## Oral History Interview: Manfred Hassemer-Tiedeken

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Mark B. This is Mark Bowman back with Manfred. We're continuing our interview on July 5<sup>th</sup>. So if you want to pick up. You and <u>HaJo</u> were living in Koblenz and HuK is coming there, and so tell us about it.

Manfred H. At the weekends in the house we have had, there always come people,

HUK people, or gay people, and we start to do some talking, praying,

walking, eating, laughing together and all these things. But after a while it

became too big for a private house. And they came from far distance. And
then we decide or they decide to divide us.

There was a group called Trier. Trier is a very famous city in Germany. It's from the Roman times. And so we remained the group of Koblenz HUK and they became the Trier HUK, so it became smaller. And then after a few years—and then besides this, of course, the German HUK has had two meetings a year in the spring and the autumn, and with 150 people, the whole weekend, and so we went there and we got connections. And it was very good.

Mark B. And remind us what years are we talking about, around?

Manfred H. '80s. 1979, 1980.

Mark B. 1979 into the 1980s, okay.

That's what we are talking about. Besides this, I told you already I like gardening, animals. And in the house, because it was a ten square meter field around, we have had pigs, ducks, donkeys, and so I like very much. I don't like horses. And then after ten years Hago got a, what do you call it? You were asked to take a more higher position in his medical department as a doctor for the company of post. But that means, of course, to move. And so after ten years we stopped this project. We went up to the north of Germany near Bremen or in Bremen. Bremen, you know, it's a famous city. He was working in Bremen. But because we want to live on the land side, a small village, we were looking where the trains are going from

Manfred H.

And we found a small house in this very small village, beautiful place in the so-called Teufelsmoor. It's a very famous place from former times. There were artists and so in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the nature is beautiful. It's a moor and yeah, flat, but very nice. And we found a house there and bought it, because Hago wanted to...that I am sure if he's...if something happened to him he wants to be that I am sure in financial part, so we bought a small house.

Bremen, the east, west, north, they are always... And because his job was

directly near the station, so he could go by bus.

And became very quick a member of this community. We were working together with the Greens, the Green Party, and there was a lot to do at this time. And I became a member of the local parliament. After two years I

was elected. And our neighborhood were all farmers with a few cows and sheep. And it was so family area.

And the first thing they told to us, you have to have six neighbors, because you need six ones to carry your coffin if you... And so it was a village along road only, so you have one neighbor on the right, one here, and one on the other side. So you must make three others to your neighbors. You have to take a bottle of alcohol, go there, hello, I'm Manfred and Hago, we want to become your neighbors.

And it was very good. But the neighborhood, for them it means a lot if something happened. If the cow can't give the calf you have to pull them out. If the fire burns, you have to go there and so on. But in celebrating anniversary, birthdays, weddings, and so this was really as we like it.

- Mark B. And you felt that as two men you were accepted the same as everybody else?
- Manfred H. Yes, the same. We didn't talk about with the people, but they know it was just Hago and Manfred. And then always for 20 years weddings or so, the people will make it, come to put some garlands around the house.
- Mark B. Garlands around the house.
- Manfred H. But as we have had our ten years of living there, what shall they do with us? And so they make a big—if you build a house you have an <a href="Ehrenkranz/wreath of honour">Ehrenkranz/wreath of honour</a> or this...what... But anyway, they made a big nice thing for us, put it on the house, rang the bell. Then they got

alcohol and something to eat, and so after a few days they have to take it up again. That was very nice.

There was only—and I like, at this time I like to dance, and there was four or five big feasts in the village in the year. Some were in Christmas and so. And I went to every time. I was dancing all the night. Hago didn't go there because he didn't like it, and so he says you are my minister of foreign affairs.

Mark B. [Laughs.]

Manfred H. He supports me always to go.

Mark B. Of course.

Manfred H. And the next morning, of course, he wants to know what has happened, whom I met, and so. But there was one lady, her husband was a little bit jealous of me—for her, I don't know. Because we liked to dance together, and he didn't like to dance. And then she was asking me, some evening we were dancing, drinking later on, and so why don't you marry? Why are you alone? Oh, I said, I'll tell you tomorrow morning, or after the next dance. And then we danced.

