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TAP E 178

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TAPE #178

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1 (Tape 178)

2 STEVE: I don't know what the word means,
3 John.

4 JOHN: Under federal law -- in the federal
5 law a conspiracy -- it's, it's Title XVIII, Section 371
6 is conspiracy and that means two or more people
7 conspire to whatever, okay? I mean, one person can't
8 commit a conspiracy, so this is two or more people
9 conspiring to -- so obviously they presented some
10 information through the United States Attorney to a
11 Federal Grand Jury and an indictment was returned that
12 the Federal Grand Jury believed there was enough
13 evidence to believe that --

14 STEVE: Where did the evidence come from?
15 Or --

16 JOHN: I don't know. I don't know.

17 STEVE: If you did know --

18 JOHN: I've been talking on the phone with
19 people.

20 STEVE: If you did know, if you did know,
21 would you be allowed to even say it?

22 JOHN: I'm sorry?

23 STEVE: If you did know, would you be allowed
24 to even say?

25 JOHN: Well --

STEVE: There is -- is that open information

1 to the public at this point?

2 JOHN: No, no.

3 STEVE: It's not.

4 JOHN: Well, you, you understand how a Grand
5 Jury works?

6 STEVE: I --

7 JOHN: Whether it's a State Grand Jury or
8 Federal Grand Jury, it's a group of individuals from a
9 community and it's usually a Federal Grand Jury is
10 anywhere from 19 to 27 people and a prosecutor, whether
11 it be, you know, a federal prosecutor or local
12 prosecutor. In this case, a federal prosecutor
13 presents facts to these people and these people then
14 determine whether there are enough facts to return a
15 true bill of indictment. In other words, can we charge
16 that there is probable cause to believe that she did,
17 in fact, violate the law.

18 STEVE: So she was brought before a -- was
19 she brought before a Grand Jury already?

20 JOHN: No. The facts were presented to a
21 Grand Jury by the prosecutor, whatever facts he had.
22 And an indictment is returned by the Grand Jury, saying
23 they have reason to believe that Kathy did, in fact, do
24 whatever --

25 STEVE: She hasn't gone up before a Grand
Jury yet, though?

1 JOHN: No.

2 STEVE: And she's --

3 JOHN: And a Grand Jury itself, the minutes
4 of a Grand Jury, you know, the meeting of a Grand
5 Jury --

6 STEVE: Right.

7 JOHN: -- the, the people and whoever appear
8 before it, those are secret proceedings and the minutes
9 of a Grand Jury are then made available to a defense
10 attorney prior to a time that a trial begins. So, even
11 though it's secret up to that point, prior to any
12 trial, once a person has a defense attorney and an
13 indictment is returned, the minutes of that Grand Jury,
14 you know, the typed minutes, the recording --

15 STEVE: Yeah.

16 JOHN: -- of the Grand Jury, those are made
17 available to the defense attorney, so there's no
18 surprises. I mean, he, he has a right to that. The
19 defendant has a right to that. So, at that point it
20 becomes open --

21 STEVE: You're starting -- it's not your
22 fault, but you're starting to lose me because I'm
23 getting extremely tired. I mean, I've been on the
24 phone for literally hours.

25 JOHN: But just think of all those new, fresh
voices you get to speak to.

1 STEVE: I'm -- my lips are dry. I'm worn
2 out. I'm -- oh, boy --

3 JOHN: Let me ask you something.

4 STEVE: Sure.

5 JOHN: You, you mentioned earlier this
6 evening to somebody, and I don't know who it was, that
7 -- about Perry Jones and Peter Gent and Winston Blake?

8 STEVE: Yeah.

9 JOHN: What's the story on Jaydean and Peter
10 Hipsman? Same thing?

11 STEVE: On Peter Hipsman and --

12 JOHN: Jaydean.

13 STEVE: -- Jaydean Wendell?

14 JOHN: Yeah. Same thing? I'm not asking you
15 to tell me how, what, where, when, why. I'm just
16 asking you the same thing?

17 STEVE: Well, at this time, you know, maybe
18 someone else can answer, because I really -- when it
19 comes to information, details --

20 JOHN: I don't want to know any details.

21 STEVE: Okay. Let's --

22 JOHN: I don't want to know any details.

23 STEVE: -- to you right now.

24 JOHN: I'm sorry.

25 STEVE: I, I really --

JOHN: I'm just looking for a yes or a no.

1 STEVE: Well, for right now let's leave it
2 be.

3 JOHN: Maybe?

4 STEVE: Pardon?

5 JOHN: Maybe?

6 STEVE: Well, there's other names, too, by
7 the way, you know.

8 JOHN: Are there really?

9 STEVE: Oh, yes. For sure.

10 JOHN: Well, I know that we, we talked before
11 and, and we talked about a tiny one maybe, huh?

12 STEVE: Well, you know -- there's a lot of --

13 JOHN: But, but you said you didn't want to
14 discuss that because it involved someone else and I
15 told you I appreciate that.

16 STEVE: Well, see, it's like this. It's
17 because of certain relatives --

18 JOHN: Sure.

19 STEVE: -- it's people -- there's certain
20 people that want certain things respected. It's --

21 JOHN: Yeah, but there are certain relatives
22 out here that would like to know, too, probably.

23 STEVE: It's the reaction to --

24 JOHN: What do you think?

25 STEVE: I know, but at the same time, we were
greatly insulted in the beginning days of the

1 negotiations if you want to call them that when what
2 happened with Pete Gent and that --

3 JOHN: What can I tell you. That, that's
4 past history isn't it?

5 STEVE: No, no. But still that's why when it
6 comes to what's all taking place now are questions.
7 You know, there's a number of names I could even give
8 you now, but I wouldn't say what the condition of the
9 person was.

10 JOHN: Why?

11 STEVE: So even now -- well, until those
12 people that are directly involved as relatives or
13 friends, they've made their decision.

14 JOHN: Well, you mean, if I asked to speak to
15 Jaydean, you wouldn't let me speak to her? If I asked
16 to asked to speak to --

17 STEVE: No, if you wanted to --

18 JOHN: -- speak to Peter --

19 STEVE: No.

20 JOHN: -- you wouldn't let me speak to him.

21 STEVE: Not so. In fact, if they're asked or
22 if they want to, it's fine. There's a lot of people
23 you haven't asked to speak to and --

24 JOHN: I know, I know.

25 STEVE: And those that you have, there's some
that are shy and have turned it down and I said, oh,

1 | it's no big deal, you know.

2 | JOHN: Normally when I ask to speak to -- or
3 | anyone asks to speak to one, it's because a relative
4 | has inquired --

5 | STEVE: Okay.

6 | JOHN: -- and we want to pass a message on or
7 | something. And there are an awful --

8 | STEVE: I'll tell you what I will do, you
9 | know, because I'm so tired, though, but I will -- oh
10 | boy. I'm losing my voice. Tomorrow morning --

11 | JOHN: Yeah.

12 | STEVE: -- when I've had a little rest --

13 | JOHN: Uh-huh.

14 | STEVE: -- let me call back in because
15 | there's a lot of things that I'm going to be talking to
16 | you or to John or somebody about and that -- we've
17 | talked about three or four major issues. We can throw
18 | that in also if you'd like. I mean, I'll, I'll work it
19 | out and talk to these people --

20 | JOHN: Okay.

21 | STEVE: -- to see if I can't even give you
22 | minute details about --

23 | JOHN: Okay.

24 | STEVE: -- some of these things.

25 | JOHN: Listen. Listen to me.

 STEVE: Yeah.

1 JOHN: I want you to give it a lot of thought
2 about after you do the, the video in the morning --

3 STEVE: All right.

4 JOHN: -- to -- just coming out -- if you
5 want to bring someone else out with you, that's fine.
6 I'm not being -- I don't mean somebody else to wander
7 off. Just, you know, you came out before with Wayne.
8 If there was somebody that would make you more
9 comfortable --

10 STEVE: No, it doesn't -- I don't, in fact,
11 you know --

12 JOHN: Well, that's your decision to make.

13 STEVE: I'm -- if I talk to someone, I don't
14 need to have anybody with me. I really don't.

15 JOHN: Well, whether you were more
16 comfortable last time with Wayne --

17 STEVE: Well, no, the reason why Wayne came
18 was because I don't really know Jack Harwell and I --
19 from what I understand --

20 JOHN: Really?

21 STEVE: Yeah.

22 JOHN: He's a class guy.

23 STEVE: Well, yeah. See, Wayne knew him
24 apparently.

25 JOHN: Oh, really?

STEVE: Yeah, and I, I didn't, so that's why

1 I mentioned to Wayne, well, Jack has requested first
2 David to be out there. Because of his, his condition
3 he can't, so I guess my name's come up.

4 JOHN: Yeah.

5 STEVE: But --

6 JOHN: Well --

7 STEVE: I'll ask him. If you want --

8 JOHN: Hey, if you're more comfortable,
9 that's fine. If you're not, that's fine. Nobody's
10 pressuring you to do anything you don't want to do. I
11 just think that there are some things that could be
12 personalized that you can talk that way.

13 STEVE: Well, I don't know what --

14 JOHN: The other thing is, we need to talk to
15 David.

16 STEVE: -- it doesn't --

17 JOHN: I mean, David has been --

18 STEVE: If you would have heard what I said
19 earlier, you know, instead of going over the same
20 issues, I'm really wearing out. I know I could do
21 better with you and for you tomorrow if I -- if I'm a
22 little bit on the ball.

23 JOHN: What have you been doing all day?

24 STEVE: Oh, as usual, talking till I'm blue
25 in the face.

JOHN: Hey, you know how, you know how

1 | important it is to talk to David. I was told that
2 | there was one, one question they wanted to ask him and
3 | he wouldn't talk to them all day. I mean, just one
4 | question.

5 | STEVE: Oh, he's not -- remember, what
6 | night --

7 | JOHN: The last time I talked to him he was
8 | singing to me.

9 | STEVE: No, you talked to him on Tuesday or
10 | Wednesday night with, with the --

11 | JOHN: Yeah, he knew I was upset too, didn't
12 | he?

13 | STEVE: Well, yeah, you put the phone down a
14 | number of times.

15 | JOHN: Well, you -- he knew I was upset and I
16 | was.

17 | STEVE: I was, I was shocked. I didn't --

18 | JOHN: He had just insulted me.

19 | STEVE: What? I heard what he was saying and
20 | he didn't really say anything.

21 | JOHN: When he was playing the guitar and
22 | kidding and talking --

23 | STEVE: No, I'm talking about that Lewis,
24 | when he came in the door that night. That Tuesday or
25 | Wednesday night, you were up and he talked with you
 | then.

1 JOHN: He -- well, you know he had insulted
2 me the night before. Playing that guitar and singing
3 and carrying on like that. That's uncalled for. You
4 know that, right?

5 STEVE: Well, it wasn't meant to be an
6 insult --

7 JOHN: Well, maybe it wasn't. Maybe I took
8 it wrong, but that's the way it was.

9 STEVE: Well, anyway, that's --

10 JOHN: And now, now whether or not, you know,
11 he didn't want to talk to anybody, whether he's back in
12 there pouting or sulking or whatever it might be for
13 the last four days, that seems kind of ridiculous.

14 STEVE: No, he's not doing that. I think he
15 was -- he seems to be kind of like tired and worn out a
16 lot. He really is.

17 JOHN: Listen, give it a lot of thought about
18 coming out in the morning. I've got somebody here --

19 STEVE: Well, I wouldn't, I wouldn't be
20 coming out in the morning --

21 JOHN: You know what I'm talking about.
22 Coming out and meeting and talking and exchanging the
23 video.

24 STEVE: Well --

25 JOHN: Now, if you want to come out, that's
fine too. I'd be happy to meet you down the road.

1 STEVE: Number one, remember that worship
2 hour goes until 9:00 and then I've got to get all these
3 kids and everybody together after that.

4 JOHN: You don't want me to call you before I
5 leave here around 6:00? Give you a wake-up call?

6 STEVE: Oh, you must be kidding me.

7 JOHN: Well, I'll be here.

8 STEVE: Please, no. I mean, with all these
9 children around and all over the place --

10 JOHN: Just put the phone right under your
11 ear and I'll, I'll get you up nice and early. Be
12 fresh.

13 STEVE: I'm getting old.

14 JOHN: Get steak and eggs for breakfast.

15 STEVE: Listen to this --

16 JOHN: Feel good.

17 STEVE: Here. Listen to this. Wouldn't you
18 know it just stopped when I said listen --

19 JOHN: What am I listening to. There's
20 nothing there?

21 STEVE: Now, how am I going to get a good
22 night's rest to talk to anybody with --

23 JOHN: Hang on just a second.

24 STEVE: Okay.

25 JOHN: Hold on.

RICK: Hi, Steve.

1 STEVE: Yeah.

2 RICK: This is Rick.

3 STEVE: This is who?

4 RICK: Rick.

5 STEVE: Rick?

6 RICK: You haven't talked to a Rick yet, have
7 you?

8 STEVE: No, I have -- good lord, we must be
9 up to number 16, I think, if I'm not losing track.

10 RICK: No. John wanted me to talk to you.
11 He just -- I've been here since the beginning of this
12 thing and he needed to go hit the head --

13 STEVE: Seriously? You have been?

14 RICK: Yeah, pretty much.

15 STEVE: You poor guy.

16 RICK: Actually not, you know, it's been kind
17 of interesting.

18 STEVE: It's been an experience, huh?

19 RICK: Well, pretty much for everybody I
20 guess.

21 STEVE: You sound younger.

22 RICK: Well, I don't know. What's younger?

23 STEVE: Well, how old are you?

24 RICK: 37.

25 STEVE: Okay. No, I just -- I mean, a lot of
these guys, of course, are late 40s, early 50s it

1 | sounds like.

2 | RICK: Well, you know how those FBI guys are.
3 | I mean they're --

4 | STEVE: No, I don't. This is my first
5 | experience with it, other than the Efrem Zimbalist, Jr.
6 | program.

7 | RICK: I'm really kind of looking forward to
8 | meeting you, though, when you do come out.

9 | STEVE: Okay. It might -- maybe I might --

10 | RICK: I've been listening to you for --

11 | STEVE: -- meet you tomorrow?

12 | RICK: Well, I don't know whether I'll be
13 | down there tomorrow. I mean, when you --

14 | STEVE: Oh, when I, when I finally exit this
15 | whatever it's going to be by the time they're done with
16 | it.

17 | RICK: Yeah, when we get this thing over and
18 | get on to bigger and better things, you know?

19 | STEVE: Yeah. Well, I mean, for you anyway.
20 | For me it'll be some camp who knows what here. Huh?

21 | RICK: Well, not -- you know, not really.
22 | I've, I've been around a while and I've had some
23 | relatives that have had a few problems here and there
24 | and gone through the things and it's --

25 | STEVE: I didn't even know I had any
 | problems, but I mean all of a sudden I definitely have

1 something going on here that isn't the best in the
2 world, but --

3 RICK: Yeah. Well, sometimes you get into
4 things that you really didn't have any control over and
5 somebody else kind of led you into it, you know.

6 STEVE: Well, I don't even know that I was
7 led into anything. I mean, I was -- I came here for
8 Bible studies and it turned out to be something other
9 than that, of course.

10 RICK: Sure. I understand.

11 STEVE: So what can I do for you, Rick?

12 RICK: Well, I wanted to ask you, do you
13 think there might be a possibility that you would like
14 to talk to your attorney on the phone? Maybe we could
15 try to work something out.

16 STEVE: I -- yeah, I'm glad you asked me,
17 because what I'd like to do is when I'm somewhat rested
18 and I can give it some real thought, you know, I might
19 -- it's a good possibility. I mean, at this point of
20 time, you know, I haven't really thought seriously, I
21 guess, about talking to him because it seemed like a
22 lot of avenues had been closed since this all came
23 about. I mean, I, I've expressed my opinions and
24 thoughts frequently, as a lot of these negotiators will
25 tell you if you've been listening in.

About my thoughts about what's happened to

{ 1 | this country, about freedom, about rights being, of
2 | course, stamped on and I, I tell you one thing. I, you
3 | know, you've already picked up that I'm a religious
4 | person, if you want to call it that. Not this -- well,
5 | I -- I guess I wouldn't even say I'm a religious
6 | person. I'm a person that has some certain beliefs
7 | based on the Bible. I guess I wouldn't even call
8 | myself religious. But I'm, I'm strongly convicted in
9 | what I've read and studied and what I've seen and I
10 | think there's going to be a final judgment that's
11 | contrary to what you and I and all of us think.

{ 12 | RICK: Well, I kind of understand what you're
13 | saying and that way, but if you'll tell me right now
14 | that you would like to talk to your attorney --

15 | STEVE: Okay.

16 | RICK: -- for sure, then I -- with a
17 | commitment like that from you then maybe, maybe we can
18 | work it out and, and make those arrangements for you.
19 | What do you think.

20 | STEVE: Well, I don't know. What kind of
21 | thing are you thinking about? Are you talking about
22 | over the telephone? Are you talking about --

{ 23 | RICK: Well, if that's what we can arrange,
24 | yeah. If you, you'll just tell me that's the way you
25 | want to do it and give me a commitment there, then,
 | then I can go from that --

1 STEVE: Let me, let me have a good night's
2 rest and give it some thought and tomorrow, you know,
3 that amongst a few other issues that I'm speaking with
4 John-5, as he terms himself. I guess John O'Neil, he
5 called himself?

6 RICK: Yeah. Yeah, that's correct.

7 STEVE: John O'Neil, okay, and --

8 RICK: He's a dynamic kind of guy, isn't he?

9 STEVE: Well, a lot of you guys are. You
10 wouldn't be in the position you are. I mean, dealing
11 with people, weird cases like this. Like yourself, I
12 mean, through my life I've dealt with thousands of
13 people from all walks of life and I'm interested in
14 humanity myself and also advancing, you know, people
15 doing better and helping them, of course, and I never
16 thought I'd be on this side of the picture, but here I
17 am.

