

Waco/Branch Davidian Compound

Section Unit 1

File Unit 63-HQ-1050305

SUBJECT

Waco / Branch Davidian Compound

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63-HQ-1050305

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EXEMPTIONS: b6, b7c

(See attached 4-694a : Explanation of Exemptions)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life of physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals, except records of arrest;
- (k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his identity would be held in confidence.

Director William J. Donovan
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

March 7, 1993
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Dear Mr. Director, ~~_____~~
after having worked for many years

in law-enforcement, I have been watching
the news coverage of the situation at Waco,
Texas. ^{DAVID KORESCH} ~~DAVID KORESCH~~
You have David Korisch, a heavily-armed
bored suspect with hostages of various ages.
Some of his followers are his soldiers, that are
willing to fight it out.

I've been thinking how can you get him
out of the building without injuring any children?
Here are some possible tactics;

1. Set off concussion grenades next to the building. 63-HQ-1050305-1
2. Shoot water cannons through windows and flood building.
3. Fire tear gas into building.
4. Fire smoke grenades into building.

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5. Fire either gas into building to neutralize occupants. (PUT THEM TO SLEEP)
6. Start a fire ~~in~~ outside of building to make it hot for occupants, leaving a fire exit for them.
7. Use an airport foam machine and spray a big pile of foam around the perimeter of building ~~so~~ so Hovusch can't see out of building.
8. Aim large search lights at building at night and play loud music so that David Hovusch can't sleep at night.
9. Try to get a psychological advantage by lining up several large army tanks out of his firing range at a safe distance.
10. Drive an Army tank through the side of the building gently to open an escape hole in side of building.

11. Don't believe anything that David Thomsen says because he has already proved he is a liar because he said he was wounded at the outset with the ATF Agents.

12. If you wait long enough you might be able to wear him down physically, but he is so crazy that he might do anything.

13. Beware of underground tunnels and passageways.

14. Consider dropping something on the building by airplane or helicopter.

15. Be aware of wind direction so that no teargas comes back on your agents.

16. In view of the fact that he is heavily armed, ask the army to do what is necessary to get him to come out of the building peacefully.

Good luck!

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I wish you success in bringing the situation to an end and keeping injuries to a minimum.

I've been trained by police chiefs and F.B.I. agents at Sonoma Police Academy.

I have been out of law-enforcement since 1980. I just wanted to give you some constructive ideas to make the job of ATF and FBI easier.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your March 7th correspondence to the Director concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated, and I will see that they are passed along to our investigators in Waco.

Sincerely yours,

Anna West Tunney
Unit Chief
Correspondence Unit
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April, '93

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I'm most interested in your thoughts about "WACO, STANDOFF"; & of "DAVID KORESH"; & this interesting incident.

How have you since all this started pictured David Koresh as a person & his background?

Could you say from accounts from his family Mr. Koresh's life is mixed up because of his Religious beliefs & using this in this standoff & what his letgo followers are saying about Koresh?

Could you say Koresh is a dangerous man to be around when all this started?

Could you say Koresh & his followers have enough guns & rifles to last along time?

What charges would be placed against Mr. David Koresh when he's gets out of his compound?

Why hasn't the "FBI" let religious Ministers, & teachers who study religious beliefs?

Why didn't the "FBI" let Koresh's Mother & her lawyer in to visit her son to talk him out of this compound & giving up?

Have you ever dealt with David Koresh before if so when? & now dealing with Koresh in this incident & the publicity this case is getting & his cult's getting in the Press, & news media attention could you say he's doing this to draw attention to the religious teachers, & Ministers & his saying he's "CHRIST"; & his waiting for a message from "GOD"; to come out would be a stall trick to get time on his side?

How do you picture David Koresh now & the mood he's showing & the knowing of the BIBLE; & its scriptures from his viewpoints & teachings?

Could you say these accounts from his family, followers, that have very horrible stories there telling?

Could you send me statements you've made & your "FBI" agents have made, & how they've been answering the news media's questions & other interesting background of this, & if you can send me a "TIME TABLE" of events leading up to this incident.

Let's hear from you.

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April 19, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your March and April letters concerning the bombing of the World Trade Center and the standoff situation in Waco, Texas, have been received.

While I appreciate your interest in writing, it would be inappropriate for me to answer your many questions as Department of Justice and FBI policy prohibits commenting specifically on pending investigations. This policy has existed for a number of years and serves to prevent any impact on judicial proceedings relative to criminal charges that may result from the investigation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
 Anne West Tunney
 Unit Chief
 Correspondence Unit
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NOTE: Bufiles show that Mr. DAVIS has written to the FBI in the past about a number of issues, including the FBI's investigation of FELIX BLOCH. The last correspondence to him was 9/5/89.

