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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 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 arrogancy, 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 Catholic 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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1:02 A.M. - 1:50 A.M.

1 STEVE: -- pretty good. But he's never, you
2 know, the -- why did he buy these things like the car
3 for instance and the Harley? Well, I was there with
4 him when he did. They were used to reach a genre, an
5 aspect of society that most religionists leave alone.
6 Meaning people that are -- that call themselves rock
7 and rollers --

8 JOHN: Yeah.

9 STEVE: -- that are into the music scene.

10 JOHN: Yeah.

11 STEVE: You know. Yeah, and one soul is
12 worth more than any of this, that is to say, the, the
13 cycle or the Corvette --

14 JOHN: You can say that again.

15 STEVE: And to show that he doesn't have a
16 love for those things, he doesn't even drive them.
17 Never operated the things. The Corvette --

18 JOHN: Really?

19 STEVE: Yeah. The Corvette just sits there
20 and --

21 JOHN: Yeah. He said he likes his Camaro.

22 STEVE: Yeah. But it's something he's worked
23 on. He's, you know, he's mechanically inclined.

24 JOHN: Sure. Sure.

25 STEVE: So he put it together himself, worked
hard to put it together --

1 JOHN: Yeah.

2 STEVE: -- and, and make it right and -- but
3 on the whole, I mean, you know, he's never been into
4 any of those things. The guy's not into material
5 things.

6 JOHN: Sure.

7 STEVE: He has -- he's got -- he has opened
8 up things to us that are so awesome when it comes to
9 astronomy, about the worlds yet that exist, the
10 movement of those worlds, the beings that live and
11 appreciate and habit those spheres.

12 JOHN: Well, you got to give him a lot of
13 credit, huh?

14 STEVE: Well --

15 JOHN: For taking that stand, taking that
16 position? It's, it's a very, you know, unselfish
17 posture.

18 STEVE: But anyway, you know, I figured that
19 one day it would -- not that it would come like this,
20 down to an agency or something like this happening by
21 an agency of the government, but I knew Mark would be
22 relentless when he --

23 JOHN: Hey, what's done is done, huh?

24 STEVE: But --

25 JOHN: You can't turn it around.

STEVE: No, it's, it's past that stage.

1 JOHN: But you're just going -- people are
2 going to have to communicate, though.

3 STEVE: Well, that's what we're doing.

4 JOHN: And, and just try to, to ease the pain
5 and suffering on both sides, because there was a lot of
6 pain and suffering on both sides.

7 STEVE: Even though you've been a Catholic,
8 and I know that maj -- the majority of all Catholics
9 have little background in the Bible or familiarity with
10 it --

11 JOHN: That's very true. That's very true.

12 STEVE: Well, I know that, you know, just
13 because of my mother being a Catholic, because I've
14 studied comparative religion, Catholicism --

15 JOHN: Those nuns would just bang your
16 knuckles and drive it home.

17 STEVE: Oh, but, yeah, of course. They are
18 very, you know, they've got good morals and so forth,
19 you know. I mean, at least they teach that. There are
20 many good nuns --

21 JOHN: Yeah.

22 STEVE: -- many good priests --

23 JOHN: Just don't get the numbers --

24 STEVE: But see the thing that if you had a
25 greater understanding of the Bible, and I, I would not
want to do that to you, because, you know, I, like he,

1 have respect --

2 JOHN: Sure.

3 STEVE: -- for freedom -- person's choice is
4 to listen to spiritual or religious things, but the
5 Bible in many numerous chapter -- chapters talk about a
6 man that comes in the final days not able to work
7 miracles, but the only miracle is he opens up the word
8 of God.

9 JOHN: Um-hum.

10 STEVE: And it can't be controverted. I
11 could right now rattle off numerous chapters. You
12 could write them down, take them to --

13 JOHN: Listen, you'll buzz right on by me,
14 wouldn't you.

15 STEVE: Well, no, no. What would happen is,
16 you could write those down, take them to a scholar or
17 call up a scholar and say, well, who is this person
18 that the prophets speak about in the final days. Is
19 this to be Christ of 2000 years ago, or is it his
20 return, is it someone else? Because this person that
21 the prophets speak about, they speak about him having
22 fins. They speak about him being called a ravenous
23 bird. Well, 2000 years ago the Christ of that period
24 of time was not a ravenous bird.

25 JOHN: No.

STEVE: In fact, he was moderate in

1 everything he did. He, in fact, he --

2 JOHN: Although he was probably considered a
3 rebel of his time by a lot of people.

4 STEVE: Oh, he was exemplary when it came to
5 a life of perfection.

6 JOHN: That's right.

7 STEVE: In fact, he was to hold up a standard
8 of the law that was unequalled by any being that's ever
9 been on this planet.

10 JOHN: Uh-huh.

11 STEVE: But what all the prophets talk about
12 is a man that comes in the final days with more sins
13 than the hairs of his head, like in Psalms 40 and in
14 Isaiah 57 it speaks about the man. I mean there's
15 countless, countless chapters, countless chapters. The
16 question is who is this person? Who is it? And that's
17 where it comes -- where the involvement of the seven
18 seals are.

19 There's where the challenge is. The one that
20 opens up these seals, which is basically all the
21 scripture in its tenor, in its harmonization. But I, I
22 can tell, you know, I don't want to keep you on the
23 phone talking to you about that. But see that's the
24 challenge though, John, and it may be something that,
25 you know, you may not have an interest now. I mean,
who knows down the road not far from now, I don't

1 believe that time is going to go on a lot -- very much
2 longer.

3 JOHN: Yeah.

4 STEVE: I'm not saying, you know, I'm not
5 talking about immediate or anything but --

6 JOHN: I want to pass a couple of things by
7 you, you know, and --

8 STEVE: Go ahead. Please do.

9 JOHN: -- and I don't want to keep you up all
10 night either.

11 STEVE: Please do.

12 JOHN: But, hell, I'm going to be here, so --

13 STEVE: Right.

14 JOHN: That doesn't mean you have to be
15 sitting there listening to me though.

16 STEVE: Okay.

17 JOHN: And I asked, I asked David and he said
18 his communication, I guess, is the bottom line. But if
19 you were in my place, my meaning me as an individual as
20 well as me being FBI, how would you try to, how would
21 you try to resolve this thing?

22 STEVE: You know, I'd be doing basically the
23 same, exact thing that you are doing right now.

24 JOHN: You got to talk, don't you?

25 STEVE: You do.

JOHN: Sure.

1 STEVE: I'd even be using the same phrases,
2 going around in -- coming around from every angle,
3 trying to touch either -- pull on a chord from the
4 heart, the feelings, or maybe --

5 JOHN: Well, that's what it's all about.

6 STEVE: -- factual things, whatever.

7 JOHN: I mean I'm not here to, to B.S.
8 somebody or anything else.

9 STEVE: That's why I -- no. I know. I, I
10 have a great appreciation of the job that you're trying
11 to do and alleviating and bringing about resolving all
12 of this.

13 JOHN: Well, there's been a lot of pain on
14 both sides.

15 STEVE: For sure.

16 JOHN: You know?

17 STEVE: For sure there has been, but --

18 JOHN: And I appreciate that.

19 STEVE: But, you know, one of the
20 difficulties as you see already that we have stated is
21 that in part of all of this is an element that -- well,
22 there's other worldly, which is, is a hard thing to
23 handle by, you know, someone like yourself --

24 JOHN: It's very difficult.

25 STEVE: It is. You know, when the man says
there's a god that audibly speaks to him, that said

1 | wait, you know, that's -- it's like I'm giving him a
2 | chance to say, well, look, you've shown me all this
3 | scripture. You've given me a hope in, in another world
4 | and the possibilities of that life and I see it backed
5 | by the Bible --

6 | JOHN: Uh-huh.

7 | STEVE: -- and I'm willing to challenge any
8 | man -- maybe not on this earth. I'll sit down at a
9 | table or in any kind of environment and allow that
10 | person to present anything they would like, give me the
11 | opportunity to ask you questions though, and then give
12 | me the opportunity to give some answers. See? And all
13 | this information that I have now, that I do not see can
14 | be controverted, has come from this man.

15 | So that's why -- see, this is the way the
16 | people are. It's not like you've got all these people
17 | that are just such professionals when it comes to cults
18 | and when it comes to brainwashing and all this
19 | nonsense. Well, when and -- the day that happens that
20 | we come out, you can sit down with any psychologist,
21 | sit down with these people. See if they're
22 | brainwashed.

23 | JOHN: Yeah.

24 | STEVE: Listen to the logic and the
25 | sensibility.

 JOHN: Well, you know, one of the difficult

1 | things for me to fathom, and I think for Henry and for
2 | Jim and, and for, for Dick --

3 | STEVE: Yeah.

4 | JOHN: -- was the apparent lack of freedom of
5 | someone to leave. And, and I know you don't look at
6 | that as freedom, and, and, you know, we, we have --

7 | STEVE: Well, what do you mean, John,
8 | because, you know --

9 | JOHN: Where -- it, it's something new to me.

10 | STEVE: What is that?

11 | JOHN: This entire philosophy --

12 | STEVE: Sure.

13 | JOHN: -- is something new to me where I
14 | would think, boy, if something's going on like this and
15 | I've got all of these paramilitary people out here
16 | and --

17 | STEVE: Do you have --

18 | JOHN: -- the weapons in here, I'd want to
19 | get away from this thing and I don't want to get
20 | near --

21 | STEVE: But not if you saw the development
22 | from, from before.

23 | JOHN: But that's probably very true.

24 | STEVE: See, that's the whole thing.

25 | JOHN: And that's new to me.

 STEVE: It is. It would be. Because you're

1 right --

2 JOHN: And it's hard to comprehend when
3 children are coming out and parents are staying in -- I
4 mean, you were raised I'm sure, I was raised -- the
5 strength of the parents for the children, right?

6 STEVE: For sure.

7 JOHN: And the, and the parents have
8 children --

9 STEVE: And --

10 JOHN: -- they've got a responsibility to
11 raise them.

12 STEVE: -- family ties -- if I were in your
13 position, I'd be playing on the family ties also right
14 now, which I notice that you're doing and I'm not
15 saying any -- you know, when I see --

16 JOHN: Well, yeah, but I'm not saying it to,
17 to --

18 STEVE: And I'm not saying that it's a
19 wrong --

20 JOHN: -- jiggle a nerve.

21 STEVE: No, no, I realize that. You're
22 trying to do the job that you have got to do and I'm
23 not going to even, like, break that connection. If you
24 can make that with anybody here, you know, I'm just --
25 one thing is for sure.

 JOHN: That's what just kind of surprised me

1 is --

2 STEVE: Well, look --

3 JOHN: -- is to see children coming out and,
4 and talking to what, Sita and Judy and, and some of the
5 others and, of course, it was before I realized Judy's
6 husband --

7 STEVE: Um-hum.

8 JOHN: -- was, was gone. But that -- yes,
9 they were free to leave anytime they wanted to go, but
10 no, they had no desire to go. That was just something
11 totally, totally --

12 STEVE: It is strange --

13 JOHN: -- strange for me.

14 STEVE: Well, it's because, see, it's because
15 of the little bit that some of you men have heard in
16 the past few days, but, you know, you're not convicted
17 that it's true or -- but at the same time, the
18 stumbling block is the first time you hear about the
19 man it's through some bizarre way, some bizarre means.
20 So that, itself, is a stumbling block. It, it's --
21 it'd be a hard thing probably to pull together that how
22 could this man be or able to or be someone that could
23 open up the scriptures when it's associated to
24 something as to what happened or the investigations,
25 the rumors --

JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: But, see, this is what the Bible
2 talks about. It talks about --

3 JOHN: You should listen to the media, you
4 want to hear rumors and speculations --

5 STEVE: Oh, I'm sure. I'm sure.

6 JOHN: And I, and I'm sorry. I said Judy. I
7 meant Kathy. I didn't --

8 STEVE: Well, I knew you did. I, I knew you
9 -- I didn't correct --

10 JOHN: Don't take any offense.

11 STEVE: Yeah, no problem there.

12 JOHN: But you can't believe the speculation
13 in the media. Everybody's got a brainstorm idea of why
14 something's happening --

15 STEVE: Oh, I'm sure.

16 JOHN: -- and what's going on and, and, and
17 that's, you know, that was an issue that, that we hear
18 from the media as far as the children are coming out,
19 the children are -- and, and I guess you guys got some
20 pictures or video or something today of, of the
21 children. I think you did.

22 STEVE: It was blank.

23 JOHN: You're kidding.

24 STEVE: No. Dick was aware of that.

25 JOHN: The video?

 STEVE: Yeah, the video was blank.

1 JOHN: Hey --

2 STEVE: I can send it back.

3 JOHN: -- real government operation there,

4 huh?

5 STEVE: Well, it happens.

6 JOHN: What about photographs. Did you get

7 any photo --

8 STEVE: Yeah, the photographs, of course, are
9 fine. They, they turned out.

10 JOHN: Well, it's -- at least the parents can
11 see that they're in good shape.

12 STEVE: I think one of the women were asking
13 about one of the children -- oh. Jamie, the
14 crippled --

15 JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

16 STEVE: -- boy was, of course, not in that
17 group.

18 JOHN: I saw him when he came out.

19 STEVE: You did, huh?

20 JOHN: Yeah. Cute little guy, huh?

21 STEVE: I, I figured that he probably was
22 needing special help or something in another area,
23 so --

24 JOHN: I'm sure. But he's kind of a nifty
25 little guy, isn't he? In his own little world?

STEVE: I -- yeah. I've never really been

1 around him too much, to be honest with you.

2 JOHN: I spent some time with him, talking to
3 him --

4 STEVE: You did, huh?

5 JOHN: -- and he wasn't talking to me, of
6 course, but --

7 STEVE: Yeah.

8 JOHN: -- you, you got to be warm and loving
9 to them and squeeze them and hug them, you know.

10 STEVE: Right. Right.

11 JOHN: 'Cause they need a lot of love. I've
12 got a god-daughter that's got a Down Syndrome and,
13 hell, she's in her mid-30s.

