

by screened porches the wind blows through.

Q. I didn't know you had a treehouse. [Laughter]

*The President.* Yes, look at it. Built that for the grandkids that don't exist. Some of the fellows go up there with some high-powered binocs and high-powered weaponry.

Q. Yes, right.

*The President.* Here's another way down. There's, let's see, five entries with the Rainy Creek area. You know, I'd say we've been through a third of this, about half.

Q. So how big is the guesthouse? Is it just for one, two people?

*The President.* No, no, two beds, two baths, and a little sitting room. Then we've got the—you remember the Governor's house?

Q. Yes.

*The President.* That's three bedrooms, two baths. That's where Condi will stay tonight. So we've got—then Barbara and Jenna's room are at the end of the house. A lot of time they're not here. We've got one, two, three, four—eight guestrooms, if Barbara and Jenna aren't here.

Q. So it's plenty big.

*The President.* Yes. The Governor's house, is what we call that, is where the guy from whom we bought the property lived. Then we fixed it up.

Q. Yes, I remember. We had a little lunch, remember that, in 2000?

*The President.* That's right.

Q. That's where you were with Tommy Franks when you talked to us last year.

*The President.* That's exactly right.

Q. I remember Colin Powell was—[inaudible].

*The President.* That's exactly right.

Q. [Inaudible]

*The President.* No, that was for the announcement, in the high school.

Q. What was that?

*The President.* That was for the announcement of him being Secretary of State.

Q. No, no, you know when you came out with Powell was—he was still—it was right after election night when we were into the recount. That's the first time you brought—and the Cheneys were here.

*The President.* Was he there?

Q. He was.

Q. He was sitting at the table.

*The President.* Oh, that's right. We talked about the cows the day we announced him as Secretary of State. It was very funny.

Q. This is the back of the house here?

*The President.* Back of the house. This is the northern view.

Q. It's beautiful.

*The President.* Thanks. This is native rock. The house is contoured so that when it rains, it drains into a 40,000-gallon cistern. We can recycle, watering all the grasses and trees around here.

Q. Now, are these Mrs. Bush's grasses—

*The President.* Not yet.

Q. So that's where you go to write the State of the Union. [Inaudible]

*The President.* Yes.

Q. Oh, I see, and that's the—

*The President.* That's the famous swimming pool—

Q. Oh, that's right.

*The President.* Which I dubbed the "whining pool," but—[inaudible]. [Laughter]

Q. Come on.

*The President.* No, I'm glad we got it. There was a lot of cajoling going on.

Q. [Inaudible]

*The President.* That's exactly right.

That's one of those things that lasts about three sets. Oh, well, we're tired of tennis.

Q. It's too hot.

*The President.* Too hot.

[*The tour continued.*]

*The President.* See how that little cedar is growing up from underneath there?

Q. Yes.

*The President.* That will be gone by—[inaudible]. When we got out here to haul