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19:31:09:24 HOST: He was promoted to Group Supervisor assigned to the Caribbean Division in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In 1998 he was transferred to operations here at Headquarters, then to inspections and in 2000 to ONDCPD Office of National Drug Control Policy. In September 2001 following the attacks of 9/11 Bill was ordered back to active military duty for more than a year and was then promoted to the senior executive service in January 2003 and is now the Associate Special Agent in charge of the New York Field Division.

19:31:43:02 However, we will be seeing a lot more of him soon because Mr. Walker has been newly assigned as the Chief of Diversion here at Headquarters. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Bill Walker. [APPLUASE]

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19:32:03:04 Good morning everybody, I'm glad to be here. This represents technology that we didn't have when I was an agent in New York so I'm going to have a two-part presentation hopefully. The first part will be on organized crime and the second part is going to be on...

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on... Chinese organized crime. Traditional organized crime, heroin violators both... in both instances. Going to start out with a little background.

19:32:35:22 I got to New York City in 1983. In 1980 drug trafficking was the most wide-spread, lucrative organized crime operation in the United States, excuse me, and accounted for about \$40 million... about \$110 billion annually. Large trafficking groups dominated the illicit drug market and these groups were typically the Italian organized crime families in New York City. New York has five families, the Genovese family, the Bonano family, the Gambino family, the Colombo and Neucrazi crime families.

19:33:09:08 These gentlemen of... of Italian descent were to me the Chryslers and the Ford Motor Companies of crime. They were extraordinarily successful, predisposed to violence and it was fascinating working on them. I don't have a prob... PowerPoint presentation on that part of what I want to talk about, but when I was in New York we worked on the Gambino organized crime family. In 1984 I had the... it was just an incredible experience to work with a group of special agents from

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the WDO, from New York City, from... Newark and we targeted an individual named Mark Delianardis (ph.).

19:33:54:20 Delianardis was getting heroin from a guy named Angelo Amandello (ph.). Angelo was getting his heroin from a guy named Philip Vasta (ph.). Vasta was getting his heroin from a guy named David Chou. And on my second part, the part that has the animation, you'll see where the Chinese Nationals still play an important role in heroin. Basically what we did, we had a... an individual in Lewisburg Federal Prison named Lawrence Slippery Jackson, a career criminal, an African-American criminal who was responsible for supplying heroin throughout Baltimore, Maryland; Washington, DC; Newark, New Jersey, New York City, New York.

19:34:36:21 He was arrested by Washington field division agents and was sentenced to 25 years... plus all kind of special parole. But that didn't stop his criminal activities. In prison he continued to orchestrate a massive heroin organization in the cities I just described. He was getting his heroin from an individual in prison named Arrestie Avamante (ph.). These characters all resided in J Block which was the...

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pretty much the Italian section of Lewisburg Federal Prison.

19:35:07:12 I traveled to Lewisburg Prison and you knew it was a prison because you had to get through all this security, but once you got inside, the Italians and some of the blacks with stature had every kind of meal you could have. They didn't have a McDonalds or Burger King, but they could order their food that looked just like that. That even had conjugal visits and we had that on tape, how they would bribe the guards and do whatever they wanted to.

19:35:31:23 So going to jail, going to prison for a lot of these may guys was not really a terrible inconvenience for them. It wasn't really... you didn't really punish them too hard unless of course they ended up at Marion which was quite different. So what we did, we had two special agents, special agents Charles Howard and Livia Adams, they assumed undercover roles. They were introduced to Slippery Jackson in the prison. Jackson thought they were two other traffickers who were on the streets of DC.

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19:36:05:29 They told... the two agents told Slippery they needed another source for heroin. Slippery Jackson cuts them into Arrestie Avamante. Avamante says hear take this phone number and contact this guy which was Delianardis, Mark Anthony Delianardis. The Delianardis family was Mark, Michael, and Martin Delianardis. Their mother was Madeline and the father was Michael Senior. Every car that they had came back to M. Delianardis, every single vehicle, which made it very, very difficult.

