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Re Waco TX

Dear Ms. Tunney:

May as well close the file out. Thank Heavens none of our people were hurt.

Thanks for your help.

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May 3, 1993

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Dear [redacted]

Your correspondence concerning the former standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

1 - SAC, San Antonio - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Collingwood - (Room 7240)
1 - Mr. Coulson - (Room 5012) - Enclosures (2)
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Mr. William Sessions
Director FBI
Washington, D.C.

This morning you & your agency along with our esteemed leader, "Wild Bill" Clinton have blood on your hands. Your agency's assault on that compound in Waco, Tx not only violated basic constitutional rights but you also denied American citizens due process. Watching those buildings burn & seeing tanks ramming the buildings, I felt ashamed of our government & ashamed to be an American. Since when is it illegal to be crazy?

I do not condone cult activities or their leaders, but there is much in our society I don't approve of, particularly armed assaults on women & children. I have enclosed an article from the Boston Herald which deserves your attention. I agree wholeheartedly with the writer.

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There are convicted criminals who have murdered guards sitting in a prison in Lucasville, Ohio, why are we negotiating with them?! Why not assault or storm the prison like you have done to that compound?

Your agency's, and that of the HTFs, actions are inexcusable. Shame on all of you.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

May 5, 1993

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Dear [redacted]

Your recent communication about the unfortunate ending to the standoff with the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, has been referred to me for reply. We appreciate your interest in sharing your views and observations with us.

All of us in the FBI share your anguish over the needless loss of life, both Agents and Davidians. Unfortunately, our trained negotiators were unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution. The events of April 19th were tragic for everyone involved--those who lost their lives, their families and friends, and the dedicated law enforcement officers who have spent time away from their families in unselfish service to our country. As we examine our efforts in the days and months to come, I believe it will be clear that, given the circumstances, the actions taken by law enforcement were responsible and reasonable.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Knapp

Michael F. Knapp
Inspector-Deputy Chief
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

TO: FBI DIRECTOR, WILLIAM SESSIONS,
C/O THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500
FROM [redacted]

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MARCH 7, 1993

GREETINGS,
IN THE LOVE OF GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, THE ONE AND ONLY POSSIBLE SAVIOR OF SOULS!

(NOT THAT GUY NEAR WACO, TEXAS)

DEAR SIR,

CONGRATULATIONS!

I THINK THAT YOU AND THE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DID A TERRIFIC JOB, BY CATHING THE "TRADE-CENTER BOMBER"

I SINCERELY WISH YOU JUST AS MUCH GOOD LUCK, WITH THOSE GUYS NEAR WACO, TEXAS.

I'LL PROBABLY NEVER GET TO MEET YOU OR YOUR AGENTS [redacted] PERSON; SO, I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN HEAVEN, EVENTUALLY, BUT NO TIME SOON, OK?

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April 19, 1993

Mr Phil Bramm
Mr Bob Krueger
Mr John Bryant

President Bill Clinton
Mr William Sessions
Mrs Janet Reno

My apologies for the xerox copies, but I wanted to quickly express my opinions regarding the events today near Waco. IX

While the outcome of today's action is obviously horrible, I want to applaud the efforts of the FBI and associated governmental agencies. I believe that they did the very best job possible given the mentality of David Koresh. I can understand why and agreed this morning when ~~why~~ the stepped up action was taken.

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Second - I want to express my disgust over the reports that the Congress is going to investigate the operation. Our country has more important problems that our government needs to spend their time and money addressing! Furthermore, we can all be second-guessed - hindsight is 20/20 and all of those trite phrases. I'm sure the involved agencies will spend enough time and taxpayer dollars reviewing every aspect of the operation, but that I can understand!

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And last - had this situation occured ~~occussed~~ in any other country in the world, it wouldn't have lasted 10 days much less 51! Agressive action would have been taken!

I am personally thankful that there are individuals who are willing to serve our country in such thankless tasks.

Please use your influence to see that an investigation is not conducted by the legislative body and to see that the proper agencies receive their due recognition!

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P.S. After seeing Mrs Reno on Nightline - I really want to applaud her! She remained cool and in control, thus demonstrating tremendous strength.

