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- AT: 11:26 And where are your first memories?
- FK: 11:29 My first memories are from Richmond, California, yeah.
- AT: 11:32 Like what do you remember about it?
- FK: 11:35 Oh, it was, um, well, I remember I was sitting in a high chair and wanting some mush for breakfast. But, um, it was, I mean, I remember the building, it was like a fourplex. Um, right from the train tracks on the other side of the train tracks. There were, um, greenhouses where the Japanese Americans used to grow flowers for the market in San Francisco. And, um, I just remember there was no bathtub in the apartment, there was only a shower. And so my mother and grandmother used to fill this huge tub with water to give us our baths. Um, my sister went to school there. She was five years older than I was. Um, but I wasn't yet of school age, you know. So I started school actually in the Army officers' nursery school for their kids in Japan. And my mother says that was when I first really started speaking English for the first time, that I had been speaking Japanese until then.
- AT: 12:53 Interesting. And so you were there for a year and
- FK: 13:00 For a year.
- AT: 13:00 Was it in Tokyo?
- FK: 13:03 It was right in Tokyo. We used to be able to see a general MacArthur going to the Diet building. Yeah. And I remember going around the, um, Imperial Palace with my grandmother and seeing the koi in the moat around the palace. Yeah.

AT: 13:23 And so who are you in that, those your first schooling? So who were you in class with?

FK: 13:29 Well, again it was with, uh, Army officers children, so was mainly Caucasians, I guess it was nursery school and I wasn't there very long, I think it was maybe, um, three or four months or so. The fall semester, um, in 1949. And then we came home to, I mean we came back to Los Angeles.

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