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LIVING WHERE HE DICTATED BANGALORE CENTRE BINDRA HOUSE SHIREEN'S PASSING INCIDENT AT ROME AIRPORT

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ERUCH: On 1st of August 1938 when we came [Eruch laughs], we didn't go to Meherabad because Meherabad was under construction. You remember? You must have noticed there that tower there that says August 1938.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: At Meherabad. It did get completed in August but it was not on the 1st of August. We were called on 1st of August 1938.

PILGRIM 1: It was about a month after that.

ERUCH: Yeah. So we spent a month here you see. There's a bungalow in between Meherazad and Meherabad. There is that Bungalow called the Irrigation Bungalow. Now it's called that Rest House. A huge property you see. So behind that Baba and we all lived. Sarosh and Adi and Adi's brother and father and all that. It's a government bungalow meant for 1st class gazetted officers you see, to stay in.

PILGRIM 2: Actually that bungalow is an office bungalow.

ERUCH: Office bungalow. Yes it is. Still now there is an office.

PILGRIM 2: [inaudible]

ERUCH: Yeah. So we were staying there you see. We never went to our. Mother never went to her ancestral home you see, parents' place. We went to Baba and we were meant to stay there. So then when the place was ready to receive the people there, Baba then took us there to Meherabad with Him. And the women, that means my 2 sisters and mother stayed with the women up the hill. And my father and myself and Meherwan, my youngest, my brother, we stayed down there. You know in that room where it is now that cabin which has the cross and the crescent and all that?

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: That was given to us first. Yeah. So we stayed in that room. Three of us stayed in that room. And that room was used as a meeting place when in the morning we had to roll up

everything you see and clear. Make it tidy and Baba would come and sit there. So that's how we stayed there. Then my father was told to go back to Nagpur. And he was told not to resign then. He was told to take long leave. Preparatory to retirement. Premature retirement. There were two more years you see for him to retire. So then my father was sent back by Baba. Says, "No, you should continue. Now that you have come to Me, I order you now. You will be working for Me now." He said, "Go back and resume your service." [Eruch laughs]. And poor fellow you see the old man having lost the whole estate, he had to find a little cottage and stay there. And then I was sent back to find a cottage for him and house him there and then to make him stay there. He stayed there all alone for a long period. He joined service. He resumed his services there and well he did his job there and then when he retired he came to Baba. When we were in Bangalore when he retired. He came to Baba and then he served and he was there.

And then how is it that my mother is now in Pune? You might ask that isn't it? So it's not only Pune you see. You have no idea. It's so simple when people say that well the God Man has told a certain family, "Leave all and follow Me." It's so simple. It is simple there's no doubt. Provided you don't put the question why and what? And therefore this life has become so simple. Because we never put that question, why and wherefore? So when we came to Him then it so happened that He took us all. My father was sent back to Nagpur for two years. Baba started this Blue Bus trip you see in

1938, '39. And we went on a tour. I was driving this Blue Bus. Elizabeth drove, Donkin drove and all that. Donkin came in 1939 by the way, later on.

So well I was in charge of it. So one year we roamed about in this car. There Baba said what you should do is. When we went to Jabalpur Baba said, "What you do now," He tells my mother and my sisters and my brother. My father was housed in Nagpur. My mother and my sisters were dropped at Baba lover's place. He says, "You stay here and see that Meherwan gets education," you see. He is put in a school. He was in a school, he was put. His school was disrupted, schooling was disrupted he was put in another school. So my mother and my sisters now have to establish another house and they are made to stay there and my brother gets an education there.

PILGRIM 2: In Jabalpur?