18 RICK: Well, like I said, you know, if you'll
19 think about, think about it with your attorney. Of
20 course, we'd, we'd try to -- if we were going to
21 arrange something, we'd definitely -- I'm sure the
22 attorney would want us to arrange it where it was just
23 you and he talking --

24 STEVE: Okay.

25 RICK: -- and not anybody listening in on it,

so --

1 STEVE: Well --

2 RICK: I kind of know how attorneys are, you
3 know. I deal with them fairly frequently.

4 STEVE: Well, it wouldn't matter to me if
5 anybody was listening or not because the truth is the
6 truth and --

7 RICK: Well, but I know that that's kind of a
8 private thing and we wouldn't want your attorney to
9 feel restricted by someone listening in.

10 STEVE: Well, I, I tell you the honest truth.
11 I don't -- I guess America's changed so much -- well, I
12 haven't been apparently up to date as to the things
13 going on. I mean I've never been certain how it works
14 with bugs and things of that nature, so I know you guys
15 can gain information from many different types of
16 sources and avenues and, and apparently it can be used
17 in courts and from what I'm understanding now --

18 RICK: Well, you know, I know --

19 STEVE: Like Kathy. I, I, I would guess from
20 what -- just from common sense, it would seem like
21 Kathy Schroeder has a conspiracy charge against her
22 because of information being gained that way I would --
23 it would seem. I don't know.

24 RICK: Well, let me tell you something. I,
25 I, I'm on a local level and I'll be honest with you,
I've seen some stuff on the local level that I've not

1 | been real excited with, but I can tell you right now
2 | that I've never seen anything on the federal level in
3 | the court system --

4 | STEVE: Hey, somebody must have dragged some
5 | kind of a factory in here or something, because they're
6 | pounding on something out here. I don't know what. I
7 | was listening to some seagulls here a moment ago.

8 | RICK: Yeah.

9 | STEVE: I thought I was back in Hawaii.

10 | RICK: Well, that -- as I was saying, I've
11 | never seen anything on the federal judicial level where
12 | I wasn't proud of the way the system worked, you know.

13 | STEVE: That's good to hear.

14 | RICK: It's really good, you know, like I
15 | said. I'm, I'm on a local level and I've seen some
16 | things that I've been disenchanted with, but not, not
17 | from what I've seen on the federal level at all.

18 | STEVE: Okay.

19 | RICK: And I, I can pretty much promise you
20 | that, that as far as the way the federal judicial
21 | system is going to work for you all in the honesty and,
22 | and, and being above board about things, that you're
23 | going to be real pleased with it when you do come out.
24 | I don't have any doubt about that. And I -- it's been
25 | really an education, an education here --

 STEVE: Well --

1 RICK: -- for me and I know it has for you --

2 STEVE: Well, what's in an education?

3 RICK: -- and from what I've seen I can
4 pretty much tell you that, that I feel real comfortable
5 about the fairness in which everyone's going to be
6 treated.

7 STEVE: I -- if I was sitting in your shoes,
8 Rick, I would feel very comfortable also. I really --

9 RICK: I can understand that. I can
10 understand that.

11 STEVE: But as to what I've seen with Kathy
12 -- if what happened there -- Kathy Schroeder as what it
13 appears has -- I can imagine. I mean, they think that
14 I'm some kind of a highly influential person here
15 because I can talk just normally and it would seem like
16 that's going to go a long ways to getting me into more
17 trouble.

18 I never really thought of myself as ever
19 being even close to trouble, other than a lot of people
20 in the religious world get angry when they can't
21 controvert what they -- what you have, what you're
22 opening up to them, but that's about as close as I've
23 been to getting myself in danger.

24 Other than coming to this building a little
25 more than a month ago and all of a sudden bullets
flying all over the walls and --

1 RICK: Well, can I, can I level with you just
2 a minute?

3 STEVE: Sure.

4 RICK: You know, I've been, been here pretty
5 much like I said from the beginning --

6 STEVE: Oh, okay.

7 RICK: -- and I've listened to a lot of the
8 different people in there so I've kind of got a feel
9 for their emotions and how they're feeling and they're,
10 they're fears and that sort of stuff and, and to be
11 honest with you, I understand fully well how they're,
12 they're really concerned about the deal with Kathy, but
13 you know, as with anything else, it sounds a lot worse
14 than it is and right now, really all it is is an
15 allegation and it's just like a lot of other things.

16 Once it goes to court, the facts are
17 presented and everything comes out, then, then the
18 truth will be, will be brought to light and things will
19 be decided from there. And, and I know that it's easy,
20 again --

21 STEVE: Well, hopefully that's going to work.

22 RICK: Yeah, I know you know -- it's like you
23 said, it's easy for me to say that from out here, but,
24 but help me in ensuring my feelings that way, help me
25 by doing that with the people in there. Explain to
them that this thing is not as big as it seems like and

1 | that that's what the, the United States is all about
2 | and if we didn't have one of the best judicial systems
3 | in the world, we wouldn't be as strong a country as we
4 | are. It's a fair system. I, I've seen it work from
5 | the standpoint -- like I said, I got some relatives
6 | that had some problems and I've seen it work from their
7 | standpoint.

8 | STEVE: I hope they never had any problems
9 | with the ATF.

10 | RICK: I don't know to be honest with you.

11 | STEVE: These -- wow. I'll tell you what
12 | though. I was telling these guys that I really went
13 | against the very things I've been trying to accomplish
14 | when they heard today's press conference with the
15 | spokesperson making some of the statements he did.
16 | These people were so extremely, highly insulted when no
17 | one here has ever been into such a thing as drugs and
18 | it was said that we're manufacturing them, we're making
19 | money off them.

20 | I -- man, it's amazing. I mean, if that's
21 | what they can do, bring up a million other things that
22 | have never happened. I mean -- whoa, man, we're in a
23 | lot of trouble for sure. I mean, to think that even
24 | something like that got as far as it did, that it even
25 | made it to the airwaves. Something that was -- been
totally contrived.

1 I mean this Troy guy -- it bothers me that a
2 person like that is even in that capacity. It really
3 does.

4 RICK: Yeah, well --

5 STEVE: I think he would be -- the American.
6 people would be safer if the man was pushing a broom
7 somewhere in a back room.

8 RICK: Well, let me explain something to you.
9 You know, I've investigated -- I'm a police officer in
10 Austin to be honest with you and I --

11 STEVE: Okay.

12 RICK: -- I've investigated some, some, some
13 cases there where, where to be honest with you, you
14 really can't find out the truth until you get in there
15 and are able to see the evidence and really find out
16 exactly what took place.

17 STEVE: Well, why, why is a guy like that --
18 he knows -- if you --

19 RICK: I can't --

20 STEVE: -- if the FBI, if the FBI is even as
21 half as good as I hope they would be --

22 RICK: I can't answer why anyone does
23 anything, but I can tell you this.

24 STEVE: Well, I can tell you why. So far it
25 seems like they're trying to find excuses and reasons
to get around the law so they can prosecute and do more

1 | to make it official.

2 | RICK: But that's what, that's what happens
3 | until the facts are uncovered and the truth comes out.
4 | A lot of people start speculating and making statements
5 | and pointing the finger and all that other stuff. It's
6 | been both ways. It's been both sides of the fence.
7 | And until we get the situation resolved and we get in
8 | there and really study the true evidence and the true
9 | facts and find the complete picture.

10 | STEVE: Yeah. I've got to sit in jail until
11 | all this takes place.

12 | RICK: Well, that -- but that, you know,
13 | these -- you, you know anything about the Texas
14 | Rangers. These guys --

15 | STEVE: Why don't you come and have a game of
16 | chess with me for a couple of weeks.

17 | RICK: Oh, you wouldn't want to do that. I'm
18 | good at chess.

19 | STEVE: You are, huh?

20 | RICK: But I'll tell you what. If you'll
21 | come out, I'll give you a chance to beat me, all right?

22 | STEVE: Okay.

23 | RICK: All right. And we'll see just, just
24 | whether I'm any good or not. So, so you think maybe
25 | you can promise me that?

 STEVE: Promise you what?

1 RICK: Promise me you'll come out --

2 STEVE: I'll do that --

3 RICK: -- sometime soon, promise me you'll
4 come out and at least give me the opportunity to see if
5 I'm good enough to beat you in chess.

6 STEVE: -- ambiguous enough for me to agree
7 to that.

8 RICK: I think, I think that you're coming
9 out and I'm really kind of looking forward to it, you
10 know. I, I think --

11 STEVE: Well, yeah, I am, but you know, I
12 just, there's a few things I'd sure like to get settled
13 still. I'm still trying to work with these people to
14 get them trusting the system again, which is not an
15 easy task with guys like David Troy shooting his mouth
16 off --

17 RICK: Sure.

18 STEVE: -- in the manner he is and I wish
19 that in these press conferences that, I mean, if Ricks
20 -- I mean he hasn't gotten so outrageous as this other
21 guy has, but I mean I, I can tell by the frustration.
22 He says some things to try to get a reaction. I don't
23 even mind that so much, but this other guy -- Lord.

24 RICK: Well, you know, I've gone through,
25 through a lot of situations in my life where people
have made some accusations about me and talked about it

1 | that they weren't true and the only way I was able to
2 | straighten that out was to come out, you know, deal
3 | with it directly by coming out and, and, and talking to
4 | the same people that they did and telling my side of
5 | the story and it works for me.

6 | You know, whenever I talk to people I'm a
7 | very convincing person. When I talk to people about
8 | something I truly believe in, then, then they
9 | understand that I'm sincere and, and they, they go with
10 | it from there and don't really listen to what everybody
11 | else has said.

12 | STEVE: Well, look, I guess what I'm going to
13 | do, -- I tell you the truth, I'm really shocked and
14 | what I'll do is be talking -- I'll call in tomorrow and
15 | I'll be talking to a number -- whosever up and around
16 | and try to start working a few things out again, see
17 | what can happen.

18 | RICK: Well, you know, I, I think --

19 | STEVE: I must be like getting near two
20 | o'clock, huh?

21 | RICK: Oh, I don't know. I think it's
22 | probably not quite that late.

23 | STEVE: I've been up -- if I stay up a few
24 | more hours, I'll have been up 24 hours here.

25 | RICK: Yeah. It's amazing what you can do,
| isn't it? The human body? Some of the things that you

1 | can --

2 | STEVE: Well, yeah. It's real amazing, Rick.
3 | I, I -- to tell you the truth, I am wearing out.

4 | RICK: Yeah. I've, I've gone through some of
5 | these things for, for hours and hours and hours where I
6 | just talked straight all the way through, but maybe,
7 | maybe, you know, someday when David comes out, maybe he
8 | and I can talk for 15 hours at a time like you said
9 | that he's done before. You never know.

10 | STEVE: Do what? I'm sorry. I had a -- see,
11 | you're competing against -- listen to this.

12 | RICK: Yeah.

13 | (Pounding in background.)

14 | STEVE: So, you know, I won't be the sharpest
15 | person tomorrow morning when I -- whoever I'm talking
16 | with.

17 | RICK: Oh, I think you'll probably be able to
18 | handle yourself all right. Well, promise me this. You
19 | know, first thing -- what time do you think you're
20 | going to get up in the morning?

21 | STEVE: Hopefully, not any sooner than about
22 | nine o'clock.

23 | RICK: About nine o'clock, but shortly
24 | thereafter you'll be --

25 | STEVE: Because there's usually kids up and
making all sorts of racket as early as six, but I'm

1 | hoping I can sleep through it.

2 | RICK: And shortly thereafter, though, you
3 | will be calling and, and making arrangements. So say
4 | about 9:30 you'll be calling in and making arrangements
5 | to --

6 | STEVE: Yeah, I will be. I will be.

7 | RICK: -- to get some of these things worked
8 | out?

9 | STEVE: Sure.

10 | RICK: Okay. Okay. You know, there again,
11 | there may be somebody calling into you earlier than
12 | that and everything, but they're just trying to --

13 | STEVE: Well, if they call any earlier I'm
14 | going to leave a message somewhere near the phone to
15 | just not bother me, so --

16 | RICK: Yeah. Well, there might be, you
17 | know --

18 | STEVE: So if anybody calls, they can talk to
19 | whoever answers the phone, but --

20 | RICK: Yeah. Well, that might, that might,
21 | that might --

22 | STEVE: -- I won't be available.

23 | RICK: -- be good too, but just as soon as
24 | you can get on there -- it's like you said. You wanted
25 | David Thibodeau to get on the phone and, and get those
 | tapes --

1 STEVE: Yeah, why don't -- I'll tell you
2 what. He would be interested in doing that right away
3 so --

4 RICK: Yeah, just as soon as you can get him
5 up and get him on the telephone. I mean, he can
6 call --

7 STEVE: Well, anybody is -- whoever answers
8 the phone, you know, just say it's for him --

9 RICK: Okay.

10 STEVE: -- and he's -- as he -- there's a
11 message from his mother, whatever.

12 RICK: So if we called him bright and early
13 in the morning, we could probably talk to him then,
14 right?

15 STEVE: Just by -- yeah. I don't know what
16 time, you know. There's certain -- everybody sleep --
17 what time?

18 (Pause.)

19 STEVE: I guess they said 9:30 the guy's not
20 around till.

21 RICK: Said David's not?

22 STEVE: Yeah.

23 RICK: Oh, I know, I know -- if, if
24 David's --

25 STEVE: See, the problem is we --

RICK: If David's a drummer, I know he gets

1 up earlier than that. He probably doesn't even go to
2 sleep until around noon --

3 STEVE: Yeah, you're right --

4 RICK: -- in the, in the day

5 STEVE: -- is right.

6 RICK: I know how the drummers are.

7 STEVE: What kind of music are you into,
8 Rick?

9 RICK: Do you think David's awake right now?

10 STEVE: I know -- I wouldn't even bother the
11 guy. I mean, I'm ready to turn in, not to go have any
12 conversations with really anybody.

13 RICK: Yeah? I was really -- you know, this,
14 this is kind of a landmark for me, you know. I didn't
15 even think they were going to let me get on the
16 phone --

17 STEVE: Have I been on the phone since --

18 RICK: -- and it would be amazing if you
19 could let me talk to David, because then I could say
20 that, you know, that I actually talked to David because
21 I probably won't get another chance on this --

22 STEVE: They say I've been on the phone for
23 two and a half to three hours here.

24 RICK: Tell me about it. I've been here for
25 -- since forever, you know. I set up with you guys and
listened to all this and everything else sometimes.

1 STEVE: Are you being educated?

2 RICK: I really am, yeah. This has been, you
3 know, it's been very much of an education for me from
4 both sides of the fence.

5 STEVE: Interesting.

6 RICK: But like I said, you know, I, I keep
7 having people ask me if I've actually talked to David
8 and, you know, so far the only thing I can tell them is
9 no. It would really be kind of a point in history for
10 me to be able to say, yeah, that I talked to the guy
11 and, and learned a lot, you know.

12 STEVE: I'm almost apt to believe you.

13 RICK: I'm telling you the truth. I really
14 -- you can talk to my 75-year-old father. He asked me
15 that the other day, you know.

16 STEVE: Oh really?

17 RICK: Yeah. You know, he's really --
18 regardless of the circumstance, I mean, you know that
19 this is a part of history, you know, and you're part of
20 history and, and --

21 STEVE: Oh, isn't it a shame?

22 RICK: -- it, it means so much to --

23 STEVE: I mean, it's nothing like the
24 Revolutionary War or anything like that.

25 RICK: It means so much to, to people like my
dad, who's always been a real honorable man and tried

1 to find something in his children that he could be
2 proud of. It's, it's really great for him to know
3 that, that his -- that one of his sons, anyway, is at
4 least trying to do things right, you know, so it'd
5 really be great if I could talk to David. It really
6 would.

7 STEVE: Well, I tell you what, I'll --
8 tomorrow I'll tell him about you and --

9 RICK: I'll tell you what.

10 STEVE: -- work something out.

11 RICK: Do, do me one favor, all right?

12 STEVE: What's that?

13 RICK: And then I'll let you go to sleep. If
14 you'll go knock on David's door and tell him that Rick
15 Shirley (phonetic sp.) would like to talk to him and
16 explain to him what I've just told you a few minutes
17 ago --

18 STEVE: You will?

19 RICK: -- and see if you get any response out
20 of him.

21 STEVE: I can't believe that --

22 RICK: If you don't do that -- I mean, if you
23 do that and he don't want to talk to me, that's fine.
24 Okay? But if he does want to talk to me, that'd be
25 great. Because then I, I could tell my dad --

STEVE: You guys -- what kind of schooling do

1 | you guys all go through that you have the same exact
2 | persistence and you get on a tangent and it's like
3 | there's no turning you from -- you know, you play on a
4 | person's courtesy.

5 | RICK: I'll tell you what.

6 | STEVE: Listen.

7 | RICK: Okay.

8 | STEVE: You play on a person's courtesy and
9 | the -- my upbringing and so forth. I don't want to be
10 | rude to you --

11 | RICK: No, that's all right. I understand.

12 | STEVE: I'm trying to have a good rapport
13 | with all you people, but you know, the human body even,
14 | I mean. And, and one's own integrity and so forth.
15 | You know, there's a place you just should stop and not
16 | go any further, because I, I don't want to do something
17 | like that to yourself --

18 | RICK: No, I understand, but --

19 | STEVE: If the roles were reversed, you know,
20 | I'd try to have a little compassion and so forth. You
21 | realize, you know, I'm in a place that is not the most
22 | desirable, of course, and the prospects of my future,
23 | at least for the near future are not looking that
24 | great.

25 | RICK: Well, I guess it was kind of self --

 STEVE: I'm very unhappy about a lot of

1 | things that I see going on around me and it's not --

2 | RICK: Well, it may be a little bit selfish
3 | of me. I, I understand that.

4 | STEVE: No, no, no. I mean, but you know, I
5 | give you the room and that -- I'll tell you what, you
6 | know. Once I've had some rest and so forth, if you're
7 | around tomorrow, tomorrow evening --

8 | RICK: Um-hum.