19:36:38:15 So we're working this investigation, we set up surveillance on Delianardis so how we... how do we know which one we're after? Well it's funny in DEA how everything that's old is new again. The associate special agent in charge, the guy who sits in the chair I set in now, was a legendary guy named Ronald Caffrey (ph.). He comes to me and he says, do you know who these people are? These are serious organized crime people, the Delinanardis family. I didn't know who they were.

19:37:05:29 And the children were not in... they were not big time hits and natives, but the father was and Ron Caffrey

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had worked on the father in the '60s. So I said to myself, let me go over to the closed case files and see what kind of background I can get. The closed case files had been retired. I ended up going to the... the Federal Repository in Bayonne. I pulled the case files, the cold... the closed case files and believe it or not, you know it just shows you how technology has helped us and it has hurt us.

19:37:37:00 We didn't have this in those days, neither did the traffickers. To my... to my grateful amazement, when I pulled the case files on these closed case files that were closed in the '60s and early '70s, the telephone tolls that those agents had pulled in the '60s and '70s were the same numbers these knuckleheads were using in the '80s. They didn't have that, I think it's called portability, when you take the number with you. Well these guys kept the same phone numbers which made... and the tolls were still there in the closed case files.

19:38:09:00 So I just unboxed that stuff, changed happy to glad, made some new reports, you know Intel reports, William Walker, this is my Intel background, it was already

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done for me. So we knew where these knuckleheads were going when set up surveillance, we were able to do pre-surveillance, say well they're going to be here because that's where the father would go, that's where the grandfather would go. Some of these characters had three and four digit natis (ph.) numbers. It was incredible, it was a fascinating investigation.

19:38:37:00 So we set up surveillance on these guys and we had special agents Charles Howard and Livia Adams and then eventually special agent Donna Wilson. They met these guys and they bought an eighth of a kilogram of heroin for \$38,500. And this was in 1985. And we followed them the money, we followed the... we get the heroin, we followed the money. We have 30, about 35 cars out there on the streets because these guys were career criminals. They knew well how to detect surveillance, how to counteract surveillance.

19:39:12:01 We had them on the phones talking about... a typical conversation went like this. Hey those guys are on this. The other guy says, what guys? Those guys, the guys on 57th Street, oh the Feds, those guys. Loose them. Said, how do we loose them? I told you how to

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loose them, loose them. Take the lower level and loose them. What's the lower level? Go back to the old case files, trying to find what the lower level was.

19:39:37:00 Well it wasn't in the old case files cause the lower level was the lower level of the George Washington Bridge. There wasn't a lower level when Caffrey and these guys worked then, it was just one level. The lower level, these knuckleheads would use the lower level because our aircraft couldn't see them on the lower level.

19:39:54:07 What made it really interesting, I don't know if anybody's been to New York or taken the George Washington Bridge, I take it everyday, hopefully I'm going to an end to that soon. This bridge, there are two points where the police set up for a... a breakdown. These guys would make U-turn on that bridge. They would drive about 50, 60 miles an hour, speed limit's 40, slam on the brakes and make a U-turn and go the other direction.

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19:40:21:20 And they effectively, every time lost us, because we couldn't set up. So what we had to do was go back to the beginning, find out what would they do after that, where would they go. And they were slaves to their habits, they routinely would loose us and then go to a location and so, they must be going there. So we would end up, you know, finding them.

19:40:40:09 It actually worked for us. So we continued to make buys. We made six buys of an eighth of a kilogram each time and each time we had... we were able to identify the next level in the ladder. It was just incredible, I mean, I don't know if we were good or lucky or both.

19:40:58:26 But in any event we finally get to an individual named Philip Michael Vasta and we follow him and we realized that he's pretty much the ultimate source of this heroin. We've gone from... from Delianardis and his brothers, Angelo Amandello, Arnold Switerry (ph.), Alfonse Cisco, they were all Italian names, nothing against any Italian-Americans who are in the audience, but these were Italian organized crime guys.

