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Was it ever discussed or at what point was it discussed that you might leave?

(Anthony)

You know, I never discussed it with my parents. Never. And I don't want this to sound that I'm, arrogant, but when I make a decision, I sort of assimilate all the facts in my mind, I process it, and I say, "This is what we're going to do." And so it was more informing my parents: "I've decided this is what I'm going to do." Obviously with my wife Valerie, it was a question of, "Look, these are the reasons why and let's leave South Africa."

(Interviewer)

What was your family's reaction when you told them?

(Anthony)

My parents were very supportive. They felt that, you know, things were not quite right in South Africa. We felt, you know, obviously very badly for the way in which apartheid governed the country and the second-class citizens and the lack of opportunity and things like that.

My in-laws, my father-in-law, he immigrated with his family to Australia and it didn't work out and he came back. And his attitude was more, "Well, it's a good opportunity. Go see if you like it, but I'm sure you'll be back." That was based more on his own experience.

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