

Key Information

Name: Hugh Mitchell

Age: 63

Current Cabin: 100

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Ethnographic Preface:

On February 10th I had scheduled an interview with Hugh Mitchell, who is currently renting cabin 100. He stumbled upon Salmon Beach after one of his Peace Corps friends had found his way to the beach. Hugh first arrived in the early 1970s. He has lived in six different cabins during his time in Salmon Beach. Although he has left periodically, he's always returned. Salmon Beach is more than just old fishing cabins – it's a trail he follows home. Furthermore, the weather caused enormous waves to hit the shore as I walked along the trail to get to his house. Professor Gardner had mentioned that this was one of the windiest days they've had. As one walks down the trail, there are gaps between a few of the houses. In this interview, Hugh mentions that these were formerly cabin locations. As I approached his house, it had a welcome sign with a picture of a dog. Each house has its own history. Cabin 100 was previously owned by a retired University of Puget Sound professor.

During the interview, Hugh mentions various interesting topics, such as the years the hippies took over, the numerous parking lots, and how Salmon Beach has always welcomed University of Puget Sound students and staff. As a Tacoma resident, I had never heard of the Salmon Beach community until this assignment, which Hugh explained was common. The path that this community shares is important to Hugh. He also talks about how the community has changed. This community is a home to many, and it continues to welcome families. However, there are challenges – when talking about the Shoreline Management Act, for example, which Hugh elaborates on during the interview. Hugh is a man who genuinely loves Salmon Beach and cares for it. It is more than old fishing cabins – it's a community.

[Editor's Note: this was a particularly challenging transcription with many unclear sections. In editing the transcription, significant effort was made to revise for clarity of meaning.]

Transcription

[I begin to introduce myself and the assignment once I settle down]

Amairany: Yes, so its Andrew Gardner's ethnographic methods class, and what we are doing is going to talk to specific people. I got assigned to you, and talking about Salmon Beach's Oral History, so just getting to know the history about how the cabins were built and how this community came to be.

Hugh: Well, it has gone through lots of changes just like any place, any community or any country that has gone through lots of changes.

Amairany: Thank you.

Hugh: For a hundred year now.

Amairany: Thank you. I definitely wanted to talk about how you came to live at Salmon beach? When did you first come? Or was it established as a community, because I understand they were fishing houses?

Hugh : I came in 1973 or 1974. I left a couple times, but I've always come back, so I guess I'm probably one of the old timers. Andrew has probably told you the originals were probably the Puyallups [Native American Tribe] that came down here to pick berries and fish. I am pretty sure that's established. They did not stay here – there was no need for them to stay. It was an easy place to get to.

A: okay.

Hugh: And on this end there is a tunnel. I don't know if you know that.

A: No, I did not know that.

Hugh: Well, in a minute I'll hear a train coming and you will see a train coming, and it will disappear.

Amairany: haha.

Hugh: It goes into a tunnel that is a mile long and then it comes out down on Ruston Way.

Amairany: Oh, okay, yes

Hugh: You know where that comes out – the big Ruston Way development? That's where that comes out. So some of the first inhabitants – the next inhabitants, for sure – were the Chinese laborers that built this tunnel. So they built some really small places, and as you go out – this is cabin 100 – there's a little place called 97 with a little plaque on it, and that for sure was built by Chinese laborers. It's a historical site. It's been fixed up. But the basic size is the same, and I lived in there before it got all fixed up. And for insulation they used newspaper, in 1910 or 1908 or something like that. In fact, the walls didn't even have studs in them – I mean, they threw them up real quick.

And for a long time this was a place known for ... people around Ruston ... a lot of guys came down here and fished.

A: Oh

H: So did he [Professor Gardner] go into the Foss family? You never asked? That's who Foss High School was named after, and that's why you see a lot of tug boats that are green and white. The Foss family, or part of the Foss family, down in cabin 33, 34, had a little store – a place you could rent row boats. That would be in the early 1900s. I think it was mostly Henry Foss' wife. And at one time we even had

our own post office down here. But that is long gone. And then for a long time this was a place for guys to come down – a lot of old bachelors would have their fishing cabins and get away and drink and fish.