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*8 March 1993

TO : The Director of the FBI

Dear Sir :

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The stand-off in Waco has the FBI AND THE ATF AT bay and the agencies seem not to know to deal with it. The Leader of the individuals is a hypnotist and and they are under hypnosis as is the Leader self hypnosis. The Leader can stand off the government indefinitely posing as one under divine orders to do what he does.

Has the FBI considered the possibility of seeking the use of a qualified hypnotist to deprogram the Leader. Only a hypnotist can reach the Leader. If this means is employed by the FBI must still be the negotiator as far as the Leader is concerned.

The individuals in the compound can not come out due to the fact they have nowhere to go. They have been dispossessed of all means of survival outside the Compound.

The Leader holds the trump card due to his right of freedom of religion. This is his shield and and no government agency can penetrate the shield, non-violently.

It is not in the national interest to allow this stand-off to continue indefinitely.

Our justice system needs to be aware of the how the mind-benders operate and how to break the mind-benders strangle hold.

I am not a hypnotist, but surely the FBI has access to one. And one is all you need.

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~~Mr. [REDACTED]~~

Dear [REDACTED]

Your March 8th correspondence to the Director concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated, and I will see that they are passed along to our investigators in Waco.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Anne West Tunney
Unit Chief
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington D.C.**

March 23, 1993

To whom it may concern.

After watching the Waco incident day after day, it occurred to me, why not try to play his game.

Have someone put on a white robe, carry a staff, walk over to the compound and say: "Jesus has spoken to me. Please come out."

The man in Waco may be Whacko enough to believe it.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your March 23rd correspondence concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Anna West Tunney
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Dear F.B.I. --- Re. DAVID KARESCH
(THE PREACHER MAN)
Gentlemen: David Karesch

Re Your Situation in Texas where
The Preacher Man Seems to have us all
a Bit STYMIED..

I have come up with an idea
that should work.

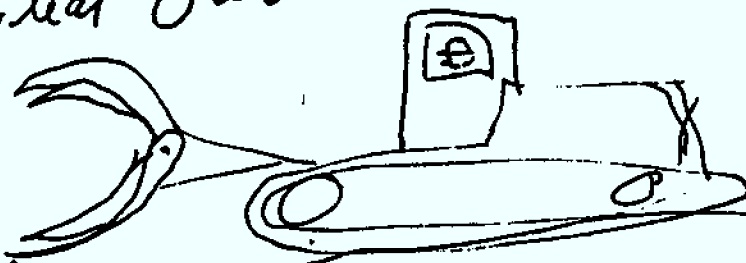
I noticed that all the structures seem
to be made of Frame.

about 1 Year ago in my Neighborhood
a Condo house (by the city) was Razed

By a Construction Co. & it took only

2 1/2 hours -- (a 2 Story with Garage)

The main Machine was a Bull Dozer
with Great Jaws like this



(Excuse my Bad Drawing)

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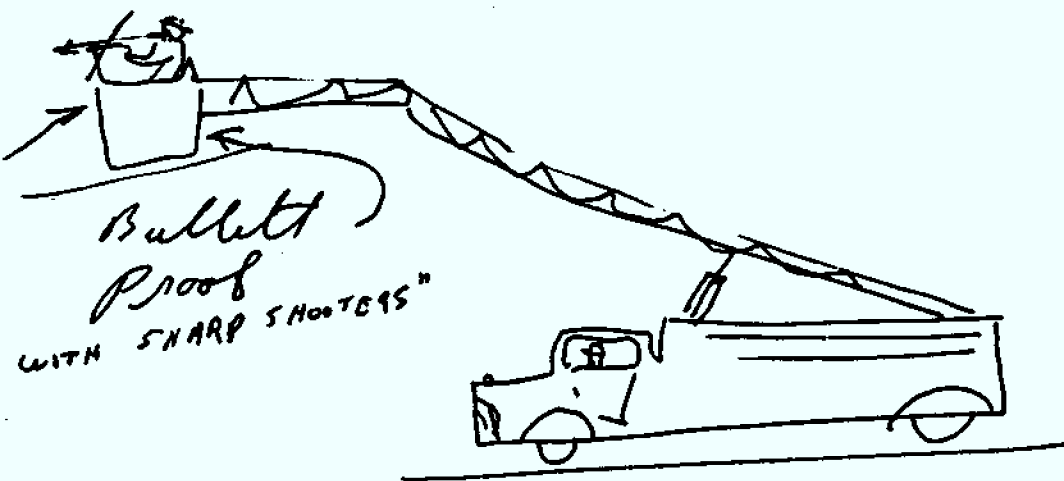
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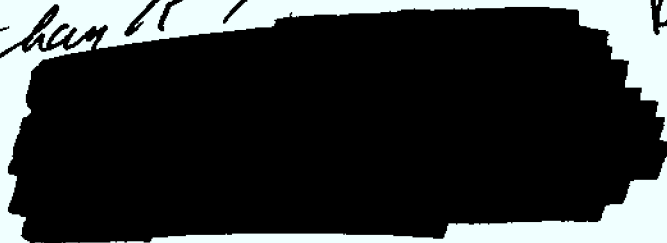
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Now prepare a small army of The
Best Biggest Dyzers & make them Bullet
Proof To The Drives---

But Before they attack you set
up Fire Dept. Type Smarkels that
are also Bullet Proof & in their
Buckets: have Sharp Shooters...



