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JOHN COX: -- well, I'll pass it on because I 1 know what David said, that he wanted to --2 STEVE: David said --3 JOHN COX: -- have a prayer session this 4 evening with people that were going to be coming out 5 and if, if this makes it difficult for the prayer 6 session, it won't be held so I hear where you're coming 8 from. Okay, listen, David just said to me, 9 STEVE: you know, after talking to John Dolan yesterday, you 10 last night, you know exactly what we're about. We're 11 trying to give people an opportunity -- he's letting 12 them ask their questions, finalizing that with them, 13 that they might be sure in their own mind and confident 14 in why they even came here, that they go out. 15 course is creating the opposite effect. 16 JOHN COX: Okay. 17 STEVE: So, I mean it's up to them. 18 know, you give it to them. They can continue with 19 It's fine. You know, it's their choice, of 20 this. course. (Koresh in background not discernible.) Every 21 time -- is John, John --22 JOHN COX: I'm sorry. Yeah. 23

STEVE: Like David said, every time we've complied with you people and we've worked and every time it starts becoming a snowball effect where we're

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working harder and harder, something like this comes up
   and if it's not turning off the electricity and
   reneging on like the Newsweek and all that sort of
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   thing and like happened a week ago Friday, almost 10
   days ago. Now here we go again. Anytime we start
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   trying to do and facilitate the very things that Byron
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   is talking about, maybe not 40, 50 or 150 people in the
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   day, but we're working with these people. But this is
   the sort of thing that is -- (Koresh in background not
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   discernible) -- no, in fact, he told you that last
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   night. He can't even get that many people in his room.
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   And like I made it very clear that day that he came
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   down and took a chance of moving around, he started
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   bleeding all over again. But you know, it's up to them
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             JOHN COX: Well, let me talk to some people
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   and see what we can do.
              STEVE: Sure. No problem, you know. But
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    like I'm saying for myself,
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              JOHN COX: We're all -- all the people that
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    you're talking to out here are trying to resolve it
    successfully.
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              STEVE: Well, I have a hard time buying that
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    after our third --
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JOHN COX: Well, don't. Don't have a hard

time because we really are. STEVE: I talked to John. Well, John, today 2 I talked to John-3 all day and the man may mean well. 3 It might be your psychology games you have between you 4 all. I know when a person goes to buy an automobile, 5 there are dealerships set up were one guy comes on real 7 hard and then you get a softie who finally the person turns to that person, almost --JOHN COX: Well, we're, none of us are 9 softies and none of us are hardies. We're all, we're 10 all -- we may have a little different personalities but 11 we're all striving for the same thing. 12 STEVE: Byron and John-3 today -- the way 13 Byron came on in the evening. I mean, well, you know, 14 here we are working with you and Dolan and thinking 15 we're getting somewhere and bingo, I mean, you know --16 (Koresh in background not discernible) -- it is, that's 17 what I told him. It happened 10 days ago on that 18 Friday night. We were on a roll. Things were starting 19 to pick up and bang. So you know --20 JOHN COX: Let me go talk to some people. 21 STEVE: Okay. 22 JOHN COX: That's the best option I have. 23 STEVE: All right. 24 JOHN COX: Okay. 25 STEVE: David is here strumming on the guitar

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so he'll be awake.
             JOHN COX: Uh-oh. Don't let him strum too
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   long.
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             STEVE: No, okay.
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             JOHN COX: I'll be back in touch with you.
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             STEVE: All right.
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             JOHN COX: Bye.
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             STEVE: Okay. Bye.
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              STEVE: David wanted to know if that's the
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   best your choir can do.
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              JOHN COX: It's that bad. I don't know.
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              STEVE: He doesn't know, he said. Just a
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   minute.
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              DAVID: You've not been privileged to hear
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    this fine selection of music?
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              JOHN COX: No. No. What is it?
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              DAVID: It goes like this -- it goes [makes
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            It's Latin but it's like turned down real low
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    and it's got weird sound [makes noise] --
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              JOHN COX: If it sped up a little would it
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   make any sense do you think?
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              DAVID: I believe so.
              JOHN COX: Oh, Lord. I don't know.
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DAVID: It might be bat masking but --
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             JOHN COX:
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   Listen, I passed on --
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             STEVE: Let them guys know what we're doing.
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             JOHN COX: -- what you said and actually
   before I could get a response, Steve called about the
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   other music. You know, I thought -- you were talking
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   about Byron, Byron's --
             DAVID: Here it comes again. Here it comes
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    again. Hear it?
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              JOHN COX: I can't, I can't hear it.
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             DAVID: Put this phone to the window there --
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              JOHN COX: I can hear it.
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              (music)
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              STEVE: Could you hear it?
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              JOHN COX: Marvelous, marvelous.
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              STEVE: John, John --
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              JOHN COX: I could hear it. Let me tell you.
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    I --
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              STEVE: Can I say something?
              JOHN COX: Go ahead.
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                      I mean, this is an experience for me.
              STEVE:
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    Living in America all these years, to think our
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    founding -- you know, mature men -- this is 1993.
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    We're going into the Dark Ages, aren't we. I mean, you
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    know, you know what the Dark Ages were about --
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JOHN COX: When David, called --1 STEVE: -- the persecution of millions of 2 people because they had convictions of conscience and 3 so forth. You know that the prophesies talk about us going back into such a state. 5 JOHN COX: Listen, when I got the first call 6 7 to try and --What kind of mindset -- I want to STEVE: 8 discuss this with you guys --9 JOHN COX: Listen. Listen to me Steve. When 10 I got the first call about the monotonous dialogue that 11 was coming over the recorder, I went back to try and 12 find somebody that could resolve that situation. 13 STEVE: Leave it on because, you know, like 14 David said --15 JOHN COX: Listen to me. I tried to find 16 somebody that could resolve this thing. So, I talked 17 to somebody and the response was that the person that 18 ordered this done will not be back until the morning --19 The person that ordered it done won't STEVE: 20 be back until the morning, he said. 21 JOHN COX: And they made the decision for it. 22 STEVE: And they made the decision for it. 23 JOHN COX: Now, when you called me back and 24 you said this owakanobe music or whatever it is is 25 going on. That's what it sounds like, owakanobe, or

