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NW: So, did you tell your friends, uh—you said that, you know, you worked at Hollywood, and um, you worked and you had friends here. Did you tell those people that you know that, uh, you were a survivor of the bomb? Here in the States.

MH: Oh, yeah.

NW: Yeah, yeah.

MH: I used . . . It happened, it happened, so . . . In fact my daughter, no, my grandson *no* school *de kara*, I went and I told them all about experience—Atom bomb.

NW: Mhm.

MH: Three of them. Three boys.

NW: Mhm. Mm. So, the school wants the students to talk . . .

MH: Yeah, uh-huh.

NW: . . . about that as well.

MH: Uh, uh-huh.

NW: To know about it.

MH: Yeah.

NW: Yeah.

MH: My daughter want me to talk about it.

NW: Mhm. What—what does it mean for you to be willing to be part of that kind of thing? So, you—you're willing to talk to me, and that's—I'm very grateful . . .

MH: Well, if I could help anybody to understand more.

NW: Mhm.

MH: That . . . willing to help.

NW: Mhm. I, I guess I'm asking you this because there are people who don't want to talk because it's too painful or they just do not want to talk. And there are other people, including yourself, who, who are willing to talk. I just wonder how you see the difference?

MH: I don't know. If it—if it helps somebody, then it's fine. I mean.

NW: Mhm.

MH: Nothing to hide . . . Uh, or, whatever happens, happens. So.

NW: Mhm.

MH: Those things don't worry me.

NW: Mhm.

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