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Oral History Interview with
ROBERT F. LANKOW
LST Crewman, Navy, World War II.

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Abstract:

Robert “Bob” F. Lankow, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin native, discusses his experiences in the Navy during World War II, including his participation in the invasion of Normandy. Lankow recalls hearing the news about the attack on Pearl Harbor, entering the Navy at age 18, and boot camp at Great Lakes (Illinois). Assigned to storekeeper's school at Burdett College (Massachusetts), he touches on having leave alone in Boston, guard duty at the Fargo Building, and reassignment to Norfolk (Virginia). After volunteering for duty in New Orleans, Lankow talks about joining the deck crew of LST-500 and going on its shakedown cruise. He describes heading for Europe with a convoy, which got attacked by enemy submarines. After arriving in Scotland, he tells of going to Southampton (England) for maneuvers, being loaded with medical gear the day before D-Day, landing with the second wave on Omaha Beach, and returning with prisoners of war. Lankow describes the huge number of Allied airplanes and ships he witnessed, the overcrowded conditions on the ships, and making a total of forty-three crossings during the invasion. He recalls his reaction to the news of President Eisenhower's death. Lankow speaks of transporting the army of occupation from Frankfurt to Oslo (Norway), and he portrays the holiday atmosphere of V-E Day. After his discharge, he talks about having a variety of jobs, having his tubercular pleurisy treated at a VA Hospital, receiving disability payment, and making another claim after getting cancer of the esophagus. He portrays the enemy fire during the Normandy Invasion and transporting gasoline for Patton. Lankow talks about a few other family members' service histories in World War II.

Biographical Sketch:

Lankow (1925-2009) served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. He eventually settled in Seabeck (Washington).

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Transcribed Interview:

- John: This is John Driscoll, and today is August 3rd, 2007. And this is an oral history interview with Bob Lankow. Bob is a veteran of World War II, the United States Navy. And we're at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in the conference room. Bob is from the state of Washington; he's in visiting family. And Bob, thanks a lot for coming up this morning and agreeing to the interview.
- Lankow: You're very welcome.
- John: Why don't we start at the very beginning. Where were you born?
- Lankow: I was born in Milwaukee.
- John: Okay. When?
- Lankow: In 1925.
- John: '25. Okay.
- Lankow: I attended all school through there, even went into Rufus King High School. I didn't graduate from there because I went into the service. And my parents were both born and raised in Milwaukee. And then I ended up with no relation on my folks' side except a sister who moved out to Seattle. And after my wife passed away, she wanted me to come out and stay with them, which I did. I'm going on four years out there now. But I have a lot of my wife's family here and I come in every summer to visit them for at least three weeks. That's what I'm doing here, and that's when I heard about you people here doing something like this and I was very interested in it.
- John: Okay. Do you remember Pearl Harbor Day?
- Lankow: I sure do.
- John: Can you tell about that?
- Lankow: Well, it was a Sunday night, everybody knows, and my cousins and I would get together and we'd come over to my house and play penny ante poker. And my folks came in; they weren't home. I think my dad went to visit his sister with my youngest sister. And they came in the door and said, "Don't you have the radio on?" "What's the matter?" "The Japanese hit Pearl Harbor." Well, none of us knew where Pearl Harbor was, you know.
- John: Yeah, that was my dad's comment.

Lankow: Yeah, that was—but anyhow, we finally put the radio on. Well we got what news they had at the time, giving out, you know, and—very intense. And it broke into a—what would you say, a commercial that we call ‘em nowadays, and they took a break. And my one cousin's sitting there, and the cousins I was with had me by a year to some two years. And my one cousin said, "I'm going into the Marines." His brother says, "Well, with my bad eyes, I don't think I'll have any choice but going into the Army." Bob Moreski [phonetic] didn't say anything and I said, "Well, I've got nothin' to worry about. I'm sixteen years old." [John laughs] So that's the way it went. Well then naturally it was a whole week of it. And then Roosevelt got on the next day and gave his speech about, you know, "the day that will live in infamy" and the whole thing. But I went back to Rufus King High School, and I was in my—well not quite in my senior year. So, let's see. I was sixteen. Then we—like I say, things went on. My dad started working more hours as well; everybody did, you know. So when I turned eighteen we had a draft board right on the corner of 13th and Burleigh where I lived; I lived at 3211 North 13th Street. So I went down and filled out the papers and I was inducted. And I left Milwaukee in September of '43, okay, to go to Great Lakes. I took my basic there seven weeks; came home. And I thought I was gonna go to gunnery school at Great Lakes for nineteen weeks, so I told my mother I'll be home every weekend. That Wednesday I called her from Boston. [John laughs] The Navy found out on my resume that I could type, so they sent me to storekeeper's school.

