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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And what does that sentence mean "molding
3 dies"?

4 A. It is a reference to the invest-divest,
5 burial-resurrection stages.

6 Q. I know but what does it mean?

7 A. Molding dies?

8 Q. Yeah, what's a molding die?

9 A. A die is a cast in which things that are
10 molded are formed.

11 Q. Okay. And that's what you were referring to
12 there?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Why did you write lies first?

15 A. We didn't write lies first.

16 Q. All right. Why did somebody strike the letter
17 "L" first?

18 A. Typo.

19 Q. Oh, I see, okay.

20 Next I want to go to page 50, do you see the
21 statement that says "They" -- and it's referring to the
22 elders, "wield strong authority over ordinary church
23 members."

24 Do you see that? Page 50.

25 A. Is there a chapter heading?

26 Q. Church government.

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1 A. Okay. Church government.

2 MR. SADY: '80.

3 MR. MORGAN: Q. Oh, yeah, I read my writing
4 wrong, sorry.

5 A. I see it.

6 Q. Okay. What do you mean "They wield strong
7 authority over ordinary church members"?

8 A. It would mean that there is a special
9 designated religious authority for the elders of the
10 Local Church, which stands in relationship to members of
11 the Local Church, in which members of the Local Church are
12 very aware.

13 Q. Now when you say authority, are you saying
14 that they have any authority over their personal life?

15 A. As designated by Witness Lee, yes.

16 Q. Okay. Would you call that authority,
17 unlimited authority?

18 A. No, I would not.

19 Q. All right. And would you agree that if the
20 words unlimited authority are in the German book that
21 that's a misstatement?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And would you agree that the elders do not
24 have unlimited authority over the church members?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Okay.

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1 A. What is the word there, Dan, do you know?

2 Q. Beg your pardon?

3 A. Is it --

4 Q. I haven't got the time. We'll go on. You can
5 check with them later if you want or you can use your time
6 to ask them.

7 Now who says the elders have this strong
8 authority?

9 A. Ex-members.

10 Q. Okay. And that's the same ex-members you've
11 been telling us about before; is that right?

12 A. In part, yes.

13 Q. All right. And those ex-members told you that
14 the elders exercise complete authority in matters of
15 importance concerning their personal affairs; is that
16 right?

17 A. Would you read the question, please?

18 [Pending question read.]

19 THE WITNESS: No, that's not correct.

20 MR. MORGAN: Q. That would be a false statement;
21 is that right, if that were in the book?

22 A. No, the context would determine what the word
23 complete means whether it's --

24 Q. Well, but you told us before, that you
25 intended to convey to the reader that it's authority over
26 the member's personal life; is that right?

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1 A. As expressed through the writings, teachings
2 and beliefs of people in collusion with Witness Lee
3 through the invest-divest, burial-resurrection stage,
4 that's correct.

5 Q. And is it your testimony, that members of the
6 Local Church don't make decisions, major importance, in
7 their personal life on their own?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Members of the Local Church do make decisions
10 regarding their personal life of major matters without
11 consulting the elders, don't they?

12 A. I don't know.

13 Q. That's right. You don't have the slightest
14 idea what members do as far as making decisions in their
15 personal lives, do you?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And before you wrote this book you didn't
18 bother to talk to actual members to see what they were
19 doing as far as making decisions in their personal lives,
20 did you?

21 A. How many double negatives were in the previous
22 question? Could you just read it back, please?

23 [Pending question read.]

24 MR. MORGAN: Q. And your answer was yes.

25 Now do you want to answer the next question?

26 A. Well, I misunderstood the question.

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1 Q. Well, you've answered, let's go on.

2 Mr. Duddy, you can play these games all day with me, I
3 know what you're --

4 MR. WOODRUFF: Move to strike the comments of
5 counsel.

6 MR. MORGAN: Q. You heard the question. Now, do
7 you want to change the answer?

8 A. I would like to.

9 Q. Might I suggest that you start trying to be
10 truthful instead of playing games? Let's go on. Let him
11 change his answer.

12 A. To no.

13 Q. All right. Then answer my next question,
14 Mr. Duddy.

15 Answer my next question?

16 A. Did I talk to any --

17 MR. MORGAN: Read the question back to the man.

18 [Record read.]

19 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

20 MR. MORGAN: Q. Mr. Duddy, you know you didn't
21 talk to any actual members, did you?

22 A. No, I did, Mr. Morgan. I talked to about 40
23 people, but I don't recall who they were.

24 Q. You talked to 40 ex-members; didn't you?

25 A. No, I talked to people who were members of the
26 Local Church.

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1 Q. Mr. Duddy, you name me one actual member that
2 you talked to, before you wrote this manuscript, who told
3 you that he didn't make his own decisions?

4 A. That I can't do.

5 Q. Of course you can't. Let's go on now.

6 MR. WOODRUFF: I move to strike the comment of
7 counsel as not a form of a question.

8 MR. MORGAN: Q. You want to go to page 137 of
9 Exhibit 405, you'll see the statement that says "Not only
10 friendship" -- "Not only is friendship discouraged among
11 church laity, but dating and confidences between the sexes
12 is forbidden."

13 Mr. Duddy, have you ever seen anything in writing
14 that says friendship is discouraged among church laity?

15 A. Not precisely, no.

16 Q. Have you ever seen anything in writing that
17 states that dating and confidences between the sexes is
18 forbidden?

19 A. Not precisely, no.

20 Q. Have you read anything in Witness Lee's
21 teachings where he made the statement that dating and
22 confidences between the sexes is forbidden?

23 A. No.

24 Q. The only thing you read, Mr. Duddy, is that
25 Witness Lee taught that people should use good moral
26 judgment in their relationships between sexes; is that