something. STEVE: Owakanobe music? 2 JOHN COX: I don't know what it is. 3 STEVE: He calls it owakanobe music. JOHN COX: Well, that's what it sounds like 5 doesn't it? Ow-kan-obe, or something. Anyhow, when you 6 called and said that was going on, I went back and said, well, what can we do. And, the response was, and this was after you told me, hey, nobody is coming out 9 with this, you can play it as loud as you want, ba-ba 10 ba-ba ba-ba, every time we try to comply with 11 something, something goes wrong. So I said, well, what 12 can we do about it? And, the response was, if you tell 13 us, give us a commitment how many people are coming 14 out, maybe we can do something about it. 15 STEVE: Yeah. He says, if we make a 16 commitment as to how many people are coming out, then 17 they'll turn it off. (Koresh in background not 18 discernible). He said, you know, he's being really 19 cool and decent about this, with a smile. He says all 20 of us eventually --JOHN COX: I know that and you know that --22 STEVE: You and I both know this is slowing 23 the process down. No question --JOHN COX: I know what you're telling me. I 25 understand what you're telling me. The question that

was posed to me that I'm posing to you, all right. I'm the facilitator; I'm the middleman. I'm posing it to you. How many people are coming out after David has 3 the opportunity to --4 STEVE: You're not --5 JOHN COX: Let me, let me just pass on what I Б was asked. 7 I know. Go ahead. STEVE: 8 JOHN COX: Let me just pass on what I asked 9 because I already know what your answer is. All right. 10 But let me pass on --11 STEVE: What, that this county is ripe for --12 JOHN COX: Let me pass on -- come on Steve. 13 All right. I was asked, after David gets done praying 14 with his people and after they go over Micah and after 15 they go over Nam, if the music is turned off, how many 16 people will come out tomorrow. That's the only 17 question I was asked to ask you, or ask David, either 18 19 one. Well, I just mentioned it to him, so 20 he's not saying anything about it. 21 JOHN COX: That's what I was asked to check. 22 (Koresh in background not discernible.) 23 STEVE: How many were sent out today, in the 24 24-hour period between last night, later than this 25 period of time right now and --

JOHN COX: Seven. 1 2 STEVE: That's correct. Seven. JOHN COX: The two ladies came out about 3 12:15 and then five came out during the day. STEVE: That's right. So that's what David 5 6 asked. JOHN COX: Huh? Well, I know that. 7 I was asked was to have the music turned off to give 8 David the opportunity to spend time with these people, what commitment would he make as far as numbers of 11 people that are coming out tomorrow. David says that he doesn't understand 12 STEVE: it because instead of speeding things up, it seems like 13 they're trying to hinder it. I mean, honestly --14 JOHN COX: I'm not going to argue that with 15 you. All I, all I was asked is to ask a question and 16 to get an answer to that so that we can try to work 17 with this. 18 STEVE: All I can say is whoever God is or 19 isn't, all these years, I'm kind of glad for an 20 experience like this. I really am. I mean, I never --21 can I just talk for a little while? 22 JOHN COX: Just give me an idea and then talk 23 and talk and talk. Give me an idea. STEVE: I don't -- he's not -- I asked him. 25

He's not --

JOHN COX: Yeah, what did he say? 1 Nothing. He said what I just told STEVE: 2 you he said. 3 JOHN COX: Well, try and help me --4 STEVE: Let me just say -- you helped me 5 6 once --JOHN COX: All right. 7 STEVE: I was raised in this country just 8 like you were. I was born here. I went through all 9 the system and everything. I learned about the 10 Constitution. What a great country we have. I always 11 knew that ultimately it would come to this. I saw it 12 eroding years ago. 13 JOHN COX: Where did you see it eroding? 14 STEVE: By certain powerful men in certain 15 positions. Tyranny is what the word has been ever 16 17 since for 6,000 years from this person Cain, there was Cain and Abel. But here, I don't know, it's still a 18 hard thing to believe that in this country that there 19 20 are men that do things like this. People sitting in their homes are attacked and ransacked just like the 21 examples given to me about the ATF, the mistakes 22 23 they've made. They don't get out over the airwaves. There ought to be TV programs about things like that. 24 It's hard to believe that this was the country that was 25 founded by people trying to get away to practice their

religious beliefs and not force them on others. not happening any more, is it? Are you there? 2 JOHN COX: I'm listening to you, Steve. 3 4 ahead. STEVE: What do you think about this America, 5 what's happening now? I mean --6 7 JOHN COX: I think it's still the best --STEVE: -- this isn't Russia or Siberia. 8 9 We're not talking about some African nation or some Hindu gurus or something. 10 JOHN COX: Steve, when I've talked to you and 11 when anyone else has talked to you, or to David or to 12 anyone else in there, we want to communicate. We want 13 to get a dialogue going, we want to get a rapport build 14 15 up --STEVE: Well, I'm actually, no --16 JOHN COX: -- and we want to resolve this 17 18 thing. STEVE: Listen, John. Can you give me an 19 answer what you think of this kind of thing and 20 21 America, you know, the way -- America is over 200 years old now. 22 JOHN COX: Well, I'll tell you about this 23 thing. Some people's patience wear thin and their 24 25 patience wears thin and they say, look, if somebody wants to not move along fast enough, we going to try

