

L Joe Bass

Q: Did you embellish or exaggerate his story at all?

A: Sergei approved everything that was written. Sergei made the tapes that were spoken. Sergei stood on the interview and told it himself. Sergei approved everything based on the book completely. So, we believe what Sergei said.

Q: So, was there ever an idea or mentality of 'well, maybe his childhood wasn't so bad, but this does, these types of conditions do exist, so...'

A: No, this was told by Sergei specifically. And tape recordings of interviews at that time, this is what happened to him. It stands.

Q: So, there's nothing that I could tell you that I found out over there that would make you doubt anything about the, Sergei's honesty?

A: Well, you're an American popping in. Now, you can parachute into Russia and you know you're a nice young lady, obviously a bit naïve, you don't speak Russian, ah, you're going to wind up being directed to where, whatever is put, whatever needs to be put in front of you will be put in front of you. I have no idea what you're agenda is.

Q: It's so hard to imagine that...

A: I have no idea what your agenda is. I have no idea.

Q: You wouldn't believe me if I told you that I have no agenda?

A: No, everyone has...

Q: I'm still hoping to find out that the story is true.

A: Okay, why don't you call your driver and take off you guys?

Q: Uhm.

A: You're not welcome. Okay? Yeah, go try to trash people somewhere else. No thank you.

Q: Joe? That's absolutely not my intent.

A: I know your agenda now. So I'm not going to be a participant in your trashing a kid who isn't alive and can't speak for himself. You have gone to the...

Q: Joe, I don't understand why you're so defensive.

A: Let me just say this ...

Q: Let me tell you, I put five years into this. I have hoped and shed a lot of tears hoping that this story is true. And for you to sit here and tell me that I have an agenda – you are so off base.

A: I think you have an agenda. I think you have an agenda.

Q: You are so completely off base.

(Fade)

A: Because you aren't interested in the truth.

Q: I am extremely interested in the truth.

A: Well, what was it one philosopher asked one time, "What is truth?"