

Karen DeMaria: [inaudible] I have a [inaudible] transcribe a little bit more in detail. But it takes so long to transcribe them all [inaudible] computer. This way, I won't have to write everything up twice. Okay. What's your mailing address?

Joyce Newman: PO Box 137 [inaudible].

KDM: And what [inaudible] occupation?

JN: Organizational [inaudible].

KDM: And that's mainly through environmental [inaudible] environmentally oriented?

JN: Environmentally oriented [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible].

JN: [inaudible].

KDM: Really?

JN: [affirmative]

KDM: Happy birthday.

JN: Thanks.

KDM: How do you feel about it?

JN: Good. I've worked hard to get this far. [laughter]

KDM: Did you [inaudible]?

JN: I did.

KDM: Four years? Is that right?

JN: Yes. Four years in San Diego, and then [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: [inaudible] there was a two-year period between [inaudible] and when I got [inaudible] two-year period [inaudible] in which they were [inaudible] and I had quite a [inaudible] anyone who received a [inaudible] to any of the environmental groups [inaudible].

KDM: [laughter]

JN: But that's how [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: I've lived in the Keys since 1971.

KDM: Full-time?

JN: Full-time except for two years [inaudible] and I've been here [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] before that?

JN: No, I was in Key Largo in [19]71 and then I left for [inaudible] but then I came back [inaudible] but I'm from Southern California [inaudible] when I first came here in Southern Florida, I [inaudible] I have been [inaudible] there seems to be much more of an economic [inaudible] looking to do something else [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] other reasons [inaudible].

JN: Yes, that's right. [inaudible] number one negativity comment that I get from people that [inaudible] whereas it used to be something very [inaudible] now, everyone [inaudible] a lot of the [inaudible] conversations really, really changed. Because of technology, anybody can [inaudible] anybody can go fishing now. You've got people who have no [inaudible] there are people who would normally never even be out there [inaudible] have no business being on the [inaudible] that's something that over and over and over again, I'm hearing [inaudible] but it's not just the people on the water. It's why are people coming to the Keys. A lot of people see the Keys as a new area [inaudible] there was an incredible [inaudible] the attitude of promoting the Keys and trying to come down, let it all hang out, and just let go of the Keys. No responsibility, no stewardship, no tomorrow. Just come down to the Keys. I think that [inaudible] very, very honorable thing.

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: I told them. [inaudible] no one [inaudible] that their money is being used fairly or [inaudible] quantities and numbers on the people who [inaudible] fishermen or [inaudible] we have everything [inaudible] I mean, how do you put [inaudible] how do you put one group into a box, and then that [inaudible] and then it appeals to people with cheap tastes who only want to [inaudible] the area a very superficial, let me come down to the Keys. Let me come down in my [inaudible].

KDM: You said before that you had [inaudible] in the last five years. Why did you put a change on [inaudible].

JN: I was [inaudible] my husband who was [inaudible] let's say [19]84 and [19]85, and in graduate school [inaudible].

KDM: Well, usually, on the first [inaudible].

JN: The pure number [inaudible].

KDM: What about [inaudible]?

JN: [inaudible] I remember residents would come out [inaudible] [laughter] You could see the traffic [inaudible] I remember skimming form [inaudible] and I remember my friend, Caroline, who would [inaudible] she was here Memorial Day [inaudible] and I can remember yesterday clear as day. But you could see every sponge. You could see every blade of grass even [inaudible] to be able to [inaudible] the clarity of the water and the obvious [inaudible] trained eye [inaudible] you just don't see the bottom.

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: Well, at seventy-nine [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: Well, it was a [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: Well, one of the reasons that I [inaudible] it would seem to be an [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: Yes. So, what I would say was [inaudible] if you're calling [inaudible] because on one hand, [inaudible] rural, unpopulated, pristine, [inaudible] exotic place with the hammock and the trees [inaudible] all the different species of birds and the clear water, all the sea life, [inaudible] incredible. [inaudible]

KDM: Making history.

JN: Midnight [inaudible] we can blow those things away. It was just like clockwork. Every single Friday night, as soon as the building [inaudible] anyway. At first, he went off-duty. So, it wasn't on his watch. People got real, real busy, and [inaudible]. I can only talk about [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] doing it.