and assist them in moving. That's why I said, what kind of a figure can I give to somebody -- and if -whatever you want to tell me --3 STEVE: Round and round the merry-go-round we 4 5 go. JOHN COX: Anything that you want to tell me. 6 STEVE: How do you relate this to someone 7 8 like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson. this what you think they had in mind for this country 9 and the peoples of this country and their guaranteed 10 freedom and rights and consciousness and all the rest? 11 Is that what you think? I was sitting here three weeks 12 ago minding my own business and doing nothing illegal 13 14 nor did I before that day nor since that time. And all 15 of a sudden, I'm to come out, go through prison, probably, who knows what you kind of people are up to. 16 I --'I'll tell you the truth. I have no idea. I don't 17 18 know. JOHN COX: You know, you know how everyone 19 has been treated that's come out of there. 20 I'll tell you the honest truth. 21 STEVE: bottom line is, I don't trust the system, period, 22 anymore. Listening to this tells me how far this 23 country has really deteriorated with the men that are 24 in control. No matter what you guys do to me, what 25 happens to me the day I stop breathing, I believe in a

God. And all these kinds of things, everything is going to be answered for. Oh, I'm going to stand in 2 the Judgement, John Cox, I am. 3 JOHN COX: Aren't we all. STEVE: You bet. 5 6 JOHN COX: Sure we are. 7 STEVE: But I don't believe that 99 percent 8 of the people in control believe it. I don't think that they believe in this book call the Bible. really don't think so. It's been around a long time. 10 There's a lot of people --11 JOHN COX: Well, I hope they do. 12 STEVE: -- that need a crutch --13 JOHN COX: I hope you're wrong and I hope 14 they do. I really --15 STEVE: If there's -- I wouldn't care to live 16 any longer if there isn't justice beyond what we find in America. 18 JOHN COX: Well, Steve, you and I know that 19 the people that have come out of there so far have been treated extremely well --21 STEVE: John, you --22 23 JOHN COX: And the justice system in this country -- we're talking the justice system, is the best in the world and everybody is innocent until 25 proven guilty. We've kicked this around and kicked

this around. The only reason I called back in there and I wanted to talk to you is to see if you can give me a figure. Give me an idea. STEVE: I have been working with you all --4 5 John Dolan -- last night --JOHN COX: I'm not arguing that. 6 7 I'm not getting -- John, you guys get STEVE: to take a break and all that. I haven't, man, I was up 8 all night. You knew --9 JOHN COX: I'm not arguing that with you. 10 STEVE: I had 2 hours of sleep. I got up and 11 start dealing with John-3, man, the push. It's hard to 12 even think when you're not getting enough rest. How am 13 I going to talk people into leaving here when this is 14 going on out here. 15 JOHN COX: Steve, Steven, I'm not arguing 16 with you, pal. I think you've been doing a remarkable 17 job in there. And, I think you've been very patient, 18 you've been working hard and you've got the right thing 19 in mind. All I'm saying is, I've got to deal with 20 somebody and that person said, can you give me a figure 21 to consider to turn it off. 22 STEVE: No --23 JOHN COX: And that's all I'm looking for. 24 I don't have one, John. 25 STEVE:

JOHN COX: I'm not here to argue with you

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             STEVE: I don't have one. I know for sure
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   David's not going to call somebody in tonight and try
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              JOHN COX: Well, then let me go pass it on.
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   Okay. Let me go pass it on.
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              STEVE: I'm waiting.
              JOHN COX: Okay. I'll call you back.
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             STEVE: Okay.
             JOHN COX: Thank you.
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              UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello.
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              JOHN: Hello, is Steve there?
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              UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, here he
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              STEVE: Hello.
              JOHN: Steve, this is John.
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              STEVE: John, how's it going?
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              JOHN: Good. How are you doing?
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              STEVE: Tired. I've about lost my voice
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    here.
              JOHN: Yeah. You lost your voice?
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              STEVE: Oh, yeah, from all the talking. Yes,
    I was up quite late.
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2	music. We got that turned off last night.					
3	STEVE: Oh, did they? I didn't even realize					
4	it. I must have fallen asleep when it was going.					
5	JOHN: Yeah. Okay. Have you been talking to					
6	anybody today, Steve?					
7	STEVE: No. In fact, I just woke up about a					
8	few minutes ago.					
9	JOHN: Okay. Do you plan on speaking to					
10	anybody?					
11	STEVE: First I've got to get my head					
12	together here.					
13	JOHN: Okay.					
14	STEVE: Oh, man.					
15	JOHN: Okay. I know you were working hard					
16	yesterday.					
17	STEVE: I was quite surprised about that					
18	music, if you want to call it music.					
19	JOHN: That was one of the					
20	STEVE: Did you get to hear it yourself?					
21	JOHN: No, I didn't. What was it?					
22	STEVE: Are you sure you haven't heard it?					
23	JOHN: I'm telling you, I haven't heard it.					
24	I wasn't here last night. Gongs? Somebody said it was					
25	gongs?					

STEVE: It was what?

