

## Polygraph and Interview

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Interviewer: Lt. Earl Deemer, LAPD Homicide

Interviewee: **Roman Polanski**

Note: This transcript is part of my own personal research, it is as close to accurate as possible. Due to Roman Polanski's very thick accent and background sounds made by those in the room, there are numerous words and phrases that I marked *inaudible*.

Earl Deemer            Have a seat please. Have you ever taken one of these before?

Roman Polanski      No, never. What's your name sir?

Earl Deemer            Deemer. D double E M E R.

Roman Polanski      okay

Earl Deemer            Do you have a cold?

Roman Polanski      On the plane from London something was wrong with the thermastat and they changed the temperature like every ten minutes and its just sinus' you know, it ain't no cold.

Earl Deemer            Your first name is Roman.

Roman Polanski      Right.

Earl Deemer            No?

Roman Polanski      Roman

Earl Deemer            Where are you living in LA if you don't mind?

Roman Polanski      I'm staying at the Beverly Wilshire until I move. The mailing address is at Paramount Studio (rest is *inaudible*)

Earl Deemer            You're back and forth is that right?

Roman Polanski      I just want to avoid the press.

Earl Deemer            Are they still bothering you?

Roman Polanski      Yeah. (*Inaudible*)

Earl Deemer           What's your phone with Paramount?

Roman Polanski       Hollywood Studio 01 01 01

Earl Deemer           How old are you?

Roman Polanski       Old *inaudible* 36

Earl Deemer           Where did you go to school Roman? Mind if I call you Roman? My first name is Earl.

Roman Polanski       Sure. Earl I finished film school (*inaudible*)

Earl Deemer           Have you had any medical problems in the past, anything serious? Have you had any mental problems or psychiatric.

Roman Polanski       Never.

Earl Deemer           Have you taken any medications in the last day or so?

Roman Polanski       I took *inaudible* (translated he took ½ the recommended dosage) tranquilizers and Valium. Right after it happened I took, I'd say twenty pills. 3 or 4 very strong sleeping pills that really knocked me out.

Earl Deemer           When was the last time you had any medication or any pills?

Roman Polanski       Last time was this morning when I woke up around four or five o'clock, I took half a Valium. If it were a sleeping pill I wouldn't be able to get up again. I just took half of this blue one, you know I don't know how much. Yesterday I did the same thing because I woke up also about four  
Continues on about waking up in the night but its *inaudible*

Earl Deemer           Are you back working on the movie now?

Roman Polanski       Well, I'm trying to put myself together, I don't know. It's not easy. How long is this going to last?

Earl Deemer           If we get along alright probably about an hour or an hour and a half. Do you have an appointment?

Roman Polanski       Yes. At one o'clock. That's fine. I'm asking because I want to (*inaudible*) one or two times and I will tell you after okay?

Earl Deemer           alright.

Roman Polanski       Is that okay with you?

Earl Deemer            Sure.

Roman Polanski        I just want to know how it works. I want details.

Roman Polanski        Inaudible (asking about how lie detector tests works)

Earl Deemer            No that's no good.

Roman Polanski        I'll lie a couple of times and I'll tell you right after what I did.

Earl Deemer            Okay How about if I don't tell you first. How about that?

Earl Deemer            Have you seen any of the people who use to visit you up there since you came back?

Roman Polanski        A few. You know I'm trying to sort of slowly contact...I don't want them to know that I'm trying in anyway to help the police.

Earl Deemer            Hmm mm

Roman Polanski        (Inaubile) more sincerity from that crowd. Nobody knows I'm here today

Earl Deemer            No one knows you're here?

Roman Polanski        No. Not even Bill Tennent (*inaudible*) Who knows what they seen but I didn't tell anyone where I was going today *inaudible* my film you know what I mean inaubile.

Earl Deemer            Well you have to go on living.

Earl Deemer            Was Voytek actually associated with the army, Polish army do you know?

Roman Polanski        Not it all.

Earl Deemer            Well he told several people this and I was wondering if there was any truth to it as far as your knowledge.

Roman Polanski        As far as my knowledge? Not at all. He went to the university first studying chemistry if I'm not mistaking before we met each other, which is a long way back and in Poland when you study you don't go into the army, you have one day military preparation and each year or every year or after two years you have a kind of a three months *inaudible* and you come out as an officer. I assume he did it. I went to film school but it was after I left Poland already. So he must have gone if he already was an officer than he didn't have to go through this stuff. But I'll tell you one thing this

guy Vitald...I didn't know that he is sort of adopted son, or a cousin of a sister of a guy who's name is Vitali Klitschko who is one of the most important personalities in the Polish government.

Earl Deemer

Klitschko?

Roman Polanski

Klitschko. I just learned it when I was in New York on my way back to London. To my surprise I didn't know about it. You know its like very high up next man to *inaudible*

Earl Deemer

Ah ha. High up in the government.

