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Presented by Myles J. Lane, Esq.

W I L L I A M P E R L , recalled as a witness,
having again been duly sworn by the Foreman,
testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mr. Perl, you have consulted your attorney
before you appeared here this morning, isn't that correct?

A I spoke to him over the telephone.

Q What is his full name? A Raymond L. Wise.

Q And his address? A 80 Broad Street.

Q And his telephone number? A Whitehall 3 -
0266.

Q And did he advise you of your constitutional
rights? A Well, what do you mean?

Q Well, do you understand what your constitu-
tional rights are, that you have a right to decline to
answer any questions which in your opinion may tend to
incriminate or degrade you? A Oh, yes.

Q He explained that, and you understand that
completely? A Yes.

Q Now, do you know a Professor Theodore Von
Karman? A Yes, I do.

Q Who is he? A Well, he is in my opinion the
number-one man in aerodynamics in the world. He is quite
a well known scientist and consultant on aerodynamics and
applied mechanics questions.

Q And is he affiliated with Columbia University?

A Yes. He has an honorary professorship of mechanical engineering at Columbia.

Q And what is his position today? A That is the only position I am at all sure that he holds. He has been the director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at Cal-Tech. Whether he still is the director, I don't know.

Q Isn't he a consultant for the Air Department? A Oh, yes, that's right.

Q And is he located at the Pentagon in Washington? A Yes, he has an office there. He has a secretary, or had a secretary, there.

Q How old a man is he? A About seventy.

Q Seventy? A Yes.

Q And have you worked with him? A Yes, I have.

Q When? A During my Columbia period, between 1946 and 1948.

Q What sort of work did you do with him, or for him? A Well, two types - academic; and I helped him in certain consulting activities for the Army Air Forces. I attended his lectures and wrote them up, I got to work on some research under him, and I also earned some money through him by assisting him in his consulting work at the Air Engineering Department Center Project for the Army Air Forces.

Q Where did you do this work? A At Columbia.

He had an office downtown, and I also did some on my own, although through him, at Cornell, in the summer of 1947.

Q Well, did you use the laboratory, or a laboratory, to do this work? A No; it was all theoretical design analyses or design estimates on various questions. I worked up some analyses for him and sent them in to this engineering concern, which I believe actually hired Dr. Von Karman to be their consultant -- that is Sverdrup & Parcel.

Q Q What sort of an experiment was it? A Well, it was not -- do you mean that work? -- it was not experimental; it was simply design studies of various components for some of the tunnels that the Army Air Forces were contemplating building at that time.

Q Is that wind tunnels? A Yes. I recall a design study on a steam ejector. I have forgotten the purpose of it, but it was probably part of a drive for the wind tunnel. I recall an analysis of the power required to operate a large wind tunnel.

Q And for this work he paid you somewhere in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars? A That sounds approximately right, for the total amount of money; yes.

Q Where does Professor Von Karman live? A I don't know where he is now.

Q Where is his home, where does he live -- do you know that? A Well, he has a home in Pasadena. That is

the only home I know that he has.

Q Does he have a family? A He has a sister.

Q He is not married? A No, he is not.

Q Was he ever married, do you know? A Not that I know of.

Q Does he have a home in New Jersey? A No, not that I know of. I had something to do with some friends of his in New Jersey.

Q Who are they? A Their name was Brown.

Q You say you had something to do with them?
A Yes. I borrowed an automobile that belonged to Von Karman, which he had stored in their garage.

Q When was that? A This was in the summer of 1946 - - no, pardon me, that was in the summer of '48.

Q You borrowed a car from Von Karman? A Yes.

Q With his consent? A Yes.

Q And he had it stored - - A Well, it had been stored in New York for a while, and I drove it out to this garage in New Jersey, where it was for some time. I don't know actually when I drove it out - -

Q Well, when did you obtain this car? A I obtained the use of it in the summer of 1948.

Q What sort of a car was it? A A Plymouth.

Q A new one? A No, it was quite old. It was about a 1935 or '36 model.

Q And did you then register it? A Yes.

Q Where did you register it - in New York?

A Yes, in New York.

Q And what did you do with the car then? A I drove it to Cleveland and used it there.

Q Did you register it in Cleveland again?

A I don't know.

Q Well, how long did you have it in Cleveland?