9 | STEVE: -- I'll do all I can to try to
10 | influence or to get a hold of him and ask him if you
11 | can't speak with him -- serious. Are you going to be
12 | around tomorrow or tomorrow evening?

13 | RICK: I hope so.

14 | STEVE: Okay. Well, I'll -- if it's
15 | possible, I'll ask for you but it doesn't seem like --
16 | no matter who I ask for it doesn't really matter
17 | because it seems like they stick on who they want --

18 | RICK: Yeah.

19 | STEVE: -- as part of their program.

20 | RICK: Yeah. Well, I don't, you know, I
21 | don't know. This -- I, I notice that you got to talk
22 | to a lot of people tonight. I think --

23 | STEVE: I sure did, didn't I? I must be up
24 | to -- you must -- I don't know. I think you're up to
25 | 16 or so. It's been a lot of people.

 RICK: Well, I remember the other night you

1 | picked on poor John Cox and had him talking to about 13
2 | or 14 people, I think, somewhere around there.

3 | STEVE: Did I pick on John Cox and do that?

4 | RICK: He's, he's, he's the nicest guy in the
5 | world. That's what he told me to tell you and --

6 | STEVE: You know, there's all these guys, you
7 | know. I'm always wanting to give them an opportunity
8 | to work with these people because they think that I've
9 | got all this awesome influence and so forth and I've
10 | tried to con -- obviously I've not been able to
11 | convince them. I can't convince these people on this
12 | side. I, I'm starting to think I'm definitely in the
13 | twilight zone here.

14 | RICK: Yeah?

15 | STEVE: I don't know how I -- I'm hearing
16 | this because the results here are not what they think
17 | they should be. I would have thought long ago they
18 | would have seen that I'm just like the rest here. I've
19 | come to hear something and I've weighed out the
20 | information and -- but I don't have influence on them.
21 | I really don't.

22 | RICK: Well, you're not completely just like
23 | the rest in that with your personality and your
24 | education and your abilities -- a lot of those people
25 | in there depend on you and they, they've put you up on
a --

1 STEVE: Well, that's the --

2 RICK: -- as a result of your abilities,
3 they've put you up on a pedestal, whether you wanted to
4 be there or not.

5 STEVE: They don't.

6 RICK: You know?

7 STEVE: They've got too much insight. They
8 see through it all. They see through humanity and what
9 we're all about and, you know --

10 RICK: Yeah, but they like you, you know?
11 And that's a matter of fact.

12 STEVE: Well, I mean, they like each other
13 though, I mean.

14 RICK: Sure.

15 STEVE: They have respect one for another.

16 RICK: But they have confidence in your
17 ability to work for them and I, and I think it's good
18 that you reward that confidence by, by showing them
19 that you are capable of, of making things better for
20 them.

21 STEVE: Well, to tell you the truth, Rick,
22 I'd like to make things a lot better for yourself.

23 RICK: Yeah, I understand that.

24 STEVE: With your area of understanding and
25 you've pursued law and so forth -- law enforcement and
keeping society free from crime and that's great.

1 RICK: Um-hum.

2 STEVE: But I've pursued an area that offers
3 you greater things and I think that you find that
4 there's a weight of evidence and, and some things that
5 you can look at that are very factual.

6 RICK: Well, I fully understand that and, and
7 I, I totally agree. It's just that, you know, we each
8 have to pursue those things in our own way and, and
9 just as you have --

10 STEVE: Oh, it's not that, not that we have
11 to.

12 RICK: Well, I --

13 STEVE: I mean a person is free to make any
14 kind of choices they want.

15 RICK: No, I understand and it's your choice
16 to --

17 STEVE: You know, whatever, whatever religion
18 is, it's usually a -- it's a social thing, isn't it?
19 It's a thing that deals with --

20 RICK: No, I think it's from more of a
21 private thing actually, to be honest with you.

22 STEVE: Well, that's, that's not --

23 RICK: But that's my personal, that's my
24 personal opinion.

25 STEVE: Yeah. I was going to say. That's
definitely not Biblical what you're saying, because

1 | when the prophets came, they came to speak to a lot of
2 | people and came with a lot of warnings.

3 | RICK: Sure, but I, I understand. I don't
4 | want to get into that --

5 | STEVE: Okay.

6 | RICK: -- with you so much, but --

7 | STEVE: No, I know you don't.

8 | RICK: -- just, just to understand that, you
9 | know, it's -- to me, you know, yeah you're right. But
10 | it's still a private thing regardless of whether I do
11 | it in a public setting or whatever.

12 | STEVE: How, how private --

13 | RICK: It's something that I have to --
14 | myself.

15 | STEVE: How private -- you know what religion
16 | really is? Let me give you an example. Like you and I
17 | are -- I've given this to one of the guys. Say you and
18 | I were in Switzerland in a chalet. Somebody runs out
19 | of the Alps and says, Rick and Steve, you need to get
20 | out of that place --

21 | RICK: Um-hum.

22 | STEVE: -- because you're going to be buried
23 | alive by an avalanche.

24 | RICK: Um-hum.

25 | STEVE: That's basically what religion is.

 RICK: Well --

1 STEVE: Somebody comes out, having our well-
2 being in mind, they tell us to get away --

3 RICK: Well, but you know how I look at that?

4 STEVE: -- there's a pending catastrophe.
5 And I would say, I'd say thanks. Let's go.

6 RICK: Yeah. And I'd say, see that as God
7 having sent me a messenger to, to help me to continue
8 with the things that he's given me to do. And then I
9 would get out of there as quick as I could.

10 STEVE: Exactly.

11 RICK: And that's what I think you should do,
12 too.

13 STEVE: Very logical. Very good.

14 RICK: I feel like that that's why I, I do
15 what I do is because --

16 STEVE: Well, what if I know some information
17 that seems to follow a very clear, concise path by
18 history, by the things that are developing right now.
19 You wouldn't want to take a look to see just maybe,
20 just possibly.

21 RICK: Well, I might very well, but the
22 problem is that it's impossible for, for anyone to
23 really seriously understand things in this type of an
24 environment. You have to get out and really sit down
25 with someone. You know, David can't, David can't do
things --

1 STEVE: You guys are --

2 RICK: -- over the telephone that he can do
3 in person.

4 STEVE: You guys are so entertaining. Great.

5 RICK: Well, I don't mean to be, you know.
6 I'm sincere in what I say.

7 STEVE: Well, if you were listening from my
8 perspective.

9 RICK: You know, how, how much can you
10 accomplish over a telephone? Really, honestly. Not a
11 whole lot.

12 STEVE: How much can you accomplish face-to
13 -- what's the difference?

14 RICK: Face-to-face? Oh, it's very -- you
15 know, body language --

16 STEVE: I've been -- for years, I've been --

17 RICK: -- personality, you know, it's much
18 more personable. I mean, you think about --

19 STEVE: Well, if you want to meet with me
20 tomorrow out front here, I mean, I'm, I'm definitely
21 willing.

22 RICK: You, you, you tell me this, Steve.
23 If, if you and Judy had courted each other over the
24 telephone and never met, would it have worked?

25 STEVE: It's possible that it would have.

RICK: Probably not, though.

1 STEVE: But anyway --

2 RICK: Probably.

3 STEVE: Rick, if you want to meet with me
4 tomorrow, I'll definitely give it a lot of
5 consideration.

6 RICK: Well, I appreciate that. I'm, I'm in
7 the hands of, of the folks that I'm with here.

8 STEVE: And hopefully I'll even be lively
9 then.

10 RICK: I think you probably --

11 STEVE: Right now I really think I'm sleep
12 talking because I'm hardly remembering what I said a
13 minute ago.

14 RICK: Well, is there anybody else you want
15 to talk to out here?

16 STEVE: Is there someone there I haven't
17 spoken with yet? Maybe I can go for some new number
18 here. No, I, I need to turn in, Rick.

19 RICK: Okay.

20 STEVE: And especially if these guys are
21 serious about talking with me in the morning and, and
22 getting something going.

23 RICK: Okay. Well, let me make sure I'm
24 clear just so I can tell everybody that, that we're
25 clear on this.

STEVE: Do what now?

1 RICK: Let me make sure I'm clear before we
2 get off on what's going to happen in the morning.
3 We're going to get a hold, we're -- are you wanting us
4 to call in and talk to David Thibodeau or are you going
5 to have him call us in the morning?

6 STEVE: You can call in to do that.

7 RICK: Okay. So we'll call into him first
8 thing in the morning.

9 STEVE: And then I'll call -- for myself,
10 I'll call you people back somewhere between 9:00 and
11 9:30 then or somewhere around there --

12 RICK: About 9:30 you think?

13 STEVE: Probably so.

14 RICK: Okay. And then at that point in time
15 we'll work on getting the video out and then making
16 arrangements on you coming out to talk with us. Is
17 that --

18 STEVE: Yeah. I'll be working on the video.

19 RICK: Yeah.

20 STEVE: Trying to get all the children
21 together and see what one can do.

22 RICK: I really appreciate -- you know, I saw
23 a lot of the kids when they first came out here. It
24 meant a lot to me to be able to see their faces
25 firsthand and that they just weren't being prompted by
the video. You know what I mean? And, and I think

1 it'd be great just to be able to see the children
2 outside, not, not in a controlled environment like
3 that. You know, and I, I don't -- you know, these
4 people aren't stupid out here. They're not going to
5 play little tricks and stuff.

6 STEVE: Who all gets to, who all gets to see
7 the video?

8 RICK: Huh? I'm sorry?

9 STEVE: I mean, would relatives or anything
10 like that get to see this video of the children if
11 they're related --

12 RICK: I don't know -- they're certainly --
13 those things are certainly possible. I don't know.
14 There's a lot of things that are possible. I don't
15 know what all they've done.

16 STEVE: The reason, the reason I was saying
17 that is because my sister's always after me to do a
18 picture and so forth, so --

19 RICK: Yeah. Well, you know, maybe something
20 out there --

21 STEVE: You can add that she's never seen her
22 niece.

23 RICK: Let me tell you something that I've
24 learned about your sister in a very short period of
25 time. She, she loves you dearly and she would give --

STEVE: Oh, my family is that way.

1 RICK: Right.

2 STEVE: I mean, that's the way we were
3 brought up. A very close-knit, tight family.

4 RICK: And I hope you're not going to
5 disappoint them either. I really do.

6 STEVE: Well, I hope a lot of things, to be
7 honest with you.

8 RICK: I understand.

9 STEVE: Yeah.

10 RICK: I really do understand. So --

11 STEVE: Rick, well it's been nice talking
12 with you and maybe we can pick up on it tomorrow and
13 see what happens.

14 RICK: Okay, Steve. So you're probably going
15 to be calling about --

16 STEVE: Yeah.

17 RICK: -- 9:30?

18 STEVE: Yeah. Just pass that on and if they
19 want to call even earlier for Thibodeau, maybe they
20 might get him. I don't know. But, you know, between
21 8:00 and 9:00 everybody's pretty busy. It's a time
22 that they take a break and --

23 RICK: Okay.

24 STEVE: -- so it' --

25 RICK: Well, try, try to do what you can to,
to alleviate as many of the fears. I understand that

1 -- you know, I really do. I really understand some of
2 the people's emotions and concerns in there. I've very
3 sincere with you when I say that because I've listened
4 to a lot of this.

5 STEVE: Okay.

6 RICK: And, and I've got a feeling for some
7 of the people, not all the people, but some of them.

8 STEVE: Right.

9 RICK: And I, I feel like that, that they all
10 listen to you from that standpoint of, of not
11 overreacting to a lot of these things. You know, this
12 -- a lot of things just are done that way and not to be
13 overly concerned. I think probably when everything is
14 said and done and all the facts come out, you'll be
15 surprised how well things go.

16 STEVE: Well, right, right off, I thought I
17 would be doing very well. I really did. I didn't
18 think that I'd even have any charges, but the more
19 everyone thinks about it and sees what happens, I start
20 wondering now.

21 RICK: Well, it's like you said. If you
22 didn't do anything, then you don't have anything to
23 worry about. And that's the -- that goes for everyone
24 else in there and like I said, I've seen a lot of
25 juries and you know how juries are in, in central Texas
if you study the system at all. There's a lot of

1 | people that are, that are very much deep religious
2 | beliefs and, and concerns for people who share those
3 | same beliefs and, and, and juries are, are pretty,
4 | pretty easily influenced by appearances such as
5 | yours --

6 | STEVE: I think -- hey, I think you better
7 | call some of your agents up here. We're -- I think
8 | we're being attacked by indians. Do you hear that?

9 | RICK: Sounds like a herd of coyotes out
10 | there or something.

11 | STEVE: You hear that?

12 | RICK: Yeah.

13 | STEVE: I thought the Indians were all in
14 | reservations and not --

15 | RICK: Well, don't feel bad. I heard a bunch
16 | of coyotes around us last night, so --

17 | STEVE: Okay.

18 | RICK: -- don't feel like you're in --

19 | STEVE: -- Rick, you're from Texas, huh?

20 | RICK: Yes. I was born in Texas.

21 | STEVE: Oh, really.

22 | RICK: Been around Austin for about -- over
23 | 20 years.

24 | STEVE: Well, I definitely like Austin about
25 | a thousand times better than Waco.

 RICK: Well, you know what? I, I think you,

1 | you may have the opportunity to come visit me someday
2 | in Austin if you --

3 | STEVE: Well, it sounds good.

4 | RICK: -- if you'll consider coming out and
5 | getting this thing over and done with. Truthfully, the
6 | sooner things are cleared up here and the real
7 | investigation can, can begin with the Rangers, this
8 | thing's going to be over and done with and, and things
9 | will be wrapped up and a lot of people can get their
10 | lives back to normal.

11 | STEVE: Well, let's, let's see what we can
12 | do, then, tomorrow. Maybe we can get this thing moving
13 | quickly again.

14 | RICK: I'd appreciate that, Steve. I really
15 | would.

16 | STEVE: Okay.

17 | RICK: Okay?

18 | STEVE: Pick up on it tomorrow.

19 | RICK: All right.

20 | STEVE: Okay. Talk to you later, Rick.

21 | RICK: Okay.

22 | STEVE: Bye-bye.

23 | (End of Tape #178.)

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TAPE 179

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TAPE #179

3/28/93

6:00 A.M. - 12:06 P.M.

1 (Tape 179)
2 (Telephone ringing -- 7 rings.)
3 JOHN: Hello.
4 JOHN-4: Hello.
5 JOHN: Yes, good morning.
6 JOHN-4: Who am I talking to?
7 JOHN: Yes, who am I talking to?
8 JOHN-4: You're talking to John-4.
9 JOHN: John-4. John-4! We've got four Johns
10 now.
11 JOHN-4: Yeah.
12 JOHN: Well, you're talking to John-1 here.
13 JOHN-4: Okay.
14 JOHN: Go ahead.
15 JOHN-4: John, is, is, is David Thibodeau
16 around?
17 JOHN: David Thibodeau?
18 JOHN-4: Yeah.
19 JOHN: Around? You'd like to speak to him?
20 JOHN-4: Yeah. I have a, I have a taped
21 message for him.
22 JOHN: You have a tape message for him.
23 JOHN-4: Yeah.
24 JOHN: Well, look, we are approaching the
25 worship hour, so is it possible for you to call back
please after that, which would be -- let's say about --

1 hey, actually, here, you're lucky. He's right here.

2 JOHN-4: Okay.

3 JOHN: All right?

4 JOHN-4: All right. Fine. Thank you.

5 JOHN: All right. I'll pass him on, but can
6 you hopefully bear in mind after you finish speaking
7 with him that as usual from day to day, worship hour is
8 from 8:00 to 9:00 and again in the afternoon 2:00 to
9 3:00.

10 JOHN-4: Okay.

11 JOHN: You know, personally, myself, it would
12 increase my trust in, in you guys if this little daily
13 observance could be remembered. I mean, the, the way
14 it's -- what can we say, ignored and abused each day
15 really doesn't increase my trust in you guys
16 personally.

17 JOHN-4: Well, we get, we get --

18 JOHN: It just shows that you guys are very
19 forgetful. You can forget your word very quickly. You
20 know, it would help me --

21 JOHN-4: Well --

22 JOHN: -- and I'm sure many others if we
23 could see this sense of commitment on your part to
24 allow us to keep our worship hour each day between
25 those hours. Thank you, John-4. I'm going to put you
over to David Thibodeau.

1 DAVID THIBODEAU: Hello.

2 JOHN-4: Hey, Dave.

3 DAVID THIBODEAU: How you doing?

4 JOHN-4: How you doing. This is John-4.

5 DAVID THIBODEAU: Good morning, John-4.

6 JOHN-4: How you doing.

7 DAVID THIBODEAU: John-4!

8 JOHN-4: Yeah, I know. It's real. We got
9 this many Johns.

10 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah. It's crazy, isn't
11 it?

12 JOHN-4: I got a taped message here for you.

13 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah.

14 JOHN-4: Okay?

15 DAVID THIBODEAU: I heard something about it.

16 JOHN-4: You, you want me to just put it on?

17 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah, sure. How long is
18 it?

19 JOHN-4: Okay. Without introduction?

20 JOHN-4 TO UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Do you know
21 how long it is?

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Not really, no.

23 JOHN-4: We don't know.

24 DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, go for it.

25 JOHN-4: Okay. All right. You ready? I'm
just going to put it on.

1 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah, great.

2 (The following is from the taped message.)

3 Hi, Dave. This is Mom. I'm still here in
4 Waco and I will not leave until you are out of Mount
5 Carmel alive and safe. I went to the movies the other
6 night with Jennifer. She's awfully nice. And I want
7 you to know that Mandy and your friends from the band
8 send their best wishes to you. I want to share
9 something with you now from the heart, Dave.

10 You need to know that your past concerns
11 about my inability to control my emotions will require
12 a vast reevaluation from you now. Every moment here in
13 Waco is haunted with sadness and fear, but I will not
14 be broken, nor will I leave, but rather I will remain
15 right here in safe and bonded love, undaunted by
16 anyone, federal agencies or Davidians alike, by the
17 solid belief that you will survive this trial.