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19:41:21:28 And we end up at Philip Michael Vasta. So now we're not going to make anymore buys, well I take that back, we made one additional buy to Vasta and this time we bought a half of a... a half a kilogram and I think we paid \$180,000, it was a substantial amount of money then, it's just you know, an incredible money to penetrate these guys.

19:41:43:13 Well anyway, the day that we followed, we made the \$180,000 buy, we identified a guy named Joseph Taglinetti (ph.) so we just kept having this, this incredible success. So we decided we're not going to do anymore buys, we're just going to do surveillance. So we follow Philip Vasta, we're following him day and night, putting him to bed, waking him up.

19:42:03:16 On January 5th, 1986 we followed Vasta, he goes to a placed called the Sea Crest Diner. We knew something was up because whenever he would go there, he was typically going to meet somebody else. He goes to this diner and the thing about this diner, it had glass windows all the way around it so you could see if somebody else poured into the... into the establishment.

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19:42:25:21 He would stay there, have a cup of coffee, get in his car and fly down the street and go to a Dunkin' Donut shop, same thing, glass windows. And then from there he would go the Herrick's Donut shop, this is all in Minneola Long Island, New York. When he was really sure he was clean, then he would go and do whatever he was going to do, who he was going to meet.

19:42:48:12 So we were... we were pretty excited because that's what he did when he met us. So we knew something was going to happen. And sure enough he meets with a guy who we didn't know. Later we identified him as... Edward Margiotta (ph.). Margiotta was driving a 1985 gold metallic... Volvo that happened to be turbo-charged and we found that out the hard way.

19:43:10:21 We... after they meet they exchange, brown paper bag goes from Vasta to this new guy. We let them separate and then we decide to pull them over, you know, police, how you doing, can we talk? So we go to pull 'em over, turbo-charged. And I'm in a Camero, Z-28, it was not turbo-charged.

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19:43:29:09 And we chased this guy all the way from Long Island, New York into the Bronx where we had the city police finally capture, you know, pull the guy over. We really didn't have much to... to chase this guy for, what are you chasing him for? What are you stopping him for? We really didn't have much of a reason, we just wanted to find out what was in that brown paper bag.

19:43:49:08 So how do you do that? So when we get him, we pull him over, the police got him for... for you know evading the police trying to pull him over. So our probably cause was, we said well, you carrying a gun? He said yeah and so we arrested him for carrying a gun. So incident to that, brown paper bag had a kilogram of heroin and we knew that came from Philip Vasta.

19:44:08:21 So we go back out the next day following Vasta, Vasta does the same series of things, Sea Crest Diner, Dunkin' Donut shop, Herrick's Donut shop. There he meets with another guy, unknown. This time this guy's not in a turbo-charged car but in any event we're not taking any chances.

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19:44:28:13 After they separate we box him in. In his car there was \$250,000 in a duffle bag. So we said, hmmm, what's this about? He doesn't know. He got it from Vasta but he doesn't know, he's not a drug dealer. We later find out this guy was a bookie and that Vasta was going to give him a million dollars that day to... at this point we decide let's pull Vasta and see what he has to say.

19:44:52:25 So we walk up to Vasta and I tell him, I said, Mr. Vasta, my name is William Walker, I'm with DEA. You got a minute? Of course he had a minute, we talked and he offered us a million dollars, it was four agents, he offered us a million dollars right there, \$250,000 a piece.

19:45:07:08 So I said, well don't go anywhere. We cuffed him, I said don't go anywhere. Had to go to a pay phone, we didn't have these, go to a pay phone, wake up the supervisor and said, look he just offered us a million dollars, yesterday he gave this other guy \$250,000. If he's going to give us a million, what's he got left for him?

