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MAX: Must've been 1950 then. I was at NBC. Morning News. Associate producer. I was a kid, twenty-six years old. Anyway, they were building the lower level on the George Washington Bridge, and we were doing a remote there. Except nobody told me! Ten after seven in the morning I get a call. "Where the hell are you? You're supposed to be on the George Washington Bridge!" I jump out of bed, throw my raincoat over my pajamas, run down the stairs. I get out in the street. I flag a cab. I jump in. I say: "Take me to the middle of the George Washington Bridge!" (*tears streaming down his cheeks*) The driver turns around. He says, don't do it, buddy. (*so weak now he can barely talk*) He says, you're a young man. You got your whole life ahead of you.