A I had it -- let's see -- it wasn't a very long time.

Q Well, when did you register it in New York?

A It was before I drove it to Cleveland, which would have been at the beginning of June or at the end of May, 1948. I am not sure now - I had a lot of trouble getting plates for it, I recall, and I had to get a power of attorney from Karman's sister, in whose name the car was registered, and with that I got New York plates.

Q Where did you register it in New York? A At the Traffic Bureau, I presume.

Q In New York County? A Yes, in New York City.

Q Right up the street from here? A Yes, around here.

Q And then you drove it to Cleveland? A That's right.

Q When did you drive it to Cleveland? A Well, at the end of May, 1948.

Q And I assume that you must have registered it in Cleveland when you got out there? A What do you mean

by registering it - do you mean getting plates for it?

Q Yes. A I am not sure I ever got Ohio plates for it, because I didn't have it very long.

Q I show you a picture and ask you if these refresh your recollection as to whether this is the car?

A Yes, that looks like the car.

Q You may take a look at the dashboard there - - they have that peculiar radio. A Yes, I recall that.

Q Now, you take a look at this picture. You notice it has KT 938 - that is an Ohio number? A Yes.

Q And then there is this sign on the windshield - that is the place where you worked? A Yes.

Q So does that refresh your recollection as to - - A I don't recall that.

Q But you do identify the car? A Yes, it looks like the one I had.

Q And it has the Ohio registration there - - so do you recall registering it in Ohio? A I am sorry, I don't, but I must have since it has the Ohio plates.

Q Do you recall the color of the car? A It was a sort of dark blue, a drab-looking color.

Q And it looks like an old car to me - - was it? A It was old in years.

Q And sort of shabby-looking? A Yes, but it was in pretty good shape, I think.

Q How long did you have the car in Cleveland?

A Well, a comparatively short time. Von Karman wanted it back again. I would say a couple of months, or so.

Q And did he write to you and ask you to send it back to him? A Yes, he did.

Q And did you bring it back? A Yes, I drove it back.

Q To New York? A To New Jersey.

Q And did you put it in the garage at the Browns'?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did Brown know that you had taken the car out?

A Yes, he did. I believe he did, because I had some correspondence with him on that.

Q And you figure you took it back some time in September, or the latter part of August, maybe? A That sounds about right.

Q In 1948? A Yes.

Q And did you notify the professor that you had returned it? A Yes, I did.

Q Did you give him the keys to the car? A I don't believe so. I think I just left them in the car, or ^{them} left/with the Browns.

Q Did you know the Browns very well? A No - only on these two occasions, on which I put the car in their garage originally and brought it back again, did I meet them.

Q Now, who was this Mr. Brown? A I don't know,

except that he was a friend of Von Karman.

Q How old a man? A Oh, middle-aged. I think, from one of his letters, that he was in the publishing business; he had a letterhead.

Q Does he have a family? A Yes; there was a daughter, a girl, there when I brought the car back - - or the other time; I don't recall now.

Q How many children, do you know? A No, I don't.

Q How old is the girl? A Fairly young.

Q What does that mean? A About fifteen.

Q And any sons? A I don't recall any.

Q Was his wife, Mrs. Brown, there - - did you ever meet her? A Yes.

Q Is it a large place? A Well, yes, it was a fairly substantial house.

Q With a five-car garage it must be fairly substantial. A A five-car?

Q Wasn't it five-car? A I don't recall the garage as large as that, but it was a large house, yes. And it had some ground around it.

Q Do you recall ever having met a Mr. Pflieger in Cleveland? A Pflieger?

Q Robert Pflieger? A No, I don't.

Q Do you recall ever going with anyone to look over some second-hand cars? A No, I don't.

[Group of photographs marked Grand Jury Exhibits 1 to 7, this date, respectively.]

Q Now, I show you Grand Jury Exhibits 1 and 4, and ask you if you have ever seen that person before?

A I recall the pictures, but I don't recall the person.

Q You never met that man before? A No.

Q You don't know him? A No, I don't.

Q And you never met him before? A No, not to my knowledge.

Q Now I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 2, and ask you if you recognize the man in the middle there? A No, I don't.

MR. LANE: May the record indicate that I am showing the witness a picture of Michael Sidorovich.

