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Currey Reflects on Interview with Joe Redick

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C: On this tape, I'm going to give some reflections about my visit with Joe Redick. It was interesting that as I tape recorded him, he had a tape recorder sitting on the table between us, tape recording me. So that afterwards he would have a record of everything that was said, the mark of an intelligence agent and a careful man, retired for 14 or 15 years. He's about my height, wears thick glasses, grey streaked hair, yellowish teeth, a nice looking man, slight of build, looks very much like a college professor might, certainly not a long-time CIA operative. He had all the instincts of an agent during this session, very close mouthed and not willing to volunteer very much information. Toward the end I became very impatient and was glad to shut down the interview at the first opportunity. Thereafter, I drove up the Dolly Madison Highway, turned right and went toward CIA Headquarters. The first time I made an incorrect turn onto State Highway 193, got a few hundred yards up the road and knew it was the wrong street and so turned back to 123, Dolly Madison Blvd., back around the traffic circle once again under the sign for CIA, followed it correctly this time. The building is just a few hundred yards north of the highway, entered by going under trees, grassy on each side of the road, and I drove up to the guard station, the road is fenced in, parked the car on the road itself in the dead lane, and walked up to the guard. I said, is this CIA? And with a kind of a smirk, he replied, I'm not allowed to tell you what's in there, which, of course, is a rather stupid situation. The sign on the highway says CIA very plainly, and yet, once you get there they don't tell you what's inside the fence. Another sign nearby covering part of the grounds says something like Turner Barnham Agricultural Research Station. Supposedly inside the lobby under the great seal of the CIA, are the words from the New Testament, "You shall know