Then we went to the bar, got our <u>Korn</u>, our little vodka there. Now tell me why do you not marry? I said well Edith, we are gay, we are together. Oh, don't say it to anyone in the village. It will not be good. And she liked me very much. The next morning, it was 7:00, the telephone was going.

Manfred, I couldn't bear all this, the news you gave to me. I have to tell it

to Meta, to my aunt, and so on and so on. But she will keep it. And so suddenly it was spread all over the village. We denied it, of course, but...

And so it was no problem. Yeah, and then I became elected in this local parliament, the Greens. And it was lucky, our parish, we belonged to—

Mark B. You belonged to the parish there.

Manfred H. But it was terrible. It was so conservative, so narrow, and only the...belongs to the party of the CDU, Angela Merkel's party, and we are the Green left wings, and so... But we wanted to have a parish. We had to live this.

And then the next parish in the border to Bremen, there was a parish, and we went. We liked the speech, we liked the people. We came there one day and so oh, come on here and sit, come on. And so we were invited straightaway by Walter and Ulrich. And then we went to the priest and said we would like to be member of the parish, but we are gay and we are Greens. At this time it was, for the Catholic church, not good to be a member of the Green Party at this time.

Mark B. Oh, okay.

Manfred H. We are Green and we would like to do. Yes, yes, he said. He was a nice one. But I would like to know a little bit more about you. I would like to come to your house. And he has some pastoral helper. And can he come with me. Of course. And so he came. And then we found very good that

the priest is interested in his members of the parish. And so he came and we have a nice talk, and it was good.

And since then we were a member of the church. We were bringing up the people to the young ones, the confirmation, and was fully integrated. It was very good for us. So every Sunday and during the week we went there. Yeah, it was a great time. Ten years again. And then in-between the wall in Berlin has fallen.

- Mark B. Just remind us what year that was.
- Manfred H. We were living in this place in Bremen, near Bremen, from 1983 till '95, this time. And then the wall fell down. And Hans was born just out of Berlin in the eastern part of Germany at this time. He was born.
- Mark B. That was his home area.
- Manfred H. And then his parents and his family, they fled to West Berlin in 1953. But they have had still a small property in this village near East Berlin. And so after the fall, the wall fall down, his mother, she was living at this time, she was fighting to get it back, his property, or her property. The father had died already. And so we got...she got it back and she gave it to Hago. And there was other property to go to the other brothers. And so I said, oh, it's so interesting, the new place. I will help to build up the eastern part of Germany....

And so we closed our place in Bremen and went back to <u>Ruedersdorf</u>. It's nearby Berlin. The place where he was born. The church where he was

baptized and had communion. And this property was a small property. We built a house, a wooden house we built there, and we lived there. And again I came into the local parliament. I was active in the local politics and so after a while.

But of course it was a Catholic community, boys and men who, the old ones they know even the mother of Hago and the other ones he was playing with as a boy in this place, and so they all know, of course, growing up and went houses and so. And the Catholic life in this area, it was a communist place before, it was very closed.

So we came out of the west and there was one, at this time there was talking about how to change the church, and get women ordination, and something like this, five points we were asking for. And a good friend of Hago at this time, he years before opened a so-called family... Young families who come together in the private place to talk about children, the church and all these things. And this now, of course, we are only old people in the—but they still regularly met. We were invited to go there.

And it was so, for us a little bit, yeah, conservative, narrow-minded. And so I say can we talk about this wish the modern church has, the five points. And so no, no-no-no. This we can't. Can only talk. The place is with us and not... And let's pray holy father. And so it was really short. But before, in the communist time, the Catholic people couldn't meet as they wanted to.

Mark B. I was going to say they could not meet during that?

- Manfred H. Because of the political situation. If they wanted to have a feast of the parish they have to say it's the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of this one and so that was the way. But anyway, it was...yeah. And Sundays in the church it was all like a bubble. So that was the Catholic point. And the gay matter or the HUK matter we went, of course, to Berlin.
- Mark B. Went to the Berlin group.
- Manfred H. The city is only 35 kilometers away, the city part. And we have had to use a small train and bus. But we like to live there.
- Mark B. What was the HUK group in Berlin like then? What did they do?
- Manfred H. They have regular meetings. And the leader of this group, this is the one who did the most, he's a little bit slow, and he talks and talks. But of course we found it important that the HUK is available, and then, of course, we have the group meetings all over Germany once a year, and we went to <a href="Kirchentage/annual Church meetings">Kirchentage/annual Church meetings</a>, to the Pride parade. And in Berlin there are a lot of groups, and people who do lobbying... There's from different parties and they have invitations, and we took to the ministry of foreign affairs and all these things. It was like it can be in the capital of Germany. And then we did, of course, go to some places to walk for Sunday out together as a group, just to be together.
- Mark B. Be together and have social times.
- Manfred H. Yeah, social times. But for us, no, we are... It's a long time to go, so we get a little bit tired. So younger people come up, and we became older, and

so it was not our first thing in Berlin to stay with HUK. We are connected, of course.