JN: It was people who were respected, people in positions of power. It was not unheard of for a wealthy person who wants to have land [inaudible] land in Key Largo or some place in the Keys, whatever, and they got whatever they damn near wanted, whatever it was. It was only if you were an outsider that you had to jump through any of the hoops. Usually, if you paid enough people enough money, then you too could get whatever the hell [inaudible] one of the [inaudible]

we got people in the Keys who had lived [inaudible] government shouldn't have to work or not work that way, who started demanding more responsibility on [inaudible] there seems to be [inaudible] that demanded fairness and equity, that demanded that the rules [inaudible] and applied to everyone. They say this is not a fair rule. Then get rid of the rule, not just [inaudible].

KDM: When did that [inaudible]?

JN: I'm trying to remember. I wasn't there [inaudible].

KDM: But in the early [19]80s is when you started seeing a little bit more power [inaudible]?

JN: Yes. [inaudible] right in the driveway. This was the old way.

KDM: Sort of like the *Wild, Wild West*, yes.

JN: Oh, it was grade B movie [inaudible].

KDM: This kind of behavior I hear is the kind of behavior I've heard about with prisoners and stuff [inaudible] people always associated prisoners [inaudible] normal, everyday people.

JN: Yes, that part. Yes, [inaudible] long ago, I honestly can't [inaudible] whether the firebombing actually hurt him, or whether that was the story. But I heard it was [inaudible] so many times, and when I repeated it, people have nodded in recognition. What I do know is that there was a very powerful [inaudible] it encouraged, allowed, whatever [inaudible] didn't get anything done without [inaudible] on the one hand, people coming in from [inaudible] in numbers [inaudible] many, many, many [inaudible]. But in terms of showing local people that you can [inaudible] of what was going on. But it was very much of the mindset that [inaudible] that you really don't have power [inaudible] and that's why I include [inaudible] yes, he resigned, but [inaudible] people coming in from the outside knowing [inaudible].

KDM: Well, you must have [inaudible].

JN: Well, I checked [inaudible] the Keys feel very claustrophobic to me. I've gotten a lot of [inaudible] more the way [inaudible] in terms of the natural [inaudible]. But I essentially made a pact with myself [inaudible] I recognize that [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: Well, [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] both of them wanted [inaudible].

JN: Really?

KDM: Yes. [laughter]

JN: Really?

KDM: [inaudible] yes.

JN: That's nice. I hope [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] Tell me about [inaudible].

JN: It is always an adventure [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: Yes. There was [inaudible] cerulean blue.

KDM: What?

JN: Cerulean blue. C-E-R-U-L-E-A-N.

KDM: [inaudible]?

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: [laughter]

JN: I can remember my [inaudible] brother-in-law when he visits [inaudible] water color. Cerulean blue is what [inaudible] every shade of blue. Every shade of blue [inaudible] sea grass were obviously [inaudible] go out in the boat and going to [inaudible] four, five feet of water and [inaudible] you could go out – I can remember [inaudible] in my recollection, it was very difficult to go out [inaudible].

KDM: When old-timers tell you [inaudible] and you think of everything else that's going on [inaudible] especially when you go to the Everglades and [inaudible]. Do you recall sea grass [inaudible]? Do you ever recall noticing areas more [inaudible]?

JN: No. In fact, [inaudible].

KDM: I do not know much about that. I'm trying to figure out if there was ever really – if and when a real change occurred or [inaudible] or if it's something that occurred. But you could only [inaudible] I, for one, only know sea grasses because I don't have to identify them. [inaudible] I don't remember identifying [inaudible] I am certified where I can go to the [inaudible] everything from [inaudible] sea grass communities out in the coral reefs [inaudible] everything. When you get that much stuff to have to memorize [inaudible].

JN: I don't recall [inaudible].

KDM: What was [inaudible] like? What did the water look like compared to right now?

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: Was it pretty much the same as the bay [inaudible]?

JN: Well, there was a lot of [inaudible] in the water. [inaudible]

KDM: How much water would you have [inaudible].