Roman Polanski

High up in the government and very much a inaubile one of these Sons of Bitches that started all this *inaudible*

Earl Deemer

Was Vitald in the service or the army?

Roman Polanski

I never met him before.

Earl Deemer

You never met him?

Roman Polanski

No I'd never met him. I didn't know of him...only thing that was said, I don't know if it was from here or from Paris (*inaudible* for the most part something about his artwork - pictures) I had never heard of the man until-

Earl Deemer

Have you seen any of his paintings?

Roman Polanski

Yes.

Earl Deemer

Does he have any talent?

Roman Polanski

I think he does. I think he does, yes. He does have talent. Nothing to challenge (?) But its not bad. He's got talent. He's rather fake you know? But he's definitely a...I learned more things when I was in Europe. He's a very heavy drinker.

Earl Deemer

Vitald?

Roman Polanski

Yes. At least he use to be, a real boozier you know? By the way when I asked him to make a painting of the guy, the king. He first got drunk he said first let me get drunk. He's a liar, apparently he was a, you know a trouble maker. He's the kind of guy that fights.

Earl Deemer

Yeah I saw he was pretty strong.

Roman Polanski      Yeah but I didn't know that. You see, in London now, a friend from Paris came, a dear friend of mine. She's a lady of about 45 or so, and she knew him during his (*inaudible*) period a little bit, She didn't like him very much. She knew Voytek quite well, the third character they sort of hung together was (*inaudible* sounds like Maury Glasgow), a very talented polish writer, but also a drunkard and a fighter and he just died recently in Germany very strangely you know. Apparently an overdose of sleeping pills. He went to Germany from Hollywood to make...the German television was doing a play from his book. The first day he arrived he had dinner with the producer and then returned to the hotel and died. They broke into the room at noon or something like that. The very strange thing, my composer and a dear friend who made all the music in my films. I brought him to make the music for Rosemary's Baby. His name was Komeda. He got drunk with this man, this fighter and fell on the street, HEAD (*inaudible*) drunk you know? I said, Jeez what happened and he said, oh my head you know I need a doctor. A month later he made another movie's music for Paramount. Then two months later he started feeling very bad and we were going to go skiing in Europe and I was leaving with Sharon and with him and he said, "I can't I have this flu and there was the epitome remember?"

Earl Deemer      It was last year

Roman Polanski      Right I sent him to the doctor and I said I need you to come over and join us and a few days later I get a telephone call that he's got a blood clot and he's on the operating table and he never regained consciousness. Three months later he died.. That Maury Glasgow was the first for me and that was the beginning of this year. This was a tremendous shock to me because he was, a little of my success is due to his contributions etcetera. Coming back to this guy Klaskow who died mysteriously. I talked about all these things with this lady, this friend of mine and she told me

00:04:56.9 **come back to this later**

Earl Deemer      Well was it common practice for, since you're successful in your field and probably have more money than most of these people who come in as, oh I can't call them refugees but at least immigrants or ah; well lets say the Polish come down from Canada, is it common practice for them to seek you out for assistance or something?

Roman Polanski      A lot of people are trying. You know I read and I heard that I was sort of a Polish (saint?) which is not true because I was resenting them for a couple of reasons *inaudible* president on their shoulders which brings me down. Second, *inaudible* years in Poland *inaudible* but Voytek Frykowski was an

old friend of mine. I resented very often he was sort of, ah how can I express it? He was too a loser, you know whatever he started he would fuck it up. Inaudible but when he was in Paris, when he defected he was always writing me letters, he really loved me you know because I got into this film school and things like that you know I was a model of what he'd like to achieve. When I was in Paris I gave him some money, but I tried to stay away from him and this Maury Klaskow you know because I didn't like *inaudible*. Then in New York he really change very much, he thought he was going to do something and he was full of good spirit, I tossed him some money etcetera and he met Gibby Folger and I thought that was good for him you know a rich girl and I thought that was exactly what he needed. When he came here I was trying to help him to find a job. Recently since I was preparing this *inaudible*, I told him because I saw that he was a little uptight doing nothing next to this girl like a kid. I said, "Believe me, you will have job on my staff" and a few letters I got in London from him were full of enthusiasm about this thing. He's reading books about dolphins because that was the subject and he has ideas and he can't wait and he was really loved me that guy, you know?

Earl Deemer

You don't think he resented your success or anything?