Mark B.` And are you still living on the property?

Manfred H. No-no-no. That was in—

Mark B. There's more to come. Okay, that's fine. We'll continue.

Manfred H. And then Hago was retired at this time already.

Mark B. He retired, okay.

Manfred H. And I was working in the psychiatric hospital, half time job as a nurse, only on night duty, ten to 12 nights a month I was working there from the evening 10:00 till in the morning till seven. And I liked the job, and I like to do night duty because I'm on my own. I can look after the patients, and I can do my thing. And in between if it was done, everything, I could read and write. And so I've had no difficulties to stay awake. So it was great.

In the morning I came home, he was still laying in the bed, we cuddle a little bit, and then he got up, had breakfast, went with the dog around, and I was sleeping until 2:00 in the afternoon. And then he came and if he came, we maybe had an hour, came to me in my bed again, and then we had coffee, and I had the whole afternoon for us for normal things, reading, walking and so.

Walking, of course, together was a very important thing for us. We tried to go every day at least half an hour or so, less or more, together, just to go for a walk, without any reason. We called it partnership care for. We

haven't had much to talk always, but it was every day a time together. It was very important to us. And we think also that makes it also...if you are together since a long time, it's always, every day we have had something together. We are completely.

Hago is sitting on the cupboard writing and reading and so, and I like to do the household, cooking, garden and reading in the evening. We didn't look TV. And so in the evening we're sitting and reading, and it was very...we liked our life.

Then after ten years Hans became old. He was...what was it, almost 60 years, so I don't—65. And so there he was with the theatre, groups information, discussions, and cinemas and so. And we were living in this small place, and it's always to go out, to walk to the train, to change trains to go in the city. Then in the evenings it becomes late, and he always likes to go to bed by 10:00. And then if you are in Berlin it's half past 11:00, oh, when is the next train coming? So he said why do we stay in this small village? Even in the future we become more older, maybe.

Then we read in one Christian newspaper, it came every fortnight. It was a left-wing Christian newspaper. We read about a group in Dresden who were looking for elderly people to live together in one house. Each one has his own flat, his own contract with the landlord and so, but we live together. They have a common room. This we found very good. We have a community, but you can stay on your own. So we said that's a thing we would like to do in Berlin also. So we adverted in...put in the ad in...

Mark B. Put an ad in the newspaper.

Manfred H. Ad in the newspaper about two friends are looking for some people who want to live together in one house. And then we got more than 40 answers, and we made the first meeting in Berlin. The whole day we came together. We were talking what's your idea, what's your idea. And in this time in Berlin there was still room available to live. Today there's nothing anymore. And then we saw we were bringing something new to Berlin.

But then we got to know there are so many groups already, we want to come together. Many of them want to build houses together. But we want to rent a flat and we want to rent flats that people even with less money can afford it. And so yeah, we made an appointment for the next meeting. But then it always came new people, and we always must start from the beginning, what we will do, what might happen. And so we closed the group. We have 50 people.

Mark B. Fifteen people.

Manfred H. Fifteen people at this time who could think to live together in the near future. And so we met every second month for a whole weekend someplace, and we're making plans, spinning whatever, and how old, how, with a water fountain in the garden, and all these things.

Mark B. And were the people, was this straight and gay people, or they were all—

Manfred H. We were the only gay.

Mark B. You were the only gay people.

Manfred H. But we didn't want to live in the pure gay community. Most of them are widows, or they are divorced. And most...some of them have their children that were living in Berlin, and they want to come more nearer to them. And then came all over Germany. And so these weekends always, it was very constructive, and we had holiday together to get to know each other more. And that was 2003, 2004. And then we were for three years on the way to find a place where we can live. Then of course a few people left. Other was oh, I'm not yet ready for it.