ERUCH: In Jabalpur. And I come with Baba now. I am with Baba all alone. I roam about with Baba, wander about with Baba. And my father writes to me. Says, "I am all alone here." And then he writes. And my mother comforts my father saying that, "You are not all alone. We are just doing what Baba wants us to do." And then I pacify and comfort both of them saying that well, "It's all that." And then again my mother and my brother and sister again are taken by Baba you see. And again we go out on a tour you see. And on a long tour and Baba calls them to Meherabad and then again on a tour. And my father comes during holidays. And then we tour and then we go to

Dehradun you see, North India. And then my, Baba tells us, that is my mother and—us means the family, that this is a good place for Meherwan to have education. So I find a house there in Dehradun you see and get established, then you see there. And then he studies there in the school there for some months. He says, “No, I think it is better that you all again wind up the house you see and come to Me to Meherabad.” So we go again to Meherabad you see.

And then again Baba wants to go out so we all again go out. And then eventually it so happens that Baba says, ‘Now He’s going to establish His Centre in Bangalore.’ You know you have heard of that Universal Spiritual Centre? A huge property was bought and selected by Norina and Nadine and all that. So my father retires and it’s a long story you see. A huge property, 500 acres you see. So that’s another chapter in Baba’s life you see. Ministry. That Universal Spiritual Centre. So you ask Adi. In Adi’s office you see he has got so many sketches of the whole process you see. Of the whole thing.

Well so we went to Bangalore. Baba says now we are winding up all from Meherabad and we go to Bangalore. So we go to Bangalore. In the process my father— it’s now time for my father to retire so my father is given charge you see of the construction work of the Centre along with other engineer Baba lover. Arnavaaz and Nariman’s uncle. Arnavaaz’s father was an engineer, civil engineer by the way. There was another civil engineer a Baba disciple by name Kalemama. And my father was a mechanical and electrical engineer so

all this put together you see, they were given the different charges and all that. And whole of Bangalore was invited for the, what do you call that?

PILGRIM 2: Laying the stone [crosstalk].

ERUCH: The foundation ceremony and all that you see. Oh it’s a big affair you see. And then after that work started and we stayed. Baba and the women stayed in the bungalow called The Links. And we stayed in Four Palace Bungalow and all that. And Baba established that little mast ashram there in The Links itself you see. And I don’t know whether you remember the story I told you about ‘my prestige’. How we were staying in The Links. A very posh locality you see. And I was in charge of the Mast ashram. So in the beginning I used to drive Baba in car. A good car. Elizabeth’s car was there that Ford new car and all that. So sometimes I would be always with Baba you see. My mother and my sisters and all were with Baba at the time. My father was also with Baba. Everything was happy and rosy now. And I used to drive the car. Drive Baba and all that to and fro. And in front of us, we were staying on Palace Road you see. Near the Palace of Maharaja of Mysore. It belonged to the brother of the Maharaja of Mysore, that bungalow. So as soon as we get out of the. Opposite us was a huge place, bungalow of a chromium mine magnate you see. You know chromium mines are there and very wealthy person. So he had two guards on one gate. Two guards on either posts you see. Guarding the whole property with gun and also. They would at once come, get up and salute me you see as

soon as I get out in car or drive Baba in or alone or anything like that.

So well I felt very happy about it and proud that well my status is still maintained although I have left the world you see. So this came into my mind one day and then soon after that Baba established the mad ashram, mast ashram in Bangalore. Wayfarers is full of our tours you see and filling in the mast ashram. Going South, bringing Chatti Baba and Phoolwala and all that. High type of masts were brought there you see. Our tours in the South. So one day when I was in charge of that place you see, Baba told me that now there are lots of inmates and the, you know the cans? Latrine cans? The old type you see. We had to draw out the dishes so to say and empty them and put them back when the dishes are full. So what happened [Eruch laughs]. Baba one day told me that there are so many inmates and these boxes are not enough you see. You should get, immediately get some more. A couple of them more you see. I said, "It will take some time," I said, "No time, no question now. You go and get it."