Dear Mr Sessions,

4-19-93

I have just watched the recent happenings at Waco, Texas. I commend you on your patience, you gave them every opportunity possible to leave peacefully. I am ever so thankful that no more law enforcement officers were injured.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

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April 20, 1993

Mr. William Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Sessions:

In reference to the taking of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, I believe you made the right decision. I want to commend the men and women on the scene for a job well done, and to say thank you to them for their sacrifices and dedication.

Sincerely,

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Mr. William Sessons
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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April 21, 1993

To whom it may concern. I am sending copies of this letter to: President Clinton
U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno
F.B.I. Director William Sessons
Larry King of CNN
McNeil-Lehrer of PBS and
the Anchor-men of CBS,NBC, and ABC
Re: David Koresh.

He wanted a sign from God. I believe he got it!

The man was a false messish. The Bible says that at the "end times there will be many who will come in my name". False prophets, false teachers and false messiahs. God always destroys evil in His own way and in His own time.

This man was a false messiah; he was serving his father, the Devil. Everything he had done from day one has been satanic. I believe he was demon-possessed and the fire was God's judgement.

Government officials should not be blamed nor should the media and the public condemn them for something God allowed to take place: his destruction. We can expect to see more of this take place as time draws to a close.

There are "seven seals" (The Revelation chapters 6 and 8 and onward.) but they will be opened God's way not Satan's.

I do believe had this man been left alone and not received all the publicity he was getting, which is what he wanted, he would have crawled out of his hole. What finally happened was his responsibility no one elses. He brought all of this onto himself. He was completely and satanically controled I do believe. God allowed the judgement to fall. The government officials who were involved were simply tools in God's hands to carry out the judgement.

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Mr. Ricks says the door had been opened, providing a way of escape but the offer was refused. Jesus said: "I am the Door-" (John 10:7-9)all who go through this Door will be saved; saved from the same judgement David Koresh had to face.

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This, I believe was a judgement of God and government officials should not be held responsible. The madness of the people is playing right into the hands of Satan and will eventually bring about our own destruction. A nation without God cannot long survive.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

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Department of Justice
Constitution Ave + 10th St.
Washington, DC 20530

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband, John, and I are in total agreement on Mrs. Reno's decision concerning the problem at the Branch Dividian Compound near Waco, TX. We support our Attorney General's decision 100%. Please do not consider resigning over this decision. Mrs. Reno you did the right thing. Good luck and please do not let the media and malcontents make decisions for you.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 1993

William Sessions
F.B.I. Director
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
10th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington DC 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I believe that you and the other people that were involved handled the Waco situation well. People say that things could have been done differently buy what do they know. I think that President Clinton shouldn't have stopped you from moving in earlier and maybe it wouldn't have ended the way it did. I don't understand why people feel for David Koresh when he was the one that helped in the shooting of the four ATF men. At least it all ended pretty quickly and no more of our people got hurt.

Sincerely,

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Director, FBI
FBI Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Sir/Madam:

I would like to congratulate the authorities in charge of the recent Waco, Texas fiasco. The only fault I can find is that the end came about 50 million dollars too late. If this had been any other group, not hiding behind the guise of religion, the problem would have been simpler. When a group assaults federal agents and threatens acts of further violence, they should not be coddled.

Let the media rant on. They are not in contact with the real people.

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William Sessions Dir. April 23, 1993
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Sessions.

I wish to express my support for you and the F.B.I. officers who endured the long ordeal in Waco, Texas.

My sympathy, also, in the loss of the four officers who were murdered in the line of duty by David Koresh.

If David Koresh had only obeyed the laws of our land none of this would have happened. He alone is responsible.

My best wishes for you and the officers in the agency for better times ahead.

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted] 63-HQ-1050305 [redacted]

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William Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Director FBI
Washington, Dc.

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Sat.
April 24, 1993

Dear Sir,

I am writing concerning that Whaco - from Waco, Tx.

You did the right thing. Don't worry about it. I cannot see why a few should hold the whole country as hostages. 63-HQ-1050305

The only thing you did wrong was wait so long. 63-HQ-1050305-321

Sincerely (age 7/4)

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Dear Mr. Sessions, 4-24-93

I am a retired law enforcement officer and mad about the negative press about the FBI and ATF over the Waco TX incident. Your agent in charge in Waco should be praised for showing restraint as long as he did. Koresh chose his own path to take and most people don't look at it that way. All they want to do is criticize law enforcement, and say they could have done better. Law enforcement needs to keep a good name so keep it up.

