

Side A

Inaudible comments

Frankie: I ain't got that much time Cuz I gotta go, I got [inaudible] like five people waiting and I had [inaudible].

Bill: You know your wife is a source for Wash.

F: No, no, no, my wife(?) is not a source for(?) Walsh. My wife--when David Walsh called the first time. I called up Lance and told him. cuz Lance said--Lance told me specific to talk. I talked with him two times. and the other time when David Walsh called I wasn't home, and that was when he asked about the] hospital room(?) [inaudible]. And then she said, "No comment(?)," [inaudible]. I got nothing to say."

B: That's it?

F: about talking to him?

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? [Inaudible].

B Yeah.

F Well, yeah--

B Yeah, but he claims she's a source for that conversation. Would she be willing to clarify(?) that though?

? [Inaudible].

B --[inaudible] he claims [inaudible] he claims privately [inaudible] needs more sources for that story, cuz she(?) gave(?) him that story, that there were six people [inaudible]--

F I read in the book that Lemond's the one who gave him that story.

B No, Walsh, Walsh was talking to Lemond and I think Lemond told him he heard it from Betsy, and he claims Betsy is the source].

F Greg Lemond and Betsy don't even know each other. 100% don't even know each other, and Betsy did not tell Greg Lemond about the hospital.

B Well, is Betsy willing to issue a statement that--or go on the record that she didn't give--(inaudible) no comment to Walsh and was never interviewed by him.

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F She'll say that when he called(?) she said no comment [inaudible]--

B [Inaudible].

F --about that, yeah.]

B About everything that she talked to him about?

?F No, because there was no other conversation. When(?) I was there I talked to him(?), and the one time I was there there might have been some nick picky nothing stuff but she didn't really talk that much, you know. I don't know exactly but dealing with the hospital room thing that is what she said.

Bart Knaggs: that's what she said, [inaudible] that Walsh

(?) [inaudible] stating that Betsy--stated something--I don't even know what it was. Oh, Betsy was willing(?) [inaudible]--

? [Inaudible].

B That she was willing to go under oath --yeah, and he had the, he had the same thing.

? Yeah.

F --[inaudible]. Well, I'd like to get(?) a transcript of that--

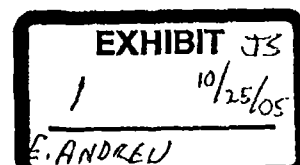
B & B Okay.

F --[inaudible] of him saying that, and secondly, I talked to my wife [inaudible] no way in hell David, David Walsh is lying. He does not have(?) a taped thing(?) of Betsy saying that she would(?) do that.

B Alright.

F And that did not happen also, because like I said, the conversation was limited and they were no comment(?) about that, and I--you know, and I don't know what else she said to him.

B Yeah.



F But that's--this would be back in December, though.

B Yeah. But it's still important what she(?) said(?)--

F [Inaudible]--yeah, but I will ask her--

B --it's important to know because it's important to know what she [inaudible]--was a source for....and what her position is.

F She was not a source for anything, because back then Lance told me he talked to David Walsh, and I talked to Davis Walsh [inaudible]--

B I remember that.

F --and, and then David, David Walsh was calling(?) a bunch(?) and we were like, "Look, you know, we don't want to talk [inaudible]. So finally [inaudible] we did something totally stupid which was like look I won't call you anymore I won't bother you anymore if you get Lisa Shiel's phone number for me. So Betsy called Becky Livingston "You know Lisa Shiel's phone number?" [inaudible] I won't tell [inaudible] phone number, [inaudible] Kevin Livingston(?) freaked out and called [inaudible], and I was like, "You know what? [Inaudible] that was totally stupid. You're right, it was totally stupid on your part to be thinking that way," and that was the end of that.

B Okay.

F And that's then(?), and then that was it, no contact until let's say July, [inaudible] July, June(?), and then he called up asking questions about the hospital room [inaudible].

X B Well, I guess the question is she willing to go on record and say David Walsh [inaudible] anything that he says that you said is a lie.

F [Inaudible] I'll ask her, I'll ask her, and I'll ask her, I mean, I'll ask her--

B Cuz(?) he claims that(?)--

F I don't see any reason why she wouldn't go on the record saying that when David Walsh called [inaudible] when David Walsh called me I said, "No comment," and [inaudible]--

?B [Inaudible] not know(?). I mean-- [Bill and Bart overlap]

B It seems like there is stuff that you might know.

? --maybe she talked to him [inaudible] this and that, I mean, cuz(?) you didn't know [inaudible]--

F I will ask her--

B --and then it would(?) very helpful if she would was willing to just make a statement, cuz see, he's talked to other people about her and said that she's(?) very courageous, and she's willing to take a stand against Lance but she knows these things about Lance. That she's told him.

? [Inaudible].