1 JOHN: Gongs or chanting or something? STEVE: What do you call it, gones? 2 JOHN: G-O-N-G-S. 3 STEVE: G-O -- oh, gongs. No, it sounded 4 like a slowed-down version of Gregorian chanting or 5 something like that, or something from a monastery. 6 JOHN: We got that turned off, right? 7 STEVE: I don't know, I guess. As I was 8 sleeping, it was going, so I don't know. 9 JOHN: About 1 o'clock. Do you have anybody 10 that's interested in listening to what you have to say 11 12 today, Steve? STEVE: What I need to do is go and see what 13 David is doing and --14 JOHN: What's David doing now? 15 STEVE: I don't know. He's probably 16 I don't know. So I'm going to probably get 17 sleeping. up here in about a second and start moving around and 18 19 see what we can get going. JOHN: Okay, Steve, was there a Schider that 20 you mentioned? 21 22 STEVE: It was a David Scheidler. I guess he had called from what I'm told. 23 JOHN: We're trying to run that down and find 24 out what the conversation was or what the contact was. 25 STEVE: I see. Okay.

JOHN: So what's the attitude in there? STEVE: Well, you know, with last night, I talked with just a couple of people because of whatever that was and everybody was like, This is America? is the United States? Who's in control here? You know, everybody starts, like me, like I talked to John I said, John, I don't mind. They can turn it up loud and play it morning, noon and night, but is that what this country has degenerated into. A couple of hundred -- here we have a couple centuries that have gone by. You think of people like Madison and Jefferson, and founding forefathers, Abraham Lincoln and I think they'd roll over in their grave, to tell you the truth. I really would -- John, I'm shocked. really am. This is my country, the country I grew up So proud and happy over the Constitution and the in? way this country has always been. I don't know. I really -- I tell you the truth. You know, the reason 18 why I'm here, and I'm not going to get into some long 19 spiel. I'll just tell you real quick, because of the 20 Bible. It's the only thing that's consistent for 21 answers for me. It is. I really believe that this 22 country, this world is ripe for judgement. I really 23 do. All these years, man's filled up his cup with 24 iniquity. We've all done our own thing. We're proud 25 and arrogant. Everybody is. Even though all we are is

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dust. Even though we're all subject to death every moment of every day. I tell you what, I can't wait 2 until it's all over. I'm talking about everything. There's got to be a better way than this. Mankind doing what he does to one another. I came here to study the Bible, not to be murdered Sunday, February 6 28. 7 JOHN: Yeah. Steve. That -- I just wanted 8 to clarify something. That music was the idea of one 9 of the tactical guys and I didn't agree with it because 1.0 you know that if I wanted to talk to you and get some 11 things going, I'm here. You know that. Right? 12 STEVE: Yeah. 13 Okay. We appreciate your efforts JOHN: 14 anyhow. I know you were trying hard yesterday and I'd 15 like you to continue if you would then maybe we can 16 more forward from here. Okay? Sure. All right. So I mean, has 18 STEVE: that been used on others also? Is that a common thing 19 that the FBI does? 20 JOHN: I haven't heard of it and I don't 21 think it is. 22 I'll tell you the truth. I never in STEVE: 23 my life, I mean I could understand if it was the KGB or 24 something in Russia, it makes sense to me. 25

JOHN: Steve, you know, I'm negotiating with

you. You know that? STEVE: Um-hum. 2 JOHN: As has John Cox and John Dolan. 3 STEVE: Right. 4 All right. And we're all friends. 5 And Byron. Okay. And we all feel that we can work 6 this out successfully but you know, as well as I do, that there are two factions here. Do you know what I 8 mean? 9 STEVE: You bet I do. 10 JOHN: And you working with us gives up more 11 input to the bosses. They don't tell us everything 12 that they've got planned and that they've got in mind. 13 Now, yesterday, they told us about the music -- or the 14 moving of the stuff and I told you that. I wanted to 15 16 be up front with you --STEVE: I don't remember you telling me about 17 any music. 18 JOHN: No, I mean the moving of the vehicles. 19 I thought what you said was they were STEVE: 20 going to move things from the front and not the go-21 carts and so forth. They crushed three go-carts and 22 23 there is an Airstream trailer that belongs to an older woman that's not even here right now -- it's about a \$30,000 trailer and they -- I mean, it looks not even

like an accordion now.

Steve, you know that the civil courts 1 and civil process can handle that and you'll have every 2 opportunity. 3 Is that true? STEVE: 4 Yes, it is. You know, Wayne would be JOHN: 5 able to advise you on that. You can bring civil suits 6 against the government for all of that damage. 7 I guess I'm just lacking in STEVE: 8 understanding about those kind of things. 9 Well, Steve, if you came out and 10 brought up those questions and got an attorney. You've 11 got two attorneys that have been retained by your 12 sister to represent you, Zimmerman and Levine, who have 13 a great reputation and they could help you with that 14 stuff and help the other people in there too. 15 STEVE: Well, like you and I know, I've been 16 definitely taking about everybody there is here and 17 working on it. I don't -- I really didn't understand 18 the tactics yesterday and --19 JOHN: As I don't either. 20 STEVE: All the way through, I mean, 21 especially when I thought it was the best day. 22 was seven people in less than 24 hours and I never 23 quit. I never quit. 24 JOHN: Steve, I appreciate your efforts. 25

STEVE: When they wanted everybody, like I

told you, even yesterday, I was willing. What should I 2 do, grab somebody by the neck or the collar, or something and try to pull them out? I mean, I wouldn't 3 4 have gotten very far. Do you remember yesterday when we 5 first started talking and I mentioned the word 6 imperative and critical? Okay. Those weren't my 7 Those were the words that I was told to tell 8 Those weren't my words and they don't tell me everything that they have going but they said it was 10 imperative and critical that a substantial progress be 11 made yesterday and then when it wasn't, it's out of my 12 hands. So, you know, the best deal for you is dealing 13 with us and showing us some good faith. 14 STEVE: Well, I thought that's what I've 15 done. " 16 17 JOHN: I know, you've been working and I appreciate that but if you would continue to do that, 18 we can get forward from here and resolve this. Nobody, 19 20 nobody likes it. STEVE: Whether it seems like it or not, I 21 22 mean, we're all fallible as human beings, but my 23 intentions -- I've always wanted to be straightforward and honest and so forth, and what's happened here since 24 that Sunday on through. I mean, like I said, I'm 25

coming out and I know it's all going to work where

everybody does come out but I really believe that
there's going to be charges manufactured beyond
anything of my control or belief that such a thing
could happen. I really do. But I mean, it's not going
to -- I'll still come out. Whatever this government
wants to do with me, I mean, it's fine. It's going to
have to be.

