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Interviewer: (after some background sounds) You feel that you and your assistants are in personal danger of death in Lowndes County?

Richmond Flowers: Yessir, I do. I do because of the threats that have been made to me by telephone; I have had one or two in person, and I feel that the people of that county, you can see it in their faces, you can see it when I walk the street, you can see it when I go into the courthouse. There's such a deep-seated hatred for me, that I am in fear for my own life, when I'm in Lowndes County, yessir.

Defense Attorney? I've been in this fight an awfully long time, as Mayor of Birmingham and other areas, and I've had my life threatened, my family's life threatened by this left-wing Communist crowd, and they haven't intimidated me one bit. I'll go where I please, and if the attorney general and his crowd doesn't have the courage to go where they please, well, let him pull up his dress and scream and stay home, that's what I say.

(several minutes later)

Coleman's Attorney? Different voice from above: Man in library: We were gratified by the verdict of the jury in Tom Coleman's case, as I stated at the outset, Mr. Coleman was entitled to be completely exonerated under the true facts of the case. Now he has been acquitted and exonerated by a jury, in a fair and just trial, in accord with the demands of justice.

Gloria Larry: We moved off the jail property at the orders of the, one of the deputies, and walked down to the corner, and we'd been standing there for about twenty minutes or so, and then some of the members of the group decided they'd go and buy cold drinks at the store, just half a block away. And they started towards the store, and some of us stayed there on the corner waiting for them; and the next thing we knew we were hearing gun shots, and someone yelling, "Get off my property, you niggers!" And we turned to see the man with the gun.

Interviewer: Did you see it?

Gloria: Yes. I didn't see the trigger pulled, as some gentleman just asked me, but I was in range of the shooting; I knew that it was going on, and I could see the man with the gun.

Interviewer: Is Mr. Coleman the man that you believe, or is believed, to have done the shooting?

Gloria: He definitely did the shooting, he confessed to having done it.

Interviewer: Then why do you think he would be released?

Gloria: It's the southern way.

Questioner: You think it will go more than one day, or--

Answerer: Don't think so. (probably Thaggart) ----only case to be tried this week.

Questioner: Thank you, sir.

Thaggart(?) You're welcome.

(Flowers Interview)

Flowers: Yes, this is exactly what we asked for, that it be not prossed [sic]. Ah, just not willing to try the man with the evidence we had on that ---- jury ---.

Interviewer: Do you expect a conviction, or an acquittal?

(Answer unintelligible)

Defense Attorney? The attorney general and his friends, ah, Nicholas Katzenbach, John Doar, and that crowd in the Civil Rights division, Stokely Carmichael and the Black Panther group have seen to that. They've been over here and stirred up trouble. And, they will make it very, very difficult. And I might add, however, that most negroes want to do a good job and want to be good citizens. And, I believe we'll present the case fairly and ah, from the evidence, ah, I think that we'll get an acquittal in the case.

(part of above statement gets repeated)

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