Roman Polanski

No. That's absolutely. The insinuation of you know *inaudible* ah Canada? I know nobody from Canada except Eva. Eva who came from Canada. I knew her in Paris and I met her in Poland when she was a little girl 14 years old going around and we use to call her Lolita. She came over here from Canada and she had terrible trouble *inaudible* etcetera and she didn't know where to stay so I told Sharon, here's this girl you know. Sharon was such a lovely person you know she wouldn't resent another girl staying in the house. She stayed maybe, I don't know two or three weeks *inaudible* and then she was staying with Voytek. Once, shortly before I left I remember that she called me and she was crying and she said couldn't stand it anymore that he put her down and he said, "You're nothing, you'll never do anything, you're full of shit, you better do something..." She came to see me in my office and I said, "Listen, don't worry." I tried to send her to my lawyer maybe he'll help her with her *inaudible* permit or work permit it was expiring. These were the only two Polish persons that I had any contact with. Others would call me like there was this *inaudible* guy *inaudible* a friend of mine, this composer her friend who's name is Alberatosky (sounds like) who was a complete wreck, complete a human wreck. He went through some traumatic stages in Poland *inaudible* car crashes wife died, he's around forty with glasses rather fat. "Oh I don't know how I can help you out, maybe I know some people in pop music." He's a very good organ player, I introduced him to John Phillips. John Phillips listened to him once, auditioned him and said he would *inaudible* for some little things and then the guy was in terrible trouble told

*inaudible* he was working in packaging *inaudible* and then I said oh shit and I give him some money, then Comeda this friend of mine the composer *inaudible* but how long can we give him money and in total I gave him over a thousand dollars. Inaudible I never forget he came to the house and I gave him the money and Sharon came down the stairs and he kissed her on her hands and *inaudible* and then he left. I didn't hear from that guy until about three weeks ago I got a letter from him from Las Vegas *inaudible* he says, "I'm sorry." *inaudible* That's all *inaudible*. Although many of them called me before I would always try to decline. I would read this script that they send me (sounds like) and oh this piece of shit just *inaudible* Polish! Sound Polish, not only Polish, American believe me. English and French everyday there's a letter from somebody, "Mr. Polanski, I admire your films and I'm a young struggling director.." etcetera, etcetera. Shit. I was in the same position once, I went through terrible times before I *inaudible*. So I feel some how responsible and very often I help these people and maybe I shouldn't and if I didn't wouldn't have all these marvelous fans around I have now to help me.

Earl Deemer

When did you first meet Sebring, Roman?

Roman Polanski  
Earl Deemer

First time, you mean the first time? I was already with Sharon in London  
Was she working on a film there or was she just an acquaintance at that time?

Roman Polanski

Do you want me to tell you first how I met Sharon?

Earl Deemer

Go ahead.

Roman Polanski

The first time I met Sharon was four years ago at some kind of party *inaudible* terrible Hollywood producer with her and had a contract and for whom I was doing a film.

Earl Deemer

What was his name?

Roman Polanski

(sounds like) Gransaw (Martin Ransohoff?)...no he has nothing to do with this. Mexican, a creep. The guy made her do Beverly Hillbillies and all kinds of shit. Inaudible attitude etcetera and I *inaudible* a film that was a spoof on vampires, you know called Fearless Vampire Killers and when I met Sharon at the party, she was doing another film for him in London at the time, staying in London alone she was girls friend, I heard about her a couple of times vaguely, Ransohoff's second manager said, "Wait until you see our leading lady Sharon Tate" once I met her I thought she was quite pretty but I wasn't at that time very impressed, then I met her again, I took her out we talked a lot *inaudible* at that time I was really swinging, the thing I was interested in was to fuck a girl and move on. I went

through a very bad marriage before, not bad it was beautiful but my wife dumped me, you know left me I had a lot of girlfriends so she left me. So I was really feeling gray because I didn't have success with women and I just liked fucking around I was a swinger ha?

Earl Deemer                   hmm mm

Roman Polanski           So I met her a couple of more times, I knew that she was with Jay and then *inaudible* for film and then I make test with her (long pause) so it was before I would have taken her out she sort of wanted to go out and didn't want to go out, so I said "Listen, Fuck you", and I hung up. So that's the beginning of everything you know?

Earl Deemer                   hmm mm you sweet talked her.

Roman Polanski           Right. She got intrigued by me and I really tried to long date before and I started thinking that the girl really don't likes me and then I remember that I spent the night because I lost the key and I spent the night we were in the same bed and I knew there was no even questioning making love, that's the kind of girl she was and long after we went out (long pause) after it was after the tests, she went out with me and I just said very plainly, "Do you want to stay with me or not?" and she stayed with me and that was the first time we made love after maybe two months or three months and then we went to the location and again on the location it was like two or three months later. She by that time came at me once or twice didn't come after she made love. She was the type of woman if she did it, this was it After *inaudible* Jay, no. We were on location to film once again I asked her, "Would you like to make love with me?" Very sweetly she said, "Yes." another words I didn't know the first time that I was somehow attracted by her you know? And then we started sleeping regularly together and she was so sweet and so lovely that I didn't believe it you know, because I had bad experience and people like that never existed and I was waiting for a long time for her to show the color right? Because she was so beautiful and I thought it was phony you know, and she wasn't. She was just fantastic. She was a fucking angel, I'm telling you. She was a unique person that I'll never meet again in my life. Inaudible and I was still living in a different house, I didn't want her to come to my house unless she was serious and I won't swallow you, I want to be with you etcetera and I said no *inaudible* she said, "I don't want to change you." and she was agreeing with everything just to be with me. One day Jay came to see his friends, they were already broke up, I mean she told him etcetera and we were sitting in a restaurant in London called Evira and Jay was sitting at a different table with common friends of mine and Sharon and they were good friends of his, Vivienne Ventura a young actress and her husband Fran Decker (sounds like) and so Sharon waved to them and he waved



