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BLUE BLOODS (FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS)

COMMISSIONER

Thanks for coming in. May I call you David?

DAVID

Of course.

COMMISSIONER

Please.

DAVID

It's good to meet you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER

I've reviewed your application to demonstrate.

DAVID

Is that standard procedure?

COMMISSIONER

It is not. But I have some questions.

DAVID

Chief among them if we intend to burn the American flag?

COMMISSIONER

That would be one of them.

DAVID

We do.

COMMISSIONER

Well, of course, that is your right.

DAVID

It is.

COMMISSIONER

But you and I both know that that's gonna make a lot of people very angry.

DAVID

Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice.

COMMISSIONER

Thomas Merton.

DAVID

I'm impressed.

COMMISSIONER

Look, David, you and I don't agree on a whole hell of a lot, but whatever message you're trying to send here-- burning the flag will drown it out.

DAVID

It is a polarizing act. But the pro-war forces in this country have vastly superior resources, which forces us to take radical action.

COMMISSIONER

At the Veterans Memorial.

DAVID

We respect the sacrifice of veterans.

COMMISSIONER

Then why dishonor them when your argument is with the government?

DAVID

My father was a Marine. He died in Iraq in 1990.

COMMISSIONER

Then the memorial honors his service.

come down a little here.

DAVID

The only thing his death accomplished was to strengthen the war machine that runs this country.

COMMISSIONER

Sometimes you have to fight for what you believe in.

DAVID

That's exactly why I'm here.

COMMISSIONER

Here's your permit.
Only a fool seeks peace by inciting violence.

DAVID

Martin Luther King.

COMMISSIONER

Frank Reagan.