John: Okay.

Lankow: So I ended up in Boston. We went to a place called Burdett College. It was an all girls' school for stenographers and the Navy had the top floor and the girls had the bottom two. Well, every weekend we got—every night we could go two blocks north, east, south, or west, and that was our liberty then. But every weekend we got off. Well, so many guys were from the New Jersey, New York—and New Jersey was very close, so they'd go home on weekends. So I found myself practically alone.

John: Sure.

Lankow: But I'd wander around. In fact, one day I went into the USO, and they were giving out tickets. And I went to Fenway Park—

John: Oh, great.

Lankow: — to see a ball game. I've been to five major league baseball parks in my life and Fenway is one of them. Storekeeper's school didn't work out.

John: Didn't?

- Lankow: Uh-uh. So I went to a place then when I transferred out called the Fargo Building. It was in east Boston and it housed eight thousand Navy personnel of all different sizes.
- John: Oh, wow.
- Lankow: They had a lot of entertainment for us there. And all I did was do guard duty, just to have something to do, I think, that maybe keeps you busy. But then they came up and they had drafts going out for certain things. So I signed up for a draft to go to Norfolk, Virginia. And I went with them, and I think there were, oh, less than fifty of us that did this. And we ended up in Norfolk and we were there for about a month. And just, again, did nothing but guard duty and mediocre things like that and had a few liberties. So we went up to get a liberty pass one time. There were nine of us in our Quonset hut, and the three of us went up there to get our liberty passes. We were going into Norfolk. And I heard one of the guys at the desk says they're looking for a—I forget what they called it at that time—a party of nine to go to New Orleans. And I says, "I know of nine guys right now that would be happy to do that."
- John: Go anywhere; do anything.
- Lankow: And he took me up on it. I was surprised. But it was easy, you know; it was us.
- John: Okay.
- Lankow: And all nine of us went down and we went by train. And we got down to New Orleans and we were delivered right to a dock, a loading dock. And here we met a chief who was gonna be in charge of us. It was Chief Funk, F-u-n-k, and he took us under his wing. And we stood there for—oh, we were down there, we went to Algiers a couple of times, which is right across from New Orleans. And we were down there a couple of days, and here we found out that our ship is coming in. *Our ship*, you know. Well, we were really—what are we gonna have, some kind of aircraft carrier? [John laughs] Well, these things were being made in Evanston, Indiana, and being a flat-bottom boat, they came right down the Mississippi into New Orleans. So here we picked up the LST-500.
- John: What was the name?
- Lankow: They only were numbered.
- John: Okay.

- Lankow: My gosh; look at this thing. It was the oddest-looking thing I'd seen, you know. Those bow doors and everything scared you a little bit. So that's how we got aboard. And I got assigned to the deck crew. Now we didn't have a full complement on at that time, but we had just a nucleus. But now we had to take a shakedown cruise. We didn't have the gun turrets on. What else didn't we have? There were numerous things we didn't. So we went to Galveston, Texas, and there they put on the gun turrets and the safety guards. Then we took our shakedown cruise at Panama—just off Panama City, Florida. And by that time we had a full complement. We were getting guys on every day.
- John: What was the full complement?
- Lankow: A hundred and thirty, and that included officers too. So after we had our shakedown cruise, we left there and went up to Boston. I was back in Boston again. And there we just pulled in and we had some of the radar and things, technical stuff that was—we had it on already, but they had to refine it a little better. So then we left there and we went to Bayonne, New Jersey, and there we picked up our cargo. It was Quonset huts; it was medical equipment. And this tank deck could hold a lot.
- John: Oh, yeah.
- Lankow: And then we went—I think we had maybe seven, eight vessels, and went up to Halifax and Nova Scotia. And that's where we left in a convoy to come over to England. Well three days after we were out, I think we were around Newfoundland, and the convoy was hit by a wolf pack. And they got two—they got a cargo ship loaded with high octane gasoline.
- John: Oh, wow.
- Lankow: It was unbelievable. It lit up this place like you wouldn't believe.
- John: Oh, sure.
- Lankow: And we had English corvettes guarding our convoy at that time. And I think they did a heck of a job scaring these guys off or getting a couple of 'em, because we were never bothered again. So we got the convoy, and once we got around the English coast, we scattered to different ports. Because we had seventy-two ships in this thing.
- John: Oh, okay.
- Lankow: So we scattered, and we went to Scotland. We landed in Edinburgh and we got a little liberty there. Couldn't get over how quaint the town was. They had different customs than we do. And the beer was a little, you know,