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- 19:45:25:25 Supervisor agreed with me, we get a US attorney, we get a search warrant. It is \$5.8 million in this guy's house. It was incredible, this was January 8th, 1986. Now that would be... that would be a tremendous success in itself, the failure to this story was that in our euphoria, we didn't hit other houses that we knew this guy had.
- 19:45:48:12 And he had three other houses in Long Island, New York, we were just so caught up in the moment that we thought this has to be it. What we later found out that he... the defense attorney, Jerry Shargill (ph.) pretty famous criminal defense attorney in New York, charged him a million dollars, he got that cash and then a million dollars for his wife.
- 19:46:06:11 So we estimate that we missed about another four to five million dollars, maybe even six million dollars. So anyway this investigation culminates with the conviction of 18 made members of the Gambino organized crime family. It was in the papers everyday, some seriously dangerous people.

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19:46:23:28 Avamante got life, Philip Vasta got... the minimal sentence was 25 years and a lot of the principles got... Mickey Paradiso (ph.), Joseph Taglinetti, a lot of these guys got their rest of their lives plus 40 years. And what was interesting, just to give you an organized crime feel to this thing.

19:46:42:14 In a twisted way I kind of respected these guys because none of them cooperated. And you kind of felt like, well this is what you do. Years later you have Sammy "The Bull" Grovano (ph.) who rose over you know... and some of the things that he did. I don't know if DEA would want this guy to cooperate with us, some of the murders he was involved in.

19:47:02:22 But these guys all took it like the professionals that they were and we did our job like the professionals that we were. So it was... but the investigation stopped at... in 1986, '87 with a guy named David Chou and David Chou was a Chinese National who did agree to cooperate to a certain degree.

19:47:22:07 He had to stop when we found out he had a family in Hong Kong that the organized crime had reached, they

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had got to his family. He was cooperating with us and just like a scene out of the movie, he was on the stand testifying and he went silent. And a guy came in, in the courtroom, with his cousin.

19:47:40:23 And we said David what... what's going on. He says, I got another wife. What do you mean you got another wife? We got his wife and kids out with an S-visa and he had another wife and some other kids and he couldn't cooperate anymore because we couldn't... we wanted to see how many wives and children he had. So we just... we just stopped the investigation.

19:48:04:06 That was 1987. Now I'm going to fast forward to technology and talk about Operation City Lights. This investigation is... is ongoing. As a matter of fact I just came... just came from Beijing, China and it's incredible where we have gone as an organization in law enforcement and where the United States and Chinese cooperation has gone, where we couldn't do all of the things we've done today, we couldn't do those things in '86 and '87.

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19:48:37:08 But the threat is still there. It... and I don't want to be at odds with... with DEA, I've always had an interest in heroin trafficking and I know that with the Heroin Signature Program we're saying that a lot of the heroin's coming from Mexico through Columbia but I still feel, and I've always felt that... a major threat is still Southeast Asian heroin.

19:49:00:23 And I remembered something I heard that if... Lee Iocca, when Lee Iocca left Chrysler, they didn't stop making the mini-vans which he made famous. And I don't think that the Asians will get out of the heroin trafficking, it's just too profitable. So I'm going to zip through this... this presentation I hope. I'm not...

19:49:25:00 This guy right here, Mr. Wong, he was known as... One-Two-Five and the reason he was known as One-Two-Five is because he weighed 125 kilograms, big guy for an Asian. We worked this investigation with the... the organizations you see at the top, DEA led it of course and the FBI, Vice, NYPD and the US attorney's office Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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- 19:49:52:09 And these are the countries that we had... we had targets in these different countries and we actually made arrests, simultaneous arrests in both... in all these countries.
- 19:50:08:09 These are some of the smuggling routes that... that we uncovered in this investigation and what's important here is that not only was heroin coming through these... this passageway, but methamphetamine which is a major, major threat and continues to be a threat, something we're going to as DEA employees and parents and siblings, we really have to be on the lookout for this methamphetamine drug.
- 19:50:33:03 Major cities that once it got to the United States, this was the distribution... of course in New York we concerned with Buffalo, the Canadian border there as we're very, very vulnerable Upstate New York.
- 19:51:00:11 This guy's background... this individual... these guys were collectively known, him and his confederates were known at "The Untouchables". The reason why they were called "The Untouchables", this is his background. We grabbed this knucklehead in 1989, he goes to jail for

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four years, sent back to China and like all criminals, they revert back to the norm.