etcetera. Then Fran came and said, "Jay would like to meet you." and I said, "Of course." I felt very you know uneasy. Then Jay came and sat at the table and shook my hand and kissed Sharon's hand and he said, "I just wanted to meet you. Inaudible like you *inaudible* my fucking girlfriend."

Earl Deemer Chuckles, and that was the first time you met him? Did she ever go back to him?

Roman Polanski Let me tell you how it was this is like, "I dig you man." It was not traumatic it was very relaxed type of thing, "I wonder how you are and I think I like you." and asked if we were happy. That was the first meal with Jay. Afterwards *inaudible* and there was several occasions I wanted to avoid him it was sort of, *inaudible*, I felt guilty sort of. But when I came to Los Angeles and started living here maybe two years I saw him more and more often, he use to come to our parties etcetera and then I started liking the guy very, very much. He was a very sweet person, you know although I know all his hang ups you know he liked to you know whip girls. Sharon told me about it, that he tied her once to the bed and asked her *inaudible* she was talking about it making fun of him that he was rather disarming in the way that he was doing it. He was more and more often a guest of ours. He was just hanging around, hanging around and sometimes Sharon would resent his staying too long, he was always the last to leave, you know? I'm sure that at the beginning of this relationship there was still love from Sharon etcetera but I think that gradually it disappear, you know I'm quite sure of it. And you know in my mind when I learned of this, the tragedy and *inaudible* maybe Sharon's being pregnant brought back in his mind *inaudible* but I'm quite positive there was nothing from his part, not from Sharon's but Sharon was in love with me as much as a human being can be you know.

Earl Deemer So there was no indication on your part that Sharon went back to Sebring at any time, after you were together. No chance?

Roman Polanski Not a chance. Sometimes I'm thinking you know I'd be suspicious although I'd *inaudible* I'm the bad one, I always screw around. That was Sharon's big hang up and to end the discussion I'd say, "You told me that you didn't want to change me." (Sounds like a baby crying nearby 00:04:07.1 tape4) Sharon was absolutely not interested in Jay.

Earl Deemer Was she interested in any other men?

Roman Polanski No. There is not a chance for any ma getting close to Sharon.

Earl Deemer hmm mm clears throat. Lots of background sound like shuffling or moving items such as paper

Roman Polanski      What is it?

Earl Deemer          That was taken just before.

Roman Polanski      By Voytek probably.

Earl Deemer          Yeah.

Roman Polanski      This is Sharon's pregnant here. You can see it in her face.

Earl Deemer          hmm mm yeah they were just before.

Roman Polanski      I wish he or you (?)would cover *inaudible* (cross talk)

Earl Deemer          Well what I'm getting at is he spent an awful lot of time up there.

Roman Polanski      Hanging around huh?

Earl Deemer          Yeah.

Roman Polanski      long pause and sounds like "2 weeks" more pause. You know she told me about this that she bought these two *inaudible* she could no longer put it on her stomach. I was on the phone with her like every two days and the only thing was, "When are you coming, when are you coming, when are you coming" you know. Yeah see we had a dog like that.

Earl Deemer          That's not the dog that Voytek ran over.

Roman Polanski      No that's the dog that I bought to replace it. No a friend of mine named Vitald said, "Buy another dog. First BUY ANOTHER DOG." So I said, "Sharon you wanted to mate her so lets buy another Yorkie and mate them." So we bought another Yorkie in London, and then I told her that Voytek told me that the other dog ran away. Slowly she became accustomed that the other dog is gone, you understand?

Earl Deemer          mmm so this was the replacement dog, how long ago was that when Voytek hit the dog, do you know?

Roman Polanski      Yeah I can tell you, uh this dog let me see , I would say five weeks before Sharon left England. Because we had the other dog for about five weeks which means it happened months ago, THREE months ago.

Earl Deemer          Oh I see, neither one of you were there at the time?

Roman Polanski      No. He wrote me a traumatic letter. It was after Camella (sic) death you

know the composer's death it was second really *inaudible* me because I loved the dog and this dog meant two years of our marriage, it was almost like a baby. I get this letter and he says, "A terrible thing happened today, I killed Saperstein today"

Earl Deemer Saperstein?

