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VNOK DOUGLAS KENNEDY: Yeah. Uh, my name is, uh, Douglas Kennedy, I'm the 10th, uh, child of, uh, Robert Kennedy. Um, I am very grateful to, uh -- uh, be able to participate today, um, and, uh, I thank the Commissioners, uh, for their, uh, for your, uh, work and is a very difficult, uh, job you have and a lot of responsibility on your shoulders and, uh -- uh, I'm grateful for your service. Um, and I'm, uh, first and foremost, uh, overwhelmed by just, uh -- uh, being able to, uh, view,

1 uh, Mr. Sirhan, uh, face to face. Uh, um, I -- I think
2 I've lived my life, I think he mentioned, uh, in -- in
3 fear of -- of both him and his name, um, and, uh, in -- in
4 -- in one way or another. And, um, I am greatf --grateful
5 to, uh, today see him, uh, as -- as a human being, uh,
6 worthy of compassion and love and, um, and, uh, the -- the
7 -- the, I -- I -- I'm grateful for that experience, um,
8 and, uh, I do, uh, wish him well in his life. Um, uh, I,
9 the -- the only I, and I -- and I really do believe that
10 anybody who any prisoner who, uh, is found to be a, uh,
11 not a threat to themselves or the - or the world should be
12 released. Uh, I -- I -- I believe that a -- a -- applies
13 to, uh, everyone, every human being and including Mr.
14 Sirhan. Um, and, uh, if the Board does find him, um, to
15 be, uh, not a threat to himself or others, I think they
16 should release him. Um, I -- I would just like to note a -
17 - a -- a couple things that, um, that I did notice, uh,
18 some -- sometime I -- I was very moved by, uh -- uh, Mr.
19 Sirhan's, um -- um, uh, expression of remorse, um, and --
20 and at times it brought tears to my eyes and, uh, and
21 affected me very deeply. Um, uh, I -- I do -- I do wish,
22 uh, he had not, uh, added a qualifier at times that said
23 if I did this, um, and I know there's been some
24 speculation that he was not the killer or, uh, of my
25 father, um, but, uh, he did bring a gun to, uh, the -- the

1 hotel that night and, uh, he did shoot it, uh, with the
2 intention to kill, uh, my father. So that -- that's
3 enough. Uh, I don't think we -- we need to get into
4 anything else, uh, or -- or have any other qualifiers, uh
5 -- uh, that -- that -- that's enough just to say, uh, just
6 -- just to leave it at that. Um, I -- I -- I would also,
7 you know, I know, uh, Ms. Berry mentioned a couple of
8 things that, uh -- uh, her, she expressed a regret that
9 this is all about Robert Kennedy. I -- I don't think
10 anybody, uh, wants to, uh, put Robert Kennedy's life above
11 any other human being's life. Um, uh, I think the only
12 reason it is in this case is because, uh, his intention
13 was to kill Robert Kennedy and, uh, had some, uh -- uh,
14 collateral, uh -- uh, lives that he also, um, affected.
15 Um, uh, I would also, um, uh, just my -- my own personal,
16 uh, I, and I call it more of a hope than anything, I -- I
17 -- I did hear, um, Mr. Sirhan, uh, express, um, in an
18 emotional way, uh, the -- the his, uh, his continued, um,
19 uh, what he called empathy for, uh, the Palestinians, uh,
20 at that time in 1968. I -- I would, that -- that to me did
21 not, uh, look like, uh, rehabilitation. That to me looked,
22 uh, like a justification and it did not look to me like
23 empathy. Um, it looked, uh, more like a justification for
24 -- for something he did, and I just my own personal, uh,
25 belief is that, uh, and -- and I was glad to hear Ms.

1 Berry describe it as a trigger. Um, this is a trigger and,
2 uh, any -- anything that's a trigger I think probably
3 should be avoided. Um, and so I heard Mr. Sirhan say, well
4 he wants to be a, um, an agent of peace in the Palestinian
5 Israeli crisis. I personally would hope that he would just
6 avoid that -- that topic and, uh, even -- even the fact,
7 uh, I recognize that he was affected by it, I recognize
8 that fact. I -- I would urge him to, um, to, uh, delve
9 into that part of -- of his psyche and -- and get in touch
10 with that stuff rather than the, uh, the trigger that led
11 him to violence, uh, that night. Um, uh, so, uh, I -- I
12 am, uh, grateful to be able to speak today. I am grateful
13 to, I -- I'm looking at you, I'm looking at Mr. Sirhan,
14 uh, right now. And, um, and, uh, I -- I do have some love
15 for you, for him, and, um, and I -- and I do wish him well
16 in his, uh, life and rehabilitation. That's it. Thank you.

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