Q Now I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 2 again, and ask you to focus your attention on the woman in the picture, on the left-hand side of the picture, and ask you if you recognize her? A No, I don't.

Q Have you ever seen her before? A No, I don't recall her.

Q Now, I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 5 and ask you if you recognize the woman in that picture? A No, I don't.

Q And I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 6 and ask you if you recognize the woman on the left? A No, I don't

Q I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 7 and ask you if you recognize the woman on the right? A No, I don't.

Q I show you Exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize the woman on the left? A No, I don't.

MR. LANE: Now may the record indicate that the exhibits which I have just shown the witness are pictures of Ann Sidorovich.

Q You are positive that you don't know either Ann Sidorovich or Michael Sidorovich? A Well, so far as my recollection can carry me, I am positive.

Q And you never saw them before? A Yes, that's right.

Q Do you know where you were in July, 1948? A In Cleveland, I presume, and working at the Cleveland Laboratory of the N. A. C. A.

Q Did you ever take a trip in your automobile out to Palmer, Ohio? A I couldn't say; I don't remember it.

Q Did you ever look at any second-hand automobiles for anyone during the month of July, 1948? A Well, I very possibly looked at some for myself.

Q You did? A Because I bought one in -- oh, some time in '48, I believe,

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and as a matter of fact I did go with a friend to look at some.

Q Who was the friend? A It was my colleague at work, Milton Klein.

Q Milton Klein? A Yes.

Q You went with Milton Klein to look at some cars?

A Yes.

Q Do you know where you went? A I couldn't say. That is to say, I recall looking in the paper and investigating a few private possibilities.

Q And when did you buy this car? A Oh, I don't know. I think it was in the fall of '48.

Q In the fall of '48? A Yes.

Q When did you start looking for this second-hand car? A Well, you mean a car for myself?

Q Yes. A I don't know. I think I kept an eye on the paper off and on during the summer and fall.

Q Did you ever go out and look at any prospects during the summer? A I very possibly did.

Q Do you know where you went? A I couldn't say. No, I don't recall.

Q Did Klein have a car? A No, I do not believe he had a car at that time.

Q Did you use your car when you went out to see these prospects? A I must have.

Q Do you know whether you did or not? A Well, I do not know positively, but Klein did not have any car and I must

have used mine, yes.

Q How many places did you visit? A I am sorry; I don't know.

Q What days did you visit these prospective sellers of cars? A Well, it would not have been during working hours, so it was either after working hours or on week-ends.

Q Do you specifically recall that Klein went with you on all of these occasions? A No, I do not.

Q How many prospects would you say you looked at? A It's a little hard to say. Possibly a half dozen, possibly a dozen, something like that.

Q Do you recall ever going out to Palmer and looking at a car, second-hand car? A Not specifically.

Q Do you recall going out with a woman and a man to look at a car at one time? A No, I do not.

Q In these -- on these occasions that you went out with Klein to look at second-hand cars, was there any occasion that you took a woman with you? A I don't remember any such occasion.

Q Were you going around with any girl in Cleveland at that time, in July of 1948, say? A I don't recall that I was.

Q Is this fellow Klein married? A No; he's single.

Q Was he going around with any girl at that time? A I don't know.

Q When you went around to look at these second-hand cars, did you ever look at the motor? A At the motor?

Q Yes. A Yes, I think so.

Q Did you ever turn the hood up or take the cover off, lift the hood up? A I could have done that, but I do not recall/^{such}act specifically.

Q Did you ever enter a house during the period that you were looking over these cars? A Did I ever enter a house? You mean of the owner of the prospective car?

Q Yes. A I don't know; I don't know.

Q When did you eventually buy your car? A Well, I suppose I could find out, but it was in the fall of '48.

Q What sort of a car was it? A It was a Studebaker.

Q What model, what year? A Oh, '41, four door black car.

Q You bought a '41 four door black car? A Yes.

Q In the fall of '48? A That's right.

Q Whom did you buy it from? A I don't remember the name.

Q You must have a bill of sale somewhere? A Yes, I must have it, or at least I had it. I don't remember his name offhand. I recall entering his house though.

Q The man that you bought the car from? A Yes.

Q Whereabouts in Ohio -- I mean, whereabouts did you buy it in Ohio, what city? A Cleveland.