14 STEVE: Oh, she is?

15 JOHN: Which normally they don't live that
16 long.

17 STEVE: No, they don't. That's true.

18 JOHN: And you got to give them a lot of
19 love.

20 STEVE: So, John, so you're all the way from
21 Louisiana then, huh?

22 JOHN: Oh, it's not that far.

23 STEVE: Yeah?

24 JOHN: About 400 miles or so.

25 STEVE: To do -- do you do a lot of traveling
or, I mean, is --

1 JOHN: Not too much. Not, not too often,
2 but we got the best food in the world down there.

3 STEVE: Well, this is what I hear, you know.
4 I hear that a lot.

5 JOHN: As long as you like cayenne pepper.

6 STEVE: Is that right?

7 JOHN: Yeah, it's pretty hot stuff.

8 STEVE: That's interesting. Well, that's --
9 it's a very healthy herb to be used --

10 JOHN: And they're fun people down there.

11 STEVE: Yeah.

12 JOHN: They're -- they, they, they work hard,
13 they play hard, and if you like seafood -- and of
14 course I understand the religion as far as the, the
15 shellfish and pork --

16 STEVE: Yeah.

17 JOHN: -- and things like that, but we have
18 plenty of other seafood besides shellfish down there.

19 STEVE: Right. Well, you know we -- some of
20 the women noticed that in the pictures what they were
21 eating were hot dogs and so right away they were
22 concerned, of course --

23 JOHN: They were not --

24 STEVE: They weren't pork, huh?

25 JOHN: -- pork hot dogs.

 STEVE: -- either chicken, turkey, or beef,

1 | you know, there'd be no problems at all. I figured as
2 | much. I didn't think --

3 | JOHN: No indeed. There is absolutely no
4 | way --

5 | STEVE: Yeah.

6 | JOHN: -- nobody was going to try and offend
7 | anyone that way.

8 | STEVE: And if you want -- hey, if -- John,
9 | if you ever want to know why it's that way, we believe
10 | that way, just read sometime Isaiah 66, verses 15
11 | through 17. It says how God will come with flaming
12 | chariots to destroy people, because they've eaten
13 | swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse. Now
14 | what does that mean? Well, God made a list of animals
15 | he did not want man to eat --

16 | JOHN: Yeah.

17 | STEVE: -- because they're living sewers. A
18 | pig will eat its own feces. It'll eat -- it eats dead,
19 | decaying things. Now, if a human being thrives on the
20 | flesh of that animal, you're going to -- your longevity
21 | will be shortened seriously. There are certain
22 | meats --

23 | JOHN: What did it say about shellfish.

24 | STEVE: Well, it -- I'll be honest with you,
25 | shellfish are not allowed either in the Bible.

 JOHN: No, and, and I realize it.

1 STEVE: But fish with scales, trout, mahi
2 mahi, tuna, all of those are okay. If they have fins
3 and if they have scales, they are allowed to be eaten,
4 but you and I wouldn't think about sitting down and
5 eating a mouse or a buzzard or a mole, but --

6 JOHN: You'd have to be pretty hungry.

7 STEVE: Well, see, those things are in the
8 same category as a pig, though.

9 JOHN: Sure, sure.

10 STEVE: But, you know, this is what that book
11 says and either -- see, we follow it wholly or not at
12 all. Either it's totally true or it's --

13 JOHN: Well, absolute, right?

14 STEVE: For me, if that book isn't true,
15 well, to me there is no God. I'm going back to Hawaii
16 to live and live my life, as short as it may be, get
17 the most I can, and that'll be it. But I -- see, I'm
18 still leaning on that there is a God. That I'm a
19 complex being and that there's something better. And
20 even though I don't totally agree with it all the time
21 -- I mean, maybe what the -- who this God is, what he
22 does, I don't like to see what's happened to humanity
23 at large.

24 JOHN: Yeah.

25 STEVE: Well, I'm hoping that one day God
will show a greater wisdom and maybe that this sin,

1 this world and its problems, it'll never rise up a
2 second time like it says in the Book of Nahum.

3 JOHN: Well, you hope you, you -- we all hope
4 we see these things in our lifetime.

5 STEVE: Well, we do, we do. But I'm one of
6 those people that want to try to do my best to ensure
7 that if there's a hereafter, I'm, I'm banking on --

8 JOHN: Yeah.

9 STEVE: I'm putting my cards, I'm putting all
10 my money in that corner, because for me this world I
11 see it's short, it can end anytime. It's very
12 uncertain, the world, and, and peoples trying to gain
13 happiness. You get bits and pieces of it, but again
14 it's always eroding. So this is why a wise man is a
15 man that tries to grasp and have the priority of the
16 eternal things before him. So, see, that's the way
17 this group is, if that makes sense to you at all. And
18 that's the way a lot of --

19 JOHN: It, it was, particularly the first
20 couple of days, very difficult to grasp.

21 STEVE: I'm sure, but, see, it gets down to
22 -- if you ever noticed, if you ever took a concordance
23 and you went through the Bible, you look up the word
24 fear, for instance.

25 JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: It says, fear God, fear God, fear

1 God, because God --

2 JOHN: I do.

3 STEVE: Well, I know, but I meant -- I don't
4 mean you, I -- at large, the Bible says fear God,
5 because --

6 JOHN: Sure, sure.

7 STEVE: -- God's going to do everything he
8 says he's going to do in that book. So if you read
9 Acts chapter 3, verse 20 and 21, it says, everything
10 written by the mouth of every holy prophet since the
11 beginning of the world, it says, will come to pass.
12 Otherwise God's a liar and the prophets are -- you
13 can't buy it, they're false. So, see, this is why we
14 take the book wholeheartedly --

15 JOHN: Yeah.

16 STEVE: -- and, and in it's totality.

17 JOHN: Well, you know, one of the things is,
18 though, there -- and, and so many different religions
19 interpret things different ways.

20 STEVE: And I'm glad you said that.

21 JOHN: And, and I don't fault any of them
22 unless they were violent, you know, and, and of course
23 in, in my teaching of police officers in some of the
24 courses that I teach them and, and one of the things I
25 talk to them about is Islam. And of course that gets a
bad name, right? Because of all the problems in the --

1 STEVE: Well, it didn't start out bad.

2 JOHN: -- in the Middle East.

3 STEVE: Right.

4 JOHN: No. But I'm talking about -- you
5 mention Islam today and all they think about is
6 bombings and they think about --

7 STEVE: Well, they're a faction --

8 JOHN: -- Beirut and they think about --

9 STEVE: Right.

10 JOHN: -- all the negative things, yet
11 probably --

12 STEVE: The Shiites --

13 JOHN: -- 99 percent of all of the people in
14 the world that practice it are very God-fearing good
15 people.

16 STEVE: Exactly. Exactly.

17 JOHN: You know, and, and it's the ones that
18 just have some really bent interpretations of it and,
19 and --

20 STEVE: Well, see, this is where most -- when
21 I deal with ministers of many --

22 JOHN: Uh-huh.

23 STEVE: -- different -- like I've heard of
24 quite of few of these on the talk shows, how they've
25 reacted to David's very simple presentation in that 56
minutes. I mean that, that is nothing. That -- when

1 he -- when I first met him, when he opened up to me in
2 the first two hours six and a half years ago was way
3 beyond that. And right away you get all of this
4 negative reaction by a lot of the scholars. These
5 scholars don't know their head from a hole in the
6 ground. They agree with no one but themselves.

7 This is why in the Book of Isaiah, chapter
8 41, God calls these men islands. They're, they're on
9 their own. They don't see eye-to-eye with anybody.
10 They're so proud because of all their degrees and what
11 they have found and -- but at the same time, there's --
12 according to the Bible only one truth, one spirit, one
13 body, and so forth. So, when I met David -- I mean, I
14 already understood like in II Peter 1:12 it says,
15 you're to be established in the present truth.

16 That means in every generation there's a
17 truth that God would have whoever his people are to
18 know. And further on in that chapter it goes on to
19 say, know this first it says in verse 20, that no, no
20 prophecy of the scripture is of any private
21 interpretation. That's what it says, John. So the
22 Bible was written by inspired men and women as God
23 willed that they saw certain things in regards to the
24 future. Does that make sense?

25 JOHN: Sure. Sure.

 STEVE: And it says -- so it goes on without

1 | saying that however God would open it up, it would not
2 | be a guessing game. You come along and you read it,
3 | well I think it means this, I feel it means this, my
4 | opinion, my theory. So God, in the right time and the
5 | right time of schedule, opens up those things
6 | pertaining to the time that it's to be fulfilled.

7 | So, see, this is how the Bible works. So no
8 | matter -- so if you go to the Book of Daniel, for an
9 | example, you have 12 chapters there and some of those
10 | visions recorded there were by the great king,
11 | Nebudchanezzar of Babylon. Some were by Daniel the
12 | Prophet, the Israeli that was taken off into captivity,
13 | into Babylonian captivity. But he, himself, as it goes
14 | on to record, did not understand all that was shown to
15 | him so he's fainting half the times in chapter 8 to 12.

16 | But when I, when I, when I approach a scholar
17 | like I have in London and I say to these men, show me
18 | in chapter 11 and 12 of Daniel who the King of the
19 | North is, who the King of the South is. Who's this
20 | power that scatters God's holy people in the final days
21 | of earth history? Who is Michael, the great prince
22 | that stands up, and there's going to be a time of
23 | trouble like the earth has never seen before since
24 | there's been a nation.

25 | And they sit there going ah, well, ah. And
then I say, let's look a little further over here at

1 | chapter 12, verse 10, it says -- it talks about those
2 | that walk with the wicked will do wickedly --

3 | JOHN: Well, do you, do you travel a lot?

4 | STEVE: Well, I used to --

5 | JOHN: To speak to --

6 | STEVE: -- right up until about oh, I'd say
7 | two years ago I did a little bit. I shouldn't say a
8 | lot. A little bit here and there.

9 | JOHN: Would, would you -- I mean, would --
10 | like I understand Baylor University is supposed to be,
11 | you know --

12 | STEVE: It's a fairly -- it's a --

13 | JOHN: -- quite a hub of the Baptist --

14 | STEVE: It is.

15 | JOHN: -- church.

16 | STEVE: I believe it's their largest
17 | university.

18 | JOHN: And, and I guess you could go up to
19 | Catholic University in Washington, D.C., or
20 | Georgetown --

21 | STEVE: Right.

22 | JOHN: Georgetown you get the, the Jesuits,
23 | but Catholic U. you get the others and --

24 | STEVE: Right, right.

25 | JOHN: -- do you, do you sit down at places
like Baylor or, or other --

1 STEVE: Yes I have.

2 JOHN: -- universal settings and talk to
3 their theologians?

4 STEVE: Exactly. I have.

5 JOHN: That's got to be pretty interesting
6 though.

7 STEVE: Oh, it is. In fact, when I first ran
8 into David, of course, I wanted to rip him apart. So I
9 took his information to these kind of men hoping --

10 JOHN: Uh-huh.

11 STEVE: -- that they, they would have the
12 ability to do it, because I didn't.

13 JOHN: Sure.

14 STEVE: In fact, when I first learned about
15 David, I went to at least 20 minister friends
16 associates of mine.

17 JOHN: Uh-huh.

18 STEVE: And I gave them the information
19 myself. David would have --

20 JOHN: I bet I know what they told you too.

21 STEVE: Well, they weren't able to controvert
22 it.

23 JOHN: Really?

24 STEVE: No, not in the least. I mean --

25 JOHN: They didn't try -- I bet they tried,
though, didn't they?

1 STEVE: Oh, you bet they tried. You bet they
2 did.

3 JOHN: Sure, sure.

4 STEVE: In fact, that's why I gave you an
5 example of Daniel 12, the scholar I dealt with in
6 London.

7 JOHN: Uh-huh.

8 STEVE: When I said to the man, well, look
9 here in chapter 12, verse 10. It says the wicked will
10 do wickedly, it says, and none of the wicked will
11 understand, but the wise shall understand. Well, look
12 at that statement I asked the man. Well, you go ahead
13 now and you show me from the Bible who the King of the
14 North is, who the King of the South is.

15 The man goes, well, I can't. And I says, but
16 you're making money off the masses because you're
17 supposed -- they're paying you because you went to some
18 higher form of education you gained and you should have
19 the ability now to show them what these things mean.
20 Well, the man couldn't.

21 JOHN: Sure, sure.

22 STEVE: Because the Bible writers,
23 themselves, says it does not come because a man spends
24 years gaining degrees. This is the Bible. This is
25 moved by the Spirit of the living God. And God's got a
plan and it involves laying a snare for the world. The

1 world that's so caught up into living for today and
2 just -- and mouthing God's name, which is not even his
3 name at all. I mean, I would not want to offend you,
4 John, but his name never --

5 JOHN: Take your best shot. Go ahead. I'm
6 not --

7 STEVE: Okay. But his name never was Jesus
8 in the first place 2,000 years ago and that's a, a --

9 JOHN: I'll let that just slide right on by
10 and I, I won't be offended.

11 STEVE: I don't think, I don't think it would
12 bother you anyway, but --

13 JOHN: I don't think so.

14 STEVE: -- that's a, that's a Greek
15 transliteration into the English. His name actually
16 was Yeshua, Yeshua the Messiah. But the --

17 JOHN: Listen. When I got married, the, the
18 priest that married my wife and I, I'd known for
19 years --

20 STEVE: Uh-huh.

21 JOHN: -- and he's -- last I heard he was a
22 Bishop in Richmond, Virginia --

23 STEVE: Wow.

24 JOHN: -- which is not where we got married
25 at all, but it's where he is. And he told my wife, who
was at that time not a Catholic, don't let him try to

1 | influence you. I mean, in, in the old school in the
2 | Catholic church it was, you know, you married
3 | Catholics, etc., etc., etc.

4 | STEVE: That's true. I do remember those
5 | days.

6 | JOHN: And you stuck together and, and -- or
7 | -- and he just said hey, don't let him try to influence
8 | you to do this. If you're not comfortable with it,
9 | call me and I'll tell him to mind his own business.
10 | The only thing we ask is that you raise the children so
11 | -- but that's the way it was for 20, at least 25 years
12 | and she decided after 25 years of marriage that she --

13 | STEVE: Well, that's one thing --

14 | JOHN: -- she wanted to become Catholic. So
15 | I, I didn't --

16 | STEVE: Is that right?

17 | JOHN: -- didn't push her into that --

18 | STEVE: -- just amazing, totally amazing.

19 | JOHN: Didn't push her into it. Let me
20 | ask --

21 | STEVE: Sure.

22 | JOHN: I wanted to tell you something.

23 | STEVE: All right.

24 | JOHN: I, I got a note pushed in front of
25 | me --

 STEVE: Okay.

