

WACO | Branch Davidian Compound

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SUBJECT Waco Branch Denial Request

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EXEMPTIONS: b6 b7c

(see section 1 for Explanation of Exemptions)

Dear Sino:

My family & I would like to extend
our total support of the combined
decision & action that the FBI, ATF, and
U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno administered
during the raid at the Davidian Compound
in Waco, Texas. All our support,
thoughts, and prayers for all of you
brave gentlemen and ladies are al-
ways with you.

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Thank you for caring:
We totally support you:

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Dear William Sessions, F.B.I. Director,

I watched you on T.V. this morning and am so proud of you and your fellowmen! I'm behind you all the way! You surely did the right thing by not letting David Koresh pull wool over our eyes any longer. You said he was getting more violent at last - why? Because he knew he was guilty and wrong and we knew he would not have faced facing Authorities IF he were in the right.

His ex-wife explained on T.V. why those people chose to burn, because David told them they'd burn here. But come back to earth again. And why? Question who started the fire? 3 of the 8 people who did come out said they were among those using torches to start the fires. And F.B.I. had nothing to do with the fire, after all. By fear gasing them, they had a choice to come out - They chose to burn. But hearing 3 had gun-shot wounds

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perhaps they weren't so free -

As for as those little children,
praise God they're out of their misery!
The ones who came out said they
were even slapping the babies
and being molested was, "Hell on Earth"
for them. We know those children
are free now and in Heaven with Jesus.
David was meeting his own lustful
desires, telling the girls their babies
were God children so it made it right -
And that father, of that 31 yr. old guy
from Michigan, testified on T.V. that
David tried to brainwash him by
preaching to him along with the others,
And then he David went into a
room filled with young people and
David talked so filthy; masturbating, etc,
but he didn't use that vocabulary,
but filthy encouraging sex, etc, so you
see David had them Brainwashed too.
That father said he was a Minister which
I surely agree with.

Early on, a man & woman got away
and they testified as to how he brainwashed
and how mean they were to the children!

I'm so glad you chose not to let it go on any further as David said they'd been in the end. Why wait! Only Torture!
In Bible verse Luke 21:8

Take heed that ye be not deceived: For many shall come in my name, saying, "I am Christ and the time draweth nearer, Do ye not after them." How can people dare to join them? Please, may I ask you something?

In cases like this Prisoner, why not do likewise, One prison gets by then the next is worse. I'm sure they feel they are over or running you and laughing at you, but if they'd get in there the first day, they'd stop it. Of course someone will die, they do anyway, which is SAD!

Our Trustee and husband,

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works at F.B.I. [REDACTED] and we're so proud of them! they're so devoted to their job - zip lipped as to what information they have and we know that is important so we don't question them.



Please don't let Attorney General,
Justus Pers, resign! He made the
Right decision to give you the O.K. and
President Clinton surely has the
right to believe it was right!

You can't please everyone, but
I'm so proud of you! I'm praying
God will guide you in all your
future complicated decisions - Trust
in the Lord and He will direct
thy paths. He has Power over all!
Peace and it's over!

The news lady asked,
"If it was a religious thing, why
all the guns?" It proves right
there, their trust was in worldly
ammunition and not in the Lord!!

Please forgive me for writing a
book, but it's only a little of
how I feel toward you - You DESERVE
the best!

Keep us up,

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Dear Sir,

I would like to express my sorrow over the tragic end of the standoff at Waco, Texas.

Nevertheless, I heartily agree with your decision to apply pressure to end the situation, and I believe you have no responsibility, whatever, for what happened. I think the Bureau does a magnificent job, and you should be proud. Please have your agents hold their heads high, and I hope God will bless you and protect you all in your dangerous jobs.

Sincerely,

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
10TH ST. + PENNSYLVANIA AVE. N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20535
DIRECTOR OF THE FBI - JUDGE WILLIAM SESSIONS

DEAR DIRECTOR SESSIONS,

I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO TELL YOU I BELIEVE YOU
AND ALL YOUR AGENTS IN WACO, TEXAS, DID WHAT YOU COULD TO AVERT
A DISASTER. THERE WAS NO WAY FOR ANYONE TO KNOW FOR SURE
THAT KORESH WOULD IN FACT REACT WITH FIRE.

IN TODAY'S PAPERS AND TONIGHT'S NEWS, AS USUAL, THERE
ARE ALL THE PEOPLE WILLING TO SECOND GUESS WHAT HAPPENED
INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTILL THE FBI-ATF AND TEXAS RANGERS
HAVE ALL THE FINAL RESULTS. IT SEEMS THE MEDIA IS NEVER
SATISFIED TO WAIT. TONIGHT PETER JENNINGS IS GOING TO HAVE A
1 HOUR SPECIAL WHERE HE IS SURE TO TALK TO A LOT OF FORMER
SO + SO'S THAT REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

I KNOW THIS IS THE "AMERICAN WAY" BUT I SURE DO GET
TIRED OF IT AS I'M SURE YOU DO. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW
THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT HERE LIKE ME THAT BELIEVE IN THE FBI AND
IN THE POLICE. AT SOME POINT PEOPLE HAVE TO LET YOU DO YOUR JOB.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THE PRESS OR TV OR EVEN THE PRESIDENT
PUSH YOU TO A RESIGNATION. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT TYPE OF
ACTION. PRESIDENT BUSH BELIEVED IN YOU WHEN HE APPOINTED YOU
AND I BELIEVE IN YOU NOW. 63-HQ-1050305-340

Hope God will keep you well SIR.

Sincerely
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Attorney General Janet Reno
Department of Justice
Washington, DC

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April 20, 1993

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Dear Ms Reno:

Please let me preface this by saying I have not written like this to a government official before and I do not plan on making this a habit. But your "class" with all the questions and interviews following the tragedy in Waco has prompted this letter.

Few of us will ever be faced with a decision as enormous as you, the FBI and President Clinton faced in trying to bring to an end such an evil, deranged standoff. When there are attempts to work with, help, counsel or communicate with an "evil force", the outcome is so uncertain. I applaud and admire you and the others for taking action!!! I feel it is better to be ACTIVE than to have to be REACTIVE!

I encourage you and the FBI to stand firm in your beliefs and statements of what you did was right at that moment in time. We would all like to go back to moments in our lives and change things---we cannot. We must go forward. All the hearings, investigations, questions, second guessings, and stupid questions by the media will not ever change the fact that an "evil force" within an evil leader was behind what happened at Waco.

I am grieved at the loss of the children's lives and have no words of wisdom for you or an understanding of WHY they had to die. But I want you to know that I feel as (I am sure) so many people do---their deaths are not your's, the FBI's or President Clinton's responsibility---they are the evil leader's fault and choice---ALONE!!

You (and the others involved) will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days as you answer questions and face second guessings. Please stand firm in your belief in what has been done---that will say volumes.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter.

Sincerely yours:

pc: President Clinton
Senator Robert Dole
FBI Director Sessions
Agent Ricks
Agent Jamar

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F B I Director William Sessions
F B I Building

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April 21, 1993

Ms. Janet Reno,
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Dear Ms. Reno:

Like all Americans, I have been watching the unfolding events in Waco, Texas for 50 some odd days.

While I am sure it probably was the FBI's intention to end the situation peacefully and to retrieve as many cultists as possible safely, the manner in which it culminated, with 24 innocent children incinerated in an inferno leaves me deeply saddened and very angry.

I AM NOT for cult type activities per se, because of the nature of the mind control techniques usually implemented by the leaders of such groups.

However, I AM FOR the 1st and 2nd amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and all citizens rights regarding these instituted protections without interference from such federal agencies as the BATF, FBI, etc. I feel it is often the case that it is plain overzealousness on the part of the so-called "specialists" in these agencies to initiate these assault siege-type activities against citizens that results in just the type of tragedy we witnessed on our television several days ago.

While it is hard to point the finger of blame as to just who is right or wrong in such circumstances, I feel it should be the ultimate responsibility of the U.S. Government NOT to instigate, propagate or let events culminate in the manner they did in Waco, Texas.

ENCLOSURE

The people of the U.S. are not ignorant and we are aware that even though FBI officials deny all questions by the media pertaining to sound surveillance as a "national security issue"; common sense leads us to realize some manner of bugging was indeed employed. It must have been installed before the siege began.

Regarding how David Koresh had a "heads up" to the fact that he was going to be forcefully assaulted, and curiously, how the media was also alerted and in place before the raid ever began raises serious questions regarding how the government hierarchy dispenses its best judgement in such cases. Planted agents either blew their cover in some fashion, or someone in the BATF intentionally tipped off the involved parties for the media hype and show of force.

I feel strongly that the bugging and staged massive ambush activity are the harassing elements which started the whole incident that ended so gravely. Surely, the BATF could have figured out a better way to initiate the process of serving Mr. Koresh with an arrest warrant than landing on the roof and barging into all the windows with guns firing. Agents of that very agency have admitted to the press that the whole endeavor was not properly planned or executed.

The Davidian Compound may or may not have been a tragedy waiting to happen. However, WE WILL NEVER KNOW, because our government decided it could not use diligent restraint to deal with this group of people.

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The problem is, this was **NOT AN ISOLATED CASE** of such government actions. I refer to a similar case in point, just last summer in Idaho, when an FBI sharp-shooter fired on and killed the wife and young son of Randall Weaver, and wounded him as well.

While the trial case of the government's responsibility for that tragedy is going on right now, there is local media coverage only. This was also the case at the time it was happening last summer. The national media refuses to cover the mistaken, and in my opinion, unwarranted assault siege-type activity in Idaho.

The Weaver fiasco was not the case of a 'mountain fortress' as portrayed by the government and media trying to justify their actions. This man lived in a simple quality, modest (approx. \$5000 value) cabin on stilts with his wife and four young children. The arrest warrant dealing with this man's offence was in regard to a sawed off weapon whose length was off by 1/4" - 1/2" and in question with federal authorities.

In the minds of many, that alone does not justify federal authorities to surround and siege the man's home or to kill two members of his family because trained sharp shooters get trigger-happy in the "heat of pursuit". This "heat of pursuit" or "get them at any cost" mentality has got to stop.

Statements like, "Nobody's coming off that mountain", and "We're gonna kill them all" which were overheard by a member of the Red Cross disaster team assembled there is indicative of the type of flagrant, unyielding mentality of arrogance and insensitivity exhibited by the powerful FBI agency in situations like this.

In my estimation, the very worst part of that particular travesty was the implementation of the governments' "psychological part" of the warfare against this man. Even though they already knew they had killed his wife and child (while not quickly volunteering this information to the media), never-the-less, they chose to continue the harassment by placing a talking robot within range of the home which broadcast statements like, "We're having pancakes for breakfast, what are you preparing Mrs. Weaver? Or, worse yet, asking the three surviving children who ranged in age from 16yrs to 10 months, "Why don't you tell your mother to answer the telephone? I propose that since agents knew full well Mrs. Weaver was already dead, and the children did as well, that this type of "psychological tactic" was nothing less than cruelty to Mr. Weaver and his remaining children.

We would all be interested to know, just exactly HOW DOES the ATF or FBI expect people to act when they surround their home like cornered animals and start shooting members of their family without sufficient justification??????????

If a government agency has a warrant for a person's arrest, they should administer that warrant in an appropriate fashion and **not instigate situations like these by going in shooting** and asking questions or making excuses for their actions later. In this county people are still innocent until proven guilty and it is not the responsibility of the ATF or FBI or anyone else to be the judge and jury and send them to heaven without the proper implementation of the principles of justice guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution which every American is entitled to. The opinions regarding guilt or innocence of the suspect by the government agents is (IRRELEVANT)

Getting back to the Waco fiasco, my main concern is about the chosen methods employed and the responsibility of the government agency perpetrating these tactics against the alleged suspects to **remain accountable** for the consequences of all such actions.

If you, Ms. Reno, and all of your 'expert consultants' were so ultimately **CONCERNED** about the children's well-being in that compound, I propose maybe, just maybe, a few of you could have considered the physical and mental consequences of submitting them to such things as:

1. Watching members of the families being shot and killed, and letting them worry will the federal authorities break in and kill them next?
2. Being without utilities and refurbishment of supplies essential to proper hygiene and survival?
3. Being barraged along with the adult members of the compound to the "Psychological Stereo Hell" tactics non-stop night after night for weeks? I propose that the fragile mental stability of scared children cannot be protected by sleep deprivation with deafening strange noises.
4. Rousing them in trembling fear as helicopters shake and rattle the very foundations of their abode?
5. Flaming the walls of their home with Army tanks?
6. Virtually trying to exterminate them by infusing high concentrations of volatile, toxic CS gas into enclosed, improperly ventilated airspace? The 11th Ed. of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary describes that "non-lethal" so-called tear gas as an "incapacitating agent". People who know say this stuff is so strong that exposure to it is, indeed, INCAPACITATING. The effects of this chemical are so potent that reactions include: immediate swelling shut of ones eyes, vomiting, choking and inability to breathe. Young children's lungs are much more susceptible to irritants than adults, so exposing them to a strong toxic chemical such as this, knowing full-well that the results can be devastating and incapacitating even to adults exposed to it in lesser concentrations in open-air type arenas, and then expecting them to be able to leave the building on their own accord is unconscionable.
7. Taking the risk that the children could be charred beyond recognition in a fire that could or could not have been started by the highly flammable, cellulose acetate butalate propellant portion of the CS gas propelled into the building getting ignited by a candle or kerosene lantern most surely being used for light? The propellant portion of that gas was without doubt still suspended in the misty dust permeating the compound and was a combustible explosion just waiting to happen. Did ANYONE take that into consideration?

I would like a qualified answer to these questions and these two questions as well: Why, if there were so many children's lives involved, didn't the government, our government who was supposed to be protecting their rights and lives, take better precaution to assure their safe departure from that compound? Why didn't our **ALL-KNOWING, ALL-POWERFUL GOVERNMENT** spend as much time and effort hassling the **CRIMINALS** at the Ohio prison uprising who were tossing dead bodies unto the lawn and sacrifice the likes of them instead of **INNOCENT CHILDREN** with their blundering?

David Koresh was no saint and he should rightly bear the brunt of the responsibility, but I steadfastly maintain my belief that if our government AFT, FBI, and JUSTICE DEPARTMENT would have used their brains, the lives of those children might have been spared.

I pray the responsibility for the safety of one of MY CHILDREN is NEVER entrusted to the likes of the above. I am rapidly losing faith in what little is left of the government efficiency in this country. You can pass the buck, pardon yourselves, or conjure up justifications for the un-excusable actions taken last week all you like, but normal, law abiding, tax paying citizens like me, think we all deserve better. May God Bless those families.

An American Who Cares



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cc: Pres. Clinton
William Sessions
Tom Foley
anyone else who requests a copy

Use: Intermediate in the preparation of triphenyl methane and related dyes, organic intermediate.

3-chloro-4-benzamido-6-methylaniline.

$\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3(\text{NHCOC}_6\text{H}_5)$.

Properties: White solid, mp 198-199C.

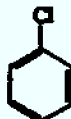
Use: Azoic dyes, pigments.

chlorobenzanthrone. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_9\text{ClO}$.

Properties: All isomers: yellow needles; soluble in alcohol, benzene, toluene, acetic acid.

Derivation: From benzanthrone by treatment with chlorine.

chlorobenzene. (monochlorobenzene; phenyl chloride). CAS: 108-90-7. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$



Properties: Clear, volatile liquid. Almond-like odor, d 1.105 (25/25C), bp 131.6C, fp -45C, wt/gal 9.19 lb (25C), refr index 1.5216 (25C), flash p 85F (29.4C) (CC), autoign temperature 1180F (637C). Miscible with most organic solvents, insoluble in water.

Derivation: By passing dry chlorine into benzene with a catalyst.

Grade: Technical.

Hazard: Moderate fire risk. Explosive limits 1.8 to 9.6% in air. Avoid inhalation and skin contact.

TLV: 75 ppm in air.

Use: Phenol, chloronitrobenzene, aniline, solvent carrier for methylene diisocyanate, solvent, pesticide intermediate, heat transfer.

o-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile. (CS; OCBM).

CAS: 2698-41-1. $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{CN})_2$.

Properties: White crystals with the odor of pepper. Mw 189, mp 93-95C, bp 310-315C. Insoluble in water.

Available forms: Available both unground and ground with 5% silica aerogel or treated "Cab-O-Sil".

Hazard: Strong irritant to eyes and mucous membranes. TLV: ceiling 0.05 ppm.

Use: An incapacitating agent used by the military and law enforcement officers.

p-chlorobenzenesulfonamide.

$\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$.

Properties: White, odorless powder; mp 145-148C; soluble in alcohol.

Grade: 98-99% purity.

Use: Intermediate for pharmaceuticals and resins.

o-chlorobenzeneethiol. See p-chlorothiophenol.

p-chlorobenzhydrol. (p-chlorobenzohydrol).

$\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{HOH}$.

Properties: White to off-white, crystalline powder; mp 57-61C; insoluble in water; soluble in ether, alcohol, and benzene.

Use: Organic synthesis.

"Chlorobenzilate." TM for ethyl-4,4'-dichlorobenzilate.

$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl})_2\text{C}(\text{OH})\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$.

Properties: Viscous, yellow liquid; bp 141-142C (0.06 mm); d (technical 90%) 1.2816 (20/4C).

Slightly soluble in water; soluble in acetone, benzene, methanol.

Hazard: Carcinogen. Caused testicular damage in farm workers. Use has been restricted.

Use: Pesticide, acaricide.

p-chlorobenzohydrol. See p-chlorobenzhydrol.

chlorobenzoic acid. $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH}$.

Properties: Nearly white, coarse powder, mp (o-) 142C, (m-) 158C, (p-) 243C. Soluble in methanol, alcohol, ether, and hot water.

Use: Intermediate for the preparation of dyes, fungicides, pharmaceuticals, and other organic chemicals; preservative for adhesives and paints.

p-chlorobenzophenone. $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COC}_6\text{H}_5$.

Properties: White to off-white, crystalline powder; mp 73-78C; bp 332C. Soluble in acetone, benzene, carbon tetrachloride, ether, and hot alcohol. Insoluble in water.

Use: Intermediate.

chlorobenzotriazole. $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NHN}=\text{N}$.

Properties: White solid, mp 157-159C.

Use: Intermediate and photographic chemical.

o-chlorobenzotrichloride. $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CCl}_3$.

Properties: Colorless liquid or solid, mp 29.37C, bp 264.3C, d 1.5131 (25/4C), refr index 1.5836 (20C). Soluble in alcohol, ether, and acetone; decomposed by water.

Use: Intermediate for pharmaceuticals, dyes, and other organic chemicals.

p-chlorobenzotrichloride. $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CCl}_3$.