But we wanted to be at Christmas 2007, want to live together. And so we have had more than 48 objects, but we were looking about to live there, and then we would make plans, who can live in this flat, and we have to build up there. But then there was a <u>Genossenschaft/cooperative society</u>. I don't know the English word for it. Maybe you can find it out. It's a group of people who you have to pay a little bit, but the house, the building belong to this—

Mark B. Like a condominium or a cooperative?

Manfred H. A kind of cooperative, yes. With them we would like to live together. And then it was very far already with one place want to build together. And then, of course, you must have how much money is available. And no one likes to talk about his financial places. So Hago was the person who knows from everyone if you want, if you build together, she can afford 30,000 euros, she 25, he 40, and he was the person only who knows. But then, I'll make it short, then suddenly we were going on with the plans and

then it became too expensive. It was just a house on the former place where the Berlin Wall has been.

Mark B. Okay.

Manfred H. But a few days before the last meeting we have had, I went to a meeting, a yearly meeting of the <u>LSVD</u>, Lesbian and Gay political group in Berlin, the biggest one. And then we have had a talk, like it's financial, and the board meeting lecture and all these things. Then afterwards we have a glass of wine and something to eat.

And there was one fellow who was, he was talking all the time, even in the discussion before. I went to him and said who are you? I'm Gilles, he said. I'm a member of the...I'm the leader of the Quarter/city area management. In Berlin there are many social areas where the government says there we must put some people to look after, to bring up the place, to get people together. And for one of these areas he was the chief at this time.

And I like always if some people, if I ask you who are you, if you don't ask me back, and he's very, and who are you? And I liked him. And I told him I'm Manfred, I'm a member of this group who are looking for a flat for people. Oh, he said, great, you can come to our place. There's so many rooms free. And it's an area where normal Germans, middle class Germans wouldn't like to go, because there are only foreigners, and Arabs, and Turks. But there was a place for us.

So the next day I went there, looked. I could imagine to live there. And then we had our regular meetings and found out it's too expensive. We stopped this, our plans. We were really sad. What can we do now? I told them I found a place, come and have a look. And we went out in the evening, or then, the same day. Yes, we could agree. Yeah, and then we found this place. Next day I went to the landlord office from this. And so he goes, oh, I must think about it.

But anyway, soon after we had a meeting. There were quite a lot of people. Meeting with this landlord on the place there. And yeah, and so we start. And then some no, in this area I can't go to. But we said we start. So we were, at the end we were six people only said we go there because we found, in one house we found empty flats. We got all the information about the things there. We want to have two room, she wants to have three room for her. It's enough for one room flat.

And so we were in June, 2007 we started with six people in five different flats in this one house. And then, of course, the people oh yeah, this is quite nice. And now we are 30 people living together, and we have one room like this for meeting, sitting, celebrating. And we are doing a lot together. We go for a walk once a month. One Sunday evening we have to talk about some subjects which we're interested in. We celebrate our birthday. And what's important is every Tuesday morning we have a big...you must go to this meeting.

## Mark B. It's an obligation.

Manfred H. Obligation, yes. You have to be there in case, if you're in Chicago or you're sick, you must not be there. And then every Tuesday morning by 9:00 come together. We ring the bell and we can calm down. And then we go around—where are you at the moment? How you are feeling, where are you and so on. Everyone can say what he thinks. And then we stop it. You can ask after if you have not understood something. And then we have a protocol. Who has the protocol, who is making the moderation...

And then what kind of topics do we have. Sometimes there's no topics, just difference. Otherwise there are a long list, where we will go for a walk next time, what's the next celebration. And so it's really good. And then a few people, they are more nearer together. Every two weeks they have breakfast together. The other ones, they like to go to the cinema. And then, of course, have you read this book? You must read this book. And so you get so much...

Mark B. It's a very rich community.

Manfred H. Yeah, rich community. It enriches us, your normal life. And it's very good. And sometimes we go for the Yule and we go together for holiday. And it's a good way in the way. I'm the youngest one in the group. Hago is the eldest one. He's 81. And so we all become older. But we are not alone. And the children of them, of the mothers, they are happy that the parents are somewhere. It's good.

Mark B. Wonderful.

Manfred H. And we are active. Many of us are working in the <u>Attac</u>, by the Greens, by the church, and so it's...yeah. We are active seniors.

