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1 (Tape 243)
2 STEVE: -- be out here sooner.
3 DWAYNE: Well, if there's anything I think I
4 could say or do to, to help you come to that decision,
5 I certainly would.
6 STEVE: Okay.
7 DWAYNE: I prefer to kind of go, to use a
8 Socratic method --
9 STEVE: Uh-huh.
10 DWAYNE: -- and to help -- I, I'm -- your
11 degree is in religion, is that correct?
12 STEVE: Right.
13 DWAYNE: I, I'm sure you're quite aware of
14 the early gnostics and current agnosticism.
15 STEVE: I am.
16 DWAYNE: What are your thoughts are on
17 agnosticism?
18 STEVE: Well, myself, it's not something for
19 me. I understand how they came to the place they did.
20 I see a logic in it. And I would do -- I would not
21 judge or condemn those that have that kind of
22 philosophy or view things in that manner but it's not
23 for me. I have found something that has more answers
24 more consistently. So, -- but, I've -- I have many
25 friends right now, they're agnostics and I don't judge
them. I really believe like in the Book of Romans that

1 one day, you know, they're going to be people saved
2 from all walks of life, even agnostics. It's just that
3 the, the statements are made clear that we're judged
4 according to what light came to us and what we did with
5 that light. So, I've never been one to quickly judge
6 another. I can't judge you, I can't judge the
7 commanders. I don't, I don't know what their
8 experience in life has been. I just know that there's
9 a lot of responsibility on me for all that I have seen
10 even -- and even though I don't -- I do not have the
11 ability to mirror or reflect all that information to
12 give it as it's been given to me. It's still, you
13 know, I, I see it clearly in my mind but it's a near
14 impossibility to give it to another in the manner that
15 David can.
16 DWAYNE: You know, in, in my experience many
17 people I think misunderstand or confuse, perhaps,
18 agnosticism and atheism.
19 STEVE: Well, they do confuse it is right,
20 many do,.
21 DWAYNE: Yeah.
22 STEVE: Where you and I both know an agnostic
23 is one that does not say there is no God but they just
24 -- well, what do you have for proof that, you know,
25 what it is and how the whole thing works and --
DWAYNE: You're absolutely right, it's an

1 open question.

2 STEVE: It is.

3 DWAYNE: And you might -- back -- my

4 training is pretty much in, in the sciences. So, I, I

5 kind of look for empirical facts and --

6 STEVE: Right.

7 DWAYNE: -- as you know, it's, it's extremely

8 difficult to provide empirical facts and I've even seen

9 some actual physical events that people say, well,

10 look, there is an example but there, there are other

11 explanations. And it could be --

12 STEVE: Right.

13 DWAYNE: -- you know, it could be a biblical

14 explanation but it could also be a purely physical one.

15 STEVE: Right, I agree with you. I've never

16 -- even looking at the prophecies and I'm aware that

17 certain ones seemingly have taken place but they're not

18 -- there's never been any that are so detailed that it

19 comes right down to a date, a minute, a second and, you

20 know, consistently on through. So, it always leaves

21 room for a lot of doubt. That's why I've said -- I

22 told Rick one day, some days ago, that we were talking

23 about some of these things and I says, I'm not adamant

24 about anything. Because I believe today does not mean

25 tomorrow I will. Tomorrow I might throw my hands up in

disgust and say, I've had the course. That's it with

1 this whole thing. And I -- in fact, there are many
2 times I wonder is there a God, I question the book.
3 And then like a couple of these guys ask me, well, what
4 about David? Well, how much more him if I question the
5 possibilities of either being a God or not.
6 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.
7 STEVE: So, you know, like with David, it's
8 been a lot of years of observation, a lot of hard
9 pointed questions. There's been, there's been
10 struggles, of course, and -- meaning with some of the
11 information that we're looking at. But overall, I
12 haven't found anything better or more solid yet. So,
13 that's why I've always said I go by the weight of
14 evidence.
15 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.
16 STEVE: And that's the most I've ever been
17 able to find in my life.
18 DWAYNE: Yeah. Well, yeah, these, these are
19 tough questions. I guess one thing I always look at is
20 -- and I guess it's pretty clear -- I put the, the
21 current life -- I mean I address those issues now and
22 try to do things every day so that if there is
23 something later on I haven't done, you know, I mean I
24 have to live the life today and take care of the
25 secular things, the physical things. But I do nothing
that -- or at least I try not to, let me say it that

1 way --

2 STEVE: Right.

3 DWAYNE: -- that would put me in bad stead.

4 You seem to, on the other hand, kind of live for the

5 next life rather than this life. All right --

6 STEVE: But -- well, you -- you're right.

7 DWAYNE: -- or am I overstating that?

8 STEVE: Well, no -- well, I guess some ways

9 you are because while I'm here, I've, I've got to, like

10 everybody, fulfill Matthew 25 which talks about in the

11 last days, there are sheep and goats and people will be

12 saved by how they reacted to God by reacting to their

13 fellow man.

14 DWAYNE: Yeah.

15 STEVE: So, what you're saying is, you know,

16 if you don't understand anything else, if you don't

17 understand the doctrine, it doesn't make sense, God

18 will honestly judge people as they've judged what

19 they've understood so, thereby, those people that have

20 at least tried to be good to their fellow man and

21 treated them as best they could as, as they would have

22 men treat them. I mean that's always been the

23 principle. It is really the principle of Christianity.

24 So, even my day by day living has been where I have

25 tried to help people no matter who they are. I've

always had a great concern and love for people, I

1 really have even though, you know, you've heard me or
2 they've -- you -- I've -- there's been a lot of
3 different emotions that have been recorded with me on
4 the phone but the bottom line is I do -- I don't
5 dislike anybody. I might at some time because of being
6 tired, warn out or frustrated, say things but I always
7 apologize. It's always been a trait of mine. But at
8 the same time, I do hope for the best for everyone, I
9 really do. If, if it were up to me and there is a God
10 and there's some truth to that book, I would have
11 everybody be saved in this whole world. I would not be
12 apt to judge anyone quickly, not -- I mean anybody's
13 that had to live in this world where there's death,
14 dying, disease, the uncertainties of what today or
15 tomorrow brings, I guess I would be very merciful and
16 open to all but they --
17 DWAYNE: With --
18 STEVE: Yeah.
19 DWAYNE: -- with all the sincerity in your
20 voice, Steve, I, I guess one question comes to mind:
21 when looking at your past life I think you and, you and
22 Judy were, were married in Hawaii for 17 or 18 years
23 before you came here?
24 STEVE: Right.
25 DWAYNE: And I guess, again, the, the
fundamental question, how, how did -- in your view, how

1 did you end up getting in the midst with what you were
2 attempting to do which is find God and spiritualism and
3 so forth? How did it end up that you got in the middle
4 of a massive shootout with, with a number of people
5 that have been killed? What's been from your -- well,
6 how did that happen?
7 STEVE: Yeah --
8 DWAYNE: Did you ever ask your -- you know,
9 you're going along saying, geez, how did I get myself
10 in this kind of --
11 STEVE: Well, no, -- yeah, really, --
12 DWAYNE: Yeah.
13 STEVE: -- well, I mean I asked that the day
14 it happened and, you know, frequently since, of course.
15 And -- well, it originally started, you know, with -- I
16 mean there, there never have been plans ever to ever
17 harm or to go after anybody in this world, never.
18 DWAYNE: Yeah.
19 STEVE: Even though we've got a foe that is
20 an avowed foe, that's Marc Breault who's now living in
21 Australia. He's the man that actually introduced me to
22 David.
23 DWAYNE: Yeah.
24 STEVE: He was with him for 3-1/2 years. He,
25 himself, has a master's degree in theology.
DWAYNE: Uh-huh.

1 STEVE: He was -- for his age, he had a lot
2 of sense at the time but he was very immature. He
3 never had really any friends. He was an introvert.
4 And all of a sudden he had readily -- he was readily
5 accepted by a number of people because he had an
6 ability to see and to explain fairly profound things
7 from the Bible, more so than even myself. I have an
8 ability to, as the Bible would say, evangelize, where
9 he did not have that as a talent.
10 DWAYNE: Yeah.
11 STEVE: His talent was more to see the deeper
12 things that might be in the writings of those that have
13 proceeded and -- so, anyway, he's the one that
14 introduced me but in the process -- when I finally came
15 here, he's the one that brought up these things of
16 suicide and all these other things. So, you know, I, I
17 weigh all these things out. And then finally comes to
18 the place where about -- I think it was a year and a
19 half ago, it was a year and a half ago we met this guy
20 Henry. And we've always looked for anything we can to
21 make money where people can study here. And they don't
22 have to work but while they're here, they can, you
23 know, they can be supported with food and a place to
24 live.
25 DWAYNE: Is that Philip Henry?
STEVE: Pardon?

1 DWAYNE: That was Philip Henry when you said
2 --
3 STEVE: No, I can't, I can't remember his
4 last name.
5 DWAYNE: Oh, Henry was his first name?
6 STEVE: Henry, yeah. But, anyway, with this
7 guy we, we ran into him. I didn't at first. One of
8 the other guys did. And he started talking about guns
9 and none of us knew much about it. David had -- when
10 he was younger but, you know, not much. But after a
11 while when we started hearing the kind of prices that
12 were being -- these things were sold for, what they
13 were bought and sold for, I mean, of course, we became
14 interested.
15 DWAYNE: So, that's how -- I was won -- you
16 know, one thing leading up to it.
17 STEVE: Yeah, that's --
18 DWAYNE: Where did all the weapons come from?
19 You (Indiscernible) got into it?
20 STEVE: That's how it began. That's how --
21 DWAYNE: For investment purposes or resale or
22 just --
23 STEVE: Yeah, for resale. In fact, what --
24 see, what we noticed, I -- see, this had nothing to do
25 with me 'cause I'm in the music part. I don't know
anything about these things yet even. I don't know

1 really how they work and operate. But they started, a
2 couple of the guys -- Mike Schroeder was the main guy
3 that started doing a lot of -- he was down at what we
4 call "The Shop" or the -- oh, what do you call the
5 place? Anyway, he would -- they -- he was doing a lot
6 of buying and going to shows.
7 DWAYNE: But that's here around Waco?
8 STEVE: Yeah.
9 DWAYNE: I've heard one place call the Mag
10 Bag mentioned.
11 STEVE: That's the place.
12 DWAYNE: Yeah.
13 STEVE: That's the place. That's where they
14 buy a --
15 DWAYNE: Yeah.
16 STEVE: -- lot of things and --
17 DWAYNE: So, Mike Schroeder started buying a
18 lot of things?
19 STEVE: Yeah, he's the one that put out a lot
20 of the orders and tried to get things as cheap as
21 possible. And they'd go sell any -- anything we --
22 they could, they try -- I mean once noticing these
23 shows -- there must be other shows but no one's ever
24 familiar with them but we tried a lot of different
25 enterprises to, to make money --
DWAYNE: Uh-huh.

1 STEVE: -- where people could be involved
2 working, using their talents and their means but it
3 seems like, you know, no matter what, some, some things
4 are seasonal, some things are this and that and so that
5 seemed at least to be something to bring in some money.
6 And they start even making vests and different things
7 and tried -- you know, just what -- anything.
8 DWAYNE: Making vests?
9 STEVE: Yeah.
10 DWAYNE: Again for resale?
11 STEVE: Right.
12 DWAYNE: Let me -- why the -- if, if the guns
13 were primarily purchased for investments or for resale,
14 --
15 STEVE: Uh-huh.
16 DWAYNE: -- why all the ammunition?
17 STEVE: That -- well, what was -- apparently
18 what I understand, from about a year ago, I think it
19 was, they found out -- there were rumors through the
20 different shows that they went to that there was going
21 to be a really big jump, a huge jump, just like
22 apparently there had been a couple of years ago. I
23 think that these kind of guns -- what are they called?
24 See I -- what are they called? Assault, I guess,
25 assault weapons or something?
DWAYNE: Okay.

1 STEVE: I think there was a jump from
2 something like to three to 800 or $1500, and then I
3 think they came down. So, it would seem, then, if one
4 could buy them at -- then they came down again so you
5 could buy them, just like coins at a low price, hang on
6 to them long enough. When they go up, you know, you
7 could make a really good return on your money.
8 DWAYNE: Yeah. Well, I can see that in terms
9 of perhaps the weapons as an investment if that's what
10 you're talking about doing but I, I still don't
11 understand why the purchase of so much ammunition
12 'cause the prices of ammunition don't fluctuate much at
13 all.
14 STEVE: Well, we heard -- from what they told
15 me, they -- I should say they did and I've heard that
16 since being here now in the past month and a half.
17 They told me that -- and there was -- they gave me --
18 there, there was a couple of names of people they were
19 dealing with that kept on saying, watch and see this
20 jump up. And I don't know where they got their
21 information but it sounded like inside information.
22 And they said there was going to be like 100 percent
23 jump or something like that which, you know, that, that
24 would be an awesome return. But if you had it, you
25 know, you could sell it and so forth. And I think Paul
at the time -- I don't know if it was Paul or Mike, one

1 of those guys, was trying to work on, I don't know, his
2 license, I don't know what he was all working with but
3 -- see, I don't really know a whole lot about that. I
4 -- I've always been in the music end of this whole
5 thing. And, you know, David's quite a musician so
6 that's -- I know more about that. I don't know much
7 about this other area at all.
8 DWAYNE: And I guess David's musical career
9 has been on hold for quite some time?
10 STEVE: Well, no, not really because if you
11 remember -- well, I don't know, I guess it wasn't you I
12 was telling that but John -- there was a number of guys
13 that we actually flew out here like November, October,
14 November, and we were auditioning some really good
15 talent, really good talent. But at the same time,
16 there's always been two things; you can always hire the
17 best musicians in the world, of course, --
18 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.
19 STEVE: -- but if they don't see to eye-to-
20 eye with what our program is with the Bible, you know,
21 we want to see some of that as in harmony with us and,
22 of course, from there, you know, we'll see that
23 according to the Bible the program goes. So, that's --
24 you know, it's like a person had to have some -- we --
25 we've almost taken secondary talent in lieu of someone
that might be good as long as they were at least

1 involved in -- and harmonized with where we were at.
2 DWAYNE: Yeah.
3 STEVE: Otherwise, you know, you get someone
4 saying, well, let's money and they're out drinking,
5 smoking, doing their own thing. And, and, of course,
6 we're not into all that. Most musicians, of course,
7 are very loose and trying to get all they can here and
8 now and --
9 DWAYNE: Yeah. Okay. Well, that gives me
10 some of the background that, that I hadn't heard
11 before. I presume you've told -- a lot of the early
12 people here, I think, have discussed it.
13 STEVE: I don't know if I even did. I don't
14 think --
15 DWAYNE: Yeah.
16 STEVE: -- really too many ever asked but --
17 DWAYNE: Okay.
18 STEVE: -- yeah, that's, --
19 DWAYNE: Yeah.
20 STEVE: -- that's basically what it was
21 about. I remember even coming out here about a year
22 ago, a year and a half ago, in the summertime, and when
23 the person -- that man is -- yeah, Henry, or whatever
24 his name was -- he was out here and it seemed like he
25 wanted to sell everybody here anything. Obviously he
was a salesperson, you know, wanting to make some

1 money. And, and then we got to know him a little bit
2 and he would pop in every now and then and -- but,
3 basically, that's the way it began. At first there was
4 no real interest.
5 But we also had -- we were doing a lot of
6 other things like with landscape and trying to fix the
7 cars and you name it, you know, --
8 DWAYNE: Yeah.
9 STEVE: -- I mean just about whatever needed
10 to be -- where people can sit down and, and relax and
11 study and ask questions and send them out again.
12 DWAYNE: Okay. All right. I have -- I'm
13 looking at the, the cassettes for the CW-16 that Judy
14 sent.
15 STEVE: Okay.
16 DWAYNE: And we're going to get those out
17 there. I need to be, you know, to be sending them out
18 there to get all the way, you know, to the Bradleys to
19 get in there. But one question I've been, I've been
20 asked to confirm. Do you remember our conversation
21 yesterday where I think I tried to lay it out, we're,
22 we're not trying to push David to go any quicker but
23 the reason that the issue of the, the, the cartridges
24 came up was Judy saying, look, if you can give me these
25 ink cartridges for the, for the Casio, I, I can do the
typing.

