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1 JOHN COX: -- I worked under cover years and
2 years ago and I wasn't there to have somebody save my
3 soul. I was there to either prove someone was
4 violating the law or prove they weren't violating the
5 law, and that was the only sole purpose of being there.

6 STEVE: Well, this --

7 JOHN COX: And anything that transpired while
8 I was there had nothing to do with my purpose of being
9 there. And that's the same reason Robert was there.

10 STEVE: I realize that. See, just like the
11 Centurion in the Book of Acts, came to do some
12 arresting but walked away not doing that, but himself
13 wanting to know --

14 JOHN COX: Sure.

15 STEVE: -- and have salvation.

16 JOHN COX: And don't you think that if Robert
17 -- And, and I'm certainly not here to put words in your
18 mouth or to put words in his or anything else, but if I
19 had been put in the same situation, to assess,
20 accurately assess whether I felt there was a possible
21 violation of the law or there wasn't, and I spent that
22 amount of time there and I went back and I did my
23 paperwork, obviously, in Robert's mind, he felt that
24 there was some probable cause because he, he was --
25 Obviously, he was part of the information that went
into an affidavit for a search warrant. Don't you

1 | believe that?

2 | STEVE: Well, I --

3 | JOHN COX: The information that he provided?

4 | STEVE: Well, when it all culminates, it
5 | would have to be like that.

6 | JOHN COX: Sure.

7 | STEVE: He wouldn't have made the choice he
8 | did which --

9 | JOHN COX: Sure.

10 | STEVE: -- surprised me because --

11 | JOHN COX: So his reason for being there had
12 | absolutely no religious connotation or, or overtones.

13 | STEVE: That is not what he said, though, and
14 | that's -- He sat there for hours taking --

15 | JOHN COX: We say a lot of things when we're
16 | working in an undercover capacity.

17 | STEVE: And we suspected that could be true.

18 | JOHN COX: Sure.

19 | STEVE: But, still, we love people so much,
20 | you give them the opportunity.

21 | JOHN COX: Oh, sure.

22 | STEVE: Even if it's one out of a million,
23 | even if it's that, whatever it might be, he's still a
24 | person that was made, created by an authority above
25 | himself and we loved the guy. I mean --

 JOHN COX: Sure.

1 STEVE: -- we spent enough time with him
2 where we really got to appreciate the man's character
3 and personality.

4 JOHN COX: Well, I know both you, I guess,
5 and David have said that you'd like to talk to him,
6 too.

7 STEVE: Yeah. Well, yeah, I really would.
8 But, anyway, here's David.

9 JOHN COX: But it may be a pretty awkward
10 thing, don't you think?

11 STEVE: Well, it wouldn't be for me over the
12 telephone or anything. I don't have any problems.

13 JOHN COX: Well --

14 STEVE: I don't have any problems with any
15 human being.

16 JOHN COX: -- after, after what had happened,
17 though.

18 STEVE: Even after that. You could listen
19 in. It wouldn't matter because I hold nothing -- The
20 man did his job, his duty as to what he thought.

21 JOHN COX: Yeah.

22 STEVE: I can't judge him. I don't know what
23 makes him tick or what, what he's all about.

24 JOHN COX: No, but --

25 STEVE: I would -- I could --

 JOHN COX: -- what I mean is he's going

1 through some pretty tough times after that.

2 STEVE: I'm sure he is. I'm sure he is.

3 JOHN COX: As you and David and the people in
4 there are going through some tough times. And --

5 STEVE: John, Dave's ready to continue
6 speaking with you.

7 JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead.

8 STEVE: Okay, here he is. He just wanted to
9 change positions. If you like, I'll talk to you any
10 time you'd like, though.

11 JOHN COX: You bet.

12 STEVE: Okay, here he is.

13 MR. KORESH: No, you know, that's the thing
14 people don't understand about us, you know, is that law
15 enforcement agents are people.

16 JOHN COX: Yeah, we sure are.

17 MR. KORESH: They're, they're, they're people
18 just like anybody else in the world. They're, they're
19 souls. They, they were born, they were children, they
20 were raised, they wanted to be, you know, if I didn't
21 have my job, that's what I would like to have been.
22 Because, you know, it's --

23 JOHN COX: Are you sure?

24 MR. KORESH: I'm positive.

25 JOHN COX: You -- Are you really sure you'd
want to do, do that?

1 MR. KORESH: Well, look, what do you guys --

2 JOHN COX: A lot of frustrating times out
3 there, huh?

4 MR. KORESH: Well, I, I realize this, that at
5 least, you know, you all have a power on earth backing
6 you that everyone can see.

7 JOHN COX: Well, sometimes we do.

8 MR. KORESH: Right.

9 JOHN COX: Sometimes we do. And it's
10 difficult to accept it sometimes when you're out there
11 all on your -- you're out alone and you have to make a
12 decision and then somebody can sit back for years and
13 criticize the decision you made.

14 MR. KORESH: Well, I honestly, I honestly
15 believe that Robert -- I believe that he didn't expect
16 would happen. I believe that he didn't want to signal
17 or cause to happen what he happened that morning. If
18 he did --

19 JOHN COX: I'm sure he didn't. I'm sure he
20 didn't .

21 MR. KORESH: 'Cause he --

22 JOHN COX: No one did, did they? If you were
23 a policeman, how in the heck would you have handled it,
24 you know? You said you'd like to have been a law
25 enforcement officer. How would you try and resolve
this right now as a law enforcement officer?

1 MR. KORESH: Well, like I said, right now --

2 JOHN COX: Through communications?

3 MR. KORESH: What I said right now is this,
4 is that you know what I know, but I know what you don't
5 know.

6 JOHN COX: Well, I don't think so.

7 MR. KORESH: Okay, that's your, --

8 JOHN COX: I know what you know.

9 MR. KORESH: That's your -- No, that's your
10 opinion.

11 JOHN COX: Yeah.

12 MR. KORESH: And whereas you might say to me
13 that's my opinion. So now we stand off the two sides
14 on the side of the line saying one opinion against
15 another opinion. But that's what we have to see.

16 JOHN COX: Yeah, yeah. But the bottom line,
17 if you were, if you were a law enforcement officer, and
18 hindsight's great and, you know, we could all be Monday
19 morning quarterbacks --

20 MR. KORESH: If I was Robert, I would have
21 said -- I would have gone out and I would have said
22 look, guys, there's a lot of women and children there
23 this morning.

24 JOHN COX: Yeah.

25 MR. KORESH: And David just sat down with me.
I brought a newspaper and he sat down with me and he

1 started opening up the Bible again to me, personal. He
2 was looking me straight in the eyes and he was
3 reminding me of what I've shown him and he told me that
4 he loved me and was concerned about me and that he told
5 me that they were coming and that I had to do what I
6 had to do, he'd do what he had to do, and that, you
7 know, he hoped that, that I would consider everything
8 I've been shown in the scripture and make the proper
9 decision.

10 JOHN COX: Sure.

11 MR. KORESH: And, you know, and so I think we
12 need to hold off, I think we need to give him a call, I
13 think we need to see if he'll come out to us and we can
14 get this thing discussed and I don't think we need to
15 run in there like a bunch of cowboys 'cause that
16 aggression is going to cause aggression. You know,
17 these people believe in God and they do not believe in
18 being pushed over.

19 JOHN COX: Yet, you nor I know what would
20 have happened. We can speculate and we can say --

21 MR. KORESH: No, no, I know what would
22 happen.

23 JOHN COX: Yeah, but you're saying that in
24 hindsight now, see? And what you would have done at
25 that time is pure conjecture because you don't know
what force you would have seen, whether two people

1 | would have walked up to a door, you know, whether ten
2 | people would have walked up there for fear of being
3 | overwhelmed. And, and that's happened. And, and what
4 | I was, what I was addressing to you was if you had
5 | taken that other path --

6 | MR. KORESH: Which other --

7 | JOHN COX: -- as a law enforcement officer,
8 | okay?

9 | MR. KORESH: Um-hum. Which is sitting in the
10 | Sheriff's Department out here.

11 | JOHN COX: No, no, no. If you had taken that
12 | other path as opposed to a religious path of life, a
13 | law enforcement path of life, and you were sitting
14 | where I'm sitting and where the law enforcement
15 | community is, how would you address it now, other than
16 | communications? Because what's done is done and, and
17 | communications may not have been handled properly.

18 | MR. KORESH: Well, how should, how should
19 | we --

20 | JOHN COX: Or what -- We're trying to resolve
21 | it now and we're trying to resolve it --

22 | MR. KORESH: Okay. So how should we --

23 | JOHN COX: -- through communicating.

24 | MR. KORESH: -- the American people punish
25 | you for your misuse and misjudgment against innocent
citizens?

1 JOHN COX: That's what the judicial system is
2 all about.

3 MR. KORESH: How do you, how do you --

4 JOHN COX: Listen --

5 MR. KORESH: Now, wait a minute.

6 JOHN COX: I'm not talking about the criminal
7 judicial system, I'm talking about the judicial system.

8 MR. KORESH: Your actions have been criminal
9 actions.

10 JOHN COX: Well, that's what the judicial
11 system's about, whether it's civil litigation or
12 whether it's criminal litigation. You certainly have
13 the same rights and privileges as anyone else. You've
14 got the media.

15 MR. KORESH: My friend, my friend --

16 JOHN COX: You've got attorneys.

17 MR. KORESH: Look, my, my friend --

18 JOHN COX: Sure.

19 MR. KORESH: -- let me explain something to
20 you.

21 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

22 MR. KORESH: You know, in 1988 I went through
23 \$68,000 worth, okay?

24 JOHN COX: Sure.

25 MR. KORESH: The, the jury wanted to stop the
case after three days. They just happened to, to do

1 something that was very illegal and which I addressed
2 to my attorney and he, he shunned it off. You see, in
3 the election of a jury, it's a known standard fact that
4 no jury member is to be associated by friendship,
5 especially by relationship, to the prosecuting attorney
6 or the defense attorney.

7 JOHN COX: And that's one of the things that
8 attorneys are supposed to draw out, right?

9 MR. KORESH: Exactly.

10 JOHN COX: In the selection process.

11 MR. KORESH: Exactly. And so what happened
12 was is that when it was uncovered and stated very
13 plainly that one of the black members on our -- on the
14 jury was a, a club member of Chebaz, the prosecuting
15 attorney, this was continually pushed back and
16 overlooked. Now, after the, after the court case when
17 they, when they finally -- They acquitted the first
18 seven and they kept having me in a hung jury. What
19 happened was is that we had a party.

20 JOHN COX: Well, they were going to retry
21 you.

22 MR. KORESH: Well, they, they weren't and
23 they couldn't because, as we said before, the charges
24 were, were fanatic.

25 JOHN COX: Yeah.

MR. KORESH: Anyway, here's the deal. So, so

1 the jury -- When we finally got the jury -- All the
2 jury members came except three black people.

3 JOHN COX: That's what I heard. Last night I
4 think you mentioned that to Henry.

5 MR. KORESH: Okay. So, you know, and they
6 said, they said, they said, they said now Vernon, they
7 said here's the deal. You know, now this is over, we
8 heard both sides and we, we understood by the second
9 and third day that everything that was coming against
10 you boys was, was bogus. We understood that, that,
11 that for some reason, some way, somebody's trying to
12 sink you for some reason. We couldn't figure it out.
13 But the thing of it was is that when we finally was
14 allowed -- 'Cause we had, remember, two weeks of
15 witnessing. I mean, just crazy stuff. I mean, the DA
16 was just --

17 JOHN COX: You mean prior to the actual trial
18 itself?

19 MR. KORESH: Exactly. I mean --

20 JOHN COX: Well, were you, were you --

21 MR. KORESH: -- the jury was --

22 JOHN COX: -- satisfied in the, in the way
23 your attorney represented you?

24 MR. KORESH: Well, he didn't really have to
25 too much 'cause it was the -- mainly all prosecution.

JOHN COX: And I'm not saying that in the

1 | light that I'm criticizing your lawyer. I don't know
2 | your lawyer from anyone.

3 | MR. KORESH: Oh, Gary, Gary Coker did very
4 | fine, but --

5 | JOHN COX: But, I mean, you're satisfied with
6 | the way he represented you? How come -- Why don't, why
7 | don't you think he realized or was able to draw out
8 | that somebody had a relationship there with the
9 | prosecution? It was just a pretty veiled relationship
10 | or hidden relationship.

11 | MR. KORESH: Well, what it was was it was a
12 | deal dealing with a club membership. And, anyway, and
13 | afterwards -- Anyway, let me get my point made.

14 | JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

15 | MR. KORESH: After the trial, the jury
16 | members that came to the party, we had a big party over
17 | at -- They stated to us that, you know, they kept
18 | continuing as they voted, you know, guilty or not
19 | guilty, that, you know, the weight of evidence was that
20 | every one of us was absolutely not guilty, even from
21 | Sheriff Dickerson (phonetic sp.). He did tell us to go
22 | out there, he did tell us that the, the people out
23 | there were dangerous. I mean, he knew something more
24 | about the situation that we didn't know.

25 | JOHN COX: But you just had one person
hanging up.

1 MR. KORESH: Well, no, what happened was is
2 later on, about a year or two later --

3 JOHN COX: No, I mean at the time that they
4 were voting.

5 MR. KORESH: Right.

6 JOHN COX: At -- time.

7 MR. KORESH: No, no, three black people.

8 JOHN COX: Yeah.

9 MR. KORESH: The three black people. And
10 they kept saying to these black people, they kept
11 saying now, look, the weight of evidence. Well, the
12 one guy says well, because they went on up there with
13 guns, that right there shows they were out there to
14 kill him, so he's guilty.

15 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

16 MR. KORESH: Now, they was out there with
17 guns. Okay.

18 JOHN COX: That's a jury of your peers, huh?

19 MR. KORESH: That's the one, that's the one
20 thing. The woman kept saying I feels in my heart, I
21 feels in my heart, I've got to go by my heart.

22 JOHN COX: Don't be slanderous now.

23 MR. KORESH: No, that's what they were
24 telling me.

25 JOHN COX: Oh, I know that.

MR. KORESH: Okay. I mean, let's get

1 realistic. You don't go by your heart when you've got
2 facts to deal with. Your heart gets you in trouble.

3 JOHN COX: But we see, we see that happen.
4 We see it happen in court.

5 MR. KORESH: All right. Now, now, here's the
6 thing. The third guy, you know, he went along with the
7 other guys because based upon the firearms.

8 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

9 MR. KORESH: But I met that other guy down at
10 the paint and body shop and he kept looking at me like
11 he recognized me.

12 JOHN COX: You mean afterwards?

13 MR. KORESH: Afterwards, right. About a
14 year-and-a-half, two years later.

15 JOHN COX: Yeah.

16 MR. KORESH: And he says is your name, is
17 your name Vernon Howell? And I go well, yeah, that's,
18 that's one of my names. And he goes man, he says, you
19 know, you don't know me, do you? And I says well, I
20 think you look familiar. He goes I was one of the, I
21 was one of the guys on the jury. He says, man, he says
22 you know, I didn't, I didn't realize that in that
23 case -- somehow I missed in that case that, that you
24 all went out there with guns because the Sheriff's
25 Department told you that there was dangerous people out
there and you went out there to defend yourself.

1 He says, you know, he says and after that
2 trial was done, he says man, I was real tired all the
3 time, I was having to work and everything, you know.
4 Besides that, I didn't -- you know, his regular job and
5 all that he couldn't go to. He says and it was like,
6 you know, man, he says and I just -- He says I'm really
7 sorry about all that. He says if I, if I could have
8 done it all over again, he says I would vote
9 differently. He says but this, this one black guy with
10 the other guy, he says, you know, he got all this extra
11 information from, from the prosecuting attorney,
12 Chebaz. Now, that right there -- You're not supposed
13 to communicate with the jury, you know. And it was
14 already known that they were friends at a certain club
15 they were a part of.

16 And this kind of stuff -- Like I said, eight
17 guys heavily armed, they say --

18 JOHN COX: Hey, and that's the best system we
19 have, huh?

20 MR. KORESH: Well, wait a second. And they
21 say that our objective was to kill George Roden.

22 JOHN COX: Sure. Sure, I remember that.

23 MR. KORESH: I mean, of all the rounds and
24 the -- The objective was was to cause a diversion with
25 the firearms. And all the rounds they picked up, you
know, it's so obvious that no one was out there to fire

1 at George and to hurt George. But, anyway, now that's
2 the situation of today.

3 JOHN COX: They, they, they never considered
4 pursuing that prosecution any more, though, did they?

5 MR. KORESH: Well, they couldn't because, you
6 see --

7 JOHN COX: Well, you never say couldn't.

8 MR. KORESH: No, they, they --

9 JOHN COX: Knowing the system.

10 MR. KORESH: No, but they, they can't.
11 Here's the deal. When we got the property back, I
12 turned in to the Sheriff's Department stacks --

13 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

14 MR. KORESH: -- of literature that we
15 uncovered from the property that dealt with the
16 manufacturing and making of methamphetamine.

17 JOHN COX: Yeah.

18 MR. KORESH: Okay.

19 JOHN COX: Showing some good faith, huh?

20 MR. KORESH: Well --

21 JOHN COX: In reality.

22 MR. KORESH: -- we learned later that it was
23 a very ignorant move.

24 JOHN COX: Yeah.

25 MR. KORESH: Because it was not used in our
case. You see, the system here in Waco --

1 JOHN COX: Excuse me. Your, your attorney
2 couldn't bring it out to your benefit?

3 MR. KORESH: No. What happened was is that
4 it was, it was some kind of deadlock in regards to the
5 collection of evidence.

6 JOHN COX: Oh, okay.

7 MR. KORESH: It was to turn in to the
8 Sheriff's Department. And that, you know, that was
9 not, that was not the, the -- The position they were
10 trying to say what was being tried. But, of course,
11 what the real issue was later on is that look, our --
12 Waco should have been a lot bigger years ago than what
13 it is, but it's just a known fact that certain, certain
14 big and higher and ups here in Waco, you know -- Well,
15 matter of fact, one of the, one of the feds that came
16 out here recently that knew the District Attorney, you
17 know, he said point-blank Waco is registered as one of
18 the top methamphetamine places in the United States.

19 The manufacture of it out here is, is greatly
20 increased. Now they're saying that, that it's --
21 there's an uprise in cocaine, you know, and, and, plus,
22 another thing is --

23 JOHN COX: That guy hasn't been into other
24 major cities that's making that statement.

25 MR. KORESH: Do what now?

JOHN COX: I would say that he has not been

1 in some other major cities --

2 MR. KORESH: No, you see, the --

3 JOHN COX: -- to make that statement.

4 MR. KORESH: The manufacturing of it out
5 here, there is a lot of wide open --

6 JOHN COX: As opposed to the use of it?

7 MR. KORESH: Well, yeah, exactly. Now, the
8 thing of it is is that the use -- a lot of the use of
9 it around here is that a lot of kids around here take
10 LSD. You know, you've got to remember that I go around
11 and I used to play in stuff like --

12 JOHN COX: You mean still? In this area they
13 still use it?

14 MR. KORESH: They still use it.

15 JOHN COX: Really? 'Cause, I mean --

16 MR. KORESH: Waco is one of the most --

17 JOHN COX: -- in, in most, in most other
18 areas it's, it's certainly not the drug of choice of,
19 of the young kids.

20 MR. KORESH: Right.

21 JOHN COX: Yeah.

22 MR. KORESH: But, anyway, the keynote is
23 this. You did wrong.

24 JOHN COX: You -- Uncle Sam did wrong is what
25 you're saying, right?

MR. KORESH: I'm saying you did wrong in

1 allowing a smaller guy to do your job.