Then the during the Great Depression of the 1930s probably had the largest population here, ever – even more than we have now, because housing didn't cost much, they could literally then fish off the decks and get a lot of fish. And there were a lot of houses on both sides of the trail which no longer exist. After the depression it really was mostly old fisherman – old guys that came down to fish and get away. Some of them lived here, some of them didn't. Some lived up in Ruston. And then about late 1960's and early 1970s, people they referred to as hippie's kind of took it over. The old place was run down

I have friends who bought places for \$500 or \$1500, and sort of started brining it [Salmon Beach] back. And then once they got settled in, some of them got married or had kids. Then it started becoming more of a full time community again with all the houses occupied.

Amairany: So have you seen the community grow?

Hugh: Oh yeah! All these houses – this house – was a little itty bitty thing. All these were just itty bitty small houses. So if you walk the trail you can walk from one end to the other. I can walk with you – there are huge houses, big houses, and there are very few of the originals left. And now they are expensive, and now also we have over thirty children down here.

Yeah, there is that boom going, so there's lots of ... I don't think there is anyone that is twenty that lives here. Maybe one or two – there are a lot of people in their late thirties or forties that were having children that decided to stay here. So it's a full time community connected by a common path

Amairany: Okay.

Hugh: There is another parking lot.

Amairany: I didn't know that

Hugh: You came in straight after the gate?

Amairany: Yes

Hugh: If you would have taken a right, you would have gone down to another parking lot, and that is where if you lived in houses one through fifty-seven you would park in that parking lot. There use to be a third parking lot but it's no longer here.

Amairany: Why?

Hugh: It was only for the last six houses. It was real small. right before you got to the left you could turn left and go up a hill. There was a development up there, and he owned this property for a while. So when he decided to build those houses up there, they were pretty modern houses, and then he cut that road off. So Salmon Beach, at one time, one end was owned by one man and the other was owned by

Point Defiance, or owned by the park or Point Defiance. So eventually we had to go through negotiation to buy the land. We had to go through negotiations and buy the land.

Amairany: Oh, really?

Hugh: This beach has two different government bodies, just because the way the land was purchased. Everybody owns their house, but they own the land in common, and each house is responsible for maintaining the trails. And when we first came down here, everybody had to get your water out of a spring – a well you had to pump out.

Amairany: Oh, wow!

Hugh: And most of all the toilets went straight to the water.

Amairany: That's what I remember Andrew talking about.

Hugh: Yeah, so now it's all pumped up in a very elaborate system. It's pumped and goes out and goes down, and gets pumped back up again. And this half has city water. The other half has 43 cabins still is on spring water. They chose not to get city water for whatever reason.

there are a lot of very interesting people down here – lots of characters.

Amairany: Do you know everyone on this path?

Hugh: From here to the stairs, yes I do. Those are the people you have the most contact with or see in the parking lot. Not that you don't see other people, but I just don't have enough daily contact with others.

Hugh: In the summer you stand out on your decks and talk to your neighbors, and you can see your neighbors, and that's hard to do when they're way down there [at the other end of the beach]. We all gather for July 4th. Everybody meets at the end. They have ... it used to be a rowboat race. As you can imagine, now it has paddle boards, kayaks, and more – all kinds. No power boats, and they all go way to cabin number one., and kinda all gather there. So July 4th is a big gathering. New Years is a big gathering, a couple times a year on the beach in August.

Amairany: So it is different, in comparison to when you first got here and it was more of a bachelor ...

Hugh: Yes, that's a good way to put it: a lot of us were bachelors. Yeah, there weren't very many people. Yeah, still some of the old time fisherman were here, and it was a really fun place. Work wasn't necessarily our main passions. We were single, and as long as you had enough money to pay rent and bring in food and groceries, you would be okay with for a while. It was a free easy going period and time in life.

Amairany: What brought you back? You said you ...

Hugh: When I left ... Why do I live here? Is what you are really asking? Well, the friendships, and for me, the world makes more sense if I have a path or a trail to walk through to get home, and of course, the natural beauty.

Amairany: It's beautiful.

Hugh: It's beautiful. It's hard to find a place more beautiful than this, so ... I guess those are the three main reasons. I have a lot of close friends here. Places where I have a trail to walk on makes an easier life for me, I guess. I am more content.

Amairany: Yeah, its very secluded.

Hugh: Yeah, it is. The stairs separate a lot of people. I mean, that's the separator, because you have to carry everything up or down.