19:51:20:08 What are they good at, what do they do? We kept doing what he was doing, but now he's in Fuso (ph.) Province in China, Fuso Province. He has to feel pretty safe, do we have extradition treaty with them, no? Do the agents go to Fuso, no? You know so... in '89, '93, he's untouchable.

19:51:44:26 This is some case overview. According to our informants, we know that he shipped at least eight shipments of 200 to 300 units of heroin from what was known as Burma, I cannot pronounce this word, Murnomar (ph.) I think, used to be Burma, on most maps it's still Burma, we'll call it Burma.

19:52:07:04 Surveillance and INS checks on Chin, Wang and some of these other guys. We started merging, working with other offices and we eventually made it an Osidef (ph.) case in 2000, August of 2000.

19:52:21:02 Here's where it gets interesting. In December the Chinese Ministry of Public Security initiated an

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investigation on this guy Wong as well. And Jimmy Say who's our country attaché in Beijing, China... started providing the information and I know Mr. Vehill's (ph.) familiar with this because this happened under his command of international operations.

19:52:42:12 Unprecedented cooperation between the Chinese Ministry of National Security and DEA, so much so that the FBI who was in China, they have an office on a different floor and they're there provisionally. We're there, DEA's there, we're there to stay. So we start working this... this case jointly. We're feeding them information, they were feeding us leads.

19:53:06:18 And we would go out and do surveillance on individuals and they were doing the same thing. And we would put this together and we even had the Chinese... National Security people come to New York, we hosted several meetings, strategy meetings. We went there and it was just fascinating. We had... we had a DEA agent buy drugs in New York City, receive the drugs in New York City and then tell the... "The Untouchables" we'll make the payment in China.

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19:53:38:25 And this way the Ministry of National Security, the Chinese law enforcement could actually witness the actual... that part of the conspiracy cause a lot of countries don't have, don't enjoy the same conspiracy laws that we have. So now we're sharing intelligence, real-time, actual... he's on that corner, he's doing this, this is what's going on.

19:54:07:14 This is some background on... on this guy's organization. Has people in... he's all over the place. Refineries, he's India, Hong Kong... and the Chinese Nationals, I mean... China is still a Communist country. I mean for them to say somebody's untouchable, what's that mean? I mean it's something for us to say somebody's untouchable, but... but when I was there I felt like everybody was touchable.

19:54:39:06 I even felt like they were watching me. So I felt like they were watching everybody. So for them to say that a group of traffickers, a group of criminals are untouchable, I'm just trying to give you a feel and a flavor for how well insulated these guys thought they were and how... how powerful they were.

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19:54:59:12 And this is where they are now. They're all arrested and one died of natural causes, actual natural causes, I mean... a lot of times in this business natural causes is valid (unint.) gunfire. But this guy actually died of natural causes. But everybody's locked up right now and arrests were made, simultaneous arrests were made in Hong Kong, all the countries that were listed on the previous slide.

19:55:27:14 At 9:00 in the morning in New York and at 9:00 at night in Asia, arrests were... were... simultaneous arrests were occurring. Does anybody have any questions about anything that I talked about earlier about the traditional organized crime guys or even about their heroin source? Yes sir.

19:55:51:11 Q?

19:55:56:24 WW: Yeah, great question, I'm glad you brought that up. See a lot of times what and you have the Garment District in that area too. And a lot of times what... what the Italian organized crime guys would do is go to somebody in... in the food industry or in the garment industry and say, hey... a legitimate business person

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and either co-op or corrupt them into bringing stuff from China.

