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A. ~~Charley Manson's.~~

Q This is a dune buggy; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q Where had you seen this vehicle?

A. At the ranch.

Q The Spahn Ranch?

A. Right.

Q With reference to this object that is here that looks like a sword, do you recognize this sword as having seen it before?

A. It's that sword over there.

Q It is the same sword as depicted in Grand Jury Exhibit No. 17; is that correct?

A. Right.

MR. KATZ: Thank you. Nothing further.

RANDY STARR,

called as a witness before the Grand Jury, was duly sworn as follows:

THE FOREMAN: If you will raise your right hand, please.

You do solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give in the investigation now pending before this Grand Jury is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

1 THE WITNESS: I do.

2 THE FOREMAN: Thank you.

3 Will you give us your true and complete name,
4 please?

5 THE WITNESS: Randy Starr.

6 THE FOREMAN: Randy Starr. Thank you, Mr. Starr.

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8 EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. KATZ:

10 Q Mr. Starr, are you employed as a cowboy and
11 stuntman? #

12 A Yes, I am.

13 Q And in connection with your employment, have
14 you lived out at the Spahn Ranch? #

15 A Yes.

16 Q As a result of that, did you come to know
17 Charles Manson?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And Mr. Starr, with reference to Charles
20 Manson, is he depicted in one of these photographs on
21 Grand Jury Exhibit 12? .

22 A Yes.

23 Q Which one?

24 A The bottom -- the first one on the bottom.

25 Q No. D?

26 A Yeah, No. D.

1 MR. KATZ: May the record reflect he has identified
2 Charles Manson?

3 THE FOREMAN: All right.

4 BY MR. KATZ:

5 Q Now Mr. Starr, were you the owner of a small
6 delicately engraved knife of some kind? EXHIBIT 9

7 A Yes, I was.

8 Q Can you describe this knife better to us?

9 A Yes.

10 It's got a blade and engraved on the blade is
11 something in Mexican, and it also has a desert engraved
12 on one side of it, and if you hold it up to the light, on
13 the other side there is another desert and a cactus
14 engraved on it.

15 Q Was there any type of writing on the blade at
16 all?

17 A Yes, there's Mexican writing, I never could
18 read it. I don't read Mexcian.

19 Q Was there anything unusual about the handle?

20 A Yeah, it had an eagle on top. When you hold
21 it like this (indicating) it has an eagle's head on the
22 top and it's like -- it looks like -- it appears as an
23 eagle head -- a Mexican eagle's head.

24 Q Now with reference to this knife, did you
25 ever have a conversation with Charles Manson concerning
26 that knife?

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1 A. Yes. Quite often.

2 Q. And what did those conversations entail?

3 A. Well, he wanted -- I have a sword that was
4 given to me for a Christmas present by another actor friend
5 of mine and I had three knives behind this sword -- sticking
6 behind the sword and he kept wanting this knife and so --

7 Q. He kept asking you for it?

8 A. He kept asking me for it, and about three weeks
9 later I finally said, "Take it and get out of here. You're
10 wearing a path in my trailer so you can get the knife, so
11 you can have the knife, so take it."

12 Q. Where was your trailer located with reference
13 to the buildings on the Spahn Ranch?

14 A. Down from the house. It was a small trailer.
15 It's down from the house toward what we call the creek.
16 That's a drop off on the creek there -- the creek is down
17 below and my trailer was right next to the big tree there.

18 Q. Was it relatively close to the building that
19 is the Longhorn Saloon?

20 A. Right behind them. Right cater-corner behind
21 them.

22 Q. You say you gave the knife to Mr. Manson.

23 Now when was it just approximately when you
24 gave the knife to Mr. Manson?

25 A. It was way before last year.

26 Q. Now let me jog your memory, if I can.

1 Did you give Mr. Manson at his request a
2 Colt gun?

3 A Not a Colt. It's a long-barrel nine-shot
4 revolver.

5 Q When was it you gave him that weapon?

6 A I did a picture "Here Come the Indians," a
7 friend of mine was on that and he asked me if he could
8 borrow my chaps and my spurs and I said he could and he
9 said he had a Colt .45 he would give me instead of money.

10 Q But with reference to that, does that help you
11 pinpoint the time ?

12 A Well, it had to be I think in June or July *
13 something like that, I would say.

14 Q Of last year? 1969

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And in reference to giving him the Colt or this
17 gun to Mr. Manson, was it a short time after that you
18 gave him the knife?

