ORAL INTERVIEW WITH: Professor Robert MacDonald

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M- James M. Den am ./M#0e12
R- Professor Robert MacDonald

R: Absol%tel3.

M: [illegible] of blac0 [illegible] elodoP 5r [illegible]
m%c &ra3.

R: O * 3es* r#& t. It 5as t e e4#tome of &ood and e'#l I &%ess 3o% 5o%ld sa3
loo0#n& at #t later. T ese t5o races re4resented #n t at c%lt%red comm%n#t3 lo'ed
eac ot er and 5ere endeared to eac ot er to t e e<tent t at t e t o%& t of
e'er a'#n& to lea'e ent#rel3 from t at 0#nd of ar [illegible]

R: I t #n0 #t 5as l#terall3 5ron& for rel#&#o%s reasons.

M: Ma#nl3 t at* o0a3.

R: And t at &o#n& and #n and 5#t t e ealt . T at comm%n#t3 5as e<tremel3 5 at 3o% m#& t call o'erl3 '#rt%o%s.

=3 t e 5a3* &ett#n& bac0 to race* I told 3o% m3 closest 4la3mates and fr#ends 5ere blac0. T at not5#t stand#n&* t e front and bac0 5ere 5 ere 3o% 5ent #nto t e front of t e o%se #f 3o% 5ere 5 #te* and #f 3o% 5ere blac0* 3o% 5ent #nto t e bac0. T #s 5as tr%e abo%t m3 4la3mates and me. L#terall3* I 5o%ld sa3* /I6ll see 3o% #n a l#ttle b#t*1 and I 5o%ld &o #n t ro%& t e front 4orc and t e3 5o%ld &o #n t e bac0. T ere 5as not #n& t o%& t abo%t #t.

M: It 5as ;%st t e 5a3 3o% d#d #t 5#t o%t an3 t o%& t abo%t 5 3 3o% d#d #t.

R: It 5as ;%st t e 5a3 5e 5ere.

M: In t ose da3s* t ere 5as ob'#o%sl3 se&re&at#on. Were t ere stores #n t e sense of 99

R: L#ttle co%ntr3 stores.

M: And t ere 5as 0#nd of a certa#n entrance for blac0 4eo4le to %se #f t e3 5ent7

R: And t en t ere 5ere crac0er barrel c#rcles of fr#ends 5 o #n free t#me* 5 #c 5as 'er3 seldom* 5o%ld s#t aro%nd t e o'en.

M: Ma#nl3 old &%3s* r#& t7

R: Aes* r#& t.

M: Was t ere an3 m#sce&enat#on* m#<#n& of t e races* marr#a&e* #nner marr#a&e7 Was t ere an3 #nner marr#a&e7

R: Absol%tel3 none.

M: M0Pldaob& eafÀ%tc #n&.

R: 4df1 e4ar5er& 5efÀ A%d 4ae, of a race. 5o5* #ns t at.

R: T e oldest t at s%r'#'ed* t ere 5ere t5o brot ers* Malcolm and Jo n. Malcolm of co%rse #s a $cott#s f#rst name. And e'er3one resented #t and called #m Mac. "or t5o reasons* #t 5as acce4table to call #m Mac ;%st beca%se t e name 5as MacDonald. It 5as 3ears before I reall3 %nderstood 5 at t at 5as. M3 oldest brot er 5as a med#cal doctor. He 5as a &reat el4 to m3 mot er. M3 fat er %sed to sa3 Mar3%s ealt 5as bad beca%se 5e ad so man3 c #ldren. And m3 oldest brot er 5o%ld tell me stor#es of a'#n& been a5a0ened #n t e n#& t to &et %4 and dr#'e to &et t e m#d5#fe. After t at* e 5ent to P #ladel4 #a on a f%ll sc olars #4 to t e Fn#'ers#t3 of Penns3l'an#a.

M: $o e 5as born 5 at 3ear7

R: He 5as t e oldest brot er.

M: And 5 o 5ere t e ne<t s#bl#n&s7

R: T e ne<t t5o 5o%ld a'e been t e ones t at d#ed. And so t e ne<t after t at 5o%ld a'e been m3 one s#ster* "lora.

M: "lora MacDonald.

R: A 'er3 famo%s name.