gas—bloating. It's like an ale. Well, anyhow, we stayed there for a while. We did not unload there. Then we went down to Wales, and again, it was just a stopover place, but we ended up finally in Southampton. That's in the southern part. And there we unloaded what cargo we had brought over and we kind of went on small jaunt maneuvers, I would call 'em, you know. It wasn't anything exciting or anything like that. We didn't try landings or nothing.

John: Okay.

Lankow: But it was just the crew getting better acquainted to work together. Oh, and by the way over I got seasick.

John: Oh, yeah? Good ship to get seasick on.

Lankow: I got used to it after awhile. Well anyhow, like I say, in all this time, you know, they were getting ready, the maneuvers we were taking for D-Day, which we didn't know anything about, you know. But it was landings and it was being in a flotilla and stuff like that, you know, general quarters a lot. Well, when the big day came or just before the big day came, we were loaded with tanks, jeeps, topside and on the tank deck. And I don't think we had any tanks; I think we just had medical. And we were designed that after we got—hit the beach, got rid of our cargo, we were also immediately turned into a hospital ship. We had brackets along the bulkheads that we put brackets in and you could bring a stretcher in right away and put 'em on. And we had a—

John: I've never heard that.

Lankow: We had a twelve man team of medical people on, and we took some back, but mostly we took prisoners. We had a load of prisoners the first trip back we made. I would say we had better than a hundred and a half at that time. So we landed in the second wave on Omaha Beach. We were there, I think, just unloaded, got out, anchored—oh, and by the way, two days before the invasion there were four—a ship that carried a hundred-thirty people now had four hundred ninety-nine.

John: Oh, my God.

Lankow: We were jammed. And we did this for two weeks, and they kept moving us from there to here to here. Then when Eisenhower moved it from the 5th to the 6th, you know, they hadda go because they were just jammed all over. And like I say, on the 6th, then we moved. We went into a—left I'd say about, oh, just a little before midnight at night, and we started acrost. And the armada of airplanes, I'll bet you—it was just tremendous. They blocked out the moon, I'm telling you. It was unbelievable, that much hardware and

aircraft going over, and they're all types. And naturally the paratroopers went over first. They landed almost four hours before we even got there, you know, and they suffered a lot of casualties because they were, you know—their drop zones were scattered and—but anyhow, like I say, then we got rid of our first load and the guys that were on it, and being jammed like that, I'm telling you, it was something else. Those poor guys. I couldn't—feel so sorry for them. They were curled up wherever they could. They even slept in the Jeeps and the seats and stuff. So I had a twelve-to-four watch one night, and I was going up the ladder to get—because we always had coffee outside the canteen—the galley. So I was goin' up and I looked down there, here's a guy all curled up under that. So I tapped him on the shoulder. I said, "Come on with me." So I took him to my bunk and I says, "Here. You got four hours comin'."

John: [Laughing.]

Lankow: Well, his head was sound asleep before he even hit the pillow, you know. He just went "whew." At least he had four hours. But then I, like I say, then we got—we unloaded, took prisoners back and a few wounded, and right away back to Southampton and got another load. We made forty-three crossings before we hadda go tie up and have some of the engines at least looked at and overhauled.

John: Wow. That's amazing.

Lankow: And every beach. We were on Juno; we were on Sword; we were on Gold, Utah, and Omaha. But the initial day, I turned nineteen on June 2nd, and on the 6th I was on the beaches of Normandy.

John: That's amazing.