2 JOHN COX: Well, we can't really turn that
3 around, can we? I think --

4 MR. KORESH: Now, you're asking me --

5 JOHN COX: I think what you have to look at,
6 and maybe you haven't experienced it before and I don't
7 know, I'm just asking, really, any dealings with the
8 federal judicial system it's not like a state judicial
9 system, believe me.

10 MR. KORESH: Oh, we know.

11 JOHN COX: I mean, the, the, the courts --
12 The court meaning the judges -- are certainly not the
13 same. The, the, the atmosphere within a federal
14 courthouse is totally different, as are, I think, the,
15 the thoroughness within the federal system. Federal
16 judicial system is much more thorough and I think
17 people's rights are explained much more clearly to them
18 and I think it's like night and day. And I've been in
19 both and I've been involved in both over the years, and
20 I think it's a different ballgame, totally different.

21 And, and I think there's something that,
22 that, you know, you should understand is --

23 MR. KORESH: When did, when did, when did the
24 agents out here lose their rights to be an agent?

25 JOHN COX: When did they -- I don't -- I
mean, I'm not -- I don't appreciate what you're, you're

1 asking me.

2 MR. KORESH: I'm saying when did the agents
3 who got shot out here lose their rights to be an agent?

4 JOHN COX: I, I don't know what you mean.
5 I'm not trying to avoid answering you.

6 MR. KORESH: I know, you misunderstand what
7 I'm trying to say. Leave things this way.

8 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

9 MR. KORESH: When is a, a defense action --

10 JOHN COX: When are you overstepping your
11 bounds, is that what -- is that --

12 MR. KORESH: Well, we already know they
13 overstepped their bounds.

14 JOHN COX: Well --

15 MR. KORESH: No doubt about it. I mean, they
16 were already told --

17 JOHN COX: That's your, that's your
18 interpretation of it. Someone else is going to
19 interpret it some other way.

20 MR. KORESH: Well, wait a minute. Do you
21 work for me or do I work for you?

22 JOHN COX: Neither one.

23 MR. KORESH: Oh, I see.

24 JOHN COX: I'm a taxpayer.

25 MR. KORESH: I see.

JOHN COX: I work for the citizenry. I work

1 and I answer to the Constitution.

2 MR. KORESH: So you're answering the
3 citizen --

4 JOHN COX: And I work for you, per se.

5 MR. KORESH: Now, wait.

6 JOHN COX: As well as everybody else.

7 MR. KORESH: Now, wait, wait. Now, you're
8 working for -- You're telling the citizens, the public,
9 what's going on, but I'm not allowed to.

10 JOHN COX: I'm not telling the public
11 anything.

12 MR. KORESH: I say the ATF, the FBI is
13 telling the public what's going on.

14 JOHN COX: Oh, okay, having their press
15 conferences and their, their dealings with the media.
16 That's what you're, you're getting to.

17 MR. KORESH: Right.

18 JOHN COX: Sure.

19 MR. KORESH: But I'm not, I'm not able to do
20 that.

21 JOHN COX: Yes, you are.

22 MR. KORESH: No, I'm not.

23 JOHN COX: You are.

24 MR. KORESH: I am not.

25 JOHN COX: You want me to give you the, the
way to do it? You know what the way to do it is, don't

1 you?

2 MR. KORESH: I know what your way is.

3 JOHN COX: No, no, no.

4 MR. KORESH: But I also know what my way is,
5 too.

6 JOHN COX: What?

7 MR. KORESH: Well, that's what you're fixing
8 to find out.

9 JOHN COX: Well, you had one opportunity to
10 do it, didn't you?

11 MR. KORESH: Well, what was done at that
12 point --

13 JOHN COX: On the tape?

14 MR. KORESH: What was done at that point --

15 JOHN COX: And nobody, and nobody was using
16 any, you know, chicanery or trickery or anything else
17 there. We, we were pretty straightforward with you --

18 MR. KORESH: Exactly.

19 JOHN COX: -- and said that this is your
20 opportunity to do it. And did we play games about it?
21 No, we, we gave it to the media, and I think --

22 MR. KORESH: No, the games were played when
23 the --

24 JOHN COX: I think it was accepted, huh?

25 MR. KORESH: The games were played is when
the violation of promise were being broken in regards

1 to the activities taking place around here on the
2 property, of which the media --

3 JOHN COX: There was something broken before
4 that.

5 MR. KORESH: -- of which the -- No, that was
6 not true. No, it was not.

7 JOHN COX: When you said you were coming out.

8 MR. KORESH: Well, I'd already said I was
9 coming out. They had already been violating that
10 trust.

11 JOHN COX: No.

12 MR. KORESH: Yes. Are you here? Are you
13 seeing these things?

14 JOHN COX: Am I right out there?

15 MR. KORESH: Then maybe we can work this out
16 because when I have to --

17 JOHN COX: You mean am I physically right out
18 where you are?

19 MR. KORESH: -- when I have to tell, when I
20 have to tell Jim he's a damned liar --

21 JOHN COX: But you shouldn't have said that.

22 MR. KORESH: Oh, but I did because it's the
23 truth.

24 JOHN COX: No.

25 MR. KORESH: When he's telling me one thing,
and I'm looking and seeing another, and he's telling me

1 I'm wrong, he's telling me that my perception and
2 vision is wrong, then we have to draw a line.

3 JOHN COX: Well, I'm sure what Jim meant was,
4 and, and I'm not here to put words in Jim's mouth, he
5 can certainly do that for himself, is that there have
6 been miscommunications. There were miscommunications
7 six days ago, weren't there, and prior to that time.

8 MR. KORESH: Which is going to get more
9 people killed, right? Something you say you don't want
10 have to happen, and you're doing everything to make it
11 happen.

12 JOHN COX: I am? Right now? Or we are?

13 MR. KORESH: When I say you --

14 JOHN COX: I understand what you're saying.

15 MR. KORESH: When I say you, I'm not talking
16 about you, I'm talking about --

17 JOHN COX: Law enforcement.

18 MR. KORESH: -- what you say is the
19 enforcement of law.

20 JOHN COX: Sure.

21 MR. KORESH: Okay.

22 JOHN COX: I know it's not a personal issue.

23 MR. KORESH: Exactly. And I mean, you're,
24 you're doing your talking and I'm, I'm doing my
25 talking. I'm a mediator and you're a mediator.

JOHN COX: Yeah, but the bottom line is who

1 | is it up to? Who is going to have to make the
2 | decision?

3 | MR. KORESH: Well, God is.

4 | JOHN COX: You are.

5 | MR. KORESH: God is --

6 | JOHN COX: No, you are.

7 | MR. KORESH: -- and you are. No, God is.

8 | JOHN COX: Is that so?

9 | MR. KORESH: Remember, remember, I --

10 | JOHN COX: The bottom line is you're the one
11 | that's going to hear God, right?

12 | MR. KORESH: Yes, I'm the one listening to
13 | God and you're the one listening to the law, your
14 | system.

15 | JOHN COX: And I'm listening to you.

16 | MR. KORESH: That's not true. You're
17 | listening at me and I'm listening at you.

18 | JOHN COX: Well, I'm listening to you. I'm
19 | not ignoring you, you know. And I'm -- And in my own
20 | way -- And, again, speaking not only for me but for the
21 | system. In my way, I'm trying to do what I think is in
22 | your best interest, in the best interest of the people
23 | in there and in the best interest of the people out
24 | here to peacefully, successfully bring this to a
25 | resolution. And, and that's where the conflict lies,
 | doesn't it? You know, because you have to make up your

1 mind when you're ready to come out of there.

2 MR. KORESH: I'm ready right now.

3 JOHN COX: There's no -- Well, there's no --

4 MR. KORESH: I, I was ready yesterday. I was
5 ready the past few days.

6 JOHN COX: -- there's, there's no question --
7 See, there's no question in my mind that you're coming
8 out of there and you're going to lead your flock out of
9 there.

10 MR. KORESH: We've got to remember --

11 JOHN COX: But it's -- The only question is
12 when.

13 MR. KORESH: That's the question. Now, we
14 also --

15 JOHN COX: Isn't that the bottom line?

16 MR. KORESH: Yeah, the bottom line is that
17 you're denying and being -- Okay, look, Psalm 75, King
18 David was the king, wasn't he? He could kill a person
19 if he wanted to, couldn't he?

20 JOHN COX: Sure.

21 MR. KORESH: He was a political leader,
22 wasn't he?

23 JOHN COX: Absolutely.

24 MR. KORESH: He had a nation backing him.
25 But, of course, David kind of talks funny. He says, in
Psalm 75 he says when I shall receive the congregation

1 I shall judge them rightly.

2 JOHN COX: Yeah.

3 MR. KORESH: It says the name of the Lord is
4 near as wondrous words declare. He says I said to the
5 fool, fools, deal not foolishly, and to the wicked,
6 lift not up your horn on high, speak not with a stiff
7 neck, for promotion comes neither from east nor from
8 the west nor from the south, but God is the judge for
9 he sets up one and puts down another. In the hand of
10 the Lord, there's a cup and the mixture is red. And he
11 poured not of the same and all the wicked of the earth
12 will ring the dregs of this cup out and drink them.

13 All the horns of the wicked shall be cut off.
14 Now, you probably wouldn't understand that statement
15 unless you knew about God on the throne, about a lamb,
16 about a --

17 JOHN COX: You know what? I would really
18 have to sit down and, and spend some time to totally
19 appreciate that statement. I really would. To let it
20 absorb.

21 MR. KORESH: It's the same as Psalms 18.

22 JOHN COX: You know, but I'm, I'm just --

23 MR. KORESH: Talks about God --

24 JOHN COX: -- I'm just not as well versed as
25 you are, and I'd be a fool to try and say that I
wasn't. And I'm not here to try and, you know, to

1 | compete with you on that level.

2 | MR. KORESH: But you're not trying to
3 | understand with me on my level, either, but you --

4 | JOHN COX: Yeah, I am.

5 | MR. KORESH: But you're -- you want me to
6 | understand on your level.

7 | JOHN COX: No, I'm not. I've been, I've
8 | been --

9 | MR. KORESH: Well, definitely. That's why
10 | we're negotiating.

11 | JOHN COX: This isn't give and take.

12 | MR. KORESH: And I agree with you.

13 | Everything you say I agree with you. You know? And,
14 | and according to my carnality, I would more than ever
15 | love to be able to come out and to, and to go ahead and
16 | go through the system, whatever the system wants me to
17 | go through, to be able to resolve this situation. A
18 | lot would be learned out of this.

19 | JOHN COX: Sure it will.

20 | MR. KORESH: I'm so sad that people got hurt.
21 | I'm so sad that things had to happen like this.

22 | JOHN COX: Well, don't you think I am? And
23 | saying I. We are?

24 | MR. KORESH: Well, I, I think you've learned
25 | a great lesson out of this, hopefully.

 JOHN COX: I don't want to see anybody get

1 hurt. You know, I'd like to be able to say I went
2 through an entire career, and it's been over 31 years
3 so far, that no one has been hurt. But sometimes it
4 just doesn't work out that way, does it?

5 MR. KORESH: Sometimes we have to be checked
6 sometimes, and by getting hurt on the things we don't
7 properly keep in fit, you know. When you don't, when
8 you don't chain your bicycle chain, we don't think keep
9 things in check, we don't make sure things work
10 smoothly, then sometimes things break. We get hurt.

11 JOHN COX: You know, basically, when, when I
12 said that, you know, you're the person that's going to
13 make the decision, and, and there's no question in my
14 mind that you're coming out of there --

15 MR. KORESH: What's your, what's your name
16 again?

17 JOHN COX: John.

18 MR. KORESH: John, let me explain something.

19 JOHN COX: And, and that --

20 MR. KORESH: Do you believe --

21 JOHN COX: Let me just finish and then go
22 ahead. It's, it's that I believe you are coming out
23 and you are going to lead your flock out there because
24 you've got children out here that, that certainly want
25 to see their mothers and fathers again. And, and, and
I know it's going to happen. But when, when I ask you

1 to be responsible and to lead these people, you just
2 keep passing the buck back to me and start preaching to
3 me.

4 MR. KORESH: Wait, wait a minute, wait a
5 minute, John. Wait.

6 JOHN COX: Go ahead, get comfortable.

7 MR. KORESH: Wait a minute. I had to cough.
8 When I cough, it's like someone --

9 JOHN COX: And, and understand, I'm not
10 saying this in an argumentative mood.

11 MR. KORESH: John, would you listen to me?
12 For Godness sake, look, I just told you when I cough --
13 I've got a hole in my back, all right?

14 JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead.

15 MR. KORESH: I mean, for crying out loud, I
16 didn't want to, I didn't want to put you away, but I've
17 just got to catch my breath here a second. Okay, now,
18 preaching to you. All right, you want to call it
19 preaching. Okay, let me lay some things straight then.

20 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

21 MR. KORESH: I'm not preaching to you, I'm
22 promising you.

23 JOHN COX: What are you promising?

24 MR. KORESH: I'm promising you that a book
25 you don't know is going to take you by surprise, unless
you humble yourself and you stop and think to ask

1 | yourself just maybe there might be a chance this man
2 | just might be real.

3 | JOHN COX: You mean -- How humble do I have
4 | to humble myself?

5 | MR. KORESH: First of all, you need to learn
6 | the fear of God.

7 | JOHN COX: You don't think I, I appreciate
8 | the fear of God?

9 | MR. KORESH: No, you don't know what it is.

10 | JOHN COX: Well, that's where I beg to differ
11 | with you.

12 | MR. KORESH: Well, seven seals, explain it to
13 | me.

14 | JOHN COX: I can't do that.

15 | MR. KORESH: Okay, you don't know the fear of
16 | God.

17 | JOHN COX: But I do because I, I --

18 | MR. KORESH: You know the way you know. You
19 | don't know the last --

20 | JOHN COX: I'm a god-fearing person.

21 | MR. KORESH: Which god?

22 | JOHN COX: The Father, the Son and the Holy
23 | Ghost.

24 | MR. KORESH: Now, wait a minute. The Father
25 | sits on the throne and he's got a book with seven
seals. Prove it to me --

1 JOHN COX: Don't start rattling to me now.

2 MR. KORESH: Prove it to me you know what
3 you're talking about.

4 JOHN COX: Why do I have --

5 MR. KORESH: What's the word of God?

6 JOHN COX: Why do I have to prove it to you?

7 MR. KORESH: Oh, because I know you're not of
8 my spirit if you don't know. We say we know and
9 testify we do. And you openly state you don't. Now,
10 we're definitely two opposites.

11 JOHN COX: Do, do I have to prove my
12 religious beliefs to someone on a daily basis?

13 MR. KORESH: If you're calling me a brother,
14 you've got to prove it.

15 JOHN COX: No, I don't have to do that.

16 MR. KORESH: Remember, there's the sons of
17 God and the sons of the devil. Remember that.

18 JOHN COX: I just -- I, I truly believe that
19 we are all the children of God, no matter what our, our
20 religious beliefs are, as long as they're not --

21 MR. KORESH: Christ says to the people --

22 JOHN COX: -- antagonistic.

23 MR. KORESH: Christ says to the people in
24 this day your father's the devil. Now, boy, what kind
25 of Christ is that?

JOHN COX: Well, it's not the way I look at

1 it.

2 MR. KORESH: Ahhh. (Groaning with pain.)
3 Ohhh, I guess I'm being punished for talking so rough
4 to you.

5 JOHN COX: Hey, just calm down.

6 MR. KORESH: Ohhh. Oh, boy, I tell you what.
7 Okay, but, you know, Christ does make a distinction
8 between the sons of God and the sons of Satan.

9 JOHN COX: Sure.

10 MR. KORESH: So, anyway, let's hope that we
11 all have ears to hear, and I'm listening to you and
12 we're speaking --

13 JOHN COX: And we're going to work it out.

14 MR. KORESH: -- from the heart.

15 JOHN COX: You know that, don't you? It's
16 going to work out.

17 MR. KORESH: Yeah. So, like I say, you put
18 faith in my God and I'll put faith in your God and
19 let's see these two guys work this out.

20 JOHN COX: Let me, let me ask you a couple of
21 things. One is we've been getting a lot of inquiries
22 and, and I know it's been mentioned to you before from
23 not only the media, but from people calling in. And,
24 and they've been calling in not just to the FBI, but
25 to, to the -- to ATF and I guess to other people, too,
about trying to either relay messages to loved ones

1 | that are there with you or to determine the, the status
2 | of them. And what I'm talking about that is are they
3 | healthy, are they --

4 | MR. KORESH: Are they dead?

5 | JOHN COX: Are they okay?

6 | MR. KORESH: Like we just found one that's
7 | dead. We've been wondering where he was

8 | JOHN COX: Yeah.

9 | MR. KORESH: -- and we found him and you all
10 | won't come and pick him up like you promised. You
11 | wanted to get him out.

12 | JOHN COX: But --

13 | MR. KORESH: You lied.

14 | JOHN COX: I'm not lying to you and no one,
15 | no one else is lying to you. It's just --

16 | MR. KORESH: Why do you call it then?

17 | JOHN COX: It's going to have to be worked
18 | out safely. And, and I'll --

19 | MR. KORESH: Let me, let me get my dictionary
20 | out and put another word in there next to the word
21 | "lie" 'cause what --

22 | JOHN COX: Hang on just a minute. We're not
23 | lying. I'd, I'd love to have that person removed from
24 | there. And, and the people that I'm answering to I
25 | think would like to resolve it, but what they would
like is for someone to accompany that body. And I

1 think --

2 MR. KORESH: Nobody trusts you.

3 JOHN COX: And I think that can be worked
4 out.

5 MR. KORESH: Nobody trusts you yet.

6 JOHN COX: Why?

7 MR. KORESH: Because they know what they
8 believe and they believe what they know. Otherwise,
9 they'll come out to you. Two ladies already trusted
10 you because, you know, they trusted Jim.

11 JOHN COX: Yeah? They're no worse for the
12 wear. Nor are the children that trusted and came out.
13 They didn't just trust me, they trusted you --

14 MR. KORESH: The children come out --

15 JOHN COX: -- to come out here.

16 MR. KORESH: The children came out because,
17 first of all --

18 JOHN COX: You made the selection which
19 children would come out and they trusted you and they
20 trusted your --

21 MR. KORESH: The children --

22 JOHN COX: -- faith in me, in us.

23 MR. KORESH: -- are not accountable as of yet
24 for knowing faith, the principle of knowing and
25 understanding God's will through his word.

JOHN COX: But they've listened --

1 MR. KORESH: They do not have that.

2 JOHN COX: -- to you, haven't they? They've
3 listened to your sermons.

4 MR. KORESH: Just as your children will
5 listen to you as the father in your house.

6 JOHN COX: Well, sure.

7 MR. KORESH: You have to --

8 JOHN COX: But what about the children that
9 aren't my own immediate flesh and blood? Do they all
10 listen to me and respect me that, that come visit me in
11 my house? No.

12 MR. KORESH: Absolutely not.

13 JOHN COX: They may nod as they're coming
14 through, right?

15 MR. KORESH: To give you the respect due that
16 they should.

17 JOHN COX: Well, that's true, that's true.
18 And, and the issue that you raise about the situation
19 where we have somebody outside, you know, somebody's
20 out there that we'd like to remove, I'm being very
21 sincere with you in saying that I was told that if we
22 can have someone accompany that body that body will be
23 removed. And I can't make it any clearer, any more
24 distinct than that that that will happen.