M: Aes* 'er3* 'er3 famo%s. D#d 3o%r 4arents t #n0 t5#ce before t e3 named 3o%r s#ster "lora MacDonald or d#d t e3 a'e an3 sense of #ron3 t ere7

R: O * no.

M: D#d t e3 name er after "lora MacDonald7

R: Aes. "lora 5as 'er3 5ell 0no5n for one t #n&* t e fact t at s e 5ent bac0 to $cotland to d#e. W ereas er %sband and t5o sons G

M: R#& t.

R: "lora 5ent to @%eens ! olle&e later on. =3 t e 5a3* @%eens ! olle&e 5as t e old ! #cora ! olle&e. T en #t became @%eens9 ! #cora. T en #t became ;%st @%eens. M3 mot er ad been a &rad%ate of t at* a m%s#c &rad%ate #n t at l#ttle to5n* Red $4r#n&s* Nort ! arol#na.

And so s e 5ent #nto t e "lor#da m%s#c m#n#str3 of t e c %rc and met t ere er %sband9to9be* 5 o 5as Amer#can er#ta&e* b%t #s fat er ad been a m#ss#onar3 #n R#o. $o t e3 '#s#ted se'eral t#mes. I dec#ded earl3 on t at t e most bea%t#f%l arbor #n t e 5orld #s R#o de Jane#ro b%t I ne'er &ot to &o t ere. An35a3* t e3

%sed to a'#n& to mo'e aro%nd. After t at* 5#t #n t e same (+ mont s act%all3* m3 mot er 5as #mmed#atel3 4re&nant a&a#n. M3 brot er* ! arles* 5as 4robabl3 t e most 5#del3⁹0no5n member of t e fam#l3. He t%rned o%t to be a no'el#st and t en a 5r#ter of World War II.

M: ! arles MacDonald* a 'er3 #ll%str#o%s World War II #stor#an and 'eteran of D⁹Da3 #mself* and t en 5ent on to be a #stor#an for t e F.$. Arm3 H#stor3 =ranc .

R: E<actl3. $o e e'en #ncl%ded to5ards t e end a V#etnam #stor3.

M: Ho5 m%c older 5as e t an 3o%7 Ao% 5ere abo%t to tell me 5 en 3o% 5ere born I t #n0.

R: I 5as born #n (>H, and e 5o%ld a'e been abo%t (>+B.

M: O0a3. $o e 5as abo%t s#< 3ears older t an 3o%.

R: A44ro<#matel3* 3es. M3 s#ster 5as born 5#t #n t e same (+⁹mont 4er#od a ead of #m. $o t e t5o of t em 5ere l#0e t5#ns all t e 5a3 t ro%& sc ool and el4ed eac ot er a &reat deal.

T en t e ne<t oldest brot er 5as t e onl3 one 5 o* 4ra#se I od* become #nterested #n farm#n&. M3 fat er ad a creed of t at e 5as l#0e all of #s ne#& bors* fello5 farmers* 5o%ld a'e been as amed to adm#t t at an3 son of t e#rs 5o%ld not &o #nto farm#n& too. W 3 m3 fat er d#dn⁶t t #n0 t at 5a3* 5 o 0no5s* beca%se e ad l#terall3 I t #n0 a fo%rt or f#ft ⁹&rade ed%cat#on. M3 &randfat er* as m3 fat er 4%t #t: T#mes 5ere ard and so I told #m e ad to 8%#t sc ool and dr#'e a 4lo5. T at⁶s o5 e 4%t #t.

T #s brot er* Rae* 5e called #m. H#s name 5as Ale<ander MacRae MacDonald. H#s name 5as to be a 4roblem all #s l#fe beca%se #t 5as not R⁹A⁹AJ #t 5as R⁹A⁹E. He 5as t e onl3 one t at came bac0 after World War II* and e'er3one ass%med t at m3 fat er ad tal0ed #m #nto #t. T an0 I od t at 5as not t e case.