What I thought immediately was. Immediately means immediate. Now my mother had taught me all those things. And I was just a newcomer you see. And I said, "Well we must obey the Master." So I jumped the wall of that building you see and then I crossed the road and ran into Four Palace Road. It took only two minutes for me to do that. Instead of my going all the way in a car and all that. Why should I take the car? And I went to our quarter. Servants' quarters there they had surplus tins you see. They were all

dripping with shit you see. I drew them both together and brought them as soon as I. When I went inside the compound the man got up and saluted me you see. Although I was on foot. The guards. When I came out of the compound with the two dripping tins of shit you see like that. So they wanted to get up but when they saw it, they just sat down and looked at each other. I could notice that you see [general laughter]. I said, "That's the thing you see." What makes you get up? Not the man. Nothing of the sort you see. When you see this, the man is no more there you see. So you see how? What's all this you see? Just, it's just a farce that's what I felt. That was the first lesson I got you see. So I didn't mind that. I just ran the distance, ran across the road, jumped over the wall and there the two tins are there. Baba was so happy. "How did you manage?" He asked me. I said, "Well I went there and jumped over the wall and got it. You wanted it immediately, it's there." So that's how we had to serve Baba you see like that.

And it went on and on and on. Then Baba said, "Now it's time." Baba wanted to leave Bangalore you see and go away from there. So what about the Meher Spiritual Centre and all that? It so happened the war got declared you see. 1st World War and the military acquired the whole area. [Eruch laughs] Military pounced upon the area you see because it was there, it was near a big lake and all that. And they gave us handsome rent for it. Compensation was there. And Baba said, "Alright now." We can't go against the military. It was war time. So what happened was that that was a good

excuse for Baba to leave Bangalore. And we got back to Meherabad again. So before leaving Baba said, "Why not select a place over here for Meherwan and others you see." And in the meantime Baidul's daughter came. She also. Baidul brought her, his family from Iran then. So his daughter was also to be put in school and all. So Meherwan, Sarwar and Meheru's sister was now ripe for a change in school and all that. Meheru has another sister. She's a doctor now she's in Africa. Baidul's daughter is now married to a very well-known person in Bombay, she's there.

So what happened is that all of the 3 children will go to school. And you'll, my mother can look after them and my sisters are there. So why not have a house? So Baba and I went out in search of. Baba the God Man goes out in Bangalore in search of a house where He can house my family. So we go out and find a good place there. Baba liked it and there is the opening ceremony and all that and Baba put them there and then we left. Again.

You see leaving all following Him means so many things. Now you have asked me this question then the whole life comes in. So then we go. I again go to Baba to Meherabad. Then Baba tells me to bring all the masts from there. So we bring. We reserve compartments and bring the masts there to Meherabad. The whole compliment is going there now to Meherabad. On the hill where Kaikobad lives now, you have seen the Kaikobad quarters? Formally it was a maternity hospital there you see and there are a little structures, temporary. So they are all

demolished. So this place now where Kaikobad lives as it is was converted into the mast quarters for the high masts like Chatti Baba, Phoolwala, Chacha. Not Chacha, this, from Calcutta?

MANI: Karim Baba.

ERUCH: Karim Baba and all that. And that from Hassain there was that dancing mast you see all the time he would dance. I forget the names also. So I, then I became the man in charge of this place now. And I continued. My mother and my sisters are there and my father is in Bangalore trying to wind up the whole thing you see. Now he has to sell the property to the people you see. They make into plots and sell the whole property. And many things happened like that and then we continued. Then it so happened that the war broke out and war flared up. And Adi's office was also in Bangalore. Adi didn't want to come back. Adi said, "Now what's the sense of coming back? Meher Baba Journal is being run, it's being published from there. We have given the addresses and it's going on," You know that Meher Baba Journal? Was.