Properties: Water-white liquid, boiling range 248-257C, fp approximately 3.8C, d 1.480-1.490 (25/25C). Soluble in alcohol, ether, and acetone; insoluble in water.

Use: Same as o-chlorobenzotrichloride.

m-chlorobenzotrifluoride. (m-chlorotrifluoromethylbenzene; m-chloro- α,α,α -trifluorotoluene).

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Ms. Janette Reno
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. & Tenth St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Reno:

Thank you for your courageous and decisive action in Waco, TX
and to the FBI and the ATF for heroism under fire---not only
from a psychopathic felon but also from an adversary media.

Criticism of law personnel involved has been idiotic and
infuriating. You have earned deep respect by doing what was
right.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. William Sessions, Director, FBI ✓
Mr. Lloyd Bentsen, Secretary of the Treasury
Hon. Alfonse D'Amato
Hon. Daniel Patrick Moynihan

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MR. WILLIAM SESSIONS
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April 21, 1993

Mr. William Sessions,
Director FBI
Dept. of Justice,
Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I fully support the actions of the FBI in Waco. ^O IX The only thing I would fault them on is that it should have been ~~30~~ done 30 days ago. The People in there were given every chance to get out but refused to do so. Whether through their own twisted senses or the threats of Koresh we will probably never know.

This is a case of Mass Murder, and should be handled accordingly.

The FBI did nothing to start the fires that burned the Place down. It was done by Pouring Coleman fuel around the compound. The final outcome was their own doing.

I am sure that Public Opinion will support you and the FBI in your actions as necessary, and hope any waste of time in a Congressional investigation will not have to take place. I'm sure that the Do-Gooders and Bleeding Hearts will be Putting on the Pressure. There will also be a mad rush of shyster lawyers hoping to make a fortune.

Yours Truly:

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Dear

April 21, 1993 Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dear Mr. Sessions: Mr. William S. Sessions
Washington, D.C.

I am behind you 100% with regard to the Branch Davidian incident in Waco Texas. I support the Bureau and its agents because I do not believe they acted without regard for human life. It is so typical of the press and of those in politics to second guess and judge after the fact.

I feel the FBI serves our country well, and that you are an excellent administrator. Keep your morale up and that of your agents during these difficult times and may God bless.

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Dear

April 23, 1993

Pres. William Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

RE: ~~*~~ Branch Davidians

Dear Mr. President: *OWACO TX*

Not only do I think that both Attorney General Reno and FBI Director Sessions should resign but I believe that a special prosecutor should be appointed to bring charges against them for criminally negligent homicide in the deaths of some two dozen children.

Very truly yours

[Redacted Signature]

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cc: Sen. D'Amato, Sen. Moynihan,
Cong. Rick Lazio, A.G. Reno,
Wm. Sessions

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APPEAL TO REV. DAVID KORESH, MINIS, A
DAVIDIAN BRANCH, WACO, TEXAS

March 10, 1993

Dear Rev. Koresh:

I have been watching the events occurring in Waco, Texas over the past few days with so much dismay, and almost unbelief. All of the people I have talked with are very concerned about the welfare of the children you have in your compound. And, yes, we are very concerned about you, and any other adults that might be with you.

Rev. Koresh, I do not know what you were teaching, and I am not qualified, therefore, to say you are in error with any of your doctrines. Even if I knew, I am not sure that I would be qualified to pass judgement, because each man, or person, is entitled to see things in his, or her, own way. That is why we have separation of the Church and State in the United States of America.

However, in spite of what you may believe, or teach, I very strongly defend your right to teach it. It is my opinion this is guaranteed under Amendment #1, to the Constitution of the United States Of America, and possibly some others. I believe you have the right to be heard on this, and any other related matters.

Rev. Koresh, I am very interested to know what I might could do that would help you, or your adherents, at a time like this. I sincerely believe that I have some thoughts, and ideas, that would be beneficial to all your people right now. Remember, I said some thoughts, ideas, or suggestions, and not any ultimatums for you.

Therefore, I humbly and sincerely beseech you now, to let me come into the compound and talk with you, and the others, for just a little while. We should know within one hour, or less, if the ideas that I have could be of any assistance to you. If not, I can depart in peace and not be a hindrance to you in doing whatever it is that you think you must do in this particular matter.

I have no desires, nor intent, to come in with a message that was designed to change your mind on any doctrine. I feel like you have already forgot more about the "Bible" than I will ever know. My mission would be one borne out of love, concern, and fellowship around some common causes. I would not lie to you about anything.

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My offer, to talk with you, does not carry any designs to try and convince you to do anything in particular. I just want to see what I can do to help. I would like to know if there are any kind of special needs in the compound right now, like medical supplies, food, or whatever, in those categories. I would be willing to do anything I could to help relieve any such need. I am a man of very limited financial means. However, I believe there are enough other Americans that feel like I do, that will help me with the finances to secure the immediate medical or food needs, if there is a need.

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Rev. Korosh, I am an adherent to a religious order right now that has also been described as a cult. It seems like now-a-days if you are not a member of the stock organizations, like Baptists, Methodist, Presbyterian, or Catholic, then you are a member of the cults. I strongly challenge that line of irresponsible thinking. We are not a cult in the true sense, although we have been accused of it many times over. That makes me want to help you, if I can.

When you speak of the Seventh Angel Messengers of the Book of Revelations, I know exactly where you are coming from. We believe in that Seventh Angel Messenger also. In is my opinion anyone who doesn't, is the stranger ones with out-dated beliefs. A carefully made study of the Bible should point that out to anyone. That is the one point on which we have been so acutely mis-understood.

There are many other areas that I could address here, showing ways I believe I could help in this hour. I want to help you get your thoughts and message out to the people of America, and to the World, so they can understand what it is you are doing, and why. I so strongly believe in your right to say it, even if I may not agree with what it is that you are saying. You are entitled to the rights to have your opinions, on anything, but most especially on the subject of religious ideas, and the freedom of expressions.

I hesitate to enumerate all the ways that I think I can help, but believe me, I do think I can help you, if I am only given the chance to do so. If you are in agreement to talk with me, just go to the phone and communicate that request to the authorities that are on location. I really believe they will let me talk to you if they know that you are agreeable to meeting with me.

It is my opinion that it would be better if I waited until I saw you in person to explain all the ways I think I can help. At that time you would be in a position to agree, and tell me what I can do to help; or, to disagree, and ask me to leave the compound, so as not to interfere with what it is you must do. I will gladly leave, at your bidding, if we see that I can not assist you, and your people, in any kind of way.

Please, let me assure you, that I have not been asked to do this by any law enforcement agency, nor anyone else. Quite to the contrary, I have been turned down by them repeatedly. I have made calls to the FBI, ATF, my local Sheriff in Miss, the Sheriff there in Waco, Texas, to my Senators, and others. At the time of this message, at 3:PM., on Wednesday, March 10, 1993, I do not have any permission, nor even any encouragement, from any of them. This is my own idea, and it comes from my own personal desire to help.

I simply can not see how sane people can deny us this chance, especially in view of all that has already gone down in Waco, TX., and in view of what could come next, at anytime. If you and I do talk, and we fail to reach any agreements on anything, I don't see where anyone has been hurt but me, and that would be only with my time and expenses to get there, and back home. I am willing, and

prepared to make that investment, if you are willing to talk. I do think the law enforcement agencies, and the States and the Federal Government, as individual units, owe us both that small favor.

The only person that I know of that would have a legitimate right to object to this would be my wife. I do not expect her to agree with every detail, but knowing my wife, I believe that she understands. She knows the burden I have for you, your people, and especially the children that are involved. She is a perfect wife, and mother, and she would understand me doing it for the children.

It is not my intent to come as a law enforcement agent, as I do not have any expertise as any law enforcement agent. I do not claim to be self efficacious in anything. I am only offering to come as an individual, a person who cares about other people, one who is concerned about the suppression of religious ideas, and one that has a keen love for children. I am told you have children in there. I believe that I have a plan, for them, that would be of a great interest to you, and to any other parents with you.

It would be difficult for me to understand if any of us let this matter come to a disastrous conclusion without employing the full capacities of ourselves to try and avoid any further blood shedding. That is not the American, nor even a Christian way that this should be handled. That is why the refusals of all the law enforcement agencies to cooperate with me in making such a visit is so disappointing. I would think that everyone, including me, and you, would agree to any kind of meeting, or anything else that might help to avoid any further violence, of any kind.

I have been told that I might be putting my own life in some danger if I entered the compound. I do not believe that, because I do not believe that you, nor any followers, are criminal in your natures. However, if that were true, I still feel like I would be totally justified in taking the chance, and making the effort.

I believe there are scriptures that requires us to be willing to lay down our lives for our fellow man. How, then, can I refuse as long I have the faith that I can of some assistance to you all. My faith also tells me that I can do it without any dangers to me. Like the Prophet Isaiah said, VS.1:18 "Come, now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Let us give it a try, with prayer, OK?

Let me point out here, Rev. Koresh, that I am a nobody. I am a farm plow-boy, who happen to be married to the most perfect wife and mother. I happen to love the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, with all of my heart. That in and of itself, makes me to love all people. I came from a family of twelve (12) children, and we had all kinds of love, which was our sources of strength and survival.

With the help of that perfect wife, I got a formal education. With the help of that perfect Mother, we raised two children. We

both dedicated our lives to the Lord at an early age, and we have never been sorry that we did. That does not make me anything that is special, and it certainly does not make me a Bible scholar. I simply want to talk to you as an individual, one to another. With our mutual love for the scriptures, and mankind, I believe that we can communicate in a way that would be most beneficial right now.

Neither of us has anything to loose but time, and a lot could be gained, so why not try investing a couple of hours to see what thoughts we have to share, with each other. I think you would be glad we had a chance to talk. I will be glad to try, if you will.

There is one other thing that I would like to mention. That is that I have been trained as an Emergency Medical Technician. I did not keep my certificate current but I still know the basics of that training. I can not offer you any special medical expertise, but I believe that I could help you, in some medical routines, and more than anything, I think I could help to determine what regular medicines, or any other medical care, that some of your people may need. I could then contact the outside, for help in arranging for the "proper medical care" for your individual situations.

Rev. Koresh, I implore you to hear me out, and, to grant me a small amount of time, in which I will try to show you how I can be of help to you in many ways. I have a strong abiding faith that I can work with you, for your best interest. If I can not be of help I do not want to be the one who complicates, confuse, or compounds the situations now at hand.

I shall be waiting for your reply messages. I can be on the road within one (1) hour after I hear from you, or the appropriate authorities, and I can make the trip in approximately 12-15 hours. It would depend on what time of day that I arrived, as to whether we should talk that day, or we wait until the next morning. That would be left up to you as I would be willing to do it either way. I am coming in the spirits of love, concern, and fellowship, and I would be most willing to sacrifice my personal comfort that first day or night, without any rest, to talk with you. It is important.

In the meantime, our prayers are with you and yours, and that includes everyone in the compound. May God and all his mercies be with you now, is our earnest prayer. I hope I will see you soon.

With Love, and Our Sincere Prayers,



CC. Honorable William "Bill" Clinton (D)
President, United States Of America
White House, Washington, D. C.

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CC: Honorable Ann Richards, (D/TX)
Governor, State of Texas, Austin

CC: Honorable William Sessions
Director, FBI, Washington, D.C.

CC: Senator Thad Cochran (R/MS)
US Senate, Washington, D.C.

CC: Senator Trent Lott, (R/MS).
US Senate, Washington, D.C.

CC: General Association, D. S. D. A.
Waco, Texas

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FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET 202-456-2461

TO: Honorable Bill Clinton, President of U.S.
AT: White House, Washington, D.C.
ATTENTION: President Clinton, Pers.

REGARDING: Rev. David Koresh, Dividian Branch, D.S.D.A., Waco, Texas
Letter Of Appeal, to Rev. Koresh

REMARKS: Please advise if your office can be of any assistance to me in
securing permission from the law enforcement agencies to talk with the Rev
David Koresh, of Waco, Texas, if he is willing to talk with me. This is
a bonafide, serious request, and not a prankster type situation.

I am firmly convinced that if I am given permission to go into his place
to talk with him, that I can be of assistance in avoiding any further
need for gun firing, and/or blood shedding. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

I do not think that the Law Enforcement Agencies, the Federal Government,
or the State of Texas, would be justified in trying to prevent this. I
am willing to give them any kind of disclaimer they want as far as their
liability is concerned about my safety. This is my personal request, and
they would not be liable for me in any kind of way.

The conscience of the American people should not be willing to accept any
further blood sheeding out there, if there is any way of all to avoid it.
I sincerely believe that I can be of assistance to everyone in the matter

Please let me hear from you soon, at

This is an important matter that involves
the lives of a lot of people, but most especially some minor children.

FROM [REDACTED]

PAGE NO: 1 OF 6 PAGES:

DATE: March 11, 1993 TIME: 3:50 P.M. Central
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Contact# 159531
Department of Justice

March 30, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your letter. President Clinton greatly appreciates the trust and confidence you have expressed in him by writing.

To give your concerns the special attention they deserve, the President has asked me to forward your letter to the Department of Justice. I have asked them to provide you with a prompt reply, but please bear in mind that it may take several weeks to look thoroughly into the concerns you have raised. Should you have any questions after reviewing their response to you, you may write: Department of Justice, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

Many thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,



Marsha Scott
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential
Correspondence

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONTROL DATA SHEET

From: EXEC. SEC.

To: [REDACTED] FBI

ODD: 05-10-93

Date Received: 04-08-93 Date Due: 05-10-93 Control #: X93040805867

Subject & Date

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CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE FOR FBI'S RESPONSE.

CONSTITUENT NAME/ID#: [REDACTED]

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REMOVE THIS CONTROL SHEET PRIOR TO FILING AND DISPOSE OF APPROPRIATELY

April 28, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your recent communication to President Clinton was referred to the FBI, and I want to thank you for the concern which prompted you to offer your assistance in resolving the former standoff with Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.

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,

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Danny O. Coulson
Deputy Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

- 1 - Ms. Marsha Scott
Director of Presidential Correspondence
The White House
- 2 - Executive Secretariat - Enclosures (2)
Room 4400AA, DOJ
- 1 - SAC, San Antonio - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. Coulson (Room 5012)
- 1 - Mr. Kahoe (Room 5030)
- 1 - FBICR (Room 4913A)
- 1 - Mr. Collingwood (Room 7240)

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NOTE: [REDACTED] faxed to President Clinton his offer to go to Waco, Texas, to talk to BRANCH DAVIDIANS in an effort to resolve the standoff without further bloodshed. He encloses a copy of a letter he has written to Davidian leader DAVID KORESH in which he says that he, too, belongs to what is referred to as a religious cult and can empathize with the DAVIDIANS' plight. He says it is not his intent to give KORESH ultimatums, but merely thoughts, ideas, or suggestions.

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Head of the FBI
William Sessions

THE FBI

U.S. JUSTICE DEPT

CONSTITUTION AVE & 10th ST NW

WASHINGTON DC 20530

Apr 23 '93

Mr Sessions

WACO TX

Your lying and deviousness will never explain away the evil crime you are guilty off. You murdered young children in Waco. You burned them alive. Can you imagine what you did, what it was like, they were all human beings in there. I know you want to excuse yourself, rationalize, you do what the "Good Germans" of fascist Germany did, you make monsters and rats and cultist weirdos of real live people just like the Nazis did to Jews and ^{the Germans} then you do the same as they did. They really believed in their righteous cause, Got is mit us, we are allowed to do this because we are saviours said the Gestapo. You rationalize ~~as~~ a necessary war ~~excuse~~ against people you reduced to less than ~~human~~ ^{human} first, then burned alive.

I am a Catholic and I pray every Sunday, from now on I have to pray that you realize what you did. You burned children to death while still alive. You are a monster.

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April 24, 1993

Dear Sir,

Our law enforcement policies reflect the collective conscientiousness of the people in a Democratic society, generally. The high approval rating by the majority of Americans regarding the FBI's final assault on the Branch Davidians in Waco shows that clearly.

The general agreement is that it is a terrible tragedy, but that the FBI did what it had to do, and that the entire blame for all those deaths should be placed on the Christian cult leader's head, David Koresh.

But if Mr. Koresh had been threatening to jump off a high bridge, our policy would have been to talk him out of it, no matter how long it took, and try to save his life. To push him off would not have been within policy.

The fact that he had nearly a hundred faithful followers willing to go with him should have been a good enough reason to reason with him, even if it took until Christmas.

Most Americans knew he had deep-seated and serious mental problems. Hadn't the media been reporting for seven weeks that he claimed to be Jesus Christ in the flesh? Most Americans remember Jonestown and the hundreds that followed their leader to death.

The ramming of the building with tanks, along with a six-hour intermittent dosage of tear gas amid blarings to surrender, was the same as pushing Mr. Koresh off the bridge with his human sheep tied to his feet like an anchor.

Our federal officials, our Attorney General and our President should have shown more concern for the weak and innocent inside the compound. They should have been willing to talk until hell froze over, without even thinking of making such a violent assault.

Then, if the Branch Davidians still chose suicide in the end over capture and imprisonment, we could say correctly that the FBI did all it could.

As a society, our hands are not clean no matter how much we try to wash them by putting the entire blame on the devil and David Koresh. If that's all we've learned, we haven't learned anything. And if it happens again, we'll handle it the same bloody way.

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DIRECTOR William Sessions
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
HOOVER BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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J. B. L.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I'm backing you in
what you did in
Texas.

How any one could
believe in all the
corruption going on in
that cult.

Stay in there. Sincerely

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William Sessions
Director of the FBI
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Sessions:

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This letter is to let you know that my husband and I completely support you in the decisions you made on the David Koresh affair.

We followed the events at the Compound very closely. I just happened to not be working on the 19th, to turn on the TV that morning and, consequently be able to watch all day as the events unfolded. I saw the fires start, I heard the reporting and am sure beyond doubt that David Koresh committed mass murder and suicide.

We are discouraged and disgusted with media in their apparent efforts to foster doubts and dissension over the outcome of this affair by interviewing over and over Cult-paid lawyers, understandably distraught but prejudiced relatives of the cult members. Of course, this is the way the media enhance their jobs and prolong and feed on anything that will make them seem more valuable.

We could not sympathize with a man who stockpiled weapons and broke the law in many ways, not speak of his immorality. WE felt the FBI had waited too long and were not happy over our taxes being spent in coddling this man.

Therefore, we do support you and urge you to be steadfast in your defense of the actions of the FBI and the ATF.