JOHN: Steve, you've got good attorneys to represent you.

STEVE: I'll tell you the honest truth, John. I don't trust too much in anything anymore. I mean, that -- right up until that Sunday I did. I had, you know, I've heard things through the last number of years by being in contact with different professors at universities, from their connections and awareness of what goes on behind the scenes and you know, you always kind of keep -- well, you kind of wonder about those things. So that's why since being in conversation with many of the negotiators, you're in a position where you can know a lot and so that's why I raised a number of questions about different things I've heard about to hear some kind of a response to really see what you guys think about it all.

JOHN: Steve, I wouldn't be here talking to you if I didn't want to resolve this peacefully and have everybody come out of there and go through the

system and be represented in court and --

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STEVE: Can I ask you a question again. What kind of a system do those -- somebody made some mistakes in the ATF. Someone really did and if they don't come to the conclusion that they fired first and what they did by shooting at David's room from the chopper, if that doesn't come out and it's suppressed and that wouldn't surprise me if it was. But what's going to happen to some of those individuals if by chance that is a total honest organization and they find the facts as they are and they are brought out. What's going to happen to some of those? Those that fired first? If it was a mistake or whatever else. mean, it would be a mistake in the first place. A chopper -- three of them coming in flying toward the building and you'll find out again. I'm going to tell you. At least you people will know that bullets came from a high diagonal through the water tanks and they were drained immediately. You're going to find something else out when you come and check this place out, if it's left standing or whatever else. If there's someone that's unbiased that comes in, like the Rangers, if they are. I mean, I don't know anything for sure anymore, but I'm hoping that the truth will come out. I really am.

JOHN: Steve --

STEVE: And if we're at fault or whatever 1 else, well, I mean, then, that's the way it's got to be. But so far, there were too many witnesses from 3 what I've talked to and so forth. I don't know. I 5 just don't see any agent from the ATF though that's going to be in trouble. 6 JOHN: Steve, can I tell you something? 7 STEVE: Sure. 8 The laws of this land are for innocent JOHN: 9 citizens --10 STEVE: Well, you and I know we're guilty 11 until proven innocent. We know that for a fact. 12 Listen to me. Let me just tell you 13 JOHN: that the laws apply to everybody. Okay. They apply to 14 the citizens and police as well. Okay. All right. 15 And these lawsuits and inquiries and things that are 16 going on in this investigation is being looked at by 17 the world and it will be gone through with a fine-tooth 18 comb. 19 Aren't you kind of bothered by that 20 STEVE: Rodney King incident? 21 JOHN: Yes, I am. 22 Man, I tell you what. 23 STEVE: I saw that video tape. 24 JOHN: STEVE: It amazes me. It really does. 25 But --

1 Who is prosecuting those people? 2 STEVE: But --3 JOHN: Steve. Let me back up to Rodney King. 4 Who is prosecuting those people right now? 5 STEVE: I really don't know. I haven't really followed it too close in honesty. 6 7 JOHN: The Federal Government is processing 8 those people. The policemen. 9 STEVE: Can you tell me something. I don't 10 have much access to information any more. What is 11 Interpol? I've heard that name used and I wondered what it was. 12 13 JOHN: It's an information exchange system 14 among international police agencies. 15 STEVE: What -- I mean, international police 16 agencies. What is, I mean, what -- like the CIA or 17 something? 18 JOHN: Scotland Yard, FBI, Germany, you know. And all they do is exchange information. 19 20 STEVE: I see. I just heard that word used a few times and I wasn't aware of it. 21 22 JOHN: Steve, it's 9 o'clock now, 9:15. Okay. 23 STEVE: Uh-huh. 24 Why don't you talk to some of the folks there and see if we can get working and we'll go 25 forward from today. I'm here. I'm trying to work with

you and if I can show them something that will keep the 1 2 -- the people on the outside are frustrated. Okay. And if you can work with me --3 STEVE: I can't understand why. 4 And if you can work with me, then, you 5 know, I can keep things that disrupt this from 6 happening. 7 STEVE: I'm working. I'm working. 8 It's been 22 days and we appreciate JOHN: 9 your efforts. Believe me. I know we may have some 10 differences and maybe you doubt my sincerity but I can 11 tell you, I wouldn't be here if I wasn't interested in 12 trying to help the situation out. And I mean that. 13 STEVE: Hey, I do believe that. 14 I mentioned yesterday, I've got a 6 15 JOHN: year old that said he hasn't seen me for a while. 16 17 said he forgot what I look like. But -- and that goes for a lot of the people that are here and in there. 18 19 Okay. 20 STEVE: Yeah. Okay, so, want to give you some time 21 to get going and we'll --22 STEVE: John, do you mind if I ask you a 23 couple of personal questions? You might not want to. 24 If you don't want to, it's fine. 25

