

INT. HOUSE/OFFICE - NIGHT

William enters with an envelope and a briefcase.

WILLIAM

Foran's office turned this over tonight, in discovery. It was given to them by somebody in the crowd. No foul play, there are affidavits. They really did just get this.

TOM

What's on the tape?

WILLIAM

The sound of you, starting the Chicago riot.

TOM

Hey- What?

WILLIAM

Somebody had a tape recorder by the bandshell. They got you saying it. It's a clear tape. You can't take the stand.

TOM

I can handle Schultz and the tape.

WILLIAM

No.

TOM

Look, they're gonna play the tape anyway right?

WILLIAM

If you take the stand, they'll make you answer for it, and you can't.

TOM

They'd just cracked Rennie's head open.

WILLIAM

So you started a riot. Defense rests.

TOM

They had just cracked-

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WILLIAM

"If blood is gonna flow..

TOM

Bill.

WILLIAM

...let it flow all over the city."

TOM

They'd just clubbed Rennie.

WILLIAM

Everybody kept their cool. Abbie, Dave... Shit, even Jerry kept his cool. You're the one who lost it.

TOM

I can take the stand.

William grabs his tape player. Sets it in front of Tom.

WILLIAM

You wanna hear what cross from Schultz will sound like?

TOM

Sure. I'll show you what my answers will sound like.

William is setting up the tape to play.

TOM (CONT'D)

First of all, it turned out the guy climbing the flagpole was a kid.

WILLIAM

It seems like you guys attract an awful lot of underage minors.

TOM

We attract the people who have the most to lose by this war continuing.

WILLIAM

Well, I'm glad you brought that up. Did you serve?

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TOM

I wasn't drafted. I didn't try to evade the dr- I just had a high number.

WILLIAM

A high number? But you didn't enlist?

TOM

I did not volunteer to kill Vietnamese people, no.

WILLIAM

You testified you saw at least six policemen start to go after the man- Sorry, the kid, who was climbing the flagpole?

TOM

Yes

WILLIAM

It was dark. You were 100 yards away. What do you have, telescopic night-vision?

TOM

There were floodlights. Rennie was just trying to get the police off of the kid.

WILLIAM

Get the police off of the kid?

TOM

Yes.

WILLIAM

How?

TOM

He was--

WILLIAM

Grabbing them?

TOM

--and out of nowhere.. It was six armed police officers versus Rennie Davis and a pocket protector. So I can understand that response.

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WILLIAM

How about your response? Let's
press play.

William plays the recording for Tom.

Recorder:

John: *We're gonna need medics back there. The whole world
is watching.*

Tom: *They've just beaten Rennie, Dave.*

Dave: *Listen to me. We can still get everyone out of here
safely.*

Tom: *No, we can't.*

Chants in the background: *The whole world is watching!*

William stops the tape.

WILLIAM

Dellinger tried to stop you from
saying what you were about to say
to the crowd. Did you tell them to
stay calm? Did you tell your crowd
to stay calm--

TOM

Bill--

WILLIAM

I'm Richard Schultz, Tom. And John
Mitchell told me to win. Did you
tell your crowd to stay calm or--

TOM

Yes, absolutely. If blood is gonna
flow, let it flow--

WILLIAM

"If blood is gonna flow, let it
flow all over the city." What was
that, an order to start a peaceful
demonstration? Once you had a
moment to settle down, did you try
and stop people? You didn't try
and stop anyone.

TOM

No.

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WILLIAM

You were the one that told them to go to the footbridges.

TOM

The ones who were able to make it out of the park without getting arrested or maimed, yeah.

WILLIAM

And those people, the ones you sent to the footbridges, did they know what was waiting for them on the other side? All access to the convention was blocked.

TOM

By an armored division.

WILLIAM

The Illinois National Guard. They're the good guys.

TOM

Jeeps fitted with concertina wire called Daley dozers. And when did I stop being one of the good guys?

WILLIAM

Let's find out. Were glass bottles thrown at the police?

TOM

Some people threw bottles. Dave was the one trying to shut it down. We were frustrated. All three footbridges--

WILLIAM

So you, Abbie, Jerry and 11 others eluded the police--

TOM

I wouldn't say we eluded them. I would say we were fleeing from them.

WILLIAM

--Found an unguarded bridge. You, Abbie, Jerry and 11 others found the only way to the convention.

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WILLIAM (CONT'D)

You made it through the riot
police, the tear gas, the National
Guard, you're in sight of the
convention center.

TOM

Where we got trapped.

WILLIAM

What's another word for trapped?

TOM

We were trapped between the window
and the police.

WILLIAM

What's another word for trapped?
Caught, right?

(Beat)

Were you resisting arrest?

TOM

They pushed us through the window!

WILLIAM

You overran the riot police..

TOM

Which is more than Rennie can say!

WILLIAM

(over)

Made it past the tear gas--

TOM

Over 400 people admitted to area
hospitals with severe injuries!

WILLIAM

(over)

--the national guard. Found the
open bridge. You can practically
reach your hand out and touch the
convention.

TOM

They had armored vehicles and
bayonets! They took off their name
tags and badges!

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WILLIAM

(over)

And what you're telling me is that
you gave yourself up peacefully?

TOM

We were trying to protest
peacefully at the fucking
convention!

WILLIAM

Who started the riot Tom?

TOM

Our..

WILLIAM

What?

TOM

Our.. Our blood. "If *our* blood is
gonna flow." I meant to say, "If
our blood is gonna flow, then let
it flow all over the city." I
didn't mean the cops. I was
saying, if they're gonna beat us
up, then everyone should see it.

WILLIAM

Jesus Christ.