B --he's trying to, he's trying to take the people that gave(?) him very little(?) [inaudible]--

Bart: And build them up.

B --and make them bigger, like Lemond. Lemond's not gonna testify against Lance, and all these people. The only person--

**Both speaking at once**

F Well, I sure and hell ain't, and I don't think Betsy sure and hell ain't [inaudible] goin' to testify against Lance.--

? Well, it would probably be France.--

F Whatever(?).

X B --the question, the question is if(?) she's willing to take a strong(?) position that she-- [inaudible] if she didn't give him anything about the hospital room [inaudible] specifically talks(?) [inaudible]. That's very important cuz it says that he's lying [inaudible] he lied about sources [inaudible].

F That I know for sure.

B And if she's willing to make a statement that she'd never testify against(?) Lance, again, that makes him a liar [inaudible]--

F So(?) you want her to come out with a statement saying, "I will never testify against Lance"--

?B No, I don't expect her to do that right now.

? That's kind of general

B Well, I mean, she could, she could make a supportive(?) statement about Lance [inaudible]. We could draw up something for you to look at. She could help

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F First of all personal--she won't come out with a statement saying--you know her and Lance don't get along--

B Yeah(?).

F --and she's not gonna come out with a statement saying, "I like Lance, cuz Lance is a good guy."

B Could you say that[inaudible]--

F She won't do that. I don't see--I believe she would come out with a statement saying that David--about the hospital room. She didn't--she did not tell David Walsh about the hospital(?) room(?). I know that for sure--

B What, what(?)--

F cuz I never told anybody about the hospital room you know -

B Right(?).

F I mean, cuz [inaudible] hospital, and you know, I don't know about [inaudible] hospital room happened(?), but I've never told anybody, because I--you know, if(?) David Walsh book(?) for me, what does this shit accomplish? It accomplishes nothing.

B Yeah.

F It doesn't do anything good for the sport, it doesn't do anything good for, for Lance or cycling(?) or anything like that. It accomplishes nothing, cuz nothing's gonna happen. You know? So it's the same thing. It's like what does it accomplish by even telling anybody [inaudible], but I have never said a word about this, and [inaudible] my(?) wife(?) for sure has never said a word about this.

B What do you think [inaudible] she might've talked?

F I'd have to ask, but in the beginning it(?) was(?) just(?) a(?) stupid questions like in the beginning, like the fallout of when Betsy--when the whole thing started when Betsy and Lance had [inaudible] the fallout [inaudible]back at Amstel Gold race me and Lance had a little bit of a fallout, and then we kind of patched things up a little bit, and then I did the tour and stuff like that when I was--then I was, you know, off the team(?). But back(?)--yeah, he--because Emma(?) brought it up, and so he was asking Betsy about why the fallout happened, and how, and how that happened?

B or B And what do you think, you know, [inaudible]?

F [Inaudible] and she said that it was over something [inaudible]. We can't remember exactly what it was. It was something totally stupid, cuz I mean, really it was, it was moronic and stupid, and I can't even remember exactly what it was about. But me and Lance got into an argument, and then Dave(?) said words, and we(?) said words, and two weeks later it was over with. It wasn't that big a deal. But the(?) big problem is that(?) me Lance got caught kind of [inaudible] and started yelling at each other in the middle of the Amstel Gold Race [inaudible].

B [Inaudible] In the race?

F Well, like right here [inaudible] right beforehand(?).

? [Inaudible].

F [Inaudible] Things just blew up everyone saw. Right, they knew there was high tension right away--

**Both speaking at once**

F --that's why--that's what that conversation was about [inaudible].

B Alright. Well, then let's do this. Let me forward you this, this radio(?)binterview. Have you got email here?

F Yeah.

B Okay. Let(?) me forward you that interview then--( Bart interjects)is it the email at(?)

F [Inaudible] @aol--yeah, definitely(?).

B --let's do that. You can see what he's claiming--

F He's claiming that he has a taped thing with Betsy's saying that. He [inaudible] lied.

B He--that's not in the interview. What's in the interview is that she has said that she's willing to testify against Lance in a French court.

**Inaudible comments**

Bart --she corroborated her [inaudible] cuz she--

F No, she is not--

B Alright. Well, then let me get you that--

F --cuz that's specific stuff.

**Both speaking at once**

Bart --yes, that's very specific.

F And, and, and for that to come out, that probably would have happened later on in the year, like, coming up to the book.

B Right(?).

F [Inaudible] does that make sense to you or no?

Bart Why?

F Cuz why would he start talking about that stuff way back in December(?)?

**Inaudible comments**

F I mean, I'm just saying I don't think David Walsh would ask Betsy, like, "Are willing to go to court and do this and this against Lance?" way back in November or December--

B No, he clearly on that one is setting people up.

F But my point is if this conversation so called took place it woulda probably been would have been relatively recently let's say within 2 months. [inaudible]--

**Inaudible comments**

F --no! No! One time--

B/B One time.

