Filmed interview of Jerroll Custer [10/80]

Voice: This is wild track.

Lifton: This is wild track. We're going to show him some of the pictures of the unloading in Dallas, Texas. I just want to discuss this with you before we do it on camera.

Custer: Uh huh.

DL: Okay, this is...they're putting the coffin on board Air Force One. Okay. Now, this is a coffin. Don't jump to any conclusions. That is a ceremonial coffin that comes in...the hood comes in two pieces. It has handles on the side; it's very ornamental. And I'd like to know what your reaction is to it. What?

JC: This is a ceremonial coffin?

DL: This is a ceremonial coffin. It is a very fancy, 400-pound coffin. Had he been buried in Dallas, it would have been perfectly fitting for a president to be buried in that. It's top of the line.

JC: Well then, I was wrong.

DL: Why?

JC: I was absolutely wrong then.

DL: About what?

JC: This was exactly the coffin he was in.

DL: That was the coffin he was in when you saw him?

JC: That's exactly right. And I was wrong.

DL: You were wrong about what?

JC: When I said to you that it was just a brown, bronze coffin. But this is the coffin right here.

DL: Yeah. How do you know that?

JC: Because just looking at it, I can remember the long arm rails on it.

DL: Okay. That top comes off in two pieces, though.