1 JOHN: -- that they're going to be moving
2 some of those vehicles around probably in about 15
3 minutes, going through a shift change or something out
4 there.

5 STEVE: Okay.

6 JOHN: So don't get concerned about it,
7 because I know it's still dark out I presume. I'm been
8 inside -- yeah, it's 1:25. It's still dark out, but
9 don't be concerned. They're just --

10 STEVE: I do --

11 JOHN: -- they're going through a shift
12 change.

13 STEVE: I really haven't. You know,
14 that's --

15 JOHN: But I want to communicate with you and
16 I want to let you know what's going to happen.

17 STEVE: It's only when they're on the
18 property, which of course they have been down --

19 JOHN: Well, they, they may be. I don't
20 know.

21 STEVE: Well, see, that's, you know, that was
22 one of the biggest problems you -- when we first got on
23 the phone together --

24 JOHN: I know.

25 STEVE: That's been a problem since day one.

 JOHN: I know.

1 STEVE: And that's where the greatest
2 agreement had been broken right off.

3 JOHN: Hey, what can I tell you.

4 STEVE: And especially when these -- and of
5 course all you guys are aware, and I really believe
6 that you are in control, like when they do things like
7 run over the guard gate and run over the shed and, and
8 have total disregard of private property, like moving
9 those motorcycles out into the elements that they have
10 done --

11 JOHN: Do what?

12 STEVE: -- today or last night.

13 JOHN: Do what?

14 STEVE: We had motorcycles parked in that
15 back garage there. They've moved them out and stuck
16 them in, in between this building, as you call the
17 compound, and that back garage where they're at with
18 the sandbags. They've got some of the --

19 JOHN: Well, I can't tell you I know anything
20 about that. I didn't even know you had motorcycles.

21 STEVE: Well, that's true. Yeah. And --

22 JOHN: Until you told me David had one.

23 STEVE: No, we've got a number of Honda
24 Magnas and Shadows --

25 JOHN: Oh, just to kind of buzz around out
there?

1 STEVE: Oh, yeah, no. There's been a couple
2 times we've taken trips together and have had a very
3 enjoyable time, but we've taken care of these bikes and
4 they're there now out in the elements and -- I think --
5 they were not even --

6 JOHN: Well, let me tell you one of the big
7 problems.

8 STEVE: Okay. It wouldn't -- let me just
9 tell you --

10 JOHN: Go ahead. Go ahead. I didn't mean to
11 interrupt you.

12 STEVE: -- why it wouldn't surprise me, it
13 wouldn't surprise me that these same kids in these
14 vehicles would go run those things over as they had the
15 shack. The same total disregard.

16 JOHN: Well, some of them aren't kids. And
17 some of them probably older than you are.

18 STEVE: Well, it, it -- that --

19 JOHN: You're not a kid, are you?

20 STEVE: I must admit, it hasn't been shown to
21 me that they are mature.

22 JOHN: Well, that, that may be more
23 appropriate, but what happened was --

24 STEVE: All right.

25 JOHN: You've, you've got different -- I
don't know what you'd say, factions? Okay?

1 STEVE: Um-hum.

2 JOHN: You got the faction that you're
3 talking to right now, which we think we're the most
4 sane, rational ones --

5 STEVE: But of course.

6 JOHN: -- dealing here. And then you've got
7 other sides of the ledger. And when, when, when David
8 did not come out, that really put some people
9 ballistic, you know?

10 STEVE: Um-hum.

11 JOHN: They, they said, hey, everything's
12 going to be worked out, everything's going to be
13 resolved, and they figured this entire thing is going
14 to be over and it wasn't. Right?

15 STEVE: Um-hum.

16 JOHN: And these things happen sometimes and
17 they're, they're beyond your control, they're beyond my
18 control.

19 STEVE: Well, I really and honestly do not
20 believe that they're aside from the command at that --
21 at -- where you're at, the command post. They're --
22 nobody in the military, being that they come up in a
23 regimen of having order above and over them always,
24 that they're not allowed to do anything without it
25 being given to them, just like, for instance --

 JOHN: You read that, I would say, very

1 accurately.

2 STEVE: Well, being that as a -- as, for
3 instance, with the guard shack thing. When we --

4 JOHN: You think I'm doing something that --

5 STEVE: I believe you might --

6 JOHN: -- isn't, isn't being condoned other
7 than I can have some pretty --

8 STEVE: -- I don't see -- I don't know --

9 JOHN: -- I can have some leeway as far as my
10 personal --

11 STEVE: Right.

12 JOHN: -- conversation with you.

13 STEVE: I don't know what rank you are or
14 high -- what --

15 JOHN: Well, we don't have ranks really.

16 STEVE: Well, yeah, to a degree you do.

17 JOHN: We've got chiefs and Indians and I'm
18 an Indian.

19 STEVE: Let's say, let's say seniority then,
20 or at least some have greater influence than another
21 and --

22 JOHN: Sure, sure.

23 STEVE: But I do realize that these men are
24 not going to be running over shacks unless they've
25 cleared it with your command post there in the
beginning or their movements and getting out of the

1 | vehicles, running around the property, getting into
2 | some of our vehicles. I mean these guys, believe me, I
3 | mean -- they get itchy. And I think we showed the
4 | greatest humanity when we -- it appears to -- I want to
5 | tell you the truth.

6 | JOHN: Yeah.

7 | STEVE: And if I ever get my day in court or
8 | don't or whatever happens --

9 | JOHN: Well, I'm sure you will.

10 | STEVE: Well, I hope so. But whether I do or
11 | not and if it's twisted and turned, the words or
12 | whatever, I'll tell you ahead of time in honesty that a
13 | lot of --

14 | JOHN: Nobody can force you to sit on a
15 | witness stand now.

16 | STEVE: Well, let me tell you that a lot of
17 | these people here believe that that agency came here
18 | with actually the intention of murder. Seriously.

19 | JOHN: Well, I can't comment on that.

20 | STEVE: Let, let -- John, I know you can't
21 | and you would never dare go against --

22 | JOHN: I -- and I, and I just don't --

23 | STEVE: Wait, wait, let me -- wait, let me
24 | finish.

25 | JOHN: -- believe it in my own mind.

 STEVE: Let me, let me tell you now that, and

1 I know, you would never dare, even if you did have
2 small evidence --

3 JOHN: Yeah.

4 STEVE: -- ever go against another agency of
5 which is your employer, even though it's not the same
6 one. But when you see the way those choppers came and,
7 and right away peppered the bedroom where he lived,
8 where he stayed, David, where he stayed.

9 JOHN: Uh-huh.

10 STEVE: The way they approached the front
11 door, with the weapons going off right away. No piece
12 of paper, no saying we have a warrant. David says they
13 were speaking at the same time they were firing. We
14 heard a report --

15 JOHN: Um-hum.

16 STEVE: -- in the pre -- by the press, we
17 heard a report, that there was an accidental shooting
18 by one of the BATF agents.

19 JOHN: Uh-huh.

20 STEVE: That there was an -- and then all of
21 a sudden the rest started firing. David did not. He
22 -- I was there in the, in the hallway. He stepped back
23 away from the door, miraculously he was not hit.

24 JOHN: Yeah.

25 STEVE: Because if you saw the door, how it
was riddled, I'm telling you the truth. I'm telling

1 | you the truth. And if these agents, the way they fired
2 | against the building where the women and babies were,
3 | I'm -- you know how -- that they missed -- I'm tell --
4 | I'll tell you the truth, about eight to nine of these
5 | little kids were missed by within an inch of -- when
6 | this is all said and done, if, if you people don't burn
7 | the building down or whatever you would plan on
8 | doing --

9 | JOHN: Now?

10 | STEVE: Huh?

11 | JOHN: We just plan on waiting for people to
12 | come out.

13 | STEVE: I really -- I'll tell you the truth.
14 | I -- it wouldn't, it wouldn't surprise me that they
15 | wouldn't want to get rid of the evidence. Because if
16 | this building's left standing, you will see the
17 | evidences of what took place.

18 | JOHN: Well, you know something else we'll
19 | see too, Da -- is, David -- geez -- the mind's going,
20 | huh, Steve?

21 | STEVE: But Da -- I mean, John, I mean I know
22 | it's been hard --

23 | JOHN: Is, is we're going to see --

24 | STEVE: Whether you believe what I'm --

25 | JOHN: -- a lot of weapons, aren't we?

 STEVE: Well, let's -- it's possible.

1 JOHN: Unless somebody wants to try and do
2 something about that, huh?

3 STEVE: Exact -- and what could they do,
4 though.

5 JOHN: No. I'm talking about you people.

6 STEVE: Well, what could we do?

7 JOHN: Well, what do you think you could do?

8 STEVE: I'm -- yeah -- well, I'm talking
9 about in regards to hiding --

10 JOHN: We're talking about peaceful --

11 STEVE: Hiding -- no, we're talking about
12 hiding evidences --

13 JOHN: -- religious groups that would have
14 Law rockets and machine guns and, and that's hard to
15 fathom, isn't it?

16 STEVE: It is.

17 JOHN: Would I expect to go into my, my
18 church where I live and, and -- or go into the priest's
19 rectory or something and, and see Law rockets and
20 machine guns and -- no, I wouldn't.

21 STEVE: Well, you're -- now, let's get --
22 let's think a little deeper and a little more vast
23 here, John.

24 JOHN: Let's go.

25 STEVE: Let's, let's look over at Ireland
over here. You're going to find out one day --

1 JOHN: We're not having a religious war in
2 this country.

3 STEVE: Wait, now. You're going to learn one
4 day when you get into the very workings and the makings
5 of the second World War, for instance, you're going to
6 find the Catholic church so deeply involved behind the
7 scenes --

8 JOHN: Hey. I will never condone some of the
9 activities that were conducted in World War II. And,
10 and I, I'm not --

11 STEVE: I know you won't. And I was raised
12 with that as a background also, so --

13 JOHN: I, I will ask those questions as long
14 as I live that --

15 STEVE: You're like I am, in honesty, if -- I
16 am a Seventh Day Adventist and they kicked me out of
17 their church, but I was a loyal Seventh Day Adventist
18 till the day they removed me.

19 JOHN: I, I have abso -- I know there were a
20 lot of good deeds done by the church --

21 STEVE: Exactly.

22 JOHN: -- and then the church turned its back
23 on a lot of things.

24 STEVE: Exactly. It's the same --

25 JOHN: And I can't accept that and, and --

 STEVE: Truly.

1 JOHN: But I -- that doesn't mean I'm not a
2 good Catholic.

3 STEVE: Exactly.

4 JOHN: I'm not a practicing Catholic, but
5 what I'm saying is --

6 STEVE: But I'm saying --

7 JOHN: -- how many churches and religious
8 groups would have the armament and the weapons that are
9 there? And, and that's a questions that's got to be
10 asked. And what is the purpose in having them?
11 Waiting for Armageddon? No.

12 STEVE: Did you ask David that question?
13 What he's doing with all that?

14 JOHN: Well, not, not as specifically as
15 that.

16 STEVE: I wished you would.

17 JOHN: Well --

18 STEVE: I really wished you would.

19 JOHN: You don't have to wake him up.

20 STEVE: I won't. I won't. But, you know,
21 you ask the question like tomorrow when you call --

22 JOHN: Well, I will --

23 STEVE: -- or whatever and --

24 JOHN: You know, I will. And I'm sure he's
25 got an answer. I would hope he's got an answer, but
I'm not ask -- believe me, I'm not asking the question

1 | in an adversarial manner that --

2 | STEVE: No, no. I realize that again,
3 | because -- number one, you don't want to offend or
4 | break the lines --

5 | JOHN: No, no I don't.

6 | STEVE: -- but you don't understand. We
7 | wouldn't break the lines over being offended by words
8 | in the first place. We seriously would not be.
9 | There's some deep, deep great issues involved here, and
10 | I know we haven't yet clicked on the same wavelengths,
11 | even though we've attempted from one perspective, you
12 | from another --

13 | JOHN: Yeah, but I'm not, I'm not giving up
14 | on it, huh?

15 | STEVE: No, you're not. And you know why?

16 | JOHN: And I, and I don't think any of us
17 | should.

18 | STEVE: We haven't.

19 | JOHN: Because the only way we can do is, is
20 | communicate. Let me ask you something before I forget.

21 | STEVE: Go ahead. All right.

22 | JOHN: The mind gets a little fuzzy after a
23 | number of hours and --

24 | STEVE: Tell me.

25 | JOHN: -- do you, do you think that David's
going to let some youngsters come out in the morning?

1 STEVE: I don't know. I really -- in
2 honesty, I don't know.

3 JOHN: You don't?

4 STEVE: I don't. It's -- like this morning I
5 had no idea or the day before.

6 JOHN: Really? He didn't discuss it with you
7 beforehand? See that --

8 STEVE: No. And --

9 JOHN: Well, do you think, do you think --

10 STEVE: -- the truth is I wanted to discuss
11 that with him last night, or if you want to call
12 tonight --

13 JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

14 STEVE: But, you know, by the time he got off
15 the phone, he was quite tired. So then I lost that
16 opportunity. But I did want to ask him some questions
17 in regards to that.

18 JOHN: Well, I think, I think it'd be kind of
19 important, though, that if you talk to him about
20 Michael's wife --

21 STEVE: Right.

22 JOHN: -- coming -- accompanying that body,
23 because I don't want anybody to get the impression that
24 we don't care. We do care.

25 STEVE: Well, you don't --

 JOHN: And we believe that --

1 STEVE: It, it -- I'll tell you the truth.
2 It's an insult to my integrity and also to his to put
3 it in that way.

4 JOHN: Why?

5 STEVE: To use leverage like that to expect
6 to have someone come out for that man -- means, or
7 reason I should say, for the very -- I mean --

8 JOHN: For me to, to, to ask that someone
9 should accompany the body?

10 STEVE: Exactly. For sure.

11 JOHN: That's insulting you?

12 STEVE: I mean -- well, it -- no, no. No,
13 no, no, no -- don't change -- let's not change the --
14 what I'm saying. What I'm saying is --

15 JOHN: Well, I misunderstood what you're
16 saying then. Go ahead.

17 STEVE: Okay. I mean it's -- remember now.
18 You're a negotiator. You're going to try to get every
19 last person out of here, which is your job.

