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Interview with Thomas A. Shay, Nov. 4, 1991
Dedham County House of Corrections

1. I took the things I said [for the bus station press conference] from the newspaper.
2. I was with my friend, Scott Critcher that night at a party. [Sunday before the bomb was placed] [222 Center St, Quincy???
3. I wanted to stick up for my father. I love my father so much I'd do anything for him--except commit murder. We get along great.
4. Mary Flanagan has never been my mother and never tried to be.
5. Nothing has ever come between me and my father.
6. unclear reference to Howard Crossman, maybe a probation officer
7. I was with the Red Cross in the San Francisco earth quake and got the papers and badge to prove it.
8. I'm a professional masseuse. Went to the School of Massage in LA. I used to work in the Club Body Center in Providence.
9. My favorite books are Huckleberry Finn and National Geographic.
10. I've always been easily depressed. I burned down my family home at five [years old] in Allston. You're not going to put that stuff about the psychiatric hospitals in the paper are you? Don't put them on the front page, OK?
11. All the attention made me feel special and I never had that feeling before. In the beginning I wanted the publicity and now I got more than I can handle.
12. The truth is I just turned twenty Sunday and I don't know how to make a bomb. I don't hang around with criminals or do drugs. If the FBI thinks a kid who left school in the eighth grade can learn to make a bomb [in parochial??] school, they'll never catch the real guy.
13. The police treated me unfairly. They grilled me. One said 'I won't let anybody hurt you but his partner got in my face.
14. If I knew who made [the bomb] I'd have ratted him over the day I was arrested. I'm not guilty. I'll take a lie detector test or they can hypnotize me. I'll do whatever it takes to prove I'm not guilty.
15. I'm not guilty. I'll do whatever it takes to prove that. They