Sincerely,

copy: President Clinton

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Memo From: [redacted]

To: FBI WACO TX

I agree with R.K. below.
your organization did an
exemplary job in dealing
with an unbelievably bad
situation! I applaud you
and severely criticize our
news media for not properly
recognizing your accomplish-
ments! They seem to only be
interested in fanning the fires
of controversy! Please pass my
sentiments on to ATF. Best of luck for

Q. I'd like the address to write officials of the
ATF and FBI in support of their handling of the
Waco situation. — R.K.

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A. The address for the national headquarters of the
Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms is 650 Massa-
chusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20226.
Write the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 10th St.
and Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20535.

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Dear [redacted]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Mr. Sessions, WACO TX
I agree with you 100% on
the decision to use tear gas on
the people in Mr. Carmel Compound.
I agree with the manner it was
done, as well as the time it was
done.

A sad decision indeed; but
needfull.

I have already written
attorney General Reno of my
thoughts on the matter.

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Sincerely,
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April 28, 1993

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Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenues
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

After listening to all the news stories about your handling of David Koresh and the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, I feel I must write and tell you I support your decisions and actions.

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I feel very sorry there was so much loss of life. Now looking back maybe things could have been handled differently, maybe

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not. There is not one of us that with additional information would not look back on past actions and change our decisions one way or another. Kind sight is always twenty-twenty.

I feel so sorry for the family and friends of the F.B.I and A.I.F agents that were killed and for the little children. Unfortunately any action by the government would have been criticized. The government was severely criticized for not taking action or preventing the Jim Jones massacre. If you had taken no action with David Koresh you would also have been criticized - truly a no win situation for your organization.

I know this letter is not written very well, but I had to write

and express my feelings. Not everyone is against the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Attorney General Janet Reno.

I honestly believe you all try to make the best and right decisions and take the best actions based on the information you have at that moment in time. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to duty.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S.

Please convey my sentiments to A.T.F. Director Stephen Higgins and Attorney General Janet Reno

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Gentlemen -

28 April 1993

I want to congratulate you on the
splendid way you handled the
Waco problem. I am proud of the achieve-
ment of those who were involved in the
sad affair. I deeply regret that 10 of our
men had to give their lives for that terrible
cause. I'm sorry that so many ignorant
people are trying to denigrate your good work.
It is a good thing that you least concerned
yourself with the greatest achievement
that Congressman Conyers ought to be boasted
out of Washington. Sincerely,
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April 28, 1993.

Director William Sessions,
Director of the FBI,
Washington D.C. 20535.

Dear Director Sessions,

WACO TX

I'm writing this unintentionally late letter to you to tell you and all the agents from all the law enforcement agencies at Waco that I support their actions. I believe they did the correct thing, no matter what anyone says. You have my complete support.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Sessions,

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I have to write you on the Waco TX Cult because there were no reason for all those people dying for nothing. I don't know who was responsible for the happenings there but looks to me like the FBI could have backed off after the screw up on the first attempt & picked up Keresch a week or month later if necessary. This is my personal views & you may think there were the smartest people on the top but a little common sense make a lot of sense sometimes.

Please give this some thought because there are more of this kind of cults in the USA so this want happen again

Thanks

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Copy - President Bill Clinton 63-HQ-1050305-359

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Dear Director of FBI Sessions,

I know there has been, and will be much talk about, "what if ----" regarding the final day, April 19th of the Branch Davidian cult compound. I wanted to say the FBI agents handled the situation well. I felt like they used alot more patience, than many others would have.

Your agents did the best they could to prevent the loss of lives. No one dreamed David Koresh would destroy so many innocent lives in such a horrible death.

Thank you for trying to bring a terrible situation under a peaceful control 63-HQ-1050305-360
Sincerely yours

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William Sessions
F. B. I. Director
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sessions,

My thanks to you and to all the F. B. I. agents who brought the Waco ^{IX} ~~separate~~ to an end. I really agree with the decision to gas the compound. I am sorry about the children but I believe the results would have been the same - April 19, 1993 or April 19, 1994.

I haven't forgotten the Jim Jones Cult and I've just finished reading a book of another one. "Prophet of Death" by Pete Earley. I just do not believe that the likes of a David Kereak should ever be able to call the shots.

I also want to say that Bob Ricks did such a great job with the press conference. I really liked the way he repeated their questions before answering them.

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I'm so sorry about the four agents losing their lives.

I've never written the F. B. I. before but I just got so tired of the press - criticizing.

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I'm just an ordinary law abiding citizen who
just wanted to give you a word of encouragement,
not to tell you how to do your job - like some
people seem to be trying to do. All the people
I know are like me - they think you did
a great job. Thank you men for us.

My husband wants me to add his name
to this as his feelings are the same as mine.

Thank you, *

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Dear [REDACTED]

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April 29, 1993

Ms. Janet Reno
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Ms. Reno:

My husband and I have been appalled at the treatment that you have been given during the hearings of the Waco TX Cult-David Koresh situation by some of the members of the House Judiciary Committee. While we have no problem with an investigation to learn how situations such as this one might be better handled, if indeed, there is a better way, we feel that rudeness and accusations by some of those representatives are totally out of line.

We want you to know that you have our total support in your handling of the situation as do the F.B.I. and the A.T.F. people. All of those people were more than patient in dealing with the problem.

'Atta, Girl' and hang in there!

Most Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

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John Conyers
William Sessions
Stephen Higgins

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Mr. William Sessions
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigations
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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April 29, 1993

Honorable John Conyers
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

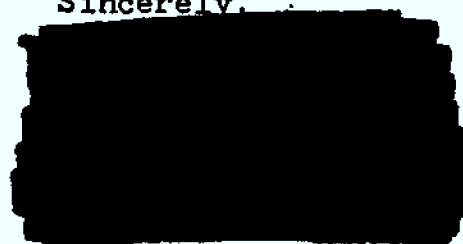
My husband and I are appalled at the manner with which you have questioned and replied to United States Attorney General Janet Reno. Such rudeness is totally unnecessary.

We have no problem with the House Judiciary Committee investigating the Waco-David Koresh situation to learn if a better way can be found of handling such instances; however, we think that it should be done in such a way to accord the law enforcement people and their superiors every courtesy. You behaved as if Ms. Reno and the other law enforcement people were the criminals. Who appointed you judge and jury? In our opinion, you owe Ms. Reno and the law enforcement people an apology.

Further, it is our hope that ^{the} State of Texas Representatives never display such rude behavior as you displayed. How very easy it must be to be "an armchair quarterback" after the fact! It was impossible for anyone to know what David Koresh would do at any given time. People like him are totally unpredictable, and anyone who thinks that he would have known how to handle him to prevent any harm coming to the innocent children in that compound is a naive dreamer.

We feel that the law enforcement people involved in the decision making regarding the Waco incident, as well as those on the scene carrying out those decisions, displayed utmost patience and consideration. As a matter of fact, waiting fifty-one days to finally take the action they did was over and above necessity. How many times David Koresh broke his promises! What makes you think it would ever have ended any differently?

Sincerely,



cc: Janet Reno
William Sessions ✓
Stephen Higgins
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

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Dear Directors Sessions and Higgins:

I am writing to tell you that I feel the FBI and ATF did an exemplary job in dealing with the Branch Davidian situation in Waco Texas. It was because of your work that many young people were able to be rescued early on, not to mention the handful of people who were released in the following weeks.

As I watched C-SPAN, I felt I was watching a post game rap-up. As we all know, hindsight is 20-20, you had no way of predicting what would or could happen. By choosing to use a non-flammable form of tear gas, you demonstrated your concern for fire, thus avoiding what happened in Philadelphia several years ago.

I felt Attorney General Reno and you and your staffs were treated disrespectfully during the hearings. While I watched the hearings I did not hear the Committee Members commend you and your staffs on the diligence and hard work that resulted in the successful negotiations that allowed the many people to be released by Koresh. I feel that the work of the FBI and ATF actually saved lives. I want you to know that I was on your side.

My heart goes out to the families of the ATF officers who were killed by the Branch Davidians.

Sincerely,

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cc: President Clinton
Attorney General Reno

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Director William Sessions, Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C., 20535

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30 APRIL 1993

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS
DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS
NINTH STREET & PENNSYLVANIA AVE. N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

DEAR DIRECTOR SESSIONS,

MAKE NO APOLOGIES OR EXCUSES FOR WACO *O TX* YOU DID THE RIGHT
THING AND I THINK MOST PEOPLE AGREE WITH ME. AS FOR
REP. CONYERS, IN EACH GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE
CONTACT WITH, YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND AT LEAST ONE
PIECE OF HUMAN WASTE. ENOUGH SAID. KEEP DOING THE RIGHT
THING.

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Dear [REDACTED]
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May 2, 1993

Mr. William Steele Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions,

We hope that you people are very proud of your operations at Mount Carmel, Texas. Here we had a group of citizens of this country living off by themselves not hurting anyone and the Federal Government goes in and kills over seventy of them.

We hear reports of child abuse that they were supposedly engaged in. But we do not know of any convictions on said charges. It is very easy to charge someone with something but a little harder to secure a conviction.

But if the children were the driving consideration then why were BATF operatives used in the opening gambit? Why wasn't the Department of Human Services involved? It would seem that the fact that these citizens had a few more guns than the Government would like people to have was a larger consideration than the welfare of the children. As far as them having illegal weapons and explosives, we saw nothing to indicate that they had any of either. There were no bombs or rockets used against the armored vehicles that were used to tear down walls in the last deadly assault.

In the final assessment of the whole affair we feel that the Government deserves, and must bear the responsibility for the deaths of all victims of this terrible tragedy. It does not matter who started the fire. The fact remains that not one soul had died before Federal operatives rolled into the compound and opened fire.

Sincerely,



Mr. William Steele Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C., 20500

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RIGHT ? OR WRONG ?

I can find no fault with the way our F.B.I. agents handled the situation in Waco, Texas. Incest:intercourse with any member of his family, except his wife, has always been considered a despicable crime in our society. Mad? or Sane? This man who called himself God boasted, rather than denied of having intercourse with his many wives and also his own children.

On the first day of their appearance, four F.B.I. men were shot and killed. The unusual amount of high powered ammunition and rifles that he had indicated that he had no intention of complying with the laws of our country, like the vast majority of us do.

How long should the F.B.I. have waited for him to Comply? Forever! Fifty days was perhaps more time than they should have given him.

And they had no choice, but to break down the walls of his compound in order to propel the Tear Gas cannisters into it. Had they dropped the cannisters, as some folks thought, from a plane, they would have put more lives in jeopardy because of those high powered guns and ammunition.

It is the job of our Federal, State, and Local governments to protect the lives and well being of all of our citizens, young and old, alike. They should be commended, not criticized, for a job well done!

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March 24, 1993

William Sessions
Tenth & Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I am writing this letter in concern with the standoff at Mt. Carmel in Waco, Texas. As you know, the standoff started Sunday, February 28, almost a month ago. My main interest is the cost of the standoff. Several newspaper and television stations have estimated the cost per week. However, none of these figures seem to agree. They also state that the FBI and ATF are using taxpayer money to rent approximately forty apartments. They also state that these agencies are purchasing unnecessary items throughout the standoff.

My main reason for writing this letter is to ask some important questions concerning the expenses of the standoff. How much money is being used for this assignment? How is the money being used? These are two simple questions that are repeatedly never answered. As a taxpayer I have the right to know these answers. I do not see answering these questions would harm the FBI's assignment. I do support the FBI and the ATF's efforts in the standoff, but I do not believe that the public should be in the dark about what and how our money is being spent. I would appreciate your response.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your March 24th correspondence to Director Sessions concerning the standoff between law enforcement and Branch Davidians in Waco has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and concerns about the money spent in an effort to resolve that situation is appreciated.

While I would like to answer your specific questions, I am not at liberty to do so because longstanding FBI and Department of Justice policy prohibits other than general comments on ongoing investigations. I can tell you, however, that as of April 16, 1993, extraordinary costs, excluding salaries and other normal expenses, amounted to approximately \$2 million.

Sincerely yours,

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

- 1 - SAC, San Antonio (89B-SA-38851) - Enclosure
PERSONAL ATTENTION:
1 - Mr Evans (Room 5042) - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Collingwood (Room 7240)

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NOTE: Response concerning the costs expended by the FBI in Waco discussed with [REDACTED] Budget Unit, CID, in coordination with SA [REDACTED] VCU, CID.

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April 7th, 1993

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
J. Edgar Hoover Building,
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Sir:

The enclosed newspaper article, appearing in the [REDACTED] and dated April 3rd, is self-explanatory.

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As a retired police official, I am simply appalled that the situation in Waco, Texas has been allowed to continue for such a lengthy duration. Frankly, it has become a mockery for law-enforcement!

I would respectfully suggest at this writing, that if the "standoff" continues, the immediate replacement of your man, Bob Hicks, (who is apparently in charge of the operation) and allow someone with the "balls" to terminate that "comedy of errors!"

The entire affair has placed the F.B.I. and the A.T.F. in a most unfavorable light with the general public. The cost factor alone should dictate an immediate change of policy.

Time for "negotiation" should be at end and replacement instead with necessary action!

Sincerely,

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A-12 Saturday, April 3, 1993

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'Dawn raid' one way to end Waco standoff

To the editor:

The "fiasco" in Waco, Texas, has indeed proven itself to be a law-enforcement nightmare. The standoff, since Feb. 28, has seen little progress, despite the countless "negotiating sessions" conducted by so-called experts in that specialized field. Cult leader, David Koresh, has indicated his unwillingness to surrender peacefully and has repeatedly reneged on promises made in supposedly good faith.

Subsequent to almost one month of "playing games," plus the tremendous costs accrued in keeping law-enforcement personnel on the scene, all indicate that the matter should be terminated without further delay.

The writer would take the liberty of suggesting that a dawn raid, mounted by the FBI and ATF forces, and protected within the cover of armored vehicles already at the scene, make a concentrated

assault upon the compound.

A huge volume of tear gas, fired from the vehicles, through every window and aperture of the buildings, would immediately force the present occupants to flee outside. Their eyes would be so blinded by the effects of the tear gas that few, if any, would be capable of armed resistance.

The entire sad episode could be terminated within a matter of minutes. Those occupants continuing to offer armed resistance would be shot down like the murderers they were on Feb. 28, which resulted in the untimely deaths of four federal agents.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your April 7th communication enclosing a copy of your letter to the Editor of the [REDACTED] about the standoff of the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas. I want to thank you for the concern which prompted you to write.

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,

William S. Sessions

William S. Sessions
Director

FBI

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- 1 - SAC, San Antonio - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. Collingwood (Room 7240)
- 2 - Mr. Evans (Room 5042) - Enclosures (2)

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May 4, 1993

Mayor J. Robert Sheehy, Sr.
Waco City Hall
P.O. Box 2570
Waco, Texas 76702-2570

① Waco TX

Dear Mayor Sheehy:

I am writing to express our deep gratitude for the kindness and support extended to the FBI by the city and citizens of Waco during the recent crisis at Mount Carmel. The people of your fine city were extraordinarily gracious and generous to our employees and the outstanding support provided by your police, fire and other public safety agencies reflected their obvious dedication and professionalism.

The events that led up to the tragedy at Mount Carmel were extraordinarily difficult and stressful for all. During the standoff many of our Agents were in constant danger from the weapons within the compound but they and those assisting them also had to endure long and difficult separations from family and friends. From the moment the standoff began, the people of Waco and the surrounding communities in McLennan County demonstrated a compassion which remained undiminished during the entire crisis. You and your citizens reached out to members of the FBI family and others who were seeking to peacefully resolve this matter, considerably easing the burden that lengthy separations from home and difficult operational circumstances can cause.

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On behalf of the entire FBI family, please accept our sincerest appreciation for all that you and your citizens did for us. The response from your city and your citizens to the difficult situation and to the needs of the FBI and our employees should be a source of great pride for the city of Waco. I believe that the trial through which we and your community have passed has forged a very special relationship between us.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions
Director

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- 1 - Mr. Collingwood

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- 3 - Mr. [Redacted]
- 1 - Ms. [Redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [Redacted]

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May 4, 1993

Mr. Russell H. Pacey, Jr.
Chrysler Technologies
Airborne Systems, Inc.
7500 Maehr Road
P.O. Box 154580 - M/S 7521
Waco, Texas

Dear Mr. Pacey:

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I am writing to express our great appreciation for the extraordinary assistance rendered by your company during the recent crisis in Mount Carmel. You provided the FBI with the facility in which we established the command center used to manage the Federal response and from which we sought to resolve the crisis. Obviously, it was a critical component of the operation and the entire effort was greatly facilitated by the use of your space. Your generosity and spirit of public service enabled us to conduct our operations most effectively.

On behalf of the entire FBI family, please accept our gratitude for the generosity and civic duty displayed by all of your employees. It was of great assistance to the entire Federal effort.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions
Director

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TO ALL CONCERNED WITH THE DEBACLE IN WACO, TEXAS ON
April 19, 1993.

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I would like to be proud of my country and its leaders.
But how can I after the terrible event in Waco, Texas?

I thought I had discerned some measure of compassion and
understanding in President Clinton and Attorney-General Reno
that has been lacking in recent administrations.

But what has happened to "Freedom of Religion", and the
much-vaunted "Right to Bear Arms" (in which I do not agree,
by the way, but it is the law of the land)? I feel shame
and chagrin at the way other nations of the world must view us
after this and the Philadelphia Move disaster.

You pleaded for "Calm" in Los Angeles and got it. You used
force and power in Waco and were met with fire-power!

Why, why did this have to happen? The weeks preceding it
of government harassment and taunting and, I suppose, misrepres-
entation (how can we know?) have been most disheartening, and
only prove that no intelligence was used to solve this problem?
Was there a problem? Neighbors in the area say there was not!

Are we a Christian nation? "In God We Trust"? No, the
Rambo-mentality is our God, and we had better repent and mend
our ways.

The great Flood in Noah's time was attributed to the fact that
"the whole land was full of violence" and God did not approve
of this. If we continue blindly in the way we are using of
meeting force with force, we shall all likewise perish, for
we have lost our souls.....

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WILLIAM SESSIONS
Director of the FBI
Washington, DC

In sorrow,

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WILLIAM SESSIONS
Director of the FBI

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April 21 1993

Dear Director Sessions:

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-- THE USA TODAY --

Military might instead of quiet thinking.

The gassing of a population.

The murders.

For what?

For why?

Surely cowardice at the highest level.

Haven't we learned anything in Two Thousand
years? There it is--all--in recorded
history!

Now come the Lies--the Cover-up. white wash

Resignations are most in order.

A Sad Day!

A slowly evolved Addendum:

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Look at them! Mr. Clinton, Ms. Reno, Mr. Sessions, and the unknown (to me) head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, who led those who put man's laws above the Gift of Life granted by God (Nature) to 86 men, women and children, April 19, 1993, a day of infamy.

