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NW: So, what do you . . . this is gonna be my last question, but what would be, um, what do you like to see in the future of the ASA [pronounced as an initalism], ASA [acronym] I guess you say?

JS: Well, we have to have more people working on the board, board level, yeah. We might have to have the second generation A-bomb survivor, whose mother was exposed, the kids, to come out, and look after our organization. Fortunately, we have person like Midori Seino, yeah. In her case, that's the girl in Japan. So, she came back, maybe a couple days ago.

NW: So, she is the second generation.

JS: Um, no, she's not a second generation, but she handles the computer. So, she takes, she started to take care of the finance side, the membership side. I have the checkbook, but. The second generation is Darrell Miho.

NW: So, is he, is he then, he's a child of a survivor?

JS: No, he's not.

NW: He's not. He's younger, that's what you mean.

JS: But he is younger. I asked him to pick up Suyeishi-san, and he volunteered to help me, to tell me the truth. Everyday, if it's necessary, guess what. So that type of people we need.

NW: Do you hope to see medical checkup continue?

JS: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah.

NW: How about building a hospital that's specialized in treating this kind of problem. I mean, HICARE is really about training physicians or nurses.

JS: The way I think is, financially, it's impossible.

NW: Impossible. Okay.

JS: I would rather have those Japanese government people or the HICARE people come over here, and examine *x* amount of people, at 2 or 3 days, concentrated, instead of, you know, every year, any time you come. They might have 2 or 3 patients a day, in a doctor's office, baloney! You can't have a business with that type of operation. Unless some doctors gonna volunteer to say, "Okay, I'll take care of A-bomb people, too." But when you reach our age, I have to go to San Francisco to get an examination, or San Diego to get the examination. Who's gonna take me? Nobody can, my son might be able to drive, but, you know. It doesn't sound too logical to have it established. But if it is possible, instead of bi-annual examination, annual examination.

NW: Every year. I see that.

JS: If that much expenses coming out, and they need to have to establish an office in San Diego, every six months. We get, it's going to be busy for the office workers, you know, okay, come out and get an examination, you know. I think that's a much more.

NW: I see.

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