Q Whereabouts in Cleveland, what street? A It was on the east side, I do not know the street.

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Q Was it in Palmer, Ohio? A I don't think so.

Q Well, you ought to know. A Yes. As far as I can recall, it was on the east side of Cleveland, and Palmer is a suburb; it was not in Palmer.

Q Is Palmer on the east side of Cleveland? A I don't think so. I think it is south of Cleveland.

Q What sort of a house was it that you entered, can you describe the place? A It was a private house on a street with trees, nothing special, that is. It didn't have ground around it. It was one of a row of houses.

Q Have a driveway? A Yes, it had a driveway.

Q Was the man's wife present? A Yes, she was present. Yes, I recall her present on one occasion.

Q How old a man was it that you purchased the car from? A Oh, fairly -- well, I'd say 35, 40.

Q How old was the wife? A I couldn't -- I don't know; maybe a little younger.

Q Were there any children around? A I am not sure. I think there was a child, yes.

Q Was there anyone with you on the day you purchased the car? A I think Klein was with me.

Q Anyone else? A No, I don't think there was anyone else.

Q Klein look at these cars each time? A He looked at some of the cars I looked at. I don't know whether he went around with me all the time.

Q Well, who went around with you when Klein didn't go around? A I do not know if there were any such occasions or whether I just went myself. I don't recall anybody besides Klein with whom I looked at cars.

Q And you drove around in Professor Karmen's car each time? A Presumably, yes; at least, most of the time.

Q Are you certain that you never took the Sidoroviches out to look at second-hand cars? A Yes, I am.

Q You are positive that you never took the Sidoroviches out? A Yes, I am positive.

Q Are you positive that you never took the Sidoroviches out to ~~xxx~~ Mr. Pflieger's house in Palmer, Ohio, on a Sunday in July 1948? A Yes, I am positive.

Q Is there anything else that you want to tell us in way of explanation of your visit with Vivian Glassman in Cleveland? A To me the great mystery is who sent her, and that is nothing to tell you but simply something to ask you.

Q Have you done any thinking about this since the last time you were here? A Yes.

Q Do you recall anything else that you might have neglected to tell us at that time? A I believe I recall Sobell in my City College days.

Q What do you recall about him? A I don't know, just his presence. I do not think I could have or did see him after City College days, but I think I knew the person in City College.

Q Where does this man Klein work? A He works at the NACA Cleveland laboratory.

Q NACA? A Yes.

Q What is that? A National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Q In the Cleveland laboratory? A Yes.

Q Is he working there now? A Yes, he is working there now. He is planning to take a leave of absence to come back to New York to attend NYU.

Q When does he plan to do that? A He thought he would leave this week sometime, early this week, today or tomorrow. We are finishing up some papers there and he's attending to the last minute details.

Q Did you two work together up there? A Yes; when he came out in '48 we got to work on some projects of mutual interest. He worked with me.

Q He worked with you? A Yes.

Q Did he go to NYU too? Or did he go to City College? A Yes, he went to City College.

Q In your class there? A He was in my class in a few, but I believe he was a chemical engineer.

Q What did you work on in Cleveland together? A Some questions connected with transonic flow past airfoils and bodies of revolution.

Q What does that mean? A Well, the phenomena are -- the theoretical calculation of the pressures on bodies of revolu-

tion, which shapes such as this (indicating) and on two-dimensional shapes such as this (indicating) -- as the shapes travel at speeds which are in the neighborhood of speed of sound, the phenomena in this range are quite different from phenomena at low speed and at supersonic speeds, so there is a gap to be filled in in the theory of what happens in this speed range.

Q You were doing this for whom? A For the NACA.

Q Where is he going to live in New York? A He has a family here.

Q Has he? Where? A It's in my neighborhood; I do not recall the exact address.

Q What is his father's name? A I don't know.

Q You say he has a family. You mean he lives with his father and mother? A Yes.

Q He is just obtaining a leave of absence though, is that correct? A Yes.

Q Are you obtaining a leave of absence? A I resigned.

Q When do you take up your duties at Columbia? A This week.

Q You going up there as a --^A As an Instructor in physics.

Q Is there any particular reason why you might not want to say that you knew the Sidoroviches? A No, no particular reason.