Now!! You NOT TRYing To Tear
Down the whole Complex But Just let
The Dyzers go in.. Take out a
Giant Bite & Back off... &
Just keep doing this until the
Preacher cracks then you



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April 15, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your March 29th correspondence to the FBI concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Anne West Tunney
Unit Chief
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IF YOU WANT THE PEOPLE OUT OF THE COMPOUND IN WACO TEXAS SOON, CONTACT THE GREAT BILLY GRAHAM AND HAVE HIM MAKE A CASSETTE TAPE AND PLAY IT LOUD ENOUGH THAT THEY CAN HEAR IT IN THE COMPOUND. THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE OF HOPE, SAVING LIVES, AND RETAINING SOME DIGNITY. THEY WILL COME OUT AFTER HEARING THESE WORDS FROM BILLY GRAHAM A VERY RELEGIOUS MAN WHOM THEY CAN TRUST TO SPEEK WORDS OF TRUTH.

SINCERELY YOURS.
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Miscellaneous

Dear [REDACTED]

Your March 29th correspondence to the FBI concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated, and I will see that they are passed along to our investigators in Waco.

Sincerely yours,

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April 3, 1997

FBI
Washington, D. C. 20310

Sir:

Put me in charge and I will
deliver Koresch, Cult Leader to you.

It's quite simple.

Ram down the doors with a large
tank followed by Infantry men
wearing gas masks.

Spray the inside fortresses with tear
gas.

Use flashlights to locate Koresch
and the girl.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your April 3rd correspondence to the FBI concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sirs,

It is utterly ridiculous that our federal government can not or will not proceed to serve a federal warrant on the little bunch of weirdos at Mt. Carmel, which is costing United States taxpayers millions of dollars.

Innumerable others have misused the bible to serve their own ends. One instance was the pass the loot or P.T.L. Club.

In the orient losing face means losing respect.

Worldwide our federal government is losing face or respect.

That appointed federal officers stand by for over a month, while the weird bunch has lots of time to hide anything incriminating.

Also time to even dig tunnels behind the officer lines up.

Then demand payment for any damage done to the compound.

This also encourages other weirdos to use similar tactics.

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The solution, no deal, - solve the entire thing in one hour.

Give the weirdos 30 minutes to come out unarmed or take action.

Do not tell them what the action will be.

If the weirdos do not come out as instructed, start lobbing in tear gas, which will not permanently damage anyone.

There is also pepper gas which stopped a riot in very short order at the Gatesville Tx jail.

Whoever is in charge of serving that federal warrant should be replaced with a person who is not afraid to take action.

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April 15, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your recent correspondence to the FBI concerning the hostage situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated, and I will see that they are passed along to our investigators in Waco.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ AWT
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April 16, 1993

Colonel William G. Boykin
Commander 1st SFO
Ft. Bragg, North Carolina 20837

Dear Colonel Boykin:

Please accept my gratitude for coming to FBI Headquarters for the discussions that related to the standoff in Waco, Texas.

The issues that were discussed here could have ended up being roadblocks to the successful conclusion of the standoff. Your frank and careful discussions contributed significantly.

Thank you for your assistance to the FBI in this very difficult matter.

Sincerely,

William S. Sessions
Director

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April 16, 1993

Brigadier General Peter J. Schoomaker
Assistant Division Commander
First Calvary Division
Ft. Hood, Texas 76544

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Sincerely,

William S. Sessions
Director

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April 16, 1993

Dr. Harry Salem
Chief
Toxicology Division
Chemical Research, Development
and Engineering Center
SMCCR-RST
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5423

Dear Dr. Salem:

Please accept my gratitude for coming to FBI Headquarters for the discussions that related to the standoff in Waco, Texas.

The issues that were discussed here could have ended up being roadblocks to the successful conclusion of the standoff. Your frank and careful discussions contributed significantly.

Thank you for your assistance to the FBI in this very difficult matter.