After t at* Donald 5as t e closest to me. We 5ere Donald and =obb3 as I 5as called. We 5ere fo%r 3ears a4art. He 5as fo%r 3ears older t an me. He 5as born #n (>+? or ⁶+). Earl3 on* 5e became #nterested #n t e same t #n&s* t e same boo0s* t e same mo'#es. We 5ere close eno%& #n a&e mo'#es 5ere albe#t a rar#t3 beca%se 3o% d#dn⁶t &et to &o (+ m#les at n#& t to &o to a mo'#e. If 3o% 5ent to one* #t ad to be a

a tractor. It 5as old m%les* and 5e 0ne5 t e m%les b3 f#rst name and t e orses. And t at 5as all #n t e barn r#& t be #nd t e o%se. Man3 #s a t#me I remember ear#n& t e bra3#n& of t e orses. I ne'er d#d f#&%re o%t 5 at ca%sed t em to bra3 or 5 at t e3 5ere tr3#n& to accom4l#s 5#t t at.

=%t t e consc#o%sness of t e farm 5as so #m4ortant. M3 fat er 5as la%& ed at b3 #s collea&%es for not ma0#n& %s 5or0 arder. T e3 ne'er t o%& t t at e 5or0ed %s ard eno%& . I6ll tell #t t #s 5a3: W en I &ot to #& sc ool* t ere 5as a BH ! l%b for t e f#rst t#me. Ao% ad to a'e a 4ro;ect. $o I remember &o#n& ome to m3 fat er t at da3 and sa3#n&* /Dad* 5e &ot to a'e a 4ro;ect* 5 at co%ld I do71 He sa#d* /Well* I t #n0 3o%6ll be do#n& #t #n ;%st a fe5 m#n%tes. I et dressed. Ao%6re &o#n& to be 4lo5#n& t e corn. $o I6ll let 3o% mar0 off an acre of t e corn and 3o% sa3 3o% 5ere 4lo5#n& t at for 3o%r 4ro;ect.1 It 5as an #nterest#n& t5#st.

M: W o 5as t e ardest 5or0er #n 3o%r fam#l3 5 en #t came to all t e c ores and 5 o 5ere t e ones t at 5ere t e slac0ers7

R: T at6s f%nn3.

M: ! o%ld 3o% sa3 t at7

R: ! arles and Malcolm 5ere bot 'er3 G no5* b3 brot er* Rae* f%nn3 t at t at

M: $o ob'#o%sl3 s e ad t at to5ards er7

R: Aes. $ e ad been a 4#ano ma;or #n colle&e* "lora MacDonald !olle&e b3 t e 5a3J #t 5as named after t e ero#ne.

M: $o s e ad act%all3 been to colle&e7

R: O * 3es* s e ad &rad%ated.

M: We need to &o bac0 to t at a l#ttle b#t and tell %s a l#ttle abo%t 3o%r mot er. W en 5as 3o%r mot er born and 5 at 0#nd of bac0&ro%nd d#d s e a'e7

R: I d#d m3 ome5or0 on t at. $ e 5as born #n ( )>H and d#ed #n (>?)* 5 #c meant s e 5as)E 5 #c 5as cons#dered 'er3 old #n t ose da3s.

M: $o s e act%all3 bro%& t t at 0#nd of #nterest #nto t e fam#l3 and ob'#o%sl3 rela3ed t at to t e c #ldren7

R: Well* I act%all3 eard t e 4#ano be#n& 4la3ed* 5 #c #s so essent#al later on. I &ot to 0no5 man3 a 4arent 5 o 5o%ld br#n& #s or er 99 #n and sa3: I don6t 0no5 5 at6s t e matter* t at 3o%n& one doesn6t 5ant to 4ract#ce. And I be&an to as0 #f an3one else of t e#r &enerat#on* #f t e#r mot er or t e#r fat er 4la3ed t e 4#ano. O * no.

M: It6s l#0e 5ell* o5 come 5e don6t 5ant to read* 5ell* I don6t read m3self so 5 3 s o%ld t e3 5ant to read ma&a:#nes or boo0s.

R: W 3 s o%ldn6t t e3 #n t #s case. Well* an35a3* s e al5a3s 4rofessed not to be able to teac t e 4#ano beca%se 5 en I fo%nd m3self at t e 4#ano later on* e'er3one ass%med t at s e ad been an #nfl%ence. T e onl3 t #n& of #nfl%ence s e 5as t ere 5as t at m3 fat er 5o%ld a'e er to 4la3 t e 4#ano so n#ce* t e sort of 4o4 m%s#c of t at t#me* beca%se e en;o3ed t at. He 5o%ld straddle t e lon& 4#ano benc and t%rn t e 4a&es for er to 4la3 t e 4#ano. $o I 5o%ld &et to ear m%s#c t at 5a3. It 5as not 4rofo%nd m%s#c b%t #t 5as m%s#c.