PILGRIM 2: [inaudible]

ERUCH: Yeah. So Adi said now, he had his office at which place is that? It's called some place. So he had his office. So well Adi, Baba said, "All right you stay here and Gaimai." Means my mother's children will be here also. So they continued to stay there. But war broke out and it so happened that Japan started bombarding the coasts, the southern coasts you see of India. So

Adi said that now they were coming closer and closer to India. So he sent a wire to us [Eruch laughs]. We were, my mother and my brother and sisters they were happy because they didn't care where they stayed provided they were under Baba's orders that's all. So in reply Baba sent a cable saying that, "Come immediately. Return to Meherabad." So again I was sent back for dismantling the whole show you see. It's just like changing the scenes you see of the, in a drama. So I went there and wound up the whole show you see and arranged to bring them back you see. That's how we.

Then as soon as my mother came here Mai, Baba's mother, fell in love with my mother. So says, "Merog, I am now very old." And then my father said one day said, "Baba what is this all the time shifting these poor?" My father called us sheep. Says, "What is this? This flock of sheep is being shunted from one place to another you see all the time disrupting the education of little Meherwan," and all that. "And when will they feel settled anywhere?" Baba says, "Everything will be perfect for them. No worry, nothing." In the meantime my mother, then my father said, "That it would be best if they were to, made to settle in Poona."

"It's a nice place. It's a central place." For him to say this and Baba's mother to fall in love with my mother's company you see, it happened you see. And my, Baba said this. Mother, Baba's mother, insisted that my mother should be there in Poona with her because she's now getting old and there's nobody to look after her and I like Gai. Gai means my mother's name is Gai.

So I want her company. So Baba then called us aside from my father, says, "Look here, we'll have to play some trick you see. These old people. What I want you to do is you go to Poona, don't unpack things. I will send the whole thing you see, the luggage in a truck, small van. You go there and there is a house that is now." Behram searched for a house. You know Baba's brother. He searched for which is now Bindra House. That house. Same house where they.

"So just for 15 days be there and I will call you back. Just for the fancy of my mother you see. Just pacify her, comfort her. It's for her. And if you. Don't unpack the luggage. Keep it packed there." Now look at the God Man. How tricky He is like Krishna is. He tells my father that now on the other hand and you see. He tells my father now, "See my mother wants Gai to be there. And what. I have sent Gai there and my mother is not going to last for long. And even if she were to last for long her fancy won't last for long. So what happens is you wanted Poona so your wife and children will be in Poona now. Now what you should do is make them comfortable. See that they are comfortable there." So He sends my father also with me and my mother and my sister and brother. So we are all together now in the house. Now I had been given strict instructions not to unpack things you see.

So we, what we did, we used to sleep on the floor. We used to not to unpack things you see. And call for food from somewhere. Or make some little thing you see. Unpack all the things we shouldn't. Just the things that are

necessary. And my mother would be whole day with Baba's mother and all that. And within 15 days.

In the meantime it so happened that one of the Zoroastrian community person died there. And my father being a Zoroastrian. When there is a funeral there is a special dress to be worn by Zoroastrians. So my father shouted at me, "So what the hell are you doing? Why don't you unpack? I want a dress now for that occasion you see. I can't go in this European style dress you see. We must have our community dress for that." I said, "Father there is no hurry to unpack. I am so tired you know. And why you want to." In the meantime Baba's. Of course somehow or the other my father managed to go there you see. But in the meantime within 15 days of our stay there I think Baba's mother died.

Baba's mother died and the whole thing. Then Baba came you see. I was at Mahableshtar. We were at Mahableshtar. Then I drove Baba. Baba wanted to attend. So Baba was brought there. And it was the same house where Behram and Perin live now. Mother died there. So we were there for a day. Just for an hour or half an hour there. Baba didn't attend the funeral or anything of the sort. Then what happened? That Baba came back and then now my mother said, "Baba, now what's the sense? Tell us what to do now? Whether we should unpack and continue to stay there or come there? Mother is no more now." So Baba says, "You continue to stay there." This is how we are staying there.

