

the story straight, where I discovered the story, was only when I became a first hand witness. I'll give you a couple of examples.

We were in Uganda, there was this guy named Museveni who was trying to take over the country, and we stopped in first and talked to the Canadian embassy people who were in Kenya, asked them, well what is the situation? Is Obote going to win, is the government going to fall, this guy Museveni is he going to win, and they said, no question, as unfortunate as it may be, Museveni hasn't got a chance, the government will stand, the government will hold fast. We got there, we got into Uganda, we talked to the British embassy, the British officials, same story. We'd love to say that Museveni might make a difference but they're kids, the army is ragtag, they are fourteen, they have no proper arms. We read in the English newspapers in Kampala that this key city called Masaka where Museveni was conducting an onslaught, trying to take it over, that the government forces that were there had held the town.

So here we are, let's say we can't witness anything. I am a reporter but what do I report? Canadian, British, French actually, all the officials, State people, they all said one thing. The English newspaper said the same thing. We are in Kampala, we are not in Masaka. And everybody says there the government is holding...we had to go out and see for ourselves. And you can guess what happened. We finally got through all of these checkpoints saying stay away and we would talk to them and finally they would let us go another mile down the road and another. And we became finally what we were there for, to witness. And there Museveni's people, having complete control of Masaka. Yes, one fourteen-year old kid had a yellow boot and a red boot on the other foot. I mean they did look crazy, the Brits were right. But you have to witness. No matter how authoritative the source was, it could be wrong.

I give you another example, 1985; there has been a lot of discussion about the TWA hostage crisis; many of you probably recall this. It was a Saturday morning, and I was in Beirut. Larry Speaks, White House spokesman says, "the hostages are released." Not "negotiations are going on," not "things look hopeful," "the hostages have been released." Well, we were still not quite sure. Syrian radio, the equivalent of the Syrian government, what did they say? About fifteen minutes later, ladies and gentlemen,