18 I don't understand why this has carried on so
19 long and I know that you understand why I don't
20 understand. But you know that I'm here and you know
21 that the pain and waiting -- of waiting and worrying
22 about your life is unbearable. Your spiritual beliefs
23 are not being challenged, but your ability at this
24 moment to act and speak like a human being are in
25 question.

 I can't begin to understand the depth of your

{ 1 | belief and your conviction. I could respect it if I
2 | honestly thought that you were helping the people
3 | around you, rather than hurting them. Not long ago you
4 | shared with me your vision to take your music out into
5 | the world and to be able to do something to help heal
6 | the pain and suffering that we're all having to
7 | experience in our lives. And I want you to know, Dave,
8 | that I don't believe for a moment that you have lost
9 | touch with that very honorable vision.

{ 10 | I, of course, look at this entire situation
11 | from a very deep place of guilt on my own part. This
12 | situation has broken my heart, Dave. If a child ever
13 | decided to lash out at a parent or person for the sin
14 | of human imperfection you have proved yourself to be a
15 | master. Punishment is really humiliating for all of
16 | us, but I ask you to please come and talk with me and I
17 | hope to God that my punishment from you, and it's only
18 | from you, Dave, is not to have to live on wondering why
19 | you lost touch with your own mission in life.

20 | And I believe, as I always have, that your
21 | mission of music is essential and I believe that you
22 | will have every opportunity to put that vision into
23 | realization. So come talk to me. Just talk to me. I
24 | love you.

25 | Dave, I want you to try to answer a question
for me. And this question has just hit me like, like

1 a, like a boulder. Why is it that so many people are
2 so anxious in anticipating the end of the world? Why
3 is there this lust? Every century, every generation,
4 every decade, for the world to explode and end in this
5 apocalyptic prophecy? When it is so much more
6 passionate and enthralling to be part of the effort to
7 make the world live, to make it healthier, so that we
8 can go on and on and carry on the generations and live.

9 Dave, I don't understand. I want you to
10 answer this question for me. I need to know at this
11 moment in time that you, Davey, that you can answer
12 that question for me. Please try. I'm waiting to hear
13 from you. Take care, my dear. Love, Mom.

14 (End of taped message.)

15 JOHN-4: Hey, Dave?

16 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah, how you doing.

17 JOHN-4: How you doing. Commercial-free.

18 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah, I see that.

19 JOHN-4: We have no hand in that, okay?

20 DAVID THIBODEAU: No, that's cool.

21 JOHN-4: Whatever she says, she says.

22 DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, I understand that. You
23 know, I'm, I'm, you know, I'm proud of her. I think
24 she's doing a wonderful job out there. It's -- you,
25 you heard the tape, I take it.

JOHN-4: No, this is the first time I ever

1 | heard it.

2 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, yeah, you know --

3 | JOHN-4: I listened when you listened.

4 | DAVID THIBODEAU: I was wondering. If I were
5 | to do the same, you know, through the phone, could you
6 | get her a tape?

7 | JOHN-4: Sure.

8 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, that'd be -- oh, that'd
9 | be so wonderful. Because you see -- the one thing I do
10 | worry about is, of course, my parents very much. But
11 | like what she said, you know, like I'm punishing her.
12 | And that really breaks my heart, but there's really
13 | nothing I can do about that, because you're aware of
14 | the seals. I, I don't know how long you've been
15 | talking to STEVE or Dave.

16 | JOHN-4: Not long.

17 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay.

18 | JOHN-4: I'm a fairly new guy.

19 | DAVID THIBODEAU: That's -- okay. Well, the
20 | only thing that, that I would say to you and I have to
21 | go because it is my worship hour here, is that in
22 | Revelation 4 and 5, if you're not familiar with that
23 | yet, it, it clearly states that the Book is sealed with
24 | seven seals and it says no man can open the seals or
25 | even look thereon.

 JOHN-4: Um-hum.

1 DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. And we've had 2,000
2 years of this Book being around and mankind has not
3 figured out where the seals are, the depthness of the
4 Book, the mysteries of the Book, and that's why the
5 Book has been here for 2,000 years, to be able to
6 harmonize the Old Testament and the New Testament, the
7 prophets with the, the apostles and what they had to
8 say because it's the same Spirit that wrote the Book
9 through both --

10 JOHN-4: Um-hum.

11 DAVID THIBODEAU: -- through both the
12 prophets and the apostles. And, you know, I'm not --
13 how do I say this? I'm just here to say, the Book is
14 now harmonized. It -- there is a crystal clear vision
15 between the prophets and the apostles. The seven seals
16 are being revealed and, you know, that, that's our
17 challenge to the world, you know? All you churches
18 making all this money off people. Show us where the
19 seals are, because that's what the challenge in the
20 very book itself says.

21 Where are the seven seals, you know? Where
22 are they found in the prophets? Can you show them?
23 And no one has been able to show them. Except this
24 young man here that I'm here learning with. And it's
25 incredible. It's really is. And I hope you gets the
opportunity to listen to some of this stuff. I know

1 | your job is to get us out and all that, but so far, you
2 | know, you sound like you got an ear and, you know,
3 | that's really cool and I'm just hoping when you listen,
4 | you listen, you know?

5 | JOHN-4: Um-hum.

6 | DAVID THIBODEAU: And try to take in all the
7 | information. See for yourself and if you disagree,
8 | fine, but you know, you're going to see everything
9 | black and white and a lot of the guys in the past it
10 | seems like, you know, they got a job to do and they're
11 | doing their job and they've automatically turned
12 | themselves off from reading the People, the Time, all
13 | these magazines that we're just some weird, crazy cult
14 | and it's just not true. Most of the people in here are
15 | very intelligent. They come from all walks of life,
16 | you know --

17 | JOHN-4: Yeah. I've got a feel for that.

18 | DAVID THIBODEAU: And it's, it just, it just
19 | floors me, you know? I mean, I can see what the press
20 | is doing to us and I can even understand it in a way.
21 | You know, they're out there for a story, but in
22 | journalism there's also a truth that has to be
23 | established and the truth is not being established, you
24 | know, and --

25 | JOHN-4: Yeah. We, we mentioned that -- the
other day we were talking to STEVE about, you know,

1 | your side isn't being represented. It's like a debate
2 | with no answer. We can, we can work on getting you to
3 | communicate with your mother. And I understand what
4 | you mean. You need to talk with her.

5 | DAVID THIBODEAU: I'd love to talk with her
6 | direct --

7 | JOHN-4: It's --

8 | DAVID THIBODEAU: -- if that's at all
9 | possible.

10 | JOHN-4: Yeah. You want to talk to her
11 | direct?

12 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Yes, I'd love to.

13 | JOHN-4: Okay. Well, let me, let me work on
14 | that and see what I can set up in that regard.

15 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. If not, I'll make a
16 | tape.

17 | JOHN-4: You know, I've got restrictions here
18 | too.

19 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Yes, I realize that. You
20 | have people over you.

21 | JOHN-4: Yeah. Yeah.

22 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. I'll work on a tape
23 | and if you can work on something direct that would be
24 | incredible.

25 | JOHN-4: Okay. Have you got the ability to
 | tape in there?

1 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah.

2 JOHN-4: Okay. And you've got tapes and all
3 that?

4 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah.

5 JOHN-4: Okay. Let me, let me ask you
6 something regarding tapes. Last night I understand
7 that they were going to make a video with the children.
8 Are you aware of that?

9 DAVID THIBODEAU: Um-hum.

10 JOHN-4: Let's -- can we work on that today
11 to get that out to us?

12 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah. I'll bring it up to
13 STEVE. I'm sure they will right away.

14 JOHN-4: Okay.

15 DAVID THIBODEAU: Because we did get the
16 stuff and all that, you know, the battery and --

17 JOHN-4: Is, is --

18 DAVID THIBODEAU: The only problem with
19 yesterday, see, it was our Sabbath so we don't really
20 do anything and then at night it's too hard, so we had
21 to wait till today. I know that for a fact.

22 JOHN-4: What time are we, are we going to be
23 talking to David today?

24 DAVID THIBODEAU: Boy, I really couldn't tell
25 you. I'm sure as soon as our worship is over I'll have
STEVE get in touch with you and I'm sure it won't be

1 | too long. You know? Probably this morning, but I
2 | can't say for sure because, you know, I don't, I don't
3 | know if he's sleeping, I don't know if he was up all
4 | night or not, so --

5 | JOHN-4: It's, it's important that, you know,
6 | we get a hold of management, so to speak.

7 | DAVID THIBODEAU: I realize that.

8 | JOHN-4: Work toward a resolution. That's,
9 | that's what we're all about here.

10 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Well, as soon as I see him
11 | I'll let him know that, you know, the concern is John-4
12 | wants to talk to him and all.

13 | JOHN-4: Yeah.

14 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay, then. I have to go.

15 | JOHN-4: Okay. I appreciate you working on
16 | those two, two items and how about giving me a call
17 | back when you get through with worship? That way, you
18 | know, we won't be infringing on, on any of your time.

19 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. Great. Thanks a
20 | lot, John --

21 | JOHN-4: You, you got our number there,
22 | right?

23 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah.

24 | JOHN-4: Okay.

25 | DAVID THIBODEAU: I think so. I'll see you,
 | John, thanks.

1 JOHN-4: All right.

2 (Connection broken.)

3 * * * * *

4 (Telephone being dialed.)

5 (Telephone ringing -- 13 rings.)

6 (Very loud music in the background.)

7 STEVE: Hello.

8 JOHN-4: Hello.

9 STEVE: Yeah.

10 JOHN-4: This is, this is John-4. Who am I
11 talking to?

12 STEVE: This is -- well, this is in John-5,
13 but this is STEVE.

14 JOHN-4: Oh, hi, STEVE.

15 STEVE: John-4, did I talk with you
16 yesterday?

17 JOHN-4: Yeah. Yeah.

18 STEVE: That's right. That's right. I
19 talked to a John-5, too, I believe so --

20 JOHN-4: Yeah, we got a 5 now.

21 STEVE: Okay.

22 JOHN-4: Yeah. And, and we really have that
23 many Johns. Is, is David Thibodeau around?

24 STEVE: Just a moment. Let -- well, he's
25 actually playing the drums right now.

JOHN-4: Okay. I need to talk to him about

1 that, that recording for his mother.

2 STEVE: Okay. What I'll do, as soon as he's,
3 as soon as he's done I'll have him call you or I'll
4 call you right away and stick him on immediately then.

5 JOHN-4: Okay.

6 STEVE: I think what he's trying to do is get
7 some exercise and so he's starting to beat on the drums
8 here and -- how's it going today, John?

9 JOHN-4: Okay. How you doing?

10 STEVE: Not too bad. Actually it's not too
11 bad at all.

12 JOHN-4: Where is John -- where is David
13 right now?

14 STEVE: David? Probably in his room.

15 JOHN-4: Okay. I need to talk to him today.

16 STEVE: Okay. I, in fact, wanted to talk
17 with him myself. I was just waiting for a few minutes
18 here to get a few other things done. I was talking to
19 a couple of people and, and I thought I'd check in with
20 him again in another maybe half hour and see what he's
21 -- what's happening. I think he's going to be okay
22 today, hopefully.

23 JOHN-4: Did, did -- I understand that you
24 got the video done with the children?

25 STEVE: No, not yet. In fact, I was waiting
to talk with him to see -- I, I wanted to get as many

1 around as possible. The light is real poor today --

2 JOHN-4: Yeah, it is. Kind of overcast.

3 STEVE: -- so I got to find a real good room
4 and I think some of the mothers want to probably --
5 there, there's -- you know, some of them are feeding
6 the kids kind of late today, I guess.

7 JOHN-4: Yeah. When you, when you get that
8 done, we'll work out a way to get it out, okay.

9 STEVE: Okay. I'll, I'll be calling you back
10 then.

11 JOHN-4: Yeah. And, and --

12 STEVE: Yeah.

13 JOHN-4: -- get Dave Thibodeau and, and we'll
14 get that set up. Okay?

15 STEVE: Right. Okay.

16 JOHN-4: All right. Thank you.

17 STEVE: Talk to you in a bit. Bye.

18 JOHN-4: Right. Bye-bye.

19 (Connection broken.)

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21 (Telephone being dialed.)

22 (Telephone ringing -- 4 rings.)

23 DAVID THIBODEAU: Hello.

24 JIM: Mr. Steven Schneider, please.

25 DAVID THIBODEAU: He's busy right now. This
is Dave Thibodeau.

1 JIM: David. How are you doing?

2 DAVID THIBODEAU: Pretty good. How are you?
3 Is this John-4?

4 JIM: No, this is not. This is Jim.

5 DAVID THIBODEAU: Jim. Hi, Jim.

6 JIM: How are you doing?

7 DAVID THIBODEAU: Pretty good.

8 JIM: One of the things that we'd like to
9 address with you at this time, instead of sending a
10 video -- or say an audio tape --

11 DAVID THIBODEAU: Um-hum.

12 JIM: -- to your Mom, what we'd like for you
13 to do, if possible, which would, you know, make it a
14 lot easier on her is go ahead and send her a video tape
15 of yourself. That way she'd actually be able to see
16 your physical condition and other than just hearing the
17 words, that she could, you know --

18 DAVID THIBODEAU: Well, that would be great!
19 That's a great idea.

20 JIM: So, why don't you get STEVE on the line
21 and we can get some things going here?

22 DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. Can I have him call
23 you back? They are in the middle of some things kind
24 of important right now.

25 JIM: Okay.

DAVID THIBODEAU: Him and D.K.

1 JIM: About one -- about what time?

2 DAVID THIBODEAU: Well, they're talking to a
3 bunch of people right now and it's pretty important.
4 I'd say within an hour or two at the most.

5 JIM: Within an hour or two.

6 DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah.

7 JIM: One hour.

8 DAVID THIBODEAU: Well, two at the most.

9 JIM: Two at the most. We'll try to be
10 expecting the call around 11:10.

11 DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. I'll -- as soon as
12 they're done I'll have them call you, okay? Sir?

13 JIM: Is anybody really talking about call,
14 you know, coming out of the compound at this time?

15 DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, STEVE's been asking us
16 if we want to go and --

17 JIM: Great! You know, we're ready to help
18 you and that's one reason that I'm on the phone right
19 now with you.

20 DAVID THIBODEAU: I'm sure you are. The
21 reason most of us want to stay is because, you know,
22 like Dave's still confirming things. He's still giving
23 studies and, you know, I don't care if you all think
24 we're nuts, the guy's got the words of life. I mean,
25 he's got -- he can open the entire Book and make it so
plain.

1 JIM: That's fine.

2 DAVID THIBODEAU: And as long as he's on the
3 -- I'm not going to miss that chance, because the
4 education I've gotten from him for free is more than
5 anything I've ever thought of learning in high school
6 or, I believe, even college.

7 JIM: David, one thing that you really have
8 to realize right now, that even if you do come outside
9 and David comes out with you, that he can still preach
10 and you'll still be able to learn from the man. Do you
11 understand that?

12 DAVID THIBODEAU: Uh-huh.

13 JIM: You know, it's, it's there.

14 DAVID THIBODEAU: That's great.

15 JIM: You know, coming out really won't
16 change the situation that you have on the inside right
17 now as far as your being able to study with David,
18 being able to learn from him --

19 DAVID THIBODEAU: Well, you know, that's --
20 we got an idea what we're going to be through as soon
21 as we come out. There's, you know, no question.

22 JIM: Well, that's fine. You know, that's,
23 that -- we can work through that. That's, you know,
24 that's, that's just part of the bureaucracy.

25 DAVID THIBODEAU: Well, to be honest with
you, Jim, the reason most of us are upset is because we

1 | were in here, you know, a month ago. We were getting
2 | ready to have a Bible study, of all things, and in
3 | America where there's a Constitution, 150 armed people
4 | start coming in shooting at us. I mean, hey, what is
5 | going on here, you know? That, that, that -- it's
6 | uncalled for, you know, and the -- you can say what you
7 | want. We've got illegal weapons, you can say what --
8 | you know, you can say what you want, but the, the truth
9 | is, you know --

10 | JIM: David, let me explain something to you
11 | right now.

12 | DAVID THIBODEAU: -- proven.

13 | JIM: Here, let me, let me explain something
14 | to you right now.

15 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay.

16 | JIM: I'm not with the ATF. I'm not with the
17 | FBI, I'm in from Austin to help negotiate the
18 | situation.

19 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, really?

20 | JIM: I've been here since February the 28th,
21 | observing the situation.

22 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Um-hum.

23 | JIM: This is the first time that I've had
24 | any real participation in any negotiations. You know,
25 | and, and what it is -- it's, it's time to really -- to
 | resolve this thing peacefully and the only way to do

1 | that and to accomplish that is to come out of the
2 | compound. And as I said before, you will still have
3 | your access to David's teachings. Do you understand
4 | what I'm saying?

5 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Yes, I understand what
6 | you're saying. You know --

7 | JIM: You know, and, and when you're, you
8 | know, you're having this access to David's teachings,
9 | it's not going to change your beliefs any -- you know,
10 | at all. We're not here to change your beliefs.

11 | DAVID THIBODEAU: I, I, I realize that.

12 | JIM: You do?

13 | DAVID THIBODEAU: Yeah, I do.

14 | JIM: Then, you know, I can't really see what
15 | the hang-up is at this time.

16 | DAVID THIBODEAU: The hang-up is that it --
17 | to tell you the truth, most of us are quite -- oh, how
18 | can I put it into words -- pretty fearful seeing as how
19 | the way this negotiation process has been handled in
20 | the past month. You see, I can recall just a couple of
21 | weeks ago when, you know, seven people decided they
22 | wanted to go out and they left?

23 | That's great! You know, they're going out,
24 | they're leaving, people -- more people are getting
25 | ready and then all of a sudden all this extra pressure
 | is put on us real quick and then the tanks start coming

1 over and doing things and we can't figure this out,
2 because this is the day after seven people walk out and
3 more people were planning.