Amairany: No, I know. Haha

Hugh: So these houses have really gotten expensive.

Amairany: Oh, really?

Hugh: Over the years, obviously. It's gotten a lot fancier and nicer. The prices have really gone up. But if there was an escalator, then the houses would be millions of dollars, just because the location. And the steps are good for you. The other side is a trail, a slope like this [gesturing with hands], which I find easier. That goes to the other parking lot, and I always felt that made a difference, you know

Amairany: Yeah

Hugh: Who wouldn't wanna live here?

Amairany: yeah, definitely

Hugh: For the big stuff you come in by boat. If you were going to move here you ... its good to have someone with a boat or something. That is, of course, the best way to bring heavy stuff.

Amairany: Do you have a boat?

Hugh: No, but I have a friend. When I moved into this place, I had a friend. So that makes a big difference. But you have to carry all your groceries

Amairany: Yeah, up and down the stairs!

Hugh: Wherever you have to, You carry your garbage or anything else up hill it needs to get done.

Amairany: Do you do that often? How's the living situation? Do you buy groceries often?

Hugh: I think here, because of where we live, people probably shop more but buy smaller amounts. Those that have a family, of course ... that's a whole different situation. They go to Costco, and sometimes they may have to make two or three runs, or leave toilet paper and tissue stuck in the car and get them when you can. And that's another thing. It's a ... they do it. You gotta get your kids to school, and they gotta take them up the stairs, and you've got three year olds sometimes who don't want to walk the steps, but the kids can run free They are always watched, you know. It is a very, incredibly safe place.

None of us lock our doors. I mean who is going to come down and steal something and carry up the steps? I mean we don't have ... the gates are there partly because the cars, particularly in the summer, were not safe. Does that makes sense? They were too easy for people to come in ...

Amairany: And take them?

Hugh: Yeah, take the car or take what they wanted and so forth. So, that's the main reason for the gates – they really curtails damage to our cars, but overall it's an incredibly safe place. No one really locks their door, and we know everybody. Plus, the kids know the safety rules about water, they run up and down and have friends. So yeah, it's a great place to have a family. You just have to work a little harder physically at it, I guess. Everyone has to figure out what balances out.

Amairany: So how ... You lived here., this is the ...

Hugh: This is the sixth house I lived in at Salmon Beach.

Amairany: Oh really? Wow.

Hugh: I've always been a roomer.

Amairany: But you've always lived on this side of the ...

Hugh: No, I've lived in the far north [of Salmon Beach], in the middle, and then this side. I've lived down here the most. I've lived in three different houses down here.

Amairany: You just kinda stayed with this one, for how long?

Hugh: I've been in this one since 2011

Amairany: Oh, wow, nice, and do you know the history of how this became the cabin that it is? Did you remodel it?

Hugh: Well, they did it real quick. Yeah, in the seventies, before I left, it was just a small home. It might have been one bedroom – pretty much an open living room, kitchen, and a bathroom – it was just a very small little place. Actually, this was built by a UPS professor.

Amairany: Oh, really?

Hugh: Yeah, he was retired. He was a geologist there. He was noted because he predicted when Saint Helens would blow up. That's his noted fame to glory.

So, I actually wasn't living on the beach when he tore it down, but he tore it down pretty quick. That was before we had to worry about the city and the Shoreline Environmental rules and the Shoreline Environmental Management Act, and so on. It was like a big work party. It was a long weekend, and they built the basic frame, and then took the time to in close it, and a lot of the place was built here. We don't like city inspectors, but all of them are safe. But now, particularly, there are really a lot of strings, because of the Shoreline Management Act, and it's hard to even add on. You are not supposed to add on, so this one was built real quick.

Andrew's was, I'm sure, too. I remember when Andrew's was built, and the person who built it. I doubt they went through the city.

Amairany: So then you haven't remodeled it.

Hugh: No, I haven't done anything to it. I haven't remodeled anything. No, once he got it built, he got the basic shell, and then, as we say, covered it – protected it from the wind and other elements, and slowly insulate it more, and so forth. There a lot of them [neighbors who can build these houses]. I'm not one of them. There a lot of skilled craftsmen on the beach – carpenters, electricians and so forth. There are lots of people that will help you build a house, or you can help them to help you work on it.

Amairany: So in the summer and in the winter, is it too hot or is it too cold?