And Bindra House became the central station. Every time Baba would be going there and coming and all that. Never once we felt that we were away from Baba or anything of the sort. It continued like that you see. It became more or less a sort of Meherabad or Meherazad for the people. And they know how they used to go there and sometimes 40 people would stay there you see, at a time. And we had music concerts and this and that. Oh terrible. We had to pitch tents there in that small compound and all sorts of things you see. So we stayed there. They are continuing to stay there. That's all. My father died there then.

PILGRIM 1: Who did your father take Baba to be? Did your father take Baba to be the Avatar?

ERUCH: In later years yes. He took Him to be the Avatar. The God Man. In the beginning also but he had greater. He was an orthodox Zoroastrian. So he had believed. My father was made clear in his mind by Baba saying that, "You may take me to be a stone. And Zoroaster your Zoroaster as the prophet. Whatever you bestow on Zoroaster would reach Me because I am the One." So that was, everything was settled you see. [Eruch laughs] So this is one part of the story.

To follow Him means, not to follow Him in the sense that well you have come, left the whole world and want to come to Him because Baba has asked you to come and you take pride in telling others that, "Well, we had to come to Baba because Baba wanted us to follow Him. Leave all and follow Him." But that didn't mean that we had

to follow Him in the sense that we followed ahead of Him and He had to follow us in our footsteps. No. We had to be behind Him. Carry out all what He wanted us to do. Follow Him did not mean that we had to just walk behind Him. But carry out His behests, orders, commands. He may put us in a deserted place you see or place maybe in Timbuktu somewhere you see. That also tantamounts to following Him. As long as we follow His orders. Aren't you all following Him if you obey His orders? He asks you all to do this and do that and not to do this and not to do that. You are following Him too.

Following Him does not - leave all and follow means what? It's not that you should leave all and just be with Him by His side. Holding His skirt, no. You may be wherever you are placed by Him. If you obey Him, if you do just the things that would please Him, you are as much following Him as any other who has lived with Him you see. There's no doubt about that. Because you know from my example what it means to follow Him [Eruch laughs]. Where we were thrown you see away for [Eruch continues to laugh] and so many times. Any human patience would get exhausted you see. But because He had held our hand, that is the thing. If we had gone there to hold His hand and if He had placed us in this position, there was a chance you see of His having slipped from our grip. But when He has hold of our hand, that's all. We are quite safe. That's the difference. And it's a world of difference.

Now this is confronting me in such a way that I feel as if I am behind the bars you see. [General laughter].

PILGRIM 1: Did Baba ever explain? Did He ever give any examples or explain it all what the meaning of holding on to His Daaman was?

ERUCH: Oh yes. Several times you see and the beautiful explanation that He has given is. What Baba meant and means for us all is that we should take Him to be our comforter, our guide. Our all in all, God in human form and we are His creatures. What He wants us to do is to completely depend on Him. If we depend on Him say 75% and we hold on to ourselves 25% that's not depending on Him. All what He wants us to depend on Him completely. And the figure that He has given for it is holding on to His daaman.

Means just like a child holds on to the skirt of his mother. When a child is taken to say a fair you see, a baby. When It has just begun to walk you see. And the mother is so pre-occupied with the whole thing you see. And He would give the example of a child being taken by its mother to a fair where there is a huge congregation and there are many shops there and many things distracting things you see. And attracting things. So there the child goes in that crowd completely dependent upon the mother. The holding of the skirt. Meaning that it depends upon the mother. Wherever the mother is the child is safe because as long as the child holds on to the skirt there. The grip is on the skirt. The child is bound to be where the mother is.

And mother cannot get lost. Because mother is after all mother. It's a grown-up person you see. And child by just holding on to the skirt can even enjoy the sights. Being in the crowd can just look here, there. Child need not concentrate on mother at all. The grip itself is enough to be with the mother and mother means complete confidence you see. Cannot get lost anywhere.

