

8 Q. Take those, please, just one piece
 9 A. Well, I will just give you my little piece
 10 here that nobody has said, or seems to take any
 11 note of the sacrifices that these women made for
 12 these children over all of these years. These
 13 ladies were good ladies. They were trying to do
 14 the best they could. Some were extremely
 15 intelligent women. Others were not that
 16 intelligent and they were operating according to
 17 their intelligence, so if some of them made
 18 mistakes it was understandable. Some of them
 19 were poor farm girls off the farm up in Quebec
 20 that went in the convent and might not have had
 21 any great, certainly not any great child care
 22 skills or something, so maybe they made some
 23 mistakes, but those women also sacrificed. Those
 24 girls, those nuns would be up late at night; if a
 25 child was sick, they would stay with the child as

1 a mother would, and they also gave up time from
 2 their families, when families would come to visit
 3 them here, so they could be with the children. I
 4 just feel that these women did a wonderful job
 5 over all of these years; certainly there were
 6 mistakes, but they did wonderful work. My view
 7 was that they took very good care of these
 8 children.

9 Certainly there could have been, I don't
 10 like to keep coming back, some bad things could
 11 have happened, because that happens in every
 12 institution, that is the world. That is the
 13 family of the world. It happens in every family.
 14 So I just want to pay tribute to these good women
 15 who had given up their lives to take care of
 16 these children, and I think somebody should say
 17 something about that somewhere along the line,
 18 because they did. They gave of themselves and of
 19 their talents, and of their physical strength.
 20 And, yes, they may have floundered at times; but
 21 I have never met anyone in my life who hasn't.
 22 So I want that a little bit on the record that,
 23 the good care the Sisters gave. They gave the
 24 best care they could; the best care they knew how
 25 to give, and they asked nothing in return.

1 And another thing I want to say is the
 2 quality of some of the children who were brought
 3 in here is something that hasn't really been
 4 stated too much; that many of these children were
 5 taken out of courts, because they were juvenile
 6 offenders and so forth; and they are difficult to
 7 deal with. I am not going to dwell on that.

8 So with all of these accusations I feel
 9 very badly because nobody says the wonderful work
 10 these Sisters made for over a hundred years to
 11 the children of this state, that the state was
 12 not taking care of, incidentally. So I guess
 13 that is where I am going to end. I want to pay a
 14 big tribute to these Sisters.

15 The Sisters of Providence are a wonderful
 16 group, not only here, but they run the largest
 17 mental institution in Canada; outside of
 18 Montreal, St. John of God, its name is.
 19 Marvelous hospitals in western Canada. Marvelous
 20 youth center in, in DesPlaines. Marvelous places
 21 in the state of Washington, big hospitals. And I
 22 just think it is not right, and many of the
 23 Sister who were here had served in those
 24 institutions, too, they had been transferred
 25 around. I just think the Sisters of Providence