25 MR. KORESH: Okay. Then here's the answer.

JOHN COX: Go ahead.

1 MR. KORESH: No.

2 JOHN COX: Why?

3 MR. KORESH: Because the same reasons that
4 you make a statement, I make a statement. You are
5 showing that you by the previous statement have lied,
6 just as you have been able to publicize to all United
7 States that I have lied. Jim said, after I presented
8 to him where I was coming from, that he believed that I
9 was true.

10 JOHN COX: Oh, is that wrong?

11 MR. KORESH: Well, ask Jim now. Where's Jim
12 at? He said he was going to stay with me through to
13 the end.

14 JOHN COX: No, I'm saying was it wrong for
15 him to believe what you said to him was the truth, when
16 you told him, you know, I'll make this tape, we'll
17 present this tape, we'll put the tape over the air, the
18 tape goes out over the air I'm coming out --

19 MR. KORESH: You're talking about --

20 JOHN COX: Was it wrong for him to accept
21 that as being truthful?

22 MR. KORESH: You're talking about, you're
23 talking about number 75 to 100. I'm talking about
24 numbers 1 to 75.

25 JOHN COX: What, what are you talking about?

MR. KORESH: Well, I'm saying that in a

1 conversation which you knew nothing about --

2 JOHN COX: Yeah.

3 MR. KORESH: -- you know, the first two or
4 three days, things were established, things were --

5 JOHN COX: Ground rules.

6 MR. KORESH: Yes. And consistently there
7 began to be a violation and, realistically, the way I
8 got this information that I offer is the way that you
9 wouldn't believe though I told it to you. And I --

10 JOHN COX: Well, maybe someday you will.

11 MR. KORESH: I am subject to God first and to
12 you second.

13 JOHN COX: Okay.

14 MR. KORESH: Now, as far as everything --

15 JOHN COX: I'm not going to argue that with
16 you.

17 MR. KORESH: As far as everything you said, I
18 agree with you. I agree, I want to come out because,
19 you know, my soul is in the hand of God. I am not
20 worried about that.

21 JOHN COX: Sure.

22 MR. KORESH: If I have done wrong in your
23 sight, then you will be the judge. Only God can
24 overthrow your judgments. Only the living God can make
25 right what man has done wrong.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

1 MR. KORESH: You know, the innocent crying to
2 God and commit their soul to God. Okay. Now, when it
3 comes down to what I'm trying to say, you do not
4 believe me. You think that I'm sitting back here in my
5 own mind saying oh, I'm scared, I want to go out.

6 JOHN COX: I don't think you're scared at
7 all.

8 MR. KORESH: You know, you --

9 JOHN COX: I really, truly do not think
10 you're scared at all. You know, I think you've got a
11 lot of willpower, a lot of stamina, and you've got very
12 strong beliefs. And I don't think you're afraid. I
13 think that you have told me that you're waiting to hear
14 a voice to tell you how you're going to react.

15 MR. KORESH: That's what I --

16 JOHN COX: I accept that. I accept that
17 you're going to hear that voice.

18 MR. KORESH: You believe that the prophets of
19 old had visions?

20 JOHN COX: Do I believe that the prophets had
21 visions?

22 MR. KORESH: Right.

23 JOHN COX: Well, sure. Do you think I can
24 have a vision? Let me ask you that. Do you think I
25 can?

MR. KORESH: Who sits on the throne?

1 JOHN COX: You're not answering my question.

2 MR. KORESH: Well, based upon --

3 JOHN COX: Can I have a vision?

4 MR. KORESH: Based upon --

5 JOHN COX: And I'm not being a smart aleck
6 with you. I'm asking you a candid question. Do you
7 think I can have a vision?

8 MR. KORESH: Well, I know that you can but --

9 JOHN COX: That's right. That's the answer
10 to the question.

11 MR. KORESH: Wait, wait, wait. I would
12 question by what source it came.

13 JOHN COX: Why?

14 MR. KORESH: Because if you're a servant of
15 God, the vision would come by God. So, if you're a
16 servant of God --

17 JOHN COX: That's because I believe in
18 prayer, though.

19 MR. KORESH: Okay. So, if you're a servant
20 of God, show me the seven seals, my friend.

21 JOHN COX: I can't do that.

22 MR. KORESH: Then you're not a servant of
23 God. You don't -- You lack the credentials. I would
24 like to give you the credentials.

25 JOHN COX: And I'm not going to debate you
over that, but I can certainly have a vision, can't I?

1 MR. KORESH: Um-hum.

2 JOHN COX: Through prayer and through other
3 things I can have them.

4 MR. KORESH: Remember, there's also God of
5 the world, too.

6 JOHN COX: And I'm not going to argue that
7 with you. It's, it's how we interpret things. And,
8 and I interpret that you're not afraid. I mean, you
9 may think that I think you're afraid. I don't think
10 you're afraid, I think you're a man, a man of God and a
11 god-fearing man and that when the time comes and when
12 you hear what you say you have to hear that I will see
13 you again, and it's going to be right here in Texas
14 outside that compound, and that we will meet and you
15 and Henry and Jim and Dick --

16 MR. KORESH: How tall are you?

17 JOHN COX: Probably not any taller than you
18 are. About six feet. And that's --

19 MR. KORESH: How much do you weigh?

20 JOHN COX: Huh?

21 MR. KORESH: How much do you weigh?

22 JOHN COX: Well, I, I probably weigh a couple
23 pounds more than you do right now. You've been through
24 kind of a traumatic -- You want me to tell you the
25 truth or can I fudge a little on my weight? You know,
women never tell their weight, either, do they?

1 MR. KORESH: Okay.

2 JOHN COX: Okay. That's kind of a testy
3 question. But, no, I think we're going to see one
4 another and I truly believe that. And I hope you do.

5 MR. KORESH: I believe it.

6 JOHN COX: And, and I hope you'll get --

7 MR. KORESH: I hope for it.

8 JOHN COX: And I hope that we're going to
9 resolve this through the judicial system.

10 MR. KORESH: Definitely, it's the judgment --

11 JOHN COX: Because you and I and every
12 citizen have the same rights under the Constitution.
13 The same rights under the Constitution. And I don't
14 want to have my rights violated, nor should you want
15 your rights to be violated. And where do we get this
16 resolved? Through the judicial process. And as we
17 both said earlier, it may not be the greatest but it's
18 the best we've got, huh?

19 MR. KORESH: Yeah, it's the best in the
20 world. Honest to God, it's the best in the world.

21 JOHN COX: Sure it is.

22 MR. KORESH: And I sure would like to have
23 this nation take the opportunity to, to take a hint
24 from an authority above and beyond them to, to sit down
25 and get on our knees and admit to God they don't know
the seals before they end up being in trouble they

1 | can't get out of. I know we're living in awesome times
2 | right now. Awesome times.

3 | JOHN COX: And it's, and it's difficult to
4 | have that, that feeling that you may be someplace that
5 | you can't get out of, but you can. You can. And I
6 | don't mean you as an individual, you as a group, but we
7 | all can get out of difficult situations. Now, maybe we
8 | have to pray sometimes to resolve it, you know.
9 | There's nothing like prayer, is there? You know it and
10 | I know it.

11 | MR. KORESH: Well, if God wants us to hear
12 | what he wants to say right now, the prayer line's kind
13 | of been closed to a large degree because, like I say --

14 | JOHN COX: Yeah, but too many people aren't
15 | willing to do it, are they? To pray?

16 | MR. KORESH: No, not too much.

17 | JOHN COX: There is that --

18 | MR. KORESH: They don't know how to pray.

19 | JOHN COX: -- supreme being up there.

20 | MR. KORESH: They don't know what they should
21 | pray for. They don't know what's on the agenda.

22 | JOHN COX: Well, they ought to pray to get a
23 | little grace to do things right, huh?

24 | MR. KORESH: Yeah, like "Our Father Who Art
25 | in Heaven", that's one of the prayers.

 JOHN COX: Nothing wrong with it.

1 MR. KORESH: "Hallowed be thy name, thy
2 kingdom come." Let's meet his law, his will, "Thy will
3 be done," whatever his will is, "on earth as it is in
4 heaven." Well, we know the last will of God is the
5 revelation of Christ's seven seals, don't we? But, of
6 course, some people don't care to know that will, do
7 they?

8 JOHN COX: They really don't, do they?

9 MR. KORESH: No.

10 JOHN COX: No. And, and it's a shame. And,
11 and it's probably people like you and, and others that,
12 that can have some positive effect on these people, you
13 know, to, to try and get them to understand. And, and
14 we all have a different way of going about it, but the,
15 the bottom line is I know that you're coming out of
16 there and you know that you're coming out of there.
17 And it's only a matter of time and then the mothers
18 will be with the children and the fathers will be with
19 the children. And --

20 MR. KORESH: Now, come on, not all of them.

21 JOHN COX: No, they won't.

22 MR. KORESH: Some of us --

23 JOHN COX: I'd be a fool to tell you that
24 they all will.

25 MR. KORESH: Exactly. So let's --

JOHN COX: And I'm, I'm --

1 MR. KORESH: Let's put our prayers in and --

2 JOHN COX: But I'm not lying to you.

3 MR. KORESH: I know. I believe you.

4 JOHN COX: You know? But the system that we
5 have gives you a pretty good chance because you get to
6 tell your side of the story and you get to bring your
7 facts out and you get to bring your witnesses out. And
8 a jury of your peers gets to listen to that. And you
9 can bring in, literally, any statement, any evidence,
10 anything you want before the court of law. And if
11 you're not satisfied with the judicial -- the results
12 of the initial judicial proceedings, we've got an
13 appellate system, and it goes on and on.

14 Plus, you have the opportunity to speak to
15 the media, and I'll guarantee you that --

16 MR. KORESH: The best in the world.

17 JOHN COX: -- that it will work. If you come
18 out of there, you will be allowed to speak to the
19 media, and that's something you want to do, isn't it?

20 MR. KORESH: Well, the media, like I say,
21 they're -- they've got a story they want to publish.

22 JOHN COX: Oh, yeah, they all want to be the
23 first, too, don't they? Huh?

24 MR. KORESH: Oh, yeah.

25 JOHN COX: Whether it's writing a book,
putting a movie together, or, or hitting the, hitting

1 the print. But --

2 MR. KORESH: Oh --

3 JOHN COX: -- I don't think I would be
4 overstepping my bounds to tell you that when you come
5 out of there you will be given the opportunity --

6 MR. KORESH: What's --

7 JOHN COX: -- to speak to the media.

8 MR. KORESH: Okay, yeah. One second.

9 What's --

10 JOHN COX: And that's an important thing.

11 MR. KORESH: Right. Steve, what was that
12 actor's name, Mel what?

13 STEVE: Mel Gibson.

14 MR. KORESH: Mel Gibson. I want Mel Gibson
15 to play my part.

16 JOHN COX: You've got a good sense of humor,
17 huh?

18 MR. KORESH: Well, he's, he's --

19 JOHN COX: He's a piece of work.

20 MR. KORESH: He's crazy, isn't he?

21 JOHN COX: You know, he is a piece of work.

22 The other thing I think that you have to remember, and,
23 and I haven't heard it mentioned in, in the several
24 days that I've been here, is that you are presumed
25 innocent until convicted in a court of law.

MR. KORESH: (Laughing.) I was presumed

1 | guilty back --

2 | JOHN COX: No, no, no.

3 | MR. KORESH: Come on now.

4 | JOHN COX: You may have been presumed guilty
5 | by somebody. Do you think the media has presumed you
6 | guilty?

7 | MR. KORESH: Come on, people are dead around
8 | here because of my presumption of being guilty of
9 | something.

10 | JOHN COX: No. Do you think the media has
11 | presumed that?

12 | MR. KORESH: Have you ever heard of a
13 | National Gun Rights Association and the movie "The ATF:
14 | Breaking the Law in the Name of the Law"? Have you
15 | ever seen that movie?

16 | JOHN COX: I doubt it.

17 | MR. KORESH: Oh, you should watch it. It's
18 | got even --

19 | JOHN COX: I really like to watch
20 | documentaries and things of humor more than anything
21 | else.

22 | MR. KORESH: Well, no, no, this, this, this
23 | is funny.

24 | JOHN COX: I don't like all that shoot 'em up
25 | stuff.

 MR. KORESH: Yeah, but it happens. So you

1 | wouldn't turn your back on it. Anyway --

2 | JOHN COX: No, I don't.

3 | MR. KORESH: -- look, I've got to move again
4 | and I've got to get this bowl of soup. I haven't been
5 | able to -- Every time I take a drink of it, it makes me
6 | cough and I get kicked in the back again.

7 | JOHN COX: Let me, let me ask you something.
8 | And, and maybe, and maybe you need to take a little
9 | break, huh? How, how can, how can we resolve the issue
10 | where these people are calling in and they're asking
11 | questions about their loved ones? If, if I give you
12 | the names of -- And I'll be happy to give you the names
13 | not only of the people that are presumed to be in
14 | there, but the names of the people that are asking
15 | about them. Do you think you could give me some
16 | answers?

17 | MR. KORESH: Well, sure. If, if Oliver and
18 | Elizabeth, the Gyarfas, are over here from Australia
19 | yet --

20 | JOHN COX: I can't tell you off the top of my
21 | head.

22 | MR. KORESH: Well, now --

23 | JOHN COX: But I'll be happy to try to find
24 | out.

25 | MR. KORESH: -- I know they're coming. I
 | know they're coming. I know they'll be coming.

1 JOHN COX: Somebody'll --

2 MR. KORESH: Tell them that -- You know, they
3 are the --

4 JOHN COX: Oliver and Elizabeth. Give me the
5 last name, will you?

6 MR. KORESH: Gyarfas.

7 JOHN COX: How do you spell it?

8 MR. KORESH: It's, it's Hungarian.

9 JOHN COX: Sure. I'll just put it down
10 phonetically.

11 MR. KORESH: Anyway, you know, they, they
12 have, they have a granddaughter and there's another one
13 expected here shortly.

14 JOHN COX: Yeah.

15 MR. KORESH: So, you know, there's a, there's
16 a, there's a young lady here that'll be having a
17 baby --

18 JOHN COX: What's her name?

19 MR. KORESH: -- sometime. Her name is Isha.

20 JOHN COX: Isha? Like I-S-H-A?

21 MR. KORESH: Yeah, Isha. It's like the
22 biblical Isha.

23 JOHN COX: Okay.

24 MR. KORESH: Isha.

25 JOHN COX: And she is their what?

MR. KORESH: She's here now.

1 JOHN COX: No, no, she's what relationship
2 between them? She's their daughter?

3 MR. KORESH: She's their daughter, yeah.

4 JOHN COX: Okay. Okay. She's all right?

5 MR. KORESH: Oh, yeah, she's fine.

6 JOHN COX: How, how, how far gone is she?

7 MR. KORESH: I think she's what, in her
8 eighth month.

9 JOHN COX: Really?

10 MR. KORESH: Something like that.

11 JOHN COX: Really?

12 MR. KORESH: Yeah.

13 JOHN COX: And she's, she's doing okay, huh?

14 MR. KORESH: Yeah.

15 JOHN COX: Because I'm being serious with
16 you, I want to let these people know. You know, I
17 think they've got a right to know. I mean, they're
18 concerned, you know, and a lot of people have gone
19 through an awful lot, you know, on both sides here.
20 And it's, and it's not comfortable for anyone. Let me
21 ask you something else. You mentioned early on about
22 the sandbox. Well, what, what's the sandbox? I jotted
23 down a little note and it went right on by.

24 MR. KORESH: Call, call your generals and ask
25 them.

JOHN COX: Oh, we don't have generals. You

1 know that.

2 MR. KORESH: Well, call your bosses and
3 say --

4 JOHN COX: Well, we have those.

5 MR. KORESH: -- say bosses, sandbox, no, no.

6 JOHN COX: Oh. I mean, I'm, I'm asking you.

7 MR. KORESH: See, this, this, this is a code
8 word from the camp. Sandbox, no, no.

9 JOHN COX: I mean, are you addressing the
10 entire facility as the sandbox?

11 MR. KORESH: No, I'm addressing the sandbox,
12 which is the children's sandbox.

13 JOHN COX: Oh, really?

14 MR. KORESH: Yeah.

15 JOHN COX: I mean, I'm asking you candidly
16 because --

17 MR. KORESH: Well, I'm saying, I'm saying to
18 you --

19 JOHN COX: They, they do have a sandbox out
20 there. That's what you're saying?

21 MR. KORESH: Yeah. Every ATF agent knows.

22 JOHN COX: Well, I don't. I wouldn't have
23 asked, I really wouldn't.

24 MR. KORESH: Okay. Well, just simply send a
25 message sandbox no, no.

JOHN COX: Okay. Okay. Don't let any kitty

1 litter in there, either, huh?
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TAPE #62

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10:12 P.M. - 12:15 A.M.

1 (Tape 62)

2 DAVID: -- about it. She doesn't want to go,
3 but --

4 JOHN: But do you have, do you have
5 everything that you need to, to hopefully do it
6 successfully?

7 DAVID: Oh, yeah.

8 JOHN: You have medication and stuff like
9 that?

10 DAVID: Yeah. I mean, when it, when it
11 comes, when it comes down, if we're still here,
12 hopefully we're not, if it comes down, then a quick
13 call to you and a quick call to, you know --

14 JOHN: You've got it.

15 DAVID: -- a unit, you know, a doctor or
16 something like that if something will be requiring.
17 And I don't want any slow poke and I don't want any
18 kind of let's work a deal kind of stuff. Then I will
19 get mad.

20 JOHN: No, you know better than that, huh?
21 Now, let, let me ask you something else. Last night
22 when you were talking to Henry, you were mentioning an
23 Antonio Munoz who apparently was, was pretty close to
24 you.

25 DAVID: Oh, I loved that man.

JOHN: In your youth, huh?

1 DAVID: Oh, yeah.

2 JOHN: Is he still with us?

3 DAVID: He's alive, yeah.

4 JOHN: Is he? Where?

5 DAVID: He, he lives down in Saxony, near
6 Saxony, Texas. The last -- he also, he also had
7 property in Plano. Now, the Munoz family, they were,
8 they were some, you know, devout Catholics that when I
9 used to, you know, when I used to go around and, you
10 know, evangelize, you know, just go in the streets and
11 stuff like that, I used to live in my car.

12 JOHN: Yeah.

13 DAVID: You know, I'm, I'm a, I'm a
14 carpenter, I build homes, I'm a mechanic.

15 JOHN: Yeah. I heard last night you're a
16 pretty good finish carpenter, huh?

17 DAVID: Right. Used to, used to work with
18 Floyd Hair in Floyd's Hair Construction Company. We
19 used to do all kinds of (Indiscernible) and stuff like
20 that. And, you know, used to back in, back in the
21 seventies and early eighties you had a lot of the
22 developments around Dallas, especially the Innwood
23 area, Duck Creek and all that. He built a lot of real
24 nice upper middle class homes, 'cause we also did
25 building for Beverly Harris, too, which was -- in those
days, a house could cost you, you know, 600,000,

1 \$700,000, and today the same home would -- well, I
2 don't know since --

3 JOHN: It depends where, where in the country
4 you're living, too, right? They've had their ups and
5 downs.

6 DAVID: Yeah, I know, but back in the -- when
7 the Permian Basin was here pumping oil --

8 JOHN: Things were flying high.

9 DAVID: Yeah. I mean, that, that home could
10 be, you know, a million dollar home right now. But,
11 but now I don't know. I think the real estate -- I
12 know it came down in California.