God Bless you and all your agents,

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MR. WM SESSIONS, DIRECTOR
FBI
WASHINGTON, D.C. [redacted]

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Letter to "60 Minutes", CBS [redacted]

Dear [redacted] b6 April 26, 1993

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Dear Friends,

I stood up and cheered after Andy Rooney's segment 321 -25 Sunday eve re the Waco situation. He deserves a medal for his courage. WACO TX

I was appalled all last week (angry, too) at the attitudes displayed by my fellow Americans who were shifting the blame of the fiasco to the A.T.F. F.B.I and our excellent new Attorney General.

By the end of the week I fully expected some warped hypocrite to nominate that insane lawbreaker (David Koresh) for sainthood.

It seems we have become a nation of liberally excusing, even glorifying the wierdos and criminals and ignoring the victims and taxpayers who ultimately wind up paying the bills.

Our Congress certainly has more urgent problems (related gun control) than spending time, money and effort crucifying those who were sincerely trying to do their jobs.

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Thanks, Mr. Rooney, for telling it exactly as it is.

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cc: Attorney General Reno
Senators Feinstein & Boxer
Representative Hunter,
Cunningham etc, FBI Director Wm. Sessions,
Director F.B.I J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
10th & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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F.B.I
Washington, DC

Dear Mr and Mrs. Rogers:

WACO TX

Dear Gentlemen:

We just both want to tell you that we are proud of you and the way you react in emergencies and catastrophies. We approve of the way things were handled in Waco - We are sorry that it cost you four good men - We are sorry that the children in the compound were lost, but it sure was not your fault. It was the fault of that Religious Nut David Koresch!

The stupid press seems to love to stress the blame - buy subtly putting doubts - in the wrong places - a lot of us are sick of the ways the news media tries to bias opinions -

We think you guys did great and wanted you to know -

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C.

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I have just finished reading yet another article about "What went wrong in Waco." TX For what it's worth, the opinion of one poor soul out in the boondocks is this. What "went wrong" in Waco can be summed-up in two words. David Koresh. He didn't have to resist in the first place and he could have surrendered any time after that. But he didn't. The "Monday morning quarterbacks" say you

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should have waited longer. You waited fifty-one days. If you had waited one hundred fifty one, would the outcome have necessarily been any different? How about two hundred fifty one. If anything, there's no reason why any <u>rational</u> person would have expected you to wait as long as you did. The people who died ... their blood is <u>not</u> on your hands.

"Illegitimi non-
carborundum"

(Don't let the
bastards grind
you down!)

Sincerely

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Dear [redacted]

Director of FBI
Ninth St + Pennsylvania

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TO: Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General

FR: [redacted] Private Citizen

RE: Waco, TX

Dear Janet,

This is the first letter I have ever written to anyone in the Federal Government.

#1: I support you and believe in you. (At this point, you can put this letter down and get on with your job.)

#2: The "Honorable Congressman" from Michigan was not involved in the situation in Waco, TX; has apparently no idea what kind of stress you and the Director of the FBI were under with trying to deal with a religious fanatic; and frankly, its not his job or his business. He can sit on his thumb: I think he's sexist. I am a Democrat - politics has nothing to with this. Its the business of dealing with a no win situation. (At this point, you can put this letter down and get on with your job.)

#3: I do not have a television. All my news comes from NPR and periodicals from my local public library. I resent having given David Koresh so much of my valuable time via the media. The guy was a self-serving person who used people; his followers, the media and the Federal Agencies involved. If the $1 million dollars per week figure for costs incurred by the U.S.Government is accurate, then I say the resolution was too costly and took too long. (At this point, you can put this letter down and get on with your job.)

#4: I am a parent. I work with children every working day. A basic fact of parenting is that I am responsible for my child. The adult followers of David Koresh and David Koresh himself were responsible for the children that the "Honorable Congressman" from Michigan invoked on you. The lives of those children are NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and it distressed me tonight to hear your voice crack with tears in response to the Congressman's comments regarding your decisions and choice of action. David Koresh had you by the proverbial balls and jerked you around. You are not responsible for his choices. Again, the Michigan Congressman can sit on his thumb. (You can put this letter down at this point and get on with your job.)