So, this is the figure that Baba has given that, 'Just as a child totally depends upon his mother when he holds the skirt. And himself so safe even in that throng you see in that multitude, that it can even enjoy the sights. It can mingle with the crowd and not get lost itself. So, if you can hold onto Me. Means if you just depend on Me wholly and solely, under all conditions and circumstances, you will never get lost in the world in spite of your being entranced, getting attracted, tantalized by the worldly things. You may get, what do you call, entangled in that but you will never get lost if you remain completely dependent on Me. That's the meaning of holding on to My daaman.' You follow now?

You ask me for some funny incidents taking place. Having taken place during Baba's tour to the West. That which I remember is the thing that happened at the Rome airport. I forget whether it was in the first trip that is 1956 or the last one in 1958. Also In 1956 Donkin was not there?

MANDALI AUDIENCE: '56 Nilu was there.

ERUCH: Oh I see. Don was not there at the time? Even with Nilu?

MANDALI AUDIENCE: No. Only [inaudible]

ERUCH: Oh I see. Then it must be '58 then. Definitely because Don is the one who plays the part now. So what happened is just before we arrived at airport you see, Rome airport, Baba expressed His wish calling Donkin to Him saying that, "Look Don." All what He wanted you see at the airport in Rome was some place to retire where there is no crowd, no noise. Just a couple of hours. Because there was that halt for about 3 or 4 hours there you see. 3 hours' halt was there. So well Don told Baba that it could be easily fixed. And he went and told the crew you see. So, message was sent. Wireless message and Don started his activity there. We got down at the Rome airport. There was the wheelchair ready for Baba. And well the person came who made Baba sit there at the wheelchair and he just went away from us. I had to follow, run behind Baba you see. And he took us round you see, here and there. It was impossible to get into the airport so to say. He took us I don't know which places you see that he took us. Such a long tour you see of the whole airport. And then eventually we came in contact with our people you see, Don and Nariman, Adi. Was it Nariman or Meherjee at the time?

MANDALI AUDIENCE: Nariman.

ERUCH: Nariman. Don, Nariman and Adi. They were there and we were there. Well then somehow or other you see we were at a place where there was

a restaurant. And Baba said that we should take either tea or coffee or have some sort of cold drinks. But while we were at the table Baba said that He wanted to piddle. And I said, "Now where would be the toilet rooms and all and take Baba." Baba had just arrived you see after a long tour. With all the shaking there and a painful hip joint and all that. I looked around and there I saw 4 booths you see, telephone booths. At the place. So all of a sudden I got an idea, 'What harm is there if Baba's wheelchair is shoved in front of the booth you see just stands up and piddles there.' And I always used to carry a glass for Baba, handy. Something in which that He should piddle you see. That's the usual thing we used to do on tours and all that.

So Baba was taken there you see and Baba said, "Well, how will it be? Is it in order?" I said, "Baba it's my responsibility. Nothing happens." And I stood there you see as if chatting and Baba is trying to phone or something like that and everything was in perfect order. Nothing was wrong you see. So Baba piddled there in the glass and felt at ease. And then I brought Baba back to the table which was very nearby and then I cleaned the glass you see. I disposed of the urine and cleaned the glass and then again joined the company. In the meantime Donkin was busy trying to fix a retiring room you see for Baba. When he fixed the retiring room he came to Baba and said everything was ready and we had to go down somewhere. So, there was an escort he had brought and so he led us down. We told him that we had the wheelchair. He says, "Never mind." So he guided us and we got down to a

veranda-like place you see, at the airport.

And we waited there and waited and Baba said, "Well, time is flying and there is no. Where is the retiring room?" Says, "Baba I have made arrangements." "But where is it? Where is the retiring room? Why are we brought to the veranda for retiring room? It's not a retiring room was there, already there. The lounge is there, everything is there. I wanted a quiet place. And we are made to stand here." In the meantime what we hear is bells you see from a fire engine or something coming you see. Rushing towards us. And we find you see we get the sight of the ambulance coming you see. And Baba says, "Why all this? For us?" Don does not himself know about these things you see what transpired. Don simply expressed his wish that a retiring room be arranged for Baba where there is not noise because He is not feeling well, He's ill.