Lankow: Isn't it? So like I say, we made forty-three crossings. We got up to—the closest I got to Paris, we went up the Rhone River; the Rhone. And I got within forty miles of Paris. And somethin' happened—it was just like it took my stomach away for a while. I was on a watch that night, and somebody got up, come up and said, "You know what happened? President Roosevelt died." You know, I had an incident when I was—1933. I was eight years old when he went in. And this was '45.

John: He was gonna be president forever. But he was a real leader too.

Lankow: Oh, he was—those three guys were tremendous: Churchill, him, and Stalin. Well, anyhow, then we went to Frankfurt and we picked up the Army of Occupation and took 'em up to Oslo, Norway.

John: Oh, okay.

Lankow: And going through those fjords and these people lowering their flags. That's a salute to us, you know, going up. Oh, we were treated—and we get up there and it was just like there was no war. They were even building and doing things up there that were—and we didn't get any evening liberty, only during the day while we were there. And we walk into town and we luck out; here's this guy speaking perfect English. He came over in 1935 to settle an estate of his family and he got trapped over there, so he was our guide while we were there. And we spent a nice four, five, six hours with him. And then we left there and, well, the way it would happen, the day that the Germans surrendered, I don't care what they were doing in England, they just quit and they took a holiday, and I think they deserved it after what they went through.

John: Oh, yeah. That would have been hard to understand that it's over.

Lankow: You live through it. So we did just odd things around. Like I say, it's over. You just couldn't believe it, something like that. The devastation and those people, you know. So they all just had a good holiday, which I think they deserved. So anyhow, we came back on the ship and we landed in Boston. And from Boston we went down to Florida. And I guess we were gettin' ready—we were starting to camouflage the outside of the LST.

John: For Japan?

Lankow: So I guess we were destined to go over to the Pacific. But I had just enough points. I was a quarter over to get out, so I was mustered out and went up to Great Lakes and got my discharge. And that was about it.

John: How long overall were you in?

Lankow: I went in September of '43.

John: Three. So a couple years.

Lankow: And I mustered out on the 18th of March of '46.

John: Oh, okay. Well, that's just amazing. I was on an LST in 1955, and we went to Norway; Little Creek to Iceland to Norway. And this was a twin engine LST.

Lankow: Ours was too. We had twin screws.

John: Okay. We couldn't get the two of them to run together, so we had to go into dry dock in Edinburgh, and then we came back across. Yeah. That thing

would rock and roll when you got into a storm.

Lankow: And when you'd go up like this and come down, "pow!"

John: I remember standing aft on the tank deck and looking and seeing some sailors up at the bow door, and then I couldn't see them.

Lankow: Yeah.

John: It bent.

Lankow: You're darn right it did. Like going uphill on a flat boat.

John: [laughs] That's amazing.

Lankow: Oh, and we had some rough weather. Oh, my God. Those seas were bad.

John: Well, then what did you do when you got out?

Lankow: Well, I had a chance to go back to school, which I didn't take. And my dad got me in at a place called Cutler-Hammer where he worked, you know, and I worked there for a while. And what else did I do? Oh. I worked for a couple of laundries: Buckley, Adelman. I drove truck. But I contracted tubercular pleurisy.

John: Oh. Oh, wow.

Lankow: And I was working for Roundy's at that time, and we were unloading boxcars down by the railroad yard down by the lake. And we liked it when the Blue Angels came because we had a ringside seat; we'd crawl on top of the boxcar and watch 'em. And I got real sick and fluid formed on my lung. And so I was pretty sick and they sent me to the VA to recuperate. And they put me on strict bed rest, and I was out in the VA on National Avenue.

John: Yeah.

Lankow: I was out there for eleven months. And they put me on—I had strict bed rest, and they just—progress. Every time you improved you moved up another notch. So I finally ended up in a dorm where we got our clothes and we walked around the area out there. And I was discharged from there after eleven months, and I was a hundred percent disabled. So I didn't take my old job back, I just went and did other things. In fact, that's when I was driving for the laundries too. And I went every three months down to the VA on Water Street.