4 JIM: That's why I'm on the phone right now,
5 David.

6 DAVID THIBODEAU: I mean people were outside
7 checking -- and the people were outside checking this
8 out --

9 JIM: David.

10 DAVID THIBODEAU: -- you know, and all these
11 things were happening all of a sudden and pressure
12 being put on us and all of a sudden, you know,
13 everyone's like, hey, man, these guys are playing some
14 weird game. And everyone just checked out and said I'm
15 not going out there.

16 JIM: Okay, Dave, like I said. I'm in here,
17 I'm new, I'm starting to participate now. What we're
18 going to do is work through that and get, get by the --
19 all that, so let's try this situation again. You know,
20 come out, you know, and, and about at least ten people
21 can come out. You know, that will give us some sign or
22 give the commander some sign that you're making the
23 good faith effort to get this thing resolved, and
24 that's what I'm in here to do. And I'm really here to
25 kind of ensure that this stuff does take place.

DAVID THIBODEAU: So who do you work for,

1 Jim?

2 JIM: I'm from Austin.

3 DAVID THIBODEAU: But what, what -- you know,
4 what -- where do you -- what are you in?

5 JIM: I'm, I'm with the Austin Police
6 Department.

7 DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay.

8 JIM: Okay? And I'm a negotiator and like I
9 said, I'm an outside observer and this is my first time
10 to participate. Like I said, there are some concerns
11 that, you know, that things have slowed down and, you
12 know, it's just one step at a time and that first step
13 is to get at least ten people out the door.

14 DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay, Jim. I'll tell you
15 what I'm going to do. Okay? I'm going to do the video
16 thing like you said for now.

17 JIM: Great.

18 DAVID THIBODEAU: And as soon as Dave or
19 STEVE is done with what they're doing, I'll have them
20 get back to you and you can --

21 JIM: And I'm really, you know, I'm really
22 anxious to get this thing resolved. I really am.

23 DAVID THIBODEAU: Oh, we all are.

24 JIM: You know? And, and I'm sure that David
25 is also.

DAVID THIBODEAU: -- believe me, we all are.

1 We all are. I mean, you know, I'm not lying to you
2 there. We're all anxious to get this resolved.

3 JIM: Okay. Well, what I'd really like to do
4 is, is, is to talk to David and get the situation
5 worked out so that we can start getting this flow
6 started again and let's get this thing worked out and
7 let's get it rolling.

8 DAVID THIBODEAU: Okay. So I'll have him get
9 back to you as soon as, as soon as possible. Okay,
10 Jim?

11 JIM: Great.

12 DAVID THIBODEAU: Thank you.

13 JIM: One hour.

14 DAVID THIBODEAU: Bye.

15 JIM: Bye.

16 (Connection broken.)

17 * * * * *

18 (Telephone being dialed.)

19 (Telephone ringing -- 9 rings.)

20 STEVE: Hello.

21 JIM: Is this Steven Schneider?

22 STEVE: Who am I speaking with?

23 JIM: Jim.

24 STEVE: Jim. You're new, Jim.

25 JIM: Yes, I am.

STEVE: Wow. There's machine gun fire going

1 on outside here.

2 JIM: Machine gun fire.

3 STEVE: Yeah. Can't you hear that?

4 JIM: Not really.

5 STEVE: It, it's either that or Martians.

6 I'm not sure which yet. I haven't figured it out.

7 JIM: Okay.

8 STEVE: Jim, what's up? You must be about
9 number 17, I think.

10 JIM: Well, I'm -- I am, I must be, but like
11 I told David, I'm an outside observer and --

12 STEVE: You are?

13 JIM: -- that's right. That's right. I'm
14 not with either ATF or the FBI.

15 STEVE: You -- well, really, who are you
16 with?

17 JIM: I'm with the Austin Police Department.
18 I'm a negotiator in from Austin.

19 STEVE: Really? Okay. Well, that's new.

20 JIM: One of the reasons that I'm here,
21 Steven, is to help resolve some of the issues as an
22 independent observer in the situation.

23 STEVE: All right.

24 JIM: And one of the things that, that --
25 have you listened to the news conference?

STEVE: No. Do you know I, I actually missed

1 | about -- I had a friend of mine take down the last 10
2 | minutes in notes, but I didn't realize what the time
3 | was so I missed the first 20 minutes, but I definitely
4 | wanted to hear what was said.

5 | JIM: Okay. Okay. How's the situation with
6 | this video of the children going at this time?

7 | STEVE: Well, what I'm trying to do is get
8 | them all ready. Still I'm having troubles with this
9 | camera, but I'm still trying to get the thing working
10 | with the battery pack that they sent in and I think I
11 | can get it working, but I still am having little
12 | problems with it. I don't know what it is, but I'm
13 | getting most of the children together now to try to
14 | find a place where there's enough light. It's kind of
15 | a dark day and, you know, I was hoping for a lot more
16 | light than what there is.

17 | JIM: Was David present at the time that the
18 | news conference was being broadcast?

19 | STEVE: No, he was -- he didn't get to hear
20 | any of it.

21 | JIM: He didn't hear any of it?

22 | STEVE: No.

23 | JIM: In other words, the information that
24 | he'd be getting from that broadcast would be second-
25 | hand?

 STEVE: Right.

1 JIM: Oh.

2 STEVE: Do you have any, any information you
3 could share, because actually -- you know, there's
4 usually someone that's listening but today I don't know
5 what happened. I wasn't -- looked at my watch and I
6 says, has somebody got this down, because I looked to
7 see. There was like ten minutes to 11:00 and I went
8 looking around, you know, and so I grabbed my radio,
9 handed it to a friend of mine, said take some notes,
10 because I still had to try to get this camera working
11 and going here.

12 JIM: Steven, what I've -- from what I
13 understand of this situation, it was the same drill as,
14 as the days previous to this. One of the things that
15 we'd like to discuss with you is our lack of contact
16 with David.

17 STEVE: All right.

18 JIM: And one of the things that we've
19 observed as outside observers is that there may be some
20 pressure bring -- brought to bear on the commanders
21 here because evidently some of the upper folks are
22 somewhat concerned that because of David's lack of
23 participation in these negotiations, that there may be
24 the same situation developing as it was down in Guyana
25 with Mr. Jim Jones. There seems to be some parallels
being drawn by some folks and there is a great deal of

1 | pressure being brought down on these commanders to
2 | resolve the situation.

3 | STEVE: What, what are you saying when you're
4 | talking about a comparison to Jim Jones?

5 | JIM: Evidently they're referring to the
6 | suicide situation. And one way that we could resolve
7 | this is actually being able to speak with David on the
8 | telephone to help, you know, get rid of some of these
9 | -- hold on just a minute -- some of the concerns that
10 | some of the folks are having about this.

11 | STEVE: Well, this is -- honestly, Jim, this
12 | is news to me about any concern about suicide or
13 | anything like that because --

14 | JIM: Well, it's, it's --

15 | STEVE: -- it's nothing that's ever been --

16 | JIM: Steven, that's one reason that I'm on
17 | the phone right now. Like I said, I'm here --

18 | STEVE: Yeah.

19 | JIM: -- as an outside observer and --

20 | STEVE: I see.

21 | JIM: -- and I -- we can see that there is --

22 | STEVE: Now, Jim, these are people that --

23 | JIM: -- being some parallels drawn.

24 | STEVE: These are people that have a super
25 | love for life, have a respect for life, humanity -- in
fact, I did get to talk with David this morning and he

1 | was saying -- he was talking about the very thing of
2 | only we had an understanding with people. If they
3 | could only see what we've always pursued, and that's
4 | dissemination of information for their own welfare,
5 | their own good, based upon something that everybody
6 | says they believe in -- God. But ultimately there's
7 | going to be a test like in the days of Elijah where
8 | there's information given out, it's either true or
9 | false. If it's false, all that anyone's lost is a
10 | little bit of their time.

11 | JIM: Steven.

12 | STEVE: Yes.

13 | JIM: One of -- you know, as I said before,
14 | there is some genuine concern being expressed to these
15 | commanders that the situation may develop. Some people
16 | are feeling that David may be cracking under some
17 | pressure.

18 | STEVE: Oh, not in the least.

19 | JIM: Psychologically. And that --

20 | STEVE: Not, not even in the least.

21 | JIM: -- we need to or there needs to be some
22 | sort of action taken to avoid the situation.

23 | STEVE: What, what do you mean? Make
24 | yourself plain on that.

25 | JIM: Let's, let's try to resolve this thing.
Let's -- they're wanting people to be released.

1 STEVE: Well, I realize that, Jim, but you
2 see we believe in God first. I mean that seems to be
3 the whole wrench in the system and we see very clearly
4 what has become of this government. We've seen what
5 has become of the judicial system. I hear the
6 statements made by David Troy like I did yesterday. I
7 would have liked to have heard what he said today. I'm
8 sure he spewed out more lies. If the man could read
9 Psalms 36 and 52 he might see something about himself
10 there.

11 JIM: Well, like I said, some of the dynamics
12 of this situation are somewhat similar to the -- that
13 situation that took place in Guyana.

14 STEVE: It bothers -- it -- bothers me when a
15 man of his position and having the access that he has
16 can say such things without even -- if -- unless the
17 man was here when it happened and was an eyewitness and
18 observed, I don't see how the man has a right to really
19 say anything. I was the one that had to duck and
20 almost lost my life and I, and I had no weapons. I've
21 never been into them. I'm talking in a room to someone
22 and, I mean, I -- it wasn't a happy thing at all. They
23 asked me last night if certain individuals were, were
24 dead finally. You know, we've been hesitant to say a
25 few things for reasons they should be able to figure
out. But they killed a number of innocent people

1 | laying on their beds. Seriously. When, when I heard
2 | this --

3 | JIM: How many innocent people are you
4 | talking about, Steven?

5 | STEVE: Well, they, they gave a list to me
6 | and I didn't really respond, because if -- it doesn't
7 | seem like it's time yet. I need to get the okay from
8 | those people that are related or those that, you know,
9 | I'm trying to respect their wishes.

10 | JIM: I'm not really looking for any names
11 | right now, but a number would help me resolve some --

12 | STEVE: Well, we'll -- Jim, we'll give you
13 | that. I need to talk to a few people here yet today,
14 | which I haven't had opportunity to do yet and I, I did
15 | tell a person last night, I believe his name was Rick,
16 | that I would try to get back to them and give them some
17 | more information.

18 | JIM: That's fine, but when would this be?

19 | STEVE: A little bit later. I still haven't
20 | had opportunity still. I wanted to talk with a couple
21 | of these people here that actually were to some degree
22 | aware of what was happening, which I wasn't so --

23 | JIM: Steven, one thing that I would really
24 | like to do to help dispel some of the fears that the
25 | command staff's having in reference to this situation
 | is I, I really do need to speak with David and, you

1 | know, and converse with him over this situation.

2 | STEVE: Are you going to be at the normal
3 | number that I dial?

4 | JIM: Yes, I will be.

5 | STEVE: How long will you be there, because
6 | I'm -- I will try to do that.

7 | JIM: Probably till about 6:00, 6:30.

8 | STEVE: Okay. Well, I'll do all I can.

9 | JIM: If you can get back with me in
10 | approximately an hour so that we can get this going.

11 | STEVE: I will try to. I really will.

12 | JIM: Do that.

13 | STEVE: Is there anything else you'd like to
14 | bring up or -- did you get to hear the press conference
15 | then?

16 | JIM: Not really.

17 | STEVE: Okay.

18 | JIM: What -- this video that you're going to
19 | do, do you think you can have that prepared in that --
20 | within this next hour?

21 | STEVE: Well, I'm trying to -- that's what
22 | I'm trying to do right now is get it all together and I
23 | was having difficulty with the camera. I still don't
24 | have it totally taken care of. I'm trying to get this
25 | pack working. I don't know if it's the pack or it's
the camera or what. Someone dropped it and I'm a

1 | little concerned, so I still think I can get it going,
2 | but so far I haven't been able to.

3 | JIM: Steven, I saw the format that you used
4 | in the last video tape that you sent out of your house
5 | there.

6 | STEVE: Right.

7 | JIM: What I'd like to see is probably the
8 | same format used, as far as being able to put this
9 | thing together with David and the children. You seem
10 | to be a rather good cameraman. You're able to keep
11 | everything together.

12 | STEVE: Well, I'm less than an amateur,
13 | but --

14 | JIM: Hey, you've done well, but the same
15 | format would, would be most appropriate. That way I
16 | could dispel their fears --

17 | STEVE: Well, see, what I did before and
18 | where I did it before is not able -- I'm not able now
19 | because of the lack of electricity.

20 | JIM: Uh-huh.

21 | STEVE: So I have to try to find a spot
22 | somewhere where there's enough light coming through one
23 | of the windows.

24 | JIM: I understand that.

25 | STEVE: Yeah, and that's where the difficulty
lies.

1 JIM: What do you have? A two-lux camera?

2 STEVE: Pardon?

3 JIM: What lux camera do you have?

4 STEVE: Well, it's a, it's a Canon A-1. It's
5 a high 8 is what it is.

6 JIM: Is it a low-light camera? Is it a one-
7 lux camera? What do you have there, Steven?

8 STEVE: I am not certain about, you know,
9 what -- when it comes to light or the sensitivity of
10 it.

11 JIM: All right. Well, I'll tell you what.
12 You put that together, you get your information
13 together on the video, and like I said, the same format
14 would be appreciated so that we could observe the thing
15 here and I could also get that information back to the
16 commanders on that and I really do need to speak with
17 David and to dispel anything, you know, any fears that
18 may be developing. The commanders would like us to
19 talk at a face-to-face meeting and -- so if you can
20 call me back in an hour and let's get things put
21 together.

22 STEVE: Are you talking about yourself and
23 me?

24 JIM: You bet. Well, either one of the
25 negotiators here, you, and David and one of the reasons
that we would like you and David out there is so that

1 | you and some of the negotiators on this team can work
2 | out some of the problems that we're having here and
3 | help resolve some of these issues that you have in this
4 | face-to-face meeting. You know, your -- you were
5 | wanting a forum for, you know, setting down with these
6 | negotiators and talking face-to-face and fine, let's
7 | arrange this. Let's get this thing going.

8 | STEVE: I was wanting? Those were -- the
9 | things I've wanted are -- have been told to me that
10 | they were impossible. That they weren't a
11 | consideration. Those things --

12 | JIM: As, as I said, I'm here as an outside
13 | observer and I need to know that --

14 | STEVE: Those are suggested by the other
15 | side, by the way, the things that you're saying that I
16 | wanted.

17 | JIM: Well, that, that's fine, but see I need
18 | to -- it's, it's one reason that I'm here to speak with
19 | you and to speak with David. I would like to know what
20 | both sides --

21 | STEVE: Are you sure you're not an FBI agent?

22 | JIM: No, I'm not.

23 | STEVE: You aren't. Okay.

24 | JIM: No, I'm not. I don't work for the
25 | Federal Government.

 STEVE: All right.

1 JIM: The situation -- the face-to-face
2 situation or meeting would be set up in the same manner
3 as it had been before between you and Mr. Sage.

4 STEVE: That wouldn't be acceptable.

5 JIM: It would be or would not be?

6 STEVE: It wouldn't be.

7 JIM: Would not be.

8 STEVE: No.

9 JIM: Why is that?

10 STEVE: Like I said, if I would do something
11 like that, I would meet a person halfway, there would
12 be -- Bradleys would be backed off quite a distance
13 this time, and we'd both be right out in the open.

14 JIM: I'll tell you what. What we'll try to
15 do is get the chief negotiator into this situation and
16 into the meeting with you and David and that way you
17 can set down and discuss these issues and get this
18 situation resolved peacefully.

19 STEVE: Well, see, I haven't even gotten to
20 speak to David about such a thing in the first place.
21 I don't see physically how he could ever -- that could
22 even happen on the --

23 JIM: That's fine, Steven. So why don't you
24 go speak to David now and address this issue with him
25 and call me back in one hour so that we can get this
meeting arranged and set up and ready to go? We can

1 work out the logistics of the whole thing.

2 STEVE: I'll talk to him about it.

3 JIM: Why -- you do that. You talk to him
4 about it.

5 STEVE: Okay.

6 JIM: All right. Give me a call back in one
7 hour.

8 STEVE: I might be a little longer.

9 JIM: Right.

10 STEVE: Okay. Bye.

11 (Connection broken.)

12 * * * * *

13 (Telephone being dialed.)

14 (Telephone ringing -- 4 rings.)

15 STEVE: Hello.

16 GEORGE: Yeah. STEVE?

17 STEVE: Yeah.

18 GEORGE: This is George.

19 STEVE: George!? How are you doing, George?

20 GEORGE: I'm doing well. How are you doing,

21 STEVE?

22 STEVE: Okay. And who are you with, George.

23 GEORGE: I'm with the FBI. I'm one of the,
24 one of the negotiating team.

25 STEVE: Okay. I'm still trying to get some
things done here so I was kind of surprised that the

1 | phone rang already. What, what can I do now?

2 | GEORGE: Okay. Well, the reason I'm calling
3 | is I need to pass something on to you.

4 | STEVE: All right.

5 | GEORGE: As you know, no one has come out of
6 | there since Wednesday.

7 | STEVE: Okay.

8 | GEORGE: Now, people out here are concerned
9 | and I'm going to pass the same kind of demand upon you
10 | that, that you need to go back to the people there and
11 | if we don't get at least 10 people out by 12:50, then
12 | the, then the people out here are going to take some
13 | action. You understand that, Steve?

14 | STEVE: Yeah. I'm listening to you.

15 | GEORGE: Now, that's not necessarily our idea
16 | from negotiator's point of view.

17 | STEVE: Uh-huh.

18 | GEORGE: And that's, that's another thing you
19 | need to, to think about.

20 | STEVE: All right.

21 | GEORGE: See, you need to, to look at this
22 | from, from the point of view of a person outside here
23 | overall responsible for the safety of everybody.

24 | STEVE: Um-hum.

25 | GEORGE: And we need to be moving along. The
 | problem is that we're not making any progress. Can,

1 | can you appreciate that?