1 STEVE: Uh-huh.
2 DWAYNE: She said then that she had two half
3 tapes, one she'd started to -- I mean ink cassette
4 cartridges. Do you follow what I'm saying?
5 STEVE: Okay.
6 DWAYNE: Just like the ones we're sending in.
7 STEVE: Right.
8 DWAYNE: She said, we had one and somehow it
9 got broken or stuck. We started on another one but
10 then we fixed the first one. So, she implied to me
11 that she had two half ones or she could be doing some
12 typing. Do you know if she'd been doing any, any
13 typing at all?
14 STEVE: No, I'm sure she hasn't been because
15 -- unless she's been type -- you know, I better not
16 even say that. I didn't think she was.
17 DWAYNE: Yeah.
18 STEVE: But who knows if she started on some
19 of those text.
20 DWAYNE: Yeah.
21 STEVE: That I'm not too sure because, you
22 know, a lot -- I'm so busy. A lot of times she'll stop
23 and do things like that for a while. By the time I
24 come back hours later, you know, she's already slowed
25 down or doing something else.
DWAYNE: Yeah. Well, the reason I asked --

1 STEVE: But I could find out.

2 DWAYNE: The reason I ask is that, you know,

3 it's, it's, it's pretty clear that if we're going --

4 the reason we're willing to send in those cassettes,

5 you know, the typing cassettes, --

6 STEVE: Uh-hum.

7 DWAYNE: -- is to get the first manuscript

8 typed and out.

9 STEVE: Right.

10 DWAYNE: That, that was --

11 STEVE: Right.

12 DWAYNE: I think you told me you overheard

13 David confirming that he'd be willing to do that if

14 we'd send in the cassette -- the cassettes, the typing

15 cassettes that you requested.

16 STEVE: Yeah, I'm sure. I think he was

17 talking to you, wasn't he?

18 DWAYNE: Yes, he was.

19 STEVE: Yeah, right.

20 DWAYNE: And then you got on and said, yes,

21 I've heard him say that. And that's when --

22 STEVE: Right, I did.

23 DWAYNE: -- then Judy got on and --

24 STEVE: I heard him imply something like

25 that.

DWAYNE: Yeah. She had talked about sending

1 in a -- she wanted a lap top computer and I had to say,
2 Judy, if the commanders won't send in batteries,
3 they're not going to send in a lap top computer.
4 STEVE: Right, right.
5 DWAYNE: Things kinda went downhill from
6 there. But I guess in coming back to that confirmation
7 that, you know, they're asking me, now, look, you can't
8 just send this in and have them say, well, no, we never
9 agreed to send out the first manuscript when it's
10 completed. That's your understanding and my
11 understanding of the, the agreement.
12 STEVE: Well, that's what I heard myself, --
13 DWAYNE: Yeah.
14 STEVE: -- as you did. I, I didn't hear what
15 you were saying but I did, of course, you know,
16 standing near the phone, I did --
17 DWAYNE: Yeah.
18 STEVE: -- hear what he said.
19 DWAYNE: Okay. I'm, I'm -- I know it's no
20 skin off your teeth but that's -- that kind of a -- the
21 pressure I'm under to say, look, if you're saying,
22 Dwayne, that they've agreed to do that, we'll send it
23 in. If, if that doesn't, you know, somebody will come
24 and grab me by the --
25 STEVE: Well, if you'd want to hang on to it
for just a little bit or find out what's going on

1 first, --

2 DWAYNE: Yeah.

3 STEVE: -- that would be fine with me even.

4 DWAYNE: Well, you know, if, if we don't get

5 it set up and ready to go and, you know, get, get it in

6 before the evening tonight, --

7 STEVE: Exactly.

8 DWAYNE: -- you know, we don't want to be

9 moving around at night.

10 STEVE: Right.

11 DWAYNE: So, it will be delayed until, until

12 tomorrow. I'm just trying to do this -- anything to

13 keep, to keep --

14 STEVE: I wish it wouldn't have happened

15 earlier because now that it has, I don't know that he's

16 doing a whole lot right now.

17 DWAYNE: But there still would be -- I mean

18 he says -- he said he had finished writing the first

19 manuscript. It would seem to me then --

20 STEVE: He did. I heard him -- and I did see

21 -- I did see like 20 -- a stack -- I saw some, you

22 know, a written, handwritten paper --

23 DWAYNE: Yeah.

24 STEVE: -- pages of notebook, loose-leaf

25 notebook type paper there.

DWAYNE: Yeah. It would seem like that then

1 she could start typing on that and that you could be
2 editing and -- or if, if you're going to do that and
3 she could be typing. So, even if he's not writing much
4 more now on the second seal, at least that one could be
5 typed. Do you see the, the rationale?
6 STEVE: No, I know, I saw right from the
7 beginning.
8 DWAYNE: Yeah.
9 STEVE: I'm -- I like you, of course, you
10 know, right from the beginning when you see a project
11 or something's that done or going to be done, you look
12 at all the avenues, every aspect of it, and you go
13 ahead and you do what you got to do to get it
14 accomplished and --
15 DWAYNE: Yeah.
16 STEVE: But, see, 6-1/2 years being involved
17 in this group, it's never worked that way.
18 DWAYNE: Yeah.
19 STEVE: If a guy comes into this group and
20 he's an awesome mainframe computer programmer or it's a
21 doctor, an attorney or like myself, someone in the
22 Bible, now you end up sweeping floors first or you end
23 up seeing him do something totally opposite or contrary
24 to what common sense and what you would see as the most
25 obvious thing to do is and --
DWAYNE: Is that by happenstance or do you

1 think there's --

2 STEVE: No, that's a lot of times purposely.

3 DWAYNE: Ah.

4 STEVE: Yeah, and, you know, it was --

5 DWAYNE: For, for what purpose?

6 STEVE: -- a very frustrating experience in

7 the beginning but then as time goes on, you see that

8 the God of the book has always worked with a -- I mean

9 it's a -- if you read Jeremiah's account and Isaiah and

10 all these guys, what a frustrating life they had.

11 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.

12 STEVE: Seriously. I mean who would ever

13 want to be a prophet? I mean I definitely would not

14 want to be. Christians, almost 2 billion of them,

15 think it would be some great thing to have visions of

16 colored things of the future and seeing this and that,

17 like being there and -- well, no one, not when such a

18 responsibility is placed upon them to then try to

19 relate in human language their experience and then

20 they're never believed in the first place, especially

21 because they're -- usually do not have degrees. They

22 don't look right. They don't smell right. I mean when

23 you go through the history of the Bible, you see it's

24 always been that way, --

25 DWAYNE: You know, --

STEVE: -- man judging man by the outward

1 appearance, not by what he has to say.
2 DWAYNE: Yeah.
3 STEVE: Go ahead.
4 DWAYNE: I'm trying to get this thing done.
5 John Cox yesterday --
6 STEVE: Okay.
7 DWAYNE: -- I think hit on -- it sounded like
8 he caught David's attention when he -- when I think
9 David said, you know, we have two legal secretaries in
10 here. And John said, well, David, instead, instead of
11 writing this out laboriously longhand yourself and have
12 somebody type it, why not just dictate to these two
13 legal secretaries? That sounds like their expertise.
14 And --
15 STEVE: It is.
16 DWAYNE: And David --
17 STEVE: They're very good.
18 DWAYNE: -- and John called David and said,
19 yeah, yeah, I -- it was like, you know, that that had
20 suddenly come to him and it sounded like he would
21 seriously consider it.
22 STEVE: Maybe sometimes it takes someone on
23 the outside to --
24 DWAYNE: Yeah.
25 STEVE: -- say something.
DWAYNE: But see, you know, David was saying,

1 you know, he's not a writer but, obviously, he's an
2 excellent speaker. And that way would be almost be a
3 combination. I mean they could be taking it down and
4 --
5 STEVE: Truly.
6 DWAYNE: -- and he could be doing what he
7 does best which is orating or speaking.
8 STEVE: Did you see that poster, by the way,
9 that we sent in?
10 DWAYNE: With Al Neice (Ph.)?
11 STEVE: Yeah.
12 DWAYNE: Yes.
13 STEVE: You did?
14 DWAYNE: We did, yeah, the --
15 STEVE: Okay.
16 DWAYNE: -- one that -- I forget the guy's
17 name that -- who, who had painted it.
18 STEVE: Cliff.
19 DWAYNE: Yeah, Cliff.
20 STEVE: You ought to see some of the guitar
21 -- maybe we'll send a guitar in one of these days.
22 DWAYNE: Yeah.
23 STEVE: If you guys don't mind picking it up,
24 you can check it over and take it in.
25 DWAYNE: Is he the one that painted on the
guitars that we saw on the tape?

1 STEVE: Oh, yeah.
2 DWAYNE: Yeah.
3 STEVE: Oh, yeah.
4 DWAYNE: Yeah.
5 STEVE: That's right, he did -- I forgot that
6 we did film a few of the guitars.
7 DWAYNE: Yeah, you did film a few of the
8 guitars on the tape. Some of the explanations, if you
9 will, I, I didn't follow but --
10 STEVE: On the, on the -- this -- oh, I can't
11 even think of it -- the poster, whatever, that was sent
12 in, do you mean that?
13 DWAYNE: No, no, the one on Daniel's vision?
14 STEVE: Yeah, Daniel's --
15 DWAYNE: That one, that one, even he didn't
16 like me could, could, you know, I know some parts of
17 the Bible even though I may not be a, a --
18 STEVE: Were you ever aware of that
19 particular chapter or what it was about before?
20 DWAYNE: Yes.
21 STEVE: Oh, you were, okay.
22 DWAYNE: Yeah. I mean but -- I mean I'm, I'm
23 aware of the things. I just haven't dwelt on them like
24 other people.
25 STEVE: Yeah, right.
DWAYNE: I -- I'll confess, I, I, I didn't

1 know much about the, the one guitar that had the, the
2 nude woman on it. I'm, I'm not sure --
3 STEVE: That's Psalm 45.
4 DWAYNE: Yeah. And there's also one where
5 there was a cloud with, with a hand and someone with a,
6 with a finger sticking out. Do you remember that one?
7 STEVE: Yes, I do.
8 DWAYNE: I, I can't remember anything in the
9 Bible about something like that.
10 STEVE: Well, the whole Bible, actually, is
11 written about that very thing, that subject matter. I
12 could sit here right off the top of my head and start
13 giving you chapter.
14 DWAYNE: Okay. All right.
15 STEVE: But I doubt that you're interested.
16 But, no, they're really, all the prophecies --
17 DWAYNE: Well, I'm interested but, you know,
18 I'm, I'm much more interested in, as I said, --
19 STEVE: I know.
20 DWAYNE: -- the secular things and, and --
21 STEVE: I, I realize --
22 DWAYNE: -- getting, getting people --
23 STEVE: That's a shame, Dwayne. I'm more
24 interested in you doing all that you want forever more.
25 I don't see --
DWAYNE: Yeah.

1 STEVE: -- why it should come to an end.
2 DWAYNE: Well, I just hope that, you know, if
3 there's a judgment, he'll look at me and say, you did
4 the best you could day by day.
5 STEVE: But he'll say, did you have ears?
6 The first step to salvation, all the Bible says, is
7 hear and thy soul shall live because you can never give
8 anything a valid judgment or a verdict unless you've
9 really listened and evaluated.
10 DWAYNE: But, Steve, isn't belief based on
11 faith?
12 STEVE: Not all.
13 DWAYNE: Okay.
14 STEVE: Only portionately.
15 DWAYNE: I mean if you don't have faith and
16 you're looking for proof, you'll never find the proof.
17 STEVE: Can I ask you, do you believe in
18 evolution? Which way would you -- creationism,
19 evolution, where would you -- with all your science and
20 your, your past upbringing, you'd probably tend to go
21 toward evolution I would imagine.
22 DWAYNE: Through the Darwinism --
23 STEVE: Yeah.
24 DWAYNE: I think I would lean that way.
25 STEVE: Yeah.
DWAYNE: I mean you, you always get back down

1 to the very beginning and whether it was a beginning
2 somehow by divine intervention or really just --
3 STEVE: Right, like a deist, like Jefferson
4 --
5 DWAYNE: Yeah.
6 STEVE: -- and some of these men.
7 DWAYNE: Yeah. Whether it was some movement
8 by a deist, a, a supreme being or whether it was just a
9 chance combination of a few minuscule molecules and
10 everything started from there. Either one is, --
11 STEVE: Yeah.
12 DWAYNE: -- is, is a, is a heck of --
13 STEVE: It's a --
14 DWAYNE: -- it's a heck of --
15 STEVE: -- belief or faith.
16 DWAYNE: Yeah.
17 STEVE: I mean that's, that's a --
18 DWAYNE: Yeah.
19 STEVE: -- point for me, you know, no matter
20 if you're looking at the one or the other, definitely
21 faith is involved.
22 DWAYNE: Okay.
23 STEVE: But I find less faith needed --
24 DWAYNE: Yeah.
25 STEVE: -- in creationism.
DWAYNE: Okay. This is -- maybe, maybe we

1 could continue this later but --

2 STEVE: Okay.

3 DWAYNE: -- I'm concerned that darkness is

4 going to come.