20 JOHN: Safely.

21 STEVE: Exactly.

22 JOHN: That means you too.

23 STEVE: It does -- and I'm glad to hear that.

24 JOHN: And David and everyone.

25 STEVE: I have the highest -- greatest
appreciation --

1 JOHN: I don't want to see anybody get hurt.

2 STEVE: Well, I'm glad to hear that. I
3 really am. But I mean, though, I mean -- I'm aware
4 that you're going to use whatever tactic or means or
5 whether, you know, playing on the heart or --

6 JOHN: I hope I'm playing on logic. That's
7 all.

8 STEVE: Well -- okay. But still, I mean,
9 this -- the point being that we expect to see some
10 respect for this, this person who was killed --

11 JOHN: Absolutely.

12 STEVE: -- not taking out in regards to if
13 anybody followed with it or not followed with the, the
14 per -- the body.

15 JOHN: Well, that's fine. But --

16 STEVE: And --

17 JOHN: -- what I'm saying is here you've,
18 here you've got a woman --

19 STEVE: -- you know --

20 JOHN: -- that's lost a husband --

21 STEVE: I realize that.

22 JOHN: -- and she's got some children out
23 here. I'm not trying to be --

24 STEVE: No, no. That's -- but, you know,
25 if --

 JOHN: -- playing mind games.

1 STEVE: No, no, no, no. But if you come
2 right out and you say, well, you know, your children
3 are out here. Do you want to come out where your
4 children are? Well, you can, you know, you deal with
5 her on that level --

6 JOHN: Sure.

7 STEVE: -- or whatever else you, you chose
8 to. That's between you and her.

9 JOHN: Makes sense though, doesn't it?

10 STEVE: Yeah. It's between you and her, but
11 like with this body.

12 JOHN: Yeah.

13 STEVE: One way or the other, as time goes
14 on, I don't want to see it decaying. I mean, if the
15 parents are here all the way from Australia, let them
16 identify the body. You know, here's the -- let them
17 take a, a look at him and see what they caused.
18 Because it was people like themselves and Mark that --

19 JOHN: Well, I wouldn't --

20 STEVE: No, you -- don't --

21 JOHN: You want me to put that onus on
22 somebody?

23 STEVE: No I don't. No, no, no, no. No I
24 don't.

25 JOHN: No.

 STEVE: Now, you didn't hear me say that at

1 all. I'm talking only forthrightly between yourself
2 and me.

3 JOHN: Yeah.

4 STEVE: But, no, I would never do such a
5 thing to anybody. You know, that is their son and he
6 deserves a burial, of course, but --

7 JOHN: A Christian burial, sure.

8 STEVE: -- why, why did this all come about?

9 JOHN: Sure.

10 STEVE: You know, but I'm telling you as a
11 person that I was there two years ago --

12 JOHN: Uh-huh.

13 STEVE: -- and they've been adamant about
14 trying to create trouble for this man here that they,
15 that they followed and believed and, and shared time
16 with and so forth.

17 JOHN: Well, they had nothing to do with
18 their son's demise though, you know? Directly.

19 STEVE: Well, it's a long story and, and one
20 day you'll get to hear all the details and you'll have
21 a little bit different perspective of it.

22 JOHN: Well, you know, that could be very
23 true. You know, it really could. But, but I, I hope
24 that you and David, you know, give Michael's wife some
25 encouragement.

STEVE: Well, definitely we will.

1 JOHN: And I'm, and I'm not saying that --

2 STEVE: John, in honesty, I, I have done this
3 from the beginning. I've always been a person that
4 even if I've opened up the Bible to someone or talked
5 politically or whatever else, I've always been a person
6 that encourages a person to back away from me, weigh it
7 out on your own. If there's a God, you know, pray to
8 your -- pray to God.

9 JOHN: Yeah.

10 STEVE: Ask for a spirit of discernment,
11 whether it's true or false or whatever else and make
12 your decision based upon logic. Go by --

13 JOHN: You know some -- a way that you could
14 do something like that, though?

15 STEVE: Go by a way that -- okay. go ahead.

16 JOHN: A way that you could be strong doing
17 that is you lead her out there with that body and then
18 you go back inside.

19 STEVE: That I lead her --

20 JOHN: That may give her some support.

21 STEVE: That I lead her out --

22 JOHN: With Peter.

23 STEVE: And then what? Her go on with the
24 body? Is that what --

25 JOHN: Yeah. And you just go back inside and
you'd be very supportive of her, wouldn't you?

1 STEVE: Well, I tell you truly that if she
2 chooses to do that, it would be not a problem on, on my
3 part to accompany her --

4 JOHN: I mean nobody's -- would try to trick
5 you or play any games with you, but it's probably going
6 to take two males to get that body someplace and,
7 and --

8 STEVE: Oh, easily, easily.

9 JOHN: You know, you know what I mean. That
10 you could be --

11 STEVE: In fact, I, I --

12 JOHN: -- you could be one of the two and,
13 and give her some support that way.

14 STEVE: I talked to one of these guys and
15 they told me that they thought it might even take four,
16 because it, you know, when, when a body -- I don't
17 know --

18 JOHN: Well, I don't know what means you have
19 of carrying it.

20 STEVE: Well, so far I don't either to be
21 honest with you unless we use that same --

22 JOHN: Stretcher?

23 STEVE: Yeah. You gave us that stretcher. I
24 don't --

25 JOHN: Believe me, if it got to the point
that you needed a stretcher, we could get a stretcher

1 delivered out there.

2 STEVE: Okay. That's what I wondered.

3 JOHN: You know, and, and that's certainly a
4 possibility.

5 STEVE: Well, maybe tomorrow morning -- I
6 hope you don't call too early in the morning. I was
7 pretty tired this morning and --

8 JOHN: Oh, I won't call before 5:00.

9 STEVE: Well, hopefully I won't hear it.

10 JOHN: No. No. No, we won't, but I, I --
11 I've had a good chat with you and --

12 STEVE: Well, look, I told you. I'll talk to
13 her and even give you --

14 JOHN: Be strong with her, okay?

15 STEVE: I'll, I'll give her -- you the
16 opportunity even to talk with her if you'd like and --

17 JOHN: Good, good. And what I want to do is
18 talk to you, either you or David in the morning,
19 because I know you probably didn't get a chance to
20 write down all the names of those people I talked to
21 you about.

22 STEVE: -- we didn't, because you know it's
23 already so late and --

24 JOHN: But what I would like to do is at
25 least say hello to the loved one inside so I could say
hello to the person on the outside.

1 STEVE: Um-hum.

2 JOHN: You know, and I don't think that's
3 asking a whole lot.

4 STEVE: Yeah.

5 JOHN: It'll, it'll give these people out
6 here a little reassurance that their loved ones doing
7 all right.

8 STEVE: Um-hum.

9 JOHN: And I'm not going to ask them any, any
10 sneak questions or anything. I'll just identify
11 myself. You can tell them who they're going to talk to
12 and just say, yes, they're fine. Everything's good.

13 STEVE: John, what -- so what happened with
14 Dick then? Was there an arrangement then that you
15 decided it'd be better if you tried or what?

16 JOHN: Tried what?

17 STEVE: Speaking with us and maybe in place
18 of him.

19 JOHN: I sent him home to bed.

20 STEVE: Oh, you did?

21 JOHN: Sure.

22 STEVE: I see.

23 JOHN: He needs his rest. Aren't you going
24 to get some rest in a few minutes?

25 STEVE: Well, well, it's up to you.

(Laughter.)

1 JOHN: I'm easy.

2 STEVE: Okay.

3 JOHN: I'm easy, really.

4 STEVE: Okay. 'Cause you can tell, like
5 right from Sunday night, though, I mean I -- even like
6 working with Jim. These guys --

7 JOHN: Uh-huh.

8 STEVE: -- they're telling me, you know,
9 they're taking a break between themselves there. First
10 it was Jim, then there was Gary. Then there was, of
11 course, Henry, and Dick, of course, but I was going 24
12 hours. These guys expected to speak to me right on
13 through and not give up the phone. I mean, this is
14 where I was a little perturbed with Gary because I had
15 thought he, he was becoming a little bit unreasonable.
16 I mean, I needed -- after such a traumatic experience
17 with -- I've never been in anything like that in my
18 life. And to see people die and all the rest on both
19 sides, I mean, I didn't know the young --

20 JOHN: Yeah.

21 STEVE: -- that young ATF officer. It made
22 me sick, totally sick. I've never seen a dead body
23 laying around like that.

24 JOHN: Well, let me ask you something.

25 STEVE: Yeah, go ahead.

JOHN: Point, point blank. We, we understand

1 | there may be other people that are in the same
2 | condition as Pete.

3 | STEVE: Well, could I say something before
4 | you go on with that?

5 | JOHN: Oh, go ahead, go ahead.

6 | STEVE: I was very -- you know, it, it hurt
7 | me and I think the rest that we're viewing the, the
8 | news conference that was given this afternoon when it
9 | was asked if David or myself or anyone showed any kind
10 | of remorse about these men, these officers, that were
11 | -- the agents, I should say, that had lost their lives
12 | and their families. I said over and over again to Jim,
13 | to these men, from Sunday right on through --

14 | JOHN: I'm sure you did.

15 | STEVE: -- we were sick. Not only -- I'm
16 | mean I'm disgusted. I feel sorry for the families -- I
17 | have -- I mean, the greatest sympathy and remorse, I
18 | do. I'd never -- I mean, I can picture myself being in
19 | that family, that being my brother, that being my
20 | father, that being my son, whatever. Of course we do.

21 | JOHN: Uh-huh.

22 | STEVE: I mean David, I mean, I mean --
23 | you'll see tears come to his eyes over the loss of a
24 | life like that. It was unneed -- it was unnecessary,
25 | totally unnecessary. So, of course, I mean -- there's
nothing in this world I wouldn't do, financially,

1 monetarily, whatever. I mean, encouragement, to try to
2 reach out and to try to help someone. You know, I've
3 encouraged them or whatever else one could do with or
4 for them. And I mean I'd give anything if that could
5 be brought about over the -- over the airways.

6 JOHN: Hey, we just can't turn it around,
7 though, can we?

8 STEVE: No. And, and I hope that nothing
9 like that ever happens again.

10 JOHN: Not, not on either, not on either side
11 it can't be turned around, but, but we can try to --

12 STEVE: It can't be, you're right.

13 JOHN: -- resolve it as peacefully as
14 possible.

15 STEVE: I -- well, see what I -- by the way,
16 John --

17 JOHN: And I'm sure you feel the same way?

18 STEVE: Of course. And by the time the
19 morning comes, let me sometime -- and I'll call you as
20 soon as I talk to him --

21 JOHN: Yeah.

22 STEVE: But I'll talk to him about what's to
23 be made known to you about you're asking me about other
24 possible, you know, those that might have died or
25 whatever.

JOHN: Well, you can phrase it any way you

1 | want, you know, but we --

2 | STEVE: Yeah.

3 | JOHN: -- we have heard that there -- I mean,
4 | there's absolutely no question because somebody told us
5 | they saw a fellow fall.

6 | STEVE: Right.

7 | JOHN: Off the top of that water tower.

8 | STEVE: Oh, really?

9 | JOHN: Well, is it a water tower, a silo,
10 | whatever, you know.

11 | STEVE: It's a water tower.

12 | JOHN: Big, tall tower?

13 | STEVE: I, I believe it's a water tower,
14 | yeah.

15 | JOHN: Brownish-colored tower?

16 | STEVE: Exactly. Rusty.

17 | JOHN: Well, somebody up on the top of that
18 | thing fell off of it. Well, it's going to be kind of
19 | tough to walk away from that, huh?

20 | STEVE: Well, this is -- in fact, this was
21 | Peter Gent.

22 | JOHN: Oh, that's who it was?

23 | STEVE: Right.

24 | JOHN: Oh, okay. Okay.

25 | STEVE: In fact, we did not know where he
was, but he -- they -- he didn't fall -- mind you, he

1 | didn't fall off the outside. It was -- he fell in from
2 | the within.

3 | JOHN: Oh.

4 | STEVE: They were -- inside.

5 | JOHN: Oh, is that right?

6 | STEVE: Uh-huh.

7 | JOHN: Still got to be quite a fall, huh?

8 | STEVE: Well -- oh, yeah. I believe so
9 | anyway. I hope I have it right. I'm not even certain,
10 | because I didn't -- I have not seen him or anything,
11 | but this is what I gathered. This is what I've
12 | understood.

13 | JOHN: Well, if there are others, we feel the
14 | same way about those as we feel about Peter. You know?

15 | STEVE: Um-hum.

16 | JOHN: A Christian burial.

17 | STEVE: Right.

18 | JOHN: We'd like to do it right. I'm sure
19 | you want to do it right.

20 | STEVE: You can imagine, too, I mean.
21 | There's no comparison with human life to dogs, but it
22 | was quite a shock too when a lot of these children
23 | looked out the window and saw that these puppies that
24 | had been raised and so much care had gone into these
25 | Malamutes, how --

 JOHN: Uh-huh.

1 STEVE: -- these agents had, from the very
2 moment that they parked in front of the building and
3 came out, they shot these dogs right off.

4 JOHN: How come nobody buried the dogs the
5 other night? They said they wanted to go outside and
6 shovel some -- bury the dogs.

7 STEVE: Well, they -- it was in question,
8 apparently. It was in question whether, you know, the
9 time to be taken to do the digging and --

10 JOHN: Doesn't take too long, huh?

11 STEVE: -- if -- huh?

12 JOHN: What --

13 STEVE: They were willing to do it like the
14 man, Greg, who was one of -- he was one of the guys
15 that had spent an awful lot of time with those dogs,
16 from the puppies on, and --

17 JOHN: Well, you'd think he'd have wanted
18 a --

19 STEVE: Well, I mean, you're --

20 JOHN: -- little burial, huh?

21 STEVE: -- avoiding what, you know, where
22 they -- where I was placing the emphasis and that's --

23 JOHN: Yeah.

24 STEVE: -- what was the need. They, they
25 were already penned up and, and fenced in an area where
they couldn't get out. So I didn't -- I really didn't

1 understand the need for shooting them all either
2 before --

3 JOHN: Well, did you see the puppies on TV?

4 STEVE: Pardon?

5 JOHN: Did you see the puppies on TV?

6 STEVE: I, I can tell you're avoiding me or
7 you're changing the subject, but what was --

8 JOHN: No. You were just talking about the,
9 just talking about the dogs.

10 STEVE: No, I'm talking about the mal -- I'm
11 talking about the malamutes, though, the full -- they
12 were actually raised from a puppy here. They were
13 fairly full -- all of them were about full-grown.
14 There was, let's see, five of them total.