19:56:19:10 It's amazing, when I had these Title 3s, when we listed people's phones, I'm going to divert just for a minute, but just to show you the power and the scope of these guys. There's a guy, you hear this all on the Title 3, they're looking for a house, they want to move it to a new house in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

19:56:37:25 So the guy, he says, well his wife like this house, let's just say it's 1120 Avenue B. She likes the house so he says well it's not for sale. But he says, well I really like that house. So this guys goes, rings the doorbell and says, I want to buy your house. He says my house is not for sale, he says, no I want to buy it, my wife likes it.

19:56:57:13 So he says, it's not for sale. He says well you know I'm Arnold Squeterri (ph.), I want to buy your house. I'll give you \$300,00 for it, you want to sell it to me. So the guy says no, I don't want to sell, I don't know who you... I don't care who you are. He says no,

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no, my wife likes the house and I'm Arnold Squeterri
why don't you call me back, I'm Arnold.

19:57:18:12 So... guy finds out it's Arnold Squeterri, sells the house. I mean this is the kind of power these guys had. And I don't know if it was \$300,000, it was above the market value in 1986. We got that on the tape and we charged with racketeering and extortion for that little conversation that his wife liked the house.

19:57:34:15 So you understand it's not me, she likes the house, this kind of... Can you imagine so now the house became for sale. But... you're absolutely right, what they would do is make these guys... a lot of the people who were, had legitimate converse on these cargo ships coming from Hong Kong, they would find these individuals, sailors, merchants and just tell them hey look, David Chou told me he was getting \$2000 for every kilogram of heroin that he smuggled.

19:58:05:04 Now at that point, a kilogram of heroin was selling for \$250,000 in New York in '85, '86, '87. So these guys were giving him \$2000 in New York, when he got

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off the port in New York with a kilogram, they gave him \$2000. So just think of the profit that these guys were making, substantial amount of money.

19:58:33:11 This is a picture of "The Untouchables" before and after. And the thing is that in Hon... in China these guys were all going to get death penalty and I'm skipping ahead a little bit, but they... they agreed to cooperate with us and we went to Beijing and then Fujong (ph.) to talk to these... I didn't talk to them of course, but I was there.

19:58:51:22 But they did cooperate. And so my question is, well how do we know if it's the truth, that they're going to kill 'em, they have capital punishment if you talk, capital punishment if you don't talk. So but... these guys are talking right now.

19:59:19:28 That's pretty much it. It's just basically... there's a lot of slides here that, well let me go back to that one. This just talks about all the people we arrested, China, India... Hong Kong... 37 folks. But the key here, what I want you to take away here is not so

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much the arrests, not so much the seizures, is the cooperation that continues.

19:59:46:04 I mean we... we have an office in Beijing, we have... the office has all kind of accolades about DEA and this unprecedented cooperation that we hope to continue. We want to take this and conduct further investigations and go and interview additional prisoners in these countries.

20:00:08:02 And that's what I'm talking about... this is so hot, this is November 2003 that I just came back from there and we... and we talk to these guys. And they... what I took away from this is that they truly thought that this would never, ever happen to them. They saw it, they were vulnerable in the United States, they were vulnerable in New York, but they felt that given the level of cooperation, that... that it didn't exist, that they would be okay.

20:00:34:12 That they did not fear the reach of DEA, the reach of US justice.

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- 20:00:43:25 One, two slides of some of the stuff and seized and that's pretty much, I kind of zapped through it. I talked about the cargo containers, we're always going to be vulnerable, there's no way we're going to be able to know, we're so vulnerable with this, we have to have people on the ground telling us. We need to have people betray other people.
- 20:01:03:16 Any other questions, I'm sorry I rushed through this real quick but... yes?
- Q20:01:11:27 Q:
- 20:01:19:08 A: I think they will in violence. They definitely will reach, they're a lot more ruthless. What we've seen in New York and we're coming up, well New York is coming up with a program to... to deal with Russian organized crime and we have several Russian agents who have... hit the surface and they're just brutal, much more so then... then... then traditional Italian organized crime guys who would you know kill you but in a different way.