19 A Yeah, about three weeks later I'd say I gave
20 him the knife.

21 Q So we are talking about roughly somewhere in
22 the third week perhaps of June, 1969?

23 A Right in that area there some place, yes.

24 Q Now we don't have a very good picture of a
25 knife here, but I'm going to show you on Grand Jury Exhibit
26 No. 9 this knife that is depicted partially in D and a

1 little bit better in E.

2 Do you recognize that knife?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Was that your knife?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is that the knife you gave to Charles Manson?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When you had the knife, did you have the
9 sheath? *

10 A. No.

11 Q. With reference to this sheath, did you ever
12 see anybody wear that sheath?

13 A. Yeah. Charley wore it most of the time and
14 one of the girls had it on, or one of the girls made it
15 for Charley and one of the girls wore it around for awhile,
16 and Charley wore it, and Bob, I think, wore it one time. *

17 Q. By "Bob," who do you mean?

18 A. Bob Beausoleil.

19 Q. Now, with reference to this sheath, did you
20 ever see Charley carry the knife you gave him which is
21 depicted in D and E in Grand Jury Exhibit No. 9 on his
22 person?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And thereafter you saw this sheath worn by
25 Mr. Beausoleil; is that correct?

26 A. Yes.

1 Q Did you see the knife in the sheath?

2 A Yes.

3 Q We are referring to this knife depicted in
4 these two photographs D and E?

5 A Right.

6 Q Would it be fair to say you saw Mr. Beausoleil
7 with that knife sometime after you gave Mr. Manson the
8 knife?

9 A Yeah -- well, Charley and Bob are the only
10 ones I seen carrying the knife.

11 Q By "Bob," you mean Beausoleil; is that
12 correct?

13 A Right.

14 Q And would that have been sometime in the summer
15 of 1969?

16 A It was right -- well, it was right after *
17 I gave Charley the knife. It wasn't even a week later.
18 Only a couple of days later Charley and Bob -- one day
19 Charley would have it on and the next day Bob would have
20 it.

21 Q So by "Charley," you mean Manson and by
22 "Bob," you mean Beausoleil; is that right?

23 A Right. *

24 Q Now sometime in the latter part of July, 1969
25 did you observe Mr. Manson playing with a sword?

26 A Yes.

1 Q And can you describe that sword to us?

2 A Yeah, it's a long sword and it's got a regular
3 sword handle with fancy -- what do you call it? The hilt.
4 It has a fancy guard.

5 In other words, it's to cover your hand with.

6 Q Was it a long sword or a short sword?

7 A It's a long sword.

8 Q Let me show you Grand Jury Exhibit No. 17 and +
9 ask you if you recognize this sword as having seen that
10 sword before?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Is this the sword that you saw Mr. Manson have?

13 A Yes, it had yellow tassles on it when I seen
14 it. That's the rope that goes on there.

15 Q Its' just tied onto the handle; is that
16 correct?

17 A Tied to the handle at the top part there.

18 Q How did Mr. Manson carry this sword?

19 A I only seen him carry it in his hand.

20 Q Did you ever see anybody with this sword? *

21 A No, he wouldn't let nobody else touch that
22 sword.

23 Q To your own knowledge you only saw Mr. Manson
24 with the sword and nobody else at the ranch?

25 A Nobody else. He wouldn't let nobody touch it.

26 Q How do you know this?

1 A. If anybody picked it up -- I think it was
2 Steve picked it up -- Steve Grogan picked it up one day *
3 and Charley grabbed it out of his hand and told him to
4 keep his hands off that knife.

5 Q You are referring to this knife or sword that
6 is depicted in 17; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q Steve Grogan, is he also known as Clem Tufts?

9 A. Right.

10 Q In respect to the sword in the latter part of
11 July, 1969 did you have a conversation with Charles Manson *
12 when he was toying with the sword?

13 A. Yes, it was up at the saloon and they were
14 throwing knives at the doors and I told them to quit
15 throwing knives at the doors because we used the doors for
16 filming.

17 And he said, "See ^{MANSON} this knife here, Randy
18 Starr?"

19 And I said, "What about it?"

20 And he said, "That will cut your ears off."

21 And he said, "I cut a guy's ear off with this."

22 And I said, "Yeah, sure." I didn't believe
23 him.

24 Q This conversation took place in the latter
25 part of July, 1969?

26 A. Right.

1 Q At the time of that conversation, Mr. Starr,
2 Mr. Manson was toying with the sword that is depicted in
3 Grand Jury Exhibit 17; is that correct?