15 JOHN: They were, they were killed right
16 away?

17 STEVE: Yes, they were.

18 JOHN: Oh, really.

19 STEVE: They were all shot and --

20 JOHN: They were like the parents of the
21 puppies, then, huh?

22 STEVE: Well, no. The, the female that we
23 had, who -- she had four -- we bought four pups with
24 the mother.

25 JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: And we had those five. Then she --

1 JOHN: Oh.

2 STEVE: -- she had just a litter of 11, and
3 those are the puppies you speak of. But these others
4 were all full-grown Malamutes.

5 JOHN: Oh, I had heard that a -- I just
6 thought that two puppies had been killed.

7 STEVE: No. They all had been shot, from
8 what I understand anyway. I mean, I don't see any
9 around.

10 JOHN: Uh-huh.

11 STEVE: You know, it is interesting. I've
12 only seen two carcasses laying out there, two bodies.

13 JOHN: How come somebody doesn't go out and
14 bury them?

15 STEVE: Well, I guess we'll have to clear
16 that with you again tomorrow maybe.

17 JOHN: Well, you can clear it with us right
18 now. If you -- if -- I don't mean for you to go out
19 and do it right now, but if you want to go out in the,
20 in the daylight hours and take --

21 STEVE: Take a shovel.

22 JOHN: -- a shovel out there, all you got to
23 do is tell us before you go on out and --

24 STEVE: Exactly.

25 JOHN: -- let us know that --

STEVE: Well, we may, we may be doing that.

1 JOHN: If that's what you're doing --

2 STEVE: But what's more --

3 JOHN: -- I mean, we don't have any objection
4 to that.

5 STEVE: But what's more important than, than
6 that, of course, to us now is getting --

7 JOHN: Peter.

8 STEVE: Exactly.

9 JOHN: Sure.

10 STEVE: -- I'm sure if you pass the word onto
11 them, they will probably be trying to do their best to
12 put pressure on you to gain his body anyway. But, of
13 course, I know that you guys are using --

14 JOHN: Hey. I'm making it as clear as I can.
15 We'll be happy to, to take that body out there. You
16 just --

17 STEVE: Okay --

18 JOHN: -- do it the way I asked you to do it.

19 STEVE: Well, it probably won't be done that
20 way. So you tell the parents --

21 JOHN: Why?

22 STEVE: Listen. You've got --

23 JOHN: Why not?

24 STEVE: Well, I'm, I'm going to pass it on to
25 what's her name, but if she --

JOHN: Pass it to David too, huh?

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1 JOHN: -- David's choice to make.

2 STEVE: Okay. Then you, you give me a line
3 to them and you let me communicate to them.

4 JOHN: Well, if you want to come out --

5 STEVE: And I'll tell --

6 JOHN: -- you can communicate to them.

7 STEVE: Okay.

8 JOHN: You, you know where --

9 STEVE: We'll leave it at that --

10 JOHN: -- you know where we're going with
11 this, don't you?

12 STEVE: John, we're going to leave it in
13 God's hands. And the God you serve is apparently a
14 different one than I serve.

15 JOHN: I don't think so. I don't think so.
16 There's only one.

17 STEVE: That's what we both say.

18 JOHN: That's what I mean.

19 STEVE: My god is the God of the book called
20 the Bible.

21 JOHN: Uh-huh.

22 STEVE: That God is a very vengeful God. I'm
23 not. I'm not. But that God is. When God's got a
24 truth for the whole world to shut their mouths about in
25 the last days, to open their ears, because one not --
cannot give an evaluation or a judgment, a validated

1 judgment, over something till they've heard the
2 information through. So God finally after 6,000 years
3 of human history wants everybody to have a -- be part
4 of a hearing, including yourself.

5 JOHN: Yeah. But we're not -- we're talking
6 about a caring God too, aren't we?

7 STEVE: Yes, we are. This is why he's given
8 you the opportunity ahead of time to hear all things.
9 Wisdom is a man that does a lot of listening. This is
10 why you and I both have two ears and only one mouth.
11 But most people, of course, they've -- their -- they've
12 got certain designs on this world and they've got
13 certain designs on what they want out of this place,
14 placing eternal salvation secondarily and that's the
15 way it'll end up coming out for them.

16 JOHN: It could be very true. It could be
17 very true what you're saying, but you know, only time
18 will tell, won't it?

19 STEVE: Exactly. This is true.

20 JOHN: The --

21 STEVE: This is true. But, you know, it
22 never --

23 JOHN: -- the, the bottom line is Peter is in
24 your hands right now.

25 STEVE: Okay. Listen --

JOHN: And I don't mean that he is in your

1 hands. Peter is on your property, your real estate.

2 STEVE: I'll tell you the kind of -- I'll
3 tell the -- some of the things we may do and you can
4 take it any way you want to --

5 JOHN: Go ahead.

6 STEVE: -- and it's not meant to offend
7 you --

8 JOHN: Go ahead.

9 STEVE: -- or -- you can do what you need to
10 do.

11 JOHN: Go ahead.

12 STEVE: It's not -- we have no fear of taking
13 that body right out in front of you and burying it
14 without asking you in the night, in the daytime. I
15 want to let you know that ahead of time. These guys
16 are a bad frame of mind. I want you to know that very
17 clearly. I do.

18 JOHN: Hey. If you want to take --

19 STEVE: So -- and if you guys --

20 JOHN: -- Peter's body and bury it there,
21 bury it.

22 STEVE: Listen, listen -- if you ever wanted
23 -- if you ever wanted to use snipers or whatever else,
24 you know, you go ahead and you do what you feel you've
25 got to do.

 JOHN: Keep in mind, you're dealing with this

1 | agency and we don't operate that way.

2 | STEVE: Okay.

3 | JOHN: We're trying to operate as safely --

4 | STEVE: Well, then what's all this --

5 | JOHN: -- not callously.

6 | STEVE: What's, what's all the sandbags?

7 | What's all the -- guys --

8 | JOHN: Well, let me, let me tell you exactly
9 | and clearly why -- I've already gone over it before --

10 | STEVE: Okay. Let's leave that be, then.

11 | JOHN: You know --

12 | STEVE: Let's -- I'm still, I'm still back
13 | with this body and --

14 | JOHN: Well, just think the Law rockets and
15 | machine guns and that's why you'll understand sandbags.

16 | STEVE: Listen. I'm still talking about this
17 | body though --

18 | JOHN: Go ahead, go ahead.

19 | STEVE: -- and that belongs to the parents.

20 | JOHN: Well, right now it's on your real
21 | estate, right?

22 | STEVE: That's correct. As was the children
23 | that you so wanted --

24 | JOHN: Sure. Somebody's got to look after
25 | them.

 STEVE: And what about this young man who

1 gave up his life? That --

2 JOHN: Who's --

3 STEVE: -- was shot in the back of the head.
4 Peter. He was shot in the back of the head.

5 JOHN: Yeah, but he was shot in the back of
6 the head while he had the weapon in his hand.

7 STEVE: I don't believe so.

8 JOHN: You think he was waving a white flag
9 up on top there?

10 STEVE: I really don't know. I really don't.

11 JOHN: Well -- trust me. He wasn't.

12 STEVE: Why, do you have a photograph of it
13 or something?

14 JOHN: No, I don't.

15 STEVE: If you do, send it along. I'd like
16 to see it. I'd like to see what took place myself.

17 JOHN: Well --

18 STEVE: You've got to remember. I was in the
19 building at one end, I was near the telephone screaming
20 for help. What's going on here? Trying to talk to a
21 Larry Lynch. We called 911.

22 JOHN: Uh-huh.

23 STEVE: Who's at our door, because that was
24 not made clear. Who's at our door? Call them back.
25 We've got women and children. We're screaming over and
over and over again. You ask Larry Lynch.

1 JOHN: Listen. David, I don't want to, I
2 don't want to end this --

3 STEVE: Steve.

4 JOHN: -- on a sour note or anything else,
5 because I think we've had a very good dialogue and a
6 very good discourse between the two of us.

7 STEVE: Well, okay. I'll tell you what we'll
8 do.

9 JOHN: And I want it, I want it to stay that
10 way.

11 STEVE: I'll tell you what we'll do. Eight,
12 nine in the morning, if you don't call me around then,
13 I'll call you back. And it --

14 JOHN: And I'll -- I'm going to call David at
15 6:30.

16 STEVE: I feel like unplugging the phone.

17 JOHN: Huh?

18 STEVE: I need to get some rest.

19 JOHN: Well, just --

20 STEVE: Are you going to get any rest?

21 JOHN: -- sneak away from the phone.

22 STEVE: Are you going to get any rest
23 tonight?

24 JOHN: No. But I'll get rest tomorrow.

25 STEVE: 6:30. Can't you get -- give him
another hour or two -- be gentle with us. Give us

1 | another hour or two so we can -- I mean --

2 | JOHN: Well, he's been sleeping for hours.

3 | STEVE: In and out. In and out, because
4 | while I've been talking to you I'm over -- I'm nearby
5 | him right now.

6 | JOHN: Yeah.

7 | STEVE: And he's --

8 | JOHN: Well, just leave the phone next to him
9 | and crawl away and let him get some sleep and then
10 | he'll answer the phone when it comes up.

11 | STEVE: Well, do --

12 | JOHN: Because he was supposed to talk to me
13 | and he fell asleep.

14 | STEVE: I'm sure. You got to remember, he's
15 | taken a pretty bad wound.

16 | JOHN: I know, I know.

17 | STEVE: You know, it was a wound that I would
18 | have expected for anyone else would have been fatal.

19 | JOHN: I know.

20 | STEVE: He, himself --

21 | JOHN: But he asked me to call him back. I
22 | called him back when I got the, got the information to
23 | call him back on and what's he doing?

24 | STEVE: And what information was that?

25 | JOHN: About the people that were making the
inquiries. Right? That had, that had the individuals

1 inside.

2 STEVE: Oh, yeah. I see. Okay.

3 JOHN: You know. The people that had called
4 us --

5 STEVE: Oh, he had asked you to find out
6 that.

7 JOHN: -- and spoken to us.

8 STEVE: I didn't know that.

9 JOHN: And he particularly asked, you know,
10 he brought up the name because I certainly didn't have
11 the name about, what is it? Ieshas (phonetic sp.)?

12 STEVE: Oh, yeah.

13 JOHN: Ieshas' parents.

14 STEVE: -- they're --

15 JOHN: Yes. Oliver and Elizabeth, who had
16 come here --

17 STEVE: Her name is now Summers, of course.

18 JOHN: I -- her last name is?

19 STEVE: Summers.

20 JOHN: Oh. Well, I didn't know that. And I,
21 and apparently he didn't either because all he had was
22 a first name.

23 STEVE: Oh, I see.

24 JOHN: And he just said he knew that she was
25 the -- that Oliver and Elizabeth were her parents.

STEVE: Right.

1 JOHN: And he asked me to check on it. Well,
2 I, I check on it and I get this other information. I
3 call back and David's in never, never land.

4 STEVE: Okay. Okay. Well, I'll tell you
5 what.

6 JOHN: Get some sleep.

7 STEVE: That's it.

8 JOHN: Okay.

9 STEVE: And no -- the sour note --

10 JOHN: No, no, no, no, no.

11 STEVE: There's a sour -- no, no, no. We
12 won't -- we -- listen. You'll never -- I mean, I am
13 not a person that holds anything against anyone in the
14 first place. If there's a problem where one's voice
15 was ever raised to a small degree, it's not a big deal.

16 JOHN: Yeah.

17 STEVE: The only thing is, of course, it's a
18 little bit annoying to a person when it comes to
19 something -- to me it's a serious thing to leave this
20 body lay out and decay. I don't see anything funny
21 about it.

22 JOHN: Well, it's been there since Sunday.

23 STEVE: Well, yeah, it has been, but still I
24 don't -- it still makes a difference. Every day that
25 goes by -- health hazard --

 JOHN: Sure.

1 STEVE: More than that, though, I mean the
2 body, from what I understand, is fairly much intact. I
3 don't know if it's because of the cold weather or
4 whatever.

5 JOHN: Well, it's probably the, the location
6 where it is has something to do with it, but --

7 STEVE: Possibly. You, you'd know more about
8 it than I --

9 JOHN: But we understand that there may be
10 others and if there are, and if there are --

11 STEVE: I'll discuss that -- with you
12 tomorrow.

13 JOHN: -- maybe we can handle -- do that.

14 STEVE: Positively.

15 JOHN: Get some sleep, David.

16 STEVE: Okay.

17 JOHN: There -- Steve.

18 STEVE: Okay. I'll talk to you in the
19 morning then.

20 JOHN: All right.

21 STEVE: Okay. We'll see you, John.

22 JOHN: Good night.

23 STEVE: Okay. Good night.

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25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: I know it.

Ira's coming on strong --

1 (Telephone being dialed.)

2 STEVE: Hello.

3 DICK: Steve. I hear that noise in the
4 background.

5 STEVE: Someone stepped on a car. Just a
6 minute. Hello.

7 DICK: There you go. What do you have, what
8 do you have out there that makes that kind of noise
9 when these things are picked up?

10 STEVE: I don't -- it's the weirdest thing.
11 It must be -- there's like a second plug where I think
12 it was for like -- I don't even know what's it's on --

13 DICK: That's all right. It's gone now. How
14 you doing out there?

15 STEVE: Not, not too bad. On the tired side,
16 of course.

17 DICK: You're a little tired?

18 STEVE: Yeah.

19 DICK: Well, we let you sleep in this
20 morning. We've give you a few extra minutes of sleep.

21 STEVE: What time is it?

22 DICK: Everybody up and around? It's about
23 8:00. A few minutes till eight.

24 STEVE: Oh, it is. Oh, okay.

25 DICK: It's time for you guys to get up and
get around anyway. You don't want to sleep in. This

1 is Saturday. You can't sleep in on Saturday.

2 STEVE: Well, I would agree, but I'm talking
3 through the night, half the night.

4 DICK: Did you?

5 STEVE: Oh, yeah.

6 DICK: Yeah? Well, it's a new day. Let's
7 resolve that we're going to try to get some of these,
8 some of these things clarified. I know last night that
9 there was a conversation between John, I believe, and
10 either you or David concerning some, some procedural
11 matters that certainly we can address today and that
12 sort of thing.