Roman Polanski After one a film, United, one of my characters in *inaudible*..(goes on to recite letter) Uh I heard a squeak under the wheels and he ran into the bushes, I ran after found him and took him to the vet but it was too late. In some way I was dreaming of reversing roles. Only thing I got from you was goodness and health and what I did was....

Earl Deemer Kill your dog.

Roman Polanski Kill..and it was really very dramatic letter and I didn't answer it or telephone back, I didn't know what to do I was mixed feeling of telling him to get the Hell out of the house or something. I didn't know what to tell Sharon, it took me days you know, and then I called this friend (Victor or Vitald ?) said, "BUY ANOTHER DOG."

Earl Deemer *Laughing at Roman's imitation voice.*

Roman Polanski He said, "When I was a kid this happened to me that's what my parents did the first time was buy another dog." I told Sharon - no I can't remember the sequence now but I bought another dog anyway."

Third person: Excuse me.

Earl Deemer (background sound like someone is stamping papers with an ink stamp) Okay, I know you have to get on your way. Might as well start, I'll tell you how this works Roman. #1 I put this around your chest and that measures your breathing that the (sounds like) noonagraph, this goes on your arm fades off

Earl Deemer Okay as to these pictures that I show you just answer yes or no if you have seen the individual and granted if you say yes, I'll ask you about it after the pressure is off your arm.

Roman Polanski What if I am not certain?

Earl Deemer Oh that's okay if your not certain, we'll kick t around after I get the pressure off your arm. When you look it might be like someone like you may have seen.

Roman Polanski But what do I say yes or no?

Earl Deemer Well as far as I'm concerned you can just say yeah or you can say maybe that's alright. Ok I'm going to put some pressure on your arm. (Pause) Have you ever seen this person before?

Roman Polanski Closer please. No.

Earl Deemer Okay I'll tell you what I'm going to do here Roman. I'm going to release this and I want you to look at these before hand. Maybe that will give you a little chance to look at these close up so that you can

Roman Polanski We can go as we were

Earl Deemer Oh that's okay I'll readjust it again. This will give you a chance to look a little closer.

Roman Polanski Yes that's Billy Doyle.

Earl Deemer Okay.

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Probably never saw him in that shape, did you ever see him?

Roman Polanski I don't think I ever seen him.

Earl Deemer You do not recall seeing him up there?

Roman Polanski Let me see. No. I know who it is, I take it back, I know who it is.

Earl Deemer You know who it is but you ah

Roman Polanski Yeah. That's the guy that ah Vitald was trying to paint.

Earl Deemer He tried to paint him.

Roman Polanski Well yeah he painted him when he was at *inaudible* he was looking for him in my picture. I think so. That's the guy who came himself. Let me see again. Inaudible I don't understand that. (Long pause)

Earl Deemer Could that be at your house on Cielo, the background?

Roman Polanski Inaudible, this table, it looks sort of, you see? I meet so many people and I reject faces that don't interest me but I don't think that's my *inaudible*, let

me see again. No it isn't.

Earl Deemer It looks a little *inaudible*

Roman Polanski I don't know the interior either.

Earl Deemer You don't spot the interior huh?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Were you ever been in Sebring's house?

Roman Polanski Yeah. Many times.

Earl Deemer Would that be Sebring's house?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Okay, I'm going to do it again. This time you've seen the pictures so you can answer accordingly. There was no mistress there?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Have you ever seen this person?

Roman Polanski No

Earl Deemer This person

Roman Polanski No

Roman Polanski No

Roman Polanski No.

Roman Polanski No.

Roman Polanski The trouble is all these faces look familiar, you know what I mean? It's like I seen them at a party or something but or somewhere but its not somebody that I remember. The saw this one before I remember meeting him because I threw him out of the party. He crashed into a party that we gave and he just came in with the trouble and I just said, "Who is that little jerk?" and they said, "Billy Billy" and I said, "Get him out of the house." They got him out of the house and he came back again apparently he has

car problems and I said I want him out, and they said that he's crazy that he had been in a car accident and something was wrong with his brains. So I remember. You know. He stand to my shoulder to me.

Earl Deemer                    Could be somebody.

Roman Polanski              No, no. I didn't lie so far.

Earl Deemer                    That's what I was going to say, I thought you were going to lie to me. (Woman laughing in background ? 00:07:44.3 tape 5 Okay take a look at these now Roman. See if any of these match anywhere about your house? Or on anybody, with anybody that hangs around or had been around your place?

Roman Polanski              No. Actually *inaudible* smaller like this, several times.

Earl Deemer                    That's a *inaudible*

Roman Polanski              No I definitely didn't see that.

