

there was compelling new evidence that there had been a miscarriage of justice.

I was not one of those governors who gleefully participate in the execution of criminals. I did it solemnly, with serious reservations, but in the belief that I was fulfilling my oath of office.

PREJEAN: Your serious reservations being what?

EDWARDS: That society should be engaged in the killing of human beings. Those were my personal reservations.

PREJEAN: In fact, you met with Timothy Baldwin before he was executed, didn't you? Some questions had been raised about his innocence.

EDWARDS: Yes, I counseled with him for a long period of time. And now that it is over with I can say for the first time that I also went and talked to his co-conspirator, the woman who was involved in the crime. And to be very honest with you, Baldwin looked me in the face and blatantly told me that he was not responsible for the death of the woman and would not accept responsibility for his acts. The woman who was his co-conspirator in the crime on the same day in a separate conference admitted to me that Baldwin had killed the woman, hitting her in the head with a frying pan, I believe, some kitchen utensil that he beat her to death with. It was his aunt and they had had a fight over her unwillingness to lend him or give him money and at that moment I felt like here's a guy who is just hours from the elec-