13 Listen, I wanted to know. Did you guys get
14 an opportunity to talk to Kathy Schroeder last night to
15 advise her of the --

16 STEVE: No. See, I was the last one talking
17 with John for quite some time and --

18 DICK: Uh-huh.

19 STEVE: -- in the process it was so late and
20 -- in fact, we had the lights out. I -- it's pretty
21 hard to go, wander around --

22 DICK: Sure.

23 STEVE: -- look around and --

24 DICK: Sure. Well, don't you think that
25 might be a good idea to do that?

STEVE: Yeah. Would you like to call back

1 after a while or --

2 DICK: Well, maybe, maybe I can talk to her
3 and, and, and --

4 STEVE: I mean, yeah --

5 DICK: -- brief her on the thing, because --

6 STEVE: Well, that's what I was talking about
7 is getting HER and --

8 DICK: Oh. You're going to go get her now
9 and bring her back?

10 STEVE: Yeah --

11 DICK: Okay.

12 STEVE: Is that what you were request --

13 DICK: Well, well, I -- it would not be a bad
14 idea so that we can, you know, prepare her, because
15 they are going to make some sort of an announcement,
16 because they -- the media are always, you know, trying
17 to identify the, the unfortunate person that was, was
18 killed and we want to ensure that it doesn't blindsides
19 her and try to prepare her a little bit before it.

20 STEVE: Should -- is that okay. Can I just
21 -- 'cause there's no one around and --

22 DICK: Okay. Yeah.

23 STEVE: I'll put the phone down and call you
24 right back in what, about five minutes?

25 DICK: That's great.

STEVE: Okay.

1 DICK: All righty.

2 STEVE: This is Dick?

3 DICK: Yeah, it is.

4 STEVE: Okay. I'll talk to you then.

5 DICK: Okay.

6 STEVE: Bye.

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8 (Telephone being dialed.)

9 STEVE: Hello.

10 DICK: Steve?

11 STEVE: Yeah.

12 DICK: Dick again.

13 STEVE: Yeah. I went, I went and got her and
14 talked to her and she's so broke up now and emotional.
15 I don't know if she can come to the phone just at the
16 moment.

17 DICK: Okay. Well, that's, that's fine. I
18 was --

19 STEVE: Yeah.

20 DICK: I, I thought if you hadn't advised
21 her, that I would go ahead.

22 STEVE: Right.

23 DICK: But as, as long as you've done that,
24 you're right. Certainly she's got some emotional --
25 some emotions she's going to have to handle --

STEVE: Right.

1 DICK: -- and I'm sure that there's somebody
2 there that's close to her that might be able to give
3 her the comfort that, that she needs.

4 STEVE: Yeah. They're talking to her.

5 DICK: Yeah. If you would, please pass on my
6 concerns to her, too, at the appropriate time. All of
7 our concerns. No -- all of us are -- regret this whole
8 thing. And while she doesn't know me, we do regret it
9 and I, I --

10 STEVE: I do -- you know, yesterday the --
11 Rick with the FBI -- one of the reporters asked him
12 what, if anything, was the response of David or myself,
13 some of the rest of us in the compound in regards to
14 the, the four men, the agents that lost their lives and
15 he didn't give any kind of response to that, but the
16 truth is, as we told Jim, many times from Sunday on
17 through, the -- I mean, totally regrettable and they
18 have our sympathy, the families. We know what they're
19 going through, being in their shoes. No one ever would
20 have chosen to have such a thing happen to anybody like
21 that.

22 DICK: Absolutely.

23 STEVE: Especially such young guys and
24 probably fathers, brothers, or sons. What fathers, I
25 mean, that's the last thing. Never had a choice to do
such a thing. So I mean they have to -- if -- words

1 aren't even enough to --

2 DICK: Sure.

3 STEVE: -- express the condolences and
4 sympathy --

5 DICK: And that's why we have to make sure
6 that it never happens again.

7 STEVE: Well, of course.

8 DICK: And, and we know that you're sincere.

9 STEVE: -- positively.

10 DICK: And, and I hope that -- and I hope you
11 know that we are. It's, it's terribly unfortunate and
12 we've got to go forward from here and ensure that it
13 doesn't happen again.

14 STEVE: But the next time if a question like
15 that is asked I hope, I hope that that's passed on. We
16 are not monsters. We are -- on the contrary.

17 DICK: Well, we know that. We know that.

18 STEVE: But if the press asks, let them know
19 though.

20 DICK: Okay.

21 STEVE: Unless you choose --

22 DICK: We'll pass, we'll pass that on that,
23 that you sincerely regret the whole, the whole matter.
24 How's, how's David's health in there? Is it --

25 STEVE: -- comes to the families, they asked
what our response was to the list of the survivors.

1 DICK: Okay.

2 STEVE: Well, of course, it's with the
3 deepest sympathy and regret --

4 DICK: Sure.

5 STEVE: -- and we give our sorrow and --
6 how's David? Well, he's, he's still, you know --

7 DICK: I mean, did you guys get a chance to
8 use those sutures?

9 STEVE: I -- in honesty --

10 DICK: You don't know?

11 STEVE: -- I've been away most of the evening
12 and when I came back he was -- he had fallen to sleep
13 and I -- when John called, I spoke with John for some
14 time.

15 DICK: Okay.

16 STEVE: I think it must have been about
17 midnight on.

18 DICK: All right. You don't -- yesterday you
19 brought up some procedural matters, when you come out
20 what would be done? Are you clear in your own mind
21 what --

22 STEVE: No, I'm not.

23 DICK: Okay. Let, let me go through this
24 with you.

25 STEVE: All right.

DICK: And, and I'll bring you up to date a

1 | little bit on that in terms of what happens in a
2 | Federal, in a Federal matter.

3 | STEVE: Okay.

4 | DICK: All right. In this instance, we're
5 | going to make, we're going to make some special efforts
6 | to ensure that this is handled even -- probably a
7 | little differently than it, than it is handled normally
8 | to ensure, you know, that you're -- you have the
9 | opportunity to speak with people and to make your side
10 | known, but also so that you can feel comfortable with
11 | the accommodations -- I mean, to -- up to a degree,
12 | obviously, in terms of what might be done.

13 | STEVE: Um-hum.

14 | DICK: This is, this is what's done. Once
15 | you come out of that, that compound, the buses -- there
16 | have been buses that will be arranged and we'll, we'll
17 | bring you down here to the, to the airport complex.

18 | STEVE: All right.

19 | DICK: A hearing will be scheduled by a
20 | magistrate here at the airport.

21 | STEVE: Um-hum.

22 | DICK: At that time, there's an identity --
23 | you'll be asked to -- and to determine your identity,
24 | to, to provide information in terms of identity. A
25 | magistrate, then, will de -- will determine the issue
of bond or bail. It's not an FBI or ATF responsibility

1 | to do that. It's, it's done by a magistrate, depending
2 | on the nature of the charge. And I, I'm telling you
3 | with the number of people in there, I, I hope one of
4 | the concerns is not that everybody's going to be
5 | charged and locked up and have the key thrown away,
6 | because it's just absolutely not true.

7 | I know -- it's been my experience, having
8 | been a law enforcement officer for a good long time
9 | now, that people are concerned and it's difficult for
10 | them to confront those issues, because they're, they're
11 | scared. Especially if they've never been in that
12 | situation before. But in this instance, it's just --
13 | it's, it's not something to be fearful of. It's, it's
14 | more of a procedural matter.

15 | STEVE: Um-hum.

16 | DICK: And I, I think that the folks inside
17 | need to know that. Steve, this, this is not a matter
18 | that's going to go away. It's not one of these things
19 | with the today, tomorrow, or the next day that the
20 | Government's going to fold their tent and leave. So I
21 | think you have to, you have to address these kinds of
22 | issues --

23 | STEVE: Well, I do realize that. This is
24 | why, you know, I was talking to you about that.

25 | DICK: Well, I, I think -- you need to
know --

1 STEVE: You wanted some ongoing, of course,
2 progression and, and, and things being resolved, so
3 we're on this side also trying to, you know, gain the
4 information, helping people decide, make choices, of
5 course, as they do daily. And so, you know, if there's
6 anything else you have or you might want to --

7 DICK: Well, we just want to make sure,
8 again. It's been my, it's been my experience that
9 people are concerned about what will happen to them
10 and, and they don't know, have not having been --

11 STEVE: A statement was just made here that
12 you killed an innocent man that did -- well I didn't --
13 you, of course, I mean generically -- an innocent man
14 that did not know what was going on. I mean I was told
15 it was found in a ravine, his body, and so forth. He's
16 been identified, you know. I've, I've told the wife
17 and, of course, she can't even come to the phone to
18 speak at the moment, but --

19 DICK: Now, are you, are you speaking to
20 someone else there or are you speaking to me?

21 STEVE: Yes.

22 DICK: Okay.

23 STEVE: To you. Actually to you --

24 DICK: Okay.

25 STEVE: -- by someone else.

DICK: Well, you're talking about Mike

1 Schroeder then?

2 STEVE: Yes.

3 DICK: Certainly. I'll be happy to talk to
4 that per -- are you talking, are you talking about
5 Kathy?

6 STEVE: Right.

7 DICK: Well, I'll be happy to talk to Kathy.
8 Put, put her on the --

9 STEVE: When she -- no, when she can.

10 DICK: Okay. I thought you meant someone was
11 there asking you and asking you to, to tell me those
12 things. So Kathy has questions about why it happened
13 is what you're saying?

14 STEVE: Well, of course. I mean, that's
15 where it came from. It was passed to me by someone
16 else.

17 DICK: I will be happy to talk directly to
18 Kathy.

19 STEVE: I know. I told her.

20 DICK: Okay.

21 STEVE: -- you know.

22 DICK: Sure. Well, listen.

23 STEVE: Yeah.

24 DICK: Steve, you and I both know this is a
25 regrettable incident. The ATF, and one of the
questions apparently that David asked last night is why

1 he was not arrested on the road while he was jogging or
2 why he went to town --

3 STEVE: Well, that's it. He did want to know
4 that, because I went with him to town a number of
5 times --

6 DICK: Sure.

7 STEVE: -- very recently. We went to a
8 number of different places.

9 DICK: Sure.

10 STEVE: He went with a few other people.
11 He's gone other places on his own very close by.

12 DICK: But Dave -- Steve, there's a simple
13 answer for that. We had no -- we, meaning the
14 Government, ATF in this instance, had no arrest warrant
15 for David.

16 STEVE: Well, what, what happened Sunday
17 though?

18 DICK: That's a search warrant for the
19 premises. Okay?

20 STEVE: But they are -- they have already
21 said on TV and in the news -- I've heard them say also
22 -- I believe it came from Jim, that they did have a
23 warrant for his arrest also.

24 DICK: That's true, but I mean in addition to
25 the search warrant --

STEVE: Okay.

1 DICK: -- but, but you can't arrest him
2 outside and then expect to execute the search warrant
3 there. What, what do you --

4 STEVE: That doesn't make sense. Of course
5 you could.

6 DICK: Well, what I'm saying. If you were
7 arrested outside, they would still have to -- had to go
8 to the house to execute the search warrant.

9 STEVE: Really, but it would have been a lot
10 safer for everybody involved wouldn't have it?

11 DICK: Well, hindsight, perhaps it would have
12 been.

13 STEVE: Hindsight?

14 DICK: Perhaps it would have been.

15 STEVE: How many people, how many people have
16 dealt with David through the years, the weeks, the
17 months? Has seen his demeanor, how he is with people.
18 Do you know that if you ever sat down with him and you
19 had a sincere desire to know what that Bible is about,
20 he would sit with you --

21 DICK: For hours!

22 STEVE: Five hours, ten --

23 DICK: Sure.

24 STEVE: -- a day, two days.

25 DICK: Okay. Let me put it --

 STEVE: Time -- let me just say something.

1 Time is short. His whole life, you'll be able to see
2 it in him, is devoted to allowing people to have an
3 opportunity to live forever. That's what he's all
4 about.

5 DICK: And I understand that and I can, and I
6 can appreciate that.

7 STEVE: I've never met another person that is
8 -- that makes money off of religion, makes money off of
9 God, whatever he is, a priest, a minister. This man
10 does not do that. And he's concerned about the world
11 whole, whole wide --

12 DICK: Sure.

13 STEVE: -- because the guy knows the book
14 backwards and forwards. He knows what God is going to
15 do.

16 DICK: There's no one going to question that,
17 but you have to understand. The Government collects
18 information in terms of law -- breaking of laws, okay?

19 STEVE: This, this sounds so -- doesn't it,
20 Dick, sound to you more though that it was the ATF's
21 whole -- well, not only choice as to what took place,
22 how they went about it, but they ended up -- even
23 though they had signs that showed -- and they should
24 have known clearly from Robert -- I mean, I'm amazed
25 that they went on with what they did after what David
said to Robert.

1 DICK: Um-hum.

2 STEVE: Especially with all the women and
3 children everywhere. That's why, when they came to the
4 door already I'm packing and David, David should have
5 been dead standing at the door. There's something I
6 wanted to tell you people, but I guess -- I'm not, I'm
7 not going to say anything just yet, but and having the
8 opportunity to speak, you will find out for a fact what
9 happened.

10 DICK: Well, that's exactly --

11 STEVE: Not may, not maybe.

12 DICK: Absolutely.

13 STEVE: And then -- and if there's to be any
14 charges, there's going to, there's going to have to be
15 somebody charged on that side, because I'm telling you.
16 From what it all appears, from all the testimony and
17 all that was seen and observed here, and if there
18 really was TV coverage or any kind of video tape
19 coverage, it'll fit totally and perfectly with what was
20 seen and the testimony given here.

21 DICK: That's fine. And that's all we've
22 asked you repeatedly over these last six, seven days
23 here is that we want you to make that known. We want
24 to understand what happened from inside. I was not
25 here. I'm not in the position to say what happened.
You are. ATF is. ATF, I guarantee you, will be able

1 to tell their side of it, just as you need to tell
2 yours.

3 STEVE: I can -- Dick, I can understand, I
4 can understand why Americans would be totally terrified
5 of what happened. To think that could happen to
6 anybody in this country. I mean, it's one thing to
7 have, you know, an agent or two or three --

8 DICK: Um-hum.

9 STEVE: -- a sheriff or somebody from the
10 department that -- David's used to -- he, he's loves a
11 thorn. He has given the time to any one of those guys.
12 He's never threatened any of them. On the contrary,
13 he's been so cordial and open to these guys. They
14 could have come to that door and knocked at it, come in
15 with a warrant in their hand. He would have gone with
16 them. He'd have invited them in, sat down -- I mean,
17 he's always been that way. You can look at his -- talk
18 to the people who have known him from all over, out in
19 California, here, wherever. He's always offering
20 people something. He's always giving. He's always
21 giving people money, food, whatever opportunity --

22 DICK: Steve, I -- my understanding is that
23 that is correct. But, how do we go on from Sunday?

24 STEVE: No, we still are going on, but, you
25 know, and, and saying this to see what your response is
to that, maybe it'll help those that are, are listening

1 here or somewhere.

