

Transcript of Audio Clip with Maggy Read and Peter Bell

Maggy: Coming in to Buenos Aires was – we came in at dark.

Peter: Buenos Aires at night.

Maggy: I remember seeing lots of twinkling lights.

Peter: About 10 o'clock at night.

Maggy: And then seeing this couple.

Peter: Cos we'd had the blackout, you see. We had the blackout in England so we weren't used to these lights.

Maggy: These two people I'd never seen before.

Peter: So these people – I didn't know them. I'd never met them before.

Maggy: Cos they're all speaking a funny language.

Peter: Or they had accents.

Maggy: We got in this great big car, huge –

Peter: So we were introduced and the luggage and this and that. They had this Buick Limousine with a window that came up and down and this sort of –

Maggy: The chauffeur was in the front.

Peter: 10 o'clock at night and off we went to – into BA, Buenos Aires. We call it BA, you see. They had an apartment. Living in the apartment was the butler, the cook and the maid. So it was a big apartment, you can imagine. So we trolled in there, we had some hot milk and we got sent to bed.

Maggy: I can remember the maid coming to me and saying, 'A dormir' 'A dormir' and I didn't know what she meant. But obviously she wanted me to go to bed.

Peter: Argentina (?).

Maggy: Argentina (?). It seems to me we learnt Spanish very quickly. I don't – it didn't seem to take very long before we actually could speak it.