13 JOHN: Yeah.

14 DAVID: But, you know, what we used to do --

15 JOHN: Well, he wasn't in the construction
16 business himself, was he?

17 DAVID: Antonio Munoz?

18 JOHN: Yeah.

19 DAVID: Yeah, he did tile setting.

20 JOHN: Oh, did he?

21 DAVID: He had a tile company.

22 JOHN: Uh-uh.

23 DAVID: You know, Munoz Tile Company.

24 JOHN: He still does, do you think? Or is he
25 retired probably now?

DAVID: I imagine. He, he's probably

1 | retired, but he still probably works.

2 | JOHN: How old a fellow do you think he'd be?

3 | DAVID: Oh, he's -- right now he's least way
4 | in his sixties.

5 | JOHN: Uh-huh.

6 | DAVID: But, you know, he, he --

7 | JOHN: Just a good old, good old man, huh?

8 | DAVID: Yeah, a guy that came from Mexico
9 | years and years ago, started with nothing and ended up
10 | with I'd say at least a million dollars worth of
11 | assets, if not more.

12 | JOHN: Did he really?

13 | DAVID: Oh, yeah.

14 | JOHN: Wow.

15 | DAVID: But he used to tell me, he used to --
16 | he had a little, he had a little shrine in his den, you
17 | know --

18 | JOHN: Yeah.

19 | DAVID: -- and, you know, the Virgin Mary and
20 | everything over there, and he used to say -- I used to
21 | try to give him Bible studies. He used to
22 | say --

23 | JOHN: (Laughing.) He was kind of set in his
24 | ways?

25 | DAVID: No, not really.

 JOHN: Really?

1 DAVID: He used to say, you know, Vernon, he
2 says, you know, he says you know like on the Ten
3 Commandments Moses go up to the mountain, you know, and
4 he bring down the Ten Commandments? He says all the
5 people, he says they break, they break the
6 Commandments.

7 JOHN: Uh-huh. You're talking like an
8 Italian now. Get back to the Spanish.

9 DAVID: All right. He goes -- no, but he
10 didn't talk like hey, now, what you doing, you know.
11 That's kind of hard for me to get to, anyway. But
12 he's, he --

13 JOHN: He was serious about his --

14 DAVID: He -- his faith was in his works.

15 JOHN: You know, it's amazing when you, when
16 you look at somebody like that. They came here with
17 nothing, didn't they?

18 DAVID: Right.

19 JOHN: And he really made something out of
20 himself.

21 DAVID: Worked with their hands and saved
22 their money and, and made something 'cause they worked.

23 JOHN: Goes to show you you don't just have
24 to be academically inclined.

25 DAVID: Exactly.

 JOHN: You know, and I think that's one of

1 the, the fallacies that's out there today. All these
2 kids feel they have to go to college and they have to
3 do this. And not that I would knock it, but there are
4 so many things you can do with your hands, huh? And
5 your mind, without --

6 DAVID: If you have a chance or an avenue for
7 it.

8 JOHN: Yeah, yeah. But you've got to get
9 some prodding sometimes from mom and dad. And that's
10 why it's --

11 DAVID: In today's world, though, you do have
12 to have the education.

13 JOHN: Yeah, unless you're going to be
14 mechanically inclined. And then, of course, you need a
15 mechanical education.

16 DAVID: Well, like I'm a mechanic and --

17 JOHN: And a, and a pretty good carpenter,
18 huh?

19 DAVID: Yeah. You know, I can build just
20 about anything, but the thing of it is this.

21 JOHN: Well, that's a talent, though, and
22 it's a gift.

23 DAVID: The way the, the way the system works
24 is -- well, you know I'm a musician, too, you know
25 that, right?

 JOHN: I heard the music last night. Are you

1 going to let me hear some tonight? Huh?

2 DAVID: I don't think -- see, I've only got
3 just one tape here.

4 JOHN: Oh, you're kidding me.

5 DAVID: I don't, I don't think, I don't
6 think, I don't think you would like this kind of music.

7 JOHN: I heard it last night.

8 DAVID: You want to hear some more of it?

9 JOHN: The guitar?

10 DAVID: Hear some more of it?

11 JOHN: Heck, yeah. How come you don't have
12 any Randy Travis to play for me?

13 DAVID: I've got that out in my Camaro right
14 now. Can I crawl out there and get it?

15 JOHN: Well, I bet we can work something out.

16 DAVID: Hindsight's twenty-twenty --

17 JOHN: I bet we could work something out.

18 DAVID: Do you like that, do you like that
19 song?

20 JOHN: Yeah. I enjoy country and western.

21 DAVID: I've got an old Ford Truck and a
22 chicken -- box of chicken wings and here I'm looking in
23 the -- "Digging Up Bones." But I can't think real
24 good. "Digging up memories better left alone.
25 Resurrecting memories of a love that's dead and gone."
Yeah, yeah, I love Randy Travis. Man, that guy's

1 great. You know, tell --

2 JOHN: Who?

3 DAVID: One day hopefully --

4 JOHN: Hey, if you want to play some of that
5 music, I'll listen to it.

6 DAVID: Well, now, here's the thing, you
7 know. When I, when I was a child, see, I was raised
8 just like you were or anybody else. That's one of the
9 beauties of this final judgment of this world.

10 JOHN: You mean your dad had a belt and a
11 hair brush?

12 DAVID: No hair brush. A belt and a piece of
13 bailing wire.

14 JOHN: It works, though, doesn't it?

15 DAVID: You know --

16 JOHN: It's got a way of getting your
17 attention.

18 DAVID: You tell, you tell my stepdad, Roy
19 Haldeman (phonetic sp.), if you ever get a chance, I
20 don't care how many times he whooped me or how hard he
21 whooped me, you know, I still always loved him.
22 Because one thing about him was is that, is that he,
23 he, he may have beat the crap out of me, but he was, he
24 was right.

25 JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: When he, when he told me to do

1 something and I failed to do it, I didn't think --

2 JOHN: How about the times, how about the
3 times he beat you when they were wrong? I bet you that
4 happened, too, didn't it?

5 DAVID: Well, see, that wasn't a beating,
6 that was just a thump on the head or a boot in the
7 butt. You know, that was --

8 JOHN: I got the belt before -- when it was
9 somebody else's fault and they used -- the wrong John
10 got the blame.

11 DAVID: Yeah. You better watch your social
12 workers.

13 JOHN: That's not real comfortable.

14 DAVID: They'll put your parents in jail, you
15 know. I mean, you know --

16 JOHN: Hey, it's all going to work out all
17 right, though, huh? Listen, can, can I ask you a
18 favor?

19 DAVID: Sure.

20 JOHN: I really would like to, to go review
21 the, the list of the people that have been calling in
22 and the people they've been asking about and, and call
23 you back in a little bit.

24 DAVID: Okay, then call me back then.

25 JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: Okay, I'll talk to you in a little

1 STEVE: Yeah. Just a moment. I'll go see
2 if, you know, if he's sleeping or whatever. Just a
3 moment, let me look.

4 JOHN: Give him a little nudge.

5 (Pause)

6 STEVE: I asked him a few questions, but
7 there's no response. I can hear --

8 JOHN: I'm sorry?

9 STEVE: Yeah, I just asked a question. I
10 said hello, David, you know, and I said --

11 JOHN: He didn't say hello, Steve?

12 STEVE: No. It's just -- it's kind of quiet
13 over there right now. I think he -- how long -- what
14 time was it that he quit? How long ago was it? I
15 didn't even look --

16 JOHN: I don't know, an hour-and-a-half ago.
17 I had to go get -- he was going to get some -- I think
18 he said he was going to go get some soup and have some
19 soup and I said I'll go see if I can get these names
20 and things and I'll call him back, and he said fine,
21 give me a call back as soon as you get them.

22 STEVE: Okay. Yeah, he had the soup. I
23 notice there's a bowl. I just came back here and I
24 notice the bowl is there, so --

25 JOHN: Go see if you can -- go tell him that
the grim reaper's on the other end of the phone here.

1 STEVE: Okay.

2 JOHN: It won't be long. You know, he'll be
3 able to sack out.

4 STEVE: What time do you have there? What
5 time is it, about?

6 JOHN: Eleven thirty-eight.

7 STEVE: Eleven thirty-eight, okay.

8 JOHN: I won't take more than 10, 15 minutes
9 of his time.

10 STEVE: Okay, just hang on.

11 JOHN: Thanks.

12 (Pause)

13 STEVE: I made a few statements, but --

14 JOHN: I'm sorry?

15 STEVE: I just made a few statements to him.
16 He doesn't respond. So he must be -- I talked to him
17 about medium --

18 JOHN: About what?

19 STEVE: I talked to him about medium volume,
20 you know, I didn't yell or anything, but --

21 JOHN: Uh-huh.

22 STEVE: -- normally, he can hear me.

23 JOHN: Well, maybe you can give me some
24 answers.

25 STEVE: It's possible, it's possible.

JOHN: What I've got is some people that have

1 bit.

2 JOHN: Is that all right?

3 DAVID: Fine.

4 JOHN: Okay.

5 DAVID: Okay, bye.

6 JOHN: Bye bye.

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8 STEVE: Hello?

9 JOHN: Hey, Steve?

10 STEVE: Yes.

11 JOHN: John Cox.

12 STEVE: John, how's it going?

13 JOHN: Good. Good.

14 STEVE: That's good.

15 JOHN: Getting a little late.

16 STEVE: Yeah, it is a little late.

17 JOHN: Listen, I, I mentioned to David that

18 he was going to get something to eat and I was going to

19 try and get some -- a list here that I was aware that

20 some people had called about folks on the inside and he

21 said go ahead and, and give him a call back and --

22 STEVE: Okay.

23 JOHN: -- we can see if we can verify some of

24 them.

25 STEVE: All right.

JOHN: Is, is he around?

1 called --

2 STEVE: All right.

3 JOHN: -- and they're concerned about people
4 that are apparently in there. I mean, I don't know if
5 they are in there or they're not in there, but I, I can
6 tell you who called and I can tell you who they
7 inquired about so that we can give them a call and tell
8 them hey, they're all right, you know. And he asked
9 himself about one. That's why I thought he would want
10 to talk to me, because he brought up the name of one.

11 STEVE: Okay.

12 JOHN: He asked if the parents of Aisha --I
13 guess it's A-I-S-H-A -- and, and neither one of us had
14 the spelling of the last name. It's, I don't know, I'd
15 say phonetic G-Y-A-R-F-U-S, Gyarfus, Gyarfus.

16 STEVE: That sounds pretty close.

17 JOHN: That's the best I can do.

18 STEVE: Right.

19 JOHN: He asked if her parents, who he said
20 their name were -- was Oliver and Elizabeth, were here,
21 and, and he related that they were either from
22 Australia, New Zealand, something like that. He
23 understood they were coming up here. I have had no
24 contact with them and I can't seem to find anyone that
25 has, but that doesn't mean that they may not have
talked to the local Sheriff's Department here or

1 somebody like that, you know. So, I, I can't give him
2 an answer, whether they're here or they're not here,
3 you know, to pass that on to her.

4 STEVE: Okay.

5 JOHN: If she's in there.

6 STEVE: All right.

7 JOHN: Is there someone by that name in
8 there?

9 STEVE: Yes, there is.

10 JOHN: Okay. Well, I'll pursue that from
11 this end to see if I can find them, okay?

12 STEVE: Okay.

13 JOHN: Now, we had Melinda Gaynem (phonetic
14 sp.) --

15 STEVE: No, that name --

16 JOHN: -- call regarding a David Thibodeau.
17 Now, where I'm from, that's spelled
18 T-H-I-B-O-D-E-A-U.

19 STEVE: That sounds correct.

20 JOHN: In some places, they have an X on it.

21 STEVE: No, I believe, I believe your
22 spelling is the way his is as I recall seeing it.

23 JOHN: Okay. He's in there and he's okay?

24 STEVE: Yes.

25 JOHN: Good. Just make a little note here,
okay. And we had a Lynn David Josephson call about

1 Barbara Reed, Leanne David Josephson and a William
2 Grady Josephson. And Lynn, who called, is from
3 Oklahoma, Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

4 STEVE: Really? Now, I don't know who that
5 would be. Let me see if somebody here knows.

6 JOHN: I don't have whether it's a mother,
7 father, sister. I don't have any of that, but --

8 STEVE: So their name again --

9 JOHN: She called from Oklahoma --

10 STEVE: All right.

11 JOHN: -- concerning the welfare of a Barbara
12 Reed who I presume may be in her early to mid-thirties.

13 STEVE: Barbara Reed. Boy. That I don't --

14 JOHN: I'll just put a question mark there,
15 okay?

16 STEVE: Okay, 'cause I thought I probably
17 knew the majority, but just a moment.

18 JOHN: Okay. Are you --

19 (Pause)

20 STEVE: No one responded to that at all.

21 JOHN: Okay. Though I imagine most of the
22 people are asleep, huh?

23 STEVE: Yeah, they are. There's a good share
24 of them, anyway.

25 JOHN: Okay. Now, that, that Lynn Josephson
that called called about a Barbara Reed, Leanne David

1 Josephson, and William Grady Josephson.

2 STEVE: All right.

3 JOHN: And, and whether Leanne is a child or
4 an adult, I don't know, and whether William Grady is a
5 child or an adult, I don't know.

6 STEVE: Uh-huh.

7 JOHN: But she called about three people, a
8 Barbara Reed and two Josephsons, and her name is
9 Josephson. So I just don't have that information.

10 STEVE: I've never heard that name before.

11 JOHN: Okay. You think you might be able to
12 check in the morning or something?

13 STEVE: Yeah, for sure.

14 JOHN: Okay. Now, Lonnie Little from
15 Kalamazoo, Michigan, called about Jeff Little.

16 STEVE: Okay. He's -- yes, he's here.

17 JOHN: He's there and he's okay?

18 STEVE: Uh-huh.

19 JOHN: All right. And Ursula Gehrman,
20 G-E-H-R-M-A-N, from Hawaii called about a Margueritia,
21 Margueritia Vaga.

22 STEVE: Right, Margueritia.

23 JOHN: Vaga.

24 STEVE: Right.

25 JOHN: Yeah, just a little different way of
spelling Marguerita.

1 STEVE: Apparently so.

2 JOHN: Vaga, is that correct?

3 STEVE: That's correct.

4 JOHN: She's there?

5 STEVE: Right.

6 JOHN: Okay? She's okay?

7 STEVE: Right.

8 JOHN: Okay. A Diana McClintock from Alabama
9 called about a Catherine Madison. Now, I believe
10 that's one of the women that's already out, right?

11 STEVE: You've got that. That's, that's
12 correct.

13 JOHN: Isn't that correct?

14 STEVE: Uh-huh.

15 JOHN: Okay. And we had either a Mr. or Mrs.
16 Moser, I couldn't tell you which, called about their
17 daughter Sherry Jewel.

18 STEVE: Okay. Yeah, she was here -- she is
19 here, also.

20 JOHN: She's okay?

21 STEVE: Yeah.

22 JOHN: Okay. Darren Borst called about his
23 mother, Mary Jean Borst, B-O-R-S-T.

24 STEVE: That's correct.

25 JOHN: Okay. She's okay?

STEVE: Yes.

1 JOHN: Okay. Barry Craddock called about a -
2 - Graeme Leonard Craddock.

3 STEVE: Let, let me ask about him, okay?

4 JOHN: Okay. And I've got G-R-A-E-M-E
5 Leonard Craddock. And that's some -- probably someone
6 from Australia.

7 STEVE: That sounds about right.

8 JOHN: 'Cause that's where this person called
9 from.

10 STEVE: Okay. Let, let me check on that.
11 Just a moment.

12 (Pause)

13 STEVE: Boy, there's no one responding to me
14 at all, but I believe that he is, he is here and okay.

15 JOHN: Okay.

16 STEVE: Yeah.

17 JOHN: Okay. Now --

18 STEVE: I might have to redo just a few of
19 these in the morning.

20 JOHN: Okay. We'll, we'll go back in the
21 morning, but we had three people call, a Ray Jackson
22 and an Anthony Greenwood and a Joe and Helen Martin,
23 all called about Douglas Wayne Martin and Sheila
24 Martin.

25 STEVE: Okay, yes, they're here.

 JOHN: They're there? And they're okay?

1 STEVE: Yes.

2 JOHN: Okay. Okay. And an Irma Fotta,
3 Fotta, called about a Paul Fotta and a Kalani Fotta.

4 STEVE: I'm not sure now where they are.
5 There's a few that I'm not, I'm not real certain.

6 JOHN: Okay. All right. Now, what I would
7 like, and if you can work it out in the morning
8 sometime --

9 STEVE: All right.

10 JOHN: -- is for those people, for me to just
11 say hello to them.

12 STEVE: Okay.

13 JOHN: And I can then make a call to these
14 people and say hey, I have spoken to your --

15 STEVE: Okay.

16 JOHN: -- you know, mother, father, sister,
17 brother, daughter, yes, they are fine. And, and I
18 think that'll give them a lot of, a lot of hope, you
19 know.

20 STEVE: Right.

21 JOHN: And I will try to find out whether or
22 not Aisha's parents are here.

23 STEVE: Okay.

24 JOHN: Was, was David all right tonight? He
25 didn't sound as good tonight as when I -- I heard him
talking to Henry --

1 STEVE: Right.

2 JOHN: -- last night and, gee, he sounded
3 like a house afire last night. He was just -- sounded
4 great.

5 STEVE: Well, I, I --

6 JOHN: He sounded like he was in some pain
7 tonight.

8 STEVE: Yeah, he was. There's no question he
9 was. I happened to be here a few times when -- while
10 he was talking to you. He either had to cough or
11 sneeze or something.

12 JOHN: Yeah. He coughed one time and --

13 STEVE: Oh, yeah, he --

14 JOHN: -- he was in a lot of pain.

15 STEVE: Oh, yeah. I was watching him grimace
16 in the face.

17 JOHN: Was -- were they able to use the, the
18 suture, suture kit?

19 STEVE: I -- you know, I actually wasn't
20 around during the time, so I'm not certain --

21 JOHN: Did you see his hand?

22 STEVE: No, I didn't see his hand, 'cause he
23 had a --

24 JOHN: 'Cause I think he said his hand or his
25 wrist or something like, he wanted to clean it up and,
and suture it.

1 STEVE: That -- it's possible, 'cause he only
2 had one hand out of the blanket, holding onto the phone
3 when he was talking to you, I noticed.

4 JOHN: Yeah.

5 STEVE: So I would -- normally, I'd ask him.
6 You know, I called out his name again and he's
7 definitely not responding.

8 JOHN: Don't know, huh?

9 STEVE: Any time he's on the phone for, say,
10 an hour, maybe two, it takes a lot out of him, for
11 sure.

12 JOHN: Well, he was concerned about a couple
13 of other issues, too, and --

14 STEVE: Yeah?

15 JOHN: -- one of the issues, you know, he
16 said it was a possible fear and I said that's nonsense,
17 it's not a fear and I, I didn't think he should be
18 really a person that should be fearing coming out of
19 there, because the federal system is a hell of a lot
20 different than some state or local system, the way we
21 do things. But --

22 STEVE: Uh-huh.

23 JOHN: -- I assured him that if -- not if but
24 when he came out and, and brought the rest of you out
25 with him that yes, he would be allowed to speak to the
media. Now, I can't tell you he'd be allowed to speak

1 to 250 media representatives, but what I presume, they
2 would have a -- what they would call a pool, you know,
3 a media pool of half a dozen people or something like
4 that. But he would be allowed to do that. And that
5 our normal procedure, and I'm telling it to you as, as
6 straight as it is, our normal procedure is that he
7 would be provided immediate medical attention,
8 depending on the severity of his wounds.