Earl Deemer                    Do your acquaintances carry that *inaudible*

Roman Polanski              I haven't seen any of them carrying *inaudible*

Earl Deemer                    Alright I'll show you these one at a time. Don't hold your breath just breath normally.

Roman Polanski              I love it when you tell someone to breath normal.

Earl Deemer                    What is normal? Did you ever see anyone at the Cielo address with a knife such as this?

Roman Polanski              No.

Earl Deemer                    Did you ever see anyone with a knife such as this?

Roman Polanski              No

Earl Deemer                    Did you ever see anyone with a knife such as this?

Roman Polanski              No.

Earl Deemer                    This knife?

Roman Polanski:              No, repeats no again and again as Deemer shows him more knife photos or actual knives. Can I say something?

Earl Deemer Wait till *inaudible*

Roman Polanski Continues answering no four more times. Lots of background sound, since you spoke to me about *inaudible* I don't know only two knives that looked more familiar than the others, this one, I might have seen someone maybe I saw somebody working there and no I never saw that one. There are only two kinds of knives I saw in my life you know? I didn't see this one Yeah I noticed your breathing was going to hell in there, its really different there then your breathing here.

Roman Polanski Yeah because I became *inaudible* cross talk

Earl Deemer And all of the sudden you became conscious of it.

Roman Polanski Yeah.

Earl Deemer Okay, I'm going to ask you some regular questions. Just answer yes or no. And again if there is a particular question that you can't answer yes or no, wait until the pressure is off and we'll talk about it. Just don't answer it. Are you ready? Do you have a valid California Driver License?

Roman Polanski Yes.

Earl Deemer Have you eaten lunch today?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Do you know who took the life of Voytek and the others?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Do you smoke cigarettes?

Roman Polanski Yes. *Bursts out laughing.*

Earl Deemer You know what I got to do if you keep screwing around, I'm going to have to start over again.

Roman Polanski Sorry. I hesitated about the drivers license because I just took, my license expired and I have a temporary driver license

Earl Deemer Let me show you what happens when you start to, look at the increase in your blood pressure when you start to lie about your cigarettes.

Roman Polanski *Inaudible*

Earl Deemer                    Yeah. Boom, boom, boom. See this is your blood pressure, its going up just like a staircase. I tell you if you ever do something, don't take this thing You're a good reactor.

Roman Polanski                I just wanted to know if it really worked.

Earl Deemer                    Okay lets start over again

Roman Polanski                I'm sorry, I'll finish and I won't lie to you. Okay?

Earl Deemer                    Alright.

Roman Polanski                Okay

Earl Deemer                    Yeah because I know you have an appointment and I don't want to keep you too long.

Roman Polanski                This is more important than an appointment.

Earl Deemer                    Do you drink milk?

Roman Polanski                No.

Earl Deemer                    Did you have lunch today?

Roman Polanski                No.

Earl Deemer                    Do you know who took the life of Voytek and the others?

Roman Polanski                No.

Earl Deemer                    Are you now in Los Angeles?

Roman Polanski                Yes.

Earl Deemer                    Did you have anything to do with taking the life of Voytek and the others?

Roman Polanski                No.

Earl Deemer                    Is it the month of September?

Roman Polanski                Yes.

Earl Deemer                    Do you feel any responsibility for the death of Voytek and the others?



Roman Polanski Yes.

Earl Deemer Are you familiar with the drug Fairy Dust? Fairy Dust? You ever heard of it?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Have you dated any airline studios since Sharon's death?

Roman Polanski Yes. Not dated, I seen a couple of them.

Earl Deemer Took her out to lunch or something like that?

Roman Polanski I fucked her

Earl Deemer Laughs, okay. I don't think we'll put that in there though. I think we'll still say date how's that? They might play this back for school children one of these days. You've never heard of Fairy Dust huh?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer You've never heard the term?

Roman Polanski No. First time. You asked me...

Earl Deemer Responsibility, yes?

Roman Polanski Yes. I feel responsible.

Earl Deemer The fact that uh..what?

Roman Polanski I wasn't here. That's all. Inaudible

Earl Deemer From your running this thing through your mind as I know it must repeatedly, what have you come up with as the target? I don't think it ever crossed your mind that Sharon might be the target. Inaudible out for her. Is there anyone else, anyone up there that you can think of that would be a target for this type of activity, for this killing? Another words what I'm saying is...

Roman Polanski I've thought about everything, I think the target might be myself.

Earl Deemer Why would someone want to...

Roman Polanski I mean just some kind of, it could be either some kind of jealousy or plot

or something. Target could be, it couldn't be Sharon directly. If Sharon was the target it means that I was the target (just contradicted what he just said here). It could be Jay was the target. It could be Voytek. It could be sheer *inaudible* somebody who just decides to *inaudible*.

Earl Deemer                   What would Sebring be doing for instance that would make him a target? Just from what you have heard.