4 A Right.

5 He was trying to flip it through his fingers
6 like he did all the knives he carried, flipping it through
7 his fingers, and everybody had a knife out there at that
8 time and they were throwing at the hay stacks and at the
9 buildings and at the saloon.

10 Q Mr. Starr, showing you Grand Jury Exhibit 18, ⁴
11 do you recognize this dune buggy as having seen it before?

12 A Yes, I do. 2

13 Q Whose dune buggy is that?

14 A That's Charley's.

15 Q Where had you seen it?

16 A At the Spahn Ranch. They welded on it almost
17 a week straight -- a week straight, day and night and I
18 couldn't get any sleep.

19 They were by my trailer and I couldn't get
20 any sleep.

21 Q Who was present?

22 A Charley --

23 Q By "Charley" --

24 A Tex.

25 Q By "Tex" you mean Charles Watson who is
26 presently in Texas?

1 A. Right.

2 And all I know the other guy is by "86 George."
3 He's the one that owned the welder. It was on a truck,
4 but Bruce did all the welding on that dune buggy there.

5 Q That is Bruce Davis?

6 A. Right.

7 Q Now with reference to the sword depicted
8 therein, had you ever seen Charley carry the sword in this
9 holder that is depicted on this vehicle?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q Is that the same sword that is shown in
12 Exhibit No. 17?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q And just for the record, Mr. Starr, do you
15 recognize the gentleman who is in Picture E of Grand Jury
16 Exhibit 12?

17 A. Yeah, that's Bruce Davis.

18 Q. And this person (indicating)?

19 A. Charley Manson.

20 Q And this person (indicating)?

21 A. Bobby Beausoleil.

22 MR. KATZ: May the record reflect when I said
23 "this person" I was pointing to Picture D, Charles Manson,
24 and when I pointed to the next picture it was B and that
25 is Robert Kenny Beausoleil.

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1 BY MR. KATZ:

2 Q Do you recognize the girl on the right?

3 A Mary Brunner,

4 Q Picture C.

5 Picture A?

6 A I know her by Sadie.

7 Q Sadie Glutz?

8 A Sadie Glutz.

9 Q All these people live out at the Spahn Ranch?

10 A Yes.

11 Q They were living there on or about July and
12 August of 1969; is that correct?

13 A Yes, and before then, too. They lived out at
14 the ranch about two years and a half.

15 Q Now Mr. Starr, I want to show you a picture
16 of a gun and I am going to ask you whether or not you have
17 ever seen a gun similar to this one --

18 A Yes.

19 Q In the possession of Charles Manson?

20 A Yes, I seen him like with an Army .45. Him
21 and Bruce Davis was playing with it one day.

22 Q Now with reference to the gun we are talking *
23 about, this is on Grand Jury Exhibit 14; is that right?

24 A Right.

25 Q And you saw Bruce Davis and Charles Manson
26 playing with it?

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A. Right.

Q. What approximate period of time?

A. Oh, it would have to be -- I am trying to figure out the time they brought out the stuff out there on the truck one morning.

He had 18 sleeping bags and something like 23 shotguns and there was nine rifles --

Q. Let me ask you this:

Was this approximately in the vicinity of the latter part of July of 1969?

A. Yeah, I would say it was in July, yeah.

Q. Of 1969?

A. Right.

Q. I take it you certainly can't pinpoint the date; is that right?

A. Right, I can't pinpoint the date.

Q. Now with reference to the gun similar to the one depicted in Grand Jury Exhibit 14, did Mr. Manson ever make a statement concerning the condition of that gun?

A. Well, he come up one day and somebody must have been playing around with it or something because he said, "Who the hell had my gun?"

Because there was a piece chipped out of it on the handle and Charley got a little uptight about it and he told everybody to keep their damn hands off the gun.

Q. When was the statement made by Mr. Manson

1 about the gun similar to the gun in the photograph before
2 you?

3 A In fact, the day Charley and Bruce --

4 Q Was it in the vicinity of the latter part of
5 July of 1969?

6 A Yeah, because I jumped them about the target
7 practice with the horses being back there.

8 MR. KATZ: Thank you, Mr. Starr.

9 Nothing further.

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