9 STEVE: Right.

10 JOHN: And he would then be brought before a
11 magistrate. And if he had to be hospitalized, the
12 magistrate would probably come to the facility and
13 conduct what we call an initial appearance.

14 STEVE: Well --

15 JOHN: And that is merely where the
16 magistrate says these are the charges, I want you to
17 know and I want you to understand your rights, all of
18 your rights, to have counsel, appoint counsel, the
19 whole nine yards there, because we don't mess around
20 with that kind of thing. We -- we're, we're very
21 serious about the judicial proceedings in, in the, in
22 the federal system. And, and I want to allay any fears
23 that, that people have that are in there, that just
24 because someone is in there doesn't mean that they're
25 in any way part and parcel to everything that's
happened.

1 STEVE: Right. I, I'm sure of that.

2 JOHN: And I don't mean just the youngsters.
3 We know they, they had nothing to do with this, but I'm
4 talking about just because a person is a consenting
5 adult and is inside that facility doesn't necessarily
6 mean that they're part and parcel of everything that's
7 going on. So, you know, he seemed to have some, some
8 questions about that. And, and the other thing is that
9 he would probably -- the federal magistrate, which is a
10 federal judge, would probably instruct that he be taken
11 to a federal medical facility.

12 And, and I'm talking not just off the top of
13 my head, I'm talking from, you know, prior experience
14 in these --

15 STEVE: Right.

16 JOHN: -- in these things, such as the one we
17 have at Springfield, Missouri, or something like that,
18 where they give a person a complete check up, you know,
19 because we don't need problems. You know, we don't
20 need problems.

21 STEVE: Well, the truth is, you know, after
22 what happened Sunday, I was surprised that he survived
23 that, even by his, you know, the way he was talking at
24 the time. And the next few days it did look like, if
25 anything, it, it seemed like there was a stability
there, but it seemed also that he had slipped down a

1 little bit. But it's been in the last two days where
2 there's definitely been somewhat of a rebound.

3 JOHN: Well, he sure sounded like he was
4 hurting tonight, compared to last night.

5 STEVE: Yeah, I think that's --

6 JOHN: And that's strictly my own, my own gut
7 feeling of what I heard.

8 STEVE: You, you've got it right, because
9 even -- it surprised me, it really did, it surprised me
10 how -- I mean, I was looking at him, too, and it
11 happened a few times. I think maybe that's why he's
12 passed back into sleep again.

13 JOHN: Did his color look okay today?

14 STEVE: Yeah. It appeared like he was okay.

15 JOHN: Well, he was speaking all right.

16 STEVE: Right.

17 JOHN: He just seemed to be in more pain,
18 because last night I know he talked to Henry for over
19 four hours.

20 STEVE: Right.

21 JOHN: And he was just on a whirlwind
22 session. I mean, they just --

23 STEVE: It was that long, huh?

24 JOHN: Four hours and twenty minutes. How's
25 that sound?

STEVE: Wow.

1 JOHN: Bet you couldn't do that. I sure as
2 hell couldn't.

3 STEVE: Yeah, what he was all saying, I was
4 quite surprised at the way he was speaking, the subject
5 matter.

6 JOHN: Oh, yeah.

7 STEVE: I mean, it would --

8 JOHN: Very comfortable.

9 STEVE: I've been with him for a while off
10 and on as he has spoken with different scholars and
11 those that are maybe of different walks of life and he
12 changes his way he speaks to people. Sometimes he has
13 to talk to a scholar like he's a country bumpkin, and
14 other times like he's extremely and highly articulate
15 and educated. It depends upon, apparently, their --
16 the person's desire to know what he might have to
17 offer. I don't know. But you, you mentioned something
18 earlier about, you know, his fear of maybe coming out.

19 JOHN: It shouldn't be a fear.

20 STEVE: Well, I, I don't know that it is. I
21 mean --

22 JOHN: I, I told him I didn't think he
23 personally had a fear. It was more concern --

24 STEVE: Well, gee, Tuesday everybody, in all
25 honesty, thought that that was it, it was over. I
remember the last few minutes when that tape finished

1 up, people were already dressed, ready to go. I'm, I'm
2 serious.

3 JOHN: Well, I'm telling you, they sure did
4 out here.

5 STEVE: Well, they did here, also. That is
6 no kidding. I mean, I, I --

7 JOHN: Do you know what your biggest problem
8 would have been?

9 STEVE: What's that?

10 JOHN: Probably fighting the media.

11 STEVE: But, anyway, we -- at the same time,
12 you know, we were ready, our people were ready to go
13 out the door. He was actually left alone when he
14 started praying and --

15 JOHN: Don't leave him alone next time, huh?

16 STEVE: Well, you know, anyway, we waited.
17 You know, we waited a few moments, came back and still
18 was -- and, finally, just said well, what's happening?
19 And at that time he said -- in fact, you know, I know
20 you've never, you know, it's -- it would be hard for
21 somebody in your place and position to believe
22 something like this.

23 JOHN: It really would. And it really is.

24 STEVE: Well --

25 JOHN: It's very difficult.

STEVE: For, for, for me, also. For me,

1 | also, because when I first met him, after dealing with
2 | so much -- when you're into religion and you listen to
3 | people say they're gurus and they're prophets and
4 | they're this and that.

5 | JOHN: Um-hum.

6 | STEVE: Well, I'd never bought any of that
7 | sort of thing in my life. You know, there's no bona
8 | fide that have ever come close to -- not some
9 | fanaticism or somebody that's off the wall somehow.
10 | But when I met him, it was factual material in context
11 | shown. So that's why you kind of -- you turn your head
12 | a little bit and you give it a little time and you
13 | listen a little more, you look, you check, you try to
14 | rip the material apart. Well, that's how it began, but
15 | like with that day that we were going to walk out --
16 | and when I first met him, he let me know, because he
17 | gave me such deep material.

18 | I says where did you get it? See, I was
19 | expecting him to say one of the major universities.
20 | And then he told me he had dropped out of school as a
21 | freshman in high school. I was quite surprised to hear
22 | that.

23 | JOHN: Yeah.

24 | STEVE: So, in the process, I kept on at him,
25 | well, where did you get the information? Because many
times he'll deal in sciences, but not like what I've

1 | heard him give like over the phone. I mean, he really
2 | gets deep into like matter, anti-matter, the speed of
3 | light, gemstones, laser technology, all these things.
4 | And so --

5 | JOHN: He does?

6 | STEVE: Yeah. Oh, like you would never
7 | believe. I mean --

8 | JOHN: Well, I believe it now, after
9 | listening to him for, for three or four days, I believe
10 | it.

11 | STEVE: You would ask yourself the question
12 | where is he getting the information? He'll get into
13 | the geology of the earth, how it's made, the structure
14 | of volcanos, earthquakes, how and when and why they're
15 | going to happen. It's one thing just to speculate
16 | about the future or the possibilities of catastrophes
17 | to happen, but when you get into details of how things
18 | are made and how they're --

19 | JOHN: I'd like to have him figure out when
20 | the next hurricane's blowing through, huh?

21 | STEVE: Well, yeah. Well, he did tell us
22 | about the Gulf War before it came about.

23 | JOHN: Yeah.

24 | STEVE: And -- nothing would come of it.

25 | But, anyway, so that's what I mean, that when that day
 | came we thought we were on our way out. But he had

1 told us for some time God hadn't really spoken to him
2 and --

3 JOHN: Well, let me, let me ask you something
4 about --

5 STEVE: Sure.

6 JOHN: He mentioned last night that -- when
7 he asked for the suture kit --

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: -- he, he said that -- I guess it was
10 his wrist I think he mentioned, but he said it was
11 changing color and he wanted to get it scrubbed up and
12 cleaned up and --

13 STEVE: Probably --

14 JOHN: -- really felt that the, that the
15 sutures would, you know, be a much more successful way
16 to heal this thing. Did you notice, had it really
17 looked like it was festering or changing color, or just
18 it was a lousy looking wound?

19 STEVE: Well, well, it, it does look kind of
20 bad. It's kind of an ugly wound in that it ripped
21 apart a lot of the flesh from the outside.

22 JOHN: Near his thumb or --

23 STEVE: It's gouged out like and it tore the
24 bottom part of the wrist. A lot of times you can't see
25 unless he turns, you know, towards you.

JOHN: Towards like the heel of his hand or

1 his thumb?

2 STEVE: Probably the heel, I believe.

3 JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

4 STEVE: And --

5 JOHN: What about his other wounds, did you
6 see any of those?

7 STEVE: Yes, I have, and --

8 JOHN: Does it look like they're getting
9 better?

10 STEVE: It's hard to tell looking directly at
11 it, because, you know, it, it did go inside and went
12 all the way -- it appears like it, like he said, hit
13 his pelvis, came up at a diagonal and then went out the
14 back.

15 JOHN: Like out his buttocks?

16 STEVE: Somewhere near there, at the top of
17 that.

18 JOHN: Like between his hip and his buttocks,
19 huh?

20 STEVE: Yeah, some, somewhere in there.

21 JOHN: But kind of a fleshy area back there?

22 STEVE: It looks like it, it looks like it
23 went straight to like the buttocks area. Hit the
24 pelvis or something.

25 JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: Somehow or other turned --

1 JOHN: Yeah.

2 STEVE: -- and exited coming straight up and
3 then out, higher up the back.

4 JOHN: But that doesn't seem to be getting
5 any worse, huh?

6 STEVE: It, it doesn't. You know, it's -- in
7 looking at it, and I've seen it a few times but not,
8 not lately so much --

9 JOHN: 'Cause he didn't seem --

10 STEVE: The pain is still there, you can tell
11 it. It's a --

12 JOHN: Tonight it seemed much worse, unless
13 he didn't take any medication or any pain killers or
14 anything.

15 STEVE: No, he hasn't spit up any -- you
16 know, like in the beginning, every time he would even
17 move or talk hardly, he, he -- it'd bleed, you know, he
18 would definitely be bleeding.

19 JOHN: Yeah.

20 STEVE: And he'd be tasting it, he'd spit it
21 and all that, but recently he hasn't -- nothing like
22 that has happened. Seems like that has stopped. But
23 the pain every now and then, like tonight, it, it seems
24 like it was a little stronger again. So I don't know
25 why or what the problem is, but, yeah, he's -- it
seemed like he was slowly improving, you know, in the

1 last three days.

2 JOHN: Well, you know, tonight he seemed to
3 be talking about some things that were more personal to
4 him and, you know, more, more, more meaningful to him,
5 and, and, and that was good. And it's just kind of
6 hard to say. Like I told him, I didn't think it was a
7 question that he was coming out and that he was going
8 to bring the flock out with him, it was a question of
9 when and when he receives the message, you know.
10 That's the bottom line, I guess, huh?

11 STEVE: Yeah, it is -- it's a strange thing
12 because, like I told you when I --

13 JOHN: Well, it's stranger for me.

14 STEVE: Well, it is.

15 JOHN: Where you, you spent time with him
16 and, and --

17 STEVE: Well, yeah.

18 JOHN: -- I appreciate that because I haven't
19 spent the time with him.

20 STEVE: Well, see, the first time I even met
21 him I was extremely apprehensive. I had met a guy by
22 the name of Mark Broe (phonetic sp.) who now was behind
23 all that's happened in the last two years, all these
24 investigations, all --

25 JOHN: Really?

STEVE: It all stemmed -- well, yeah, you can

1 check the records.

2 JOHN: He's from around here?

3 STEVE: Mark Broe is now living in Australia.

4 JOHN: Oh.

5 STEVE: He's originally from Hawaii. I met
6 Mark in '78.

7 JOHN: Uh-huh.

8 STEVE: He was a young man who had left the
9 Catholic Church. He was studying with the Adventists.

10 JOHN: Uh-huh.

11 STEVE: He loved -- said he had a love for
12 the Bible. I watched him. He was blind in his right
13 eye, maybe 10 percent vision in his left. Over time,
14 he finally -- he became an Adventist and went to their
15 schools, got a bachelor's degree in religion at Pacific
16 Union College in northern California. It's an
17 Adventist college.

18 JOHN: Uh-huh.

19 STEVE: And when he came back, he became very
20 bitter with the Adventists because they did not give
21 him a call in their ministry after paying out the
22 thousands of dollars that he had.

23 JOHN: The insult, he paid his dues and
24 didn't get it, huh?

25 STEVE: Exactly.

JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: So I felt kind of for the guy and I
2 spent a little time with him. And then he told me that
3 he had a, a dream. Well, I wasn't into that sort of a
4 thing.

5 JOHN: Sure.

6 STEVE: You know, extremely skeptical of
7 people, had to get into their personal kind of
8 phenomenal -- that kind of phenomena. So he went off
9 to Loma Linda University, which is another one of their
10 universities in California, and writes to me and tells
11 me he had a vision. For six months he starts writing
12 and talking about his visions and dreams. They didn't
13 make a lot of sense to me. I'd write back and he'd ask
14 me to test them by the, the tenor of the scripture,
15 which there are many scriptures that test when people
16 believe they're prophets and so forth, whatever they're
17 called, of God.

18 JOHN: Yeah.

19 STEVE: So, anyway, I, I looked over the
20 material and it didn't really go anywhere. But he
21 returned finally in June of '86. And when he
22 returned -- when he had left, he really didn't know
23 much at all about the scriptures. I mean, he had some
24 of the basics down, but when he returned he literally
25 blew me away.

 JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: And I said to him Mark, where did you
2 get the material? And I invited a psychologist friend
3 of mine, who was probably about early sixties, mid-
4 sixties, over to meet him, as I did a lot of friends
5 that have been part of different groups that I'd been
6 in and social groups and so forth, and everyone was
7 astounded. No one dared take him on because it was
8 obvious the information he had was only the beginning
9 of what he was presenting.

10 So after I heard it all, I started pressing
11 him about where did you get the information? He said
12 to me there was a guy that he had met in California.
13 So, ultimately, I met the person. To make a long story
14 short, when I met with him, what he presented me was
15 Revelation 8. It talks about the seven trumpets.
16 Well, there's no scholar in the world that'll tell you
17 for a fact what it is, where it's found in the Bible,
18 how it connects to you and I, if it does at all, and he
19 started opening that up in the Bible.

20 And, I mean, I'll tell you the truth, after
21 years of my own personal studies, being in colleges,
22 asking the questions to the scholars, there are some
23 men that can speak 16 languages that I've met. I mean,
24 they have a real capacity, a memory and an ability.
25 But these men did not have the answers, nothing
consistent. So when he presented that to me in the

1 first meeting with him, I then said hey, I've got a
2 group of people, there are some people I have met that
3 would like to hear you. They'll pay your way. Why
4 don't you come over? And he looked at me and said I
5 don't go anywhere, I don't do anything without the
6 direction of God.

7 JOHN: Hey, Steve.

8 STEVE: Yeah?

9 JOHN: Somebody just passed me a note --

10 STEVE: All right.

11 JOHN: -- and said -- and I wonder if you
12 could just check on it and either call me back or I can
13 hold on --

14 STEVE: All right.

15 JOHN: -- that somebody is walking in the
16 courtyard between the -- I guess the buildings and,
17 what have you got, a swimming pool out there, big pool
18 out there?

19 STEVE: Really?

20 JOHN: Somebody is walking out there right
21 now.

22 STEVE: Positively?

23 JOHN: Absolutely.

24 STEVE: Hold on just one minute.

25 JOHN: Can I just hold on or --

STEVE: Yeah, please do.

1 JOHN: Okay.

2 STEVE: Please do, 'cause we're totally
3 unaware of it.

4 JOHN: Okay.

5 STEVE: I'll be just a minute.

6 JOHN: And it's our impression that's not
7 supposed to --

8 STEVE: Hello?

9 JOHN: Yeah, I'm here.

10 STEVE: It's between the pool and the
11 building.

12 JOHN: Yeah. You've got what, a big water
13 tower and a pool and buildings? There's a courtyard
14 like in there?

15 STEVE: All right, yeah, there is.

16 JOHN: Okay. Can you check on it?

17 STEVE: Yeah, I will. Just hang on.

18 JOHN: Thank you.

19 (Pause)

20 STEVE: Okay, they're checking right now.

21 JOHN: Yeah.

22 STEVE: I would be quite shocked if that were
23 true, seriously.

24 JOHN: Well, I guarantee you it's true.

25 STEVE: Oh, but --

JOHN: They're not making it up.

1 STEVE: No, it may not be somebody with us.

2 JOHN: Oh.

3 STEVE: Because, seriously -- now, look, you
4 know, in the last few nights there have been reports by
5 these people. Now, if it was one person, we always say
6 check, be sure --

7 JOHN: They think the person has gone back in
8 now.

9 STEVE: Okay. but -- and the other night
10 there was a few that had gone into their cars, even
11 left their dome lights on.

12 JOHN: Well, I can tell you it's not our
13 people, though, because our people --

14 STEVE: Well, who do you think it is, though?

15 JOHN: And it could have been just somebody
16 that went out there to relieve themselves, huh?

17 STEVE: Well, nobody -- I guarantee it was
18 nobody of us, because they watched the persons go into
19 the vehicles, even leave the dome lights on and the
20 door cracked and so forth. Went through it -- they
21 watched some movement elsewhere around the building.

22 JOHN: Well --

23 STEVE: Not ours. And that's why in the
24 process --

25 JOHN: -- I wouldn't have interrupted you
unless, you know, somebody handed me the note and said

1 | someone was out there. I wouldn't interrupt you
2 | otherwise.

3 | STEVE: Nobody, none of ours have been.
4 | Nobody. No one's out there now and no one has been.
5 | They just went and checked.

6 | JOHN: Well, I didn't -- you go ahead with
7 | what you were saying. I didn't mean -- I just wanted
8 | to make sure that no one was wandering around.

9 | STEVE: That is, that is a strange thing, for
10 | sure. But when I talk --

11 | JOHN: Well, you've, you've got a little bit
12 | of education yourself, don't you?

13 | STEVE: Well, yeah, I've got some, but,
14 | anyway, you know, I talked with Jim and Henry, of
15 | course, about that and they didn't deny it. They said
16 | that it was possible, but --

17 | JOHN: What's that?

18 | STEVE: About certain ones being running
19 | around at night and so forth, which is true because --

20 | JOHN: You mean our people?

21 | STEVE: Oh, yeah, yeah. It seems like
22 | with -- I don't know if it's National Guard or, I mean,
23 | with the military from Collin or whatever, but --

24 | JOHN: No, no, no, they don't have any
25 | National Guard people up there at all.

 STEVE: Okay. Then it would seem like --

1 JOHN: And, and our people are not going up
2 close to that building. I mean, when I say up close,
3 maybe a couple hundred yards away or something, but
4 they're not going inside the courtyard of the building.

5 STEVE: Oh, no, I, I don't --

6 JOHN: I mean, that's crazy.

7 STEVE: It would be.

8 JOHN: We don't want to aggravate the
9 situation. We're trying to low-key this.

10 STEVE: But, John, not to offend you or
11 anything, but you say you don't want to aggravate, but,
12 I mean, you know, again I don't want to be repetitious
13 or redundant, but, I mean, from what the agreement was
14 Sunday night and what's taken place, some of the
15 movements of the Bradleys and the kids getting out and
16 some of their movements, especially in the night, and
17 of course they've got a certain kind of sounds and
18 calls they, they've been making that are like birds,
19 owls and so forth. Are you aware of that?