5 STEVE: All right.

6 DWAYNE: Are you interested -- I mean -- I

7 guess I have to ask you, if we send in the cassettes,

8 the, the, you know, the cassettes for the Casio, can we

9 count on the agreement that we set up yesterday?

10 STEVE: I don't know now because of all that

11 took place out front and all that.

12 DWAYNE: Yeah.

13 STEVE: I better talk to him --

14 DWAYNE: Yeah.

15 STEVE: -- to see just what he's doing.

16 DWAYNE: Because he, you know, David and I

17 had talked.

18 STEVE: I don't want you to go send those

19 cassettes in -- the tape cassettes in --

20 DWAYNE: Yeah.

21 STEVE: -- and --

22 DWAYNE: Yeah. And, and Henry just left some

23 notes to me here that mentioned something about, about

24 milk. So, what, you know, we're willing to try to get

25 things along but.

STEVE: Well, Henry's the one that, I

1 believe, originally suggested sending some milk in
2 which was thoughtful of him.
3 DWAYNE: Well, --
4 STEVE: He asked me about the children and so
5 forth and then he suggested milk. And I says, well,
6 you know how children are. They always -- it's
7 something they always like a lot. It's a big deal.
8 DWAYNE: Well, I think, you know, we, we
9 could probably arrange that as, you know, since there's
10 going to be something moved forward and delivered
11 anyhow. But we gotta kinda get things set up now so we
12 can get things moving.
13 STEVE: I realize. I realize.
14 DWAYNE: Are you interested in that and could
15 you -- will you -- could you check with David and get
16 right back to see --
17 STEVE: Okay. I'll get right back to you,
18 okay?
19 DWAYNE: And, you know, I recognize --
20 STEVE: Give me about 10 minutes.
21 DWAYNE: I recognize he may be angry but
22 unless --
23 STEVE: I don't know if he's angry. He's
24 more --
25 DWAYNE: -- throw the babies out with the
bath water here.

1 STEVE: No, I know, we're at such odds when
2 it comes to where we're coming from, such, such extreme
3 odds. I mean he's in the spiritual realm and you, --
4 DWAYNE: Yeah.
5 STEVE: -- of course, in the other. And he
6 -- you want to actually do the best for us where we can
7 get through this system fairly, I believe that. He's
8 trying to keep a wrathful God who says he's going to do
9 all that -- he'll fulfill every word of that book from
10 Genesis to Revelation off of you and you don't believe
11 it.
12 DWAYNE: Yeah.
13 STEVE: So, it's like he, he more feels for
14 you than he does -- oh, he's not happy about, you know,
15 men that go out of their way doing things that are, to
16 him and to myself, are contrary to the Constitution.
17 DWAYNE: Well, I understand that and --
18 STEVE: Well, like to me, I --
19 DWAYNE: Well, I would appreciate it if you
20 checked with him because --
21 STEVE: I'll tell you the truth, the ATF to
22 me is totally, even their existence, is
23 unconstitutional, the very thing that they come in here
24 checking for guns. They had no -- according to the way
25 the original -- the way the Constitution was originally
written, you and I know that it was written --

1 DWAYNE: Yeah.

2 STEVE: -- in a way where all people were to
3 have equity with the government so it could not turn
4 into some kind of tyrannical power --

5 DWAYNE: Okay, Steve, --

6 STEVE: -- over them.

7 DWAYNE: Steve, can, can we postpone that
8 discussion --

9 STEVE: Oh, yeah, I just wanted to throw that
10 in to see --

11 DWAYNE: -- I don't want -- I don't want
12 everything to be set up and say, yeah, let's go and,
13 and --

14 STEVE: Okay, okay. I'm heading up there.
15 I'll call you right back.

16 DWAYNE: Will you check with --

17 STEVE: About ten minutes.

18 DWAYNE: Will you do me a favor?

19 STEVE: Yes.

20 DWAYNE: Remind him that it was -- we went
21 over two or three times and I -- I'm counting on kind
22 of him keeping his word and me keeping mine here but
23 we'd like to get the go ahead and say, yes, it -- we'll
24 send in the, the audio -- I mean the ink cassettes,
25 that he will still honor his agreement that as soon as
the first manuscript is typed, it will come out.

1 STEVE: Okay.
2 DWAYNE: Okay?
3 STEVE: I'll call you back.
4 DWAYNE: Okay.
5 STEVE: Okay, bye.
6 DWAYNE: And, and see --
7 STEVE: Yeah?
8 DWAYNE: -- if the kids are interested --
9 check with the moms about the milk or something.
10 STEVE: Okay. That will be just a few
11 minutes.
12 DWAYNE: Okay.
13 STEVE: Okay, bye.
14 * * * *
15 STEVE: So that's the first thing he said to
16 me and he said right now he's taking a break and at the
17 same time he says he is continuing on with it. He is
18 doing it. But now he's taking a break.
19 DWAYNE: Yeah. Okay. So, he is willing to
20 continue with the agreement that if we send in the ink
21 cartridges for the Casio, that as soon as Judy finishes
22 typing the first manuscript, it will come out?
23 STEVE: Yeah.
24 DWAYNE: He confirmed that?
25 STEVE: Yes.
DWAYNE: Ah, okay, that's good. I'm glad to

1 hear that.

2 STEVE: And then the question is, though,

3 given the two -- I'm waiting for him to give it to her

4 in the first place, though.

5 DWAYNE: Yeah.

6 STEVE: That's the whole thing.

7 DWAYNE: Yeah.

8 STEVE: And I think he's waiting to have it

9 very clearly related to the second. I think that -- I

10 think what he's trying to do is get the framework laid

11 out very clear and concise --

12 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.

13 STEVE: -- where one flows into the other.

14 DWAYNE: Yeah.

15 STEVE: I think that's been the reason. And

16 he -- apparently, now that he's -- I think he's at the

17 end. He was at the end of the second, it sounded like.

18 DWAYNE: Uh-huh. Okay. Well, I guess I'm

19 getting a bit of an unclear message here and I'm not --

20 STEVE: I am -- to, to be honest with you, --

21 DWAYNE: Okay.

22 STEVE: -- I am, myself.

23 DWAYNE: Yeah.

24 STEVE: So, if you are, I can understand

25 because I'm not clear.

DWAYNE: Yeah. I mean I know and we -- if

1 you recall, I didn't say or say, all right, will you
2 promise it will be out by six hours?
3 STEVE: No, you're right and that's one
4 thing, you know, that's why when Rick says all that he
5 does, saying we've lied, the only time that I could see
6 that he had deduced that is from March 2nd, when we did
7 not come out immediately.
8 DWAYNE: Yeah.
9 STEVE: Then the question being immediately.
10 DWAYNE: Yeah.
11 STEVE: You know, like Clint was talking to
12 David and Christ says in Revelation, I come quickly.
13 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.
14 STEVE: Two thousand years later, where is
15 he? You know, so, --
16 DWAYNE: Yeah.
17 STEVE: Anyway, --
18 DWAYNE: I understand. Well, that's why I
19 mean -- just again to clear it up between you and I,
20 I'm not saying I'm trying to push him to get it done
21 but --
22 STEVE: No, I, I, realize that.
23 DWAYNE: -- just to attach an agreement that
24 these -- if the audio -- I mean if the print wheels go
25 in, you know, the ink cartridges, --
STEVE: Right. It'll take, it'll take no

1 time for the editing and the typing --
2 DWAYNE: Yeah.
3 STEVE: -- of course. The time is in
4 releasing it to me.
5 DWAYNE: Yeah. And that's, that's in --
6 undetermined right now?
7 STEVE: Yeah, exactly.
8 DWAYNE: I mean he may want to ponder on it
9 for another --
10 STEVE: Exactly.
11 DWAYNE: -- two or three days or more than
12 that.
13 STEVE: Right.
14 DWAYNE: Yeah. I think I might have a hard
15 time explaining that -- well, not explaining that but
16 just getting them to -- they, they, I think, may
17 perceive that as, again, reneging on an agreement.
18 STEVE: Well, then we'll -- let's not make
19 any agree -- let's --
20 DWAYNE: Yeah.
21 STEVE: -- I'm not -- in fact, I'd rather not
22 make any and you keep the cassettes and the milk and
23 whatever because, you know, it has nothing to do with
24 the milk and cassettes. We'll do it irregardless
25 whether you send that in or not.
DWAYNE: Yeah, okay.

1 STEVE: I mean that's number one what he's
2 saying.
3 DWAYNE: Yeah.
4 STEVE: So, you know, he -- it's -- once he's
5 directed -- see, Dwayne, that's the whole thing. He,
6 he will do what he's gotta do.
7 DWAYNE: Yeah.
8 STEVE: And even though your -- you people
9 are trying to be helpful to get the thing going, that
10 which is great and commendable but at the same time
11 he'll still do it irregardless. So, I --
12 DWAYNE: Yeah.
13 STEVE: -- but the whole thing is, you know,
14 I'm anxious to see the first -- I see a stack of papers
15 he had there and I wanted to look at it and he's not
16 even willing to let -- hand it to me yet.
17 DWAYNE: Oh, you've asked? Have you asked
18 him?
19 STEVE: Yeah, I did.
20 DWAYNE: And he said, I'd rather you not look
21 at it?
22 STEVE: He says, not yet, he said -- number
23 one, he's -- a lot of times what he'll do is if he
24 writes something out and he doesn't like his own
25 handwriting and he says it's hard to read -- I haven't
found it that hard to read -- he actually spells

1 phonetically and --

2 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.

3 STEVE: -- I don't find it hard to read or

4 understand at all.

5 DWAYNE: Yeah.

6 STEVE: But, anyway, I guess he wants to tie

7 it in to the second before handing it off --

8 DWAYNE: Uh-huh.

9 STEVE: -- even.

10 DWAYNE: You know, perhaps this idea of

11 dictating may help him because I think that's -- that

12 is his forte of, of, of, of bringing together the

13 scriptures.

14 STEVE: Well, I mentioned that also. I

15 mentioned that and he said he did respond in a positive

16 manner to --

17 DWAYNE: Yeah.

18 STEVE: -- yesterday to you about that.

19 DWAYNE: Yeah, well, actually to John Cox but

20 that's all right.

21 STEVE: I meant meaning -- well, when I say

22 you, I meant, you know, you people.

23 DWAYNE: Oh, yeah, you keep talking about

24 the, the plural us.

25 STEVE: Yes.

DWAYNE: Yeah.

STEVE: So, --

DWAYNE: Okay. So, what you're saying is you're not too interested in the, in the, the ink cassettes and the milk and stuff like that right now?

STEVE: Well, I mean they would take it, of course.

DWAYNE: Yeah.

STEVE: But I, I don't want to use that as some measure where if they -- the commanders think it's some kind of thing with promise or with --

DWAYNE: Yeah.

STEVE: -- tieing it into anything like that. You know, that, I don't care for that idea at all.

DWAYNE: Yeah.

STEVE: I'd rather, myself, the way I've always seen things -- I'm like that, that March 2nd, when one says they're going to do something, I, myself, like to do it then.

DWAYNE: Yeah.

STEVE: I, you know, always have been that way. So,

DWAYNE: Yeah. That, that was a, a biggie there when --

STEVE: Well, it was hard for everybody here.

DWAYNE: Yeah.

STEVE: Believe me, it was hard for even

1 himself but he's had -- dealt with this -- well, his
2 God and they always -- they ask questions, well, what
3 do they mean his God? Well, you know, I don't know
4 God. That's the point. The only thing I know is a
5 book and what it says about something I've never seen.
6 DWAYNE: Yeah.
7 STEVE: So, I mean -- well, that's why I
8 basically said it that way. I -- you could say it's my
9 God, too, if I believe in that God of the Bible which
10 is revealed by him. So, --
11 DWAYNE: Yeah.
12 STEVE: But, anyway, so I don't know what --
13 DWAYNE: Well, you know, I --
14 STEVE: I think it would go a long way to
15 showing that you definitely want to help us in getting
16 it done.
17 DWAYNE: Well, I think maybe we're willing to
18 make that gesture now. It --
19 STEVE: Okay.
20 (End of Tape #243)
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TAPE #244

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1 (Tape 244)

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- the thing that's ever
3 happened in his entire life is now in relation to
4 writing these seals out. That's basically what he told
5 me just now.

6 DWAYNE: And sending, sending in these ink
7 cassettes would be a little something we could do to
8 facilitate it?

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Definitely would, because,
10 you know, it'd make it easier on these women putting it
11 in a format where it's readable, it looks decent, and
12 you would have no problem. He wants to make sure that
13 every advantage is there for ultimately it to be
14 understood.

15 DWAYNE: Well, let me speak bluntly again.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

17 DWAYNE: We, we're trying to do anything we
18 can to facilitate that for our reasons.

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right, exactly.

20 DWAYNE: 'Cause it's our understanding that
21 when he's written it and it's to his satisfaction, it
22 comes out to DeGuerin, DeGuerin gives it to Mr. Arnold.
23 At that point, all of you will exit. You know that's
24 our goal. And that is to me the first time when
25 David's goals and your goals and our goals will merge.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

1 DWAYNE: So I know he's very sensitive about
2 deadlines being put on him, and we're not doing that.
3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.
4 DWAYNE: So we're willing to do something
5 that may facilitate it. I'm just trying to get some
6 feeling that so when, when the bosses ask me or I, you
7 know, we send in these, these tapes, what are we going
8 to get it for it. If I say gee, nothing -- At least
9 he, he still says that as soon as the first manuscript
10 is complete, it will come out on its own, as opposed to
11 waiting for all seven?
12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes. That's, that's --
13 DWAYNE: Well, I think, I think I can sell
14 that.
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, that's that's clear to
16 me, too.
17 DWAYNE: Good. All right, I think I can sell
18 that.
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.
20 DWAYNE: And so do you want to start -- You
21 want me to go ahead and give the go ahead and have them
22 start getting the -- sending that -- these two --
23 MR. SCHNEIDER: That's great.
24 DWAYNE: -- cassettes or whatever they are up
25 here?
MR. SCHNEIDER: I think it would help.