M: $o 5ere t ese son&s t at 5ere on t e rad#o7 D#d 3o% a'e a rad#o7

R: We ad a rad#o* 3es. T at became an #m4ortant 4art of m3 l#fe beca%se 5e &ot to ear t e concert on $%nda3 afternoon* 3o% 0no5* t e P #l armon#c* and t e L%< Rad#o T eater and all t at. I 5o%ld ear m3 mot er 4la3#n& #n c %rc on $%nda3s and t en at ome 4ract#c#n&.

reason* I ad #nstr%ct#on b%t #t 5as 'er3 late. I 5as (+ or (H.

M: No5 d#d 3o% 4#c0 #t %4 on 3o%r o5n7

R: Ver3 m%c . I 5as 4la3#n& b3 ear.

M: $o 3o% ad a real talent for t at and 3o% 5ere able to 4#c0 #t %47

R: Aes.

M: Were t ere an3 ot er #nstr%ments #n 3o%r fam#l37

R: Aes* 5ell* t ere ad been. M3 &randfat er's &enerat#on* e ad 4la3ed t e

and #t 5as called t e In9 I at er#n&.

M: T e In9 I at er#n&7

R: R#& t. T at meant t at 5 en t e cotton cro4 5as f#n#s ed and t e f#rst bales ad come #n* eac farmer 5o%ld ta0e a certa#n n%mber of t e bales t at e felt e co%ld donate and a'e t em sell* one $at%rda3 des#&nated #n No'ember beca%se of t e cro4 be#n& f#n#s ed 5as ded#cated to t e In9 I at er#n&. T at meant 4#cn#c9st3le on t ese bales t%rned on t e#r s#de 5#t clot s o'er t em to ma0e t e tables.

M: ! otton bales7

R: ! otton bales* % 9 % . $o t ese lad#es 5o%ld come 5#t food t e3 ad bro%& t from ome and 4%t #t t ere.

M: Ho5 man3 4eo4le 5o%ld 4art#c#4ate #n t ose e'ents7

R: Act%all3 a %ndred or t5o* beca%se an3bod3 5 o 5as from t ere* all t at fam#l3* and 4eo4le mana&ed to beca%se t e food 5as so &ood. I 5as so 4ersn#c0et3 abo%t m3 eat#n& food t at I d#dn't 5ant to eat an3t #n& t at an3one else ad made b%t m3 mot er. =%t eac t#me* I 5o%ld &o #n t e 0#tc en #n t#me before #t 5as trans4orted to t e c %rc and I 5o%ld not#ce 5 at %tens#ls or 5 at 4lates t e3 5ere #n so I co%ld &et to t e r#& t one.

M: Do 3o% remember 5as t at also a t#me for 4ol#t#cal d#sc%ss#ons or s4eec es7

R: Onl3 one* 5 #c 5as t e World War II. World War II of co%rse be&an December ?* (>B(. I remember t at date 'er3 5ell and 5 at 5e 5ere all do#n&. We 5ere on a l#ttle tr#4 to 0#nfol0s #n V#r&#n#a and 5e sto44ed at a &rocer3 store some5 ere and m3 brot er and m3 fat er ad eard a rad#o broadcast. I remember #m com#n& to t e car and sa3#n&: Mar3* &%ess 5 at. H#tler's troo4s a'e mo'ed #n and t e 5ar as started. And I ad no cl%e 5 at all of t at meant.

M: And 3o% 5o%ld a'e been abo%t (+ 3ears old at t at t#me7

R: R#& t* 3es* earl3 teens. And #f t e 5ar ad lasted abo%t t ree or fo%r mont s lon&er* I 5o%ld a'e been drafted* t e f#ft member of t e fam#l3. M3 fo%r older brot ers 5ere all #n 4laces of combat #n t e m#l#tar3.