Mark B. Very active. It sounds wonderful. So have you and/or Hago, about HUK, have you and Hago stayed involved? So how did you come to be part of the Global Network? How did that all connect? Have you been involved with HUK, and how did you come to be part of the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics to come here?

Manfred H. Oh, yes, yes.

Mark B. Well, actually, go back. Did you ever go to the European Forum?

Manfred H. No.

Mark B. You've never been to the European Forum? Okay.

Manfred H. No. I've been there. I got a contact about the Global Network... Yes, of course by this meeting of the German HUK twice a year, there was one meeting I heard Michael asking or telling about the Global Network, and it takes place, the next meeting, in Munich—

Mark B. In Munich.

Manfred H. Munich, so I could go there. And then I found it very impressive. Over 90 people from 35 countries. And yeah. And the aim we came together I found very good. So I really love the GNC. And then I got to... And then in Germany I get information by email always, but I'm not an active member. But I also get information. I like very much. Then it was the next meeting in Chicago, and I still, I have a visa valid until 2021 for America,

and so I could go there. And Hago said yeah, go, go, go, go, go. So we booked last year already for plane, for flight, and I got to know where it is, so I booked a place here, a room in the Cenacle. And yeah, so that's my contact with GNRC.

And this time even I found it more better for me. The first time in Munich it was a good meeting, but I couldn't understand how it, with the board, and with the meeting, and then with the regions, and you can elect, you cannot elect someone. And it was for me, and also because of my English, and so to understand all the people, it's not so easy.

And then, of course, in Munich we met one young person. She's a trans from Uganda, and her story was so...yeah, set-backing for us, and so... And it hurts us, really. And then Michael Brinkschroeder, he did an interview with a lot of people, and last year in the—and he make an exhibition out of it, with wall art. Have you seen this?

Mark B. No, I haven't.

Manfred H. It's down there.

Mark B. I'll have to look that up. I haven't seen that.

Manfred H. But this one, it's all...ten—it's the story of this person, Joanita in German and English, and it goes around through Germany and Austria and Switzerland now. And I told him if you talk to Hago, he always...you can think he has been with me today because he follows me up so quick. And then we asked to make the exhibition in our church.

Mark B. Oh, okay.

Manfred H. We did it the beginning of May. We got a great <u>vernissage/opening event</u> in the evening. Eighty people were there. And then for eight weeks the exhibition was in our church. And Pentecost it stopped. Now of course it was on tour in different places. And so the way to start this exhibition out here, of course I've had a lot of contact through GNRC and so on. Yeah, so now I'm hoping the next meeting will not be too far from Germany.

Mark B. Okay. I was just going to say. So that's a great story, Manfred. Thank you.

Any sort of things you're looking—anything else you're looking forward to, or things that you want to share as we wrap up?

Manfred H. I just, I made this morning a few small notes...,

Mark B. Good.

Manfred H. Bremen, small village. Local parliament. Adoption. I told you already about my adoption. When I come to the church priest I told you, farm. Oh, in Bremen also I start farming again. We had only a small house, small garden around, and a few chickens and two pigs. And then I'm, when I was a child already, I like cows. I want to have a cow. And this area is full of lawns where the cows can live, and so many farmers have closed up their farming because of age, and so.

And then there was many fields which are under nature reserve, so... But the government, or local government gave these fields to people who look after because it must be something, don't care for this field, because otherwise the trees coming out, it's typical area, it's not... And so they offer the place, and for 20 Deutsche Marks, or ten euro I could get a big field. Fifteen hectares I got.

And I started with the cow. I had cows who can stand all the year out of the...on the lawn. Long-haired Galloways, we have heard about, a special Scottish breed. And I only knew, at this time I knew them as black cows. Very nice. One small one, and tame. And then I came to one breeder who was looking after, and he has a completely white, black ear, black feet, black eyes, and so I was really...I loved him. And so I bought a mother cow and a bull, and so we started. We brought them home. And afterwards we had 22 cows.

Mark B. [Laughs.]

Manfred H. And sheep. And six donkeys. At this time I was like a farmer.

Mark B. You were.

Manfred H. But I did it as a hobby in the afternoon. And then, of course, I became a member of this cow society. You went to exhibitions. White shirt, black trousers, a cow here.

Mark B. This is all about Galloway cows.