Hugh: You had snow at UPS, right?

Amairany: Yes!!

Hugh: We didn't have any, because we are just lower to the water, and it's warmer here. In the winter it's warmer, and in the summer it's cooler.

Amairany: Oh nice

Hugh: So no, it's just enough warmer that we didn't get snow. I was surprised when I went up the hill that Tacoma had so much snow. And in the summer it will get a little cooler. Well, this house will get really hot, because of the sun coming in. If we go out now, you'll be surprised how hot it might get. In fact, you might be surprised how hot it will get in a few minutes. When that sun comes in I'll drop the blinds, but still – temperature-wise it's cooler than it is in Tacoma. And winter is just the opposite

Now all are pipes to get water are exposed. So if it gets below freezing, we have to run our water all night to keep it going so it won't freeze up. And in the storms, we have to watch to see if there logs that might knock out pilings or knock off stuff.

Amairany: And so you live here all year around?

Hugh: Yes, I live here all year round.

Amairany: So have you established any protocols, other than watching out for logs, for when storms happen?

Hugh: Yeah, you know, you have to take care of your trail, or when your neighbors are gone you watch your neighbor's place.

Amairany:oh, Does everyone here live here all year around? Do some come and go?

Hugh: Yes, everybody. Yes, from here to the stairs we are all full time. Well, no. There is one house that's an exception, excuse me – one. I forgot all about him. He has another house by Stadium, and he comes down mostly in the summer. But almost all these houses are full time, up and down the beach

Amairany: It wasn't like that before, right?

Hugh: No, it was more fishing, but some of them lived in it, like this one, right? But still, almost everyone – plus it's hard to find a place now. You almost have to have someone on the inside to find a place to rent. You sorta have to know somebody.

Amairany: Yeah, that's how you ended up in six different houses.

Hugh: Yeah, because I actually know the people.

Amairany: And how different are the houses that you lived in before to this one?

Hugh: Well, this is the biggest one. This one is way too big for one person. I mean, there are two bedrooms upstairs and a whole living room is there as well. So this is the biggest house I lived in. Oh, I lived in 97 – it was a little historical shack. It's the one that has the marker. There's not much room at all, so that was the smallest. This is the nicest.

And I had one of them that's no longer there, because of the earthquake. Some friends built it up when I came back, and it was fourteen by twenty-four on top of his shop.

Amairany: Oh wow, it does get hot!

Hugh: Yeah, I was going to say, it'll really warm up here. The sun hits.

Amairany: Oh, wow, nice.

Hugh: There's not as many salmon anymore. You rarely hear that anyone caught a salmon off their deck. Yeah, a long time ago, they did pull them in a lot.

Amairany: Do a lot of people fish now, or is it slow?

Hugh: A little bit. the kids can always catch these little fish called Bullheads. That way they get to fish. They're little bitty fishes that you can throw back in. They will eat anything. You know bacon bits, throw it out there – that's a good summer activity for them.

Amairany: And so you mentioned earlier about when the hippies took over.

Hugh: Right, that's what we like to say. Well, that's kinda the sixties, seventies generations. We brought it back, you know? It was a perfect place buy! It was cheap and they weren't fancy. It was kind of a party era, and most of us were single, not working much. Yeah, most of us were single and not working much, just enough to get by, and everyone started settling down. The community changed – it's all good. That's the process.

Amairany: That's good ... amazing ... so ...

Hugh: Would it help you to walk more?

Amairany: To walk?

Hugh: Yeah,

Amairany: Okay

Hugh: It's up to you

Amairany: It's up to you. Well, I just wanted ... whatever, I'm here to listen. Your stories, to me, are by pretty interesting – it's interesting to see the changes in the community.

Hugh: Right. I was wondering if it would help you if we walked to number one. Does that help you? Some people ... everybody's process is different. I mean, people have the different ways of processing – some are visual learners. Some are oral learners – you know what I'm saying?

Amairany: Yeah, haha.

Hugh: I didn't know what yours is.

Amairany: I mean if you want we can walk around.

Hugh: it is totally up to you. What's your comfort level? You get to decide.

Amairany: hmm ...

Hugh: There a lot of great storytellers here on the beach. I'm not one of them, but I'm glad to do this for you.

Amairany: Haha, for Andrew.

Hugh: Yeah.