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Yes, look at them! as they look at themselves: worthy to join the Children of "The Lord of the Flies".

Waco, Texas

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Resign! You violence-freaks are
destroying this country. Let others
in who can solve problems with-
out more killing. Violence, violence,
Violence. You guys are crazy.
Be gone!

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Judge William Sessions
FBI Director
Washington, D.C.

April 20, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Attorney General Janet Reno
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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

Senator Lloyd Bentsen
Secretary, Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

Governor Ann Richards
State of Texas
Austin, TX

WACO TX

Dear Distinguished Public Servants:

I am writing as a Waco native and a concerned citizen regarding the handling of the so-called "apocalypse" at the Branch-Dividian Compound in Waco on April 19, 1993.

I am concerned regarding the miscalculations and defective contingency planning which occurred from the inception of the ATF raid all the way through to the reaction when the compound was set on fire after the FBI pumped tear gas in.

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It seems to me that, in contrast to the quick, efficient almost unbelievably effective response in apprehending suspects in the New York World Trade Center bombing, the Waco situation all the way through was filled with miscalculations, misjudgements, and misunderstanding. I do not believe the agencies ever understood how a cult behaves, particularly when they are cornered and the leader wanted to be martyred. For the obviously tired Mr. Bob Ricks, who did a commendable but not so personable job as spokesperson for the FBI, to say that the FBI's reaction was "oh my God" when the fire was set says to me that contingency planning and the understanding of how a cult behaves was incredibly naive. For there to be no fire fighting capability when Mr. Koresch had obviously wanted a provocation to prove him a martyr and what else could they do but blow up the place or burn it down showed great ineptitude on the part of the Federal Government.

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For Waco to be blamed for not having modern fire trucks on the scene and having to call out rural trucks from Bellmead, a small suburb, is not right. It wasn't Waco's ineptitude -- yes, they do have modern fire fighting equipment and even color TV and inside toilets in Waco -- it was the complete miscalculation by the very same agencies that apprehended the World Trade Center terrorists in two weeks' time after that incident.

Mr. Sessions, I believe you need more time out in the country, maybe in retirement in your native Waco, to understand how a cornered person or animal acts when provoked. Does an irrational being when provoked give up and depend on the Bill of Rights and a nebulous, long, drawn-out legal system to reassure its immediate panic? Had the FBI ever heard of Jonestown and Jim Jones or was that too obvious for the FBI to study? Is the FBI's normal contingency plan to have its agents say "oh my God" to the very most likely form of reaction (fire) from what was supposedly feared by ATF in the first place (mass suicide) to prompt that doomed February raid? Where are our tax dollars going? Too much for super-sophisticated equipment, half of which I'd bet doesn't work as intended, and too little for plain old common-sense thinking and planning, I believe.

Mr. Bentsen, why does ATF need a separate para-military force? Isn't this a prime example of government duplicity creating inefficiencies, operating confusion, and waste of my tax dollars?

Ms. Reno, it is commendable for you to take full responsibility and offer to resign over this incident if asked, but you are not the issue here. President Clinton, are you going to continue to let her "spin control" your political fallout? Shame on you; she is excellent!

Governor Richards, Texas has undergone a major blow here and you need to continue your excellent program to promote tourism and business in your (my home) State. Please include the Waco area as this black eye was not in my opinion created by the residents of Waco. The Federal Government and to some extent the media played this to the hilt and left Waco looking like some sort of hick-town with no modern fire trucks and a bunch of dumbos. That is not the case; the Federal Government has the most dumbos and the most defects in its "systems". The obvious deficiencies showed through in this situation. Stupidity built upon more stupidity creates a huge, disastrous house of cards.

I hope that this system shows that the people-skills need improving not just with sophisticated equipment but with some needed infusion of common sense. And the Waco area needs some help at rebuilding its solid image as a nice, quiet city full of God-fearing but not irrational gun-toting religious zealots. I'd hate to think that the Baptists at Baylor would be thought of by the outside world in similar vein as David Koresh's clan, but today I'd say in the world's view that would be the case. I just can envision tabloids showing Wacoans thinking they see the aberration (image) of David Koresh on the Alico Building or more likely on Pat Neff Hall at Baylor or Baylor Stadium or reflecting from the Brazos River! Maybe they'll see him walking on water at Lake Waco or at the local computer store trying to buy a word processor! That is unfortunately what this black-eye has created in Waco's public image to the rest of the world!

I hope we all learn from this disaster.

Sincerely,



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cc. Senator Phil Gramm
Senator Bob Krueger
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

April 20, 1993

William Sessions FBI

Dear Sir:

OWACO TX

You reflect the macho attitude of the FBI. I listened to your explanation, and I must say you were disingenuous.

Resign!!!!

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MR. WILLIAM SESSIONS
FBI

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, DC.

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I am a law abiding, tax paying, voting citizen who has a position of leadership and respect in our local community. But I don't think that there has been an incident in my adult life that has more incensed and outraged me, than the way the Federal government has mishandled this matter in Waco, Texas.

For the record I have no sympathy for Koresh, his beliefs or his practices. I do have sympathy for those poor souls who were wandering in life and got caught up into his web.

It is my feeling that this thing has been mismanaged and bungled from the very beginning. In fact I think that the tragic fiasco that took place on April 19 had its roots in the way the Federal government initiated events on February 28. If a gang of men in black suits burst into my home with guns drawn as the ATF did in February, I think I may have reacted the way those people outside Waco did. The heavy handed Rambo, macho way they approached the perceived problem only exacerbated the event with the obvious tragic results. You must realize that there is an under current in this country of resentment against the government. And it is far broader than just the minorities in south central LA.

I happened to be at home at noon on April 19 and because I had heard on the radio that things had escalated in Waco, I turned CNN on. I watched with horror as the building caught fire. But it was 35 minutes before the live reporters on the scene searching for something to talk about as the fire raged, finally noted that they heard and saw fire trucks finally approaching. It is my understanding that the compound was not far out of town. Why did the FBI wait for 15 or 20 minutes to call the fire department?

I think that in all the "show down" mentality exhibited by the FBI each night on the evening news, they couldn't see the forest for the trees. They have painted themselves as fools for listening to whoever their "experts" were with all that dumb music and sound effects, bright lights, and zooming around the compound in their big macho tanks.

I for one have lost all respect for the FBI and its toadies in the ATF. It's going to take a long time to remove the tarnish it has given itself as a bungling bunch of rambo government agents. Incidentally, if you have listened to any national radio call-in talk shows this week, you will have noticed that there is wide spread sentiment across the land that would parallel this letter.

I am just disgusted with the government: its rambo police agencies and its bungling leadership.

Sincerely,

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20000

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Wm. Sessions
Director FBI

Washington DC 20515

○ I want to express my frustration over the
Waco Texas incident.

If David Koresch jogged on the road, and ate
breakfasts at an uptown restaurant why could he not
have been served by getting him during these times?

If the above could not have been done why could
we not just have a mini crew for surveillance, we must
have sophisticated things that could have been used
and just waited.

This came at a time when I was beginning to think
government was possibly improving.

Unless there is different evidence that comes out
at this point I am angered at the way the entire
thing was handled. It was bureaucracy at its finest.

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Dear [REDACTED]

April 21, 1993

To the Director of the:
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Att.: William Session.

RE: Waco Texas Massacre

Sir;

This past week-end, you and your agency have shamed me deeply as a citizen of the United States of America.

Waco Texas was not and is not Tenimen Square China, old communist Europe, Nazi Germany nor South Africa. It is in the United States of America. Murder and atrocities by government are not supposed to happen here. Face it your agency and you as Director bungled it with your underhanded methods. BATF agents were killed and wounded, children murdered, civil rights were abandon and trampled on.

Sir, no matter how hard you and your subordinates try to justify your actions, you know in your heart the shame belong to you. U.S. citizens also know. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON ALL OF YOU. Sir, you and the agency have violated the trust of the American people. You are out of control. May God have mercy on you and allow you the luxury of sleeping at night.

Sincerely,

American Citizen

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Mr William Session
10th W. Pennsylvania N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Director:

WACO TX

Just a quick note to let you know that I am shocked and totally disgusted with the ATM/FBI handling of the David Koresh (WACO) incident. I saw nothing to warrant this abuse of government power. To this day, there's ^{no} mention of charges. Just what did they do to merit death? The government's tactic to charge in arrest and apparently find ground's to arrest doesn't equate. Although I'm not a religious man, — I hold dear our constitutional rights of freedom of religion and our right to bear arms and protect our property. They way I see it — our government was totally wrong and full blame for these people's death ^{which} now belong on Mr. Clinton's shoulders, since he has admitted full responsibility. Let's not lose sight, the government is for the people by the people.

Concerned citizen


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Dear Director Sessions:

WACO TX

My disappointment with the FBI's leadership and subsequent rationalization regarding the Waco catastrophe is very deep.

There is a difference between tenacity and blind obstinance. But there is little difference between your approach and that of Koresh.

Your people, and you, could benefit from a small amount of humanity. The nation has

before it a government leader who is

attempting to excuse a pathetic, wasteful, shameful abuse of power. I ask you and your organization to look deep into your own

hearts.

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FBI Director
9th St. + Penn. Ave NW

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Washington, D.C. 20535

Mr. William Sessions
FBI Director
Washington, D.C.

April 21, 1993

Dear Mr. Sessions

WACO TX

Once I was referred to as the "silent majority" but the WACO affair and other recent FBI and AFT tactics keep me silent no longer. I can not and will not support the trend shown by these agencies of a "massive abuse of power" and then lame excuses for the excessive violation of people's civil rights. The statistics of the FBI and AFT mentality of thinking they are in the business of guerrilla warfare has made the headlines once too often. Here in little Santa Cruz County the AFT handcuffed for 4 hours an innocent homeowner because informants led them to look for mushrooms of all things! And what about the Scott affair in Ventura County? And the other events shown on 60 minutes (all precipitated by informants)?

I fully support a Senate Investigation with the hope that William Sessions, Jeff Jamar, Bob Ricks and any others kicking around the directives that led to this fiasco be released of their responsibilities just as Police Chief Gates of the LAPD was for his poor ability to think ahead in a humanitarian way. All are equally arrogant and far removed from any ability to decide right from wrong.

The only honesty that has shown through in all this (right or wrong) is the conduct of Janet Reno who all the politicians and agents from the President down left holding the bag. It has been DISGUSTING to listen to the agents feebly grasping for justification first of all for the initial Feb. 28 attack all the way through to thinking punching holes into a structure of domicile was done for humanitarian reasons to so-called SAVE THE CHILDREN. And Jeff Jamar may think we watched the actions of the "Best team in the world!" and if so, then their superiors should be held responsible for how terrible their "job well done" turned out--and was there even a legal basis for starting it? I await the Senate Judiciary Committees findings on this.

Now the families will probably sue and I can't blame them because they were not allowed to contact their families and are left with a feeling of futility that can never be erased. As a taxpayer I resent the government spending such a staggering amount of money on this tactless affair in the first place. The cost of hearings, court cases, settlements, etc. will go on and on. And for what purpose--what was gained?

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Please tell me--WHAT WAS GAINED?

Sincerely

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cc President Clinton; Senator Biden; Senator Specter

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William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Penn, N.W.
Wash., D.C. 20535
White House
Wash., D.C.

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Dear President Clinton:

I find the actions of the federal authorities in Waco unimaginable. That there were no other actions considered & tried before storming the compound (tear gassing kids) is beyond belief.

I think Janet Reno should resign. I think the FBI should be abolished. Its been an authoritarian stain on this country ever since its inception.

And I'm beginning to seriously regret ever having voted for you!

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cc FBI
Justice Dept.

Very sincerely

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J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Ron Engelman
c/o KGBS Radio
3500 Maple Avenue
Suite 1470, Lockbox 46
Dallas, TX, 75219
214-263-1190

WACO TX

Dear Mr. Ron Engelman,

April 22, 1993

I am an American. America is the land of the free...with liberty and justice for all. The employees of my government would not come to my home without provocation, warning or explanation and start shooting at my home to kill my family and two year old son.

Further, these employees would not terrify my little children or torment members of my family with loud noises and flashing lights so that we would not sleep or rest until we were out of our minds with exhaustion.

Further, these same employees, these good Americans, would not come to my house with battering rams and tanks to knock down my house; especially with me and my family asleep inside. This is not East Germany or Russia where these things might be done. THIS IS AMERICA! The aim of thousands who have tried to get here by climbing over walls and slithering through barbed wire fences while being shot at. All those who have suffered to reach America and all those who have died to make it a land of liberty and justice for all have been betrayed. The United States government has ruined the good name of this land and traded honor for revenge.

I am 76 years old and have lived in America through several wars and "police actions". I cannot believe what has transpired in my country in the past 51 days at Mount Carmel in Waco, TX. There is no excuse for turning the power of this formerly great country against its citizens to exact revenge against those who exercised self-defense against the murderous government representatives, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Disillusioned Citizen of the formerly great United States.

God Help America

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We fully agree with this letter and we vote:



cc: President Bill Clinton
cc: Senator Bob Krueger
cc: Senator Phil Gramm
cc: Senator Arlen Specter
cc: Representative Pete Geren
cc: Representative Joe Barton
cc: Representative Pat Schroeder
cc: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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/cc: P.B.T.

April 23, 1993

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
10th & PENNSYLVANIA N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Honorable Phil Graham
712 Main
Suite 2400
Houston, Texas 77002

OWACO TX

ATTENTION: DIRECTOR

Senator Graham,

It is with a profound sense of sadness regarding the tragedy at Mt. Carmel, that I write you. Even before the ashes cooled, it was distressingly evident that the FBI, ATF, Attorney General's office, and the President were actively engaged in a cover-up of the events in Waco. Not only regarding the final day, but the days preceeding February 28, 1993 and all during the so-called seige.

I, and a substantial number of my neighbors, academic peers, and associates vehemently disagree with the manner in which the FBI conducted themselves. The horrific deaths of seventeen-plus innocent children demand prompt, unbiased, articulate examination and assessment of this unprecedented carnage.

So long as one child remained within the compound, no aggressive or provocative action should have been implemented by any agency of the United States. Through careless and hasty evaluation the President, the Attorney General, the FBI Director, and the FBI field agents grossly and fatally misjudged this entire ordeal.

Because of your impeccable record and the influence and integrity you so ably wield, I fervently urge you to step forward and assume a position of leadership in guiding the activities of what will no doubt become a prolonged inquiry. The Clinton administration and its' various appointed hirelings are already engaged in damage control politics, in the guise of double-speak, misstatements and the intentional circulation of unsubstantiated facts.

Those poor children, and in reality most of the adults, were helpless victims of a brutal, intentional, militaristic assault. Clearly, the best interests of the minors was not of paramount priority to the FBI or the Attorney General. In a nationally televised interview with Peter Jennings, FBI Director, William Sessions, was quoted as saying, "Enough was enough." Thus an arbitrary date and time limitation was set and the death warrants signed for 17 precious innocents. 63-HQ-1050305-386

On April 19, I sent the President a formidable telegram, stating the same. I believe that he irresponsibly vested unlimited power of judgement to an untried and unqualified person; Janet Reno. I do not believe that agencies of the United States government set out intentionally to murder the inhabitants of the compound, however, because of their obstinance, impatience and lack

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of compassion, their sense of judgement was severely and fatally impaired.

Please sir, I implore you, do not allow the Clinton administration to white-wash this horrilbe blemish on our state and nation. I urge you to do all within your power to bring to justice those persons responsible for this unparalleled and avoidable travesty. Regardless of their status or position of power, all culpable persons must submit to the American judicial process.

Keep up the good work.

Admiringly yours,



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cc: President Bill Clinton
Attorney General Janet Reno
FBI Director William Sessions

FOREVER REIGN

(THE SPIRIT OF CAIN)

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Coyote spoke.
Yet none among them woke.
Mountain wept.
As bloodied corpses slept.
Here is what earth mother said,
"All my precious ones are dead!"
Fear the fury of her wrath
Descimating all within her path.

Then was heard a piercing shout
And endless prairie turned about.
"For you shall know just what is real,
After you have tasted of my steel."
He flung the scriptures from his hand
And sallied forth with Satan's band.

This is what dark thunder said,
"All of human sanity has fled.
It is the spirit of Cain
And shall forever reign."

River cried,
"Valiant warriors here have died!"
Eagle saw below
Mangled infants in the snow.
The escarpment told the tale.
The innocent could not prevail.
Here is what earth mother did.
Took her bounty from them and hid.

Then was heard a shrill exclaim
And timber smelled the acrid flame.
"For I shall lay you down to sleep,
And send you where the demons creep."
He ripped the scriptures from their pages
And altered time for eternal ages.

This is what swift lightning said,
"All of human sanity has fled.
It is the spirit of Cain
And shall forever reign."

Coyote spoke,
To free them from their yoke.
Buffalo withdrew.
It was his brother that they slew.
Moon and sun and sky
Could only wonder why,
Tribes of man inflict such pain.
Yes, it is the spirit of Cain.

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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

MR PRESIDENT, YOUR DECISION TO ALLOW THE RENO PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN WACO TEXAS WAS A HORRIFIC UNPRECEDENTED MISTAKE. THIS AVOIDABLE TRAGEDY VIVIDLY ILLUSTRATES JUST HOW COMPLETELY INEPT YOU AND YOUR APPOINTED OFFICIALS ARE. YOU, AS HEAD OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HEINOUS FIASCO. SEVENTEEN INNOCENT CHILDREN ENDURED A FRIGHTFUL DEATH BECAUSE OF YOUR CARELESS EVALUATION OF THIS SITUATION. I DEMAND YOUR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION AND APOLOGY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ACKNOWLEDGE SAME.

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April 23rd. 1993

Director William S. Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.
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Dear Mr. Sessions:

Your bureau's unbelievable and homicidal bungling of the Waco Texas tragedy is simply beyond belief. Your bureau is very obviously in great need of retraining and total reorganization from top to bottom.

The homicides committed by your Federal Thugs for all the world to see, should be swiftly followed by your dismissal. Along with Attorney General Janet Reno and all personnel who were present in the field at Waco Texas.

Granted these Davidians were perhaps eccentric but they most certainly did not deserve to be summarily executed and then incinerated. But I know Director Sessions that this wont be anything that you can't live with. Especially since the FBI has been in this line of endeavor for years. Several years ago here in the state of Washington on Whidbey Island the same fate met a young man who had been associated with a white supremacist group in Idaho. He of course was shot to death by your gallant agents and the house burned to the ground. And last year was what must be your finest effort to date, the murders of the Weaver mother while she was carrying an infant and the second murder of their thirteen year old boy. Incidentally the family dog also had it's hind end shot away and allowed to scamper around to the amusement of your very brave sniper. That same sniper then announced to the Weaver family with great glee the fate of that family pet. over the loud speaker system.