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20:01:49:10 I mean, to me... it's my experience that... like dead is dead but there's way to be dead. You know... I mean... and Frank you were in New York and you saw some people who were dead and people who were dead. And... you know and people who were dead, even though they were dead, you could see on their face how disappointed they were that they were being dead that way.

20:02:17:10 You know, you know and... I've got tapes, a lot of us were in New York and you could hear these guys talk about how they're going to go. And I know when we did a conversation between Richie Romano and Henry Berelli and Richie says hey, if I ever do something where I gotta go, will you take care of me? He said, I'll take care of you, you'll get two to the back of the head.

20:02:38:29 He says, oh thank you, thank you, that's how I need to go. You know because you could go with... there's a lot of different ways to go, so dead is not really dead, you know it... so I... two to the back of the head is how... how that's a good way to go in that world. But to answer your question, I think the Russian organized

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crime will surpass the Italian organized crime in... in first of all in their ruthlessness.

20:03:08:00 And I think they're just... they're better suited at being criminals than the Italians were. I think the Italians saw it as a business where Russians saw it as a way to exist. Just a harder lifestyle than they... that they had to endure over there I believe. So I think that they're... they're much more violent, much more ruthless and... something.

20:03:29:14 It's an organization that we better get our arms around and be looking at. I think in New York City we're doing that and I don't say it just cause I'm... I'm there, we have the resources and we have Russian-American agents and we have the language capacity and we recognize the threat and we'll come up with a strategy to deal with it. So that's what... that's my fore sense on the Russians. Anybody else about anything, about my move here?

20:04:00:05 Well I appreciate your attention and your time. I've enjoyed it, it... I think this is great you know, coming here you know, I'm... I'm happy about coming to the

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Office of the Diversion Control for we need diversion, people out here, I got the... I got the diversion... I'm in.

20:04:20:16 You know as Mr. Vee here could tell you, the kind of guy I am, I'm either in or I'm out. And if I'm in, I'm in with both feet, if I'm out, I'm out completely, I'm in and it's going to be a ride, we're going to be moving like our hair's on fire, I'm here to tell you that. So thank you very much for your attention, have a good lunch. [APPLUASE]

20:04:43:11 HOST: I want to thank Bill for taking the opportunity to come down from New York and we look forward to welcoming here... in here to Headquarters soon. Two quick commercials before we break. This Thursday is DEA's 30th anniversary celebration here at Headquarters. You probably have heard about it.

20:04:58:06 The Museum is putting that together. It'll take place right here in this auditorium. It will be a packed house and for those of you that aren't going to be able to fit into this room, we will have it simul-casted in the cafeteria as well as on all the

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different televisions around headquarters that still have the old A/B switches for the cable.

20:05:17:03 You just tune to channel B3 and you'll be able to watch it live here. It's also going to be simul-casted out on the web for all the DEA offices world wide to watch live. So we're looking for to that. The second is a plug for next spring, this is the last in the series of the fall but we'll be picking this up again in the spring.

20:05:35:20 You might have seen the e-mail, the Museum is going to be doing a series of displays in both lobbies of the building, centering on DEA's involvement with the Department of Defense people that we have that have served in the military as well as family members that we have that are veterans from all wars.

20:05:52:21 This spring and beginning on Memorial Day, there'll be the dedication ceremonies down on the Mall of the new World War II Memorial. So this entire spring and summer the whole DC area is going to be inundated with veterans coming into visit and take part in those events, the Museum is part of that.

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20:06:11:12 And I encourage you if you haven't already done so, to please consider making donations even if they're temporary donations, of photos and other items for those displays, the contact is Susie V. Hill in our office. And thank you all very much for coming.
[APPLAUSE]

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