JOHN: Hey, if I don't want to, I'll tell you

I don't want to. STEVE: All right. Religiously, what kind of 2 a background have you had? Have you had any? 3 I'm Catholic. JOHN: 4 STEVE: Okay, so do you think there is a God? 5 I sure do. JOHN: 6 STEVE: You do? 7 I spent 13 months in Viet Nam, Steve, JOHN: 8 and it made a believer out of me. 9 STEVE: Really. Okay. I just wondered 10 because a lot of people out there are atheists and 11 agnostics and all the rest but, you know, but I mean, 12 with a Catholic background not many were encouraged 13 from the time they were small to look at the Bible or 14 to study it or anything, but, it's a lot of traditions 15 of men and opinions about God. 16 JOHN: Steve, let me just tell you that I'm 17 not here to be converted but I'm here to help you. 18 19 Okay. No. No. I'm not -- I know that. STEVE: 20 Listen, you don't understand also that what my work has 21 been up until that Sunday is, I talk to people from all walks of life, from everywhere. I've been -- I might not seem like it, but I've been quite a listener. If someone has something to say that pertains to my well-25 being, my safety, my advancement, fulfillment in this

life and want to come, I think there is something to come. I really do. I mean, we're just too complex of beings to have got here through a process of evolution. I don't have that kind of faith to buy evolution. But, my major concern is that --

JOHN: I agree with you.

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STEVE: -- I really see that these prophets and dying and leaving a testimony, many of them persecuted and so forth for what they had to say in their day and their testimony has been brought down to this final, this generation. You and I know every generation people think they're living in the last days and that's been going on as long as mankind has been wondering what death is all about. But finally the book talks about a man that comes that can't work miracles but he can open up what the testimonies are and make it clear. Like a lot of pieces of a puzzle, one big clear picture. And I believe that's here. I've seen and watched people trying to convert -- controvert It's not happened but I'm concerned about you as a person. I've talked to you eleven of you people. I like you all. I really do. And I know that even though with your physical eyesight and so forth you look at this world and its makings and what's happening and your job and your family and all the rest. I look further, beyond that, all the time because I know that

any day I can answer before God. I believe there is a God of mine, a Supreme Being and I believe there will 3 be a judgement. The whole system of the world, of America that the judgement that we have, the attorneys, 4 5 the mediation, all that. That's something that's based upon the Judaic-Christian thing that goes back about 6 7 4,000 years but it goes back further because that's 8 what God is all about. And you and I will stand there -- I want to live forever. I'd like to see you live forever. If you ever have the time and you read in 10 Isaiah 49, you'll find out if you make it, John, do you 11 know that your son is guaranteed eternal life? If you 12 13 read those last ten, fifteen verses of Chapter 49 of 14 Isaiah, Isaiah 49, you'll find that if you make it, you do it right, your son is guaranteed, or your children. 15 I like those kind of promises. God knows and sees the 16 17 innocency of children. 18 Steve. Steve, I've got my faith and you know what, I've got faith that we're going to work 19 20 this out and we can start today and if you start working, we'll do it. 21 22 Well, -- John, I'm going -- I'll be STEVE: 23 There is no question about that, but the coming out. truth of the matter is I don't think -- I mean, I'll 24 come out. I don't think I'll be getting a fair shake. 25 I'll tell the world, hey, I'm innocent. I was here to

study the Bible. I was in a room from the time I heard bullets riddling the front door area. I mean, that's all I can be saying. I never say anybody, the truth is. But immediately, I'm on the phone saying stop. Whoever it is, stop. Let's talk. There's women and children. Wayne and I both -- you know, you have all the tapes. 6 But I still believe that they'll manufacture probably a 7 hundred things for me --8 JOHN: Steve --9 STEVE: Seriously, I mean, I'm talking to you 10 straight right now. 11 JOHN: I know you are. I know you are. 12 You're concerned. 13 STEVE: And the only thing that my innocency 14 one day will only be shown in the light of the 15 judgement of God. I'm serious. I believe that. I 16 don't think this agency, this federal agency that came 17 here for whatever purpose and intention, nothing is 18 going to happen to them. I know they want blood. I've 19 seen it in the eyes. I've seen it in the demeanor and in the statements of the spokesperson for them. 21 I'm afraid because you're a sister agency that somehow 22 or other, you're going to be involved more -- producing 23 evidence. Maybe even suppressing it, I don't know. I 24 hope not. I can't imagine that would happen but when I 25 heard the music last night. If you want to call it

music or whatever it is. And --JOHN: Steve, let me just stop you one second 2 3 on that point. Okay. I hope this is being taped and I hope 4 STEVE: you don't destroy any of the tapes. One day I'd like 5 6 to hear it all again myself. JOHN: Steve. This is evidence. Okay. And I want to impress something else on you. Yesterday, 8 you worked and talked to people and got seven people out of there. All right. Don't you think that would 10 give you some credit? 11 12 STEVE: I don't --JOHN: I know how hard you've been working in 13 14 there. STEVE: I think that that all will be passed 15 off and it's not a big deal anyway. I'm serious. I 16 don't think that's going to be any big deal. JOHN: Steve, you know, you don't trust the 18 system but it does work and --19 STEVE: Well, I did but as time goes on --20 I'm glad I told John Cox last night -- I was glad for 21 living in this century at this time and experiencing 22 even like last night. I mean, I've been a person like 23 yourself, well, not like yourself. I don't know what you've done. You've been involved in a lot of things

that I haven't but I've sat in a nice home and so forth

and only looked at the TV what the news has. Is the press going to have access? Will they have been able to have heard the sounds that were played last night?

I wonder if Americans sitting in their nice cozy homes know what's all going on.

JOHN: The press probably heard those sounds.