2 | STEVE: Well, if you have listened to any of
3 | the tapes that have been taped and the conversations
4 | I've had -- now, like last night I was on the phone for
5 | probably about three hours without even getting off. I
6 | talked to, I believe it was Rick and Tony and Linda. I
7 | can't remember who all. John-5 or -4. I'm starting to
8 | lose track of even all the new names. But we spent a
9 | lot of times trying to figure out some ways to getting
10 | this thing all going again and this morning I've
11 | already started talking to a number of people and
12 | trying to see what we can get working here.

13 | GEORGE: But, but you have to agree that,
14 | that we're not making any progress.

15 | STEVE: Oh, I definitely agree and then, of
16 | course, you've probably heard the reasons why I see
17 | what's happened.

18 | GEORGE: But, but --

19 | STEVE: But people did listen to me; I had
20 | some influence and it's tot -- almost totally eroded.

21 | GEORGE: But, but we need to start over again
22 | then. Okay?

23 | STEVE: That's --

24 | GEORGE: That's, that's -- the point is --

25 | STEVE: Well, see -- yeah, exactly. That's
why --

1 GEORGE: This -- we are now talking in time,
2 okay?

3 STEVE: No, no, that's --

4 GEORGE: We can start from this point
5 forward, then, then we need to, to come to an
6 agreement --

7 STEVE: Well, that's why I wrote down these
8 items that we have spoke about. The tape, about seven
9 -- a dialogue with some theologians, meeting with the
10 attorney, meeting with a negotiator. There was a
11 number of different items.

12 GEORGE: But, but we haven't made any
13 progress in any of those things.

14 STEVE: Well, that's what we're looking at
15 right now. In fact, I'm trying to get a chance or an
16 opportunity not only to get this camera and the film
17 done, but also to talk with David about what he's got
18 in mind, what he needs to do. These other people, I
19 talk to them all the time. All the time.

20 GEORGE: Well, what's the feeling then.

21 STEVE: Well, that's why, you know, if
22 there's some new negotiators or anybody else or -- in
23 fact, any of your team that would like to talk with any
24 or all these people, I mean, they would do that, but
25 what they're telling me is the things that you guys
don't want to hear in the first place, so it's like

1 | beating, like you people say, on a dead horse. I'm
2 | talking about the living sin incident, I'm talking
3 | about when David had sent out the seven and then things
4 | -- the commanders did what they did. That was the
5 | greatest insult. All of a sudden, he's not been that
6 | responsive since.

7 | GEORGE: Yeah, but, but, Steve. We got to
8 | start now, okay? That's -- look at it from that
9 | perspective.

10 | STEVE: Well, no. I, I am, you know, and
11 | the, the thing that's hard a lot of time is when I'm
12 | talking to people, you know, of course you've got these
13 | weird sounds going on here morning, noon --

14 | GEORGE: That's right.

15 | STEVE: -- and night and --

16 | GEORGE: That's right.

17 | STEVE: Well, as long as you do that you're
18 | actually getting these people to bury themselves in the
19 | whole all the more. When you get guys like David Troy
20 | on mouthing out his lies, all the more they don't want
21 | to come out, so it makes my job -- I'm telling you,
22 | instead of making it easy for me to communicate and
23 | make things plain and simple and offer something like
24 | you people are offering as negotiators, there's
25 | virtually no effect with --

 GEORGE: Well, well, you want to change then

1 to, to try to, to make an arrangement for a face-to-
2 face with you and David?

3 STEVE: Well, that -- you know, as I told all
4 these guys, that's fine, but what -- I, I always have
5 been willing to do about anything I can do and what I'm
6 hoping for right now, I'm just waiting for a few
7 moments here. He's actually up and talking to some
8 people, so I was hoping to get in there myself and
9 spend some time with him.

10 GEORGE: Okay. Well --

11 STEVE: I, I don't think he -- I think he's
12 probably feeling okay today from what it seems like, so
13 -- which I kind of expected was going to happen,
14 because he's been kind of like every time he gets up or
15 attempts to do that, he gets sick for a few days and
16 then he gets headaches and, and so far today he seems
17 to be okay, so I'm hoping that, you know, it was even
18 suggested that he come out and meet with someone, but I
19 don't know if he could ever make it that far away.

20 GEORGE: You mean, you mean from a physical
21 point of view?

22 STEVE: Yeah, even a physical point of view,
23 you know, I mean in my mind it's -- I'm always thinking
24 of just about any and all avenues myself.

25 GEORGE: Can, can -- could you help him out?
I mean, physically help him out?

1 STEVE: Well, I mean, I've actually thought
2 about something like that, but I -- it's, you know,
3 it's quite a -- because of what they've done to the --
4 it's like deep furrows, it really is. I mean I don't
5 -- even myself, I'm able to walk and --

6 GEORGE: Well, let's -- well, let's think
7 about this for a minute, okay?

8 STEVE: All right.

9 GEORGE: If, if -- assuming that, that you
10 and David agree to come out, to do a face-to-face,
11 then, then let's talk about the, the physical problems
12 of, of moving from, from the building to wherever you
13 feel -- you're going to feel comfortable. How, how can
14 we --

15 STEVE: Well, see, what I need to do, George,
16 is actually I want -- I do want to talk to him and, in
17 fact, I was just getting ready to do that when the
18 phone rang.

19 GEORGE: But you may have to come up with,
20 with a plan or, or something -- a suggestion for him
21 to --

22 STEVE: Well, see, but it wouldn't matter
23 because, you know, he's his own person like all these
24 individuals are and I don't want to be wasting your
25 time if in the first place he wouldn't be going out
there. If he chooses to, then I'm going to ask him,

1 | well, how, how far can you walk, what are you able to
2 | do, because I'm not sure. Only he would know that and,
3 | you know, it'll help me to know just what his
4 | capabilities are now, because of his physical
5 | condition. So what I really would like to do now
6 | myself is get in there and talk with him and run by a
7 | number of issues that have been raised since last
8 | night.

9 | GEORGE: Okay. All right. But, but remember
10 | this, remember this 10 or more people. I need to pass
11 | that on to you and that's, that's -- you could probably
12 | plan on, on things --

13 | STEVE: You know what's hard, what's hard is
14 | I spend so much -- honest, George, if you, if you note
15 | how much time I spend on the phone and then I'm asked
16 | to do all these things and get some things done, all of
17 | a sudden I -- here I'm trying to get this crazy camera
18 | working, which was dropped on the floor, and I was
19 | talking to a couple of people at the same time, doing
20 | two or three things at the same time. Then, you know,
21 | the phone keeps ringing so I've got to put everything
22 | down. I come back here and now an ultimatum is given
23 | for a specific time period, minutes away. Not an hour.

24 | GEORGE: Steve, I, I -- you're not in an easy
25 | position, but you're --

 STEVE: Never have been, have I?

1 GEORGE: -- you're the, you're the, you're
2 the link. You're the link. You've got a lot of
3 responsibility.

4 STEVE: It's called pressure to the place of
5 having headaches from it.

6 GEORGE: Sure. Sure. I understand, but, but
7 there's no, there's no other way -- it's the only game
8 here. It's the only game in town. You've got to keep,
9 you got to keep doing it.

10 STEVE: Well, I have been. I haven't shirked
11 from it. The only thing is, I've asked these guys,
12 like when they've got me up till, you know talking like
13 last night, three hours, two in the morning whatever,
14 you know, finally one needs to get some rest -- I did
15 get at least four hours of sleep last night. That's
16 the most I've had in quite a while.

17 GEORGE: Well, David needs to take some of
18 the responsibility from you then.

19 STEVE: Well, he does -- I'll tell you the
20 truth. He wants to. He wants to. I was talking to
21 him, he's very aggravated about his physical condition.
22 He's annoyed by it, because he's not used to -- all his
23 life, basically, he's been in pretty good condition,
24 and he's not a happy camper right now because of the
25 wound and, and his body the way it's responding to it.
He's not a -- like I told these guys, he's never --

1 | he's not a person that's had headaches. He's never
2 | really had, you know, the -- a lot of little problems
3 | like a lot of people might have, so for him it's a new
4 | experience.

5 | GEORGE: Well, how about have him come into
6 | the phone then. That's -- that shouldn't be a problem.

7 | STEVE: Well, that's what I was going --

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TAPE #180

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12:06 P.M. - 2:19 P.M.

1 (Tape 180)

2 GEORGE: Okay.

3 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Actually, I -- what I would
4 like to do even at the very moment that I'm talking
5 with you.

6 GEORGE: Okay.

7 STEVE SCHNEIDER: So, I'll try to call you
8 back here as soon as I can get to him, talk to him, and
9 see what can be worked out here and --

10 GEORGE: Okay.

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and the conditions out
12 there though, you know, if I mean you, you saw how it
13 was ripped and tore up. It's, it's, it's a rough thing
14 to even walk through. I mean, for me even, I mean,
15 you'd have to have some boots on up to your knees and
16 -- so, but I'll -- we'll try to work that out and see
17 what can be done.

18 GEORGE: Good. I just need to reiterate
19 about the, the 12:50 and, and the safety rules again.
20 They've asked me to do that.

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't quite understand
22 why -- I mean, you know, they, they say on one hand I'm
23 an intelligent person. On the other hand, they feel
24 they've got to say -- it --

25 GEORGE: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- it seems redundant

1 | after a while.

2 | GEORGE: Put yourself in the position of
3 | somebody out here responsible.

4 | STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, they should actually do
5 | the reverse, because, I mean, we've not made aggressive
6 | moves, but as you know, they have done nothing but
7 | that. So, you know, it's a foolish thing to even bring
8 | up really unless, you know, they really have some plans
9 | that they want to do something. Well, who am I to stop
10 | them in the first place. Isn't that true, George?

11 | GEORGE: Well, you, you can do something to
12 | stop them --

13 | STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, have I not been
14 | trying? Have I not done everything I can short of
15 | physical brute force, which is not in my capability nor
16 | is it the --

17 | GEORGE: No, no, no -- that's -- I'm talking
18 | about resolving, I'm talking about resolving --

19 | STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I'm talking
20 | about also. I mean that's the only thing I can do.

21 | GEORGE: That, that, that's what, that's what
22 | has to happen here.

23 | STEVE SCHNEIDER: So they want to reiterate,
24 | don't stand in windows pointing guns --

25 | GEORGE: Right.

 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- at the men.

1 GEORGE: Right.

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Don't walk out with guns.

3 GEORGE: Right.

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Don't walk out toward a
5 Bradley or toward the men, and if so doing if they
6 start verbally communicating with you, you're to do
7 what they say --

8 GEORGE: Right.

9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- as I recall.

10 GEORGE: Right. And, and, and if you -- and
11 if people do decide to --

12 STEVE SCHNEIDER: To paraphrase.

13 GEORGE: The other thing you remember, if
14 people do decide to come out, you need to let us know
15 that ahead of time so we can make sure that they're --
16 safe.

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, that's what I did
18 even the other day when the, the individual walked out
19 to empty the water and --

20 GEORGE: Sure.

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the mishap there took
22 place.

23 GEORGE: Okay. Well, you understand that
24 then.

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

 GEORGE: All right.

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll talk to you later.

2 GEORGE: Okay.

3 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Bye.

4 GEORGE: Bye.

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TAPE #181

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2:19 P.M. - 3:14 P.M.

1 (Tape 181)

2 GEORGE: Hello?

3 STEVE: Hello, George?

4 GEORGE: Yeah. Steve.

5 STEVE: Okay. David's right here.

6 GEORGE: Okay. Good.

7 (Pause)

8 DAVID: Hello.

9 GEORGE: David?

10 DAVID: Um-hum.

11 GEORGE: How are you?

12 DAVID: Very, very tired.

13 GEORGE: You're not the only one.

14 DAVID: What can we do for you, George?

15 GEORGE: Well, I got a couple things that we
16 can, we can start out with. Do you -- have you heard
17 of a guy named DeGuerin, a lawyer?

18 DAVID: No. No, I haven't. DeGuerin, I
19 don't, I don't know anybody by that name.

20 GEORGE: He is a pretty prominent guy in this
21 area and, and out of, actually out of the Houston area.
22 And our understanding is that he is very interested in
23 talking to you privately in regards to legal
24 representation. That's -- that would be a kind of a
25 telephone call that we would be willing to, to arrange
for you and he to talk so that you can get a kind of a

1 | feel for, for where your legal options, possibilities
2 | are. So I'd like you to think about that. How does
3 | that --

4 | DAVID: Well --

5 | GEORGE: -- how does that strike you off, off
6 | the bat?

7 | DAVID: Well, it's --

8 | GEORGE: Obviously he'd have to be somebody
9 | that, that you would trust and, and understand that
10 | that's a private conversation between you and he.

11 | DAVID: Who is -- let's see here. My mother
12 | had, mother had hired an attorney if I'm not mistaken.
13 | What, what was his name, do you know?

14 | GEORGE: That's, that's the same guy.

15 | DAVID: Oh, it is.

16 | GEORGE: Yes.

17 | DAVID: Okay. Okay, well, I mean you know --

18 | GEORGE: I'm not from this, this part, but
19 | they tell me he's a very prominent attorney in this, in
20 | this part of the country.

21 | DAVID: Yeah. I'm, I'm willing -- I'll talk
22 | to anybody, you know. It's --

23 | GEORGE: Okay, well, we can, we can try to
24 | arrange that. What's the, what's the best time to do
25 | that? Do you feel better at any particular time of the
 | day or to be up for something like that?

1 DAVID: Well, we just did this tape. And I
2 don't know. For some reason it's kind of like to, you
3 know, if I have to -- talking seems to be, I don't
4 know, an energetic thing or something right now for
5 some reason.

6 GEORGE: Taking some energy from you you
7 mean?

8 DAVID: Yeah, no. It's just like I've got --
9 I don't know, just no go. I mean I, I mean I'm very,
10 I'm coherent. I can -- I hear all the noise.
11 (Laughing.) And you know, no, no one here doesn't.

12 GEORGE: Hard not to.

13 DAVID: I don't know. I just kind of like I
14 need some iron or something. I don't know.

15 GEORGE: You need some what?

16 DAVID: Some iron or something I guess. I
17 don't know.

18 GEORGE: You mean as a --

19 DAVID: The --

20 GEORGE: -- a vitamin iron you mean?

21 DAVID: Yeah, I guess. I don't -- you know,
22 I lost over 3, over 3, maybe 3-1/2 pints of blood. And
23 so we have been trying to -- oh, boy, there's a new
24 one. Video arcadia (sic). What was I talking about?
25 Let's see.

 GEORGE: You were talking about some iron.

1 DAVID: Yeah. Yeah, we was talking about
2 some iron and we was trying to build it up with, you
3 know, the vegetables and stuff. Because most all the
4 vegetables rotted. Electricity went out, you know.
5 That stuff has rotted.

6 GEORGE: Is that, is that wound getting
7 worst?

8 DAVID: Well, the front the, the scab fell
9 off of the back. I don't know if the back got kind of
10 tender or something. It's, it's -- I don't know.
11 It's -- I guess it's just kind of hoochie (sic) or
12 something, you know. We've been putting peroxide and
13 stuff on it. It's -- I don't know. Just feel, just
14 feel like, you know, I want to go to sleep.

15 GEORGE: Well, except that's not going to
16 make anything better.

17 DAVID: I'm sorry. What? I didn't
18 understand what you were --

19 GEORGE: I, I don't think -- I think kind of
20 trying to resolve the way you feel and, and getting
21 some help for, or whatever is the better way to, to
22 think about this rather than, than kind of drifting off
23 into sleep. It's not -- things aren't going to get
24 better if you do that, David.

25 DAVID: Oh, I know it.

 GEORGE: We got to, we got to, you know, put

1 out a little energy now and you may feel, feel better
2 later on if in terms of resolving something.

3 DAVID: Like I said, I've been trying to keep
4 away from the people here.

5 GEORGE: Why?

6 DAVID: So they can have a chance to look
7 back over the last few years and see if what I've been
8 teaching them is true.

9 GEORGE: Well --

10 DAVID: You know, I know where I'm coming
11 from. I know where I've come from. I know what my
12 foundation is. And you know, we've tried to offer in
13 every respect two different ways to show our, our
14 genuineness. You know, we, we sent, we sent people
15 out. You know, and every time the things seem to be
16 communicative in a proper and fair manner, all of a
17 sudden, you know, these generals or whatever have been
18 doing all these harangues (sic). And it just
19 doesn't, just doesn't make the people feel that
20 trustworthy in regards to the position that you all are
21 coming from.

22 And so they have two options. They, they
23 trust in God. And they would love to trust in God and
24 the nation God's blessed, but it just seems like the
25 nation is losing its credibility.

GEORGE: Yeah, but what --

1 DAVID: And --

2 GEORGE: -- what's the alternative? I mean
3 this is the only country we have. It's the only system
4 we have.

5 DAVID: Well, in the light of, in the light
6 of the seals which, you know, John Cox and people don't
7 want to hear about. So I guess I should be quiet about
8 that.

9 GEORGE: That's probably, that's probably
10 best at this point. Because it's, it's, you know,
11 you're going to go over stuff that's been gone over
12 before and hasn't, hasn't led to anything positive.
13 And if -- what we need to do now about is think about
14 positive things. And, and no one, no one is here --
15 your beliefs and the beliefs of those people in there
16 are not going to change once you come out. That's,
17 that's going to remain constant.

18 DAVID: Well --

19 GEORGE: All you're, all you're doing now is,
20 is facing up to what, what the legal system requires.
21 And that's why --

22 DAVID: Well --

23 GEORGE: -- that's why probably talking to
24 the lawyer is the next logical step toward, toward
25 resolving that part of the problem. You got -- you
know, we're not, we're not interested in -- it's not

1 | that we're not interested. But we don't have the --
2 | we're not in the jurisdiction of the, of the religious
3 | beliefs. We're in the jurisdiction of dealing in the
4 | real world.

5 | DAVID: Like I told them, I said my religious
6 | beliefs is a political matter. And it is a real world.
7 | And that's --

8 | GEORGE: Well, well, how do you address that
9 | then? You got to, you got to get in the only system
10 | you're in. There is --

11 | DAVID: Well --

12 | GEORGE: -- no other way to do that.

