

01:28:45,780 --> 01:28:43,100

network with Alec Baldwin and I pitched

1932

01:28:48,400 --> 01:28:45,790

a third show today to three different

1933

01:28:50,680 --> 01:28:48,410

production companies I hope to sell it

1934

01:28:53,470 --> 01:28:50,690

in the coming week or so so I think my

1935

01:28:56,080 --> 01:28:53,480

future is in its in television people

1936

01:28:58,690 --> 01:28:56,090

are intrigued by my case they like my

1937

01:29:02,200 --> 01:28:58,700

writing I have three books that I've

1938

01:29:04,570 --> 01:29:02,210

published now and I think this is where

1939

01:29:06,790 --> 01:29:04,580

my future well I think that's wonderful

1940

01:29:09,790 --> 01:29:06,800

and if you really if you look at the big

1941

01:29:11,380 --> 01:29:09,800

picture this would never be if you

1942

01:29:14,200 --> 01:29:11,390

didn't have if you never went through

1943

01:29:16,780 --> 01:29:14,210

don't you went through yeah that's right

1944

01:29:18,460 --> 01:29:16,790

it's odd the way things work about work

1945

01:29:22,060 --> 01:29:18,470

out but yeah you're exactly right and

1946

01:29:25,030 --> 01:29:22,070

I'm I'm almost uh wanting to ask you if

1947

01:29:29,290 --> 01:29:25,040

you could change anything would you

1948

01:29:30,760 --> 01:29:29,300

change it yeah I would have hired an

1949

01:29:32,950 --> 01:29:30,770

attorney before blowing the whistle

1950

01:29:34,390 --> 01:29:32,960

rather than after when you hire an

1951

01:29:36,850 --> 01:29:34,400

attorney after you let the cat out of

1952

01:29:39,550 --> 01:29:36,860

the bag you are reactionary you have to

1953

01:29:42,040 --> 01:29:39,560

react tonight I wish I had an attorney

1954

01:29:45,070 --> 01:29:42,050

first to advise me that that is uh

1955

01:29:46,600 --> 01:29:45,080

that's a really good point well I want

1956

01:29:48,130 --> 01:29:46,610

to thank you so much and you can you

1957

01:29:52,900 --> 01:29:48,140

have actually a website which is your

1958

01:29:59,710 --> 01:29:52,910

name right yeah it's a WW John Kiriakou

1959

01:30:01,900 --> 01:29:59,720

calm jo hn k ir IA kou calm and the book

1960

01:30:03,850 --> 01:30:01,910

is doing time like a spa excellent so

1961

01:30:06,970 --> 01:30:03,860

everyone you can order that book on

1962

01:30:08,830 --> 01:30:06,980

Amazon it's backordered but more copies

1963

01:30:11,290 --> 01:30:08,840

are coming and how about Kendall will be

1964

01:30:13,840 --> 01:30:11,300

on Kendall yes

1965

01:30:15,910 --> 01:30:13,850

Kendall was supposed to be released last

1966

01:30:16,690 --> 01:30:15,920

Tuesday and it's going to be tomorrow

1967

01:30:20,080 --> 01:30:16,700

excellent

1968

01:30:23,230 --> 01:30:20,090

John thank you so much it's it's been a

1969

01:30:24,700 --> 01:30:23,240

real pleasure speaking to you Thank You

1970

01:30:28,930 --> 01:30:24,710

Morgan thanks for having me okay take

1971

01:30:34,000 --> 01:30:28,940

care about bye alright everyone so that

1972

01:30:38,110 --> 01:30:34,010

is it for the show thanks so much for

1973

01:30:42,130 --> 01:30:38,120

listening and hang in there just one

1974

01:30:44,650 --> 01:30:42,140

second next week we have I'm just trying

1975

01:30:48,410 --> 01:30:44,660

to remark Stanley Mark Stanley is a

1976

01:30:51,229 --> 01:30:48,420

musician with an amazing story

1977

01:30:53,180 --> 01:30:51,239

he will be here next Monday st. thanks