STEVE: Probably. I hope they have but maybe not. I do know that you people, John, you people have so controlled them beyond anything that I thought was ever possible in America. That scares the heck out of me for America at large. It does. I've always been concerned because of Abraham Lincoln saying that this country never would be taken from the outside but the inside. Man, in his selfishness, in his innate selfishness. You can look at the fall of the Roman Republic, which was once a republic, became a democracy -- did you know that this country when it was founded was really a republic? And now it has moved to a democracy, ultimately socialism, tyranny. That's the direction we're going, John. I'm sure --

JOHN: Steve, listen --

STEVE: John, do you mind if I just talk for a little bit, unless you don't -- I mean, I'm going to get off the phone, of course. But, this is my concerns, you know, I'm for your freedoms. I'm for you being able to express yourself or worship or not

1 | worship. Or believe that there is no God or whatever else you might be into, I mean, I'm not a person that wants my will enforced upon another. I never have been that way. But, I'll tell you the truth, like you and I 4 are talking here and I don't have any -- not too much 5 faith anymore in this system, in this society we have 6 It was warned by God in the writings of the 7 Bible and by great men like Abraham Lincoln and 8 Jefferson, Madison, what could come of this country if 9 the men and women of this country weren't vigilant for 10 freedom. You know, government has taken control and 11 it's taking greater control, more freedoms are being 12 taken from us, you and I. Let me say, I'll probably be 13 in trouble for it but I believe ATF has been brought 14 about as an agency to take away those freedoms slowly 15 but surely, insidiously. And I see that's what 16 happaning, John. I believe that, unless somebody --17 I've got open ears. You can show me something else. 18 But I feel over time it's going to be to the place 19 where they're going to push for gun control. No one 20 will have any guns. I think that the founding 21 forefathers wanted individuals to be allowed to have 22 guns against the tyranny and the possible tyranny of 23 their own government. Just like what happened in 24 Europe for centuries and centuries. Well, what do you 25 think about that, John, what I just stated? Do you see

that as a possibility or no or what? JOHN: Steve, we aren't far apart on that all 2 but what I wanted to mention to you is that you're 3 going to have every opportunity to make all your 4 5 statements --What do you think about -- no, I STEVE: 6 I don't believe that's true John. I'll tell you 7 right now I don't believe I will be able to, but, you know, that's irrelevant. I told you, I'm coming out. 9 You know, I am. And, you know, but the things I just 10 11 said --JOHN: When are you thinking of coming out, 12 Steve? 13 STEVE: Well, you know, after getting to work 14 with these people and getting at least a good majority 15 or a large number of them moving, that's what I'll do, 16 17 so -£ JOHN: Will you continue to work on it with 18 me today and we can resolve it? 19 STEVE: Yeah, I will be but I'd sure like, 20 you know, I've made some statements, I've asked you 21 some questions and, you know, some time throughout the 22 conversations of the day, if you would, or if you -- I 23 mean, I'd like to have you to react to some of the 24 things I've said. Even if it's your own opinion. 25 Steve, but my personal feelings aren't 1 | the issue here, okay. I'd tell --

STEVE: That's what I'm telling you though,

John, neither or mine. This only helps me take just

kind of a little breather or a break because, you can

tell my mouth is already dry. I'll be, I mean, I'm

telling you, you'll see in the judgement one day, I

mean, I really did talk to these people. And, for a

long, long, periods of time. And I told you again, I'm

going to be doing my work, but in honesty, I'm just

curious --

JOHN: And I'll be here.

That I thought was mine, I was a part of this system, of American freedom and the greatest nation that the world has ever seen. But it's being brought down. I'm concerned about that too, John. I mean, I believe my eyestare open. I think I've seen enough through life to see a direction of this country that I really don't like and I'm convinced that I can't do anything about it anyway. If Revelation 18 says in the final days of the earth's history that the merchants were the great men of this earth and by their sorceries, they deceived all of the earth, I believe that is a very solid statement. I think that the evidence is there to show that and I don't think one has to look very long and hard to find it. I really don't. Even though yourself,

you're in an agency that seems very honorable and I always though it was, but to tell you the truth, I mean, last night, it shows you something. I don't know, it just makes you wonder. Definitely makes you 5 wonder. JOHN: Steve, Steve, if I wasn't concerned 6 about all of you in there, I wouldn't be talking to 7 you. You know it and I know it. Okay. Can we start 8 9 today? STEVE: You know, like it -- I'll tell you 10 the truth. You know what I was concerned about 11 yesterday, from the time the seven people did come out, 12 I mean, I told you I worked hard --13 I know, I could hear you. JOHN: 14 STEVE: -- and then all of a sudden -- still 15 whether they forced you to do it or whether it was your 16 chorce, or the way you use psychology or whatever --JOHN: Steve. 18 STEVE: Wait, wait. Let me just say John 19 that, you know, there was such a, I mean, I could 20 hardly talk to those people very long at all and you'd 21 be back on the phone. And like I told you, because I 22 was drawn away so frequently, they were gone. I got 23 back and the 30 to 40 people, half of them were gone 24 and the rest -- you know, they don't -- they get to the 25 place they don't want to hear me and hear what I've got

to say. David can open up physics and sciences and sociology, education, all these topics out of a book 2 called the Bible. They're interested in that. They're 3 4 interested in being guaranteed eternal life because whatever you people do to them and they know they're 5 6 going into the hands of a dragon. They do know that. Revelations 13 says John sees the time of this earth's 7 8 history when all the world wonders after the beast and 9 worships the dragon. Everybody has got their feelings and their opinions and -- but they don't know the mind 10 of God, the will of God. They don't know his will. 11 They don't know that in Chapter 50 of Jeremiah that 12 God's got a snare for Babylon and this world is going 13 14 to be taken unawares. It's going to be like in the days of the flood. Everybody's eating and drinking, 15 16 giving in marriage and we're all concerned about what we see with our physical eyesight, the carnality --18 JOHN: Steve, hold on. Somebody just walked in with a note here. 19 20 STEVE: All right. 21 JOHN: Brad and Kevin are on a radio talk show from their cells as we are talking right now. 22 STEVE (aside): Brad and Kevin are on a radio 23 24 talk show from their cells right now. STEVE: Thanks. I'll talk to you in a 25

moment.