Manfred H. Yes, right. And I got a first prize with my calf, and so it was a great time.

And then you have heard about BSE, of course. It's a cow disease.

Mark B. Yes, yes.

Manfred H. Years ago it start, but just before the BSE crisis came and all the cows were slaughtered in the country, we got to know that we will go to Ruedersdorf near Berlin, so we couldn't take the cows with us. And there was one lady, a very rich lady, she had a big farm before, but she retired, and she was a fan of cows, too. And she saw me on this exhibition, oh, Mr. Tiedeken, can't I buy this one? And she bought all our cows. And so we left to her, and then we went to Berlin. And she is still a good friend of ours. She's a very great leader of this kind of cow. That was in Bremen. It was great. Small town church life. I did it.

Berlin, far away. I didn't talk a little bit about our parish in Berlin, of course. We came to this place. And there was a group of, what do you call it, monks. Monks and nuns. And so we were...every quarter of the year they have had a meeting in front of the house where refugees were put together to send out by force. And we didn't like it. We want to have people can live in our country and they must not be forced out for instance. And these nuns and monks, they went every quarter of a year whole afternoon we stand in front of the prison. We're praying, singing. And a lot of people came together.

And there was mostly, the other ones were mostly Protestant parishes and so, but only one Catholic parish was there. And that's the parish we were. In the beginning always we say I am so, I come from there. And there was...I found it very good that the Catholic parish is also doing these active things. And by chance this parish was near the place we went to.

Mark B. Oh, it's near where you were living.

Manfred H. And this parish is run by the Pallottine Fathers. It's an order.

Mark B. What's the name of the parish?

Manfred H. Saint Christophorus. And the headline of this church is to be social, to be spiritual, and to be cultural. And so it is a very lively parish. The church is full every Sunday, and we do every... Last Sunday in the morning they have...we feed the homeless, they can come. We have the only Catholic church who have a flat for church asylum seekers. And there's a group who look for them. We have always someone. And now we have a couple from Afghanistan in our church.

Mark B. Good.

Manfred H. And then in Berlin, of course, in 2015, you know, Angela Merkel opened the border, and all come in. And there was a lot to do for us for everyone who wants to, who sees the needs of the refugees. And so we engaged with giving lessons, doing something, collecting clothes and help them in the bureaucracy. And so it fill our days. Hago gives, twice a week he gives German lessons to...they come in our house.

Mark B. People come to your house and Hago gives German lessons.

Manfred H. And then I like to play games with them, to cook with them, and so it's...yeah.

Mark B. Very fine. You are both very active yet. Very good.

Manfred H. See, Manfred is the minister of foreign affairs. And then, of course, two years ago I started to get health problems. I couldn't walk anymore, and that's a big problem. I can ride a bike. Everywhere I go by bike in Berlin. I don't like to make sports in the fitness club, and so biking is very good for me.

Mark B. Very good, uh-huh.

Manfred H. And Hans doesn't like it. He's even afraid, and Berlin is full of traffic.

Mark B. Lots of traffic.

Manfred H. But I...it doesn't matter to me. But then I got health problem. My spines are going like this one, and I couldn't walk anymore.

Mark B. Just two weeks ago you said?

Manfred H. No, two years.

Mark B. Two years ago, okay.

Manfred H. And then I got operation. It hasn't become better, even more worse. I've had operation again. It's quite okay now. I have to lift my legs. But I can go by bike, and I can do my small garden.

Mark B. You're still gardening. Very good.

Manfred H. But I told you in these former times always walk half an hour together.

And that's not possible anymore. Hago don't go by bike and I don't like, or it's heavy for me to walk. It's a little bit problem. But it is as it is.

And now we have, when we travel in the holidays all the time, a very small camping car. We went all over Europe and so on, to places in a camping car. And now for Hago it's also, now it's...he's not interested. So we put our camping car on the farm place of my brother near the Baltic Sea. He's a kilometer away from the Baltic Sea. And so we have a beautiful home by the Baltic Sea.

Mark B. Perfect.

Manfred H. And Hago is still there at the moment. He looks after the animals of them because they went for a few days away.

Mark B. Good.

Manfred H. Yeah, now I am in Chicago and...

Mark B. Thank you so much for telling, for this time, Manfred. It's wonderful.

Thank you.

Manfred H. And you'll told me I'll get it to read and I can add...

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