1 DWAYNE: All right.
2 MR. SCHNEIDER: These girls are actually
3 anxious themselves to get at it, they really are.
4 DWAYNE: Yeah. And you said the milk had
5 spoiled. The milk -- We sent milk in two weeks ago and
6 it didn't last very long.
7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, see, the first time you
8 sent milk in they sent it in a -- in some kind of a
9 cooler with ice.
10 DWAYNE: Yeah.
11 MR. SCHNEIDER: And the last time there was
12 no ice, so it didn't last, you know, because we have no
13 refrigeration, obviously.
14 DWAYNE: Yeah.
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: But with the ice that was
16 sent in, it lasted for quite some -- at least -- a good
17 while.
18 DWAYNE: Yeah.
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: I don't remember how many
20 days because I never had any of it, and neither did the
21 other adults. So --
22 DWAYNE: Well, maybe we could send in a
23 smaller amount of milk this time that wouldn't spoil,
24 and then, you know, maybe, maybe we could even get some
25 ice in here this time, if you guys want that.
MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. The children, of

1 course, you know, that'd brighten their day up a lot,
2 but --
3 DWAYNE: See --
4 MR. SCHNEIDER: And that's who it's for.
5 DWAYNE: Okay. I mean, we're not Fuller
6 Brush salesmen here. We're not going to stand at the
7 door and offer you things.
8 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I know.
9 DWAYNE: But from the very beginning, one of
10 the, you know, the things that all of us are concerned
11 about is, you know, not only the adults but certainly
12 the young children there. I tell you what, suppose we
13 do this? We'll, we'll get this cassette on its way,
14 we'll get whatever milk we can in there --
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
16 DWAYNE: -- and, you know, it may not be as
17 much as before, but we'll put it all together and, and
18 get that in.
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: Appreciate it.
20 DWAYNE: And --
21 MR. SCHNEIDER: You want to call me about the
22 time it might be in the vicinity or --
23 DWAYNE: Yeah. We'll have to do that. And
24 just as you said, you're starting to talk like us,
25 we'll, we'll coordinate this and make sure there are no
misunderstandings.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, sounds good.
2 DWAYNE: I think what I'll try to do is get
3 it going. And when I call you, it, it should be up at
4 the forward, the forward post up there and, and ready
5 to move forward in about 5 or 10 minutes.
6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
7 DWAYNE: Would that be enough notice for you?
8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure, that would be.
9 DWAYNE: Okay. Okay, I'll be calling you
10 back then.
11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Good.
12 DWAYNE: Thanks.
13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Talk to you later.
14 DWAYNE: Bye.
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Goodbye.
16 * * * * *
17 (Telephone ringing.)
18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Does that mean no
19 tacos tonight?
20 (Telephone still ringing.)
21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- went through
22 all this trouble.
23 (Telephone ringing.)
24 * * * * *
25 DWAYNE: Hello?
MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello?

1 DWAYNE: Steve?
2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
3 DWAYNE: Dwayne.
4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Dwayne. I got to the phone a
5 little -- It quit by the time I got here.
6 DWAYNE: Do you think you're running slower
7 and slower?
8 MR. SCHNEIDER: I think so.
9 DWAYNE: You need to --
10 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm running in slow motion
11 here.
12 DWAYNE: Okay. We got the tapes, the ink
13 cassettes and everything ready to go.
14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
15 DWAYNE: So we'd like to -- We're going to go
16 up the same place we always put it out, right near the
17 boat, right near the edge of the wire.
18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
19 DWAYNE: We will drop it off and then pull
20 away.
21 MR. SCHNEIDER: And then Greg'll come out and
22 get it.
23 DWAYNE: And Greg'll come out. You also --
24 Remember all the rules of safety we've talked about --
25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
DWAYNE: -- and nobody will be near the

windows and all that kind of stuff.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, we've always, you know, done the same thing.

DWAYNE: And especially right now nobody in that tower. Would you agree to that?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, yeah, if that, that makes you feel better.

DWAYNE: Yeah, it'd make me feel an awful lot better if you'll agree to that.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DWAYNE: Okay, I'm going to give them the signal. They'll be moving forward in a couple of minutes.

MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

DWAYNE: Okay, Steve. Now, Greg Sommers is going to come out and pick it up?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

DWAYNE: But he won't come out until the Bradleys pull back?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

DWAYNE: Very good. You know the --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DWAYNE: Hang on a minute.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

DWAYNE: Oh, why don't you do this?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

1 DWAYNE: Would you call in to me once, you
2 know, Greg has gone outside and picked it up --
3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.
4 DWAYNE: -- and everything's okay?
5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, I'll do that.
6 DWAYNE: Thanks, Steve. All right.
7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.
8 DWAYNE: It's, it's moving forward right now.
9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
10 DWAYNE: Bye.
11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Bye.
12 * * * * *
13 DWAYNE: Hello?
14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello, Dwayne?
15 DWAYNE: Yes, Steve.
16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Did they drop it off
17 yet? I can't tell. There's a wooden box sitting out
18 there and the way -- Sometimes it's the way they move
19 and act, you're not ever sure. There are three or four
20 of them running around here. There's one sitting at
21 the gate, one is sitting at the bend. So I don't know
22 if they -
23 DWAYNE: There's, there's a box sitting out
24 by the boat and the wire?
25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, hang on. Let me take a
look at the exact location. Just a minute.

1 DWAYNE: Okay.
2 [gap]
3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Dwayne?
4 DWAYNE: Yes.
5 MR. SCHNEIDER: It's kind of strange. One's
6 sitting at the gate and the other, the other Bradley
7 backed up a little ways away by a tree. They're just
8 sitting there. But there's a wooden box sitting, oh, I
9 don't know, 20 feet away from the boat. I don't think
10 that's it.
11 DWAYNE: Well, I think that's it, but I tell
12 you what.
13 MR. SCHNEIDER: You think so?
14 DWAYNE: Yeah. If you want -- I tell you,
15 we're going to call in right now.
16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, do so, because --
17 DWAYNE: Why don't you wait right by the
18 phone?
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.
20 DWAYNE: You wait right by the phone.
21 MR. SCHNEIDER: I will.
22 DWAYNE: Actually, John said just hang on and
23 we'll do it while you and I are talking.
24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
25 DWAYNE: All right?
MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

1 DWAYNE: I mean I don't want any
2 misunderstanding.
3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Positively not.
4 DWAYNE: Yeah.
5 [gap]
6 MR. SCHNEIDER: I didn't even -- I didn't see
7 them even drop it off. I just happened to look out
8 there --
9 DWAYNE: Yeah. Well --
10 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and saw a wooden box.
11 DWAYNE: Well, maybe we've got better drivers
12 this time, they're not bumping into things that they
13 shouldn't be.
14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.
15 DWAYNE: That was kind of a little humor
16 there.
17 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I got it. I'm just
18 getting a little on the tired side.
19 DWAYNE: Yeah, I, I can imagine. We'll just
20 wait to hear.
21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
22 [gap]
23 DWAYNE: Okay, I hear him getting off of the
24 other phone now.
25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
DWAYNE: No, he dialed the wrong number.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
2 DWAYNE: Did you have a chance to talk to
3 David again about maybe dictating to some of his -- the
4 pertinent people who --
5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I think he probably
6 will be doing that.
7 DWAYNE: Oh, that's good.
8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, he said something to
9 the effect that what he had said I guess to you or
10 whoever it was.
11 DWAYNE: John Cox?
12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I believe so.
13 DWAYNE: Yeah.
14 MR. SCHNEIDER: He said yeah, he did
15 acknowledge that and -- I think he's a little tired
16 right now. I know he was working on something. I saw
17 him writing earlier in the morning for sure.
18 DWAYNE: Okay.
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: So --
20 DWAYNE: Yeah, okay, okay. Dick got to the
21 forward command post. They're going to check and
22 confirm that that is the, the, the cassettes and a few
23 pints of milk in there.
24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
25 DWAYNE: We wanted to put something in there.
MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

1 DWAYNE: We may not have put as many pints of
2 milk since I don't, you know, since they were spoiled
3 before, but maybe we can just have -- If things
4 continue to progress, you know, that can be --
5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.
6 DWAYNE: -- something for the kids.
7 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.
8 DWAYNE: So, so David said he, he thought he
9 would start just dictating it and then letting them
10 write it down. Then he could look at it and maybe, you
11 know --
12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, he acknowledged that he
13 said that and acknowledged that that was a sensible
14 thing to do.
15 DWAYNE: Yeah. That's good. Okay, do you
16 want to hang --
17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
18 DWAYNE: I tell you what. Rather than have
19 us both hanging on here, you want to just -- let me
20 just give you a call back or something?
21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I'll, I'll just wait
22 right here then. Okay, I'll be waiting for you then.
23 DWAYNE: Okay. Thanks, Steve.
24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, bye.
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(Telephone ringing.)

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello?
2 DWAYNE: Steve, this is Dwayne.
3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
4 DWAYNE: Yes, that, that is the, the stuff.
5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, it is?
6 DWAYNE: Yeah.
7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
8 DWAYNE: So, so Greg can just go ahead and,
9 and pick it up now. And the Bradley I think will just
10 sit there until he picks it up and go, and goes inside.
11 Then it's going to back away.
12 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.
13 DWAYNE: Okay?
14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Do you want me to hang on the
15 phone a few minutes?
16 DWAYNE: Yeah, why don't you do that?
17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
18 DWAYNE: But why don't you send Greg out
19 right now?
20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I will. He walked
21 away, so let me find him again. Just hang on.
22 DWAYNE: Okay.
23 MR. SCHNEIDER: Greg. Greg. (Voices in
24 background not discernible.) Yeah. Leave the door
25 open. Leave the door open. Okay, he's headed out.
DWAYNE: Okay, Greg's headed out right now?

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, right now.
2 DWAYNE: Okay. Just stay on the phone and
3 we'll --
4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I will.
5 DWAYNE: -- walk him right through this.
6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I wasn't sure at first.
7 I just happened to look and saw something sitting
8 there, and I wasn't sure if that was it or not.
9 DWAYNE: Well, I think perhaps we've done it
10 enough times now so we're getting pretty efficient --
11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
12 DWAYNE: -- at moving it.
13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Apparently so. Okay, he's
14 getting out there now. [gap] He's got it. [gap]
15 Here he comes.
16 DWAYNE: Do, do you happen to have any idea
17 if, if David has been able to get back to the
18 manuscript?
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: When I last went up to see
20 him, he was talking to two individuals. I don't think
21 he had yet.
22 DWAYNE: Okay. I recognize we ask about this
23 all the time, but --
24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.
25 DWAYNE: -- I guess --
MR. SCHNEIDER: I kind of wish that incident

1 earlier wouldn't have happened, because that's about
2 the time he started slowing down. He was -- I didn't
3 even see him up until that time, in fact, because he
4 was either -- Every now and then he'll take like
5 catnaps, then he goes right forward again.
6 DWAYNE: Um-hum.
7 MR. SCHNEIDER: (Voice in background not
8 discernible.) You're which?
9 DWAYNE: Is Greg back inside?
10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, here he is now. What
11 about dog bones?
12 GREG: There are dog bones, you know, the
13 ones they killed --
14 DWAYNE: Well, let me confirm this.
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, they've got it now.
16 DWAYNE: Okay. Greg's back inside with it?
17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.
18 DWAYNE: Yeah, you should have the little
19 package that was from Service Merchandise that has the
20 two --
21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, let me look real --
22 Just a minute.
23 DWAYNE: Okay. Tell me what you see in
24 there. [gap]
25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes, I've got it in my hand.
DWAYNE: Okay. And, and some milk cartons

1 were in there, too.
2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.
3 DWAYNE: Okay. That was a fairly --
4 MR. SCHNEIDER: You know what?
5 DWAYNE: What's that?
6 MR. SCHNEIDER: These don't look like the
7 same thing that was in there. I hope they work.
8 DWAYNE: But if you look at the thing, it
9 says CW-16.
10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, here's the one. Yeah,
11 here's one that does. The other one is a different
12 type.
13 DWAYNE: Yeah, the other one I think is just
14 for the manual typewriter.
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, okay. Gotcha.
16 DWAYNE: Back-ups, right?
17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Okay.
18 DWAYNE: See the other one says CW-16?
19 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I see that.
20 DWAYNE: That, that should look -- I mean, it
21 says CW-16, right?
22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right, it does.
23 DWAYNE: Okay. And you've got the milk?
24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.
25 DWAYNE: Okay.
MR. SCHNEIDER: Thanks a lot.

1 DWAYNE: Okay.
2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, I'll get it right to
3 him.
4 DWAYNE: Okay.
5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Bye.
6 DWAYNE: Bye.
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TAPE #245

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1 (Tape #245)

2 BYRON: Today's date is April 19, 1993. The
3 following is a telephone conversation between SSA Byron
4 Sage and the occupants of the Branch Davidian compound.
5 Also present is SA Richard A. Wren (ph).

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, I'm waiting
7 to turn you on.

8 BYRON: Okay. I've got 0600. Tell him we've
9 got contact, if you would. Before we're talking, we're
10 gonna -- as soon as Steve gets on the line, we're gonna
11 go ahead and make the announcement.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

13 BYRON: Why don't, why don't you do it over
14 the radio.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Well, he's going
16 to call him on (Indiscernible).

17 BYRON: Okay.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We can't talk
19 before he talks on the radio either (Indiscernible).

20 (Pause)

21 BYRON: Confirm with him that it's okay for
22 me to give them that announcement of the gas out. What
23 time you got, Dick? What time you got?

