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Q. What was the first notice you had, Mrs. Allison, of the flood?

A. What was the first notice I had?

Q. Yes, Ma'am.

A. The first notice I had my little girl told me, they said the dam had broken up there. Someone said the dam had broken.

Q. What little girl was that?

A. My little granddaughter.

Q. Would that be Angela Louise?

A. Yes, uh-huh.

Q. Did she come to your house and tell you that or what?

A. No, she called me and told me. We all got a telephone.

Q. She called you on the telephone and told you?

A. Yes

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Q.. That she heard something about the dam breaking?

A. Yes.

Q. About what time did you get this telephone call?

A. The water was about down there then when she called and told us. The water was about there then because my husband, he walked on, out by the road and he discovered the water coming down. Because she said the water's coming down and I said, "Oh, there ain't no water." I didn't think it was true because

they'd been saying that a lot of times about the dam breaking.

Q. Give me your best recollection, Mrs. Allison, as to about when you got this telephone call from your granddaughter?

A. I don't exactly recall the time.

Q. I wouldn't expect you to, but give me an idea.

A. But anyway -- I really don't know because anyway, when she said it, the water was -- the water was coming around the curve up there.

Q. Are you telling me you don't have any idea as to what --

A. I sure don't.

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Q. I haven't finished yet. You're telling me you don't have any idea as to when you received the telephone call from your granddaughter?

A. No, I really don't.

Q. All right. After you received the telephone call from your granddaughter, what did you do?

A. Went on to the door. Went to look out.

Q. You did?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. What did you see?

A. I didn't see nothing right at that time.

Q. What did you do then?

A. Well, just walking around there thinking, wondering was it true.

Q. What did you do after walking around thinking and wondering?

A. We walked on out -- we're going to go out here and see what we hear. We went on out t4bere and when we went on out there we saw the water coming down the road in big waves. At that time, my husband had a little hoe on his shoulder and we walked on out there by the store, by the Clay Brothers Store and after a

while we saw the water coming down there and when he discovered a child coming down in the water he run on down the road and I

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turned back to the house, came back to the house running and I said, "That water is coming, too" and it was doing like that, (indicating) in waves. When I went back to the house, I ran into the house to get some of my clothes out of there and tried to throw up -- and throw them up and get them out of the way. I grabbed two or three sheets and throwed them up there and at that time my husband came back to the house. He said the water is here and the water run in and he tried to grab the rug and throw up the rug and the water broke through the door and the glass broke out of the door and he said, "Let's get out of here, let's get out of here," and he said, "Too much of this water is coming in this house, we're going to get drowned." My son ran around the house, came off the hill, ran around the house and caught hold of me. I grabbed my cat and my dog too. He grabbed me and pulled us on out.

Q. Did you say awhile ago your husband saw a child coming down in the water?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see the child?

A. No, when he said that -- when I seen the water I run back to the house trying to save some of my things. I run back to try to get some of my things.

Q. When you and your husband decided that you

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had better get out of there, where did you go?

A. Up the hill.