Amairany: Well, no, I mean, it's okay. It's cold. I don't want to make you walk outside.

Hugh: Okay, no, I understand. Is he going to give you more people to interview down here, or is it just one?

Amairany: I think it's just you.

Hugh: Oh, goodness. But more people are going to interview on Salmon Beach?

Amairany: Yes, we have a whole class who is going to come, and everyone has an individual that they are going to interview.

Hugh: Oh, okay, I didn't know how he was doing it. This is my third time I've been involved in something like this.

Amairany: Yeah, so everyone gets a different person, and they ... We just learn about the history.

Hugh: Different perspectives for sure. Well that's good.

Amairany: I just think it is interesting that ... I didn't know that this place was here!

Hugh: Well, there are people who live in Tacoma all their lives that don't know it's here. I've been in ... it just happened last week. Last week there were some people walking ... walking through Point Defiance park, and there is a dog trail there – a dog park – up there, and they take the trail to the parking lot, and then somebody says, "What's down there?" And I said, there is a whole community down there.

Amairany: hahaha

Hugh: No but there are endless people in Tacoma who don't know it's here or have ever been here, and we like it that way. It's not that we aren't friendly, but we don't want ... it's no longer embedded in us and it's not real noted. Particularly in the summer, you see people walking by a lot that are in the park and the passing by. A lot of young people, probably younger than you, in high school, who walk right down here to the gap. There is cabin 100, and 104 is the end, and there is kind of an open era – a beach. There's a railroad. So they will go up there when the trains are there and stuff.

I keep talking about the train, but I haven't heard one.

Amairany: Haha, I know, I was wondering ...

Hugh: You usually hear a lot.

Amairany: When we came down here it was already dark. We came around seven.

Hugh: So it was dark?

Amairany: Yeah, so it was really dark.

Hugh: So he brought the whole class down? He came down here?

Amairany: Yes, he brought the whole class down. We walked down the stairs and for ... when I came down the stairs it was a short amount of time, and I didn't think it was a really long time or number of stairs, and then he had us walk all the way to where the mermaid is.

Hugh: Oh, okay, so you saw a quite a bit of the beach, then. Yeah, that's about [cabin] forty or so. So there are another forty or so houses if you all went as far as the mermaid. There are another forty houses that way.

Amairany: Well yeah ... there was. When I went – because it was so dark we had to use our flashlights.

Hugh: Oh, okay, and even as you walk by here there are some open areas, right? ... either because of slides or because of fires.

Amairany: Oh, really? So what happens if there is ever an emergency?

Hugh: Well, the fire boat can come to us, but it still takes a while, and because we are in Tacoma the firemen can come down the steps if they couldn't get in. Sometimes they'll be faster than the fireboat. So, we have the same services as anybody in Tacoma. It just takes longer to get to us. Although it would take longer for a fire truck to get here, although there is one pretty close ... I forget. If there was a fire, then if you walk by or I can show you when you go out – we do have fire hoses and enough pressure, and ourselves and to start the process [of putting out the fire] ... well we have had to use them before.

Those of us on city water ... Fortunately, we have four, five firefighter fighters, EMTs, so that's kinda reassuring for us who are a little older.

Amairany: Yeah. Is there anyone ... are there any individuals who have been here longer or as long as you have?

Hugh: Oh yeah, there are ... well, there's the person next to me. All three of us that live in these three houses all started together. We were out in 1973, 1974. There is one ... two, three, four ... at least four people I can think of that have been here longer. Yeah, we came in the late sixties. They're all still here.

Amairany: So you all knew each other and started fishing in the late sixties?

Hugh: Pardon?

Amairany: So you all started fishing?

Hugh: I don't know, I never fished. Some people did, I guess. But none of us are like the old fishermen. They fished off their decks and drank a lot – that's really what they did. They lived up Ruston, and there

were probably other people too. I shouldn't say everybody was, but they kind of had the character of it. The stories told about them ... In any community there are always storytellers that elaborate on them.

Amairany: That's nice ... so you grew up with them, in a way, the three that have been here ...

Hugh: Oh yeah, well, the person next door to me – Kelly – and there's the other at the far end. We were actually all in Peace Corps together.

Amairany: Oh really?

Hugh: Yeah. So we've been around each other for fifty years. So one got here, and told us about it, and then the rest of us came.

Amairany: And how long were you in the Peace Corps?