24 DICK: I got 6:02. My -- mine's two minutes
25 fast.

BYRON: Let's turn this up so that I can ask

1 Steve to get to the phone as soon as possible.
2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hey, guy, you
3 wanna keep this line open or (Indiscernible).
4 BYRON: Steve? This is Byron Sage. Can you
5 hear me now? Okay. This is Byron Sage. I need to
6 advise you of something that's very important. Can you
7 understand me? Okay. We're in the process of placing
8 tear gas into the building. This is not an assault.
9 We are not entering the building. Do you understand
10 that? This is not an assault in the building. We are
11 not entering the building. This is not an assault. Do
12 not fire your weapons. If you fire, fire will be
13 returned.
14 Okay. They've hung up the phone.
15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: They've hung up
16 the phone.
17 BYRON: Are we still up on the PA?
18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, not now.
19 BYRON: No, I want up.
20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay.
21 BYRON: Loud.
22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Go ahead.
23 BYRON: Loud.
24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Go ahead. You're
25 loud.
BYRON: Steve, David, individuals inside the

1 Branch Davidian compound, we are in the process of
2 placing tear gas into the building. This is not an
3 assault. This is not an assault. We will not be
4 entering the building. This is not an assault. Do
5 not, under any circumstances, discharge your weapons.
6 If you fire, fire will be returned. Do not shoot.
7 This is not an assault.
8 The gas you will be smelling is a non-lethal
9 tear gas. This gas will temporarily render the
10 building uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and
11 follow the instructions of the individuals who will
12 talk to you from the Bradleys.
13 You are not to have anyone in the tower. The
14 tower is off limits. The tower is off limits. No one
15 is to be in the tower. Anyone observed in the tower
16 will be considered an act of aggression and will be
17 dealt with accordingly.
18 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
19 Follow all instructions. Come out of the compound with
20 your hands up carrying nothing. Come out of the
21 compound with your hands up carrying nothing. Come out
22 of the building and walk up the driveway toward Double
23 E Ranch Road. Walk towards a large Red Cross flag near
24 Double E Ranch Road. Follow all instructions of the
25 FBI agents in the Bradley vehicles. Follow all
instructions. You are under arrest. This standoff is

1 over. We do not want anyone to be hurt. Follow all
2 instructions.
3 This is not an assault. Do not fire any
4 weapons. We do not want anyone hurt. The gas will
5 continue to be delivered until everyone is safely out
6 of the building. Exit the compound now.
7 David, Steve, those of you remaining inside
8 the Branch Davidian complex, it is time to surrender to
9 the proper authority. We do not want anyone to be
10 hurt. Follow all instructions. This is not an
11 assault. Do not discharge any weapons. We do not want
12 anyone to be hurt.
13 Gas will continue to be delivered until
14 everyone is out of the building. Exit the compound
15 now. Anyone appearing in the tower -- you are to be
16 advised that there is to be no one in the tower. The
17 tower is off limits. Be advised the tower is off
18 limits. You are warned. No one is to be in the tower.
19 Anyone observed in the tower will be considered to be
20 an act of aggression and will be dealt with
21 accordingly.
22 This is not an assault. We are not entering
23 the building. We are in the process of delivering tear
24 gas into the building. This is not an assault. Do not
25 fire your weapons. If you fire, fire will be returned.
Do not shoot. This is not an assault.

1 Is this going out? Is this going out?
2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. What
3 you're saying is going out.
4 BYRON: Okay. Let me continue then.
5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Go ahead,
6 continue.
7 BYRON: The gas you smell is a non-lethal
8 tear gas. The gas will temporarily render the building
9 uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and follow
10 instructions. You are not to have anyone in the tower.
11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: They're taking
12 five. They're taking five.
13 BYRON: The tower is off limits. No one is
14 to be in the tower. Anyone observed in the tower will
15 be considered to be an act of aggression and will be
16 dealt with accordingly.
17 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
18 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up,
19 carrying nothing. Come out with your hands up,
20 carrying nothing. Come out of the building and walk up
21 the driveway towards Double E Ranch Road. Walk toward
22 the large Red Cross flag.
23 Follow all instructions of the FBI agents in
24 the Bradleys. Follow all instructions. You are under
25 arrest. This standoff is over. You are under arrest.
This standoff is over. We do not want anyone to be

1 hurt. Follow all instructions. This is not an
2 assault. Do not fire any weapons. This is not an
3 assault. Do not, do not fire any weapons.
4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: May be too late
5 for that.
6 BYRON: We do not want anyone to be hurt.
7 Gas will continue to be delivered until everyone is out
8 of the building. Exit the compound now. Submit to the
9 proper authority, David. Steve, give us a call at the
10 negotiation room so we can work this thing out.
11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I'll tell them
12 that (Indiscernible).
13 BYRON: Can we see if they've tried to
14 reinitiate contact?
15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I can tell. I
16 told them not to at the time.
17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Byron?
18 BYRON: Yeah.
19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Turn off the
20 mike.
21 BYRON: Okay.
22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Just so that they
23 don't hear something that we don't want them to hear.
24 BYRON: Good. Are they taking
25 (Indiscernible).
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)

1 shot at the tank.

2 BYRON: These fucking idiots.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hey, Clint, go
4 ahead and -- Clint, go ahead and try to reinitiate
5 through there. Okay. Okay. Still there?

6 BYRON: Okay. We've completed a second
7 remotable broadcast. It's now 6:10. We're getting
8 initial information that shots have been fired.

9 This is Byron Sage. We've been talking for
10 51 days now. We need to bring this matter under
11 control. This is not an assault. We are in the
12 process of placing tear gas into the building at this
13 time. This is not an assault. We are not entering the
14 building. We are not entering the building. This is
15 not an assault. Do not fire your weapons. If you
16 fire, you will be fired upon. Do not shoot. This is
17 not an assault.

18 The gas you will smell is a non-lethal tear
19 gas. This gas will temporarily render the building
20 uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and follow
21 instructions. Exit the compound now and follow
22 instructions.

23 You are not to have anyone in the tower. The
24 tower is off limits. No one is to be allowed in the
25 tower. Anyone observed in the tower will be considered
to be an act of aggression and will be dealt with

1 accordingly.

2 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
3 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up,
4 carrying nothing. Come out of the building and walk up
5 the driveway toward Double E Ranch Road. Walk toward
6 the large Red Cross flag. Follow all instructions of
7 the FBI agents in the Bradleys. Follow all
8 instructions.

9 You are under arrest. This standoff is over.
10 You are under arrest. This standoff is over. We do
11 not want anyone to be hurt. Follow these instructions.
12 This is not an assault. Do not fire any weapons. Do
13 not fire any weapons. We do not want anyone to be
14 hurt.

15 Gas will continue to be delivered until
16 everyone is out of the building. Exit the compound
17 now.

18 (Phone ringing in background.)

19 [Gap]

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- transmission.
21 I've got 6:13.

22 BYRON: Do not fire your weapons. Do not
23 fire your weapons. If you fire, fire will be returned.
24 Do not shoot. This is not an assault.

25 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
This gas will temporarily render the building

1 uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and follow
2 instructions.
3 You are not to have anyone in the tower. The
4 tower is off limits. No one is to be in the tower.
5 Anyone observed in the tower will be considered to be
6 an act of aggression and will be dealt with
7 accordingly.
8 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
9 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up.
10 Carry nothing. Come out of the building and walk up
11 the driveway toward Double E Ranch Road. Walk toward
12 the large Red Cross flag. Follow all instructions of
13 the FBI agents in the Bradleys. I repeat, follow all
14 instructions.
15 You are under arrest. You are under arrest.
16 This standoff is over. We do not want anyone to be
17 hurt. Follow all instructions. This is not an
18 assault. Do not fire any weapons. Do not fire any
19 weapons. We do not want anyone to be hurt.
20 Gas will continue to be delivered until
21 everyone is out of the building. Exit the compound
22 now. Surrender to the proper authority.
23 [Gap]
24 BYRON: Steve, David, we're attempting to
25 contact you via the telephone. Attempt to initiate
contact telephonically with the negotiators. If you

1 cannot do that -- if you cannot do that, if the lines
2 have been cut, indicate with a flag out the front door.
3 Once again, do not, do not send anyone into the tower.
4 The tower is off limits. No one is to be in the tower.
5 Send a flag out the front door to indicate if the phone
6 line is no longer working or if you do not -- if you
7 have any intention of trying to contact us, this will
8 initiate or help us to initiate telephonic contact with
9 you.
10 Once again, this is not an assault. We are
11 not entering the building. Do not fire your weapons.
12 If you are attempting to recontact us by way of
13 telephone and it is not working, put a signal of some
14 sort, a flag out the front door and we will try to make
15 arrangements to reinitiate telephonic contact.
16 Let's get this resolved, Steve, David. An
17 armed standoff is not going to help anyone. We don't
18 want anyone else to be injured.
19 [Gap]
20 BYRON: Good morning. Those of you inside
21 the Branch Davidian compound, we are in the process of
22 placing tear gas into the building. This is not an
23 assault. We are not entering the building. This is
24 not an assault. Do not fire your weapons. If you
25 fire, fire will be returned. Do not shoot. This is
not an assault.

1 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
2 This gas will temporarily render the building
3 uninhabitable. Prolonged exposure could be harmful to
4 you and your children. Exit the compound now. Follow
5 instructions.
6 You are not to have anyone in the tower. The
7 tower is off limits. No one is to be in the tower.
8 Anyone observed in the tower will be considered to be
9 an act of aggression and will be dealt with
10 accordingly.
11 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
12 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up,
13 carry nothing. Do not bring any type of weapons or
14 anything that could be considered a weapon out of the
15 complex with you.
16 Come out of the building and walk up the
17 driveway toward Double E Ranch Road. You will observe
18 a large Red Cross flag at that location. Come out now
19 and you will not be harmed.
20 Follow all instructions of the FBI agents in
21 the Bradley vehicles. Follow all instructions. You
22 are under arrest. This standoff is over. You are
23 under arrest. This standoff is over. We do not want
24 anyone to be hurt. Follow all instructions. This is
25 not an assault. Do not fire any weapons. We do not
want anyone to be injured.

1 Gas will continue to be delivered until
2 everyone is out of the building. Exit the compound
3 now. David, Steven, it is time to submit and surrender
4 to the proper authority. That time is now. Exit the
5 compound now and no one will be injured.
6 David, Steven, you need to initiate contact
7 with the negotiators over the phone. If that phone is
8 no longer functional, if the line has been cut, please
9 indicate so by putting some sort of a signal or flag
10 out the front door.
11 This is not an assault. Do not fire your
12 weapons. If you fire, you will be fired upon.
13 (Phone ringing in background.)
14 [Gap]
15 BYRON: We have observed the flag that you've
16 placed outside the front door. You need to indicate to
17 us whether or not the phone is working or whether or
18 not you have thrown the phone out of the building. If,
19 in fact, the phone is working, reinitiate contact with
20 the negotiators now.
21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's announcing it
22 now.
23 BYRON: If it is not working -- if it is not
24 working, you will have to pass that message to us with
25 the first people coming out of the complex. This siege
is over. David, Steve, it is time for those people to

1 come out. They can bring forward the message and we
2 can attempt to reinitiate contact at that time.
3 Gas will continue to be delivered until
4 everyone is out of the building. Exit the compound
5 now. If you can retrieve the phone, if it was in fact
6 thrown out, then reinitiate contact with the
7 negotiators. If that phone is not operational, we will
8 attempt to work on getting another phone into you;
9 however, in the meantime, you have got to realize this
10 standoff is over.
11 You are under arrest. It's time for you to
12 comply with instructions and exit the compound.
13 [Gap]
14 David, Steven, if you intend to get back on
15 the phone -- if you intend to get back on the phone,
16 retrieve the flag and replace it with a different
17 colored instrument. If you intend to get back on the
18 phone, retrieve the flag currently displayed and
19 replace it with a different colored instrument. Ensure
20 that it does not resemble a weapon.
21 [Gap]
22 BYRON: David, Steven, those of you remaining
23 inside the Branch Davidian compound, it's time to exit
24 that compound in an orderly fashion. We have observed
25 the red banner. It is the opinion of the commanders
that we will continue to attempt to contact or

1 communicate with you; however, it is time for you to
2 exit the compound in an orderly fashion.
3 We have received reports that although we
4 have not initiated fire towards you, there has been
5 fire initiated towards the tanks. Therefore, we are
6 not in a position to place our agents in jeopardy, to
7 deliver a phone to you at this time.
8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Byron, tell them
9 if they intend to come out, place a flag out the front
10 door.
11 BYRON: If you intend to come out, at this
12 time place a flag out the front door and we will ensure
13 that you have a safe exit from the compound. If you
14 intend to come out, at this time change the flag at the
15 front door and we will ensure that you are exiting into
16 a safe environment.
17 We are in the process of delivering tear gas
18 into the building. This is not an assault. We are not
19 entering the building. This is not an assault. Do not
20 fire your weapons. If you fire, fire will be returned.
21 Do not shoot. This is not an assault.
22 The gas which you smell is a non-lethal tear
23 gas. The gas will temporarily render the building
24 uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and follow
25 instructions. Do not, do not have anyone in the tower.
The tower is off-limits. No one is to be in the tower.

1 Anyone observed in the tower will be considered an act
2 of aggression and will be dealt with accordingly.
3 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
4 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up,
5 carrying nothing. Come out with your hands up in an
6 orderly fashion, carrying nothing. Come out of the
7 building and walk up the driveway toward Double E Ranch
8 Road and follow the instructions provided to you.
9 There will be a large Red Cross flag which will be a
10 location where the agents will be waiting to take you
11 into custody. You will be treated professionally. You
12 will not be injured. Follow all instructions of the
13 FBI agents in the Bradley armored vehicles. Follow the
14 instructions.
15 You are under arrest. This standoff is over.
16 You are under arrest. This standoff is over. We do
17 not want anyone to be hurt. David, you know this.
18 It's time for you to lead your people out of the
19 compound and lead them out in a safe and orderly
20 fashion. Follow the instructions.
21 This is not an assault. Do not fire any
22 weapons. We do not want anyone, including David,
23 Steve, all of you that have -- we've talked with for so
24 many days, we do not want anyone injured.
25 Tear gas will continue to be delivered until
everyone is out of the building. Exit the compound

1 now. Exit the compound now. David, Steven, if you
2 intend to exit, as you intend to exit, produce the same
3 white flag --
4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Byron?
5 BYRON: -- prior to a uniform and orderly
6 exit. Do it now.
7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Tell him --
8 [Gap]
9 BYRON: David, Steven, I've been advised that
10 if you do not exit within the next two minutes,
11 additional gas will be inserted into the building.
12 This is not going to end, David, until you've exited in
13 a peaceful and orderly fashion.
14 Gas will continue to be delivered until
15 everyone is out of the building. There is no
16 compromise on that position.
17 You are under arrest and this standoff is
18 over. Exit the building now in an orderly fashion and
19 no one will be injured.
20 [Gap]
21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. That last
22 announcement was at 6:44.
23 [Gap]
24 BYRON: --a professional manner. Exit now and
25 no one will be hurt. Since you have not complied with
the two minute warning, additional gas will be

1 introduced into the building and will continue to be
2 delivered until everyone is out of the compound. Exit
3 the compound now.
4 David, Steven, all of you remaining in the
5 Branch Davidian compound, you are under arrest. This
6 standoff is over. We do not want anyone to be hurt.
7 Follow all instructions. This is not an assault. Do
8 not fire any weapons. We do not want anyone to be
9 injured.
10 Gas will continue to be delivered until
11 everyone is out of the compound. Exit the compound
12 now. Surrender to the proper authority.
13 Okay. That last one was at --
14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I've got 6:52.
15 BYRON: -- 6:52.
16 [Gap]
17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Members of the
18 Branch Davidian compound, we are in the process of
19 placing tear gas into your building. This is not -- I
20 repeat, not an assault. We are not entering the
21 building. This is not an assault. Do not fire your
22 weapons. If you fire, fire will be returned. Do not
23 shoot. This is not an assault.
24 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
25 This gas will temporarily render the building
uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and follow

1 instructions.