#5: I am the Executive Director of a very small governmental agency and situations come up and a decision needs to be made. The concerns of an individual are important AND the good of the community is also important. We need to draw upon our experiences, our "experts" and our gut sense of right, wrong and justice to come upon a decision. I believe you did this. Keep it up, I am proud of you.

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#6: MANY OF MY FRIENDS feel the same way that I do.

Put this letter down and get on with your job.

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Sincerely,

[redacted] Apr. 28, 1993

bcc: Michigan Congressman
b7C President
Director, F.B.I.

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5/17/93 Dear [redacted]

FBI Director William Sessions
J. Edgar Hoover Building

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28 April 1993

Dear [redacted] b6 b7C

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As American citizens, we feel compelled to communicate to you our support for the actions taken by those agencies involved in the Mt. Carmel standoff in Waco, Texas. In spite of the tragic outcome, we feel that everything was reasonably done by the FBI, the ATF, and the Attorney General to bring it to a peaceful ending and that no blame should be placed on any of them. Of course, mistakes were probably made in the onset by those who may not have had knowledge of cult background. It's hard to fathom how a situation like this could have come about. None of the deaths would have occurred, however, if Mr. Howell (David Koresh) had complied with the laws of the land from the beginning. The ultimate responsibility belongs to Vernon Howell.

We realize that many things were considered before this decision was made and feel that the children's best interest and safety was a prime consideration as the resolution came to an end. After all the reports are in and the investigation is complete, we will have greater insight into cults and know better how to respond if it happens again. Overall, we are confident that the results will be favorable regarding the actions taken by these government agencies.

Vernon Howell no doubt realized what a precarious position he had put himself in and that he could not just surrender without disclosure of his abominable behavior. Anyone who would believe that he was coming out (surrendering) after he completed writing the Seven Seals is living in a dream world! Lying, among other things, was his way of life and he taught it to those who followed him. Because he was a fugitive, we feel he was not entitled to legal counsel or any other consideration from those agencies. As far as we're concerned, he forfeited his rights when he fired upon the ATF agents on February 28.

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We want you to know, Mr. President, that we appreciate your management style by allowing those responsible individuals who are well trained in this field to do their job. Micro-management, on the other hand, is used too often by too many and has no place in a situation like this.

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Our hearts go out to the loved ones of the innocent victims who perished during this horrible ordeal and especially to those ATF agents who were wounded or killed in the line of duty. We want to see justice done by convicting and awarding maximum sentences to those responsible in the shootings of our agents. Tougher laws for all criminals and more prisons to hold them are requested/needed in order for

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those of us who are law abiding citizens to again be able to live in our communities safely and without fear for life and property. It's time for those who issue sentences to get tough and to quit being so lenient on those who break the law. More death sentences should be given for those who kill and all prisoners need fewer rights. Frankly, we have little concern for those in prison who are "crowded". We're trying to treat uncivilized people in a civilized way and many don't deserve it or appreciate it. I say, give Americans jobs by either building more jails or refurbishing vacant buildings in our country to house these people who have broken the law and taken away our freedom. Repeat offenders often know the law better than many of us and have learned how to get around it. Please begin to make changes that will protect us from harm and will toughen our laws - starting with the length of time it takes to do just that! I believe you'll find a great deal of support in this area by those of us who feel something must be done. Many of the people with whom I work share these sentiments and some feel even stronger. Too much taxpayer money is spent on appeals when the defendant doesn't request it or need it. It's long past time for perpetrators to accept the responsibility for their own actions and to answer for what they do.

We commend you, Mr. President, Attorney General Reno, the FBI, the ATF, medical services personnel, and others who conducted themselves so professionally in an extremely tough situation and helped conclude this tragic chapter in American history. May God help this great nation.

Respectfully,

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cc:

Secretary of Treasury Lloyd Bentsen
Attorney General Janet Reno
✓FBI Director William Sessions
ATF Director Stephen Higgins
FBI Special Agent Bob Ricks
FBI Special Agent Jeff Jamar

P.S. This is a first for me - to write a letter like this and to send it to the President. Somehow, however, I felt the need to express my thoughts on this subject but wasn't quite sure to whom I should write. So, thought I'd just start at the top. Hope that was appropriate. Many thanks for your time.