How on earth do you SOB's live with yourselves ?

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Sessions,

OWACO TX

I strongly object to the way the FBI handled the David Koresh affair. The obvious lack of planning and foresight which permeated the entire fifty plus days of the standoff was astonishing. In the beginning of the standoff the ATF launched an attack against a compound filled with religious fanatics. (Why they didn't call off the raid after the Branch Davidians began firing on a helicopter before the attack even began is beyond me.) However, the actions of the FBI in attempting to end the standoff are even more lacking in commonsense. To use tanks against a religious cult, especially one in which children were members, is insane because of the frequency of mass suicides when cults of this kind are cornered.

As a sixteen year old I am concerned about what appears to be a tendency towards authoritarianism in America. I would greatly appreciate some response from you explaining your side of the story. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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William Sessions
Director of the FBI
Wash. D.C.

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April 24, 1993

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Sir:

PWACO TX

Please see that the person or persons responsible for the reprehensible attacks on the Davidian people are prosecuted and sent to the electric chair.

Yours truly,

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cc: Attorney General Janet Reno

Dear [redacted]

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OWACO TX

Director William Sessions

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I absolutely condemn your
military siege of the WACO religious
compound.

Have you never heard of non-
violent conflict resolution?

Why did you refuse to involve the
families in resolving the crisis?

I urge you to resign now!

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Mr. Sessions 634
FBI
10th Street and Penn Ave, NW
Wash. D.C. 20535

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You have it wrong. "The
Government" is not the "lawful
authority", as you said at the
hearing, The People are!!

Since you are an ex-Judge
you are well aware of the American
injustice system.

We the people are starting to
work on methods to legally hold
our servants accountable for their
actions.

Assaults on Citizens of the sovereign
states must be stopped.

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A sovereign citizen of the
State of Texas

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DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WILLIAM SESSIONS

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SUBJECT:

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"We ain't coming out"

WACO, TEXAS STORM MASSACRE

William Sessions: (Stop Killing your fellow citizens)

The people in power in our country (USA) have again committed atrocities by murdering 86 people including 17 children in Waco Texas. This is the crime of the century for our nation, the action of a police state out of control. The constitution has given all people the right to bear arms against a repressive government, which we have today in our country.....

We as a people are ^{NOT} surviving, the Los Angles riots, the New York trade center bombing, the murder of children and a woman of the Weaver family in Idaho are prime examples of a corrupt and autocratic government.

These medieval mass psychology Pogroms are forced on the populace by our elected representatives who do not represent the majority of people. We are being destroyed from within.

It is time to eliminate the ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIRE ARMS agency, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, and limit the power of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

IT IS ALSO TIME TO GIVE EARLY RETIREMENT TO Agent Bob Rick agent in charge at Waco inferno. **63-HQ-1050305-392**

It is time for our government to start to represent the majority of the people.

c: Gov. Tex. Ann Richard
International Court of Justice, UN -HAGUE
Attorney Gen: Reno
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April 28, 1993

William Sessions
FBI Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

WACO TX

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Your resignation or termination by President Clinton is in order.

You were on nationwide TV and said that you had no intention to resign during the transition of presidencies.

J. Edgar Hoover was eccentric. When you order innocent women and children bombed with "smart bombs," cremating these people in Waco, Texas, and order army tanks to crush women and children in the housing in Waco, Texas, the U.S. population must consider you legally insane.

And what about the government agents who were inside the housing in Waco? Agents of provocation?

Cordially,

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April 29, 1993 Dear [REDACTED]

FBI Director William Sessions
US Department of Justice
Washington DC 20530 321

Greetings:

I am writing you in my official capacity of United States Citizen. OWACO TX

I do hereby request your resignation for stupidity, irresponsibility, and a lack of a proper regard for the value of human life as manifested in the unnecessary human carnage which your management of the Branch Davidian Compound assault fiasco caused.

Resign now. Good riddance to you.

Sincerely, [REDACTED] b6 b7c

United States Citizen

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From the desk of
Ray Wannall

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April 29, 1993

John: ⁰WACO TX

Enclosed is a copy of the commentary on the Waco situation. It has been sent to 168 radio stations to be used on May 24th. The identities of the stations and the times scheduled for broadcast on that date are set forth in the seven-page enclosure titled "Behind the Headlines"--Station List.

I do not have the names of the 250 plus newspapers which have received the commentary. However, I've been advised that it will be printed in the May issue of *America's Future* newsletter under the title "Waco: Facts vs Fiction," a copy of which I'll send you when received.

Regards,

Ray

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*Pls do a
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John*

The Waco tragedy that left 86 cult members and four federal agents dead and traumatized the nation has given rise to troubling questions and serious misgivings. Some ill-informed critics blame the FBI for the fatal outcome. The facts speak otherwise.

Philip Clarke reporting **BEHIND THE HEADLINES**.

In weighing events in Waco this April, W. Raymond Wannall, retired Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who served 34 years in the Bureau, says the public should bear in mind all the established truths He makes six pertinent points:

1. There were outstanding arrest warrants charging Vernon Howell, a/k/a David Koresh, and other occupants of the Branch Davidian compound with the killing of four agents of the federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) bureau.
2. Koresh and others had illegally converted semi-automatic weapons into machine guns. They also possessed 50-caliber rifles having an effective range of 3,000 yards. This created a continuing threat, not only to law enforcement personnel but also to the general public.
3. Conditions within the compound after 51 days of siege were deteriorating, with inevitable illness and pestilence threatening the lives of the children. There were no toilets, shower facilities, sewers or drains. Sanitary conditions had worsened with the presence of dead bodies, in addition to human waste.
4. Despite all efforts, arbitrators had been unable successfully to negotiate a single issue with Koresh. At no point had he kept his word that he and the others would surrender.
5. On April 9th and 10th, Koresh provided to the FBI two letters, generally threatening in tone. They said, in part, "I forewarn you the Lake Waco area of old Mount Carmel will be terribly shaken. The waters of the lake will be emptied through the broken damn [sic]. The heavens are calling you to judgment."
6. A psycholinguist, a psychiatrist, and a member of the FBI's Behavioral Science Staff analyzed these letters and concluded that Koresh showed "all the hallmarks of rampant, morbidly virulent paranoia," that he had no intention of giving up, and, in fact, might be contemplating a counter-assault.

As Wannall stresses: "Concern for the lives and welfare of the children in the compound was the FBI's first consideration. Koresh had been provided medical equipment, milk and food for them. Fear that the children might be used as shields during an attempted mass breakout by cult members influenced the planning to bring a halt to the siege and the hostage situation.

"It was readily apparent that maintaining the status quo would not lead to the peaceful surrender of Koresh and his followers, nor eliminate the risk to the safety of the children, the public at large or the law enforcement personnel at the scene.

"After checking with experts and studies on various non-lethal irritants, the FBI concluded that the introduction into the compound of teargas (CS gas) at incremental stages should induce its occupants to leave with the least possible risk. This procedure was authorized by Attorney General Janet Reno, and concurred in by the President.

"Koresh's mental condition provided him with a shield of imagined invulnerability and unmitigated power. His charismatic appeal to members of his cult was overwhelming. Some even submitted their daughters, as young as twelve, to fulfill his sexual urges and to give their lives to fulfill his self-proclaimed destiny."

Wannall defends the FBI's role in compelling terms. "For more than seven weeks, it assigned more than 200 agents to the scene in efforts to save lives and restore law and order. The FBI's entire Hostage Rescue Team was committed to the task, all while volatile situations elsewhere in the country had to be handled by less experienced tactical teams."

Staffed by fewer than 10,000 Special Agents - compared with more than 26,850 police officers in New York City alone - the FBI currently has responsibilities involving 281 various federal crimes and investigative matters nationwide. Says Wannall: "Sheer logic dictated that the Waco situation be resolved and plans were carefully developed and carried out. It is too easy now to second guess."

"For its handling of the Waco crisis under the most frustrating of conditions," concludes the former FBI official, "the Bureau deserves the support of the American public and the media."

February 1, 1993

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Mr. W. Raymond Wannall

RAYMOND WANNALL

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Dear Ray:

WACO TX

Thank you for not only sending me copies of the "radio commentary" you prepared on Waco but for your many efforts in support of the FBI.

As you know, it is critically important that the American public clearly understands the FBI's important work, particularly in this tragic instance, and your willingness to help is indeed appreciated.

I am glad that my staff was able to assist you and also appreciate your thinking of me when the May issue of "America's Future" is available. If you need anything else, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Collingwood
Inspector in Charge
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

- 1 - Mr. Collingwood
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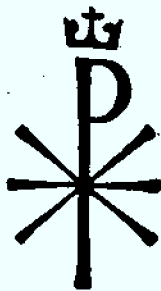
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May 1, 1993

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum
U.S. Senator from Ohio
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

William Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Hoover Building
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Senator Metzenbaum:

J. DIRECTOR

Like many Americans, I am outraged with the stupid, bumbling manner in which the ATF and FBI handled the Waco, Texas situation. Despite massive federal efforts to create a smokescreen of false questions and misleading issues, the blame for the tragic loss of human life, including the lives of two dozen innocent children, must fall squarely on the Justice Department and the FBI.

It is of secondary importance that people from inside the compound may have started the fire. Likewise, that David Koresh may have been a demagogue, even demented, and seeking an apocalyptic confrontation also is not the issue. The issue is that the FBI, with Justice Department sanction, provoked a military-style confrontation which precipitated a tragic conflagration. Had the provocation been avoided, it is safe to assume that another kind of ending might have emerged.

It is incredible that the ATF and FBI are such trigger-happy organizations, always itching for Rambo-style action. If only columnist Mike Royko had been in charge! His suggestion for building a fence around the compound, declaring the area quarantined, and placing a small guard contingent would have been eminently more wise than a massive military response.

Congressman Conyers is on target when he suggests that Attorney General Janet Reno should resign. Likewise, William Sessions, Stephen Higgins, and the high-ranking FBI officials who planned the assault all should be removed and prosecuted. These people have disgraced our country as the entire world watched.

David Koresh and the Branch Davidians may have been dangerous, but not nearly as dangerous as the neanderthal minds which planned and executed the murderous confrontation in Waco. Try as they might, federal officials will not eradicate the terrible taste from the

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American consciousness with saccharine public relations efforts.

If Congress does not take bold and decisive action in response to this tragedy, the very stones will cry out!

Yours truly,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Constitution Ave & 10th NW

Washington DC

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Dear Sir =

WACO TX

I respectfully demand your immediate resignation as director of the FBI. You are directly responsible for the deaths of over 70 Americans, including over 10 children, in Waco Texas! Please resign now!

You gassed these innocent people with an agent war gas. Then you burned them to death! Please resign. Do it now! I also want the resignations of all of those directly involved in Waco Texas.

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I also demand an immediate and complete investigation by an impartial outside agency of the outrage in

Waco. b6 b7C Respectfully yours,

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May 7, 1993

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
10th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Although the situation in Waco^{TX} ended tragically, I want you to know that I fully support the action completed by the FBI. The loss of the children, sadly, was a necessary part of the operation, and I believe beyond our control.

Your agents--and their families-- are to be highly praised for their dedication and loyalty, and should be recognized for their personal sacrifices. Yes, it is part of their job, but we must not forget it takes people with much higher standards and values to make their job work.

You have my continued support in these very tough times.

Sincerely,

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April 21, 1993

Jeffrey Lamar
Chief Waco Operations

Sir,

The Special Agents did a
commendable job.

The Lord will take care of the
24 children died in the fire.

David Perish and his fellows
will be cast into the everlasting
lake of fire, from whence there
is no return. (Matthew 26:41)

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Sincerely,
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Felton
Engineer

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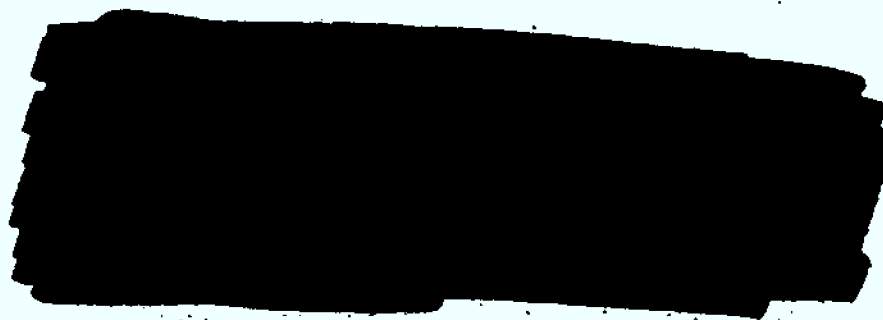
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U.S. Department of Justice
F.B.I.
District of Columbia
Washington, D.C. 20001

7-27-93

To: The Director of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

I am appalled by the comments made
by the news media, politicians and lawyers
against the F.B.I. and A.T.F. of the
handling of the ^{TX}Waco stand off.

I am enclosing a few comments
Citizens have written to the "Houston
Post" in Houston. These comments
also reflect my thoughts.

There was no biblical significance
to Kover's fire at Mount Carmel.

Kover was a Waco megalomaniac
who would fulfill his "prophecies"
at all costs. He was a liar and a
murderer. It would not have mattered
if the F.B.I. had waited 200 more days.

I commend you for the fair way
you patiently handled the situation. The
F.B.I. men did the best they could

under such pressing circumstances.
I support your efforts. 63-HQ-1050305-402

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c.c. Janet Reno

attorney General

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SOUND-OF

Hold Koresh to account

If there is anybody accountable for the tragedy, it is David Koresh and it is good to know he will surely be accountable to God.

Patry Gacrama, Sugar Land

Chris C. Day, Houston

Dr. A.X. Puhocz
KATY

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ENCLOSURE

Maybe the networks should do a fact-based movie about the lawyers and agents scrambling to get their clients into a contract. But that wouldn't work — that would be more of a situation comedy. — Editor.

Viewpoint

Cult lawyers serious?

After watching attorneys Dick DeGuerin and Jack Zimmerman on *Larry King Live* Tuesday night, I was having difficulty discerning whether or not they actually believed the pathetic drivel that was spewing from their own mouths, or were simply working an approach whereby they would benefit financially from the Mt. Carmel tragedy. (DeGuerin was retained by cult leader David Koresh, Zimmerman by Koresh's right-hand man Steve Schneider.)



DeGuerin

DeGuerin said he believed that David Koresh was working on an interpretation of the Seven Seals. By his own admission, the reason he believed this was that Koresh and his followers told him so.

And what possible reason might DeGuerin have to doubt the word of a former rock and roller who formed his own military-style cult and claimed to be Jesus Christ somewhere outside of Waco?

Any person who preys on the truly desperate by brainwashing them, stealing their wives, molesting their children and eventually murdering those children is hardly a totally believable witness.

Michael Kent, Houston

From the beginning, I couldn't understand why Dick DeGuerin would choose to represent someone of the caliber of David Koresh. Now I know why.

They both think they're God — and we see how far that takes you.

Your human side is beginning to show, Dick.

Susan Daniels, Houston

To all you bleeding hearts:

David Koresh is a murderer. He arranged the murder of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and smiled while doing so. He alone is the cause of the deaths of his illegitimate children and the weak-minded individuals who believed in his perverse, sick teachings.

W.T. Howard, Houston

I am appalled, not by the actions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents, but by the comments in the April 21 Viewpoints criticizing federal agencies regarding the standoff. We must remember that four law enforcement officers were murdered in the line of duty. They were not killed by a group in church or having a peaceful prayer meeting. They were killed by a group of heavily armed fanatics.

We must remember that David Koresh controlled the destiny of himself and the children in the compound. On Feb. 28 and any of the following days, he could have surrendered. He would have been taken into custody, probably charged with various crimes, arraigned, made bail and been on various talk shows within 31 days.

He chose to die and kill everyone who followed him. They were not killed by law enforcement officers, they were killed by Koresh. Koresh wanted to be martyred like Jesus, Peter and Paul.

Instead he died by his own hand like Judas, cult leader Jim Jones and Adolf Hitler.

Tom Arit, Humble



GUADALUPE VALLEY PEACE OFFICERS

ASSOCIATION

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The actions taken by Federal Agents of the United States Treasury Department, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Waco, Texas, and the decisions of the United States Attorney General have come under intense public scrutiny; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Guadalupe Valley Peace Officers Association, a professional association with a membership representing six counties in the State of Texas, wishes to formally take a position concerning the actions in Waco, Texas; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guadalupe Valley Peace Officers Association publicly supports the actions taken by the Federal Agents and Attorney General in Waco, Texas, in an attempt to protect lives and bring an end to the unfortunate incident brought about by persons that were willfully violating the law of the land.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously in the General Meeting of this Association on the 22nd day of April, 1993.

William S. Sessions
Director
FBI
Washington, D.C. 20535

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

Dear Director Sessions,
Just a note to say thank you
for stopping the homicidal Maniac
at Waco, Texas.

Your Agents showed great patience,
and Compassion for the Children this
Maniac refused to let go.

The agents made no mistake as
you knew this Maniac wanted to go
out with a big bang, and nothing under
the sun would have stopped him
from doing that. 63-HQ-1050305-404

It worries me when even a small
part of society seems to be on the
side of the Criminal instead of the
law officers that are protecting us
from lunatics like Karamuk. 63-HQ-1050302
from a private citizen in Alabama
I wanted you to know how proud I
am of you, and your agents. Had go with
you, and the fine men, and women that put their
life on the line trying to stop some of the
evil in this violent world we now live

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I pray that God will prepare a
table for you in the presence
of all your enemies, and that you
will continue to be the director of
the F.B.I.

I love you all
Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

P.S. Before people stop supporting
the F.B.I. They should stop, and
consider what society would be
like with out them. I know
there are still millions of Americans
that feel as I do.

You are a very intelligent honorable
director, and you, and Attorney General
Janet Reno made no mistake it was.
I just thank God that you were there

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May not mean much, but you
will always have my support.

Thank you

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Dear

April 22nd. 1993

The Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Langley, Va.

Dear Sir,

I feel the majority of people will agree with me in lauding your attempts to solve the nasty situation that was Waco, Texas.

To deal with demented murderers you showed the maximum restraint.

No matter what the unthinking few say, the F.B.I. for the vast majority of us stands as a shining example to all other law enforcement bodies and, I am sure, will continue to do so.

Hearing the attorney for the, I hope, late and unlearned 'preacher' almost gave me an attack of gastritis. I would refer you to the great poem by Robert Burns, the Scottish Bard 'Tam O'Shanter' where he refers to 'Lawyers tongues turned inside out/With lies seamed like a beggars clout'.

Not too far out, was he?

Heed not much your critics. Reverse the order and see what they would have done.