Q Is there any reason at all? Would there be any

reason for your -- if you do know the Sidoroviches, for your failing to divulge that information? Are you afraid that it might connect you up with some communistic activities?

A No, I am not.

Q Because I recall that you testified when you were here before that you tried to play down the fact that you knew certain people who were affiliated with communist activities. A Yes, that's right.

Q That you thought it might hurt you in your particular sphere of activity. A Yes.

Q Isn't that so? A Yes; I am afraid of anything that would tend to prevent me from doing physics.

Q So you are sure that in the light of that fact that you do not know the Sidoroviches? Are you positive you do not know them and never saw them? A Yes, I am positive.

Q Do you recall ever having met a Mr. Pflieger? A No, I do not.

Q Do you recall ever having been present in Mr. Pflieger's house when a car was sold to two other people? A No, I do not recall any such thing.

MR. LANE: Mr. Foreman, do you have any further questions?

THE FOREMAN: Any questions by the jury?

MR. LANE: Do you want to step outside for a moment? First of all, is there anything else that you want to tell this jury, any statement that you want to make?

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THE WITNESS: No, I don't think so.

MR. LANE: Would you be good enough to just step outside?

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

(Witness was recalled at 1 P.M.)

THE FOREMAN: You are still under oath.

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mr. Perl, do you still have that Studebaker car of yours? A No, I don't. I traded it in for my present car.

Q Where did you trade it in and when? A To the Hughes Burnett Company in Cleveland last November.

Q The Hughes Burnett? A Yes. It is now called Frank Hughes Burnett.

MR. LANE: Witness presents a card reading "Hughes Burnett, 1950 East 105th St., Cedar 0640." It is now the Frank C. Grismer Company

Q And this Al Kelly, is he the one you bought it from? A Yes.

Q He still with them? A I saw him there a month or so ago.

Q When did you say you traded this in? A Last fall. I think it was November.

Q What did you pay for that Studebaker car? A Oh, about \$800.

Q \$800? A Yes.

Q You sure? A Yes, I think so.

Q Did you make a down payment on it? A No; I bought it outright from the owner.

Q You paid the \$800 in cash? A Cash or check or something like that.

Q You do not know who the owner was? A I'd have to look over my papers. I think I have it written somewhere -- or had it. I could get in touch with you on it.

JUROR: Which was it, cash or check?

THE WITNESS: I don't know. It was probably a check. I don't think -- wait a minute.

Q Do you have the cancelled check? A I don't think so.

Q What bank did you have a checking account with?

A It would have been the Central National Bank.

JUROR: Did you have \$800 in cash to lay out for it?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I think so.

JUROR: Wouldn't it be clear in your own mind whether you used cash or check?

THE WITNESS: I recall some cash there. I do not know whether it was the entire amount or not. The psychology there was to buy a car and people demanded cash. Now, whether he wanted all of it or not, I do not recall. I ought to have a receipt somewhere.

Q Did you get this car as the result of looking at an ad in the paper? A Yes, I think so.

Q Do you recall in what paper you saw the ad? A Well, it was either the Cleveland Press or the Plain Dealer.

Q Do you recall what day of the week you bought the car on or was it at night? A That I couldn't say. This is the Studebaker you are referring to?

Q Yes. Did you drive the car before you purchased it? A Yes, I drove it, a little, not enough.

Q You drove it? A Yes, I drove it a little, drove it around the block a few times, looked at it.

Q Then you must recall what day it was that you went to buy it? A What day? Oh, I think it was a week day because it was either the first time I looked at it or -- let's see, it was dark at one time.

Q You looked at it a couple of times? A I don't know. I think I may have bought it the first time I saw it, but if that was the case it was a week day.

Q You said the first time you looked at it it was dark. A That may have been the time I bought it.

Q Was it in the garage the first time you saw it? A Yes, it was in the garage. He drove it out for me, and then I drove it around the block.

Q Did you have the lights on? A Well, I don't know. They must have been on.

Q The man drove it out and let you take the car around the block? A Yes.

Q No one else in it but you? A Klein may have been in it with me.

Q Don't you know whether he was or not? Surely you must remember. A Whether he was in the car with me or not?

Q When you bought the car. A Yes, I am pretty sure he was there when I bought the car.