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APRIL 28, 1993 Dear [redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

ATTN: JANET RENO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IN WATCHING/LISTENING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL PANEL AND THEIR QUESTIONING OF ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO AND HER DECISION TO RAID THE COMPOUND OF CULT LEADER DAVID KORESH ON APRIL 19 IN WACO, TEXAS, I FEEL COMPELLED TO WRITE THIS LETTER.

FIRSTLY, TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MYSELF. I AM 50 YEARS OLD, FEMALE (BUT NOT A FEMINIST), MARRIED 34 YEARS, MOTHER OF THREE, A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, HAVE NEVER OWNED A GUN (BUT WOULD USE ONE IF NEED BE) OR EXPERIMENTED WITH DRUGS, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD WORK FOR YOUR "REWARDS" IN LIFE . . . NOT HAVE IT HANDED TO YOU BECAUSE OF COLOR OR SEX (OR SEX PREFERENCE) AND A VERY STAUNCH REPUBLICAN.

NOW . . . TO GET TO THE POINT OF THIS NOTE. **I THINK ATTORNEY JANET RENO, F.B.I. DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS, A.T.F. DIRECTOR STEPHEN HIGGINS AND ALL THE AGENTS INVOLVED SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!**

I BELIEVE EVERYONE INVOLVED DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY AND IF BLAME FOR CHILDREN DYING IS PLACED ANYWHERE, IT SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE PARENTS . THEY CHOSE TO RISK THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES WHEN THEY DECIDED TO FOLLOW DAVID KORESH AND HAVING THEM RAISED IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF A FANATIC.

EVERYONE SEEMS TO FORGET THAT THERE WERE LAWFUL CITIZENS i.e. F.B.I. AGENTS THAT LOST THERE LIVES AT THE HANDS OF THIS MANIAC.

I COULD GO ON FOR A LONG DISSERTATION ON MY OPINION BUT I DON'T WANT TO LOOSE TRACK OF WHY I WROTE.

IN CLOSING, I THINK YOU ALL DESERVE A PAT ON THE BACK FOR DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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SINCERELY,

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CC: F.B.I., SEATTLE
F.B.I., WASHINGTON, D.C. b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION
HEADQUARTERS
10th & PENNSYLVANIA NW

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April 28, 1993

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20535

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to let you know that there are citizens who support your efforts and methods to end the Waco standoff. I have watched many news reports and interviews of people expressing their negative opinions and am sick and tired of listening to their complaints. I think people had forgotten the fact that you were dealing with criminals in that compound.

I'm sure the truth about the fire will be revealed and am sure it was set by persons within the compound. Even if it was started as a result of your actions; "So What", those people had plenty of time to get out (51 days to be exact).

The only problem I have with your handling of the situation is that you waited too long!

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted] April 29, 199[illegible]

Dear Mr Sisson,

First I have to address your agents that were in Waco, Texas. They did an outstanding job. I'm sure they all feel very bad about the lost of childrens as every one does. The flame has to lye on David Koresh. From all reports those children were very badly abused. Perhaps they were better off not to have lived. I know that sound very cold for a Mother and grand-mother to say. b6 b7C

There is not one Man seting on that Judiciary Committee that

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didn't have tear gas training upon going into the Military service. Sending in a Minister would'nt have done any good. People like Koresh, Jones and that one that was in Oregon are not religious people. I believe some one called them Nut Case's. They don't want to hear the truth.

I'm sorry, I've gotten carried away on my soap box. One more thing before signing off.

I am out raged that the FBI only has one HRT team. We must have more! Four Agent Jeff Jamar still looks like he hasn't had

any rest. With these hearings going on none of you are getting much sleep.

I dont understand why congress is having these hearing only 8 day after the burning. You'll know gave the Davidians 51 days. No one can answer all their questions, the investigation is stel going on. Not one of them went to Waco not that agent Jamor needed any more looky lues. He had the press to contend with. Oh I better stop now because I can realy get on a soap box about what I think of the Press interfering with law enforce-

ment.

Unlike Senator Moorehead who was not waring Agent Jamar or your shoes. I don't believe any one "SCREWED UP". Being that I live in Calif. old Carlos is going to hear from me on that remark.

