

1 MR. WILLIAMS: That is correct.

2 MR. SMITH: Fair enough.

3 THE COURT: That is the first time both
4 sides have agreed. I am delighted.

5 Let's call the jury and bring them in.

6 (Whereupon, jury present -- 10:27 a.m.)

7 THE COURT: Please be seated, ladies and
8 gentlemen.

9 Good morning.

10 THE JURY: Good morning.

11 THE COURT: Let me apologize for holding you
12 up for a period of time. Gave you a chance to finish
13 your breakfast in a normal fashion this morning.
14 Nobody had to rush.

15 I was in the middle of negotiating
16 settlement in a matter that I had beginning at quarter
17 to 8 this morning, and I had to make use of some of
18 the tools of my trade.

19 (Whereupon, laughter ensued.)

20 THE COURT: It took me all this time, but I
21 was successful, and I had to clean the blood off of