M: And 3o% 5ere t e 3o%n&est brot er7

R: I 5as t e 3o%n&est brot er at ome o4#n& a&a#nst o4e t at 5e co%ld 0ee4 &o#n&. I ad a l#ttle ne5sletter t at I dec#ded to b%#ld %4 t ro%& t e c %rc . T e comm%n#t3 all 0ne5 eac ot er and 5ere 0#n to eac ot er and so all t e sons and ;%st a fe5 da%& ters t at 5ere #n t e m#l#tar3 5ere bo%nd to&et er b3 t #s

to me* b%t I felt sorr3 for t at l#ttle &%3 t at I 5as t en. I 5as 'er3 %n&#fted #n s4orts. I ad to stand 'er3 often at recess t#me 5 en t e3 5ere c oos#n& %4 softball teams* 5e called t em baseball* I ad to 4%t %4 5#t see#n& t at I 5as t e last one and I ad to be ta0en b3 somebod3. I 5#ll ne'er for&et ear#n&: We ad #m t e last t#me. No* 3o% d#dn't. No* 5e ad #m t e last t#me.

M: O0a3. Let's &o bac0 to #& sc ool. D#d 3o% a'e to &o 5a3 a5a3 from t e farm to &o to #& sc ool7 Was #t l#0e se'eral m#les7

R: It 5as (+ m#les.

M: T5el'e m#les a da37

R: Aes.

M: E'er3 da3 3o% ad to &o (+ m#les7

R: E'er3 da3. Ao%%d &et ome abo%t H:H, or B:, , . $o #t ad a lot to do 5#t 5 at I earl3 on 99

M: Ob'#o%sl3 3o% rode #n some sort of a 'e #cle.

R: It 5as a b#& 3ello5 b%s.

M: Ao% act%all3 ad a b%s7

R: T e ! o%nt3 ad be&%n t at 4rocess. We came from so far a5a3 t at t e to5n#es 5o%ld r#d#c%le %s* ! o%ntr3 come to to5n. And 5e'd onl3 be #n D#llon on $at%rda3 beca%se t e3 ad to &et t e &rocer#es and so fort . Not 'er3 man3 beca%se 5e &re5 almost e'er3t #n&* t e &arden too0 care of t at. Tomato 4atc es* 5atermelons and all t at.

M: W at 5ere t e s%b;ects #n sc ool t at 3o% reall3 en;o3ed7 Were t ere an3 s%b;ects t at 3o% en;o3ed more t an ot ers7

R: I lo'ed En&l#s and En&l#s l#terat%re. I ne'er 5as #nterested #n t e com#cs or t ose t #n&s. M3 select#on of an3 mo'#es 5as 'er3 d#fferent from m3 fr#ends. "or #nstance* I ne'er 5anted to &o an35 ere to see =ett3 I rable* #t 5as al5a3s =ette Da'#s. It's #nterest#n& 5e 5ere tal0#n& abo%t t at ;%st recentl3 beca%se 3esterda3 Rob Tate d#d a t #n& on =ette Da'#s for a cl%b ere #n to5n.

M: Ao%r fa'or#te s%b;ect 5as En&l#s l#terat%re* o0a3.

R: M3 %n9fa'or#te 5as al&ebra. And t e onl3 t #n& I e'er fl%n0ed #n #& sc ool 5as al&ebra.

M: D#d 3o% a'e a sense #n #& sc ool at all abo%t 5 at 3o% 5anted to do #n t e f%t%re or 5 at 3o% d#dn6t 5ant to do7

R: F 9 % . A &ood deal* I t o%& t for s%re I 5as &o#n& to be a &ra4 #c art#st. I 5as a &ra4 #c art#st on o%r sc ool 4a4er. In t ose da3s* #t 5as all m#meo&ra4 ed. Ao% ad to free and t e #ll%strat#ons. I 5as t e one 5 o co%ld do t at. I 5o%ld al5a3s &et o%t of st%d3 all b3 sa3#n&: I6m &o#n& to 5or0 on t e ne5s4a4er* 5 #c I s o%ld a'e not been do#n& beca%se #f I6d st%d#ed arder #n st%d3 all* I 5o%ld a'e made better &rades. I 5as al5a3s told b3 m3 4r#nc#4al: I ;%st can6t %nderstand. "lora and ! arles and Donald 5ere br#ll#ant st%dents. W at a44ened 5#t 3o%7 I 5as al5a3s 4%tt#n& %4 5#t t at.