2 You are not -- I repeat, not to have anyone
3 in the tower. The tower is off limits. No one is to
4 be in the tower. Anyone observed in the tower will be
5 considered to be engaged in an act of aggression and
6 will be dealt with accordingly.

7 If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
8 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up,
9 carry nothing. Come out of the building and walk up
10 the driveway toward Double E Ranch Road. Walk toward
11 the large Red Cross flag. Follow all instructions that
12 the FBI agents in the Bradley.

13 You are under arrest. This standoff is over.
14 We do not want anyone to be hurt. Follow all
15 instructions. This is not an assault. Do not fire. I
16 repeat, do not fire any of your weapons. We do not
17 want anyone to be hurt. Gas will continue to be
18 delivered until everyone is out of the building. Exit
19 the compound now. Submit yourself to surrender to the
20 proper authority. Do not subject yourself and your
21 children to any further discomfort.

22 Place the white flag out of the door to
23 indicate your readiness to exit. This standoff is
24 over. It is time to come out now. It is time to come
25 out now.

[Gap]

1 BYRON: -- inside the Branch Davidian
2 compound, we are continuing to introduce tear gas into
3 the building. This is not an assault. We are not
4 entering the building. You are not going to be
5 subjected to any fire unless you fire upon the agents
6 in the proximity of the compound. Do not fire your
7 weapons. If you fire, you will be fired upon. Do not
8 shoot. This is not -- this is not an assault.
9 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
10 The gas will temporarily render the building
11 uninhabitable. Exit the compound now and follow the
12 instructions.
13 David, Steven, we have covered the
14 instructions previously. I'm going to go over them
15 again. Exit the compound in an orderly manner. Exit
16 the front door after displaying a white flag to ensure
17 that the agents outside are prepared for receiving --
18 we are prepared to receive you at this time. Exit the
19 compound by coming out the front door and turning to
20 the left. Walk down your driveway towards Double E
21 Ranch Road and you will receive specific instructions
22 from the FBI agents in the armored vehicles. Exit the
23 vehicle -- or exit the compound at this time and you
24 will be provided immediately with proper medical
25 attention, to assist in diminishing and reducing and
relieving the discomfort from the gas. You need to

1 come out of that compound immediately.
2 Gas will continue to be delivered into the
3 compound until everyone has exited. You are not to
4 have anyone in the tower. The tower is off limits. No
5 one is to be in the tower. Anyone observed in the
6 tower will be considered to be an act of aggression and
7 will be dealt with accordingly.
8 Do not have any weapons in the windows. If
9 you come out, no one will be harmed. When you come
10 out, no one will be harmed. Follow all the
11 instructions provided to you. Come out of the compound
12 with your hands up, carrying nothing. Come out of the
13 compound with your hands up, carrying nothing.
14 Come out of the building and walk up the
15 driveway toward Double E Ranch Road. David, this is
16 exactly as we have discussed previously. Steve, you
17 know it is, as well. You exit the compound, walk up
18 the driveway towards Double E Ranch Road and you will
19 receive appropriate instructions at that point in time
20 along with immediate medical care and transportation.
21 Walk towards the Red Cross flag. Follow the
22 instructions of the FBI agents in the Bradleys.
23 You are all under arrest. This standoff is
24 over. We do not want anyone hurt. This is not an
25 assault. Do not fire any weapons. It's time to end
this and end it peaceably. We do not want anybody

1 injured.

2 Gas will continue to be delivered until the
3 last person is out of the building. There is no
4 variance. There is no compromise. Gas will continue
5 to be delivered until everyone is out of the building.
6 Exit the compound now. There is absolutely no reason
7 to continue to subject yourselves and your children to
8 anymore discomfort.

9 Place a white flag out the front door to
10 indicate your readiness to exit with the first group of
11 people. We are ready as soon as you are.

12 [Gap]

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Branch Davidians,
14 we are continuing to place tear gas into the building.
15 This is not an assault. We are not entering the
16 building. Do not fire your weapons. If you fire, fire
17 will be returned. Do not shoot. I repeat, do not
18 shoot your weapons. This is not an assault.

19 The gas you smell is non-lethal tear gas. It
20 will temporarily render the building uninhabitable.
21 The gas will eventually permeate your food, your
22 clothing and your water.

23 Exit the compound now and follow the
24 instructions we have discussed at length throughout the
25 standoff. You are not to have anyone in the tower.
The tower is off limits. No one is to be in the tower.

1 Anyone observed in the tower will be considered to be
2 an aggressor and will be dealt with accordingly. If
3 you come out now, you will not be harmed. Follow all
4 instructions. Come out with your hands up, carry
5 nothing. Come out of the building and walk up the
6 driveway toward the Double E Ranch Road. Follow
7 instructions of the FBI agents in the Bradleys.
8 You are under arrest. This standoff is over.
9 David Koresh no longer directs the compound members.
10 We do not want anyone to be hurt. Follow our
11 instructions. This is not an assault. Do not fire
12 your weapons. We do not want anyone to be hurt.
13 You are responsible for your actions inside
14 that building. Come out now. We will continue to
15 deliver gas until everyone is out of that building. It
16 is time to end this matter. Leave the building now.
17 Surrender and you will be treated professionally. Do
18 not subject yourselves and your children to anymore
19 discomfort. Come out from the building now.
20 We will continue to deliver gas. It is time
21 for you to leave the building. David Koresh will not
22 any longer direct your activities in the building.
23 Leave the building now.
24 [Gap]
25 BYRON: David, Steven, those of you remaining
inside the Branch Davidian compound, we are continuing

1 to introduce tear gas into the building. This is not
2 an assault. We are not entering the building at this
3 time. We are not entering the building at this time.
4 This is not an assault. Do not fire your weapons. If
5 you fire, fire will be returned. Do not shoot. This
6 is not an assault.
7 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
8 The gas will temporarily render the building
9 uninhabitable. The gas will eventually permeate all of
10 your food, clothing and water supply.
11 Exit the compound now and follow
12 instructions. The exit and evacuation plan is the same
13 as that which we have discussed throughout the
14 standoff. You will come out of the front door in an
15 orderly fashion after displaying a white flag,
16 indicating your immediate departure. Walk down the
17 driveway towards Double E Ranch Road and follow the
18 specific instructions provided to you by the agents in
19 the Bradley vehicles.
20 There is not to be anyone in the tower. The
21 tower is off limits. No one is to be in the tower.
22 Any movement observed in the tower will be considered
23 an act of aggression and will be dealt with
24 accordingly.
25 You are responsible for your own actions. If
you come out now, you will not be harmed. Follow all

1 instructions provided to you. When you come out, come
2 out with your hands held high, carrying nothing. Come
3 out of the building and walk up the driveway toward
4 Double E Ranch Road and medical attention will be
5 provided to relieve your discomfort. Walk towards the
6 large white Red Cross flag. Follow all instructions
7 the FBI agents in the Bradleys provide to you.
8 You are under arrest. This standoff is over.
9 David, you are under arrest. This standoff is over.
10 Come out and you will be treated professionally. Your
11 needs will be addressed as we have promised you in the
12 past. The time to delay is over. We don't want anyone
13 else hurt. Follow the instructions provided and we can
14 end this matter without any further injuries.
15 This is not an assault. Do not fire any
16 weapons. We do not want anyone to be hurt. Submit to
17 the proper authorities.
18 Gas will continue to be delivered until
19 everyone is out of the building. David, Steve, Wayne,
20 all of you need to realize that this is not going to
21 end until all of you are out of that building.
22 Gas will continue to be delivered in an
23 increasing volume until everyone exits the building.
24 Exit the buildings now. Do not submit yourself and
25 subject your children to anymore discomfort. Delay is
futile. Place a white flag outside of the front door

1 to indicate your readiness to exit. We are ready to
2 meet you and to provide you with the appropriate
3 medical attention to relieve you of your discomforts as
4 a result of this tear gas.
5 Please, the time is now. Come out of the
6 building. Let's get this over with.
7 {Gap}
8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: David, Steven,
9 and the remaining members of the Branch Davidian
10 compound, we are continuing to place tear gas into your
11 building. This is not an assault. We are not entering
12 the building at this time. This is not an assault. Do
13 not fire your weapons. If you fire, fire will be
14 returned. Do not shoot. This is not an assault.
15 The gas you smell is non-lethal tear gas.
16 This gas will temporarily render the building
17 uninhabitable. Gas will eventually permeate your
18 water, your clothing and your food supplies. Exit the
19 compound now. Follow the instructions we've discussed
20 at length throughout this standoff.
21 You are not to have anyone in the tower. The
22 tower is off limits. I repeat, the tower is off
23 limits. Any movement observed in the tower will be
24 considered an act of aggression and will be dealt with
25 accordingly.
You are responsible for your own actions. If

1 you come out now, you will not be harmed. Follow all
2 the instructions. Come out with your hands up, carry
3 nothing. Come out of the building and walk up the
4 driveway toward the Double E Ranch Road and medical
5 attention will be provided to relieve your discomfort.
6 Follow the instructions of the FBI agents in the
7 Bradleys.
8 You are now under arrest. This standoff is
9 over. Come out and you will be treated professionally.
10 We do not want anyone to be hurt. This is not an
11 assault. I repeat, it is not an assault. Do not fire
12 your weapons. We do not want anyone to be hurt.
13 We will continue to deliver gas until
14 everyone is out of that building. Exit the compound
15 now. Surrender to the FBI agents. Do not subject
16 yourselves and your children to any further discomfort.
17 Do not subject yourselves and your children to any
18 further discount -- discomfort. Place the white flag
19 out of the door to indicate your readiness to exit.
20 Let's finish this now. Come out of the
21 building.
22 (End of Tape #245)
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TAPE #246

4/19/93

(Tape #246)

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: The date is April
2 19, 1993. This tape is inserted at approximately 8:06
3 a.m. The tape will contain announcements made by SA
4 Richard A. Wren and/or SSA Byron Sage to the Branch
5 Davidian compound members. This is Tape No. 2.
6 We are continuing in efforts to convince you
7 that it's time to depart from that building. These
8 efforts are not meant to injure anyone inside.
9 We will continue to introduce tear gas into
10 the building in an effort to direct you out of the
11 building. This is not an assault. You are not to come
12 out of the building with any type of weapon or anything
13 that would appear to be a firearm.
14 We do not intend to enter your building at
15 this time. This is not an assault. Do not fire your
16 weapons. Do not appear at the windows with anything
17 that could be construed as being a weapon. If you
18 fire, your fire will be returned. Do not shoot. This
19 is not an assault.
20 The gas you smell and will continue to detect
21 is a non-lethal tear gas. This gas will temporarily
22 render the building uninhabitable and by temporary, I
23 mean as long as it takes to get each and every one of
24 you peacefully outside of that building.
25 The tear gas will continue to be introduced
and will eventually permeate and contaminate your water

1 supply, permeate your clothing and ruin your food.
2 Exit the compound now and avoid any further
3 discomfort. Exit the compound and comply with the exit
4 and evacuation plans that we have been discussing for
5 weeks. The plan will be the same as previously
6 discussed, including the peaceful and orderly exit from
7 the compound by way of the front door, turn immediately
8 to the left and proceed down the sidewalk or down the
9 driveway towards the Double E Ranch Road.
10 Do not, under any circumstances, have anyone
11 in the tower. The tower is off limits. No one is to
12 be in the tower. Movement observed in the tower will
13 be considered an act of aggression and will be dealt
14 with accordingly.
15 You are responsible for your own actions. If
16 you come out now, you will be treated professionally
17 and no one will be harmed. Follow the instructions
18 provided to you by the FBI agents immediately upon your
19 exit. Come out with your hands up, carrying nothing.
20 Do not have anything in your hands or on your person
21 which could be construed as a possible weapon. Come
22 out of the building and walk up the driveway toward
23 Double E Ranch Road and medical attention is standing
24 by to provide you with relief for your discomfort.
25 Follow all instructions of the FBI agents in
the Bradleys. Follow all instructions as they are

1 provided to you promptly and thoroughly.

2 You are under arrest. This standoff is over.
3 This matter will be resolved and will be resolved as
4 swiftly and professionally as possible. We are not
5 here to inflict any injury on any individuals. Come
6 out now in an orderly fashion and no one need be
7 injured.

8 You are all under arrest. This standoff is
9 over. Come out and you will be treated professionally.
10 This is not an assault. Do not fire any weapons. We
11 have no intention of entering your compound at this
12 time. This is not an assault. Do not fire any weapons
13 on any of the vehicles or individuals outside of your
14 compound. We do not want anyone else hurt. Submit,
15 David, to the proper authority and submit now.

16 Gas will continue to be delivered until
17 everyone is out of the building. This is not a
18 negotiable position. Gas will continue to be delivered
19 until everyone is out of the building. This action has
20 been brought about by your inaction and we intend to
21 follow through with this course of action until
22 everyone is safely removed from the building. Exit the
23 compound now. Do not subject yourself and your
24 children to anymore discomfort. Place a white flag
25 outside of the door to indicate your readiness to exit.
The sooner you do this, the sooner you'll be able to

1 receive relief from any discomfort which you may be
2 feeling from the gas. If you're not feeling it now, I
3 guarantee you, you will be.
4 [Gap]
5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- Branch
6 Davidian compound, we will continue to be delivering
7 gas. Once again, this is not an assault. We are not
8 entering your compound at this time. This is not an
9 assault. Do not fire on the vehicles or agents around
10 your compound. If you fire, fire will be returned. Do
11 not shoot. This is not an assault.
12 What you smell is non-lethal tear gas. The
13 gas will temporarily render the building uninhabitable.
14 We have received your message on the banner, indicating
15 that you want to have the phones repaired. At this
16 time a proper resolution to this matter is a safe and
17 orderly exit. We have spoken for 50 days.
18 It's time now for you to exit the building
19 and we will treat you in a professional and humane
20 fashion. Due to hostile fire being received by the
21 tanks earlier today, we are not in a position to expose
22 agents to hostile fire to replace the phone service to
23 your compound. You are deman -- you are requested to
24 exit the compound at this time in an orderly fashion.
25 We are continuing to deliver gas. Once
again, this is not an assault. This is not an assault.