2 DICK: Well, I'll be happy, I'll be happy to
3 -- I, I would be the first one to suggest, I hope, that
4 that was terribly unfortunate, that it will never
5 happen again. You know, we grieve for, for the, the
6 ATF agents that were shot. Their brothers, law
7 enforcement, and for the people inside too. I mean, no
8 one wanted to see this happen. Absolutely no one.
9 Including the people inside, the people outside.
10 However, how do we move to get -- making sure that this
11 does not happen again. The way we do it, the way we do
12 it, Steve --

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 DICK: -- is to ensure that all parties that
15 were involved in this are talked to, they're
16 interviewed, and that all the information is collected
17 and is, is used in a, in a useful way. That is --

18 STEVE: No, I understand that.

19 DICK: But, but, but I know. You and I both
20 understand that. David understands it, but how do we
21 go about doing it?

22 STEVE: Dick, can I ask you a question?

23 DICK: Surely.

24 STEVE: Were the FBI notified right away when
25 they came to the door before? Were they not involved
at that point?

1 DICK: No.

2 STEVE: We've heard conflicting --

3 DICK: No, no. The FBI was not involved at
4 all. See, that's -- ATF and the FBI are, are not even
5 in the same department.

6 STEVE: No, I, I understand that.

7 DICK: And we had no input into that. They
8 work violations of Federal law that, that, that are --
9 that they have jurisdiction over and we do the same.
10 So, no.

11 STEVE: Well --

12 DICK: -- We were not part of that.

13 STEVE: I know that this Mark Bro (phonetic
14 sp.) from the beginning has contacted just about every
15 major agency. In fact, even the sheriff's department.
16 I went down there, I believe it was this last summer
17 sometime. Or maybe a little bit earlier than that,
18 another man and myself, and we talked with the
19 sheriff's department and they told us. They said that
20 Ma -- a Mark Bro from Australia was constantly
21 harassing them in regards to getting some kind of
22 charges on us or, or coming after us or -- the guy was
23 relentless. They told us that the guy was always
24 calling --

25 DICK: He may well have been, Steve. Let --
you know, there were a lot of people calling and part

1 | of the information, I'm sure, was in error. It's much
2 | like now. You cannot believe the input we're getting
3 | from former members inside, from people that think they
4 | know what you're about, and those kinds of things.
5 | That's what life is. I mean --

6 | STEVE: Oh, no. I, I understand and one would
7 | expect that, of course.

8 | DICK: Sure. And part of it's going to be
9 | probably accurate, some of it's going to be partially
10 | accurate, and other parts --

11 | STEVE: Surely.

12 | DICK: -- are going to be totally inaccurate.
13 | You can only sort out the best you can the information
14 | that you receive and, and that's what, what ATF was
15 | supposed to have done and made every effort to do it.
16 | But, you know, there's nothing certain in life and
17 | while we all try to do the best job we can, some
18 | mistakes are made at some point in time and
19 | unfortunately --

20 | STEVE: Oh, I mean, but something so big as
21 | that --

22 | DICK: Absolutely. This was a horrible -- as
23 | horrendous as anything I've ever seen in, in the years
24 | that I've been in law enforcement. And it's -- you
25 | know, Jim is, is an ATF agent that was here and you
 | think that he feels any less worse than you do?

1 STEVE: Well, you know that's not so, but of
2 course there's that mentality and it does make a person
3 stop and wonder, but who's watching the watchdog, about
4 big brother? If that is not in the -- one of the worst
5 examples that I've ever seen or heard about --

6 DICK: Absolutely.

7 STEVE: -- and that there's -- there are
8 people, you know, and there are small, little
9 newspapers and large papers and there are concerned,
10 very intelligent people across America that have been
11 watching this Government grow. I'm not talking about
12 the people, I'm talking about when this country was
13 founded, the militia was the people.

14 And nowadays what do we have? We've got a
15 standing army controlled by the Government, not by the
16 people. And when these guys are sent off to war or
17 whatever, it's not by the people again. It's about
18 people that are in office. Your agencies, like the FBI
19 and like INS, IRS, we -- people don't even have direct
20 access to when it comes to voting. You know that. I
21 mean, they've become so powerful, who do they answer
22 to? Can you tell me that? Who do they answer to?

23 DICK: I'm not -- Steve, I don't disagree
24 with you at all. I think we all see Government
25 excesses. Absolutely true.

 STEVE: I mean, though, but --

1 DICK: Absolutely true.

2 STEVE: -- but these agencies really are on
3 the outside of the Constitution. There -- and there's
4 no way we -- they can be controlled by the people.
5 This is to be a country for and by and all the rest of
6 the people --

7 DICK: Sure. Absolutely.

8 STEVE: -- but it's not, it's not that way
9 anymore. What, what's this Federal Reserve System.
10 Nothing to do with the Federal anything. Private
11 bankers coining our money, even though in the
12 Constitution, even though the statements made by
13 Lincoln, Jefferson, all of these guys, Jackson, all
14 these past presidents. The warnings they gave. This
15 Mayer Amschel Rothschild that made a statement 200 and
16 some years ago in, in Europe, allow me to coin a
17 nation's money and I don't care who runs it, I don't
18 care who's president. Quite a strong statement. Who's
19 coining our money, Dick?

20 DICK: Steve --

21 STEVE: Do you, do you know who is? Do you
22 know anything about the Federal Reserve System?

23 DICK: I -- those things you just
24 mentioned --

25 STEVE: Why, why they take the -- what?

 DICK: -- are true. Those things you just

1 mentioned are absolutely true.

2 STEVE: Why did they take the gold backing
3 away from the American money? They used to be called
4 Silver Certificates --

5 DICK: Um-hum.

6 STEVE: -- and all the rest. Now they're
7 Federal Reserve Notes. A note is for something of
8 valuable.

9 DICK: Steve.

10 STEVE: Take the piece of paper and you're to
11 get something in return. What do you get? Another
12 piece of paper these days. They don't even have an
13 answer for that.

14 DICK: I -- Steve, I, I understand your
15 concern and I share many of those concerns, as do other
16 --

17 STEVE: Why aren't you speaking out for your
18 country then, for the freedoms that you -- do you hold
19 these freedoms dear yourself?

20 DICK: I, I do. I do. And I'm doing -- what
21 I do for a living I hope it contributes to, in some
22 small way, to those same issues. Not specifically
23 about the bank.

24 STEVE: What is the -- agency you all answer
25 to, because I'm curious. I'd like to know some of
these things.

1 DICK: Well --

2 STEVE: And, and those people that work for
3 it, what do they think?

4 DICK: Well, listen. Many of us are
5 dissatisfied with, with many aspects of our particular
6 jobs. Whether we're employed by the Government,
7 without -- outside the Government, by major
8 corporations, by, you know, by the farmer down the
9 road. I, I would guess all of us have some opposition
10 to those kinds of things, but you know, very few of us
11 are ever put in a position during our lifetime that we
12 can, that we have a forum to make those thoughts known
13 to others. You have that forum. You have that
14 opportunity and you have that responsibility now.

15 STEVE: What are you saying that I have that?

16 DICK: You have the ability to do that.

17 STEVE: You know as well as I the moment I
18 walk out that's all it. There's no more voice -- not
19 now.

20 DICK: That's it. That's, that's your,
21 that's your, that's your belief? That you have no
22 voice when you leave that compound? Is that what
23 you're saying?

24 STEVE: I have watched every -- whatever
25 happened. I never heard -- I would like to have heard
this Weaver, what happened to him and his voice. I'd

1 | like to have really heard both -- I mean, I would
2 | listen to both sides of it. I'd definitely like to
3 | hear that man speak for himself.

4 | DICK: He will be speaking for himself.

5 | STEVE: America -- well, who's -- who's heard
6 | about that guy? If that was -- if there was a
7 | newsworthy item to take place, an event, how come
8 | American -- American's have not had or heard anything
9 | about this case?

10 | DICK: Well, Wea -- Weaver is going to be --

11 | STEVE: What, what's with this press of ours,
12 | the Associated Press and all the rest. Are they so
13 | controlled that nothing can ever get out other than --
14 | I mean, what you hear in one newspaper across America
15 | is what you hear in all of them these days. It didn't
16 | used to be that way, did it?

17 | DICK: Steve, let, let me address the issue
18 | with Weaver. Okay?

19 | STEVE: Okay. Please do.

20 | DICK: That seem -- I know you've brought
21 | that up a couple of occasions.

22 | STEVE: Definitely have.

23 | DICK: Okay. Weaver, like others, are
24 | represented by attorneys. Okay? He will have, and
25 | there is an opportune time and an appropriate time, for
him to respond to those issues. The, the system in

1 | this country, while there are certainly some
2 | shortcomings with the legal system in this country, I
3 | think we all agree it's the best one in the world. He
4 | picks his time to make these -- his concerns known.

5 | And much like you, he's, he's another that,
6 | that was fed up with the system, this system of
7 | Government, and chose to live another life and
8 | unfortunately people were injured. But he had the
9 | courage and the fortitude to come out and say, listen.
10 | I want this known --

11 | STEVE: I want to -- I'm talking about
12 | hearing the man, what he's got to say about what
13 | happened.

14 | DICK: He -- he's picking his time, Steve.

15 | STEVE: I don't -- I have a hard time
16 | believing that, because of what I've heard by others
17 | that do know him, the little bit of coverage that came
18 | out by small groups of people in, in other papers.

19 | DICK: Um-hum.

20 | STEVE: I haven't heard even what's happened
21 | to the case. There's no question the man would want to
22 | speak in regards to what happened to his wife and all
23 | the rest.

24 | DICK: Well, well, sure. Listen. Let me,
25 | let me draw you an analogy here. In Waco, Texas, every
newspaper, every TV station, every media source here is

1 riveted on this --

2 STEVE: I don't -- you know what?

3 DICK: Okay?

4 STEVE: I don't, I don't doubt that, but --

5 DICK: No, okay.

6 STEVE: -- there's one, there's one problem.

7 Your people have moved them back further and further
8 and further, to the place where if we even did come out
9 we would be going right by them. So what if they're
10 there. They won't have any opportunity to talk with
11 us. They haven't had now. You took care of that way
12 back in the beginning.

13 DICK: Steve, that's completely untrue.

14 STEVE: I, I want -- I really did want to
15 talk issues to this country that's been so great.

16 DICK: You'll have the opportunity to.

17 STEVE: We -- well, let's see about that.

18 DICK: Let, let me ask you. Okay. Worse
19 case scenario --

20 STEVE: Let -- show me, show me what you're
21 talking about. Give me an example and, and maybe we'll
22 get going here with something more quickly.

23 DICK: An example?

24 STEVE: I'm talking about freedom of the
25 press and so forth. Freedom for me to speak as to what
happened. I'm in here minding my own business, haven't

1 done anything wrong, like neither -- no one else has.
2 It's not even been -- it's not been proven that David
3 has.

4 DICK: Absolutely.

5 STEVE: And if someone came to the door, I
6 mean, what --

7 DICK: You've -- let's -- let me stop you
8 here for a second and address that issue. Proof.

9 STEVE: You ought to see his --

10 DICK: Okay?

11 STEVE: But hey, Dick, you ought to see his
12 bedroom, how it was shot up by choppers and it was
13 seen. They were seen coming and when they came, what
14 they did. Three of them. Is that they way you serve a
15 warrant? You tell me.

16 DICK: Absolutely not. Absolutely not.

17 STEVE: And, and I want the press to know
18 that. I haven't heard anything on TV about three
19 choppers, how they came guns ablazing. You, you want
20 us to walk out of here? You got to start doing
21 something, giving us connection to the press.

22 DICK: I was not there, okay?

23 STEVE: -- I was.

24 DICK: You -- only you were there. Okay?

25 You will have access -- I'm telling you people are
going to write books about this, there are going to be

1 movies about it, there are going to be Congressional
2 inquiries about it, the press from all over the world
3 is here. They're just waiting to get an opportunity to
4 talk with you folks.

5 STEVE: I'm sure they are. But, of course,
6 you cut them off. I've never -- where in the
7 Constitution do you have the right to do something like
8 that?

9 DICK: We are charged to protect the lives of
10 the agents that are here --

11 STEVE: Listen --

12 DICK: -- the lives of the people inside, and
13 the newspaper people and everybody else.

14 STEVE: Don't, don't insult my integrity.
15 They're sitting out there in an armor-clad Bradley.

16 DICK: Absolutely.

17 STEVE: They, they can move around. They've
18 got so much --

19 DICK: Sure they can.

20 STEVE: -- and you can bring the whole United
21 States Army here if you want, whatever. The bottom
22 line is we were peaceable before, we have been since.
23 The greatest thing we showed you right from when the
24 incident happened was how we allowed immediately others
25 to come onto the property and take these wounded off
and, and the bodies of those that passed away. We were

1 -- in fact, I was the guy on the telephone working with
2 you guys right from the beginning.

3 DICK: As was Jim.

4 STEVE: Trying to get them --

5 (Pause.)

6 DICK: You still there?

7 STEVE: Yeah. I'm listening to them. David
8 says you're just damn, belligerent bullies.

9 DICK: Well --

10 STEVE: With a double tongue and this is what
11 you guys have shown from the beginning.

12 DICK: Well, I -- that's not true and I hope
13 that --

14 STEVE: No, it is true. It is true, because
15 of the very statements that Jim made and promised us,
16 what has taken place since then, the cutting off to the
17 press, even though we were opening our -- why are we so
18 -- why do we appear to be so weird, the rumors. He was
19 explaining to the press our, our stance and belief in
20 God and, and the power that be that we all will have to
21 come before.

22 DICK: Well --

23 STEVE: Wait. Now, he's talking -- I'll pass
24 it on to you, Dick. Just hang on.

25 (Pause.)

STEVE: You, you've cut us off in our

1 | communications and now we can't answer in our behalf,
2 | whereas you can give all the rhetoric, all the
3 | information in the manner you want and it's been com --
4 | totally -- so frequently incorrect as you know it, like
5 | yesterday.