20 JOHN: No.

21 STEVE: Yeah. I don't know if --

22 JOHN: You've got some strange creatures out
23 there, huh?

24 STEVE: Well, I don't know if it's them doing
25 it humanly or if they've got some kind of a call or
something, but --

1 JOHN: More than trapped gas?

2 STEVE: Exactly. More than trapped gas. But
3 those are the things that have been really irritating
4 these people. You know, there are some that get itchy,
5 and we're telling them look, just, just stay together
6 here, just stay together.

7 JOHN: Let me, let me pass something else on
8 to you --

9 STEVE: All right.

10 JOHN: -- that I've got. It's, you know,
11 it's not necessarily good news, but I guess in another
12 way it may be. The -- one of our aircraft I guess
13 earlier yesterday found a body in the ravine.

14 STEVE: Okay.

15 JOHN: And the body's been -- we recovered
16 the body and took it to the coroner, etcetera, and it's
17 been identified as Michael Dean Schroeder.

18 STEVE: I had a feeling it might be him.

19 JOHN: Okay. Now, yesterday --

20 STEVE: Okay.

21 JOHN: -- Brian Schroeder was released.

22 STEVE: Right.

23 JOHN: Is that going to be his dad or
24 something?

25 STEVE: That is. That's his father.

JOHN: And his mom's in there?

1 STEVE: Right.

2 JOHN: That's Kathy?

3 STEVE: That's correct.

4 JOHN: Okay. So, you know, you and David

5 might want to talk to her, huh?

6 STEVE: Okay. John --

7 JOHN: It's a positive deal.

8 STEVE: -- is there anyone else -- what, what

9 happened with Don Bunge? You have him then apparently.

10 JOHN: Who?

11 STEVE: Don Bunge maybe. Is there a name

12 like that?

13 JOHN: In custody?

14 STEVE: Yeah. We were told --

15 JOHN: Deceased?

16 STEVE: I, I don't know. I have no idea what

17 he is or --

18 JOHN: Oh, just somebody that, that was

19 arrested, you mean?

20 STEVE: Yeah, I don't know if he was arrested

21 or, I mean, 'cause he has -- he's been here before and

22 we heard from different reports from the radio that he

23 had been with you and that he had called his daughter

24 in California. She is another one that actually is an

25 outright stated enemy that --

 JOHN: Don Bunge?

1 STEVE: Exactly.

2 JOHN: He was arrested.

3 STEVE: Well, this is what we heard on the
4 radio, a 62-year-old man --

5 JOHN: I'm trying to get you the straight
6 answer and I was -- it may have seemed like I was
7 pausing here, but I needed to get somebody that, that
8 could tell me yes, no, not maybe.

9 STEVE: Yeah.

10 JOHN: But he has been taken into custody.

11 STEVE: What have you --

12 JOHN: But Schroeder, he's definitely
13 deceased and his body is --

14 STEVE: Right. Anyhow, you don't -- I don't
15 suppose you have a picture as to what's happened to him
16 or what, or what did possibly happen to him?

17 JOHN: No idea. I have no idea, other than -

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19 STEVE: From what Jim told --

20 JOHN: -- he was, he was in a ravine and he
21 had -- actually, when they took him -- when they picked
22 him up, I guess they flew over there with a helicopter
23 and picked him up --

24 STEVE: It's funny he was left there so long,
25 because, I mean, if he was shot --

JOHN: Well, I can tell you what -- to my

1 knowledge what happened.

2 STEVE: Okay.

3 JOHN: There was an incident, you know, on
4 that morning where you had some ATF people got in a
5 fire fight, I guess, with some other people and there
6 were injuries on both sides. And, and apparently both
7 sides went in different directions, you know --

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: -- immediately, to get out of the
10 area. And I guess he was just left behind.

11 STEVE: I see.

12 JOHN: ATF people went one way, he went the
13 other way and one of our guys picked him up in the
14 helicopter.

15 STEVE: Was, was --

16 JOHN: He still had a weapon in his hand.

17 STEVE: What was the guy's name you picked up
18 also from England? His name was Dell, Delmar, Del --

19 JOHN: Delray?

20 STEVE: Delray, that's it, Delray.

21 JOHN: Yeah.

22 STEVE: Was he with him or something or --

23 JOHN: That I don't know.

24 STEVE: You don't know.

25 JOHN: No.

STEVE: Actually, I wondered -- or if there

1 was anybody else with him or --

2 JOHN: From what I understand, there were
3 three people.

4 STEVE: That's what I'm told.

5 JOHN: Okay.

6 STEVE: That's what I've heard.

7 JOHN: And I can only tell you second and
8 third-hand. I mean, that's the best I can have. And
9 then I heard one person was taken into custody, one
10 person was, they felt, killed. And, as it turns out,
11 that's going to be Michael.

12 STEVE: Right.

13 JOHN: And one person was, they felt, wounded
14 and probably went back inside. But this is something
15 that probably happened a couple hundred yards away from
16 the building.

17 STEVE: See, that's what I heard, that there
18 were three people, and I'm -- I was trying to figure
19 out who they possibly could be. And when you say one
20 went back inside --

21 JOHN: I can't tell you who the other name
22 was. I was thinking of Bob or Bill or something.

23 STEVE: Yeah, a Bob -- I had inquired about a
24 Bob because --

25 JOHN: But there were three people, I know
that.

1 STEVE: I believe that.

2 JOHN: And one was injured, one, one --

3 STEVE: You didn't pick up the injured man
4 then?

5 JOHN: I'm sorry?

6 STEVE: You don't have --

7 JOHN: No, because both people -- both groups
8 ran in different directions.

9 STEVE: Oh, I, I see. So they were probably
10 together then, huh?

11 JOHN: The three?

12 STEVE: Yeah.

13 JOHN: Yes.

14 STEVE: I see.

15 JOHN: And, and I guess when -- whether the
16 shooting subsided or whatever, people were going in
17 opposite directions. The government people were, were
18 going in one direction to get the hell out of the area
19 and, and --

20 STEVE: Right.

21 JOHN: -- probably those three were moving in
22 a different direction, also.

23 STEVE: Well, how is Delray doing, anyway?
24 How is he doing?

25 JOHN: I don't know. I'd have to ask and get
back with you. I mean, off the top of my head I

1 | couldn't tell you.

2 | STEVE: Right. Right.

3 | JOHN: He's in custody maybe.

4 | STEVE: Okay. And then I --

5 | JOHN: I could have someone check right now,
6 | which they are going to go do.

7 | STEVE: All right.

8 | JOHN: And, hopefully, I can give you the
9 | answer. But I wanted to let you know about Michael so
10 | that --

11 | STEVE: Right. Yeah, the --

12 | JOHN: -- you can talk to Kathy. And it'd
13 | probably be best that you and, and David talk to her,
14 | you know.

15 | STEVE: Yeah, we will.

16 | JOHN: But is Brian their child?

17 | STEVE: That is correct.

18 | JOHN: Any of the other youngsters come out
19 | their children that you know of?

20 | STEVE: Yes. Let's see, right offhand,
21 | Scott, Jake.

22 | JOHN: Okay, Jake and Scott came out
23 | together, huh?

24 | STEVE: Right.

25 | JOHN: Two brothers that came out together?

 STEVE: Right.

1 JOHN: One with long blonde hair?

2 STEVE: Yes.

3 JOHN: Okay.

4 STEVE: And there was a girl, also. Her name
5 is -- oh, what is it? Right off, I can see her face.
6 Chrissy.

7 JOHN: Okay. Yeah, Chrissy.

8 STEVE: Right. And then Brian is younger, is
9 the smallest one.

10 JOHN: Now, I don't know what type of
11 services or anything like that they -- the family and
12 all -- I don't know if Michael has got family around
13 here or anything like that, whether they're going to
14 have services.

15 STEVE: I think his family, from what I
16 understand, is out of Florida.

17 JOHN: Uh-huh.

18 STEVE: I believe.

19 JOHN: I don't know if they've been
20 contacted. I presume they have, you know, I presume
21 they have but I sure would want you to -- you and David
22 to talk to --

23 STEVE: Now, what are we going to be doing
24 wit the body of Peter Gent who I hear that his family
25 is here, that they flew from Australia.

JOHN: Well --

1 STEVE: That's the body that was found --

2 JOHN: That's the one that's with you people
3 right now?

4 STEVE: Well, tell you the truth, I don't
5 even know where he is because Dick was telling me that
6 one of the guys apparently stepped outside the building
7 in kind of the courtyard area because they, they did
8 find the body. I think he went out there to identify
9 him or --

10 JOHN: At the compound?

11 STEVE: Yeah. And Dick said apparently they
12 must have opened --

13 JOHN: Okay. I discussed that with David
14 tonight.

15 STEVE: Oh, you did?

16 JOHN: And I said --

17 STEVE: I wasn't able to talk to him.

18 JOHN: You know, I said hey --

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1 (Tape 63)

2 JOHN: But if, if somebody wanted to use a
3 stretcher, use something to, to --

4 STEVE: Right.

5 JOHN: -- bring he body out --

6 STEVE: Exactly.

7 JOHN: -- we would accept the body as long as
8 someone would accompany the body. In other words,
9 someone would come out. Now, I don't think it would be
10 very appropriate to have a child accompany a body and
11 come out, you know. I'm not being morbid about it.

12 STEVE: No, I understand.

13 JOHN: I think an adult should come out.

14 STEVE: I understand --

15 JOHN: And David said flat no.

16 STEVE: Right. I understand even the
17 psychology involved myself. If I were on your side in
18 your shoes, I'd at least do the same thing.

19 JOHN: Well, it's the right thing. But I
20 just wouldn't want to throw a body out and say hey, we
21 don't care, whatever.

22 STEVE: You know, but he gives the option to
23 these people still, do you want to go out or whatever.
24 See, I guess --

25 JOHN: Well, I think he's got to be a little
more authoritative.

1 STEVE: Well, at the time --

2 JOHN: And, and it's a serious thing and, and
3 it's a religious thing, also.

4 STEVE: Well, it is. See, that's the point.

5 JOHN: When you're talking about the
6 deceased.

7 STEVE: These people are starting to, you
8 know, these people are also waiting because his God
9 said wait and that's the same God that is showing him
10 information.

11 JOHN: Well, if you would encourage him that,
12 that his God, you know, is certainly not going to look
13 negative upon them for accompanying a body out there,
14 not only to the coroner but --

15 STEVE: Are you telling me these persons
16 could accompany the body to the coroner and then
17 return?

18 JOHN: I'm not telling you that.

19 STEVE: Okay.

20 JOHN: And, and I'm not lying to you. I
21 don't want you --

22 STEVE: Oh, I know.

23 JOHN: -- to get the wrong impression.

24 STEVE: Of course not. And I, I would hope
25 that you would --

 JOHN: I, I would expect someone to come out

1 | because I expect that person to come out, spend time
2 | with the coroner and to be familiar with the
3 | individual. And then to assist in contacting next of
4 | kin, all of these type of things, you know.

5 | STEVE: All right. Well, he --

6 | JOHN: And, and I think that's the, the
7 | proper thing to be done.

8 | STEVE: The option will always be given to
9 | any and all of these people, you know, and --

10 | JOHN: But sometimes you've got to give them
11 | a little nudge, huh?

12 | STEVE: Well, this is true, and there's been
13 | a lot of times -- In fact, frequently we will do that.
14 | The first day this even happened, afterwards, he asked
15 | me to -- and I told -- Jim knew that. Twice I went
16 | around to everybody in the entire building --

17 | JOHN: Yeah.

18 | STEVE: -- saying do you want to leave?
19 | They'll give you safe protection, you'll be -- and
20 | apparently it must have been a little too early or
21 | soon, I guess. Everybody was just too --

22 | JOHN: Yeah.

23 | STEVE: The fear, the apprehension, what all
24 | took place, it was -- I'll tell you the truth, anything
25 | that ever happened to me in my life, this was so beyond
the shock -- I was down just reading a book, talking

1 with someone when that happened. It happened so
2 quickly. I mean, it, it -- I couldn't hardly figure
3 out what was going on.

4 JOHN: Yeah.

5 STEVE: I didn't know who it was or --

6 JOHN: Another thing, another thing. You
7 might have Kathy -- when you and David talk to her in
8 the morning --

9 STEVE: Okay.

10 JOHN: -- she might have some ideas of some
11 service or something that she would, would like for,
12 for Michael.

13 STEVE: All right, I'll, I'll ask about that.

14 JOHN: You know, because you say his, his
15 parents are, are from Florida you think.

16 STEVE: I think they're divorced, that the
17 father --

18 JOHN: I mean, she's his wife, huh?

19 STEVE: Yeah.

20 JOHN: She should have a little, a little
21 input there.

22 STEVE: Right. I believe that the father's
23 out of Chicago and the mother's somewhere in, it's
24 possible, Orlando or somewhere like that, or on the
25 St. Petersburg -- over on the --

JOHN: Maybe, maybe get those answers in the

1 morning, huh?

2 STEVE: I'll, I'll try to do that.

3 JOHN: And, hey, if she wants to come out and
4 make those arrangements --

5 STEVE: Well, if you would, leave Pete
6 Gent -- his parents I think are Bruce and Lisa -- allow
7 them to know, if you would, that --

8 JOHN: Does he have anybody inside?

9 STEVE: Pardon?

10 JOHN: Does Pete have any relatives inside?

11 STEVE: Yes, he does.

12 JOHN: Children?

13 STEVE: Yeah, there's a -- there's children
14 and --

15 JOHN: Do they know?

16 STEVE: -- a sister. Yeah, they found out,
17 you know, and of course, you know, there was a great
18 hurt. You know how that is.

19 JOHN: Yeah.

20 STEVE: So, I mean, because --

21 JOHN: It's a delicate situation.

22 STEVE: Oh, yeah. He had been missing since
23 Sunday and we didn't know what had happened to him.

24 JOHN: And he's got a sister in there, you
25 say?

STEVE: Oh, yeah.

1 JOHN: A wife or anything?

2 STEVE: He's not married.

3 JOHN: Oh, okay.

4 STEVE: Yeah. But he had been missing. And
5 there's a few -- there's other -- definitely, there's
6 some casualties that have to be checked out still. And
7 like you found the one out there, but he hadn't been,
8 as you all already know, he hadn't been already part of
9 this. He hadn't been here that day.

10 JOHN: Really?

11 STEVE: No, uh-uh. So when the press was
12 saying that there was a gun burst about six o'clock
13 Sunday where three individuals involved, at first I
14 couldn't figure out what on earth it could be about.
15 The more I thought about it, I did remember that there
16 were some guys that were away and apparently they had
17 heard or been listening on the news, I don't know. So
18 that's why I was -- for all this time one has been
19 curious to know who or what or -- so that's when Jim
20 told me right away about this Delray. I didn't know
21 who he was talking about. I hadn't heard the man's
22 name or that he was called by that name.

23 JOHN: Yeah.

24 STEVE: Apparently, it's his first name, a
25 name he didn't like which he never used. He went by a
different name totally. But --

1 JOHN: Well, that was involving the three
2 individuals. And, and, like I said, you had two groups
3 involved -- excuse me -- in the altercation there, and
4 I guess when things got hot and heavy, they both went
5 --

6 STEVE: So you think it was earlier Sunday
7 then, huh? Must have been.

8 JOHN: Well, I think it was -- the one
9 involving Michael was the same time that everything was
10 going on.

11 STEVE: Yeah, I wondered about that. I
12 wondered about that.

13 JOHN: But it was away. I mean, I can't say
14 out in the woods or something, but it was like 100, 200
15 yards away from the buildings there itself.

16 STEVE: I see.

17 JOHN: Wherever it happened. And then they
18 had their, their incident and then they, they kind of
19 went in two different directions, you know.

20 STEVE: Right.

21 JOHN: And there was a third person. One
22 fellow was taken into custody. Obviously, Mike was
23 found deceased.

24 STEVE: Right.

25 JOHN: And, and the impression I have is that
the third party was injured and went back inside the

1 compound or went in that direction, because the other
2 -- the, the government representatives that were there,
3 the ATF guys, of course they were going in the opposite
4 direction. So it was pure speculation and conjecture
5 on their part.

6 STEVE: Okay.

7 JOHN: But I wish you'd, you know, you and
8 David be kind of strong with Kathy in the morning. And
9 if she wants to -- I'd certainly encourage her to
10 participate in whatever she --

11 STEVE: Well, I believe Dick spoke with her
12 today --

13 JOHN: Did he?

14 STEVE: -- just before that news conference
15 that was given in the afternoon --

16 JOHN: Did he?

17 STEVE: -- for about 10 minutes maybe. And,
18 of course, at that time she was not aware that's who it
19 was. I suspected and tried to drop a hint here or
20 there at the time.

21 JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

22 STEVE: But I thought that it was a good
23 possibility.

24 JOHN: Well --

25 STEVE: And she didn't seem to accept that,
though. So I don't know. Yeah, I'll definitely in the

1 morning talk to her, somewhere around eight or nine
2 o'clock.

3 JOHN: And if, if she wanted to -- she
4 doesn't have any more children in there, huh?

5 STEVE: No, she doesn't.

6 JOHN: If she wanted to accompany Peter out
7 in the morning, she could probably --

8 STEVE: Well, I'll give her --

9 JOHN: -- accomplish two tasks, couldn't she?

10 STEVE: It's possible.

11 JOHN: She could take care of, you know, take
12 care of Michael and be with her children and take care
13 of Michael and make some arrangements.

14 STEVE: I'm speaking about the -- (Talking to
15 someone else.)

16 JOHN: I'm sorry, what?

17 STEVE: Oh, just a moment, John.

18 (Pause)

19 JOHN: Don't tell me you woke him up.

20 (Pause)

21 STEVE: I was just listening to a couple
22 people over here that, that apparent --

23 JOHN: Hello? Yeah, go right ahead.

24 STEVE: Yeah, that apparently were just
25 talking about some information here, and I wanted to
pick up on what was going on. Yeah, so in the morning

1 | what I'll do is --

2 | JOHN: David, David's still sleeping, huh?

3 | STEVE: I think he -- he just moved a little
4 | bit.

5 | JOHN: Yeah.

6 | STEVE: That's why I wanted to see just if he
7 | was awake or what he was doing, if he was just moving
8 | around a little bit or what --

9 | JOHN: You know, it's a possibility -- of
10 | course, you two are going to have to be pretty strong
11 | with Kathy. Yet, she could come out and be very, very
12 | productive, instrumental thing -- see that things are
13 | handled properly for two people, for not only Peter but
14 | for her own husband, and, and then be with her
15 | children.

16 | STEVE: Right.

17 | JOHN: And handle a real nice Christian
18 | burial there, wherever and whenever she would like to
19 | do that. And I'm sure she could, she could be of great
20 | assistance to Peter's folks if they've come up here
21 | from, from some distance.

22 | STEVE: Well, we'll --

23 | JOHN: Be a little more, you know, reassuring
24 | to them since she, she's -- she knows -- she's known
25 | Peter, she's can talk with them.

 STEVE: Yeah, definitely in the morning then

1 I'll -- we'll give her that opportunity and option,
2 tell her what's happened and what she could do about
3 the other.

4 JOHN: I'm sorry?

5 STEVE: Yeah, it's --

6 JOHN: Well, I, I think we could accomplish
7 two tasks at the same time.

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: And --

10 STEVE: I'll talk to her somewhere around
11 probably eight or nine. She asked to be woke up about
12 there, anyway.

13 JOHN: Eight or nine?

14 STEVE: Yeah.

15 JOHN: That's a lot of sleep.

16 STEVE: Well, I don't know. Apparently, they
17 just -- someone told me they just turned in.

18 JOHN: Really?

19 STEVE: You know, there's -- some will sleep,
20 some stay awake and -- so I never know who's doing
21 what.

22 JOHN: Yeah.

23 STEVE: But, apparently, she's been up quite
24 late. In fact, still might be. I don't know.
25 Somebody thought she might have just turned in.

JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: But I wouldn't want to -- at this
2 time of night she wouldn't probably sleep through the
3 night, so --

4 JOHN: When, when I mentioned to you earlier
5 about David really not sounding as good tonight as far
6 as, you know, the pain and everything --

7 STEVE: Right.

8 JOHN: -- you don't think his wounds are
9 festering or anything like that, it's just --

10 STEVE: I, I don't know.

11 JOHN: -- he might be going through a phase?

12 STEVE: I wondered that myself. I'm not
13 sure, but it wouldn't seem like it because --

14 JOHN: But he hasn't been indicating to you
15 that something's getting infected or something like
16 that, it's just --

17 STEVE: No. So far, no.

18 JOHN: He's just going through a little more
19 anguish?

20 STEVE: I, I think that's what it could be.
21 I mean, definitely there's some strong pain there. But
22 I, I thought for sure, just like Jim and the others
23 suspected that, you know, that the -- a great
24 infection. I expected a lot of that, especially from
25 the first night. He himself did.

 JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: It, it is a bad wound. There's no
2 question, I mean. You know, going right through just
3 about --

4 JOHN: Well, I'll tell you, I don't
5 understand how in the world he, he's been able to talk
6 like he's been able to talk.

7 STEVE: I don't either. He's taken no --

8 JOHN: He was on a roll last night. I don't
9 mean tonight, I mean last night, talking to, to Henry.

10 STEVE: I'm sure.

11 JOHN: He was, he was just as verbose as you
12 could be and, and talking about a lot of personal
13 things, you know.

14 STEVE: Right. To tell you the truth, I
15 overheard some of it and I was quite surprised.

16 JOHN: It wasn't just, you know, I'm going to
17 read the scripture, this was just right off the cuff,
18 having quite a dialogue. I, I think they had a very
19 good dialogue together.

20 STEVE: Um-hum.

21 JOHN: You know, and I, and I hope the time
22 that I spent with David this evening was good. I mean,
23 I thought it was and I, and I hope he shared the same
24 feelings.

25 STEVE: I hope so.

 JOHN: You know, because this is new for me,

1 and when I say new for me, the philosophy is new.

2 STEVE: Right, right.

3 JOHN: I'm not going to tell you the rest of
4 it is, but it is a new philosophy and, and it's a
5 learning experience and it's just difficult that it had
6 to happen this way.

7 STEVE: It is, but maybe -- well, I mean,
8 right from the beginning, even when I first heard, he
9 himself seemed, you know, like all the prophets have
10 been called stumbling blocks because usually there have
11 been people that have given a measure of understanding,
12 wisdom, knowledge about the rest for the basis to lead,
13 to show what is needed for God's people in whatever
14 generation, whatever God requires. God really has
15 given light to those that have, on their own, by their
16 own pride and arrogance, through a lot of hard work,
17 gained their degrees and so forth.

18 JOHN: Yeah.

19 STEVE: You look throughout the Bible,
20 prophets usually were sheep herders, fig pickers, which
21 now we call migrant workers. There were people that
22 were --

23 JOHN: Hadn't heard fig pickers before.

24 STEVE: Yeah. Amos was a fig picker. In
25 fact --

 JOHN: You don't want to say that 10 times

1 | real fast, do you?

2 | STEVE: No. In fact, I have heard people say
3 | pig ficker, you know, get it turned around there. It's
4 | quite humorous. I had to laugh, too. I did this week
5 | in a lecture.

6 | JOHN: You, you mentioned when you first met
7 | David --

8 | STEVE: Yeah.

9 | JOHN: -- it was out in California, though,
10 | huh?

11 | STEVE: This is correct. It was actually
12 | in -- I was picked up by one of the people out there in
13 | Los Angeles, at the airport, taken to one of their
14 | homes. And extremely apprehensive, of course, looking
15 | around, not knowing what this was all about. And I met
16 | him in a home and, I mean, I was shocked. He came over
17 | by me. I sat in a chair and he sat down on the floor,
18 | looking at me, and he started talking to me about the
19 | scripture. And, well, I was half listening because,
20 | you know, the first time you meet someone you're
21 | usually looking them over and observing and --

22 | JOHN: Well, you said you thought he was a
23 | little strange, huh?

24 | STEVE: Well --

25 | JOHN: The first time you met him.

 STEVE: Well, not really strange.

1 JOHN: Well, the beliefs, the theory, the
2 principles.

3 STEVE: Well, no, it was actually the, the
4 information was extremely logical. And what was more
5 astounding was how clear it was coming directly from
6 the book that I had read so many times and never
7 understood, other than, you know, once in a while you
8 might come up with a theory or, speculatively speaking,
9 it could be this, maybe that.

10 JOHN: Yeah.

11 STEVE: But he was talking with such
12 authority because he was bringing in so many chapters
13 in context without interpretation, just reading them
14 but showing how they connect. Well, definitely, a very
15 clear picture was developing between all the prophets
16 and what they saw. So, see, that's what really caught
17 my attention, even though he was dressed not anything
18 like a, a minister or in a three-piece suit or anything
19 else. In fact, on the contrary, the way he was
20 dressing in those days was always a stumbling block.
21 You wondered well, this guy doesn't seem to be a
22 professional by looks. I mean, you would not expect
23 him to be really anything by the way he was dressing,
24 but it was when he opened his mouth. Where on earth
25 someone as young as himself, where did he get the
information? I mean, he did not have enough time in

1 | life at that time to develop and to gain or give that
2 | kind of information. There was just no way, especially
3 | when once I saw him get on a pulpit and give a group of
4 | 100 people a lecture on the Bible.

5 | His hands were greasy from working on a car.
6 | He went for five hours, quoting chapter after chapter
7 | after chapter, not missing a word. And the astounding
8 | thing was not that a person could ever memorize all
9 | that, the astounding thing was the clarity and the
10 | picture that was drawn from it, the logical
11 | progression.

12 | JOHN: Yeah.

13 | STEVE: And this is what, you know, caught a
14 | lot of people's attention. So they started -- he's
15 | always said ask questions, any questions, any
16 | questions. So people asked the questions. The answer
17 | is given by having them turn to the pages of their own
18 | book. Then they're told to go wrestle with the issues.
19 | Like if somebody comes to us, like, for instance, of
20 | course, Robert had been coming here, we've had other
21 | guests through the years that come here, we'll give
22 | them some pretty strong studies and then send them out,
23 | tell them to take some time away from us.

24 | Go to the scholars, go to the ministers, go
25 | to the lay people, ask them these questions, let them
raise questions with yourself. Honestly, this is what

1 we've done over and over again.

2 JOHN: Do you encourage them to talk to
3 basically nondenominational scholars --

4 STEVE: Oh, yes, either or.

5 JOHN: -- or any particular ones?

6 STEVE: Anybody. You know, go, go to
7 atheistic scholars that -- maybe someone that's into
8 anthropology of religion or someone that's really
9 studied and looked at it from many different angles.
10 Go to the rabbis, go to the ministers of different
11 denominations.

12 JOHN: You weren't just, just talking about
13 any selected verses with selected analyses, though, you
14 were going over an entire --

15 STEVE: Yeah. We -- well, he opens up -- for
16 instance, you know, you have a prophet like Joel who
17 wrote three chapters in the Old Testament.

18 JOHN: Uh-huh.

19 STEVE: Doesn't take long to get through,
20 it's just that the question that puzzles any scholar,
21 any layperson is how does it connect to the other
22 writers of that book, which Christians always tell you
23 that that book is a very consistent book, even though
24 in reality one can show many contradictions. You know,
25 all scholars of higher criticism can do that. So a lot
of times -- I used to play the advocate a lot and would

1 | rip the foundation apart of a lot of people, just
2 | because I would want to see what really their beliefs
3 | were and if they were founded in this book that they
4 | said they were so strong into. So I tried to do that
5 | to David when I met him and --

6 | JOHN: How'd that come across?

7 | STEVE: Well, what I'd do is I'd ask him a
8 | question, trying to --

9 | JOHN: Sure.

10 | STEVE: -- trying to catch him.

11 | JOHN: Sure.

12 | STEVE: And he'd give me an answer. Then I'd
13 | wait, ask him a few more questions, then I'd ask a
14 | similar question using different wording, seeing if I
15 | couldn't get a different answer out of him. But, no,
16 | he went deeper yet.

17 | JOHN: Couldn't alienate him, obviously.

18 | STEVE: Yeah, yeah, but three, four times I'd
19 | do that with him and it actually frustrated me, because
20 | after dealing with priests and Lutheran, Methodist,
21 | Baptist ministers for years, I had no problem with
22 | them. But with him, it was -- he pulled the carpet out
23 | from under me.

24 | JOHN: Well, what, what faith were you
25 | practicing just before you, you met him?

 STEVE: I was a Seventh Day Adventist.

1 JOHN: Uh-huh.

2 STEVE: Yeah. And --

3 JOHN: But he must have come across also as
4 pretty young to --

5 STEVE: He was. At that time, he was --

6 JOHN: -- to be scholarly.

7 STEVE: -- 26 years old.

8 JOHN: And, you know, I, I, I can't say that
9 I would relate to that. I'm of a different faith, but
10 --

11 STEVE: What faith are you?

12 JOHN: Well, I'm Catholic.

13 STEVE: You are? Uh-huh.

14 JOHN: Don't hold it against me now.

15 STEVE: No, no, no, no.

16 JOHN: And --

17 STEVE: I don't judge anybody.

18 JOHN: Well, that's good, because I try --

19 STEVE: I mean --

20 JOHN: -- not to also.

21 STEVE: See, my mother was also Catholic. My
22 dad was a Lutheran. So I had a, a background where
23 they believed in God and ultimately there was influence
24 of my dad so I fought the Adventists (Indiscernible).
25 So, I, I --

JOHN: That's all right. I've got a wife

1 | that was Baptist, but I --

2 | STEVE: Is that right?

3 | JOHN: -- converted her.

4 | STEVE: Um-hum. That's a pretty --

5 | JOHN: That wasn't easy.

6 | STEVE: -- task.

7 | JOHN: It wasn't easy.

8 | STEVE: No, that's rare that a Baptist
9 | becomes Catholic.

10 | JOHN: She's a Batholic now.

11 | STEVE: (Laughing.)

12 | JOHN: But that's --

13 | STEVE: First time I've heard that.

14 | JOHN: But, you know, we look upon the
15 | theologians, really, as, you know, more elderly and
16 | scholarly and everything. And that's why I said it
17 | must have come as quite a shock to the system when this
18 | young fellow's down here expounding the virtues, as he
19 | was, to you.

20 | STEVE: Um-hum. Well, this is true.

21 | JOHN: You know, when you, when you first met
22 | David.

23 | STEVE: This is true.

24 | JOHN: Because, generally, we look at, look
25 | at the, the real young ones when they're, when they're
taking that attitude as where, where are you --

1 STEVE: John, I'd, I'd give anything in this
2 world to be able to have him sit down with the greatest
3 scholars that there's ever been. I was with him in
4 Jerusalem --

5 JOHN: Yeah.

6 STEVE: -- and I met some rabbis that were
7 awesome deep thinkers with such quick logic, very
8 articulate, able to communicate quickly, and I observed
9 a debate between a young Jewish guy, maybe 19, 20 years
10 of age, and a rabbi who was very seasoned. And the
11 conversation, as the logic developed, was so deep and
12 quick, I was able to follow with no problem. It's just
13 I had to jump into the conversation. I mean, these
14 guys were talented. They had some gifts.

15 JOHN: Can you imagine how many people would
16 like to sit down with him?

17 STEVE: Well --

18 JOHN: I mean right now.

19 STEVE: There are -- well, that is true.
20 There's always been --

21 JOHN: And, and I'm talking about members of
22 the religious community would probably like to sit down
23 with him right now as a result of what they've heard,
24 that they're probably totally illiterate as to his
25 philosophies and his interpretations of some of these -
- I'll bet you that an awful lot of them would like to

1 sit down and, and get into some pretty deep, lengthy
2 discussions with him. Of course, obviously, it's going
3 to happen when he comes out because a lot of these
4 people have the opportunity to spend some time with
5 him. You know, whether he's in a medical facility or
6 any other facility, they'll certainly have --

7 STEVE: You would know more about that than I
8 would.

9 JOHN: I'm sorry?

10 STEVE: You would know more about that than
11 myself.

12 JOHN: Well, that's, that's a matter of fact.

13 STEVE: You know, I mean, since Sunday, since
14 Sunday, I mean, what has all taken place, I, in
15 honesty, don't have the foggiest idea where one stands
16 in relation to all the events.

17 JOHN: Yeah. Well, the media's constantly
18 getting inquiries about, about this particular group.
19 You know, of course, you hear the, the media addressing
20 it --

21 STEVE: Well, I know they --

22 JOHN: -- as a cult and David doesn't like to
23 hear that, and I certainly won't -- wouldn't use that
24 word in talking to you because it's got a lot of
25 negative connotations.

 STEVE: I do realize, I do realize there'd

1 | have to be charges, but whoever comes out there was a
2 | lot of bad things --

3 | JOHN: As I said, there's not charges against
4 | everyone. And David's --

5 | STEVE: Right.

6 | JOHN: -- not a fool and he's, he's a bright
7 | person and he knows He is the leader and he is going to
8 | be charged with something. I'd be a buffoon to tell
9 | you it wasn't going to happen, wouldn't I?

10 | STEVE: Um-hum.

11 | JOHN: And, and you've got to accept that.

12 | STEVE: The question is, you know, it's
13 | always -- of course, even from your own perspective,
14 | you know, I mean, a person talks about war, what's war,
15 | what isn't war, what is being -- is defending your own
16 | life. Of course, you know, the, the details of how the
17 | men approached, who they were, did they make themselves
18 | known. I mean, there's so many things that -- I mean,
19 | I was there and, I tell you what, the account of the
20 | people here that were scattered all over the building,
21 | I mean a lot of these people did not know until there
22 | was a shout that there was certain vehicles approaching
23 | in the driveway.

24 | This is -- I mean, you know, on the news of
25 | course your agency over and over again has made it seem
 | like that there was a tip-off from a phone call. In

1 honesty and truth, as I, I told some of the media
2 Sunday when I spoke with them, that was not the case.
3 But David did -- that Sunday morning I was there. I
4 got up that morning when, when Robert was sitting there
5 in the foyer and sat down -- I was, I was a little on
6 the tired side. Robert had gone to bed about 12 or
7 later. He left here about twelve o'clock.

8 JOHN: David said this evening that he knew
9 they were coming.

10 STEVE: Well, he did, he really did. He
11 suspected it, as I did myself.

12 JOHN: Yeah.

13 STEVE: I mean, first of all --

14 JOHN: I mean, he didn't say he just presumed
15 they were coming. He said he knew they were coming.

16 STEVE: I mean, the FBI -- I, I would hope
17 that the FBI is more efficient -- I mean, I've always
18 had the highest respect for that agency, I have. I
19 mean, being brought up as a young boy that believes in
20 the police and as a protective agency for the people,
21 they themselves being family men and oriented in that
22 manner, I mean, I've always thought highly of the FBI
23 and I know they've done a lot of good work through the
24 years. But, at the same time, the ATF is someone I was
25 not familiar with 'cause I have never been into
drinking, you know, really, or -- except for this group

1 | does have an occasional beer once in a great while,
2 | always in moderation if it is.

3 | But, at the same time, we're not -- of
4 | course, you know, like even firearms, that part is
5 | something new to me. I've never been involved, being
6 | in a family that more -- very -- strongly pacifist.
7 | So all that took place with that was something new to
8 | me, you know, and this agency and how they work. But I
9 | did see once a video, not that long ago, about that
10 | agency, about like -- yeah, I think he mentioned to you
11 | about -- something about breaking the law or something
12 | like that, and that's just those police officers who
13 | were given certain charges after being on the force for
14 | 20 some odd years. Are you talking to someone else?

15 | JOHN: Uh-uh.

16 | STEVE: No?

17 | JOHN: Just trying to pick something up.

18 | STEVE: Okay. But, anyway, you know, those
19 | are the things that do make you wonder. I mean, the
20 | way the thing came about, how it happened. I mean, I
21 | would have expected much more professionalism than,
22 | than was shown by the guys across the street. I
23 | mean --

24 | JOHN: Well, you know, Murphy's, Murphy's Law
25 | comes into effect sometimes, too, doesn't it?

 STEVE: Yeah. Well, I guess so.

1 JOHN: When things can go wrong, they go
2 wrong.

3 STEVE: I mean, you tell me, why --

4 JOHN: But I'm not going to sit here in
5 judgment.

6 STEVE: No, but --

7 JOHN: Of them, nor am I going to sit in
8 judgment of you.

9 STEVE: No, but in the future, yourself, you
10 tell me. Five to seven guys move in and they're way
11 out in the middle of the country, across from some kind
12 of a, a cult. And I mean -- and they're --

13 JOHN: Well --

14 STEVE: And these guys --

15 JOHN: -- I don't want to call it a cult, and
16 he didn't either, you know.

17 STEVE: Well, you know, I'm not offended
18 anyway because, you know, I mean, it's such a small
19 group of people, it's no great big orthodox church with
20 some multimillions of members and -- but, anyway, you
21 know, I mean, he went through all the details I'm sure
22 with you about it.

23 JOHN: Why do you think, why do you think
24 David had all those weapons in there?

25 STEVE: I don't know. And it didn't even
really start that long ago, in honesty. It really

1 | didn't. And --

2 | JOHN: I mean, I can understand if, if people
3 | are into hunting, people like to skeet shoot, people --

4 | STEVE: Well, no, I, I, I understand, also.

5 | JOHN: People are into things like that
6 | that's competitive in nature --

7 | STEVE: Nothing --

8 | JOHN: -- to have shotguns and other things.
9 | But to have --

10 | STEVE: Right.

11 | JOHN: -- the armament that he had.

12 | STEVE: Well, nothing was ever spoken of in
13 | the manner of aggression, by the way. Never ever has
14 | been.

15 | JOHN: I mean, you don't need --

16 | STEVE: Not in --

17 | JOHN: -- a .50-caliber machine gun to go
18 | hunt squirrels, you know.

19 | STEVE: Well, because of the situation we're
20 | in right now, you know, I'm not going to -- there's a
21 | lot of --

22 | JOHN: Oh, I know, I know. And I'm not
23 | trying to entrap you or, or --

24 | STEVE: No, no, I understand.

25 | JOHN: I was just thinking --

 STEVE: I really don't --

1 JOHN: -- off the top of my head, really.

2 STEVE: John, I believe that, I really do.

3 And I'd love to be -- you wouldn't believe I'd like to
4 open up and say a lot of things, but until I know a
5 little more about --

6 JOHN: Well, you know, like --

7 STEVE: -- what are the possibilities, of
8 course --

9 JOHN: Well, like I told David when we were
10 talking about the system, and, and like I, I explained
11 to you as well about what, what will happen when, when
12 everyone comes out, it, it may not be a perfect system
13 but it's the best system in the world, our judicial
14 system. And we all have certain rights, privileges and
15 freedoms under the Constitution. And by, by we, I
16 don't mean me and the people out here, I mean you and
17 the people in there as well.