M: $o 3o% 5ere #n #& sc ool d%r#n& World War II7

R: R#& t.

M: World War II 5as be#n& fo%& t l#terall3 as 3o% 5ere st%d3#n& En&l#s l#terat%re and fl%n0#n& al&ebra7

R: Aes.

M: $o 5 at 5as #t l#0e to be #n #& sc ool #n r%ral $o%t ! arol#na 5 #le World War II 5as &o#n& on7

R: We 5ere 'er3 consc#o%s of t e dress code and all t ese t #n&s* t e m#l#tar3 %n#forms. One of t e 4r#:es 5o%ld be #f 3o% ad some &arment from t e Arm3 t at 3o%r older brot er or s#ster ad* 3o% co%ld 5ear t at to sc ool. T at 5as reall3 99

M: Aes.

R: I t #n0 I alread3 ment#oned to 3o% t at I ad a ne5sletter &o#n&. It 5as called /O%r =o3s.1 No one e'er t o%& t #t 5as do5n&rad#n& to call a man 5 o 5as +, 3ears old a bo3.

M: R#& t. W o 5as t at ne5sletter meant for* 5 o 5as t e a%d#ence for t at ne5sletter7

R: T e a%d#ence #n t at case 5as t e c %rc comm%n#t3.

M: And t e ne5sletter 4erta#ned to 'ar#o%s members of t e c %rc 7

R: Aes. I corres1fds. A

R: M3 s#ster made off 5#t a &reat n%mber of all t ose t #n&s.

M: W at d#d 3o% learn from 3o%r brot ers* 5 at 0#nd of #nformat#on d#d t e3 5r#te 3o% bac0 abo%t 5 at t e#r e<4er#ences 5ere7 Do 3o% remember #f t e3 5ere e'er able to 5r#te 3o% bac07

R: Aes* r#& t.

M: $o 5 at 5as #t l#0e 5 en 3o% f#rst sa5 3o%r brot ers after all t at t#me7 Was #t a sense of e< #larat#on7

R: Aes. T e e< #larat#on 5as more on m3 4art t an on t e#rs. I t #n0 t e3 5ere

R: I bel#e ' e I ment#oned t at t e one 4#ano teac er ad to come bac0 ome. Her %sband ad been %rt* and 5#t #s fat er* #n t e m#ddle of er st%d#es* so s e* Rebecca Hensle3* s e started t e onl3 mean#n&f%l tra#n#n&. $ e 5as

R: P 3s#call3 e 5as f#ne b%t #t 5as man3 3ears before I real#:ed o5 de4ressed e 5as. Aet 5#t #n t at t#me* e 5rote Company Commander* t e boo0. He sat 5#t t e t34e5r#ter* 5 #c 5as a l#ttle 4ortable* e 5as so d#sc#4l#ned* ad so m%c self9d#sc#4l#ne* e 5rote t at t #n& 5#t #n abo%t f#'e mont s.

M: After e &ot bac07

R: Aes.

M: W at 5as #s t #n0#n& #n terms of a career* ;o%rnal#sm7

R: R#& t.

M: Was e able to &o to colle&e on t e I I =#ll or an3t #n& l#0e t at7

R: It 5as before t e I I =#ll. Of co%rse* e 5as t e ne<t to t e oldest of t e sons. T e trad#t#on of t e fam#l3 5as t e Presb3ter#an colle&e #n ! l#nton.

M: ! l#nton* P ! 7

R: Aes. I t #n0 e ta%& t one semester 5 en e &ot o%t of t e Arm3. =%t e ad ma;ored #n ;o%rnal#sm. "or 5 ate'er #t 5as 5ort #n t at small colle&e* e &ot a &ood bac0&ro%nd. We all &ot a &ood lan&%a&e bac0&ro%nd beca%se lan&%a&e 5as ta%& t merc#lessl3 as e%d 4robabl3 remember too.