Hugh: I was in for two and a half years – 1967 through 1969. We all three were in an area called Micronesia. So that's how we all got to the beach. We all ended up in Tacoma. One was in Tacoma first, then the other two came to Tacoma. We found the beach and we all live here.

Amairany: Oh, wow, that's interesting. I didn't know.

Hugh: There's always been UPS students who lived here. House 102 was always a UPS rental. You know, when they moved or graduated they would pass it on to somebody else. But there are no more – probably because it's so expensive, I guess. There use to be a place always for UPS students, and there's always been UPS professors here. We have two now.

Amairany: Andrew

Hugh: Yeah Andrew and Emelie [Peine]. You know when you walk by the little chicken coop? She lives there where the little chicken coop is. That's a small house – that's an original. Anyway, we still have two UPS professors here, but this has always been a UPS place. Like I said, we no longer have students stay here. This house here was about that size [the size of Emelie's place]. This house originally was like that – this kinda goes more this way, then this way [gesturing].

It's designated as a historical area, but they are trying to get the terms change so we can make additions to the houses. Do you know where the houseboats are in Seattle? Have you ever heard about an area in Seattle where people live on houseboats? They have a special protection [?] they have there can make exact changes. We are trying to get that state. [unclear transcription by student here]

And they [modifications and expansions to the houses] are all done carefully ... the person next door was a contractor and an electrician on the beach. You know, that's the main thing – to make sure they're wired safely. When we first came down, a lot of them weren't. You slowly went through and re-wired them all in order to make them safe.

Yeah, there are some houses that burned down for various reasons – a lot of them because they had wood stoves. Some people still use wood stoves.

Amairany: And when did ... what year did all those changes come?

Hugh: Oh, the changes ... The Shoreline Management Act, for ecology reasons, you know, it had some government things. I'm not saying it's all bad. You're trying to keep water less polluted, have more salmon, etc., etc. But we residents respect that, but still, we want to be able to ... It's common things people always want to add or change ... change their houses, you know? Since we left the cave we started building houses ... Everyone wants to make their house better.

Amairany: So how many houses burned down?

Hugh: I don't know if I could tell you that. Five for sure. There are gaps, right? Where you see the gaps, that was caused either by slide or by fire. They can never be built on again. So they are held in commons. Salmon Beach holds them as common.

Amairany: I understand that you like being so secluded, and it feels like a community, but do you also feel like a community outside in the Tacoma area – with Tacoma Community House [an unrelated non-profit organization]?

Hugh: Well, we all have to go to work. So, yeah, we are all a part of the greater thing. I don't have to worry about ... I'm retired, but you do have to go to work, and there are cars.

Amairany: When did they add parking lots?

Hugh: There have always been two. Well, three – that small one – but they weren't paved. There was really a dangerous road, and the steps you came down were dangerous. Along with the new homes and the rebuilt houses comes maintaining the parking lot and the safer road to drive down. Previously it was just old country roads that weren't very safe.

You know that the other end has garages? When you get to the gate you can turn left if you want, and go down to the other parking lot and stay in your car. Right when you come into the gate just follow it down and you'll see. You'll see their parking lot has garages. Most people have garages, not all of them.

Amairany: In comparison to when you first got here, do you still like the community? Do you still love how it's changing?

Hugh: Oh yeah, absolutely. There is just more of us now. Houses are a lot nicer. Do I yearn for the good old days? No. It was a good experience – my kids were here. They still like coming down here. They're in their thirties.

Amairany: So you are retired now, and you still go to the Tacoma Community House?

Hugh: I volunteer. My main thing is playing cards, going to the movies, all those things. And I'm a team leader for Habitat for Humanity. This year I'll take two teams overseas, so that's kinda my big involvement, I guess. I'll be in Vietnam in May and India in December. We'll go for a couple of weeks and build houses.

Amairany: That's amazing, awesome. Well thank you so much for speaking with me.

Hugh: Oh, you're welcome – my pleasure. We gotta get you out of here while there's still daylight! Too bad you didn't bring your flashlight.

Amairany: I know. I forgot a flashlight.

Hugh: Yeah, you're okay. Good luck to you!

Amairany: Thank you

Hugh: Feel free to call if you have any more questions.

Amairany: Alright, it was a pleasure meeting you.

Hugh: It was nice to meet you!

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