6 | DICK: Well, listen --

7 | STEVE: Wait, wait. First you come on and
8 | the ATF agent says that there was a shootout between
9 | this group and the sheriff's department. That's
10 | correct -- then he says in '88 -- then he -- then when
11 | he goes to correct it, it's still wrong because he
12 | gives the wrong year -- I mean, this is -- it
13 | constantly is that way. I watched yesterday, even
14 | though Rick who is your representative to the press did
15 | a better job than most --

16 | DICK: Um-hum.

17 | STEVE: -- the facts still were not totally
18 | correct. And it is not hard to get them correct. I'll
19 | give you and point you to the places where you can get
20 | the information right before it's given, but it does
21 | not happen that way. So while we sit here and we watch
22 | all of this, it's so unnecessary that you're so inept
23 | as a department to do something like that.

24 | Especially in regards to making that
25 | statement about this group being in battle with the
sheriff's department in '87. I mean, come on. The

1 records are right there. You can't even get a simple
2 story -- if that's the way it is, and this Government
3 is that bad off, what guarantees that we come out, we
4 get to have an opportunity to speak in our behalf and
5 give the, the account as it was given?

6 I mean, this is what, you know, can, can you
7 blame us? Put yourself on the inside looking out with
8 no connection anyway.

9 DICK: When have you ever seen --

10 STEVE: Wait. He's talking. Can I pass it
11 on to you --

12 DICK: Sure.

13 STEVE: -- because you won't know otherwise?

14 DICK: Sure.

15 STEVE: Go ahead.

16 (Pause.)

17 STEVE: You, you said you're involved because
18 AT --

19 DICK: Hey, Steve. Why don't you go ahead
20 and put Dave on the phone instead of trying to relay
21 what he's --

22 STEVE: Okay, let me -- okay. I will. Just
23 a moment. You want to talk to him? No, he doesn't.
24 Okay. He says now you say you're involved as an
25 agency, the FBI, because ATF agents were killed.

DICK: Well --

1 STEVE: And then you said what, David?

2 (Pause.)

3 DICK: See, I can't -- you know, it's
4 difficult for you to relay. Ask him to talk directly
5 to me and, and we'll -- and, and he's got these
6 concerns --

7 STEVE: Well, he's saying --

8 DICK: -- we'll -- I'll be happy to talk to
9 him about it.

10 STEVE: -- and you're leaving out to the
11 world that a child was killed when they came to the
12 door and started shooting. So what crime's been
13 committed? There can't be a secondary crime when a
14 crime was committed, number one, by the Government and
15 their procedure, what they chose to do, and they did
16 not do as the Constitution allows. Especially when the
17 warrant and how the warrant is to be given.

18 DICK: Do you think I support what was done?

19 STEVE: I haven't said that.

20 DICK: Ask David that.

21 STEVE: Yes.

22 DICK: Put David on the phone and let me talk
23 directly to him. I don't support that and I don't know
24 anybody that does.

25 STEVE: I -- he claims he does not support
that and he doesn't know anyone that does.

1 (Pause.)

2 STEVE: David says, what a liar.

3 DICK: Well, I have not --

4 STEVE: He says take the time to read Psalms
5 149, Dick.

6 DICK: Listen. Let me tell you something,
7 Steve.

8 STEVE: He cares for you as a person --

9 DICK: Steve, I understand that and I'll be
10 happy, at the appropriate time, and I'm going to look
11 at Psalms and I'm going to look at some of these other
12 passages he mentioned. However, right now, at this
13 moment, at this time --

14 STEVE: You don't realize --

15 DICK: -- we have to -- all this impasse.

16 STEVE: You don't realize. If you opened
17 your Bible to Psalms 68 it talks about God having
18 20,000 chariots.

19 DICK: Um-hum.

20 STEVE: Understand. All these prophets
21 taught in the last conflict between a little group of
22 people and it doesn't have to be us. I'm no person
23 that's running around with some banner saying hey, it's
24 me, it's me.

25 DICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: But the Bible is clear. If you, if

1 | you took the time, I'll show you or he will, that there
2 | are chapters after chapters showing that when this
3 | conflict winds down, there are other worlds, there's
4 | other peoples that God has created --

5 | DICK: Well, let's wind this conflict down.

6 | STEVE: -- that -- listen, listen, listen to
7 | this now. Whether you believe it or not, they're going
8 | to come down in what is called a Murkeva (phonetic
9 | sp.). It's a Hebrew word. It's in the Bible. It's a
10 | chariot so large that all of mankind, from the
11 | beginning of Adam and Eve, they're so huge, would fit
12 | into one. So these worlds, a number of these worlds,
13 | are going to empty out. They're going to get into
14 | these vehicles. This is why it says God has 20,000
15 | chariots. Then it goes on to tell about his angels,
16 | the power --

17 | DICK: Um-hum.

18 | STEVE: -- that he has to destroy.

19 | DICK: Okay.

20 | STEVE: So it says that they're coming to
21 | this world to watch this last great conflict. So right
22 | now, our interest, our concern is for your life, for
23 | your safety. See, we look out here at these little
24 | Bradleys and so forth and all the rest. My concern is
25 | not mankind other than for your salvation. It's not
that we have a fear for man. We do fear this God.

1 This is why people have not left here. It's not that
2 he has some kind of great power over these minds. You
3 -- and in fact -- in fact, in coming out and sitting
4 down with any kind of an interrogator, a psycho --
5 psychologist, psychiatrist, you'll find that these
6 people are the most logical, common sense -- this is
7 what we're talking about. This is what the Bible is.

8 DICK: I don't doubt that at all.

9 STEVE: But the, the -- that person that
10 created you and me, that being that created you and I,
11 the one that's beyond us, is angry. All the prophets
12 show in the last days, you've been doing your own thing
13 all your life, I've been doing my own thing all my
14 life.

15 DICK: All right.

16 STEVE: There comes a day when we all have to
17 give an account. God wants us to slow down and take a
18 look at what he's offering. Otherwise, now, now --
19 real careful here, as in the days of Noah. Noah
20 preached for 120 years, people didn't take him serious.
21 The same is happening today. There's one last time,
22 there's going to be an ark of safety, one last time.
23 And where's that ark of safety going to be? You see,
24 that's what we're trying to share with you. People
25 scoffed at Noah. They were living in this life. They
had their system. They believed in their god. They

1 had something to say about God. The day came where the
2 safety was to get into the Ark. That was salvation.
3 Everybody went swimming except for the eight. So
4 that's what our concern is for you and for these
5 agencies and for others --

6 DICK: Okay.

7 STEVE: -- but we can't make that known to
8 anybody and if you think we --

9 DICK: You can -- listen, listen, Steve.

10 STEVE: Listen to me.

11 DICK: You can in your own mind. I mean, you
12 can but you have to accept it -- listen. I didn't mean
13 to interrupt. I apologize for that, but one of the
14 Bradleys apparently has some, some repair problems that
15 are going to have to be fixed, so there might be -- you
16 might see some smoke coming from one of them. So I
17 just want you to be alert to that and --

18 STEVE: I -- should I tell you what I think
19 is happening there?

20 DICK: Okay, sure.

21 STEVE: That I might see some smoke coming
22 from one of those Bradleys. They're going to probably
23 try out the system they have there --

24 DICK: The system.

25 STEVE: -- that creates -- I, I'm aware.

See, we even have books on things like that.

1 DICK: Okay. What system are you talking --
2 I'm not familiar with the Bradley.

3 STEVE: I don't have the, I don't have the
4 book in front of me, but if I, I went and got it here
5 now --

6 DICK: Well, I'm telling you that there is
7 not going to be anything done except they're doing the
8 repair. Now, you'll find that to be true as soon as
9 it's done, but I -- accept that from me.

10 STEVE: Well, what kind of a, what kind of a
11 repair? Are you talking about an engine repair?

12 DICK: I assume if there's going to be smoke
13 that it must be an engine --

14 STEVE: Well, see, these Bradleys are made
15 and have a device where they create smoke, create --

16 DICK: No, no. We're not talking about
17 laying a field of fog down or anything of that nature.

18 STEVE: Okay.

19 DICK: I mean --

20 STEVE: Well, they do have that capability,
21 of course.

22 DICK: Well, certainly they do. In, in a war
23 zone. This is not a war zone.

24 STEVE: What Bradley is it? Where's it
25 located?

 DICK: I don't -- which Bradley is it?

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: -- it's the
2 one back by the water tower.

3 DICK: There's one up by the, the tower up
4 there, the water tower that they're going to fix.

5 STEVE: One by the water tower? What,
6 where's --

7 DICK: It's going to be done there. They're
8 going to do it there. Double E Road is where they're
9 going to do the repair work.

10 STEVE: On Double E Road.

11 DICK: Yeah. Near -- on Double E Road
12 they're going to do it --

13 STEVE: I see it over there.

14 DICK: Again, it's an inconsequential thing,
15 but we want to tell you about it --

16 STEVE: I see. Okay.

17 DICK: -- so you won't be concerned.

18 STEVE: Okay. Is that John what you were
19 speaking with?

20 DICK: No, one of the other fellows over
21 there. No, John's gone.

22 STEVE: All right.

23 DICK: You know, he was there during the
24 evening and he's gone.

25 STEVE: Right.

DICK: He'll be, he'll be back with you

1 tonight.

2 STEVE: No, it's not that I'm requesting him.

3 DICK: No, I understand.

4 STEVE: I just thought, I thought I heard a
5 familiar voice.

6 DICK: No, it was not John.

7 STEVE: Okay.

8 DICK: One of the guys just yelled in at me.
9 Steve.

10 STEVE: Yes.

11 DICK: I, you know, unfortunately you've --
12 you think that I'm just telling you these things. It's
13 not true.

14 STEVE: No, I believe you're sincere to a
15 degree.

16 DICK: Absolutely sincere.

17 STEVE: I do.

18 DICK: But we have to -- you know, you can
19 talk about these concerns of yours for the next two
20 years. I can listen to it for the next two years. I
21 can tell you what my concerns and my wishes and our
22 respective agency wishes are, but ultimately we are not
23 going away until you come out of there --

24 STEVE: One of the biggest impasses, Dick,
25 that we have, it's two things, which have been right
from the beginning.

1 DICK: Okay.

2 STEVE: One of the biggest things of all
3 things is that you cut us off. You cut our telephones
4 off from talking to who we will.

5 DICK: We, we, we do this in every --

6 STEVE: Especially after you, especially
7 after you came here, and when I say you I'm talking
8 about that agency which came to take the lives of
9 people indiscriminately. They didn't even -- were not
10 concerned about women and children, even though Wayne
11 and I were screaming on the phone to the 911 number.
12 David's at the front door saying back off, we'll
13 communicate. He said there are women -- I heard him
14 before there was any gunfire, I heard him call that
15 out.

16 DICK: Then tell that to the world.

17 STEVE: And they, and they were shooting
18 through the walls. How can -- you're telling me that
19 -- I don't -- that's what we want to do is tell it to
20 the world. Put -- leave our phones -- put them as they
21 were, as is given in the Constitution the freedoms that
22 we should have to be able to speak. And if you want to
23 refute that --

24 DICK: You will have those services restored
25 eventually.

 STEVE: If you want to get your people to

1 | refute that, that is fine. That is fine.

2 | DICK: I'm not going to refute that.

3 | STEVE: Let us, let us tell our side of the
4 | story. If you think I'm going to come out and put
5 | myself in your hands without being mal -- being able to
6 | speak my mouth and mind.

7 | DICK: Steve --

8 | STEVE: You show me, you show me, first of
9 | all, something that I can really rely on. I haven't
10 | seen anything like that yet. On the contrary, like I
11 | told you, what Jim told me, told David so -- he gave
12 | his word on behalf of the agency. I remember he used
13 | the word perimeter --

14 | DICK: Um-hum.

15 | STEVE: That these Bradleys, would be three
16 | of them, would come up to the very edge of the
17 | perimeter, to the property, but would not come onto the
18 | property. And no one would come on to the property and
19 | we agreed.

20 | DICK: Steve --

21 | STEVE: And he even said that there would be
22 | maneuvers at times. We agreed to that. That's fine.

23 | DICK: Let me, let me give you an analogy
24 | here, okay?

25 | STEVE: But listen. But, Dick, though. Hear
me though now. Hear me.

1 DICK: I'm hearing you.

2 STEVE: That's the statement now --

3 DICK: I understand.

4 STEVE: -- and, and that has not happened.

5 These guys had the audacity to get out there, like

6 yesterday to move our motorcycles out of that

7 protective shelter in the back there.

8 DICK: Okay.

9 STEVE: They have total disregard, these
10 kids, that are in these Bradleys of these -- of the
11 property there, not knowing whose they are, innocent
12 people involved. People that have come and gone and
13 left things here. Right, right, right --

14 DICK: Any damages done there will be, will
15 be taken care of.

16 STEVE: How can you -- what if some of these
17 things have --

18 DICK: On top of property damage.

19 STEVE: -- sentimental value?

20 DICK: Well --

21 STEVE: What if some of these things --

22 DICK: Then I obviously can't tell you that
23 we can -- payment will not, will not take care of that.

24 STEVE: Exact -- but listen. You guys --

25 DICK: Absolutely true.

STEVE: Jim told me, as did Gary, right from

1 | the beginning, that in this process that if anything
2 | would happen, any movements, you -- was it you that --
3 | yes. I believe it was -- it was you yesterday that
4 | told me that one of the guys are out and, and made you
5 | kind -- it seemed like you were mad about it. One of
6 | our -- without me knowing. What? That's what insult
7 | -- that's why Gary --

8 | DICK: No, I wasn't mad. I just wanted to
9 | pass on to you --

10 | STEVE: But I -- hey, but I got mad because
11 | you had the audacity to react like you did and here
12 | you've got these guys running around our property
13 | digging around in our vehicles, doing things that they
14 | -- they were never given to do in the agreement in the
15 | first place. It's one thing for me to alert you to
16 | what we're doing. The vi -- the other has not
17 | happened. Why didn't you tell me they were going to
18 | run over the shack ahead of time?

19 | DICK: Because we didn't know it.

20 | STEVE: You better -- well, gain control over
21 | them. We'll --

22 | DICK: Listen. We'll --

23 | STEVE: No, no, no, no, Dick. We'll start --

24 | DICK: Go ahead. I'm going to give you
25 | another min --

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