

1 It was not an easy time in 1963, let alone
2 through '72 being an African American and Jewish at
3 McDonogh, and I had teachers as adults which was an
4 authority and what made it very challenging as I came
5 to understand was the military could legitimize some
6 of the unfairness, let's call it, that he had to, and
7 that was a real struggle, and he taught me how to deal
8 with those struggles and those challenges.

9 He and my uncle on Saturday mornings, we
10 would have talks, so that was very important.

11 And he was there as I got older and as I
12 became a young man. When my mother was always looking
13 over my shoulder, to say the least, wanted to get on
14 my business, pick up the phone, making sure what I was
15 doing, making sure I was on the right course and as I
16 got older, we had an agreement, as long as I would
17 tell him and he would tell my mother, my mother had to
18 trust him that I was okay, wherever I was and when I
19 got to college, that is how I sort of learned my
20 independence.

21 Q Over the years before your dad got sick, how