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              (Phone ringing)
             UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello? Hello?
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             KAREN: Hello? Hello?
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             UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.
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             KAREN: Hello. Good morning. My name is
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   Karen. I'm calling from the "Waco Tribune" and I'm
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   just calling to see did you get a copy of the Waco
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   newspaper delivered to your home this morning?
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             UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Pardon me?
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             KAREN: Do you get the Waco paper?
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             UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Who is this?
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              KAREN: Hello. I'm calling from the Waco
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   paper, the Waco newspaper.
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             UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: For the "Waco
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    Tribune" or from it?
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              KAREN: From the "Waco Tribune."
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              UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, I'm sorry, I
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    don't think so.
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              KAREN: Okay. Thanks.
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             JOHN: (Indiscernible) a little bit.
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             MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah?
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             JOHN:
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             MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. So what's new there,
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   John?
              JOHN: I don't know. I was about to ask you
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    the same thing. How is David doing today?
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             MR. SCHNEIDER: He was a very unhappy camper.
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              JOHN: He was?
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              MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
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                     Boy, he was spinning the last time I
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    talked to him about 4:30 this morning --
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              MR. SCHNEIDER: He was, huh?
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              JOHN: -- when he was keeping you awake too.
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              MR. SCHNEIDER: Boy, I can hardly remember.
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    Starting to lost it here. Not enough sleep.
              JOHN: Playing the guitar and singing songs
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MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, yeah, that's true. 1 JOHN: He was on a roll. 2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, this morning it was he 3 that -- I talked to Livingston Fagan and he talked to him and it was decided by Livingston he wanted to go out --6 Uh-huh. 7 JOHN: MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and then I, I started talk 8 with of course the wife and the mother and --9 JOHN: Of Livingston? 10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. 11 Uh-huh. JOHN: 12 MR. SCHNEIDER: And then we had all those 13 problems. And from there --14 JOHN: What was, what was the difficulty 15 16 there? " MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, the problem was when I 17 was talking with Byron we had agreed on a number of 18 19 issues --JOHN: Uh-huh. 20 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- that revolved around 21 Livingston and some of the things he would be allowed 22 to do and so forth and then I get this report back that 23 he had showed an attitude and, and it's not at all the 24 person I've ever known. 25

JOHN: Really?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I've never seen him ever do anything like that. So and then of course Byron accused that these people didn't have freedom of choice so -- and before that came about of -- you've heard it many times listening to the tapes, but the issue came up that I was telling him how he speaks minimum three-quarters of the time when I'm on the phone with him and I -- it's very difficult to react to. And so I mean I told him and Dick that I know he means well and so forth but it's not helping the situation and even though they want a million people out a year ago, I mean --

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I mean, it's still -- it's hard because it's a spiritual thing, for you people it's, it's something else totally different. And, you know, the -- the issue always gets back to the same thing.

JOHN: Well, did David have the opportunity to pray with a lot of folks today?

MR. SCHNEIDER: No. In fact, he got so mad that because of the reaction of everything he just basically -- I haven't even talked to him. Hours and hours have gone by since I've -- I saw him this morning about the time Fagan was going out.

JOHN: Um-hum.

I talked to him after that. MR. SCHNEIDER: 1 Yvette was going to follow right after. 2 JOHN: Um-hum. 3 In fact, three times I talked MR. SCHNEIDER: 4 She was going to be on her way out almost 5 immediately and the mother and then the, the problem 6 developed with, with Byron and the communication with And, you know, first she let me know that we could probably do it, it seemed like it was going to 9 happen and then when he was out there and then 10 something about his muddy shoes and that he said he 11 didn't want to do a damn tape, and he used that word 12 damn --13 Um-hum. JOHN: 14 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and acted like he had --15 you know, that one word, all the profanity and the 16 attitude. But if that -- I told him I wanted to really 17 hear what -- somebody take notes, I said --18 Um-hum. 19 JOHN: MR. SCHNEIDER: -- tape it and play it to me 20 because I've never seen him like that. I don't -- I 21 personally can't understand that something like that 22 would happen with (indiscernible) Fagan. 23 JOHN: Well, I can't tell you anything from 24 first-hand knowledge because --25

MR. SCHNEIDER: You weren't around there.

I left probably, I don't know, JOHN: No. 1 9 o'clock, something like that --2 MR. SCHNEIDER: You know --3 JOHN: -- 9:30 --4 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- Byron --5 -- but I heard that that's what JOHN: 6 happened. I was talking to someone on the phone here 7 and, and they said the, the guy was just really upset, 8 was really, you know, almost belligerent would have been a word for it. 10 MR. SCHNEIDER: It's hard to believe because 11 I've never -- honestly, the guy's not a guy given to 12 emotions. He's a very deep thinker. I, I -- you will 13 find that out, very deep thinker. 14 Well, you know, normally when we ask JOHN: 15 somebody to make a tape it's merely to make a tape so 16 that the people on the inside know that --MR. SCHNEIDER: Well -- he --18 JOHN: -- everything's, everything's fine or 19 a message for his wife or a message for his mother, 20 that kind of thing. 21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, John, the reason being 22 is there was about four or five issues there --23 JOHN: Uh-huh. 24 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- requests that he had made 25 and he wanted me to talk on the phone.