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NW: Now, I think you told me, I think it was last year when I first met you two, that you as a couple decided to, not to have a child. Could you please, if you don't mind, tell me a little more about what you were thinking when you made that decision, for me?

JD: I . . . It might have been because he was a survivor. Not that, I mean, there were some negative aspects to it. And yet, you know, he has an aunt in Hiroshima who bore three children, very healthy kids. You know, and so, and she really was a survivor because she got half of her body burnt. But she had children and they are all very healthy. [Interruption] I don't know if she's told you this part of it, but I just remember her telling me about it. Because she was a fetus in her mother's womb. And I think when she was growing up, her mother told her if you ever get married don't ever have any children.

NW: Oh, so that was her mother.

JD: That was her mother. If she didn't tell you this, please don't . . . I don't want this to be part of our conversation.

NW: Okay, that's fine. Yeah.

JD: That I think she should tell you rather than me. But I remember her telling us that that, you know, her mother told her while she was growing up that if you ever get married, don't have any children, and it's because of A-bomb effect, you know. And I think in Japan, uh, there were many families who, if they had marriagable kids, son or daughters, they would never say that they were A-bomb victims, or survivors, because of the fact that they could not have children, or even if they could have children, how would they be born, would they be deformed, or would they be healthy, would they have a health problem later, so. So the same thought must have been going through our minds too.

NW: Did your parents tell you anything about it? About . . . So that was your decision.

JD: No. Yeah, yeah . . . So, anyhow, so, we never had kids. Yeah. Hm.

NW: How about your siststers, did you talk to your siblings about this, it must have been a difficult time.

JD: No, I don't think it was difficult or anything, um, we just never talked about it. It was never an item of discussion for us. We had other things that we talked about, you know. Not necessarily about our camp life or anything. Just other general things. We never talked about our lives, it wasn't that important. I guess it wasn't important to me, either.

NW: Like you said, you know, when you are looking for partner, you really want to know this person, rather than thinking, well, what does it mean that he is A-bomb survivor, you don't think about it as the most important thing. I think I can see that. Yeah.

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