F --[inaudible] no comment on the book(?). That's my point.

B Alright. Well, then let's get clear, let's get clear with her and talk what she says [inaudible]--

F I will get clear on the conversation that took part(?) back in December?

B [Inaudible] no comment and [inaudible] conversation--

F Back in December--I will find out if there was anything else besides the Emma thing in the falling out--not the Emma thing, but the falling out--

B with the Amstel Gold thing we got (overlap)

**Inaudible comments**

F --then we'll(?) be able(?) to jump ahead to the hospital one(?), which is the second conversation--

**It sounds as though the tape is paused and then resumed**

F --which is let's(?) say in June--

B Okay.

F --you know, I can't remember but(?) it was June--

B He asked about that, and she said no comment.

F --of this year, and that was the no comment thing(?).

B [Inaudible] December, maybe there's a couple other things that you(?) can(?) ask about--

F Right.

B --and then this conversation in June where he asked about the hospital--

F Which is point(?) blank(?) 30-second conversation--

B When was the Lisa Shiels

**Inaudible comments**

F That was back in December.

B That was December

*inaudible*

F No, we didn't. Kevin called us up and said, "Look, what are you frickin' doin.'" cuz I wasn't part of David Walsh's first article, anything like that." And so I told him my wife did it and so I was like, "Are you crazy," you know? And then so that stopped(?), and I don't know what happened after that. But he didn't do anything, he didn't give him no number. We(?) dropped everything. You know? And then I told--

? [inaudible]--

F --Lance, it's like, "Look, I'm not dealing with this guy anymore," you know? "You told me to talk to him, I talked to him a

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couple times, and his questions were pointed, you know? You don't know how he's gonna edit it, you don't know how he's gonna Ferrari [inaudible] all this kind of crap." You know? And it's like, you don't know--like, I haven't, you know, it's in French[inaudible] I haven't read the book--

B or B Right.

F --so I don't know if I'm in there [inaudible] how he worded it, but there are tricky questions, you know?

Inaudible comments

F But you know, she shit like Ferrari [inaudible] saying, you know, like when Lance goes to Ferrari [inaudible] said I don't know [inaudible]. Well, then the whole team(?) went to Ferrari [inaudible], shit like that, it was like they're not [inaudible] how come you didn't go [inaudible], just crap like that.

B Well, I know--yeah--

F So you know, and I don't know how that went(?). And then I told Lance, like, "Look, I don't want to do it, cuz it's too, it's too tricky." You know? I'm trying to answer questions, but I don't know how he's gonna try(?) to look, so I [inaudible] that was it. And then we didn't hear back from him again until June.

B Alright, well, um

Inaudible comments

B I know Betsy doesn't like Lance, but it's all in our interest not to blow this whole thing up [inaudible] (?)--

F Well no, I--

B Let me just tell you my strategies, I know, I know [inaudible]--

F --I told my wife this too, and I told Lance this too, cuz after the David Walsh thing back in December [inaudible] I went off on her and we had a whole frickin conversation about, you know, this benefits nobody, this accomplishes nothing, we want Lance to do good because [inaudible] helps me, it helps the team, it helps everything, everything just gets bigger and it helps everybody.

B or B Yeah.

F It doesn't accomplish anything by frickin talking to him you know?

B or B And where's(?) her mind(?) right now?

F Her mind(?) right is just to sit back and just--she sits--you know, not doing anything. You know what I'm saying? She's not part of anything.

B Right.

F So--and nobody's been bothering her, and the thing is I have fucking protected Lance for a long time(?), not in me not talking about it....every interview I give [inaudible] I frickin talk(?) to this stuff, I say everything good(?), and I [inaudible]like him you know, you know? And then ESPN called that's when ESPN called Betsy to go do an interview out of the blue. Flat out--she's said(?) flat out no, she--I won't go do it.

B Yeah, I mean, he's put her out there as three or four star witnesses[inaudible]--

F So I mean, but she [inaudible]. She's not, she's--I mean, if she was so against Lance she'd go out and do ESPN she's not doing, you know, she says flat out no. [Inaudible] no.

B Yeah, I mean, [inaudible]-- look

F I don't know, it just seems(?) to always come back, it seems like on me--not so much on my wife [inaudible] a few years ago when Walsh wrote this article The Mystery Motorola Rider(?) frick(?), his(?) finger's(?) all pointing at me, you know? But I don't know what the deal is, but I'm the one--I'm not, I'm not one to ever do anything wrong and [inaudible] every time there's a frickin something(?) it's like pointed at me. It's like it's in Liege Bastonne Liege American Prominent director (?) says you can't do, do well without taking(?) drugs. Did you ever see that thing? Yeah, frickin finger's pointing at me. It wasn't me either for that shit, you know? And I don't understand why, everything's just pointing at me just because I'm around or something like that.