So the doctors took him seriously and literally you see. And they sent an ambulance and two boys you see, sturdy persons, Italians come there and they speak in Italian and we say something and before we could say something you see in our broken Italian or English or anything. Don knew Italian. And I said, "Sir, what are you doing? What are you doing?" And they just made Baba sit there on the stretcher. They took out the stretcher from the ambulance, made Him sit there and then they just. One person put his hand on His, Baba's chest and He was made to lie flat on this stretcher and the two. I said, "What are you doing?" He says, "Si, si, si, si, si, si." All

that we could hear, I could follow was si, si, si and me si, me si, me si and something like. I said, "Me see, me see." And they said, "No, si, si, si." [general laughter]

And before I could do anything you see Baba was shoved inside the ambulance you see. The stretcher was put in. I jumped inside and they rang the bell and they left. Had I not jumped inside you see Baba would have been taken all alone. Don didn't come with us, nothing. I took the bold step to jump inside you see. So then we were there. Baba says, "What's all this? Time is flying. Where is the retiring room? Where have we come? Will we be able to go back in the plane?" He just signalled like that, "What is this? Is Don crazy or what?" So I said, "Baba I have no idea. Foggiest idea of where we are being taken and why all this to us. You just wanted some place in some room there. There are plenty of rooms there at the airport. Without even informing the authorities we could have rested anywhere." We didn't know.

So after a ten minute drive you see we came to an old bombarded hospital in Rome you see. Somewhere outskirts. And no sooner the ambulance arrived there, everything was arranged for Baba. No doubt about it. Don had made clear arrangements you see. But he did not know what arrangements were made. He had just given instructions to certain person who does all, make all these arrangements. But he was not told what arrangements were made.

So what arrangement was made was a ward was. A room in a ward was kept ready for Baba. Doctor was ready. Nurse, two nurses were kept ready thinking that Baba was serious in health you see. That He wanted some rest. Why, because He was ill. So no sooner Baba was again put on the stretcher. He was taken inside and rolled onto the bed you see. Baba could walk the distance you see. But He was rolled onto the. From the stretcher onto the bed and blanket was put over Him and says, "Si, si, si, si, si, si." And everything. Something like that I don't know they murmured there and I stood there and Baba looked at me and I looked at Baba. And comes in the doctor you see and two nurses. And doctor comes and opens the thing. Said, "Doctor there's nothing wrong. All what He wants is to be left alone." Says, "Si, si, si, si, si," Doctor also said, "It's alright, it's alright, it's alright" he said.

And then he examined His chest and pulse and the nurses you see. The sister took what do you call the blood pressure. And all sorts of things. And open your mouth and your tongue and the eyelids were examined and all that. Everything alright. I said, "Doctor please tell all the sisters." He could understand little English. "Please tell them to leave the patient all alone. All what He wants is just complete rest. No disturbance." "Si, si, si, si." And then we were there.

Of course no sooner the doctors left and all I shut the door, locked the door from inside you see so that nobody can come in. And then Baba could go to the toilet and wash His face and feel

fresh and clean and then He was made to sit there and He sat and relaxed on the chair and then again it was time so Baba Himself went to bed, put the blanket on and remained as a patient there. And no sooner He did that the doctor knocked at the door and he came in, "How are you ? Alright?" I said, "Alright." And then I asked him,

"Doctor, when will the ambulance come?" He says, "Si, si don't worry, it will be alright. It will be." And then the ambulance came and we were again brought there you see. And that's how hardly we could have half an hour time of relaxation with us you see. That's the funny incident that took place at Rome.