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- AT: 08:50 And then, um, do you know what the process was like for them leaving camp?
- FK: 08:57 Well, again, my father looked quite a, you know, in quite a number of places and he, um, spoke both Japanese and he was quite fluent in English. He, which he learned on his own, so he had I think, looked for jobs, um, translating or teaching, uh, Japanese. And he found a job, um, in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the university. Uh, there they had a program, uh, by the Navy, um, for teaching Navy officers, Japanese. And, uh, we found a postcard that he sent from there telling my mother to pack up her bags and get a ticket for everyone to go to Stillwater. Um, and so they moved there and they were there for about, um, let's see, from 45' to 47'. And then he got a job with the U.S. Army to translate for the war crimes trials in Japan. And so, um, he went to Japan. Uh, my mother, grandmother and sister and I went to a housing project in Richmond, California, which was originally built for all the African Americans that moved up from the South to build shifts during the war. But after the war, a number of Japanese who had been in the camps were sent there for their first housing. And so we lived there for a year. And then in 48', um, my mother and grandmother and sister and I, um, all went on a boat to Japan to be with my father. And then we lived in Army officers' housing, um, in the middle of Tokyo, which was, it was kind of interesting. It was called Jefferson Heights and it was almost like a suburb. There were, um, two story houses. Uh, I mean it was pretty luxurious to me after living in a housing project in Richmond. And so we lived there for a year.

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