Most sincerely Yours,

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A firm believer of law, order and suitable just punishment

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Dear

April 24, 1993

You and the bureau have my
support for the ^{IX}Waco decisions!

I hope you get to continue as
Director.

Director William Sessions [Redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation (y profession - woman)
Washington, D.C.

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April 22, 1993

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

① WACO TX

I want to make two observations about the recent tragic events in Waco, Texas, and particularly the final assault on the Branch Davidian compound. First, in view of the fact that saving lives was a top priority, why wasn't the use of water cannon considered instead of tear gas? In retrospect it seems clear that water cannon would also have put increased pressure on those inside to give themselves up. There is nothing like a cold shower to douse overheated passions. At the same time it would have prevented the horrendous self-immolating fire. While I'm sure that no one anticipated that those inside would deliberately burn themselves to death, there seem to have been plenty of indications that they would do something violent and dramatic in a showdown. Furthermore, in the intense paranoia that must have prevailed within the compound, they may well have thought that the gas being pumped in was of some lethal variety, such as Zyklon B, instead of the more innocuous tear gas.

That leads to my second observation. Your psychological experts, as reported in this morning's N.Y. Times, seem to have divined David Koresh's megalomania and obsession with violence but seem to have overlooked the fact that such megalomania almost axiomatically implies intense paranoia, the belief that one is surrounded by enemies out to destroy one. In this case the paranoia was self-fulfilling. Given that paranoia, it seems hardly surprising that the showdown brought about an apocalyptic response.

Next time - and God forbid that there should be one - try water cannon.

Respectfully,

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Waco TX

Did all those children really have to die?

The Koresh compound never
needed to be assaulted in the first
place.

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① Waco TX

April 20, 1993

Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Sir:

The gross incompetence of your department and our government in the handling of the Waco situation is appalling.

While it is your responsibility to protect the public's health and safety, I can hardly see how this was threatened by the Davidian group.

I strongly protest this type of action by our government.

Yours truly,

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Dear [Redacted]

FBI cc: President of United States

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Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC

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President Bill Clinton
White House
Washington D. C.

22 April 1993

① WACO TX

President Clinton,

I am tottally outraged and disgusted with the recent assault and slaughter of 86 citizens in their home near Waco, Tx by Federal agents on alleged firearms violations and because their beliefs did not conform to the accented politically correct ideas of the present establishment. I hold you personally responsible for their deaths.

This tragedy is another example of a government and police force complotely out of control. This cowboys and Indians mentality is wholly incomprehensible. The ineptitude and lack of sound judgement by the authorities is appalling! Every official involved in the decision making process should resign immediately out of conscience and personal disgrace.

This whole affair was bungled from the very beginning. The question is not why it ended the way it did (for a peaceful solution was slim once it started) but why did it begin the way it did? The government's actions were way out of proportion to the alleged violations.

Today and for the last 15 years the United States government has waged a war of repression against its own citizens. It is a war, like Vietman, in the end it cannot win. I suggest you read the Bill of Rights and the writings of your hero Thomas Jefferson. There is wisdom to be gained, Nothing less than American liberty is at stake. The lack of respect by the government for it's own citizens is deplorable.

Ultimately, I know my beliefs, my guns and my home are also in jeopardy.

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copies to:

- Janet Reno - Attorney General
- ✓ William Sessions - FBI Director
- Senator Diane Feinstein
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Senator Joe Biden
- Senator Dennis DeConncini
- Senator Phil Graham
- Congressman Ronald Packard
- Ross Perot - United We Stand
- Peter Prichard - Editor USA Today
- James Jay Baker - NRA-ILA Executive Director
- Wayne LaPierre - NRA Executive Vice President

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FBI Director

Washington, D.C. *20500*

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Mr. William Sessions
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20535

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April 26, 1993

Senator John Breaux
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: The Waco Holocaust

Dear Senator Breaux:

I believe you know that when President Bill Clinton at his news conference on Friday asked if any of the news persons in the room would deny that David Koresh was having sex with children, there was not one denial. However, it seems to me that the charge of sexual misconduct by David Koresh with children is erroneous according to a report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation itself which reported shortly after the fire on April 19, 1993 that it had relied on only old reports and a psychiatrist's analysis on which to base its charge of sexual misconduct by Koresh. Also, it was observed by authorities who examined the children who came out of the Mount Carmel Compound shortly after the ATF's original attack, that those children were well and "very intelligent". Surely sexual abuse would have been noted at that time, but it was not, and therefore, it seems to me unlikely that it occurred.

In addition, it seems to me that all charges against Koresh, et al which cannot be proved by hard evidence should be resolved in favor of Koresh and his followers, as they have been effectively prevented from having a fair trial, and defending themselves.

Enclosed is a copy of my previous letter dated April 20, 1993, requesting that Ms. Janet Reno resign her office. I hereby withdraw that request for her resignation, and instead request that she remain in office because it is my understanding that she was not given complete information upon which she made her fateful decision. Also, all information from the Koresh community was blocked, and had she had that information as well, she may have been prompted to go and investigate personally charges of child abuse which were alleged by the F.B.I., and found them untrue.

It seems to me that the violence with which the government seeks to solve its problems harms us all. If there is anything to be learned from this tragic event, it must surely be that killing, burning, and attacking people whether by Bradleys or airplanes brings down events upon us all that are never to be undone or forgotten. Of course, I am referring to President Clinton's contemplation of using force to assist the People of Bosnia. Instead, please ask him to call up President Yeltsin, and request that he, Yeltsin, assist in negotiating a peace in that area. It is my understanding that the Russians have great influence with the Serbs. Then, we would be in a position to really help Russia and the Balkan countries a lot.

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Senator John Breaux
April 26, 1993
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Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: President Bill Clinton
Representative Don Edwards
Senator Orrin Hatch
Representative Richard Paker
Representative James Traficant
Senator Dennis De Concini
Ms. Janet Reno
✓ Mr. William Sessions
Mr. Dick DeGuerin
Mr. Jack Zimmermann
Mr. Gary Richardson
Mr. Jeff Kearney.
Mr. Larry King
Mr. Bernard Shaw

P.S.: I am sending copies of this letter with its enclosure to Mr. Dick DeGuerin, Mr. Jack Zimmermann, Mr. Gary Richardson, Mr. Jeff Kearney, Mr. Larry King, and Mr. Bernard Shaw, and add a "thank you" here for their efforts on behalf of those killed in the April 19th fire at the Branch Davidian Compound. SJZ

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April 20, 1993

Senator John BreauX
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

Re: The Waco Holocaust

Dear Senator BreauX:

I hereby request that Ms. Janet Reno, United States Attorney General, be requested to resign her office along with all principal persons in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who were contributors to the decision to gas the Waco Compound and resulted in the deaths of the men, women, and children therein yesterday. In addition, I request that all persons of the Department of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco, and its superiors, resign for instigating an unprovoked attack on the Compound which housed Koresh and his followers over 50 days ago.

By copy of this letter, I am informing President Clinton and other authorities of this request for resignations, as well as Ms. Reno and Mr. Sessions.

I simply do not believe that sexual abuse was being perpetrated on the children in the Compound, as the children who were permitted to come out of the Compound a few days after the original attack were reported by the authorities who examined them to be well and very intelligent.

I am also making another request for a full Senate Investigation of this matter, however, it is my opinion that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should not be permitted to make the investigation.

Very truly yours,
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cc: President Bill Clinton
Representative Don Edwards
Senator Orrin Hatch
Ms. Janet Reno
Mr. William Sessions

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC WACCEJX
To Whom it May Concern;

I am that one American
in view that the judgemental media
says disagrees with your handling
of the Waco Davidian Compound.

Didn't common walking around
sense tell any of you that this
cult leader would have to
eventually emerge? You could have
out smarted him. Pull out, all

F.B.I. endeavors seemingly
abandoned. Set up surveillance
at a safe distance - with no word
given to the media, Bill Clinton,
County officials or whoever. Then
when he came out (and it would

have to happen) get him by any
means possible and trim alone -
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He never had any intentions
of doing the things he told you he
would. He said he was waiting
for a sign from God. When you
rammed the compound he became
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enraged and this out of control?
anger told him this was his sign
and he hoped to take more F.B.I.
agents with him - He never imagined
you'd do that.

Who conjured the act of ramming
the building? An alarm to all
inside. Why not have just hurled
the tear gas in with no loud
crashing to the building?

The horror of knowing all
those children died, most likely some
an agonizing burning death sets my
mind and spirit against you - To
running, head on, head strong to end
speculative assumptions of child abuse.
What do you call, what you caused?

You should have not aggravated
this criminal mind - You should have
waited and captured him.

Every thing on this planet is a
matter of time. And you, Federal Bureau
of Investigation you were way out
of timing. My whole being will

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never forget and as far as I
can see I will never forgive
you. It tares at my heart in
a hard way.

A disgruntled American

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Dear

April 25, 1993

The Honorable Janet Reno
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Reno:

The Waco, Texas undertaking was a botched affair from beginning to end. And the government is responsible for the deaths of these individuals.

Why wasn't David Koresh arrested for possession of illegal firearms on one of his many trips away from the compound? Why did the raid, which was no surprise to anyone, take place on a Sunday AM when women and children were most likely to be present? Why on earth were tanks used to ram buildings that were lit by gas lanterns? The potential for a fire was highly probable whether David Koresh started it or not. What a poor excuse that agents were tired and so the assault was begun. We employ thousands of agents that could take over for their tired comrades. Even Saddam Hussein was given a year for overthrowing a government. And what about the recent prison uprising? The negotiations were successful with little loss of life. Couldn't the compound's children been afforded the same consideration and protection of their lives as those criminals?

There is a difference in upholding the law and grandstanding. It would be wise not to try this again, as the public will forgive a new administration once but not twice for their incompetent handling of a similar situation. The government is to blame for the loss of lives which easily could have been avoided. Lights, camera, action was the government's motto in this operation.

Sincerely,

cc: William Clinton, President
Rep. Don Edwards
Mr. William Sessions
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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

Waco TX

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Dear Editor;

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The cult spirit of David Koresh at Branch Davidian in Waco, Texas; the fanatical spirit of fundamentalist Muslim terrorism; the murderous spirit of ethnic cleansing in former Yugoslavia- can you not see that all these are one and the same spirit? It is that spirit who wants to be God; who claims to be God; and who, in various disguises, sets himself up as God; but in the time of testing- be it the test of rising to power or of being ejected from power- his true satanic nature is always revealed in the end.

"Let no man deceive you that the Day of Christ is at hand. For that day shall not come except there be a falling away first, that the man of sin might be revealed- the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God..... Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned, who believed not the truth." (II Thess 2:1-12)

If the reports about Branch Davidian are true, then David Koresh is a dangerous lunatic. But I would have left my agents in place, waiting and watching. Let the man fulfill his course, that he might be judged in due time.

"Judge nothing before the time." (I Cor 4:5) As long as cult members are physically free to leave, and no actual crime has been committed, then warrants should not be issued unless insurrection is preached against the United States.

Most Christian survivalist groups will bother no one unless attacked. They are preparing to survive the collapse of western civilization. During social chaos, they will use those weapons against marauding bands of barbarians. That is a legitimate need for personal defense, and it is their constitutional right.

We could all take a lesson from the wisdom of their preparations- as the survivors of recent riots, storms, earthquakes, etc. can readily attest.

If the cults attack militarily, we will defeat them militarily. If they attack politically, we will defeat them politically. But cults are primarily a spiritual force, and they must be defeated primarily by prayer and preaching.

God will deal with the cults. Government does not have enough sense.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC, 20535

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It is quite possible- perhaps even likely- that in our lifetime we shall see the collapse of western civilization. That collapse is being accelerated by the demonically deceptive preaching of the liberal intelligentsia. They hope to destroy our Christian social culture, and to replace it with the New World Order of atheistic international socialism.

"The global village has no police force," writes Lance Morrow in Time magazine (15MAR93). "But what the global community does have are many churches. Sometimes it is the faithful of the churches, and mosques, who need policing most of all."

Speaking spiritually, Lance Morrow cannot discern his anus from an excavation. If Morrow cannot distinguish between the Church of Christ and the Church of Satan- if he does not even acknowledge the distinction- then by what moral and spiritual principles will Morrow direct his global policing of our religions? This gigantic international army which you and your international President are going to create, how will you guarantee that this massive multi-national military monster becomes not itself a much greater evil than all the lesser evils which it hopes to eradicate?

The Bible states unequivocally that it cannot be done. You build the Devil's Throne. David Koresh, disguised as Bill Clinton, will be the top man.

During the Elections of 1992, we who are exercised in spiritual discernment- being deceived neither by David Koresh nor Lance Morrow- watched the deceptive rhetoric of the Clinton campaign with ominous foreboding. Now to see this new Administration- a President who refused to serve in Vietnam, who fervently supported the radical anti-war campaign of George McGovern, and whose wife and chief advisors are proven long-time supporters of world communism- an Administration of Rhodes Scholars and liberal Ivy League Space Cases whose loyalty is to the global village of atheistic international socialism rather than to the Constitutional Democracy of Christian America- to see this newly elected Administration immediately begin to send combat troops with tanks and helicopters against small groups of religious believers who are minding their own business and bothering no one- that is a nightmare straight from the Book of Revelation.

If they can do that to David Koresh, they can do it to any of us.

The strength of the U.S. Constitution is that it is based upon this Christian understanding. It is the culmination of 200 years of Puritan political thought. If at this crucial juncture you do not present this perspective prominently and frequently, then as journalists you are hypocrites; and as historians you are liars.

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Dear Editor;

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David Koresh claims authority under Christian scripture, while federal agents claim authority under the Constitution; and both claims are equally perversions of those documents. But the worst perversion is the behavior of the news media. The relevant scripture (II Thess 2:1-12) and the relevant law (First and Second Amendments) are concise and unambiguous; but you have never quoted those brief texts, nor even mentioned the basic issues which they address.

The deceptive argument of the global intelligentsia is that the First Amendment prevents Christians from running the government like a Church- that it places political limits upon Christians which do not apply to ordinary citizens, or to even to non-Christian religions. But the clear English language of the actual Amendment says the opposite:

1) Congress shall pass no law respecting an establishment of religion, nor prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

2) The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

This Amendment places no limit upon Christians other than that is placed upon all: Christians in government may neither forbid nor compel any citizen in his free exercise of religion. I may not compel you to pray in school, and you may not forbid me to pray in school.

In your view, apparently, this Amendment places no limit upon government in its persecution of anyone termed to be a "religious zealot".

The 5APR93 issue of Time magazine describes how the Baby Boom generation is returning to "church", redefining God to suit their own preferences. Most of those "churches" will spend eternity in hellfire. As Christians, we have a religious duty and a Constitutional right to warn them but as officers of government, we may not regulate them in any way.

From a governmental standpoint, in fact, secular religion helps maintain social order. But when viewed in context with your mishandling of the First Amendment, it is a very ominous development.

Anyone who has ever sat through a meeting of Southern Baptist elders knows the dangers of religious intolerance. A minor consideration of the First Amendment is to prevent those idiots from ruining the government the way they have ruined the Church, with their viciously destructive bickering about insignificant points of doctrine and procedure. But the major purpose of the First Amendment is to protect the true Christian believer against Bill and Hillary Clinton.

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You report that the President and his Wife are devoted church-goers. No doubt this is true. In Washington even yet to some extent, and in Arkansas most certainly, not to attend church is political suicide. Beyond that they have developed a sincere personal faith, combining some scripture with some psychology, to which they are passionately committed. But no one seriously suggests that either of them actually believes in Jesus Christ.

Then again Bill Clinton, you report, to see a Beauty Contestant give the credit for her success to Jesus Christ. This tells more than you know.

The worst thing that ever happened to the Christian Church was to be officially accepted by the Roman government. Subsequently the European Church went on to become a powerful bureaucratic institution, with vast governmental powers to rival the authority of the King himself. Cynical unbelievers sought and obtained Church office solely to exercise political power. Once established, they viciously persecuted the true believers.

The Puritans who founded this nation were fleeing that persecution. They First Amendment is precisely designed to protect us against that very eventuality to prevent secular religion from using secular government to persecute true believers.

The Constitution does not prevent your secular religion from electing Bill Clinton, any more than it prevents me from electing Pat Robertson. But it prevents either of us from using government to persecute the other.

But since the fashion of this godless and lawless age is to trample, boot-clad, upon each other's First Amendment rights, I reply to Lance Morrow that the ones who need policing most of all are the biased, inaccurate reporters and editors of the national news media.

From the New York Guardian: "When you read the term 'religious right', without any counterbalancing terminology, you can be sure that the editors and reporters of that particular publication are themselves members of the neo-pagan left."

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Among the new-style modern churches, Time mentioned Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, Ca.. In 1981, I worshipped for several weeks with Calvary Chapel of the Monterey Peninsula. It is Bible-based, patterned after the informal Early Church.

They had a good class on cults. It was taught by a Los Angeles Police Officer temporarily on loan to the Pacific Grove Police Department. He had gotten into some trouble in L.A., and had to leave town for awhile. But any L.A. cop who is not in trouble probably is not doing his job.

We met the first day I attended Church. After the service, I was walking down the street wearing Levis, sandals, colored T-shirt, long hair and beard, and all those vibes from when I was underground. I was constantly paranoid, expecting to be mugged or arrested. I had an uneasy feeling there might be some warrants. I was keeping a low profile, doing my time, saving the State some money.

Suddenly this uniformed cop roars up in a Police Cruiser and screeches to a stop directly in front of me. He leaps out of the car on the opposite side from me, and crouches behind the door as a shield, talking on the radio like he's calling the agents to converge on the suspect. I was considerably concerned. Then he invites me to attend his class on cults.

The course focused on Mormon's and Jehovah's Witnesses, because of their aggressive and successful evangelical outreach. Many members are genuine Christians who have no idea of the cultish doctrines of the inner hierarchy. That would make a good investigative report for Time.

Calvary Chapel was founded by Chuck Smith. It was Smith, I think, who converted Bob Dylan to Christianity.

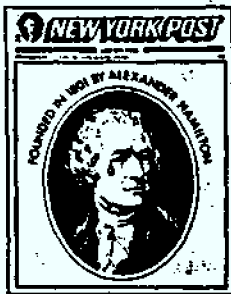
Several years before I came to Calvary Chapel, I had prayed for Dylan to be converted. I wanted his social philosophy from a Christian perspective. The result of that prayer was the album, "Slow Train Comin'".

I wonder if Dylan has continued in the faith. That would be another good story for Time.

■ Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School hosted a conference at the end of February, bringing together senior U.S. and former Soviet officials—including Foreign Minister Aleksandr Beasmertnykh and Kremlin foreign-policy aide Anatoli Chernyaev—to reminisce about the end of the Cold War. To the discomfiture of many Americans, the Soviets insisted that Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (derided by the liberals as "Star Wars") played a

major role in Gorbachev's decision to call a halt to the U.S.-Soviet competition. Any attempt to match SDI would have done irreparable harm to the Soviet economy, Gorbachev concluded. The evidence that SDI was one of the masterstrokes of our time is becoming overwhelming. Don't expect to read about it in the *New York Times*, though. The *Times* omitted the point in its coverage of the conference.

We can do this the easy way, or the hard way. It's up to you.



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All the News That Spits

A mutinous tabloid staff and an expectorating would-be owner reach for the heights of newsroom farce

By JOE QUEENAN

ALEXANDER HAMILTON WAS BACK in the news last week, after a nearly 200-year absence. The founding father of American finance had his face plastered all over the cover of Tuesday's New York Post, the newspaper he founded in 1801—with a huge tear dripping down his cheek. The tear had been planted there by mutinous editors at the famously sleazy tabloid who refused to relinquish control to real estate mogul Abe Hirschfeld, the latest multimillionaire to attempt to take over the paper. In 20 pages of nonstop abuse, Post staffers described Hirschfeld as a "nut," a racist, a deplorable landlord, a hostage taker, a sociopath and an anti-Semite—a daring allegation, given that Hirschfeld is Jewish.

Annoyed that the new boss did not seem to be taking any of this personally, the paper came back the next day and likened him to the Jewish *kapos* who used to do some of the dirty work for the Nazis in concentration camps. On Thursday the Post switched gears and accused its new boss of wanting to use the paper to become God, an admittedly unorthodox publishing gambit.

Hamilton had been noticeably dry-eyed back in January, when bankrupt Post owner Peter Kalikow unloaded the guns-'n'-buns tabloid on shadowy New York financier Steven Hoffenberg. At the time, Hoffenberg was under federal investigation for fraud. Even so, Hoffenberg had initially seemed an acceptable owner to most of the future Post mutineers. Hoffenberg hired as his editor Pete Hamill, the open-necktie Post alumnus whom he paid \$500,000 a year to reprise his long-running I'm-just-a-working-class-stiff act.

"Abe, go to Boca Raton! Just sign the checks and send them in."

— PETE HAMIL

Since then, the Securities and Exchange Commission has charged Hoffenberg with using false financial statements to sell more than \$400 million in securities. When his bid to take over the Post ran aground, he struck a deal with Hirschfeld to share ownership. After this liaison went asunder, the bankruptcy court on March 12 turned over the paper to Hirschfeld, who promptly axed Hamill. Within hours, the mutiny was under way. The cause of the Post staff's animus toward its new chief was twofold. One, Hirschfeld fired 72

done deal." That prompted the two chief combatants to kiss and make up. Hamill would return to the newsroom, and Hirschfeld would confine himself to the business side. "Pete, do you need me back at the building right now?" cracked Hirschfeld. "Abe, go to Boca Raton!" answered Hamill. "Tell jokes, work the lounges—just sign the checks."

The fabulously loopy Hirschfeld has played his role to the hilt. Perhaps still smarting from a failed attempt to become New York Governor Mario Cuomo's running mate in 1986, he described the New York pol, who was trying to put together a rival buyout team for the paper, as "an idiot." Hirschfeld says his employees will have to learn to "talk with love," because when they talk with love, "they can't talk with hatred." Hamill has also risen to the occasion, describing the Post's 20-page tirade against Hirschfeld last Tuesday as "an act of journalistic courage unprecedented in this century." He then likened Post staffers to the citizens of Prague who

stood up to the Soviet tanks in 1968. And he calls Hirschfeld nutty.

The ownership status of the Post remains a tangle. Hirschfeld possesses only a management contract to

"Pete, I'll teach you business; you teach me newspapers."

— ABE HIRSCHFELD

CRAZY LOVE: Ardent Hirschfeld plants a kiss on reluctant Hamill after they agreed to a two-week truce



employees. Two, he once spat on a reporter from the Miami Herald, a first-rate newspaper, so there's no telling what he might do at a paper like the Post.

Hirschfeld, who professed to enjoy all the attention, nevertheless got a court order barring Hamill from entering the building. At a rally outside the Post on Thursday, virtuoso prole-impersonators such as Norman Mailer and actor Danny Aiello were out in force. The situation reached a new level of hysteria Friday, when the cover of the Post was taken up by "an open letter to the judge deciding our fate." The missive begged Judge Francis Conrad to rescue the paper and, indeed, the civilized world from the "madman."

Nothing doing, said the judge: "It's a

run the paper and must answer to a bankruptcy trustee and creditors' committee. If Hirschfeld falters, other bidders could take over the paper. No matter which buyers finally lash themselves to the Post, they will have to find some way to halt losses estimated at more than \$1 million a month.

Does the Post deserve to live? Throughout the 1980s, it espoused a racist, homophobic, free-market philosophy rooted in unalloyed social Darwinism. Today the free market may very well be handing down its verdict on the Post: Only the strong survive, and you're not one of them. —With reporting by Tom Curry/New York

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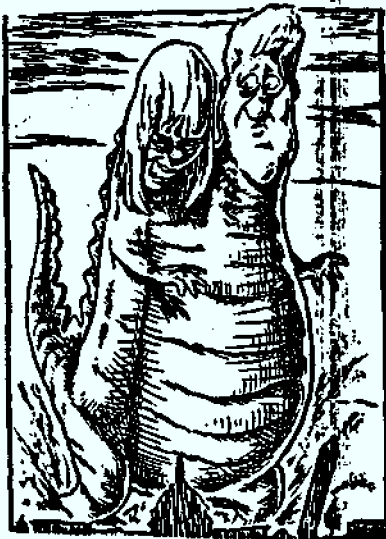
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At the dinner, I had the good fortune to sit next to Taki, NR "Deletions" columnist, (London) Spectator "High Life" columnist, heir to a Greek

shipping fortune, and one of the most entertaining writers of our day. He kept us amused with a stream of gossip, mostly unprintable. In 1967, he was briefly press spokesman for the Greek Colonels, announced his regret that they hadn't shot all the liberals, and when the liberals took power was sentenced to 16 months in prison. But he escaped on his father's yacht. He said that he has "f--- you money" but

unlike most so situated, is not afraid to sound conservative. I asked him why the rich are so timid, politically. "The more liberal they are the safer they are," he said. "They cut a lot of corners," and so run the risk of scrutiny and exposure. Liberals are exempt, is the general idea. There's no better illustration than Ted Kennedy.

The media would haul him up on any number of counts and run him out of Washington in five minutes if he started to vote conservative.



The Clinton Economic Plan

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Bill Clinton has reached into his hat—*et voilà!*
A deficit-reduction plan that will increase the deficit,
an economic-stimulus plan that will kill the recovery—
and an industrial policy to perpetuate the mess.



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April 26, 1993

William S. Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

I am ashamed of the way our government handled the Branch
Davidian matter from beginning to end. Shame on the FBI and ATF.
They can do better than that.

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Sincerely yours,

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April 25, 1993

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Waco atrocity

Mr. President:

Having waited for the smoke to clear a little, I must now write and request that you and your Attorney General, Janet Reno, resign your offices.

I was sickened by the atrocity committed at Waco, Texas against the Branch Davidians.

Nothing that David Koresh may have done justified first terrorizing and then burning alive the children at the compound. After the initial confrontation, many people would have offered advice on how to handle the situation but for your assurance that there was not likely to be further loss of life.

Are human rights abuses and excessive force O.K. as long as the Federal Government is the perpetrator? Did the ATF people think it was something to be proud of when they ran their flag up the pole at the compound? I do not think so.

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Both you and Janet Reno should have known that the American people will not tolerate this type of atrocity.

Respectfully,

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cc: The Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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William Sessions WACO, TX [REDACTED]

I think you should
be fired. I think you are
as much responsible for the
death of those people as
David Koresh

What a stupid use of
United States Power

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Director William Sessions
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.
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I deplore the way the Govt and FBI handled the Davidian confrontation. This was a deeply religious group, but as I understand, doing nothing to warrant the zealous harassment of 100 Govt agents and tanks.

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I heard they made and assembled guns to sell to sportsmen at flea markets as their way of earning money and that it was legal. You don't harass the muslim terrorists who enter this country for asylum, then go about their terrorist activities. So you call out 100 agents plus tanks to surround, cut off electricity and constantly harass them. Where were their "civil rights", or do we only protect civil rights of minorities, gays and criminals?

I believe the survivors stories that the Govt tank turned over and crushed a barrel of propane and spilled it all over the floor then proceeded to knock over lanterns that ignited the fuel, hay bales and knocked down sheetrock. Hook out kids. Naturally the fire started from inside, that's where the tank did the damage, and the remarks heard from inside and quoted by the agents "they lit the fire" were directed at the tank and agents outside. They were the "they" who lit the fire inside.

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I do believe it was unintentional, but in immediately covering butt with possible false statements, only make the blame more apparent.

Rather than brand David Koresh as a demon and monster, and as Clinton did, a child abuser, killer and murderer, you all and me especially should have expressed some sorrow and remorse at such a needless loss of life. All we heard about were the children. No regret for the women and men trapped in the burning inferno. And where were all the outraged women's groups, probably relieved to have a religious group to deal with. All these remarks

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arrack of a cover-up. One thing for sure, the children were saved from further abuse.

I take from that remark of Clintons about child abuse, that all inner-city youth who have sex with teenagers and leave mothers and babies to be raised on welfare by taxpayers are all child abusers and should be punished.

Davidians worked hard and paid their own way and didn't depend on taxpayers welfare. They only wanted to be left alone and in peace. Furthermore Davidians do not believe in suicide. They certainly wouldn't burn their own children.

The Davidians are going to be "scapegoats" for the ineptness of the Govt, and another cover-up like both Kennedy's Oswald, Martin Luther King and Marilyn Monroe.

A sad day for democracy and the United States.

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To whom it may concern,

I am really in utter disbelief over what has just happened in
Waco, Texas. *O Waco TX*

I can't believe I have just witnessed the gasing and burning of
children; And of American citizens; On American soil; By yhe F.B.I.

And we who are voicing such loud opinions about the killings of
others in other lands are doing it right here.

I mentioned to others as it was happening that they must be
using gas lamps in that house because their electricity was turned off long
ago. How is it that no one took into consideration the fact that those gas lamps
might be knocked over causing a blaze?

How could President Clinton, Who didn't go to Vietnam because
of the killing, Allow this brutal attack to take place right here at home?

I might add that there has never been any proof of the hear
say claims that the children were being abused. The only ones I have ever
heard say anything negative about David Koresh were people that had
vendettas against him.

This incident was a true travesty of justice. To say the least.

Nothing the F.B.I. or the administration could ever say would
justify the wanton gasing of children. They keep saying they expected them to
come running out. Would you run out into the path of attacking tanks?

This was a Holocaust! Perpetrated by the very people we trust to
protect us. And our freedom of religion.

And how in Gods name could the choice of whether or not to gas
children hang on the fact that the F.B.I. was tired and had no capable back-up
team. We are sending billions of tax dollars to other Countries and we can't
offord to hire enough F.B.I. to be properly efficient?

Where was human decency.

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There is nothing else to say.

Only - - - Holocaust.

From an American who doesn't
understand how cruelty could be the prevailing wisdom of the day.

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The Justice Dept
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April 29, 1993

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FBI Director William Sessions
United States Justice Department
Constitution Avenue/10th St. N.W.

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Perhaps it is a sign of the times in which we live when a person can awake one morning to the sight of heavy tanks attacking its own citizens. Somehow I do not think that this is the land that Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson envisioned some two hundred years ago. Indeed, I believe that Mr. Jefferson had some rather scathing for words for governments which behaved in the manner demonstrated earlier this week. I never dreamed that I would live to see such an event, but now I that I have wiped clean the tears from my almost unbelieving eyes, I can quite honestly state that any respect which I felt for this country, the country of my birth, has all but disappeared. I am only in my mid twenties, and you have already succeeded in making me ashamed to be an American. Not at all bad Mr. Sessions, not bad at all.

Two years ago, I had the honor of helping to bury my best friend from grade school. Like myself, he was once brimming with ideals - he also died far too young, unable to realize his hopes and dreams, unable to share them with the country he loved and cherished. His untimely death was due to a spent Iraqi shell which he was unfortunate enough to have caught in the back of his head, I believed at the time, and managed to reassure many of his and my friends who had any doubts, that his death had not been in vain, that it had indeed been dedicated to a most noble cause, namely his country. He had perished a patriot, and in the memory

of myself and his friends he truly was a hero - a rare and unique personage these dark days.

Ah, but now the veil of ignorance has been lifted from my eyes. You have completely shattered my naive faith in our system of justice and injected a healthy dose of cynicism back into my otherwise contented life. It now seems so clear to me - my friend died for naught after all! For that is indeed what this country has become - nothing! Far from being a land fit for heroes, it is now the parade ground for well armed rapscllions wearing badges who seem to delight in displays of pyrotechnics at the expense of young children. Any nation which could deliberately cause the deaths of twenty-five innocent children is not worthy of anyone's respect, let alone mine. As for yourself and the rest of the pretended law enforcement establishment in the so called Department of Justice, you quite simply make me ill - almost like that I which I occasionally pick up on my shoe in the gutter, which is most unpleasant on hot days.

Someday, when fortune shines upon me and I am afforded the opportunity to leave these shores for a more civilized clime (and you may trust that I will do so with great haste), I only hope that I will then be able to understand how I and my fellow citizens allowed our hopes, our patriotism, and our revenues fall under the control of men and women who are little better than child murderers.

You may pardon me somewhat if I come across with a certain degree of vitriol - it is difficult for me to express in polite and civilized language the complete contempt and disgust in which I hold you, the entire Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. It is my most sincere hope that you and all the others responsible for this outrage will at some point be held to

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account. My doubts that this will ever happen are only exceeded by my inability to believe anything which you or your lackeys have to say on this. For you to assert, as you most incredibly have, that you were acting in the best interests of the children is not only absolute hypocrisy, but sheer duplicity. It is a craven attempt to excuse an inexcusable blunder. It can only be hoped that it will fall upon deaf ears. Any thinking person can now realize that you, Ms. Reno, and Mr. Riley could not have given a tinker's damn about the welfare of those children - otherwise you would not have allowed your cronies to have behaved like a rabid pack of hyperactive Green Berets. Arrogance of power and vain

pride on the part of the government, these were the prime motivations in this travesty, and you are nothing but a damned liar to even pretend otherwise. Please do not trouble me further with your feeble attempts to insult my intelligence - if you are going to lie to my face, at the very least lie well.

But then that is far too much to expect from a political appointee, is it not? Mr. Koresh may have been everything he is accused of - I never had any doubt that he was a crazed maniac. The very fact that he kept those children inside the compound during your siege makes him guilty of a heinous act of abuse. But then Mr. Koresh was not about to go anywhere, and whatever else, those children were alive! He was not going anywhere, and he was completely at your mercy. It was obviously not enough for you to wait him out, but instead there had to be some face-saving, cataclysmic finale to somehow save the reputations of the various inept agencies embroiled in this bloody fiasco. It is difficult for me to determine who is truly more insane here, David Koresh or the Department of Justice and the BATF. Do you have any concept of the strength of CS gas? Believe me, I do. It is about ninety times more powerful than regular tear gas. The gas masks being used inside the compound would not have lasted long under the sustained punishment you subjected them to, and once exposed to the gas, the women and children which your experts wanted to flee would have been so incapacitated that they would not have been able to move. By acting in such a disastrously precipitous manner with a man whose mental stability has been in question for weeks (if not years) was foolhardy at least and criminally negligent at best. You make the claim that this was case of mass suicide - assuming that those people affected by the CS gas were even able to move, if that is true, then who is responsible for having driven Mr. Koresh over the edge? You gave him the very conclusion which he wanted, indeed predicted! The adults in that compound may very well have set the fires which spelt their ultimate destruction, though I have my doubts, and if accidental, it was your forces which caused it - to me that is little more than government sanctioned arson. It was your misguided decision which prompted this holocaust, and your hands are at least as bloody as David Koresh's. Twenty five children are now dead, and no one appears to really care. To be quite honest, I am becoming tired of hearing about the casualties in the initial assault and could give a damn about your besainted BATF and FBI agents killed in February. One need not martyr the criminally stupid. The lives of those children are what concern me, and they should have been held paramount by you - instead they were sacrificed on the altar of expediency, victims of the bureaucratic mindset which you exemplify so well. All that you seem to want now is for the rancor and the criticism to subside, so that you can return back to your mode of officious complacency - at least until the hired thugs in the BATF involve us in another case of government approved mass murder.

It seems quite clear to me what the honorable course would now be - it is of course somehow ludicrous to think someone in my government could behave honorably. The one best act which you, Ms. Reno, Mr. Riley, and all the other officials involved in this bloody mess could now do in the service of your country would be to apologize to the people of this country, who have paid your salaries, and then promptly submit your resignations to the President.

You can be sure that I will be sending letters to any Senators and Congressmen who are at all receptive to pursuing that aim. You are a disgrace to this country, and do not deserve the title of FBI Director.

If nothing else comes out of this, I can only pray that this deed will haunt your conscience for the rest of your life.

Sincerely,



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April 28, 1993

WILLIAM SESSIONS, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
John E. Hoover Building
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Because of your repeated daily violations of the Constitution of the United States of America, I am hereby renouncing the existing government and reclaiming the government of the people. I waive my voting rights and will no longer file or pay taxes. I feel it is either this renunciation or Waco.

This action is triggered by the quote made in the Washington Post on April 21, 1993 wherein the FBI told Ms. Reno "... they wanted to up the ante".

And also in response to my interpretation of the events in Waco as being government (in the guise of the FBI) repression of American citizen's religious, political, family and individual rights as guaranteed under the Constitution.

I up your ante, Mr. Sessions, of tanks, tear gas and force without due process against the citizens in Waco with my soul and the souls of my family.

Now, Sir, ante up, call or fold.

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Regards,

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William Sessions
Director, FBI

Rep. John Conyers
House Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Conyers:

Congratulations on your statement to Attorney General Reno at the Waco hearings today. All the apologia about 20-20 hindsight and study to determine how to prevent these things in the future is pure poppycock. I've been in the army and the air force, a public defender, deputy district attorney, and chief assistant U.S. attorney (3 years during the Johnson administration), and let me tell you the first thing I told my ex when the four ATF officers were killed and sixteen agents injured was that the boss who ordered the raid should be immediately fired (with the remark that of course no one would be). I indicated to all who would listen that the ATF handled the matter completely wrong. These people had been there for years and had hurt absolutely no one. They were isolated and preparing for armageddon and were a threat to absolutely no one except someone who would attack them. All ATF had to do was have a few plain clothes men in Waco and when Koresch came to town quietly arrest him. Instead of that they wanted to make a media event out of it and even took along the press--which of course later was excluded.