Roman Polanski           Oh from what I've heard. (Very hesitant) Some money thing, I don't know, I heard a lot about this drug thing and drug delivery (very low tone) its difficult for me to say. He must have been in trouble or some peculiar business. A very peculiar thing yesterday, I went to see my dentist who is a very expensive dentist and he was also Jay's dentist for years and he told me that Jay owed him \$5400.00 dollars (\$5,400.00 in 2014 would be \$35,004.36 [http://www.bls.gov/data/inflation\\_calculator.htm](http://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm)) He showed me the sheet balance, and there was some up to 65, 66 something like that. He received a note, "Thank you for your paitence," something like that and "I informed your secretary I will be paying you regularly." Then he would received like a \$100.00 every month of something like that and it lasted two years. That's quite amazing to me considering he was known as a rather prosperous man you know.

Earl Deemer                   mm hmm

Roman Polanski           Yesterday it happened in the afternoon. I didn't think to mention it.

Earl Deemer                   Well there seems to be some indication Roman that he ah

Roman Polanski           The indication to me is that he must have been in serious financial trouble, in spite of the appearances that he kept.

Earl Deemer                   That's a hell of a way to collect debts.

Roman Polanski           Pardon?

Earl Deemer                   You know. That's no ordinary bill collector that goes up there and kills five people.

Roman Polanski           No, no, no. What I was talking about bu bu bu for this reason he might have uh um um got into some dangerous area to make money. You know what I mean.

Earl Deemer.   Hmm. In desperation he might have -

Roman Polanski           In desperation he may have um got mixed up with lethal people, you

know?

Earl Deemer I see. You think of the five, you eliminated Sharon and the kids, you're thinking of the five that the three remaining that Sebring would be logical target then.

Roman Polanski The whole crime seems so illogical to me. I'm looking for something which doesn't fit your habitual standard in which you are use to working as the police. (Why?, Maybe Roman helped with the script which was to come from so many who got up and lied in court) I would look for something much more far out and that's what I'm going to do. I'm devoted now to this and I'm going to do it. Maybe it was somebody who hated me. It's difficult for me to imagine that somebody hated me to this point *inaudible* that would do that.

Earl Deemer Yeah I was told of the fact that a, did you get some hate literature after this or hate mail?

Roman Polanski No.

Earl Deemer Well you got it after Rosemary's Baby.

Roman Polanski Uh no. The usual type that a director who does this type of film receives. Nothing out of the uh...rather they were scaring me with Hell etcetera than with a -

Earl Deemer Religious type

Roman Polanski Right. Could be some type of witchcraft or mayhem or something. I'm not sure of the circumstance, but as I left the place the only connection with Voytek and any type of narcotic was that he smoked pot. So did Jay, plus uh cocaine. I knew he was sniffing. In the beginning I thought it was just an occasional kick, but once when I was discussing it with Sharon she said, "Are you kidding? He has been doing it for two years regular."

Earl Deemer Hmm. Did Sharon ever fuss with narcotics other than pot?

Roman Polanski No. She did take LSD before we met, many times and actually when we met we discussed it because I took LSD at that time too. Of course then it was legal. I took it three times and had a terrible trip and we were discussing it and she said, "LSD knocks my brain out because she took it so many times and she liked it in the beginning, it helped a lot and she was very in to it but she was at the stage that she knew that one more trip she would just be gone.

Earl Deemer                    So she gave it up?

Roman Polanski                So she gave it up. That was before *inaudible* we fucked? It was the first meeting - one of the first meetings. Inaudible and I still had some and this is a thing that I didn't tell anybody, the first meeting was in 1965 and we were discussing this, "Why don't you try it once? I would like to try it with you." and I was laying next to her and we took just a little thing, you know we split it so it just a very small dose so we weren't completely out of it. We spent all night talking and it was only the third time that I took it and it was very pleasant talking, talking and in the morning she started flipping out, screaming. I was scared to death. It had looked like we were going to make love in the middle of that night but we didn't and it turned into something horrible and I was saying, "Please don't, no everything's alright". She was screaming, she flipped you know? In the morning she said, "I told you I shouldn't have taken it, this is the end of it." That was the end of it for me and for her, it was my third trip and her oh she told me like sixties or forties.

Earl Deemer                    And each time she went out of it the same way?

Roman Polanski                I don't understand.

Earl Deemer                    Did she have the same hallucinations each time?

Roman Polanski                No, no. She said that in the beginning it was very pleasant, that she enjoyed it that it was nice you know.

Earl Deemer                    Oh I see.

Roman Polanski                She had hallucinations but she had a lot of fun you know but gradually you know - we talked about it to many people even to the *inaudible*, we never made a secret of it (another contradiction). She said that her brain told her when to stop it you know and she never took it.