- John: Yeah. Okay.
- Lankow: And there they would just check my lungs and stuff like that. So I get a notice and it says, "Due to the fact that all of your checkups since you've been discharged from the VA hospital have been clear, we are cutting you from one hundred percent down to zero."
- John: Oh, wow. [laughs]
- Lankow: Can you imagine? Shocking. But, okay. Hey. The Navy took care of me. I've got no complaints coming, and I'm glad that I've got a clean bill of health.
- John: Yes. Yes.
- Lankow: So that's the way it went. So I think—at the time, a hundred percent was \$138 a month. And today it's over eleven to twelve hundred or something, you know.
- John: So that's good money.
- Lankow: At that time it was very good money. And I never did have a positive test while I was out there all that time. They just gradually took their time with me. I still had a little bit of damage in the lower part of my right lung. It's just bad tissue down there. I don't have a complete lung down there.
- John: Okay.
- Lankow: But I took it with a grain of salt, and that was it. And I got married and the whole nine yards. Had a daughter. Unfortunately, she passed away, and so did my first wife. And then I—how did that happen? Let's see. I got sick. It'll come to me. [pause] Oh, yeah. I got sick, and I went into the hospital again. That was it. I had cancer of the esophagus.
- John: Oh, boy.
- Lankow: And I was operated on. Now, I get a bill. I was in St. Mary's Hospital in Ozaukee County. And I get a bill for \$143,753 and some-odd cents. All I've got is Medicare.
- John: Oh, man.
- Lankow: So I said to my wife, "Look. It was my esophagus. Maybe my old Navy disability when I had it would pay a partial part of it, you know."

John: Okay.

Lankow: So I went out there and, sure enough, they had my records, naturally, and they said they'd look into it. Now at this time my wife has aneurisms, and I had her in a nursing home for a while. Well, I would get—oh, I'd say maybe every month or four weeks I would get something from the VA, "We're still looking into your claim and you will be notified what the results will be." So my wife now spent the time that she had coming in the nursing home she was in in Cedarburg, and they said—

John: Did she—

Lankow: Yeah. She had fallen down and broke her hip. And so we took her into St. Mary's, and that's when they found the aneurisms. So then they put her in a nursing home. And now she's had a hundred and twenty days and she was gonna be discharged. And I says, "I'm not gonna find another home for you." I says, "You know it; I know it." I says, "For the little time we've got, why don't you come home and we'll spend it together?" And I got ahold of a hospice out of West Bend. They brought a bed in. They brought oxygen in. I was able to put her in the family room. She could look outside. And that's the way we did it. She finally—she passed away on July 11th of 2001, ten to five in the afternoon.

John: Oh, wow.

Lankow: So, after that, like I say, I had looked into my—what I had there, and I just wanted some assistance with the medical bill that I had.

John: Sure.

Lankow: Because I know Medicare wouldn't cover the whole thing. So they reopened my claim and I was awarded sixty percent disability, of which I am on now. I was so fortunate again, but I think the fact that they cut me from one hundred down to nothing had a lot to do with it. Because all those years I was without it, I'll bet you, close to nine years in between the span. So that's what I'm at now.

John: You're a tough bird, I'll tell you. [laughs]

Lankow: Isn't that something? I used to go two fifty-one[?]. I don't know if I've got any pictures in here of that. I don't think I brought them. So I got some things here—

John: Gayle will want to take a look at those.

Lankow: Okay.

- John: Let me ask you a question. I ask of every one of the vets I interview. You're in the prime of life, your whole life is ahead of you, and then, "bang," this thing happened to you and you ended up on Omaha Beach. What do you feel about all that?
- Lankow: It was awesome. You know what I'm saying? And everybody says, you know, "What was it like?" Well, we all had a job, you know what I'm saying? We went in on the second wave, not that that makes any difference. That beach was just a mess.
- John: Yeah.
- Lankow: And in fact, they came so close to pulling out—
- John: So I understand, yes.
- Lankow: —and not that we knew that at the time, you know. But we unloaded so much stuff on that beach in such a hurry. And once the—somebody going in there just took charge and said, "This is the way it's going to be." They always say, "Well, did you see Private Ryan? Was it like that?" Well, you know, I don't remember that many mortars because we—four hours before we even got in there we were hammering and really threw some lead in there.
- John: Yup.
- Lankow: Those battleships we had, the *Texas* and I forget which other one we had, and the destroyers, and then that one—I forget his name, but he was on a destroyer, and he went in such shallow water, he took such a chance, and he helped get some of those pillboxes that were giving us such a—but they were choppin' us up with machine guns. It was unbelievable.
- John: Yeah. That was a miracle that it did work.
- Lankow: Yeah. My feeling was awesome. And, you know, I wasn't aware that we were moving this way, because the other beaches were going pretty good. I think Utah was almost five miles in.
- John: Yeah. Omaha was the bad one.
- Lankow: Yeah. Omaha was this clinker. And you know, I just—and when we backed off, back, and we were right back again. And over the course of the time before we had to go in, we made forty-three trips. In fact, Patton—we went in and got our load off, and Patton was going so fast through France

they couldn't keep up with him with gas. So they loaded us up with just the tanks—what are they? Containers?