Q Have you talked about it since you were here last? A No.

Q Have you talked with Klein about your appearance before the grand jury? A No, I haven't. He is aware that the FBI is investigating me.

Q How is that, did they investigate him too? A I don't know. I don't think so.

Q Why do you say he is aware, why do you say that? How do you know that? A I told him.

Q When did you tell him? A Oh, I should say a month or two ago, a month or so ago.

Q That was before you came before the grand jury? A I couldn't say. Possibly.

Q What did you tell him, exactly. A I may have told him I was going to appear before the grand jury.

Q What did you discuss with him? Did you tell him about Vivian Glassman? A Oh, no, no. I did not tell him any of the details concerning this case as it involves me.

Q Is he a Communist? A Not that I know of.

Q Is he affiliated with any of the Young Communist groups or anything? A Not that I know of.

Q Does he know Vivian Glassman? A I don't think so.

Q Does he know Julius Rosenberg? A Not that I know of.

Q Did he ever discuss Julius Rosenberg with you?

A Well, yes, I discussed it with him. I believe it was after I came back from appearing before the grand jury the last time.

Q Then you did discuss -- A Yes, I guess he did know I had appeared before the grand jury. I think I told him why I had come to New York.

Q What did he say? A I don't know.

Q That's only a month ago. You must know what you said. You know you have -- pardon me for saying so, but you have a rather odd habit, I do not know what the cause of it is, of forgetting these things that happened only a week or two ago. Certainly you do not forget what you told a man two weeks ago; at least, I don't. A I recall one thing. I asked him specifically, I asked him whether he remembered Julius Rosenberg.

Q And what did he say? A He said he did not. I do not know if he said that he did not, but he certainly did not say that he did.

Q Did he know Morton Sobell? A I don't think I asked him about Morton Sobell.

Q Did he know the Greenglasses? A We did not discuss them.

Q Did you discuss Sarant? A No.

Q Or Barr? A No -- oh, I may have mentioned Barr to him.

Q Does he know Barr? A I think he does.

Q What did he do before he went to Cleveland? A He got a Master's degree, I think at NYU. He worked with NACA before he got his Master's degree at NYU. That was at Langley Field.

Q When was that? A I think around '44 or so, '44 or '45.

JUROR: What field is that?

THE WITNESS: Langley Field. I think I may have informed him about Langley Field way back.

Q That was in '44. But then what did he do? A He went back to NYU, got a Master's degree, I think it was NYU, came back to the Cleveland laboratory in the summer of '48.

Q In the summer of '48. Do you remember when he came back? Was it August or September? A No, it was in the summer.

Q That's in the summer, at least August -- at least, I think it is. A I couldn't say any closer than that. It was quite long after I had come back.

Q You got back about the first of June, didn't you?
A Yes.

Q And he came back shortly thereafter? A Yes, I'd say in the order of a month or so, perhaps two months thereafter.

Q Did you see much of him out there? A At work I saw a lot of him, and I occasionally saw him socially.

Q Where did he live out there? A Well, he lived in some furnished rooms and also lived at the so-called Roosevelt Coop -- Roosevelt Cooperative. It is a students' housing group.

Q Where is that located? A That's on Cornell Road, I do not know the number, corner of Cornell Road and Euclid Avenue.

Q That was the last place he lived? A Yes. I believe he lives there now.

Q Is he married or single? A No, he's single.

Q How old a man? A Oh, my age or possibly a year or two older.

Q How old are you? A 32. So that would make him between 32 and 34.

Q Was he in the service? A I don't think so. I think he was in the NACA for the latter part of the war. I do not know what he did in the first part.

Q Were they exempt? A Well, we were all taken into the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Q And I assume that you registered that Studebaker car in Cleveland? A Well, yes, I would say I did judging from the picture of the license plate.

Q I don't mean that one. I mean the Studebaker car.
A Oh, the one I had. Yes, that was registered in Cleveland.

Q Do you remember when that was registered? A I remember a license number, I had a tab which I carried around until I threw it away.

Q What was the license number? A BT 6555.

Q That was the license number? A Yes.

Q Do you recall when you registered the car? A I must have registered it when I got it, which was in the fall of '48.

Q In the fall of '48? A Yes. It may not have been the number then, it probably wasn't the number then, because this is the most recent number for which I carried this tab around.

