

## Audio 2 - Edmonds Impact

He is, you know, very unusual thinker and talker, and you know, his mind was pretty quick and it was movin' pretty quick. So he would, you know, say these things that were very, you know, thought provoking. If they weren't thought provoking I would have never remembered them and then of course they would have never have been stated and they would never have gotten written down or they wouldn't have ended up in the media or they wouldn't have ended up in the documentary or they wouldn't have ended up in all these different ways that we use to tell the story. Then and significantly it wouldn't have made a resonance with the public.

So you know when Edmund says, the reality is sometimes painful, you know, and I remember when he said, cause it was the night that we failed to find St. Josephs out of the cold and make it work and I came back and it was snowing and I stood in the front doorway of the park entrance with him. Out of the snow coming down and I was upset, more upset than he, that he couldn't stay there. Cause of course I am going to worry, and I'm getting ready to say goodnight to him and go home and leave him on the street. So he is the one that said to me, "reality can sometimes be painful Bob." He put his hand on my shoulder, trying to reassure me and then he said, "There is no place in the world for me." and you know, when somebody says something like that, those two things together in one... that's, you are never going to forget that. You are certainly never going to forget if they get shot a week later.

So... and I considered of course that was exactly what my job was, however it was I was going to get it done, was I was gonna to find a place, he and I were going to find that there was place in the world for him. Find someway to that place. It's not something I could make for him, you know, I can't deliver that for him, and maybe it was that he couldn't get it on his own either, you know. But maybe together, we would find something or at least a direction, suggesting that he was wrong, you know, that there was a place in the world for him and that we were going to try some.

After we got tired of doing the same... like the old things, going over the old patterns, right, which were maybe the suffering and the alienation and exclusion, like loss and grief and having no place, you know, just wondering and having no place and then we get sorta done with that, then you know, you start to break the mold and maybe something new is gonna come, something new is gonna emerge, that's what I really believed was gonna happen with Edmund, but not, not the shooting.