Earl Deemer                    Well I can imagine too that there's probably degrees of strength of LSD too unless its exactly the same another words she might have been pleasant initially but later on it might have been a stronger dose perhaps.

Roman Polanski                But anyway, I can assure you that I know that she didn't use any drug for four years except for pot and not to much and certainly during her pregnancy. She was so preoccupied with the bloody pregnancy that she would never have anything but a half glass of wine so not to upset the baby. She would take a glass and not touch it or she would just pretend that she was drinking it.

Earl Deemer                   What was your relationship with Sharon's parents was it cordial or what?

Roman Polanski           Cordial but rather boring, her father I liked very very much. Her mother was very warm towards me and very exuberant, but she was too much for Sharon and for me in a way of some kind of cuddling *inaudible*. We went to visit them sometimes. We had a very good relationship. They loved me very much, and I think they love me now more, I feel closer to them now and to her sisters.

Earl Deemer                   Debbie?

Roman Polanski           Debbie and Patty.

Earl Deemer                   I wanted to ask you one more set here Roman that had to do with where you think Sharon was first attacked in this thing. I know you made a statement to the effect that you thought she was first attacked in the bedroom, or rather you thought she was asleep, is that right?

Roman Polanski           No. That wasn't my statement. No I stated that she must have been in bed because of the way the bed was set, indicating that she was already in bed. That day the bed was made by our housekeeper and was the bed was slept in, I could see and the way the pillows were set along the bed, the thing she was doing when I wasn't with her she would line the pillows along you know and cuddle those pillows especially when she was pregnant, she found the best position for her was lying on her side. There was a pattern of this type of thing I know that Jay would hang on a long time and Sharon would go to bed. You know he would talk to Voytek and sit with him and have a beer. I know that Sharon was going to bed early every night since she was pregnant, she was tired she was in her eight month. So I assume that either Voytek and Jay were sitting and talking maybe accompanied by Gibby *inaudible* and Sharon was already in her bed. That's how I see the thing, I don't know why. *Inaudible* there were no other persons unless the police should no better because I don't know how many glasses were standing etcetera because they took it away. There was one drug that I found, I don't know why the police didn't find it in the ashtray.

Earl Deemer                   Drug?

Roman Polanski           A piece of

Earl Deemer                   Marijuana?

Roman Polanski           Marijuana cigarette. I found it in the ashtray on my desk there was one piece of marijuana cigarette.

Earl Deemer Did Billy Doyle ever, to your knowledge, try to turn Sharon on with cocaine?

Roman Polanski Not to my knowledge. I really doubt that he's a character that Sharon would even talk to.

Earl Deemer Did you ever come into the bedroom and find Billy Doyle with Sharon?

Roman Polanski Inaudible

Earl Deemer Well, not in bed or anything like that, but in the same room?

Roman Polanski I saw him once or three times in my life. I know that when I saw him once that it was during the party. When I say OR three times I saw some kind of characters around Mama Cass, when I saw her in John Phillips' house when she arrived and left after ten minutes with two guys, and the second time it was at some party at Del Allegro's house. I think that I may have seen the same man over there but I'm not sure, because as I told you already I just dismiss this type of, see like numbers I can't remember and names. I remember things that interest me, you know. Assuming that Billy Doyle, I don't think that Sharon even knew who Billy Doyle was.

Earl Deemer Yeah well, these are things that have been rumored and counter rumored and all that sort of thing, its just a matter of checking it with you frankly. What was your impression of Mama Cass, speaking of numbers.

Roman Polanski Bad news. From the beginning to the end. I hardly know her.

Earl Deemer Bad news in the sense that?

Roman Polanski Bad news. I mean just stay away from it. I didn't like her and the first time I met her was at John *inaudible's* house. She came with two little jerks, I think one of them was probably Billy Doyle and the other one was a better looking guy than Billy Doyle but weren't the guys from these photographs, you know.

Earl Deemer Yeah it is, it was. But he looked a little different at the time that's the trouble..

Roman Polanski Maybe you know, sort of Elvis Presley type of guy and they sort of walk around, saunter and John said, "Look at those two guys. Who is she hanging with?" and she left ten minutes after. Second time I saw her I think it was somewhere at a party, I wonder if it wasn't my party. The big party that I gave in January, which was a lovely party with beautiful people there and everybody enjoyed it tramendously. It was a good Hollywood

party.

Earl Deemer I thought you didn't smoke cigarettes. What about Phillips, and your relationship with him?

Roman Polanski Fantastic

Earl Deemer By that you mean good?

Roman Polanski I mean really good, I liked him very much.

Earl Deemer Does he got talent?

Roman Polanski I think he has great talent.

Earl Deemer Has he - I'm going to set those there for a second. I'll be right back. Because I know you don't smoke Roman, so you don't need to take any cigarettes.

Roman Polanski laughs

Earl Deemer Be right back.