B or B I don't know why that is, Frankie. I know that, I know that people [inaudible] you know, people think that Betsy's out to get(?) Lance(?).

F Which is not true. They don't like each other, but then it stops, you know? I mean, [inaudible] that's the extent of it so--

B or B I hope(?) that's(?) right.

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B or B That's what I'm saying.

Bart So anyway, we, we've, we've got a bunch(?) of things in process(?).

F I will talk to Betsy, find out if there's anything else besides—I remember the Amstel Gold fallout—if there was anything else.  
[Inaudible]The other stuff that you brought up [inaudible]. I mean, we(?) have a bunch of stuff in process with--

Bart No, just with um responses to the book(?)—

F Oh yeah--

B --[inaudible] you know, I mean, it's gonna be [inaudible]—UK in France you know, I mean it's gonna be a battle. It's gonna be a very involved process.

**Inaudible comments**

B Yeah, I don't want to get in a position where that you that Betsy[inaudible] the director(?) becomes an adversary to Lance(?) under any circumstances. So you know, I'd appreciate it if she would really think about taking the position(?) it sounds like she's in right now, which is I didn't say that to him, so we could we need, the best result for all of us...

F Which she has done more than once now--

B --[inaudible] because the best results for us all is to [inaudible] pick away at him [inaudible] enough between his witnesses that he has taken things pieced this hodgeparce together and show the Sunday(?) Times(?) and show his publisher that it really is falling apart and that point extract an apology, drop the fucking(?) lawsuit and it all just goes away[inaudible]. Because the other option is full out war in a French court [inaudible] and everybody's gonna testify [inaudible] it could blow the whole sport

F I agree

**Inaudible comments**

B [Inaudible] that she is willing to go on record [inaudible] David Walsh's star witness(?). He called me, I talked about one thing, it was just no comment. If that's all her statement says, it, it starts making him look like he's running scared, which is what he's doing. He's trying to set all these people up to prop(?) them up to go get courage(?) in his mind(?) to go forward. And the, the—if we go one by one and these people that he's saying said these things say, "Number one, I didn't say that, number two,"—um, she doesn't have to say she'll never testify against Lance. She can say that she never told David Walsh she would(?) testify against Lance. That may be an easier way to say that. So maybe we can craft(?) something that she's comfortable with--

F That's fine.

?B --and [inaudible] basis it--it's like, I'm not gonna talk to his family, I understand that, then it just sort of dies, and we have another, we have another card to play in our fucking battle [inaudible].

? [Inaudible].

? Yeah.

F That's final(?).

? [Inaudible].

Bart Yeah.

B Alright. Then I'll get(?) this to you, you talk to her, and [inaudible]--

F Send me the transcript [inaudible]--

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F --cuz I want to see that--

**Both speaking at once**

F Lance said you had a taped confession from Betsy and all that shit and I'm like--

B I don't think he(?) said that--

F I'm just saying, I'm saying no way--

B --right.

F --I guarantee no way, that, you know, [inaudible], you know, and Betsy right now, I--you know, she's neutral, doing nothing, and she's--like I said, you know, she's been other times called up, no comment ESPN no doin it, whatever, who knows what else'll happen, you know, and the thing is, the only thing in--that I've seen, and [inaudible] I mean, I haven't even read the

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book, but just--I don't even think she's in the book except for that no comment, so how could she be a star witness of what?  
All she said is no comment for Pete's sake [inaudible]--

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? --what I'm saying--

? Yeah, I'm saying, yeah--

? --well, then [inaudible]--

**Both speaking at once**

B He's(?) making it look like Emma O'Reilly, right, who's the star witness, and you take everybody else and try to line them up.

**Inaudible comments**

F --you know, it's just bad [inaudible], cuz when Lance gets pissed off, and [inaudible] I'm sure he's pissed off at me and he talks to you guys, he talks to the team, and then all of a sudden I'm like frickin the evil guy, and for nothing, I haven't even done anything.

B or B [inaudible] that he's not doing that, he asked(?) if(?) he(?) could(?) to talk to you [inaudible] it sounds to me like--

F No(?), he was super, I mean, that's right, he was super nice, you know, he was fine, he was perfect. He was like normal Lance--

B Yeah.

F--[inaudible] fun go lucky, and I appreciate you calling me up just to say that you guys were gonna come by to talk to me [inaudible] giving me a warning. But I'm just saying that--which is good, which I appreciate, you know--

B or B Right.

F --because, like, again, and I feel like I'm the one getting frickin scapegoated here(?)--

B [Inaudible]. Nobody wants that Frankie.

**Inaudible comments**

F Alright guys(?), I gotta(?) run.

**Squealing sound here**

**Inaudible comments**

F Hey, how long you around for?

**Inaudible comments**

**End of Conversation**

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