Q You bought it in the fall of '48? A Yes.

Q September or October? A Yes, around that time.

Q When did you bring back Prof. Karmen's car?
A At about the same time or a little before.

Q Was it after Labor Day? A It was -- I do not know; I think it was around Labor Day.

Q But you had Prof. Karmen's car during the summer time? A Yes.

Q You bought this in the fall of '48? A Yes.

Q Do you recall where you registered the car in Cleveland? A Well, with the Motor Bureau. You mean which particular one there?

Q Yes. A Probably the downtown one on St. Claire Avenue. That's the main Motor Bureau there.

Q Where did you garage the car? A Well, I left it in the street.

Q In front of your place? A Yes.

Q You did not garage it at all, kept it out there during the winter? A Yes, I believe I didn't have a garage for it until I traded it in. That was one of the reasons why I did.

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A (Cont.) It didn't stand up well in the street.

A JUROR: Speak a little louder.

THE WITNESS: I believe I didn't have a garage for it at all.

THE FOREMAN: Can't you just say "I did" or "I didn't." It is getting to a point where -- "I probably registered" or "I believe I didn't" -- you were talking to us a few minutes ago about aerodynamics, and you were pretty straight. This "probably" business is getting on our nerves. Now go on.

THE WITNESS: I hope it will be understood that this is all to the best of my recollection; it is in a different kind of class from my technical work. I did not have a garage for it at least for practically all of the time I had the Studebaker. It was in the street, in front of where I lived.

Q What did you pay for this new car that you purchased? A It was a little over two thousand dollars, and I got an allowance of about four hundred dollars for my Studebaker. I paid the difference, which was about sixteen or seventeen hundred dollars.

Q Did you pay that in cash? A No, not in cash; I paid it by check.

Q Do you have the cancelled check on that?

A I don't know whether I have the cancelled check. I don't think I do.

Q But you paid it in one lump sum? A Yes; except for an initial deposit.

Q And you purchased it when, do you say?

A Last fall; probably last November.

Q Do you know what the motor number was on your 1941 Studebaker? A No, I don't know what it is, and I have no record of it at the present time.

Q Now, what sort of a Studebaker was it that you purchased - what model, what type? A It was a four-door sedan.

Q What color? A Black.

Q Was it in good condition? A Well, it appeared to be when I bought it, but actually it was not in good mechanical condition.

Q What was wrong with it? A Oh, it wouldn't start on cold and wet mornings.

Q Did it start on the day that you looked at it? A Yes. It had been in the garage for quite a while, and I believe that is the reason it didn't give me any trouble when I looked it over originally.

Q Did it have a radio in it? A Yes, it had a radio, but not in/^{too}good shape; and it had a heater.

Q How much mileage was on it? A I don't know. It was not excessive, but a repair-man, when I had to get

it repaired after a wreck I had with it, told me it was probably over one hundred thousand miles. That was not clocked on it, however.

Q It looked as though someone had turned it back, is that right? A I suppose so.

Q When did you have the wreck? A That was on New Year's Eve.

Q I suppose someone else was a drunken driver? A Nobody was in it at the time. I had left it parked outside, and went to a party, and as I was approaching the car with some people, to take them home, another car came careening around it and smacked into the telephone pole right there. He hit the car, which was next to the pole, and just thinned it a bit.

Q When was that - New Year's Eve, 1949?

A Yes, that would be January 1st, 1949.

Q So you had it repaired then? A Yes.

Q When you took this car around the block, when you first bought it, was there anything else wrong with it - - were the lights all right, and the brakes, and so forth? A Yes, that was all right, but some of the glass was broken, and that's all I can recall.

Q Was the paint scratched at all? A No, I don't recall anything about the paint.

Q Were the doors all right - they didn't jam or wedge - and were the windows of the doors all right?

A I think some of the windows were cracked.

Q Did you try the brakes? A Yes, I presume I did.

Q They must have been in pretty good shape?

A Well, actually I found that they weren't, later. It was all right when I tried it, but apparently they had to be relined.

Q Is that the foot-brake or the hand-brake?

A The foot-brake.

Q Were the lights all right? A Yes, as far as I can remember the lights were O. K.

Q Did you look at the engine and lift up the hood, when you were buying the car? A I think I must have.