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: The fact your job [inaudible].

JN: You'd go up into [inaudible] my memory is [inaudible] four feet of water [inaudible] Southern California who doesn't know how to swim?

KDM: [laughter]

JN: He was a long way from [inaudible].

KDM: [laughter]

JN: Yes. [inaudible]

KDM: The last time that you went out there, do you remember [inaudible] in your mind the differences for the first time then?

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: But there [inaudible].

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: But I would prefer to [inaudible].

KDM: I'm just trying to [inaudible] wouldn't have mattered to them [inaudible] every day. People [inaudible] might go out to an area every single day. [inaudible] we really won't know [inaudible].

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: I was looking at some old pictures, and I was kind of curious about [inaudible].

JN: [inaudible] that's the reason [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] to find out whether they experienced anything unusual [inaudible].

JN: Yes.

KDM: You also recommended [inaudible] scheme?

JN: Absolutely. [inaudible]

KDM: Yes, [inaudible].

JN: [inaudible]

KDM: [inaudible] finally, after a month of trying to get a hold of [inaudible] I did not know that. I would have gotten myself in trouble. [laughter]

JN: Yes.

KDM: [inaudible]

JN: [inaudible] and I've also talked with the [inaudible].

KDM: [inaudible] did you volunteer [inaudible]?

JN: [inaudible] what you're doing in terms of [inaudible] people need to understand [inaudible] there's a bunch of [inaudible] down here.

KDM: [inaudible] originally, Don hired me. Don and I [inaudible] same wavelength. We've [inaudible] before on something, because people are [inaudible] different. But why are they different? [inaudible] scientific access. So, you can use it as a scientific document and all. [inaudible] other aspect with my intuition [inaudible] document the why and the how. This is the way things were. This is the way [inaudible]. Now that I've started talking to people, I learned about the attitude. [inaudible] more on the history [inaudible] these areas themselves, because they're talking [inaudible] different areas of the Keys at least.

JN: At least.

KDM: At least.

JN: The more you put into the [inaudible] you're to find out that every single island in the whole chain has a different flavor, a different history, a different personality. There are reasons that certain people in that [inaudible] and other people in that [inaudible] I will throw myself down in front of their car whenever. No, no, no, you got to [inaudible] because if you weren't [inaudible] you're going to be very, very happy. But because [inaudible].

KDM: There's some people who love living [inaudible].

JN: Exactly.

KDM: I love where I live. [inaudible] remember talking about it when I talked to Martin about it. Don has really been [inaudible] I felt like he knew how to do [inaudible] never been guidelines [inaudible] here's the main topic that we want. Somehow do it. What I've been saying [inaudible] can't talk about the antidote [inaudible] without going into the [inaudible].

JN: You have [inaudible]. You have to look at the [inaudible] and without the whole thing, [inaudible] part of the story.

KDM: There's a history of lawlessness. We have [inaudible] the same thing in [inaudible] smuggling was really – it had a very strong impact [inaudible].

JN: Pleasure boats.

KDM: Key West was more [inaudible] Key Largo and Marathon [inaudible] areas. Another point that I'm trying to prove that I'm upset is I don't know how I'm ever going to [inaudible] mixed comments from the people is the comment of [inaudible] when and why they made it a landing [inaudible] most of the landings of Nassau grouper on the Upper and the Middle Keys [inaudible] smuggling there I think until they leaked the actual report. [inaudible] landings of Nassau grouper. Now, Martin [inaudible] area. The main grouper here has always been red grouper and black grouper. Black grouper are out on the reef. Those are the dominant groupers [inaudible] but here, you've got a law based on the landings, and it might be [inaudible] one of the key things to that landing is [inaudible] law to stop fishermen coming into an area, [inaudible]. The Bahamian and the [inaudible] too. There's always been that strong plan [inaudible] successive decline. People don't know that.

JN: [inaudible] without the cultural and historical [inaudible].

KDM: Well, why did they fish in that area? Well, for people in the Upper Keys and in Marathon, [inaudible] that was what they fished for before Key West [inaudible] Marathon, they go to [inaudible].

JN: I would personally [inaudible]...

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