M: A&a#n* some more t o%& ts on ! arles7

R: T ere 5as an #nc#dent I a'e to tell 3o% abo%t. I started to tell 3o% 5e ad o4en f#re4laces. =%t t e one not9o4en f#re4lace 5as a eater* a coal eater* and #t ad a coal 4#le #n eac 3ard of t e farms. T at 5as t e f#rst t#me 3o% &ot #nto an3t #n& ot er t an t e lo&s 5 #c 5ere c%t b3 t e ands* t e em4lo3ees. An35a3* ! arles ad &one o%t* #t 5as a ra#n3 da3* ! arles ad &one o%t and

#slands beca%se e 0ne5 t e Isle of $03e 5as o%r ancestral ome. T e Island of Le5#s 4rod%ced O5en* Dan MacLeod* 5 o alon& 5#t er s#ster* t e MacLeod s#sters 5ere famo%s #n t e enterta#nment 5orld. T e3 san& d%os #n I ael#c.

M: ! an 3o% s4ell t e name of 3o%r ome7

R: Aes. K9I9L9L9I9 I 9R9E9A.

M: And t at6s I ael#c7

R: R#& t. T ere6s reall3 anot er mean#n& b%t I6'e for&ot #t. T e f#rst t#me t at I 5as able to &o to $cotland* I #tc #0ed 5#t a fr#end of m#ne from V#enna. I ad a s%mmer ;ob. I 4la3ed #n a bar. Let6s tal0 abo%t some of m3 ;obs* can I do t at7

M: One of t e #nc#dents 3o% recall fondl3 5as 5 en 3o% 5ere at ! a4el H#ll* a tr#4 t at 3o% too0 5#t 3o%r brot er to ! %ba. Ho5 d#d t at all a44en7 Ho5 5as #t t at 3o% co%ld bot afford to &o to ! %ba and 5 at 5ere t e c#rc%mstances7

R: T at 5e 0ne5 an3t #n& abo%t #t and all 5as t an0s to Donald* 5 o d%r#n& #s Na'3 t#me* ad been stat#oned 'er3 br#efl3 t ere. He ad done a lot of learn#n& abo%t ! %ba from t e beds#de. He 5as al5a3s sort of o%r se<#st #n res#dence. M3 4arents al5a3s t o%& t* and t #s #ncl%ded 5 en I 5as #n ! a4el H#ll t en* t e3 al5a3s t o%& t #t 5as 4erfectl3 safe for me and all r#& t t at =obb3 5as learn#n& t ese t #n&s beca%se e 5as &o#n& to be 5#t Donald. =%t #t 5as from Donald I learned all t e t #n&s I s o%ldn6t a'e 0no5n abo%t. We started o%t #tc #0#n& and 5e somet#mes ad some a5f%l f#& ts. I remember one t#me some5 ere #n lo5er $o%t ! arol#na* 5e 5ere on t5o d#fferent s#des of t e road and 5e s5ore to eac ot er eac 5as &o#n& to ta0e 5 ate'er r#de sto44ed.

M: And t e ot er one 5o%ldn6t7

R: In t e ot er d#rect#on. We 5ere sa'#n& o%r mone3. We ad eard t at #t 5as L>, ro%nd tr#4* ! %ban A#rl#nes from Ke3 West.

M: $o 3o% 5ere &o#n& to #tc #0e all t e 5a3 to Ke3 West7

R: We d#d.

M: Ao% #tc #0ed from D#llon* $o%t ! arol#na all t e 5a3 to Ke3 West* "lor#da7

R: "rom ! a4el H#ll.

M: "rom ! a4el H#ll all t e 5a3 to Ke3 West. Well* t at 5o%ld a'e been more

e<c#t#n& t an ! %ba 4robabl3.

R: Es4ec#all3 5 en I real#:ed t at one of t em 5as a 8%#te attract#'e 3o%n& &#rl 5 om Donald #mmed#atel3 ent#ced #nto t e bac0 seat and made me dr#'e. I better sto4 tell#n& 3o% t #n&s abo%t Donald.

M: $o 5as #t al5a3s t e case t at 3o% 5o%ld be 4#c0ed %4 to&et er and 3o% al5a3s sta3ed to&et er7

R: Aes. And b3 t e 5a3* not lon& a&o* I real#:ed t at e lo'ed t e #dea of 0ee4#n& me as na'e as 4oss#ble. If I learned earl3 on #f I ad a fe5 l#ttle