1 [Gap]

2 BYRON: -- or recovering this telephonic
3 device will be to coordinate the safe and orderly exit
4 of all occupants of the compound. With that
5 understanding, you are authorized to send one person
6 out unarmed to recover the telephone device which you
7 had sent or discarded previously this morning. The
8 understanding being that the purpose for reestablishing
9 the communication with the negotiators will be to
10 coordinate the safe and orderly exit of all occupants
11 from inside the Branch Davidian compound.

12 Steve, David, this is Byron Sage. Be advised
13 that we received your message that the phone line
14 appears to be cut. We want you to retrieve as much of
15 the cord and the device back into the building as you
16 can to see if it's repairable. Let us know if it
17 appears to be repairable. Give us a signal. If it is
18 not, they're exploring avenues as to whether or not we
19 have another phone which we can provide to you.

20 Once again, I stress to you that the only
21 purpose for reestablishing that contact is going to be
22 the coordination of a rapid and orderly extraction of
23 all people from inside the compound.

24 We would ask you to retrieve the wire and
25 instrument back into the compound. Have Graeme or
whoever review it to see if it's repairable and give us

1 some sort of a message. The primary message that we
2 are delivering to you is that it is time to exit the
3 compound and exit now.
4 We will, once again, assure you that you will
5 be treated professionally and that appropriate medical
6 care and transportation is waiting for you at this
7 time. Go ahead and retrieve the device, telephone
8 device, and the cord and advise us as to whether or not
9 you can make the device work.
10 [Gap]
11 BYRON: Steven, David, -- hello? Does this
12 need to be -- I don't need to mention -- mess with any
13 of this stuff, right?
14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, just, just
15 leave all that be.
16 BYRON: All I'm doing is, is turning this
17 back --
18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, just turn
19 it back on and off.
20 BYRON: Steven, David, go ahead and bring the
21 wire back into the compound area. We're still
22 checking to see -- if that device does not work, we'll
23 try to get you another telephone device to hook up to
24 it. Go ahead and recover as much of the telephone line
25 as you can back into the compound and we will attempt
to see if there's another field phone device to get to

1 you.

2 Once again, I repeat to you that the purpose
3 for reestablishing communication, if possible, will
4 only be to coordinate the rapid response and exit of
5 individuals from inside the compound. So, go ahead and
6 recover as much of the telephone line as you can at
7 this time back into the compound.

8 [Gap]

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Do not shoot.
10 This ios not an assault. The gas you smell is a non-
11 lethal tear gas. The gas will temporarily render the
12 building uninhabitable. Eventually the tear gas will
13 work its way into your water, into your clothing, and
14 your food. Exit the compound now. The time for talk
15 is finished. Exit the compound.

16 The exit evacuation plan will be the same as
17 we have discussed throughout this standoff. You are
18 not to have anyone in the tower. The tower is off
19 limits. No one is to be in the tower. Movement
20 observed in the tower will be considered an act of
21 aggression and will be dealt with accordingly.

22 You and only you are responsible for your own
23 actions. If you come out now, you will not be harmed.
24 Follow all instructions. Come out with your hands up,
25 carry nothing. Come out of the building and walk up
the driveway towards the Double E Ranch Road. Medical

1 attention will be provided to relieve any discomfort.
2 Follow the instructions of FBI agents in the Bradley
3 vehicles.
4 This standoff is over. It is time to move
5 on. You can continue the seals at another location at
6 another time. Come out and you will be treated
7 professionally. We do not want anyone to be hurt.
8 This is not an assault.
9 Gas will continue to be delivered until
10 everyone is out of that building. The time to finish
11 this is now. We do not want -- that is, we do not want
12 you to stay in that building. The time to exit is now.
13 [Gap]
14 BYRON: Ready?
15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Are you ready to
16 go again?
17 BYRON: David, --
18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Let's turn this
19 thing on here.
20 BYRON: Let's turn it on first.
21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Set?
22 BYRON: David, good morning. This is Byron
23 Sage. We are continuing to place tear gas into the
24 building and will continue until the last person is
25 removed; hopefully, safely and unharmed.
This is not an assault. We have no intention

1 of entering your building at this time. This is not an
2 assault so do not fire any of your weapons. If you
3 fire, you will -- the fire will be returned. Do not
4 shoot. This is not an assault.
5 The gas that you have been exposed to and
6 will continue to be exposed to is a non-lethal tear
7 gas. This gas will temporarily render the building
8 uninhabitable. It will also eventually permeate your
9 water, food and clothing. You need to realize that
10 this standoff is over. It is now time to exit the
11 compound in an orderly fashion.
12 David, Steven, we have discussed on numerous
13 occasions the exact and safe evacuation plan. That
14 same plan is in effect now. You will exit the compound
15 by coming out the front of the building, turning
16 immediately to the left and proceeding down the
17 driveway towards Double E Ranch Road. The medical
18 facilities are already staged and ready to assist you
19 upon your exit. The transportation is already here and
20 ready to forward you on for appropriate processing and
21 to expedite your appearance before the magistrate.
22 The time is now, David. It's time to come
23 out of the compound. You've stressed the fact that you
24 have concern for your followers. You've stressed the
25 fact that you are still working on the seven seals.
Demonstrate your concern for your followers, we will

1 demonstrate our ability in allowing you to continue to
2 work on the seven seals following your release.
3 The instructions remain intact regarding the
4 tower. The tower is off limits. No one is to enter
5 the tower. Any movement in the tower will be
6 considered an act of aggression and will be dealt with
7 accordingly.
8 David, Steven, Wayne, all of you remaining
9 inside the compound, you are responsible for your own
10 actions. It's time to exercise that responsibility and
11 lead those people out of the compound safely and
12 securely at this time. If you come out now, you will
13 not be harmed. Follow all of the instructions as they
14 are provided to you by the FBI agents. Come out of the
15 complex with your hands up. Carry nothing with you.
16 Have nothing on your person which will appear to be a
17 weapon. Come out of the building and walk up the
18 driveway toward Double E Ranch Road and medical
19 attention will be provided to relieve you of your
20 discomfort from the gas.
21 Follow the instructions specifically as
22 they're provided to you by FBI agents which will meet
23 you in the Bradleys. Follow these instructions and we
24 will not have any further difficulty with relation to a
25 safe resolution of this matter.
This standoff, David, is over. The delay is

1 over. It is time to move forward and get this matter
2 resolved. We've been here for over 50 days. We will
3 not be here any longer.
4 Come out and you will be treated
5 professionally. I personally assure you of this. We
6 do not want anyone to be hurt. Follow these
7 instructions and there will be no further injuries and
8 no further need to expose yourself and the children to
9 anymore discomfort.
10 This is not an assault. It has not been an
11 assault. Do not fire any weapons in relation to
12 ongoing activities. We do not want anyone to be hurt.
13 It is time, David, to submit to the proper authorities.
14 Gas will continue to be delivered until each
15 and every one of you are out of the building. This is
16 not a negotiable area. Gas will continue to be
17 delivered until each and every one of you has exited
18 the building. Exit the compound now. We stand ready
19 to receive you, provide you with the medical care that
20 you need, provide you with the transportation and the
21 legal representation. I'm sure you're listening to the
22 radio. This is getting a significant amount of
23 attention.
24 Your concerns regarding getting your message
25 out and media attention, we do not stand in the way of
facilitating that for you. We've told you that for 50

1 days. It's time to come out. It's time to come out
2 now.
3 Place a white flag out of either side of the
4 front door to indicate your readiness to exit. Let's
5 get this moving. Let's get it moving now.
6 [Gap]
7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: You want to turn
8 that on just to make sure it's down and then bring it
9 up.
10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: All right.
11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: So, we don't --
12 so, we don't hit it all at once. Ready?
13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: David, Steven, we
14 are continuing to place tear gas into the building.
15 This is not an assault. We are not entering the
16 building. Do not fire your weapons. If you fire, fire
17 will be returned. Do not shoot. This is not an
18 assault.
19 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
20 It, however, will temporarily render the building
21 uninhabitable. It will eventually permeate your water,
22 your clothing and your food. Exit the compound now.
23 Let's get this resolved.
24 The exit plan is the same plan we have
25 discussed at length throughout the last 49 days. Once
again, you are not to have anyone in the tower. The

1 tower is off limits. There's to be no one in that
2 tower. Any movement observed in the tower will be
3 considered an act of aggression and will be dealt with
4 accordingly.
5 You and only you are responsible for your own
6 actions. Come out now. You will not be harmed.
7 Follow the instructions that we are to give you. That
8 is, come out with your hands up, carry nothing. Come
9 out of the building and walk up the driveway toward the
10 Double E Ranch Road. Medical attention is standing by
11 to provide you with the necessary care to relieve you
12 of your discomfort.
13 Follow the instructions of the FBI agents in
14 the Bradley. This standoff is over. We have been here
15 50 days. It is time for you to exit the building.
16 There is nothing to be gained by staying in that
17 building. Come out now and you'll be treated
18 professionally. None of us want to see anyone hurt.
19 Follow all the instructions. That is, leave the
20 compound, walk up to the Double E Road where you will
21 be met by FBI agents.
22 This is not an assault. You need to take
23 care that you do not fire your weapons. You must
24 submit to the proper authority now.
25 We will continue to deliver gas until
everyone is out of that building. Do not subject

1 yourselves and your children to anymore discomfort.
2 David, it is time for you and Steven and the
3 rest of the folks out there to leave the building. It
4 is time for this to be resolved safely and that is what
5 we're here to do.
6 [Gap]
7 BYRON: David, Steve, we're still here and so
8 are you. We need to get this thing moving forward.
9 It's our intention that we are not leaving until all of
10 you are safely removed from that compound.
11 We will continue to place tear gas into the
12 building, as necessary, to bring you out. The only
13 thing you're doing by delaying is postponing the
14 inevitable.
15 This is not an assault. It never has been.
16 What we're attempting to do is introduce a non-lethal
17 gas to extract you from inside of the compound. We are
18 not entering the building but we will continue to press
19 this issue to insure that each and every one of you
20 will eventually be forced to exit the compound. Do not
21 fire your weapons.
22 We have confirmed reports that several rounds
23 having been fired at our agents. We have not returned
24 fire to you but if we deem that our agents are in
25 jeopardy, you will be fired upon. Do not shoot. This
is not an assault.

1 The gas will smell and will be quite obvious
2 to you. It is a non-lethal tear gas. This gas is non-
3 lethal and will temporarily render the building
4 uninhabitable. It will eventually fully permeate your
5 water and food supply. It will be extremely
6 discomforting as far as exposure to your skin and it
7 will not improve until such time as you get proper
8 medical care. We stand ready to provide that medical
9 care to you.
10 You need to exit the compound at this time
11 and follow the instructions that have been provided to
12 you. By exiting the compound, you'll exit the front of
13 the building, turn to your left and proceed down the
14 driveway towards Double E Ranch Road. Full medical
15 attention will be provided to you immediately upon
16 reaching this area. We have medical capability
17 standing by and we are ready to furnish those to you as
18 we have promised throughout the last 50 days.
19 Once again, there is to be no one in the
20 tower. The tower is off limits. There's to be no one
21 at the windows with firearms. Any movement observed in
22 the tower will be considered an act of aggression and
23 will be dealt with accordingly.
24 David, each and every one of you need to
25 realize that you are personally responsible for your
own actions. That's been true from the very first day.

1 It is true today.

2 Come out now and no one will be harmed. Come
3 out with your hands up, carrying nothing. Don't have
4 anything on your person which would appear to be a
5 firearm, explosive or any other possible hazardous
6 device.

7 Come out of the building and walk up the
8 driveway toward Double E Ranch Road. Medical attention
9 is waiting for you at this time. Follow the
10 instructions provided to you specifically by the FBI
11 agents in the Bradley vehicles.

12 This standoff, David, is over. We intend to
13 resolve this matter, hopefully, as peaceably as
14 possible but that is going to be due in large part to
15 your response. So far your promises have been false.
16 Your word has been hallow. It's time to live up to the
17 position which you claim to hold within that compound.
18 You have mentioned, David, that the individuals inside
19 that compound are free to leave at any time. The time
20 is now.

21 We don't want anyone injured. We want you to
22 exit now and submit yourself to the proper authorities.
23 Gas will continue to be applied. Gas will continue to
24 be delivered until each and every person is out of the
25 compound. Do not, David, please, do not continue to
expose those children to anymore discomfort. That

1 decision is yours and solely yours. You claim to be
2 the leader. You claim to be the prophet. You claim to
3 be the Messiah. The time is to lead your people out
4 now.
5 (End of Tape #246)
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TAPE #247

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1 (Tape #247)

2 BYRON: -- without any further damage to the
3 facilities that is perfectly within your capability of
4 doing. All you need do is to display the white flag,
5 indicating your readiness to exit and we will make
6 appropriate arrangements.

7 Do not fire on the vehicles or agents which
8 are in the immediate proximity of the compound. If, in
9 fact, you do fire, then the agents' lives are perceived
10 to be in jeopardy, you will be fired upon.

11 Do not shoot. This is not an assault. The
12 gas which is being administered as we speak is non-
13 lethal tear gas. The gas will temporarily render the
14 building inhab -- uninhabitable and will render the
15 occupants in severe discomfort. The gas will also
16 eventually permeate the water supply, food supply,
17 clothing, etc. Believe me, it will not get any better.
18 It will only get worse.

19 The time to exit the compound is now. Please
20 just follow the instructions that we've laid out to you
21 previously, including the exit or evacuation plan which
22 has been the same since we discussed it throughout this
23 standoff starting on the 2nd of March.