13 | DAVID: That's, that's again like I say your
14 | statements are many and broad and diversified. But my
15 | statement stays consistent. I've been told to wait.
16 | And I'm waiting. And don't think that there's not a
17 | day that doesn't pass by that I wouldn't like to crawl
18 | out of this bed, and sometimes a good night's sleep in
19 | general seems pretty tempting, you know.

20 | I've been a good citizen in this nation for
21 | 33 years. You can check my record. You can check the
22 | record of just about everybody that's come out of here.

23 | And this stuff about methamphetamines. You
24 | all guys, you all really are sick. Absolutely sick.
25 | You know, all my life I have been against drugs, pot,
 | dope. It's just vulgar. Of any insult that you all

1 | could have insulted me with that -- if, if you could
2 | have said anything that could have gotten my gills you
3 | could have -- that associating me to unreal carnal
4 | drugs, stimulants.

5 | I tell you what. I, I may drink a Coca-Cola
6 | every once in a while or maybe a Dr. Pepper and that's
7 | about, that, that is the farthest I get to any kind of
8 | pick-me-up. I don't even drink coffee. You know.
9 | Maybe smoke a cigarette, you know.

10 | GEORGE: Well, here again --

11 | DAVID: And that's -- and you know. If
12 | there's any, any complaint I have about anything else
13 | said that, that thing about methamphetamines that's,
14 | that's sick.

15 | GEORGE: Well, maybe, maybe your complaints
16 | is valid. And that -- maybe that's the kind of
17 | thing --

18 | DAVID: It's sick.

19 | GEORGE: -- you need to talk to the lawyer
20 | about. And if it's not a -- if it's not serious as a
21 | consideration then let's drop it and go forward. If it
22 | was, if it was a mistake to make that accusation it was
23 | a mistake.

24 | DAVID: And then, and then they, they said
25 | the helicopters caught this -- oh, my God. I mean the,
the lies -- why, why brothers do you all have to, to

1 | tell people in the world things like that?

2 | I mean you know, the, the first is bad
3 | enough, you know. Just to tell them we're a cult and
4 | that we're not stable in our minds that's, that's good
5 | enough. People will believe you just by saying that.
6 | But talking about child abuse and talking about drugs.
7 | I mean get, get real. You can't, you can't have the
8 | kind of children that I have and be doing drugs.

9 | You can't, you can't have the kind of
10 | people -- our girls, our women don't even expose their,
11 | their -- they wear long shirts over their, their pants.
12 | We, we don't exploit ourselves. We, we don't, we don't
13 | make up. We don't wear tons of jewelry.

14 | You know, people, people know us in this
15 | town. And, and you know, you look in people's eyes.
16 | Look in their eyes. You know, take a blood test from,
17 | from Kevin or Brad or them. See what kind of drugs
18 | they've got.

19 | Now it's true, you know. Kevin is a brother
20 | that I mean -- excuse me. Brad's a brother that, you
21 | know, used to be an alcoholic. I, I pulled a lot of
22 | these people out of bars and out of the wild life, you
23 | know?

24 | GEORGE: Well, maybe that's where some of
25 | that information comes from then. I, I don't know
personally. And I don't, I don't think it's worthwhile

1 for us to kind of go over that. That's -- if it's, if
2 it's not a serious real problem then, then I don't
3 think you ought to treat it that way. You need to talk
4 to the lawyer, get a handle on, on what your real
5 problems are, and then get a handle on how you're going
6 to resolve them.

7 DAVID: Tell him to give us a call. I'll
8 listen to him. I got a couple of questions for him
9 anyway.

10 GEORGE: Okay.

11 DAVID: Regards to my mother.

12 GEORGE: Okay. I don't know how, how --

13 DAVID: And who's this anyway? Who am I
14 talking with?

15 GEORGE: My, my first name is George.

16 DAVID: George. You know what George means,
17 don't you? Means farmer.

18 GEORGE: Farmer and -- yeah.

19 DAVID: Yeah, right. Yeah, we used to have a
20 friend named George. Yeah. Still --

21 GEORGE: What about.

22 DAVID: -- a lovely guy.

23 GEORGE: David, what about talking to
24 somebody not on the phone?

25 DAVID: Talking to some -- I'm sorry. What
did you say? I --

1 GEORGE: What about --

2 DAVID: -- I was listening between you and a
3 bird out here crying out the window.

4 GEORGE: What's your feeling about, about
5 doing a -- talking to somebody face-to-face not through
6 the, through the telephone line so you could get a
7 chance to --

8 DAVID: Tell them to come on in.

9 GEORGE: Well, we, we don't --

10 DAVID: We got, we got --

11 GEORGE: -- we're not -- we can't come in.

12 It would have to be in some, some kind of a --

13 DAVID: Well, you guys can trust --

14 GEORGE: -- neutral spot outside.

15 DAVID: You know, have we, have we fired any
16 missiles at you yet? I mean your tanks are right by
17 the doors, you know. Have we put any bombs on you?
18 Have we hit you with any machine guns or nothing yet?
19 No.

20 You know, people come here knocking on that
21 door at nighttime, hollering in the daytime. You know,
22 who is, you know. You know, yeah, we thought, we
23 thought they were secret agents. I mean you know, but
24 hey, I --

25 GEORGE: Well, David, that --

 DAVID: -- I've allowed agents to come in

1 here before anyway, you know.

2 GEORGE: A negotiator is not, not going to go
3 inside. So, so if, if --

4 DAVID: Well, why? I mean we've come out
5 there. We've talked to you all before. To be honest
6 with you, I, you know, the first, first few days or, I
7 don't know, how long have we been here, Steve?

8 (Steve's voice in background not discernible.) Four
9 weeks?

10 GEORGE: Yeah.

11 DAVID: Seems like 5 days.

12 GEORGE: Think it, I think it's 4 weeks
13 today.

14 DAVID: Oh, man. Time flies when you're
15 having fun. I don't know. It's just --

16 GEORGE: It's no, it's no fun.

17 DAVID: When I was talking to John Cox for a
18 few days there, you know, I, I felt good. I was, you
19 know, good -- you know, I limp. I mean I, I can't put
20 much weight on my left side where I was hit. But you
21 know. Then all of a sudden I just, I don't know. I
22 just -- I guess, I guess the old body's catching up to
23 me or something and telling me to, you know, lay off a
24 bit. Let it -- I don't know what it's doing.

25 GEORGE: What, what have you been doing? You
been taking it easy?

1 DAVID: Oh, I guess. I mean in my dreams I'm
2 doing a lot of running. In my dreams I'm doing a lot
3 of activity. But I dream about birds and about
4 helicopters and about noises --

5 GEORGE: Somehow I can, I can understand
6 that.

7 DAVID: And I wake up and you know what?
8 It's real.

9 GEORGE: Yeah.

10 DAVID: (Laughing.) It's real. Now we just
11 did a video and I set up and I tried to, you know, my
12 little babies, I tried to give a good rapport to, you
13 know, you know, talk, talk happy, you know, and stuff
14 to them, you know. Tell them to smile and the, the
15 battery or something the, the battery inside of it
16 started going haywire.

17 GEORGE: Yeah, we're, we're going to try to
18 correct that, that problem. Are you -- did they -- did
19 you get on the video?

20 DAVID: No, I think my feet may be in it.

21 GEORGE: There's a, there's a thought here
22 that, that maybe that if you can get the, the video
23 camera to pick up your wound, then maybe we can get a
24 doctor to give us some analysis about the condition.

25 DAVID: You all have any say antibiotic or --

 GEORGE: There's, there's medical help out

1 here.

2 DAVID: Well, like I said it, you know, soon
3 as, soon as my Father tells me to get up and go I'm,
4 I'm out. You know. I don't plan on dying here. I
5 don't -- 33 is too young to die, my friend.

6 GEORGE: I agree.

7 DAVID: You know, I'm just a kid. Steve,
8 he's 43 and he's just a kid too. Now Raymond, he's 73
9 and he's jumping around -- anyway. Whatever happened
10 to all the old ladies and stuff?

11 GEORGE: You mean the people that came out?
12 Most of them are in, are in what they call halfway
13 houses. They're, they're kind of loosely supervised.

14 DAVID: You know, those, those ladies aren't
15 involved in anything. They're --

16 GEORGE: Here again that's --

17 DAVID: They've been --

18 GEORGE: The best person to probably talk to
19 that about probably give you, you know, the straight
20 scoop on that is, is that lawyer if you want to talk to
21 him.

22 DAVID: Yeah. Hey, could you, could you put
23 some Joe Satriani (phonetic sp.) on the tape or
24 something sometime?

25 GEORGE: (Laughing.) I'll, I'll put, I'll
mark that down in the request list.

1 DAVID: Hey, God bless you, George.

2 GEORGE: What I -- another idea that I've
3 been asked to, to explore with you is this idea of a
4 forum with, with some religious theologians. Have,
5 have -- has that been raised before?

6 DAVID: Oh, you know, George, let me be
7 honest with you. Please bear with me just a second.
8 Straight across the table. I mean I love every one of
9 you guys that talk to me, all right? I know you don't
10 understand where I'm coming from. I know it's hard to
11 understand.

12 But in 1985 when I came back from Israel, I
13 came back, I started going to colleges. Started going
14 to colleges and going to theology departments. And I
15 started, started addressing the issues in regards to,
16 you know, the final book of the Bible, the Revelation,
17 Revelation of Jesus Christ. The one that God gave to
18 him. And I talked to theologians -- remember Dr. --
19 you ever heard of Dr. Walter Martin out in Southern
20 California, San Diego?

21 GEORGE: Can't say that I have.

22 DAVID: He was, he was one of the top in the
23 nation, you know. He's with Frances Schaefer (phonetic
24 sp.) and a lot of people. You know they, these are the
25 top conservatives of, you know, Baptist, Church of
Christ, you know, the National Alliance of Churches,

1 | you know. Bible (indiscernible).

2 | GEORGE: Um-hum.

3 | DAVID: And he's, he's like Dr. Dobbs
4 | (phonetic sp.) and a lot of guys. His, his expertise
5 | is cults and, you know, Satan groups. And you know,
6 | he, he gets people out of cults and all that kind of
7 | stuff. He's supposed to be pretty sharp. And we
8 | locked horns with him and some of his, you know, some
9 | of his students, top students.

10 | And it's kind of like a baseball game, you
11 | know? Old Babe Ruth was hard to beat in his day,
12 | wasn't he? You know?

13 | GEORGE: Um-hum.

14 | DAVID: And it's just like every person
15 | whether it be a rabbi or doctorate of degree or doctor
16 | of divinity or theologian. What I teach is really,
17 | George, so simple that they just can't deny the nose on
18 | their face. I mean you know.

19 | And -- but the thing that's, the thing that's
20 | intimidating about what I teach, George, is that if it
21 | is true that the seven seals of Revelation are
22 | mysteries of God and for when there's time no longer to
23 | be finished, if it's true that Christ makes the
24 | statement in the last chapter that he says behold, I
25 | come. My reward is with me. God gave him a book.

 And if it's true that this mystery is

1 finished, to be finished as God declared to the
2 prophets, then you know, why they just get so upset
3 when I just go one after the other through the
4 prophetic writings and just clearly lay out this
5 message that God has ordained for men in the latter
6 days to receive to bring all these religions into
7 unity. I mean there's only --

8 GEORGE: Who, who are you talking about
9 getting upset?

10 DAVID: Oh, the, the leaders of the churches.
11 The reason why they get upset, George, is because if
12 I'm teaching these seven seals very thoroughly, that
13 means that I am Christ as the prophecy teaches.

14 And like I've told them over and over again,
15 I said, I say brothers, the problem we have here is not
16 me showing you the seals. The problem is, is by you
17 being shown the seals the keys of your institutions
18 belong to me. I mean you tell the world that you've
19 built this church for Christ. You tell the world that
20 you're taking these tides and offerings for Christ.
21 And right now the way it is is that you can't afford to
22 give up your position. Because once you give these
23 institutions over to me, I'm supposed to deliver the
24 goods, right? I'm supposed to teach them for right
25 seven seals.

 GEORGE: Um-hum.

1 DAVID: I'm going to turn these places into
2 parks. Because the example of 2,000 years ago was
3 meant for every generation thereafter. And there's
4 just been too much money and too much hierarchy and too
5 much position and too much authority given into the
6 hands of men who don't really even know what they're
7 talking about.

8 GEORGE: David, the thing you got to remember
9 though that, that your problem with us has nothing to
10 do with this, and you can continue to go on --

11 DAVID: Well --

12 GEORGE: -- teaching and, and talking to
13 these people.

14 DAVID: George, really it, it, George, really
15 it does. Let me, let me tell you how this started,
16 okay? You see, in 1960, the United States of America
17 for the first time elected a Roman Catholic president.
18 Now don't get me wrong. I respect Kennedy very highly.
19 But it goes back further than that. It goes back to
20 1929.

21 GEORGE: David, are you going to get upset if
22 I cut you off on this?

23 DAVID: No, that's all right. I'm --

24 GEORGE: Because --

25 DAVID: -- I'm accustomed to that.

 GEORGE: Because I think that's what's been

1 | going on for the last 4 weeks, and we haven't gotten
2 | anywhere with --

3 | DAVID: Hey, wait a minute. Yes, we have.
4 | We've gotten a long ways. We really have.

5 | GEORGE: Where have we gotten?

6 | DAVID: Remember, I'm the one that initiated
7 | the children coming out.

8 | GEORGE: Um-hum.

9 | DAVID: Remember that --

10 | GEORGE: But --

11 | DAVID: -- where we last, where we last left
12 | off --

13 | GEORGE: But we're at an impasse now, right?

14 | DAVID: Well, wait a minute. Where we last
15 | left off was I was talking with John Cox.

16 | GEORGE: Um-hum.

17 | DAVID: And I told him and I showed him that
18 | in Matthew 24 regarding to the coming of the Son of man
19 | whereas of the carcass is the eagles be gathered
20 | together. I showed him from the book where that is in
21 | the prophecies.

22 | And people are mocking me saying that we're
23 | waiting on the fifth seal which is the souls under the
24 | altar that were slain for the word of God and for the
25 | testimony which they held. And John Cox kept saying,
 | you know, we don't want that to happen. You know, we

1 | don't want, we don't want anybody else killed.

2 | And I said that's exactly what I want, John.

3 | I said the prophecies are not written in the Bible for
4 | wicked men to fulfill them. The prophecies are written
5 | in the Scriptures so men can avoid putting themselves
6 | in a position to do what God says the wicked will be
7 | doing. I mean that's why like in Psalms 2 when I, when
8 | I showed John Cox -- oh, boy. This one gets to me
9 | good. You hear that, George?

10 | GEORGE: Yeah, I hear it.

11 | DAVID: Rah, rah (mimicking noises).

12 | GEORGE: Well, that's, that's the stuff that
13 | it -- that's the stuff that we got to deal with though
14 | is the --

15 | DAVID: Yeah --

16 | GEORGE: -- the real world part of the --

17 | DAVID: When I come out, you all probably
18 | going to put me in jail and put me in a jail that's
19 | going to have a speaker. And you're all going to still
20 | keep playing this stuff, aren't you?

21 | GEORGE: You, you know better than that.

22 | DAVID: I wonder.

23 | GEORGE: You know better than that.

24 | DAVID: I have never really seen the United
25 | States of America ever act like this. You know, we're
 | American citizens. We got good records. You know, the

1 ATF saying that we fired on them. I mean I know, let's
2 deal with it on the outside in the judicial system.

3 GEORGE: That's the only, that's the only
4 system we can deal with, Dave.

5 DAVID: And until, and until, and until you
6 get your hands on us, we're in prison here. And we got
7 to be punished. Do you all do this in the federal
8 prisons to the prisoners every day?

9 GEORGE: No.

10 DAVID: Rah, rah, rah (mimicking noises).

11 GEORGE: Pretty nasty.

12 DAVID: The other, the other night this thing
13 was on and I was dreaming. And I was dreaming that I
14 was sitting in church. And the preacher was up there,
15 and he was asking for money. And he had this big old
16 horn in his hand. And he said I'm going to keep doing
17 this until this plate is filled to the top. And he
18 kept going rah, rah (mimicking noises). And I was
19 trying to rebuke him. But I, I -- no one could hear
20 what I was saying.

21 That was a frustrating dream, George. And
22 then I woke up, and of course it was here outside the,
23 the front of the building here so.

24 GEORGE: Well, David, you know what, you know
25 what we're trying to just move things along peacefully.
And that's, that's the reason for that.

1 DAVID: Well --

2 GEORGE: And, and you're smart enough to know
3 that.

4 DAVID: I'm wondering anymore whether I'm
5 smart or not.

6 GEORGE: Oh, come on.

7 DAVID: (Sighing.) Oh, man. Well, George,
8 when's that battery coming?

9 GEORGE: Okay, the battery, the battery has
10 been authorized. I don't know exactly. I'd probably
11 need to call back to tell you exactly how we're going
12 to get that in and when to get it in.

13 DAVID: Well, when is the lawyer going to
14 give us a call?

15 GEORGE: Okay, David, would --

16 DAVID: Could you at least turn this monkey
17 machine off while, when the lawyer calls? Can that be
18 arranged?

19 GEORGE: Yeah, I think that, that we can work
20 on. If, if I -- for instance if I, we can turn the
21 noise down while we're talking or turn it off while
22 we're talking, would, would you get some people out for
23 us? It's kind of a --

24 DAVID: George, where it stands right now is
25 if anybody wants to leave they're more than -- even
these two guys that came in. Steve has been giving

1 | them -- do you know what they did? These guys came
2 | here to save our souls. You know how fanatics are,
3 | right?

4 | GEORGE: I'm learning.

5 | DAVID: They, they figured that we're that
6 | bad and everything that, that they, we needed somebody
7 | that really was spirit filled. And so they risked
8 | their lives to come up here and save our souls. And
9 | now they realize that we're, we're nothing like what
10 | people said we were. And they're learning these seals.
11 | And these guys are just -- well, you should talk --
12 | have you talked to them yet?