Q Well, wasn't it dark? A Well, the car was in this garage, and - -

Q So you turned the lights on in the garage?

A Actually I didn't examine it very closely, because I don't know too much about it.

Q But did you lift up the hood to look at it?

A I don't recall specifically, but I probably did.

Q Does Klein know anything about cars? A Well, I don't think he considers himself very expert on it, but I felt I wanted an independent judgment.

Q Did he look at the car, too? A Yes, he looked at the car.

Q The same day? A Yes, the same day.

Q Is that the day you bought it? A Yes.

Q Did you come back afterwards, or did you buy it right on the spot? A I believe I bought it - - well, I looked at it and discussed it with Klein a little bit - - that is, we went away from the place - - and I believe I went back and closed the deal.

Q How long after that? A Not very long after; about a half hour or so.

Q Did you look at any other cars in the interim?
A No, I did not; not that same evening.

Q This must have been after work, then? A Yes, it must have been.

Q And you drove out in your car, or did you go out by bus? A I don't remember that.

Q Did you usually use your car going to work - - I am talking about Professor Von Karman's car - - you may recall you had a sticker on there which permitted you to park? A No, I don't believe I had Professor Von Karman's car then, but we went out by public transportation.

Q And you had already returned the car to Professor Von Karman? A Yes, I believe so. I did.

A JUROR: Did you look at any other Studebakers before you bought this one?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I did. I recall one other that I looked at. It was another sedan, but I

don't recall much about that. The price, I think, was too high.

Q When did you look at that one? A Oh, some time previously; not very long previously.

Q A couple of days? A I would say a couple of days, yes.

Q Did you have Professor Von Karman's car at that time? A I don't think so, no.

Q And did Klein look at that car with you, too? A Yes, I think he did.

Q Do you remember where it was that you looked at the car - - I am talking about the other Studebaker?

A No, that I don't recall at all.

Q And you don't recall the man that you talked to? A No, I don't.

A JUROR: What time of the day does your work end?

THE WITNESS: At five o'clock.

A JUROR: Then would you be taking a street car or a bus at that time of day, to go out to look at a car?

THE WITNESS: Yes. The car that I bought, I think I got to by public transportation. The bus comes into the laboratory and takes us downtown.

Q Was this downtown that you got the car? A No.

First you go downtown and then to the East Side.

Q It was on the East Side? A Yes.

Q What part of town was the other Studebaker that you looked at? A I don't know.

Q But it was in Cleveland? A Yes, it was in Cleveland.

Q You are going to get these other materials for us? A Would you mind recapitulating what it is?

Q Yes; I think you are going to try to find out the name - you think you have a bill of sale somewhere, where you bought that car from? A Yes.

Q And also you are going to try to find out whether it was by check. A Yes.

A JUROR: Mr. Lane, did Mr. Perl say from whom he bought the car?

MR. LANE: He is going to find out - the bill of sale would determine that.

THE WITNESS: That's right.

Q By the way, what time do you work in the daytime at Columbia? A My schedule has not been set yet.

Q When do you start? A I believe classes begin next week, but what my classes will be I don't know yet.

Q Supposing you communicate with me next Tuesday afternoon, and let me know what your schedule is. A A week from tomorrow?

Q Yes. You communicate with me a week from

tomorrow, but tentatively your schedule is to be back here a week from Wednesday. So you call me a week from tomorrow, but you are to report here a week from the coming Wednesday.

A All right.

Q What is Klein's full name? A Milton M. Klein

Q And his address - what is that? A It is in the East Bronx. I can probably reach him when he comes in at N. Y. U.

Q I wish you would. I want to talk to him and check with you, too. Suppose you call me - - A You have no objection to my checking with him on this business, too, do you?

Q No, I don't have any objection.

A JUROR: Do you know his father's business?

THE WITNESS: I think his father is a tailor.

A JUROR: A local tailor or a merchant tailor?

THE WITNESS: I don't know whether he works for somebody else or for himself. I have known Klein for a long time, and I have met his folks.

THE FOREMAN: If you were going to get in touch with Klein, how would you do it?

THE WITNESS: He may call me when he gets in, and if not I will call N. Y. U. He was going to leave today or tomorrow, depending upon when he gets in.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)