I promis you to write Janet Reno and Senators to do my part to see that you get Money to train More HOT agents.

You'll hang in there

Sincerely yours.

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Director William Sessions
FBI
Washington,D.C.
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Dear Director Sessions, April 29, 1993

This is to extend our support for all that you have done for this country during your tenure as Director - and the praise comes with the sincere hope that you will stay Director. Fight to stay, if possible. You are such a credit to this country. You exhibit a rare combination of pure class and quick, insightful brilliance plus your obvious experience in all matters of human behavior.

We hope that the outcome in Waco,Texas isn't seen as your fault. If anything, everyone in law enforcement who were involved in the stand-off waited too long. Your statement to the Senate Investigating Comm. yesterday was sharp, to the point, and went to the crux of this as well as other similar episodes. "Should we allow the criminals to dictate to us when and how and under what conditions they will surrender?" - or comply with law enforcement demands and requirements. Correct. That's the entire point.

We are coming dangerously close, in this far-too-liberalized society, of allowing exactly what you pointed out; - the gradual erosion of respect for the Law. It has already happened to a lamentable degree, and the after-the-fact hue and cry about those misguided dupes inside the compound, led by a maniac with multiple personality disorders, not having had "enough time" to "come out" is as frightening as it is ludicrous - frightening for the trend toward future leniency which it suggests; ludicrous because it fails to comprehend the fundamental mind-set of ALL CULTs.

First of all, it was bound to end violently - sad to say - because Vernon Howell planned it that way, from long ago. He desired to go out in a blaze of "glory" and he got his wish. It is in no way the fault of the U.S. Government authorities that this man dragged a few score of naieve, bewildered, mind-twisted people along with him.

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[redacted] I was raised in a cult - although a "benign" one from the point of few of overt sex and/or weapons. There were none of either component. Nonetheless, I can tell you that the cult mind and group cult mentality is firm, fixed and can not be argued with. It is entirely and rigidly controlled by the cult leader. The leader of the cult into which I was born and had to grow up (until I escaped it) had been DEAD some 25 years before I was born. Yet, no member of the cult would make a single move, decision or even answer a normal question without consulting the "writings" of the dead cult leader (who never was and never will be replaced).

You did all that you could. The public should really be

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more informed by your public relations teams about the impossibility of swaying these "religious" cults by normal negotiations. They don't negotiate. That isn't within the mind set. The people who have become enamored or addicted to the preachings and personal charisma of whatever leader have abdicated their BRAINS and all of their free will to that person. They are in bondage, but they really aren't hostages in the conventional sense of the term. They are ZOMBIES. They are unable to think clearly or independently. They are also unable to express anything that the leader hasn't repeated and repeated ad nauseam, or that the leader hasn't directly instructed them to say.

As for those people who "escaped" declaring that there "never was any intention to burn down the compound" - just realize that quite obviously Howell-"Koresh" didn't share his intentions with any but his close inner circle of 2 or 3 other men. Period. He never told the entire mixed, motley group what he had planned for them. They, plus the children that all of the women were forced to bear to this freak, were all sheep being led to an inevitable slaughter. There was no way out for them precisely because when you've handed your brain power and your total WILL to that person, then you can't make decisions, by definition - not even for your own self-preservation.

Nothing could have been changed because you could not have been expected to be mind readers where the bizarre, evil, coldly calculating, violent mind of that man was concerned.

Don't give up, Mr. Director. Please stay on. We need your class, professionalism and expertise.

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]

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April 29, 1993

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General Janet Reno
Attorney General of the United States of America
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

WACO TX

Dear General Reno:

Late last night I had the privilege to observe your testimony before the House Judiciary Committee. No, C Span does not put us all to sleep.

As both an academic instructor and a career practitioner, it is my opinion that some of our elected overseers are using a "tactical police action" for their own political agenda--as opposed to the public interest. I suspect that some overseers would find it most arduous to make any kind of difficult decision (rational or otherwise) concerning any life-critical scenario and, within any kind of reasonable time-frame.