24 You'll be called upon to exit the compound in
25 an orderly fashion, turn left, proceed down the
driveway towards the Double E Ranch Road and you will

1 see armored vehicles parked at that location displaying
2 a large Red Cross flag. Appropriate medical attention
3 will be provided to relieve you of any discomfort as a
4 result of the gas. Additional medical coverage is
5 available, as we previously discussed, for those of you
6 who have been injured including David, Judy, David
7 Jones, Scott Sonoby (ph) and so forth. What we need to
8 do is get this over with so that you know longer have
9 to live in the conditions which you're currently facing
10 with relation to severe discomfort and/or serious
11 bodily injury.
12 We do not want anyone hurt. Come out now and
13 no one need be harmed. Follow the instructions. Come
14 out with your hands up, carrying nothing. Do not have
15 anything in your hands or anything on your body which
16 might be construed as a weapon.
17 The warning regarding the tower remains in
18 effect. The tower is off limits. No one is to be in
19 the tower. Any movement observed in the tower will be
20 considered an act of aggression and will be dealt with
21 accordingly.
22 Follow the instructions as they will be set
23 forth to you by the FBI agents in the Bradley vehicles.
24 This standoff, David, is over. It's time for you to
25 realize it. It's time to get this resolved, get this
matter into the court system. You have all the

1 assurances which have been related to you by the
2 negotiators over the last 50 plus days. You also have
3 the assurances provided directly to you by legal
4 counsel. You know that you can rely on those. You
5 know that you can rely on the promises that have been
6 made to you as far as medical treatment and proper
7 handling. Don't subject your people to this discomfort
8 any longer. Come out and you will be treated
9 professionally.
10 Do not, do not initiate any type of hostile
11 action against the vehicles or the agents in the
12 immediate vicinity of the compound. It is time, David,
13 to submit to the proper authority.
14 Gas will continue to be delivered, will
15 continue to be delivered into the compound until
16 everyone is out of the building safely.
17 Exit the compound now. This entire operation
18 which should not have -- needed to have been put into
19 effect had you lived up to your promises has been
20 orchestrated to prevent any further injury.
21 We will continue to apply pressure until you
22 come out. You know this is true, David. Don't put
23 your people through anymore of this. Submit to the
24 proper authority now. Do not subject yourselves, your
25 children to anymore discomfort.
David, you have said that those inside are

1 free to leave at anytime. It's time for you to live up
2 to that word. In fact, not only to send them out but
3 to lead them out. If you, in fact, are their leader as
4 you profess, lead your people out now. Place a white
5 flag out of the front door area to indicate your
6 readiness to exit and we will work with you to get this
7 thing resolved.
8 David, it's in your ballpark. The timing is
9 on you within reason because we are not going away.
10 It's time to resolve this now. Let's get it done.
11 [Gap]
12 BYRON: It's time for you to give this up,
13 come out peacefully without anyone else being injured.
14 We need to go ahead and, and get this resolved. Now,
15 the decision is yours. The time is to go ahead and
16 come out and surrender, display that flag out the front
17 door and let's get an orderly resolution to this matter
18 right now. We don't want to inflict any injuries on
19 anyone. There's reason to prolong this agony. We are
20 prepared to stay here as long as it takes to force you
21 all out of there. This is not doing you any good.
22 It's not doing anyone any good and we don't -- do not
23 want to promote any further injuries. We are prepared
24 to distribute a significant increase in the amount of
25 tear gas into your building right now. We do not want
to have to do that. The decision is yours. Come

1 forward and show a sign right now in the form of a flag
2 out the front door or an individual waving his arm and
3 we will not administer the gas. But if you do not
4 respond at this time, then gas will be distributed and
5 you will have the affect, full face.
6 Do not fire any weapons. Do not take any
7 hostile action against the vehicles or the agents who
8 are administering this gas. The gas will smell -- that
9 you smell is a non-lethal tear gas. If you do not want
10 it to continue to be distributed within those
11 facilities, now is the time for you to act.
12 I'm asking for you, David, right now to take
13 action on behalf of your people. Display the flag
14 outside and we will advise the people in the armored
15 vehicles to stand back and allow a peaceful and orderly
16 exit but your opportunity is at hand, David, right now.
17 It is time for you to move forward on behalf of your
18 people and put an end to this situation peacefully.
19 We're prepared to do that. We're prepared to back off
20 and facilitate your safe and orderly exit. We're
21 prepared to do it right now. It's time for you to do
22 it.
23 You know the results of this gas. If it is,
24 in fact, administered, will render your building
25 uninhabitable for a period of time. The more gas
that's put into the building, the longer it's going to

1 take to get it out. So, David, the decision is yours.
2 It's time to turn that gas off. You have the
3 capability of doing it by waving a white flag out the
4 front to indicate to us that you're ready to begin an
5 orderly progression or exit from the Mt. Carmel
6 complex. No harm, no harm need come to anyone else
7 inside that building and no harm will come once you
8 exit the building. You will be properly treated,
9 professionally treated and all of the provisions which
10 have been made known to you will be upheld.
11 This standoff is over, David. It is time to
12 bring it to an end. Submit yourself to the proper,
13 proper authority and it stands before you as we speak.
14 This matter has been carefully orchestrated to prevent
15 any further injury. We will continue to apply
16 pressure. You have the capability right now, right
17 now, of calling an end to it.
18 Do not subject yourself or your children to
19 anymore discomfort. You have some precious young kids
20 in there. We do not -- we do not intend to nor do we
21 want to inflict any injury on those kids. The same
22 applies to you and your followers. Please, David, it
23 is time to bring this to an end. Come out. Lead your
24 people out in an orderly fashion and we will get this
25 handled right now.

[Gap]

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We are continuing
2 to place tear gas into the building. This is not an
3 assault. We are not entering the building. Do not
4 fire your weapons. If you fire, fire will be returned.
5 Do not shoot. This is not an assault.
6 The gas you smell is a non-lethal tear gas.
7 David, you have had your 15 minutes of fame. It's time
8 to leave the building. The gas will temporarily render
9 the building uninhabitable. The gas will eventually
10 permeate your water, your clothing and your food,
11 causing continuing discomfort.
12 Exit the compound now. Exit the compound
13 now. The exit or evacuation plan will be the same as
14 we have discussed throughout these 50 days. Insure
15 that you do not have anyone in that tower. The tower
16 is off limits. There is to be no one in the tower.
17 Any movement observed in the tower will be considered
18 an act of aggression and will be dealt with
19 accordingly.
20 You and only you people out there are
21 responsible for what is happening to that building.
22 Leave the building and we will withdraw from that area.
23 Leave the building now. Follow all of our
24 instructions. Come out with your hands up, carry
25 nothing. Walk out the door, take a left, continue
through the driveway area to Double E Ranch Road.

1 Medical attention is standing by and will be provided
2 to you to relieve any discomfort you might have
3 encountered as a result of the gas.
4 Listen to the instructions of the FBI agents
5 in the Bradleys. This standoff is over. We have spent
6 entirely too much time here. We have given you time
7 and time again opportunity to, to leave that building.
8 We have also given you opportunity to negotiate with us
9 which you have not done. We have offered in good faith
10 a number of alternatives. You have elected not to
11 select any of those alternatives. You continue to lie.
12 You continue to delay. It is unacceptable.
13 Follow all of our instructions. We do not
14 want anyone to be hurt. It is time for you to submit
15 to the proper authority and go on with your lives.
16 David is no longer in control of the compound. The FBI
17 is in control of that compound.
18 We will continue to deliver gas until you
19 leave that building. This has been done carefully so
20 as not to injure anyone in the compound. We will
21 continue to apply pressure. We will continue to put
22 gas into that building. We are not going away. This
23 is a non-stop effort until you leave the building.
24 There is no longer a reason to remain inside that
25 building.
David, you and Steve lead those people from

1 that building. You are the one that put those people
2 in that position. It is time for you to bring those
3 people out of there. Steven, you've indicated to us
4 over and over and over again that you're willing and
5 able and ready to leave that building. Now is the time
6 to do it. Do not depend on David Koresh's ability to
7 make decision. It's very clear, I think, that he is
8 unable to make decisions. Vernon is finished. He's no
9 longer the Messiah. He is to leave the building now.
10 Exit the building now.
11 [Gap]
12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Bring your
13 children and leave the building. Fire is plainly
14 visible. We observed people lighting the fire. Leave
15 the building. Leave your weapons behind and locked in
16 the building. You will not be harmed. Leave your
17 weapons behind (Indiscernible). That building is going
18 to be engulfed in fire very shortly. Leave the
19 building now. Take your children and leave the
20 building. Put your hands up and leave the building.
21 Leave the building and walk toward the Red
22 Cross sign. Leave the building now. You will not be
23 harmed. You will not be fired on. Put your weapons
24 down and leave the building. Shit.
25 [Gap]
BYRON: This is Byron Sage. Don't do this to

1 the people that are remaining inside there. Come out
2 of the compound at this time. Come out in an orderly
3 fashion towards the front of the building, walk down
4 the sidewalk or the driveway area towards the large Red
5 Cross flag towards Double E Ranch Road. We can work
6 through this. Don't lose control of this, David.
7 Don't lose control of this. Bring those people out
8 safely. They have depended upon you. This is not the
9 way to treat those people. Bring them out safely. We
10 will receive them. No one will be injured. Start your
11 orderly progression out of there as soon as possible.
12 Exit, exit the compound as soon as you can in
13 a progressive manner towards the Double E Ranch Road
14 area. Exit the veh -- exit the compound as soon as you
15 can. The agents remaining in front will provide you
16 with appropriate instruction and we will provide the
17 necessary -- we will provide you with the necessary
18 medical care which you need. Don't wait too long.
19 That smoke will not allow you to exit in an orderly
20 fashion and you will be consumed. Exit the vehicle --
21 exit the location. Proceed out the front of the
22 building, follow directions. Walk towards Double E
23 Ranch Road. Don't wait. It's obvious that this has
24 been torched from several locations and has been pre-
25 planned. David, don't do this to your people. David,
don't do this to your people. Bring them out in an

1 orderly fashion. If you have a message to send, David,
2 you need to be sending it. This is not the way to end
3 this.
4 Come out of the vehicle or out of the
5 location in an orderly fashion. Lead your people out,
6 David. Be a Messiah, not a destroyer. Bring your
7 people out in an orderly fashion, David. Don't lead
8 them to destruction. Bring them out. Help them to
9 stay (Indiscernible). Bring yourself out. If you are,
10 in fact, innocent, David, as you have proclaimed, don't
11 be fearful of facing the judicial system. We have
12 medical attention standing by but we need you to come
13 out and save your people.
14 David, come out. Bring your people out. Do
15 not allow them to be injured in this manner. Exit the
16 location in an orderly fashion and we will accommodate
17 your needs. David, bring these people out into the
18 fresh air now. Don't do this to your people.
19 David, there's significant (Indiscernible).
20 You don't want to wait too long. You need to exit that
21 building and exit now. Exit that building and exit
22 now.
23 (News telecast playing in the background).
24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I can see people
25 standing around on the red/white sign. We're
continuing to broadcast but Jesus Christ --

1 David, the time to come out is now. If you
2 can't see your way through, walk towards the voice.
3 Walk towards the noise of the speakers. Lead your
4 people out of there. You have got to come out as soon
5 as you possibly can. Come out, David, as soon as you
6 can. Walk towards the voice. Bring your people out.
7 David, don't do this to your people. Don't do this to
8 your followers. Bring them out and walk towards the
9 Double E Ranch Road. Come out in an orderly fashion.
10 The agents will give you specific instructions how to
11 proceed. This has not been an assault against you. We
12 have not attempted to enter the building. You have
13 destroyed this building on your own. What you need to
14 do now is ensure that your people exit the compound and
15 follow the instruction. The same exit and evacuation
16 plan which we've had in place and discussed throughout
17 this standoff.
18 You are responsible for your own actions,
19 David. The lives of those people are in your hands.
20 We have given you every opportunity to exit that
21 compound. You need to comply. Come out of that
22 compound, David.
23 You will not be harmed if you come out of the
24 compound with your hands up, carrying nothing. We have
25 medical provisions available but you need to exit that
compound immediately. Walk towards the sound of the

1 speakers. If you cannot see, come towards the speaker
2 bank that you can hear broadcasting if you cannot see.
3 Follow all instructions. This standoff is over. You
4 need to come out and be treated medically. You'll be
5 treated professionally. Exit the building and come
6 towards the front of the building towards the
7 reservoir, towards Double E Ranch Road. Come out of
8 the compound and walk towards Double E Ranch Road.
9 This has been carefully orchestrated to prevent injury.
10 David, you've said repeatedly that those
11 inside are free to leave at anytime. The time to come
12 out has passed. Come out, listen to the instructions
13 of the FBI agents. If you cannot see, walk towards the
14 voice from the loudspeaker bank. You need to lead your
15 people out, David. Lead your people out. Don't be a
16 destroyer, be a savior. Come out of that compound,
17 walk towards the speakers. Listen to the instructions
18 of the FBI agents in the armored vehicles.
19 [Gap]
20 BYRON: It's 12:25. The compound looks to be
21 totally engulfed in flame. We've been broadcasting
22 continuously for quite some time trying to get at least
23 a few people to come out and respond at least to the
24 (Indiscernible) volume of the voice. At this point in
25 time, it appears that it's going to be very doubtful if
there's many people left alive inside that compound. I

1 haven't seen any indication of survivors coming out at
2 this time.
3 [Gap]
4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: You people on
5 the roof, that second story, jump from that window. We
6 will pick you up. Jump from the building. In order to
7 save yourself, you must jump from the roof.
8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: The one person
9 jumped to the second floor.
10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: You still got
11 somebody up there, though?
12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: It's hard to
13 say. One person -- one woman jumped from the second
14 floor down.
15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: Okay.
16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: She's walking
17 towards the Red Cross (Indiscernible).
18 BYRON: Those of you remaining inside the
19 compound, attempt to exit by any means possible. Make
20 your way towards the front of the compound and walks
21 toward the Red Cross flag. The agents will give you
22 immediate care and direction to medical care. Continue
23 in your efforts to exit from the building if at all
24 possible. Walk towards the voice in the speaker bank
25 which is towards the front of the building. Exit in
any fashion that you possibly can. Respond to the

1 instructions of the agents. Come out through any exit
2 that you can. Get to a position of safety and the
3 agents will attend to you. Exit the compound as
4 rapidly as you can. Keep your hands in the air. Keep
5 your hands in the air. The agents will contact you and
6 will bring you to a position of safety. Keep your
7 hands in the air. Exit the compound and keep your
8 hands in the air. Listen to the instructions of the
9 agents. Anyone remaining in the compound, exit to a
10 position of safety as soon as possible. Leave your
11 hands in the air and surrender to the agents, will give
12 you appropriate instructions.
13 Continue in your efforts to exit from the
14 compound. Walk to a position of safety. Leave your
15 hands in the air and the agents will respond to you.
16 Exit the building as soon as you possibly can. Walk
17 to a position of safety. Leave your hands in the air
18 and listen to the responses of the agents.
19 Exit the compound as soon as you can.
20 Proceed to a position of safety. Leave your hands in
21 the air and the agents will respond to you with
22 appropriate instructions. Continue to exit the
23 compound as soon as you can. Exit the compound as soon
24 as you can. Proceed to a position of safety away from
25 the fire, raise your hands, and the agents will come to
you and provide appropriate treatment.

Exit the compound. Exit the compound to a position of safety. Come out.

(End of Tape #247)