Furthermore, I indicated to my ex and all who would listen during the waiting period that they should withdraw the officers, tanks, helicopters, etc. and again just have a few plain clothes people keep watch so that when the leaders finally came out they could be quietly arrested! Who were they going to hurt in the meantime out in the middle of nowhere. And don't tell me it was the children--if that were the cause of the government attacks, why hadn't the government acted years ago.

Congressman, it seems to me our law enforcement is reaching a police state mentality. When FDA agents go into health food stores in flack jackets, automatic weapons, make proprietors lay on the floor with guns at their heads, etc. something is seriously wrong.

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I love and fought for this country, but frankly after what happened in Waco, I have finally started thinking about leaving. And my family has been here since before the revolution and fought in every bigwar since, including the Texas revolution. We've been in California since the gold rush, and I still think San Diego is the greatest place in the world to live, but I'm beginning to wonder. At least with people like you, we've got someone to stand up to the rationalizing bureaucrats. Keep it up.

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Very truly yours,

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William Sessions 94707

Dear Sir: I think you made a very
BAD decision to precipitate a
 holocaust at the compound in Waco.
 What happened was not mass suicide
 it was mostly mass murder!
 How can young children make that
 kind of decision. Your type of action
 is typical of what happened in Philadelphia.
 You should have learned from that tragedy.
 You didn't even consult with 2 of the top experts
 from my community [REDACTED] and
 [REDACTED] too much machismo!
 You could have erected a security fence
 around the compound which would
 have made the compound into a prison.
 If they chose to come out you win - if
 they stayed inside the community is
 safe and you win. And then let them
 make the next decision - give them food,
 water and other amenities like in any
 prison. Patience! Patience! Patience!
 Yours truly [REDACTED]

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@ WACO TX

April 19, 1993

The Honorable William S. Sessions
Director
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
J. Edgar Hoover Building
10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

The FBI actions near WACO, Texas, are appalling.

Even acknowledging that the Branch Davidian group are (now past tense, "were") religious kooks, there is no justification for the deaths brought on by the FBI to its own persons and now approximately 100 persons.

This WACO travesty will haunt the Clinton Administration / Reno leadership / FBI as their "Rodney King" screw up!

The WACO tragedy has never been justified as a legitimate law enforcement activity. Congress should investigate this fully.

Very truly yours,

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Director, ~~Waco~~

① April 20, 1993
Waco TX

This letter is in response to your decision to storm the Davidian compound in Waco. I call for your resignation immediately! How totally stupid. You are not fit for leadership. You screwed up the first time you stormed the compound and cost 4 BATF Agents there lives. The second time you cost the lives of better than 50. You should remove yourself!!

When will you storm the homes of the Mormons or the Baptists or the Holiness or the Catholics? You people have been watching too many Rambo movies.

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Thank God for the Constitution that protects me from people like you and the FBI and BATF. You should resign!! Your lack of understanding of religious exalts, which by the way, fill this country from end-to-end is frightening. By the way, if you storm my 2nd story window, the response you got in Waco may be similar to mine. Thank God for the constitution particularly the 2nd Amendment. Please Respond.

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Dear

United States Department of Justice Treasury
Federal Bureau of Investigation Alcohol,
Tobacco, Firearms, O W A L O T K

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I feel that I must convey
my outrage concerning the handling
of the situation in Waco, Texas.
Not that it matters what anyone
says now. The truth will never
be known. The U. S. Gov. has made
that sure.

Cautions should have been
the governing factor. Or so the
lives of children. Not matter. If
you were so sure, you were deal-
ing with a madman, the more
cautious you should have
been. The pope proclaims him-
self Christ on earth yet you
don't call him or his cult
mad or insane. b3-HQ-1050305-426

The sad thing is that
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what their government tells
them, without question.

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Sincerely, 

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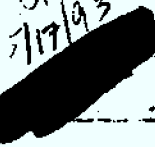
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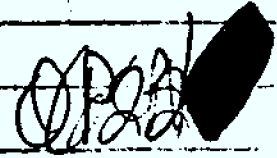
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CC: Judge Sessions, FBI Director - You probably were wise not to get involved with "pissing with the snakes" so to speak had you appeared on This Week with David Brinkley

Hon. William S. Sessions
Director, FBI
Jaye Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, DC 20500

Wire or call Action/Hotline

April 25, 1993

Dear Mr. President,

Possibly fearful of making a "spongy" appearance with David Brinkley like FBI spokesman Jeff (of the Mutt & Jeff FBI team) did with Ted Koppel last week, FBI director Sessions "threw in the towel" by first saying (A) "The Justice Dept. ordered him not to appear" (B) "was his own decision not to appear." So, it now appears that there is more than a grain of truth in David Koresh's lawyer's comment re your press conference comment that Koresh "had sex with children". Koresh' "Legal-eagle" said you were "covering your ass."

What with all the 'second-guessing' on what went wrong in Waco, perhaps the McAlvany Intelligence Advisor for April 1993 comes close with this headline"

"THE FOURTH REICH: AS THE RADICAL SOCIALISTS TAKE CONTROL OF AMERICA"

"page 12 - The liberal Establishment media has already begun to ask the question: 'What characterizes a member of a dangerous cult', and to answer their own question: A strong belief in the Bible, a belief in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, frequent attendance in Bible studies, a high level of financial giving to the church or a religious group, home schooling of children, accumulation of survival food and guns, and an inordinate fear of the government. Does any of that sound familiar? This writer wonders if the stage is not being set in America by the Establishment not only for gun control, but also for persecution of Christian churches, organizations and individuals. Shades of Nazi Germany in the 1930s!"

CONCLUSION

"Operation Waco was a giant publicity/propaganda operation by the government gun controllers which went awry, which backfired, which did immeasurable damage to the gun control cause, and which put millions of American gun owners on alert as to future government gun control tactics and techniques."

New York Times writer Thomas C. Hayes via today's COURIER-JOURNAL reports: "Gunshot wounds to head killed 2 cult members, autopsies show" which reminds me of an ancient jewish sect called the "Zealots" (not unlike David Koresh & followers) some 2,000 years ago who committed suicide at Masada rather than surrender to the Roman soldiers whom John Ed Pearce in his rather frank story of "Ethnic Cleansing - Texas-style" appropriately calls "the ATFBI of the day." Today's visitors to the ancient Masada mountain-top are shown remnants of the Roman walls surrounding Masada which they kept under siege for years before finally storming the mountain. As you know, Peter O'Toole starred in the movie of the same name, MASADA.

In view of Cokey Robert's "this Week" comment today that you had "Lost the Focus" during your 1st "100 days", in order "to cover your ass" I am enclosing a large medallion from Israel with inscription MAS ADA SHALL NOT FALL AGAIN in hopes that out of the ashes of Waco, you will create a new Phoenix = the Waco Masada: dedicated to those religious "zealots" of our era who perished for their religious beliefs at the hands of "the ATFBI of our our day", to paraphrase John Ed Pearce's date story. Perhaps you will agree that a Waco Masada type memorial would be a positive alternative to the new 4th Reich which according to Donald S. McAlvany, is now emerging in the USA. Moreover, as the enclosed Masada medallion reflects: WE SHALL REMAIN FREE MEN - - - MASADA SHALL NOT FALL AGAIN - - - & I hope you will agree NEITHER SHOULD WACO FALL AGAIN

Hon. William Jefferson Clinton
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Faithful and true,

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ETHNIC CLEANSING: TEXAS-STYLE ...

LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL April 25, 1993

I TRUST that we all have enough common sense to grasp the lessons of Waco and the fiery furnace of the Davidian cultists. And, dear friends, let us keep in mind, when we feel the urge to start a religion, to found a normal church, one that damns those who differ and uses the lash in the name of gentle Jesus to drive out dissidents. There is no place for aberration on the road to heaven.

However, if you would dabble profitably in the fields of religion, demand of your followers faith, once defined as belief without evidence in what is told by those who speak without knowledge of things without parallel. In that way your flock will find it hard to argue, and you will not need reason on your side. You may, however, draw the attention of the FBI.

I hope you will keep in mind that I am describing here religion, and not the FBI or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which move in their own mysterious and consistent ways, their fiery wonders to perform. Their spokesmen explained, as they lined up their tanks and sighted down the barrels of their assault rifles, that the leader of the Davidians was a thug who believed only in the barrel of a rifle. David Koresh kept guns within his compound, they charged, and naturally that could not be permitted in a place like Texas, where there are more than four guns to every citizen. It could give the place a bad name.

Not only that, but Koresh had women inside his compound with whom he was rumored to have sexual relations and many children, as though he were Brigham Young or Donald Trump. Naturally the ATFBI had to rush in with guns and warrants. You can't have some religious nut having sexual relations with bunches of women, imitating a professional basketball player. The first thing you know he'd be demanding millions of dollars, endorsing things and being a hero to small boys.

But all the credit should not go to the ATFBI. Our new attorney general, Janet Reno, said it was her decision to batter holes in the walls of the compound and pump in tear gas, acts that either set the place on fire or caused the inmates to do it. Let this be a warning to those who would violate our mores (it is not



JOHN ED PEARCE

clear yet what laws, if any, these people violated, but they acted suspiciously).

Reno, schooled in Miami vice, did not sit, like Madame LaFarge, knitting and muttering "Off with their heads," but passed the word sternly: Gas 'em. Get this over with. And President Clinton, after having been informed of the lethal plans and nodding his approval, wallowed in sorrow, poor fellow, as the flames consumed the cultists (formerly humans).

But that's what happens, he warned, to fanatics (fanatics being people who believe deeply things the majority does not believe). And these people were not just fanatics, but cultists. A cult is a group that isn't big enough to be a sect; a sect is a group that hasn't been around long enough to be a religion. Back in Roman times there was a cult called Christians. The Romans considered them very tacky and threw them to the lions for following a long-haired fanatic named Jesus.

These Christians had to be seen to be believed. They waved little crosses around. They washed each other's feet and, when the authorities tried to catch them to question them, they hid down underneath the city in caves. This Jesus fellow said they would be with Him in heaven if they followed His teachings, and they followed Him to death without a whimper, even though the Roman soldiers, the ATFBI of the day, stoned them, crucified them or used them for sport in the forum.

Of course, the ATFBI didn't plan to fry these people in wholesale lots; neither, we may be sure, did Madame Reno. But it's not easy to understand exactly what they did have in mind. They said at first that there was no telling what was happening to those poor women and children, whom they were trying to protect. Strangely, when some of the women and children came out, they looked none the worse for wear and said that David Koresh was a holy man, maybe God. The ATFBI immediately protected them by arresting them, putting

in jail clothes and grilling them. In that way they figured they would encourage the others to come out, don't you suppose? That was consistent with their reasoning the entire time. They have never yet explained why they were attacking these people in the first place. They said the Davidians were a bunch of religious nuts. Koresh said he talked to God, and was waiting for a message. If he had done like Oral Roberts and said that God had threatened to kill him if he didn't raise some money, would they have left him alone?

Koresh might also have done better by waving a few copies of the Constitution, especially the Second Amendment which, as everyone knows, gives every American the right to have and carry any kind of guns he wants. These gun-show people out at the State Fairgrounds have more guns for show and sell than you could pack into the whole Davidian compound. Incidentally, where was the National Rifle Association when the gun owners needed help? Probably too busy passing out literature to Indiana schoolchildren.

There is reason to wonder, of course, whether the remedy was not worse than the disease down there in Waco, but that is hard to say, since no one seems sure what the disease was. We have freedom of speech and religion in this country, but we must not forget that all things are relative and, like the pigs said in Orwell's *Animal Farm*, all men (and all religions, we may assume) are equal, but some are more equal than others.

The Ku Klux Klan may march and harangue the hicks as it desires, but let us keep a close eye on people who talk to God. And if you feel you just have to talk to God, or write an interpretation of Revelations, do it in an ordinary church or keep it to yourself.

Naturally, we'll get a bunch of bad press out of this around the world. They'll sneer that Bosnia isn't the only place people get killed for religious belief and activity. Depend on it, the America haters will be out in force, seeing who can be the first to refer to ethnic cleansing, Texas style. Although, in quiet moments, one must wonder who, standing before the throne of God's justice, will stand more serenely — David Koresh, clutching for heaven in his mystic madness, or the ATFBI gunmen, pumping gas and death?

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... CLINTON'S 'BAY OF PIGS'

From an editorial in the Baltimore Sun:

At the precise point in his presidency when John F. Kennedy was clobbered by the Bay of Pigs fiasco, Bill Clinton finds himself under siege because of the cult catastrophe in Waco. Despite the vast differences between the two events ... there are also similarities that raise questions about presidential leadership.

In both cases, these presidents accepted Cabinet and intelligence agency advice that proved disastrously wrong. In both cases, they did not exert operational control or question assumptions that were challenged beforehand.

A sobered JFK emerged from his ordeal to recover stature in the Cuba missile crisis, the civil rights struggle and his arms control initiatives. ... Whether Clinton can recapture that Inauguration Day sense of good things waiting to happen will depend on developments far removed from the tragedy in Texas.

So far, the omens are not encouraging. After an initial success in pushing budget resolutions through Congress, Clinton has run into a roadblock in the Senate over a stimulus-jobs bill that shrunk in economic importance as its political implications escalated. His vow to bring about health care reform is now giving

rise to fears of national sales taxes stop the present income tax structure.

In foreign affairs, he is stymied in Bosnia and Haiti. ... The outlook for progress on trade issues is decidedly cloudy. Ethnic wars and regional nuclear threats escalate even as Clinton attempts to downsize the armed forces. ...

It is not our purpose to rush to judgment on the wisdom of the rescue operation in Texas. The administration is widely accused of having miscalculated in discounting the chances of a mass suicide, in not preparing a backup rescue team to relieve weary FBI agents on the scene, in not having adequate firefighting equipment on hand. ...

But it is always easy to second-guess a blunder. What is less easy is an unflinching investigation of what went wrong and, even more, an examination of how government should deal with non-conformists ready to take up arms and put hostages at risk to defy legal authority. Just as Kennedy refurbished his reputation three decades ago, Clinton has opportunity aplenty to become the president he wants to be. But his task will be harder than before. He will need to show his judgment is sound and his character resolute if he is to succeed.



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Mr. Director, KILLER-agent Hicks, or Ricks--FBI! There was a time when I'd insist no American had greater respect for the FBI than I.

Any and ALL respect went up with the smoke of your Tiannanman-Square-type, your Gestapo-type assault on the Waco "cult" H.q. And the damnable lies that have been concocted to cover up what is a violation of our Constitution, our Laws--and our Bill of Rights guarantees.

It may not all be FBI fault. The cowboys of the ATF envy the Elliot Ness reputation, evidently--and determined on their own to wipe out that "deadly dangerous" group. Please--don't repeat (as Hicks/Ricks has been doing) that they were such a "threat" to the rest of America. That cowboy ATF has thus far produced half a dozen or more different reasons why they "had" to go get Khoresh (sic?) and his "dangerous group". First reports--now brainwashed out of existence, even said the cowboys shot their own four agents in their dumb operation. And if the truth be known, the whole affair was most likely of all to be an object lesson to all--ALL!--white non-Jewish Americans, or religious Americans, that they no longer have a place in this land.

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that THEIR forebears made. With the
0% of the vote now-president taking all
"credit" for the brutality of "Government"
vs PEOPLE--and the FBI's submission to the
slaughter campaign, it would be fitting to
see impeachment initiated. The Chinese
and even the Russians--damned by all of
you!--REFUSED TO FIRE ON THEIR OWN PEOPLE
But that doesn't bother you.

The propaganda line is in full buzz--
kicked off by Janet Reno: "It's their own
doing...we feel no guilt." Well--if ANY
one is part of a criminal operation ALL are
judged guilty. So is she. So is Clinton.
So are you. So is every agent who was part
of this assassination with the sole intent
to "show" Americans the iron fist. Stop
all criticism of the current administration
ons incomprehensible imposition of military
rule--under THEM.

The final irony: A couple of LA cops
were out through hell for "violating Rodney
King's 'Rights'". He's alive.
'OUR VICTIMS ARE DEAD'

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON
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April 21, 1993

① Waco TX

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

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I write with anger about your department's decisions in Waco, Texas.

I am dismayed when government officials (the Attorney General said "remarkable restraint") applaud the patience of other government officials involved in this situation.

For your department to provoke the Koresh group with a tank that knocks down walls and inserts gas into the building and be surprised at the reaction of Koresh is astonishing. Government officials had already described him as dangerous, irrational, and demonic. What did you and the department expect from a madman?

This is not to diminish the role of Koresh and other adults inside the building. Clearly, you had a legal basis for your action. But, what was the moral basis for provoking actions by adults who are shielded by children?

FBI The tragic farce began with questionable strategy. The FBI never learned from the BATF's blunders. The event ended as it began -- in tragedy.

Respectfully

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APRIL 22, 1993

WILLIAM SESSIONS
DIRECTOR OF THE F.B.I.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RE: ATTACK & DEATHS, WACO, TEXAS

DEAR DIRECTOR SESSIONS,

A MAN OF YOUR ABILITY & BACKGROUND SHOULD HAVE
HIS HEAD IN SHAME FOR WHAT YOU DID AT THE
KORESH COMPOUND. FOR A JUDGE, YOU SHOWED A COMPLETE
LACK OF JUDGEMENT AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF
YOU ATTACKED THAT GROUP OF PEOPLE.

THEN TO COME ON TELEVISION & DEFEND YOUR ACTIONS &
BLAME KORESH FOR ALL THE DEATHS IS BEYOND BELIEF.
THEY WOULD STILL BE ALIVE IF YOU HADN'T ATTACKED!
WHAT YOU DID WAS MURDER AS FAR AS I AM
CONCERNED.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED
TO "INVESTIGATE" BECAUSE IT WILL ONLY BE A COVER-
UP - TO PROTECT YOUR ASS. 63-HQ-1050305-430
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NON-PARTISAN, NON
POLITICAL GROUP OF AVERAGE UNITED STATES CITIZENS
PASS JUDGMENT ON YOU, ATTORNEY GENERAL ROSEN, PRESIDENT
CLINTON, & THE A.T.F. PEOPLE & ALL INVOLVED IN THE
ATTACK & MURDER OF 86 PEOPLE.
TO BLAME KORESH FOR THE DEATHS OF ALL IS PURE
FOLLY.

P.S. YOU ARE UNFIT TO BE THE
F.B.I. DIRECTOR. YOU SHOULD
RESIGN IMMEDIATELY

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