

10. Item # MANZ 389 BT2 (any medical-related artifacts)

**Paul Takagi [PT], MANZ 1164 (interviewed by Richard Potashin [RP])—
Tape 1, Side B (CD), Track 5, 0:43 – 2:55**

PT: I was the hospital orderly when James Nishimora was shot in the back, and I was assigned to him to take over the observation and just being with him on the night shift. And James was lying on his right side because he was shot in the back. And there was a drainage bag but no oxygen, no hydration system, and he really, really needed it. I wondered where in the hell was the doctor and the nurses. Damn place was empty. Or at least it appeared empty. During the night he said it twice, "I don't want to die, I don't want to die." I am watching him like this, I have my pea coat on, I am cold, and my head is saying, "Come on Paul, let's go for a walk." And that's what my head said, but the body didn't move. Later on it said, "Come on Paul, let's go get some coffee." I can't move. I am frozen and really, really, frozen. And I told _____ this story and she thought I was in a state of a kind of a trauma. Finally eight o'clock came around. I quit and I really, really had to. And for five months I did nothing. I just got books from the library and just read all night.