John: Jerry cans, five-gallon.

Lankow: Just on our tank deck.

John: Let me flip this over here.—[End of Tape 1, Side A]

Lankow: So Patton was going so fast that they couldn't get us—and gas was the main thing that was holdin' him back. So we got loaded up, and I think our sister ship, the 499 also, and the two of us went down there to Saint-Michel.

John: Okay.

Lankow: And we got down there and there was nothin' there, you know. And they said, "Unload 'em. Put 'em on the beach, and the Red Ball will come down and get them to Patton." So we did. Ironically enough, in Saint-Michel that day they were punishing the quislings that cooperated with the Germans. That's when they shaved their heads and stripped 'em nude and made 'em walk down the street. It wasn't a nice—it was a little bit embarrassing. Well, that's how they punished them. Well, anyhow, at least we done that. And like I say, we went up to Norway. But my feelings about it was, you know, there was so much going on and I knew what I was assigned to do. And what got me the most is the concussion of some of that stuff would take my dungarees and shake 'em. [laughs] It was such a horrendous thing to see. Now the other stuff around you, the bodies and stuff, you know, it's just—

John: It's amazing, but you can get used to that.

Lankow: But at nineteen, it is quite a baptism.

John: Oh, yes. Oh, yeah. This is tremendous; this is a remarkable story.

Lankow: My one—the one that went in the Marines, he was at Guadalcanal, Saipan, and Tarawa. And he came home.

John: Well he worked his way across the Pacific.

Lankow: Another cousin was the first one onto the goldfish bowl when Roosevelt, you know, picked 'em out and they had the first draft; he was one of the first ones to go. He ended up in Burma. Went through the whole Burma campaign and he came home and died in an industrial accident.

- John: Gosh. I interviewed a fellow who went to Burma. He was in the Army before the war; he was a horse cavalryman. And they and their horses went to Australia, and then they decided they didn't want the horses, so they sold them. Then they made him a truck driver. He didn't know how to drive a truck, and he learned. Then he was up in Burma on the Burma Road. Oh, just awful. Well, this is— [laughs]
- Lankow: You know, the scary thing was the Battle of the Bulge, when they gave us [sounds like "dik-dik or tik-tik] that time, you know, and we thought we were just gonna keep on with the victories we were having, and that kind of put a real monkey wrench in it. The thoughts were, Oh, my gosh, what do we do to compensate for something like that? And here it was just a—once the weather cleared, man, we gave 'em [sounds like "dik-dik or tik-tik].
- John: Get some air power up there, yeah.
- Lankow: Yeah. You know, and get supplies into them. And this cousin that died in the industrial accident, his brother was in the Battle of the Bulge. When my cousin that went in the Marines, he was on Saipan and it was just a mopping-up operation and he— I don't know if he was in the barbershop chair or where he was. A guy came by and says, "Waumbock [phonetic]." He says, "We've got a Waumbock in our unit." Here it was his brother that went in the Army. [John laughs] Can you imagine? They meet on Saipan. There was some good times. But it was awesome. I think I seen more things that have left me, you know, at the time.
- John: Yes.
- Lankow: But thank God you had a job to do, you know. You knew what you had to do.
- John: Yes.
- Lankow: And that—make sure you did that before you start being a spectator.
- John: Yes. Well, this is just a remarkable story. Well, listen. Anything else you want to touch on before we wrap up here?
- Lankow: Well, I brought this stuff in.
- John: We'll go over that with Gayle upstairs.
- Lankow: Okay.

John: What we'll do is go up and get that form. I thought I had it. We'll get it upstairs and we'll both have to sign that release. I'm going to shut this off, but if you think of anything, I can turn this right back on.

Lankow: Okay.

[End of Interview]