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In this essay, I will be illustrating how I depicted the process of encoding the text and how I ended with my answer about who murdered William Desmond Taylor. Throughout this interview, reliable sources, Earl Tiffany and Mr. Winn, provided me with insightful information about the mistrustful and immoral individual of Sands.

In the interview, the main thing I wanted to tag was the people who were talking and the people they were talking about. The reason for this is first, knowing who is communicating gives me and the reader valuable information as if it is reliable or unreliable information. For example, when both Earl Tiffany and Mr. Winn talked, I knew the information was credible as they knew what was happening within and around William Desmond Taylor's life. Secondly, the reason for knowing who they are talking about is monumental as Tiffany and Mr. Winn could be saying how a person was performing harmful acts toward Taylor. Providing us perspectives on a suspect who could have murdered Taylor.

<persName ref="winn">MR. WINN</persName>: This man <persName</p>
ref="sands">Sands</persName> pried into <persName ref="taylor">Mr. Taylor's</persName>
business more or less, did he not?

<persName ref="tiffany">TIFFANY</persName>: Yes, he did in every way possible.

My reading and research before this conversation, allowed me to understand how both Mr. Winn and Tiffany were both super reliable people to know. In this conversation, it is a conversation between the two talking about Sands who was a bad and untrustworthy person who stole and

broke into Taylor's businesses. When I mark both Mr. Winn and Tiffany in this section allows me to know that this conversation most likely is the truth.

Something that I decided was not very important to tag in the interview was the body description of Sands that is not visible when he was wearing clothes. The reason for this is how could that lead to any evidence pointing him to be the murderer. "Is he hairy, is his breast hairy? He had long hair on his chest?". When the police asked this type of question, I wondered what was going on in their mind as to how this information could have provided them with a lead to Sands being the murderer.

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<orgName type="law">POLICE</orgName>: Is he (<persName ref="sands">Sands</persName>) hairy, is his breast hairy? 
<persName ref="tiffany">TIFFANY</persName>: Well yes to an extent, that is where it is long. 
<orgName type="law">POLICE</orgName>: He had long hair on his chest? 
<persName ref="tiffany">TIFFANY</persName>: Yes.
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The use of both extensions of @type and @ref has helped me during my thought process of analyzing the text. Starting with the extension @type, was helpful for me to combine many different words under one section. For example, checks and money both went under the section "money". Although this might not be a big change, it allowed me to examine the reading when I was skimming easier and more efficiently as both went under one section. Another example of this was in the interview the use of the clothing that the witnesses saw. This once again moved many different words into one section "clothing", which helped me read certain parts of the text easier rather than having to look at many different words. A way that @ref was helpful was when the reading was describing the suspect, this is because throughout the reading they made credible evidence of Sands being the murderer so when they gave the height and weight of a

person I used @ref "sands". This allowed me once again when I was reading the interview to make me not have to think about who they were talking about. Instantly I saw Sands and I said to myself "Oh ok so they are describing Sands right now" (obviously this is not for certain but it is my main suspect).

This is an example that I talked about above. In this part of the interview the Police and Tiffany are talking about the height and weight of the suspect that killed Taylor. From my search, it allows me to connect this to Sands as they believed he was close to the same height. Although I can't say for certain that it was him, it gives me even more evidence that the suspect was Sands through this close reading and encoding of the interview.

In my opinion, the collaborative work with my classmates for making consensus terms was both helpful and unhelpful. Starting off on how it was helpful, for many of the words I had a hard time choosing what to put under either @type or @ref, and many of my classmates helped me and others to pick a consensus term. This also helped because some of the words went under the same section, for example, before I did not have "checks" and "money" under the same consensus term, however, this changed as people had ideas about that. On the other hand, it was sometimes difficult to say your thoughts if a majority of people had different views. Not that my classmates were aggressive or mean about it, I just felt that if a group of people agreed on a consensus term that was different from mine, I might be wrong, but as I thought about it, my

term could have worked. Overall it was a good exercise that helped me see things that I might not have seen before and also collaborate with students that I haven't talked to before.

After analyzing the interview with Earl Tiffany, the chauffeur of William Desmond Taylor, and Mr. Winn, a close friend of Taylor who knew his ins and outs, I found profound evidence of a major suspect in the murder case. These characters in the interview provided great input and detail on how Edward Sands could have been the murderer. The reason this is so important is because both people knew Taylor well and also knew that Sands had hatred for Taylor, which provides a motive in the murder case. From this interview, I also found out that Sands also knew William Desmond Taylor's real name "Deane-Tanner" which shows me he would've known other things, which made him want to murder Taylor. Based on this interview I also understand the love that Earl Tiffany had for Taylor as he desired to find out who murdered his boss. As many employees would not care about the death of a boss, Tiffany wanted to find out who did it and used his knowledge and friendship with Taylor to find the suspect.