13 | GEORGE: They think they talked to them last
14 | night. But David the -- you know that they're waiting
15 | for, for you to say it's okay.

16 | DAVID: I've told them it's okay.

17 | GEORGE: Well, it's, it's going to be more
18 | than you saying it's okay. It's you telling them to
19 | leave. That, that --

20 | DAVID: Look. I can't do that.

21 | GEORGE: -- that has to be done for their
22 | own, for their own good.

23 | DAVID: Hey, we were, we were sending them
24 | out.

25 | GEORGE: You've got to take the
responsibility and the leadership to say this is in

1 | your own good. You need to go. Because that's the
2 | only way we're --

3 | DAVID: Look, George, you do not understand.
4 | My position is not what you think it is. Okay? Look
5 | at the gospels. Did Christ ever tell his disciples
6 | what to do?

7 | GEORGE: David, they turned the noise off for
8 | us so we could talk without that noise.

9 | DAVID: Oh, yeah. I still hear it in my ears
10 | though. It's, it's programmed --

11 | GEORGE: But do me a favor then, okay?

12 | DAVID: Talk to these people, George. Let
13 | them speak --

14 | GEORGE: No, do me a favor. If we talk,
15 | let's talk about, about resolving this not, not go back
16 | over what, what we've gone over.

17 | DAVID: (Sighing.) Wait a second. Let me
18 | move my -- I'm shaking. Wait. (Sighing.) Okay, I'm
19 | back.

20 | GEORGE: Feel better?

21 | DAVID: (Groaning.) Man, I have never in
22 | my -- have you ever, have you ever, ever been -- you
23 | ever had -- I think when I was -- years ago when I was
24 | about maybe 13 I think I got the flu one time. And I
25 | remember that I used to sit in my bed and have a
 | blanket around me. And I used to feel just these waves

1 of I don't know, weakness or something go up and down
2 my back.

3 GEORGE: Um-hum.

4 DAVID: You ever felt that way before?

5 GEORGE: Um-hum.

6 DAVID: I mean just really like, you know,
7 every time you move it kind of feels warm.

8 GEORGE: Well, you may have an infection or
9 fever.

10 DAVID: And -- I don't think I got a fever.
11 I don't -- it's cool in here anyway. But it's, it's, I
12 don't know, it's half pleasant and half, half --
13 forgotten words here. Annoying.

14 GEORGE: Uncomfortable.

15 DAVID: You know. I think, I think George --
16 John Cox told me I, I shouldn't have jumped up too, so
17 quick in the beginning. Because every time I did I
18 started bleeding again. You know, that's -- ever been
19 shot with a bullet before, George?

20 GEORGE: I got hit with a ricochet once.

21 DAVID: Really? Vietnam?

22 GEORGE: No. Talking to somebody on the
23 phone just like this in a bank.

24 DAVID: Really?

25 GEORGE: Yeah.

DAVID: Did it go in you?

1 GEORGE: Just scraped the skin.

2 DAVID: Oh, yeah. I got, I got hit in the
3 left wrist, and my whole thumb from my fingernail back
4 is like numb. And the skin, the skin has turned to
5 leather. You know, like your elbow?

6 GEORGE: Um-hum. Um-hum.

7 DAVID: You know how, how dead it is, you
8 know, your elbow, and dry? It's just, I don't know, I
9 think maybe a nerve or something or was severed and
10 it's like no circulation is going through that.

11 GEORGE: That's not good.

12 DAVID: It's, it's not. You know, I can move
13 my thumb. It's just the top section of it down towards
14 the little knuckle back to where it connects to the
15 wrist is just as, is just as, feels like it's not a
16 part of me. But the, but the actual wound it's, it
17 developed a scab about I don't know, 3/8 of an inch
18 high. And I've been keeping that clean and all that.
19 It doesn't, it doesn't look too bad.

20 GEORGE: Well, it may, it may be important to
21 get a doctor to look at that soon so you don't have any
22 permanent kind of damage there.

23 DAVID: When is Passover coming up? What --
24 Steve, when is Passover coming up? (Steve's voice in
25 background not discernible.) You ever kept the
Passover, George? You ever heard of it?

1 GEORGE: Yes. April 6.

2 DAVID: April 6. Let's see. When was new
3 moon (indiscernible). Fifteenth day of the
4 (indiscernible). Yeah. Is my star still coming,
5 George?

6 GEORGE: Your star?

7 DAVID: Yeah. I was, I was telling the
8 negotiators that I was waiting for my star. I told
9 them in the beginning.

10 GEORGE: They're telling me yes. I'm, I'm
11 not -- I don't -- oh, okay. Telling me it's a comet.

12 DAVID: It's not a comet. Actually what it
13 is is it's actually angels. But the, the
14 (indiscernible) the nebulas -- well, there's a, that
15 guitar. The prophets talk about Messiah and stringed
16 instruments, you know. That's one of the things you
17 should ask the scholars about all they can tell you
18 about the stringed instruments of Messiah. And because
19 like I say if I go into it, I know you'll tell me
20 you're --

21 GEORGE: Cut you off.

22 DAVID: -- not interested. Yeah.

23 GEORGE: It's not, it's not that I'm not
24 interested. It's not, it's not doing anything to
25 resolve anything.

 DAVID: Well, really -- look, if, if I'm, if

1 I'm right what I --

2 GEORGE: But that's, but that's really got
3 nothing to do with, with what our situation is. The --

4 DAVID: Well, I --

5 GEORGE: -- the world, the world is going to
6 go on --

7 DAVID: Well, wait a minute. If I'm right,
8 this is what's going to happen. Okay? Listen, George.
9 If I'm right, then my Father and the chelebum (phonetic
10 sp.) and the meklavas (phonetic sp.) going to all of a
11 sudden -- there's going to be a big storm. I mean a
12 storm is going to develop out of nowhere. All the
13 prophets talk about it. Read in Jonah, Zephaniah,
14 Hosea, Obadiah, Malachi, Habakkuk. Read them. And all
15 those who have blasphemed without having compassion,
16 and all those in this nation who've made statements
17 contrary to me although not even knowing me or what I
18 teach are going to, are going to be in bad trouble.

19 GEORGE: Well, the people are responsible for
20 what they say regardless.

21 DAVID: And this nation is going to be
22 overthrown so that all other nations in the world can
23 realize that capitalization that revolves around
24 Christmas, Easter, Halloween, these are all pagan
25 festivities, you know. And we really don't appreciate
you playing Christmas carols to us. But you know,

1 we'll take anything that you want to dish out. Because
2 it's just going to come right back on you if I'm right.

3 Now if I'm wrong, you know, I'm in your, I'm
4 in your hands of mercy. Because when I come out, you
5 know, I got to take what I got to take. But if I'm
6 right, everything you're doing to me is going to be
7 done to you sevenfold over.

8 And you know, I love you guys. You know, I
9 want to talk about these seals, because nobody can know
10 where I'm coming from unless they hear me out.

11 GEORGE: You can do that.

12 DAVID: I'd, I'd love to talk to these
13 scholars. And maybe they might -- after talking with
14 me, maybe they might turn to you guys and say hey, you
15 better listen to this guy. He, he just might be that
16 thief in the night that the New Testament talks about.
17 You know. There's something about Christ that nobody
18 knows until there's time no longer.

19 Oh, boy. Ask the doctors why a person shakes
20 when he's not cold.

21 GEORGE: Okay.

22 DAVID: I mean that's something I'd like
23 when, I'd like to -- of course, you know if you, if --

24 GEORGE: You, you want to shoot some video of
25 that just so they get an idea of what you're --

DAVID: Yeah, I will.

1 GEORGE: -- skin color and things like that.

2 DAVID: Yeah, we'll, we'll let them. Yeah,
3 we'll do that. Because like I say I, you know, I
4 don't -- I know I'm not going to --

5 GEORGE: Get --

6 DAVID: -- I know I'm not going to die. But
7 I don't, I don't --

8 GEORGE: Get your, get your finger up as, as
9 clear so they can take a look at it and, and the
10 wounds.

11 DAVID: Yeah, I'll let them tape. I mean I
12 healed up real fast. I mean you know.

13 GEORGE: Well --

14 DAVID: The nurses that were here -- of
15 course, you know you got one of the nurses there with
16 you. And you know, my blood pressure was really low.
17 Then it went up normal.

18 GEORGE: How, how about other people in there
19 with wounds? Are they --

20 DAVID: How's, how's Scott doing?

21 GEORGE: -- having problems?

22 DAVID: Steve? Where has he been? How many
23 days have I been in here anyway now?

24 STEVE: I don't know. It's been quite a
25 while.

 DAVID: I mean what is today anyway?

1 (Steve's voice in background not discernible.)

2 Tuesday? Was the last I talked to John? And it's
3 Sunday?

4 GEORGE: Um-hum. It was Wednesday.

5 DAVID: It was Wednesday? Oh, boy. Yeah.

6 GEORGE: David, you know the problem is that
7 things just stop when you don't come to the phone. We
8 can't get anything resolved. You got to, you got to
9 hang in there and keep talking. It's the only way this
10 thing is going to work.

11 DAVID: Well, I -- every time I talk all I do
12 is talk about my work, my seals.

13 GEORGE: Well, you talk a little bit about
14 maybe, maybe people coming out. And that's what we got
15 to shift the conversation from.

16 DAVID: Well, I mean they just, they just
17 told me that, that -- what, what did they knock out,
18 Steve? (Steve's voice in background not discernible.)
19 Yeah.

20 STEVE: They turned the boat over. They --

21 GEORGE: Yeah.

22 DAVID: Which boat did they turn over?

23 GEORGE: Yeah, we've been told that.

24 (Steve's voice in background not discernible.)

25 DAVID: Huh? Oh, boy. Oh, another thing is
that, that bulldozer --

1 STEVE: I told them.

2 DAVID: -- that they -- oh, you told them?

3 Okay. (Steve's voice in background not discernible.)

4 That's a rented one --

5 GEORGE: (Laughing.)

6 DAVID: That's -- that thing is eighty some
7 thousand dollars. It's brand spanking new. And those
8 guys are probably jumping up and down to, to -- I mean
9 that's, that's not ours.

10 GEORGE: Okay.

11 DAVID: You know, it was for a month. But
12 it's not no more.

13 GEORGE: Okay. I understand.

14 DAVID: I might need to send them another
15 payment. But anyway. So what's this -- Steve, take a
16 note would you for me, please?

17 STEVE: Yeah.

18 DAVID: What's this lawyer's name now,
19 George?

20 GEORGE: DeGuerin.

21 STEVE: DeGuerin.

22 DAVID: DeGuerin. Who, who --

23 GEORGE: Steve, Steve knows him I think. I
24 think they --

25 DAVID: Who is he? You heard of him before,
Steve? (Steve's voice in background not discernible.)

1 Oh, but have you ever like, have you ever heard of him?
2 Is he like -- (Steve's voice in background not
3 discernible.) They say he's famous. They say I'm
4 famous too now. I don't feel famous. What's this,
5 what's this story about me being infamous? I'm not
6 infamous.

7 GEORGE: What's the story?

8 DAVID: I'm a country boy out here trying
9 to --

10 GEORGE: I'm not -- we're not into the story
11 part of this. We're just trying to get a job done.
12 We're just trying to get you out safely.

13 DAVID: One of the, one of the agents want to
14 talk to -- who's Rick? (Steve's voice in background
15 not discernible.) Is Rick there? George?

16 GEORGE: I don't -- Rick.

17 DAVID: Rick, Rick who's the --

18 STEVE: He's an agent. He's a negotiator who
19 was on the phone with me last night.

20 DAVID: Last night.

21 STEVE: Yeah.

22 GEORGE: They got a different group on, on
23 here at night. You talking about, about Bob Ricks or,
24 or Rick was a guy on the phone?

25 DAVID: Bob Ricks?

STEVE: No.

1 DAVID: I've heard of Bob Ricks. I can't
2 remember -- (Steve's voice in background not
3 discernible.) Austin. Rick from Austin.

4 GEORGE: Okay. I think he was on last night.

5 DAVID: Whatever, whatever happened to old
6 Jim? I liked old Jim. ATF -- the first one that ever
7 talked with us.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: He's back.

9 GEORGE: Jim, Jim I understand is back. He,
10 he was out of town for a while and he's back.

11 DAVID: How is he doing?

12 GEORGE: Far as I know he's doing okay.
13 They've, they've moved some people out and some people
14 back in, and it's hard to keep track of people.

15 DAVID: You tell John Cox I don't care how
16 hard he is. I still like the guy.

17 GEORGE: He'll be back tonight.

18 DAVID: Tell him, tell him he needs to break
19 away from eating those crawdad heads.

20 GEORGE: Well, why don't you call him
21 tonight? You can talk to him. He'll be here tonight.

22 DAVID: Oh.

23 GEORGE: Keep him up.

24 DAVID: I think he's kind of mad at me.

25 He -- you know, they were playing all this weird stuff.
And so one night I got on the phone with my guitar and

1 kind of wacked out a few notes towards him. And he
2 don't like to take in what he likes to dish out.

3 GEORGE: Um-hum.

4 DAVID: I look at all those guys and their
5 families and, you know, I've always, I've always,
6 always tried to make friends out of everybody I've ever
7 known. There's not a person here in Waco that doesn't
8 like me. I've never pushed religion on anybody. You
9 know, some, some people, some people have like known me
10 a couple, three years and -- oh, baby, thank you. Boy
11 is he looking good. Huh? (Judy's voice in background
12 not discernible.) Oh, that's a liberty coin. Want to
13 say hello to George? Say hello.

14 GEORGE: Hello.

15 MAYANAH: Hi.

16 GEORGE: Hello.

17 DAVID: Hi, George.

18 MAYANAH: Hi, George.

19 GEORGE: Hi, how are you?

20 DAVID: Hello.

21 MAYANAH: Hello.

22 GEORGE: What's your name?

23 DAVID: Oh, boy. I got to tell you.

24 GEORGE: Who was that, David?

25 DAVID: This is little Mayanah. Little --
you'll see her.

1 JUDY: David, have you seen my hand? Here,
2 here, here.

3 DAVID: That's where the bullets went
4 through?

5 JUDY: Yeah, and I didn't even feel it.

6 DAVID: Oh --

7 JUDY: I wasn't wearing a (indiscernible).
8 Bullets went through the skin.

9 DAVID: Yeah. Yeah, they said they didn't
10 have no machine guns. Goodness. These walls. There's
11 let me count, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
12 13, 14, 15, 16. Let's see 16, 16 rounds in a group of
13 about a foot and a half right on this wall here.

14 GEORGE: Well, I don't know, I don't know
15 what to tell you about that. I think -- I'm not sure
16 it's helpful to keep, to keep talking about things
17 that, that have gone on. I think we need to try to
18 work --

19 DAVID: George, let me ask you an honest
20 question man to man. It's on tape.

21 GEORGE: Okay.

22 DAVID: We -- me stepping out --

23 GEORGE: Okay.

24 DAVID: -- on the front door with my right
25 hand out, my left hand holding the door open, my one
foot down on the porch. It's on tape.

1 GEORGE: What's, what's your question, David?

2 DAVID: Well, no, it's a statement. You
3 know, the thing of it is is that you know, why would I
4 be coming out for if I'm, if I'm going to, if I'm
5 supposed to be blowing these guys up?

6 GEORGE: I don't, I don't know. I, I --

7 DAVID: Now, in, in the -- let, let me
8 explain now. This is not religious. This is civil.

9 GEORGE: Okay. Okay.

10 DAVID: When on the left those ATF agents
11 were coming around to the left side of the gates, and
12 they were coming around to the right of me there
13 because of the front gate, the truck was right there,
14 and the two cameramen were straight across the,
15 straight across, perfect view with the door there over
16 in their cars over there. Why do you think that all of
17 a sudden I fell back inside the door for? I mean you
18 know, that gun went pow, and that door in my left hand
19 kicked. And I can, I can show you the bullet hole
20 coming in, 9 millimeter.

21 Now the ATF said that it went off by
22 accident. But of course, whether accident or not, when
23 it went off, then everybody else started firing too.

24 GEORGE: Um-hum.

25 DAVID: From the ATF agents.

 GEORGE: Um-hum.

1 DAVID: They started firing too.

2 GEORGE: But David, it's really --

3 DAVID: And Perry was standing right there
4 not -- the doors are metal. Perry was standing there
5 next to the window, and he got hit twice. Now he died.
6 You know. Now I don't care what you call law or what
7 you call federal. It was unnecessary.

8 You know. You may have gotten reports that
9 we had machine guns. You may have gotten reports that
10 we had bombs or we had missiles. But I'm talking to
11 you man to man. And listen to me.

12 GEORGE: I'm listening.

13 DAVID: Every day I jog at the front of this
14 gate down the road either to the two water tanks on a
15 cold day or all the way down to the end of the road on
16 the dirt road on a warmer day. Robert Gonzales, all
17 along we knew they were agents. Any day all they had
18 to do is get on the telephone, and by the time I made
19 it to the end of the, to the road down there, any day
20 you boys could have picked me up anytime. When I went
21 out here in my car to Wal-Mart. You know. Any day.

22 GEORGE: But David.

23 DAVID: But no, David.

24 GEORGE: Okay.

25 DAVID: But instead.

GEORGE: No. But David, what do we do about

1 | it now though?

2 | DAVID: Well, what we do about it now is I
3 | wait on God. I pray. Because you boys are murderers.
4 | You boys are killers. My country has dealt with me and
5 | people I love in a way that's not right.

6 | GEORGE: So what do we do about it?

7 | DAVID: Well, what you've done about it is
8 | you've disrespected (sic) my personage --

9 | GEORGE: Well --

10 | DAVID: -- civilly, and you've disrespected
11 | my religion.

12 | GEORGE: Well, David, what I'm doing about it
13 | is --

14 | DAVID: And you've, and you've come and
15 | you've said come out. And you've said now. And you've
16 | torn up my boat, my motorcycle, the children's
17 | motorcycles, the --

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