18 And, believe me, the federal judicial system
19 protects those rights in a strong, strong manner. I
20 mean, it's not a -- it's not taken in a lackadaisical
21 manner at all. It's, it's very serious and, and the
22 judges and, and the other people are very serious about
23 it. I don't know if you've ever spent any time inside
24 a federal courthouse, but it, it's a totally different
25 atmosphere than in a --

STEVE: Yeah, I'm sure it is.

1 JOHN: -- in a state or a local --

2 STEVE: I've had tickets, of course, traffic
3 tickets and I have --

4 JOHN: That won't get you into a federal
5 facility.

6 STEVE: No, I'm sure.

7 JOHN: But -- and, and I tried to explain to
8 him that, you know, there is a presumption of innocence
9 and that's what the judicial system is all about, and,
10 and he has to understand that. And he gets his day in
11 court and he gets his day with the media and, and he
12 can have the best attorneys money can buy, you know.
13 And, and these people have an obligation to him to
14 bring out what he feels is the truth. And, on the
15 other hand, of course the government's going to bring
16 out its side of the story, and I'd be foolish to tell
17 you that they're not.

18 But the system is the system, and the system
19 works for us all. And even though at times maybe we
20 don't like the system -- and, and he got into quite a
21 lengthy dialogue with me about the problems that he had
22 in 19, you know, '87-88.

23 STEVE: Right.

24 JOHN: And that, and that's difficult and
25 that's, that's --

STEVE: I think that was something more

1 | confined to a local mentality --

2 | JOHN: Sure, sure it was.

3 | STEVE: -- or a mind-set. It would seem to
4 | me it's almost like the movies, where you see some of
5 | these old stereotype southern places where you --

6 | JOHN: You're not a good old boy.

7 | STEVE: Exactly.

8 | JOHN: You know?

9 | STEVE: Exactly.

10 | JOHN: And --

11 | STEVE: There's a certain way of doing
12 | things. And I must admit --

13 | JOHN: When you have your local, your local
14 | norms and your local (Indiscernible) and all of these
15 | things enter into it.

16 | STEVE: Positively.

17 | JOHN: Sure.

18 | STEVE: And even in those days, I couldn't
19 | help but go along with the way people might view
20 | something because they hear about somebody digging up a
21 | body. I mean what on earth -- you know, this George
22 | Roden, I never have met the guy but --

23 | JOHN: Me either.

24 | STEVE: Not that I'd even want to or need to,
25 | to associate oneself with such a personality, but the
 | other guy dug up a grave. And I suppose he told you

1 the whole story about -- and then he calls -- gets a
2 hold of David's phone number and --

3 JOHN: Yeah, yeah, I heard it.

4 STEVE: Anyway --

5 JOHN: I heard him telling Henry about it the
6 other night.

7 STEVE: But you tell -- one of these days
8 maybe someone can tell me why the authorities didn't
9 act on corpse abuse or -- they were -- and it was told
10 to them. They should have investigated themselves, not
11 told these young men from Hawaii, my friends, that they
12 needed to go on the property, take pictures. And then
13 the thing is when they did, honestly, when they did,
14 they had pictures of a, of a casket. They were told by
15 this Dickerson to go back onto the property, they
16 needed pictures of bones. That's when that shootout
17 took place. That's when this man came out of his
18 trailer with a semiautomatic Uzi and started firing on
19 some of these guys that had .22's, had, had come along
20 to only get -- maybe to shoot some rounds in the air to
21 distract the man.

22 JOHN: Yeah.

23 STEVE: Until they had the evidence. Of
24 course, it never happened that way. And when the
25 Sheriff's Department came onto the property, they were
happy to throw down their arms. They thought they were

1 | coming to assist, because they knew that the department
2 | knew about what they were doing, that they were there
3 | trying to gain the evidence. But, instead, they were
4 | slapped with handcuffs, laying in the gravel, facing
5 | the gravel, fire ants biting them and, I mean, got
6 | treated as PLOL terrorists and all sorts of nonsense.

7 | JOHN: Yeah, he was, he was telling Henry.

8 | STEVE: It was, it was a travesty of
9 | injustice, no question about it. It was. I followed
10 | it along myself and was, was shocked. The kind of
11 | money it took to be able to even --

12 | JOHN: You don't recoup that money, either,
13 | do you?

14 | STEVE: No, you don't. There's no way you
15 | can.

16 | JOHN: That's a difficult thing. It's not a
17 | civil litigation where someone doesn't find in your
18 | favor and so you get your money back. But, you know,
19 | the federal system as I was saying, you've got 12
20 | independent people who are going to sit there. And
21 | just because people are inside that compound doesn't
22 | mean they're going to be charged with something.

23 | STEVE: No, I --

24 | JOHN: As I, as I tried to explain that.

25 | STEVE: -- don't go along with those idea.
There's a lot of people here that are -- that, in fact,

1 | when it comes down to many aspects, don't know one
2 | thing from another.

3 | JOHN: In, in the federal system, you have to
4 | have a unanimous -- Any type of decision has to be
5 | unanimous, you know, all 12 people. Well, they're
6 | going to hear both sides of the story, aren't they?

7 | STEVE: Right.

8 | JOHN: And, and it's going to be a thorough
9 | story. You know --

10 | STEVE: Well, I think, I think --

11 | JOHN: I asked David when I was talking to
12 | him earlier this evening and David said he hadn't, if
13 | he hadn't I guess chosen the way of life that he's
14 | chosen, he probably would have been involved in law
15 | enforcement.

16 | STEVE: I wouldn't be surprised.

17 | JOHN: And I said, God, I don't think you
18 | want that headache.

19 | STEVE: No.

20 | JOHN: It's not like it used to be years ago
21 | and --

22 | STEVE: Right.

23 | JOHN: And I asked him, I said David, if you
24 | were in law enforcement, I said you put yourself in, in
25 | my shoes today, in our shoes today, what would you do
to resolve this situation? You've got to communicate,

1 don't you? You have to talk.

2 STEVE: Well --

3 JOHN: Maybe there was a lack of
4 communication six days ago, but you have to --

5 STEVE: Quite obviously.

6 JOHN: You know, you have to communicate.

7 STEVE: Can I ask you, John, what, what do,
8 what -- today we heard contradictory statements by the
9 ATF agent that was in the news, in the press
10 conference. We -- I don't know if one of them told me
11 that -- well, anyway, right along from the beginning it
12 was that they had come to serve a warrant, an arrest
13 warrant, for or to him.

14 JOHN: Uh-huh.

15 STEVE: And now we hear that that in fact was
16 not true. I don't know if that was you asked that --

17 JOHN: No. I, I made, I made a mistake
18 initially and I, and I corrected it. They were serving
19 a search warrant on the compound --

20 STEVE: Okay, on the compound.

21 JOHN: -- and an arrest, an arrest warrant on
22 his person.

23 STEVE: I see.

24 JOHN: Because he was talking about the fact
25 that he had been out jogging and walking around and
things --

1 STEVE: Oh, that's true.

2 JOHN: -- days before. But I said if you
3 don't have a warrant, you can walk around all you want.
4 If, if a federal judge, a federal magistrate has not
5 issued a warrant, they don't have any right to stop you
6 or do anything else to you. So that's why.

7 STEVE: Well, he's been in town even. He
8 took a trip -- well, him and I both. I was in
9 California --

10 JOHN: But the warrant probably wasn't
11 outstanding.

12 STEVE: I see.

13 JOHN: You know, the warrant hadn't been
14 issued. So if it hasn't been issued, they certainly
15 can't stop you or interfere with you in any way. So I
16 hope that clears that up.

17 STEVE: Well, see, that's why he figured if
18 he was an agent -- I mean, they would have never been
19 hurt. The guy's never hit anybody, he's never
20 threatened anyone.

21 JOHN: Well, I guess the thing that probably
22 bothered him more than anything was, was the, the
23 weapons that were out there.

24 STEVE: What, bothered who, the agent?

25 JOHN: Sure, sure.

 STEVE: I mean, well, what weapons? Or what

1 | did he know for sure?

2 | JOHN: Well, we --

3 | STEVE: I mean --

4 | JOHN: We all know for sure now, don't we?

5 | STEVE: Well, yeah, but, I mean, even myself,
6 | I was totally in the dark until all this came about.

7 | JOHN: Yeah. I mean, we, we know and, heck,
8 | it's been in the media, people have come forth and, you
9 | know, everybody's got to get their story to tell,
10 | right, and about the weapons that David's been buying
11 | for the, the last several months or years or whatever.

12 | STEVE: He hasn't hidden that at all. He's
13 | been very open about it. He's in fact --

14 | JOHN: Well, you just said what -- you didn't
15 | know about these weapons.

16 | STEVE: No, I know, but, I mean, I'm not
17 | talking about all, I'm talking to the degree that he's
18 | been to gun shows and so forth.

19 | JOHN: Believe me, if I was going to go knock
20 | on somebody's door and execute a search warrant or an
21 | arrest warrant and I knew they had .50-caliber machine
22 | guns in there and Law rockets --

23 | STEVE: But Robert honestly got --

24 | JOHN: -- that would scare me to death.

25 | STEVE: Not at all. Robert got to see the
demeanor of the man, his spirit and attitude, his

1 | character.

2 | JOHN: Yeah, but you understand the role
3 | Robert was playing, huh?

4 | STEVE: Oh, I do.

5 | JOHN: I mean now, now, to look back on it,
6 | to understand the role.

7 | STEVE: Even then. I want to tell you, you
8 | wanted to know how the tip-off and all that came about.
9 | Well, I -- what I think, what I do recall was kind of a
10 | strange situation.

11 | JOHN: Yeah.

12 | STEVE: It was Sunday morning. I think it
13 | was -- well, number one, God revealed it to him, and
14 | that's, you know, that's going to be hard for the press
15 | and others --

16 | JOHN: To who?

17 | STEVE: -- to believe. To David. 'Cause I
18 | was sitting there --

19 | JOHN: He revealed what?

20 | STEVE: Revealed to David who and what was
21 | happening.

22 | JOHN: Oh.

23 | STEVE: Because I was there when David made
24 | the statements to Robert in regards to what he had to
25 | do, do it, or whatever.

 JOHN: Uh-huh.

1 STEVE: And he did give him a couple of
2 warnings, but not, not in, not in a bad way.

3 JOHN: Not in an aggressive, threatening way?

4 STEVE: No, no, not at all. But only for
5 himself.

6 JOHN: Uh-huh.

7 STEVE: And, I mean, I was surprised, like
8 David, when if there was a warrant to be served, why
9 didn't you say look, David, there's questions that need
10 to be asked of you, we'd like you to come down and so
11 forth. I mean, why was -- I mean, these people here,
12 none of them have ever been involved in any kind of
13 hard-core -- any crime or any kind of crime --

14 JOHN: Well, what you have to remember is ATF
15 agents don't sign a warrant for somebody's arrest or a
16 search warrant. This is done by a federal judge, and
17 the federal judge signs the warrant. And if he signed
18 the warrant on Saturday or on Sunday, that's when you
19 execute the warrant.

20 STEVE: You know what I'd like to do? I
21 wonder if it would ever be possible for us to look at
22 the evidences that the --

23 JOHN: You bet.

24 STEVE: -- the world has seen.

25 JOHN: Absolutely.

 STEVE: I'm, I'm talking about now. I'm

1 | talking about now. I was told that --

2 | JOHN: Well, the only way that you're going
3 | to see it is --

4 | STEVE: I heard that the press filmed the
5 | approach of the choppers and so forth and, and some of
6 | how this began.

7 | JOHN: I'm sure they did.

8 | STEVE: And that it's been played -- a lot of
9 | the people in the United States, the majority have seen
10 | that.

11 | JOHN: You bet.

12 | STEVE: Is it possible for us --

13 | JOHN: There's several things that --

14 | STEVE: -- to see a video of that, for us to
15 | see what was coming about or what was happening?

16 | JOHN: The minute you come out.

17 | STEVE: Well, you know --

18 | JOHN: What can I tell you? I mean, I'm
19 | being, I'm being very practical and very realistic
20 | about it.

21 | STEVE: Just what was --

22 | JOHN: We're not just going to --

23 | STEVE: I mean, what was their plan when they
24 | were storming up to the door, running with assault
25 | weapons showing, ready to be used?

 JOHN: Hey, I've got to tell you, I

1 wasn't --

2 STEVE: I'm telling you.

3 JOHN: I was not in the State of Texas when
4 it happened.

5 STEVE: I was, I was right there. I heard
6 the, the -- I heard David -- I didn't hear them, I
7 never heard them say a word.

8 JOHN: You know, you said that he had -- the
9 Lord told him that they were coming. David told me
10 earlier this evening that it was very clear in his mind
11 one of the first times that he met Robert that -- who,
12 who Robert was and --

13 STEVE: Well, I agree. He told me --

14 JOHN: -- what Robert's identity was.

15 STEVE: He himself told me that. I went out
16 to California --

17 JOHN: That would have been a clue that
18 Robert's going to be coming some day, isn't it?

19 STEVE: Not -- no, not at all. Not at all.

20 JOHN: If they, if they find --

21 STEVE: Not the way the FBI works. I would
22 think that they'd have somebody over time and, you
23 know, using wisdom and sense and so forth. That's why
24 we didn't hide anything. He took him through the
25 building and out the back. They brought --

JOHN: He showed him all the weapons and

1 everything?

2 STEVE: I doubt that he did that.

3 JOHN: Well --

4 STEVE: But, I mean, well, you know what -- I
5 mean, who --

6 JOHN: -- I mean, that was one of the serious
7 issues, wasn't it?

8 STEVE: Well, who knows for sure why they
9 were coming? Honestly, I mean, I never gave it any
10 thought about that.

11 JOHN: I mean, I'm not trying to, you know,
12 be antagonistic.

13 STEVE: No, I know you're not. I know you're
14 not and I don't mind, you know, that you ask it that
15 way.

16 JOHN: Sure.

17 STEVE: That's fine. But, no, seriously, I
18 mean, who knows -- I mean, Mark Broe and some of these
19 people that have, that have heard his studies, have
20 backed and supported him and talked so highly of him --

21 JOHN: Yeah.

22 STEVE: -- and then changed and went the
23 other direction, they have contacted every kind of an
24 agency that there is in the American Government.

25 JOHN: Why do you think they did that?

STEVE: Because, number one --

1 JOHN: Just their own animosity?

2 STEVE: No, I'll tell you why. No, see, I
3 believe there is a spirit in this world. There's a
4 spirit of the world and there's a spirit of God. And
5 just like Christ, I don't know if you believe in
6 possession or whatever, what it says in the Bible that
7 Christ cast demonic spirits out of people that were
8 possessed 2,000 years ago. And that those people would
9 walk in the light of God's truth and those spiritual
10 beings that had moved these people into do things that
11 we would call insane or border on mental disorders
12 would, would then return with multiple mental problems.
13 Basically, this is what the Bible shows.

14 JOHN: Yeah.

15 STEVE: So David warned these people. Look,
16 if you don't walk and continue in the truth, the spirit
17 of the world which you are not partaking of now will be
18 the major factor in your life. So Mark Broe, when he
19 walked away, for six months I have got letter after
20 letter, how he says I still believe like you do, you're
21 my friends. But you could see over time, that over six
22 months, seven, eight months, he started changing.

23 JOHN: Yeah.

24 STEVE: And pretty soon, then came the
25 slander and all the rest, the rumors, the innuendos.
And I've got all the correspondence from him.

1 Ultimately, he's going to about every agency there is.
2 I found that out right away. But we did not care.
3 Sure, we could have gotten an attorney and gone after
4 him for slander, but we thought look, if our movement
5 is of God, let God take care of it. If it's not, why
6 worry about it, let it fall to the wayside. If it
7 never was of God, why even invest your time? So, for
8 that reason, well, he continued on.

9 And this is where, if you look back at your
10 notes there as to a number of things, well, he, he drew
11 Sherry Jewel into a court battle with her former
12 husband in Michigan. I was there. I came as a
13 material witness, to, to give evidence as of things I
14 knew about Mark Broe from the time I met him in '78.
15 So I've know right along Mark --

16 JOHN: Do you, do you think that there could
17 have been some kind of a, a conspiracy on their part?

18 STEVE: Well, no question about it. Mark
19 would do --

20 JOHN: Do you?

21 STEVE: He would have but sell his soul to
22 take David out of this world and take him out of the
23 picture.

24 JOHN: Yeah.

25 STEVE: Because I really truly believe Mark
was convicted that the truth was shown to him. He will

1 not rest and be settled until David and this group is
2 broke up, 'cause he's afraid that this group will yet
3 fulfill prophecy.

4 JOHN: Yeah.

5 STEVE: But if the group doesn't exist, well,
6 it soothes his conscience. Does that make sense?

7 JOHN: Do you think there are others out
8 there trying to do the same thing?

9 STEVE: Well, yeah, because in the beginning
10 people like the Gents, who were part of this
11 organization, also were with us for some time. In
12 fact, they were involved before I was, before I knew
13 David. This Lisa Gent had met him --

14 JOHN: Pete Gent's people?

15 STEVE: Exactly. Parents.

16 JOHN: Yeah.

17 STEVE: So they had met him before me and
18 talked very highly. I finally met Lisa Gent and then
19 ultimately her husband Bruce. And after -- there was a
20 fall out, and David even said Steve, go back to
21 Australia, which I did in November of '90, and let them
22 present their beliefs or how they differ from us, and
23 if they have something, we'll, we'll all look it over.

24 JOHN: Yeah.

25 STEVE: So, I mean, we went through all that.
It took some money to fly over there and back.

1 JOHN: Sure. Sure.

2 STEVE: You know, so right from the
3 beginning --

4 JOHN: Someplace I'd like to go in my life,
5 though.

6 STEVE: Well, if you -- well, anyway.

7 JOHN: Am I going to be disappointed?

8 STEVE: Probably. Well, yeah, sure, you'll
9 be disappointed. It's the world.

10 JOHN: No, I mean Australia.

11 STEVE: I know. But, you know, I'm being a
12 little, you know, everything's just -- and this, Jim,
13 as time goes on --

14 JOHN: Hey, I'd never been to Waco before and
15 I, I think --

16 STEVE: Hey, I wouldn't want to come back.
17 Would you? I don't know --

18 JOHN: Well, maybe not under these
19 circumstances.

20 STEVE: After living in Hawaii and I've been
21 just about every state --

22 JOHN: How about Lafayette, Louisiana?

23 STEVE: I've -- well, it's funny you mention
24 that place.

25 JOHN: Have you ever been there?

STEVE: Oh, many, many times.

1 JOHN: Have you?

2 STEVE: I have relatives there.

3 JOHN: You've got to be kidding. Is their
4 name Beroux (phonetic sp.) or Thibodeaux?

5 STEVE: It's neither, but are you actually
6 from Lafayette, Indiana, or something?

7 JOHN: Louisiana.

8 STEVE: Oh, Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana.

9 JOHN: Yeah.

10 STEVE: I was thinking you said Indiana.

11 JOHN: No.

12 STEVE: There is a Lafayette --

13 JOHN: The only thing they know how to do in
14 Indiana is play basketball.

15 STEVE: Okay.

16 JOHN: No, Louisiana.

17 STEVE: Well, you've got that right.

18 JOHN: Louisiana. You don't have relatives
19 in Louisiana, huh?

20 STEVE: No, I don't. I don't. I was
21 thinking Indiana.

22 JOHN: Oh. A lot of money's been spent, you
23 know, by David and throughout this whole thing. Like
24 you say, the trips that he's made and the trips to the
25 Holy Land and --

STEVE: And virtually --

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