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1 Q. All right. And did that person say that he or
2 she had seen the incident?

3 A. I believe so, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And did they tell you that there was any
5 physical beating?

6 A. That there was a lot of physical shoving.

7 Q. Did you call Mr. Sire then and say "I've got
8 evidence of a physical beating"?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You didn't think it was a physical beating, did
11 you, Mr. Duddy, at that time?

12 A. I don't believe so.

13 Q. All right. You're just using that now to try
14 and justify the reason for that language, aren't you?

15 A. No, that is not correct.

16 Q. All right. Now, would you agree, Mr. Duddy,
17 that your book tells a reader that the practices of the
18 Local Church were such, that one would give up his or her
19 individuality, one would withdraw from society, one would
20 give up his or her personal worth, one would exalt the
21 group and its leader, and that all of this could ultimately
22 lead to physical beatings?

23 MR. WOODRUFF: Objection. Calls for speculation.

24 THE WITNESS: Join.

25 No.

26 MR. MORGAN: Q. All right. You will agree,

1 though, will you not, that there is every one of those
2 items in the book for the reader to read?

3 A. No, that is incorrect.

4 Q. Okay. You tell me which one of those items is
5 not in the book?

6 A. Beatings. This particular passage was stricken
7 from the book, on the agreement --

8 Q. Okay. Was that --

9 A. -- of Jim Sire and myself and when I pursued
10 inquiry of Max Rapoport, as it says here on the side,
11 "Rapoport agrees." Reflecting my inquiry, we all agreed it
12 would be a good thing to drop because it could not be
13 substantiated. There was no evidence for it.

14 Q. Okay. Did you also take it out of the German
15 book?

16 A. I wrote Bruno Schwengeler and told him to
17 strike it.

18 Q. Fine. Would you agree that if anybody read
19 your manuscript that they could draw that conclusion?

20 A. What? The conclusion of --

21 Q. All of those elements?

22 MR. WOODRUFF: You're talking about Exhibit 405?

23 MR. MORGAN: That's correct.

24 THE WITNESS: We're simply just putting these two
25 together?

26 MR. MORGAN: Q. That's right. A reader could read

1 all of those things, couldn't he?

2 A. A reader could read those things, yes.

3 Q. All right. And a reader could, by reading that
4 manuscript, draw a comparison with the People's Temple,
5 couldn't he?

6 A. No.

7 Q. No way, hah?

8 A. There are parallels, sure.

9 Q. All right. They're very close parallels aren't
10 they, Mr. Duddy?

11 A. No, they're broadly separated.

12 Q. Okay. Now let me ask you, did you intend to
13 convey to the reader that the Local Church and Witness Lee
14 were religious seducers?

15 A. I don't understand the question.

16 Q. Well, do you understand the word religious
17 seducer?

18 A. Ask the question, Mr. Morgan.

19 Q. You don't understand that word?

20 A. No, I don't.

21 Q. You'd never heard it before?

22 A. In the New Testament Paul, talks about
23 religious people who go from one house to another seducing
24 women. That's one context.

25 Q. Well, is that the only context you're aware of?

26 A. No, I'm aware of another one.