Ostensibly, after hearing the FBI testimony, we remain confident that the decisions at Waco were the best possible decisions given the circumstances. Obviously, some seem to have already forgotten a context where we were dealing with offensively armed, fortress fortified, fanatic, violent felons who were also using children as a shield. We have seen nothing that would indicate that the actions were taken in anything other than a judiciously reasonable and professionally responsible manner--with the information that was at hand at that time and, commensurate with the resources that were available at that time. Indeed, the Supreme Court of the United States of America demands no more of police actions than that--actions that are reasonable, considering what we know at a given point in time.

For anyone to suggest that honorable law enforcement officers would purposely engage in any negligent or unreasonable act, where the lives of children are at risk, is simply beyond any sensible, earthly, political, professional, or divine comprehension.

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If I may be so bold, I would like to respectfully echo one comment, "That a Girl!"

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Most Sincerely,

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Director William S. Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigaion
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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cc: Director Sessions

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, DC

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: APR 29, 1993

I WISH TO PROVIDE MY SUPPORT FOR YOUR ACTIONS REGARDING THE "BRANCH DAVIDIANS." I AM A 37 YEAR OLD LAW ABIDING CITIZEN AND AM ONLY ONE LONELY VOICE IN A CROWD OF APATHY!

ITS VERY DISAPPOINTING TO WATCH THE LEGAL SYSTEM BEING RAKED ACROSS THE FIRE FOR TRYING TO DO A JOB. I SHUDDER AT THE DIRECTION OUR COUNTRY IS HEADED. SINCERELY, [redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation April 30, 1993
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs: WACO TX

As just one citizen of the big United States of America, I wish to express my total approval of your handling of the Waco situation. You certainly gave David Koresh all the time and opportunity that a person would need to bring this thing to a peaceful end. I only hope the government will close the book on this tragedy, and not spend anymore money on a case that would benefit no one (except lawyers). Sincerely OPCN/ [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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WASHINGTON DC 20013

DEAR SIRS:

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY SUPPORT REGARDING THE WACO ORDEAL. I BELIEVE YOUR JUDGEMENTS WERE SOUND AND YOU ACTED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EVERYONE INVOLVED. I AM APPALLED AT THE MEDIA'S ATTACK ON YOUR ORGANIZATION. I AM PROUD TO HAVE YOU FOR THE PROTECTION OF MY COUNTRY. I BELIEVE MOST AMERICANS FEEL THE SAME WAY I DO. I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK IN THE ONCOMING INVESTIGATIONS. I KNOW IT WILL BE A DIFFICULT TIME FOR ALL INVOLVED. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

VERY SINCERELY,

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Mr William C. Sessions

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Dear [redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Jeff Jamar, Chief Investigator
San Antonio, Texas 78284

WACO TX

Dear Sir;

My husband and I want to extend our appreciation for the 51 days the FBI and the ATF officers patiently waited at Mt. Carmel. Throughout the ordeal we also patiently kept track via television and newspaper accounts. We listened to the 10:30 AM reports and the question sessions. You can be sure the spokesmen maintained a professional manner. At times we would become upset at some of the ridiculous questions the media would ask. In fact, there were times when the media seemed to be antagonistic. They expected answers to stupid questions as if the FBI and ATF could read minds and have the ability to know what the Davidians were thinking, doing, feeling, and planning. My husband said he feels some of the media should be watched and a file kept on their activities. They could be dangerous to themselves and the public. The media many times seem to go beyond the limits of common sense.

We are sad and sorry the ending was not as pleasant as all had hoped for. But when you consider the type of people, expecially the leaders that were in the compound, it could be expected not to be a reasonable or peaceful surrender.

It is also sad but very frightening to think how a few radical, irrational, fanatics can influence so many for all the wrong reasons. A reflection on history shows how other groups have also been influenced. Everyone must remember, the Davidians had an alternative that meant they could live but they CHOSE to die and they CHOSE the method. Anyone with that kind of control over people is dangerous, a menace to the general welfare of the public, and uses the Bible for his own selfish means to justify his actions. Let us hope that a lesson can be learned from this and we can help our children and grandchildren to understand how important it is to think for themselves in a sensible and rational manner.

God Bless you and all the men that did their job to the best of their ability and judgment. We are proud to live in this great country of ours that does their best to protect us.

We sincerely hope that politicians will not "drag" on any inquiry that would only result in "fuel" for other radicals to use in the future.

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Sincerely,

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cc: President Clinton
William Sessions
Janet Reno

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