Sincerely,

William S. Sessions
Director

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Dear Sir: Waco TX

You are to Be Commended For the speedily way you made arrests vs the Twin Towers, NY. A Fine piece of Detection! Of course, these culprits worship at the mosque of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman and he is the terrorist that should Be expelled From this Country. He originally came in on a tourist Visa, then claimed those MAGICAL words - political asylum! This same ruse, so used By hundreds of thousands of Immigrants - mostly illegal. How many thousands say political asylum, & never return for their Court hearing, who disappear in NYC - Miami? The FBI should deport the Sheikh, who uses terrorist tapes to incite his followers in Egypt, who is prone to harm, assassinated Rabbi Meir Kahane, whose Followers murdered Sadat. You should go For the Head! Deport the Sheikh now.

Now in Waco, a strategically placed tank shell - over or under, might alert Koreth that the FBI means Business. After all, his followers Killed 4 FBI, now it's your turn. He could send the remainder of women & children out. If they choose to say, well - that's just too Bad!!

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April 16, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for writing on April 2nd and commenting so favorably about the FBI and our recent investigative efforts. Your interest in also sharing your views and observations about the standoff situation in Waco, Texas, with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Anne West Tunney
Unit Chief
Correspondence Unit
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

- 1 - ADIC, New York - Enclosure
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LA TIMES
MARCH 8/93

'Ready for War,' Defiant Leader of Cult Tells FBI

By LOUIS SAHAGUN
Times Staff Writer

WACO, Tex. — Cult leader David Koresh has told federal agents surrounding his Mt. Carmel fortress that he is "ready for war" and controls enough firepower to blow Bradley armored personnel carriers "50 feet into the air," the FBI said Monday.

Federal authorities responded to Koresh's provocations by calling in reinforcements, including four M-1 Abrams tanks. The tanks will protect hundreds of federal agents positioned about a half-mile from the Branch Davidian sect's compound, FBI Agent Bob Ricks said at a news conference.

"He [Koresh] has indicated he would be most pleased if we would engage in a gun battle with him," Ricks said. "He has made such statements as, 'We are ready for war. Let's get it on. Your talk is becoming in vain. I'm going to give you an opportunity to save yourselves before you get blown away.'"

"His exact words were, 'We can cause those vehicles to go 40 or 50 feet into the air,'" Ricks said. "There may be explosives and perhaps even rockets in the compound."

One negotiations expert said that
Please see WACO, A-2

Who is
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"Hundreds of
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Wm Sessions
Director
Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington DC

April 12, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Director Sessions asked me to respond to your inquiry concerning the cost to law enforcement in its continuing efforts to peacefully end the standoff with the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas.

The source of funding for FBI-related expenditures in Waco is from our salaries and expenses appropriation. Each agency participating in this massive law enforcement effort is responsible for its own expenditure.

The interest which prompted you to write is appreciated, and I thank you for giving us the opportunity to address your concerns.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Anne West Tunney
Anne West Tunney
Unit Chief
Correspondence Unit
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- 1 - San Antonio - Enclosure
Attention: Media Representative
- 1 - [REDACTED] (Room 5030) - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Evans (Room 5042) - Enclosure
- 1 - Press Office (Room 7222) - Enclosure
- 1 - Ms. Tunney

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NOTE: [REDACTED] enclosed a portion of a newspaper clipping concerning the stand-off between law enforcement and the BRANCH DAVIDIAN sect in Waco, Texas. [REDACTED] wants to know "Who is paying for this circus?" Response coordinated with [REDACTED] Budget Unit, CID, who discussed with Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section Chief [REDACTED] CID, and [REDACTED] Budget Formulation and Presentation Unit, ASD.

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March 24, 1993

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

Dear Mr. Sessions:

OWACO TX

I am a resident of Hewitt, Texas, which is approximately ten minutes south of Waco and 20 miles from the Mt. Carmel compound. This problem brings concern for those inside the compound, the ATF and FBI agents attempting to solve the problem, and all of the local law enforcement officers assisting in the effort. Though their safety is of primary concern, most are further distressed about the amount of money being spent to end it.

I am writing you in order to request an approximation of the amount of taxpayer dollars spent each day concerning the surrender at Mt. Carmel. This conflict is now in its twenty-fifth day. How much longer will it take? and How much money will have to be spent in the long run? As an affected taxpayer, the alarming news of the supposedly \$61 million spent so far on the operation fills me with great concern. I have received various information pertaining to the amount actually being spent. My information ranges from one to two million expenditures daily to one to two million being spent weekly. I am writing this letter in hopes to receive the correct sum spent so far and what exactly my money is being spent on. I believe that, as a federal taxpayer, we have the right to know.

If possible, please send the appropriate information requested to the address below. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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April 15, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Waco TX

Your March 24th correspondence to the Director concerning the standoff between law enforcement and Branch Davidians in Waco has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and concerns about the money being spent in an effort to resolve this situation is appreciated. While I would like to answer your questions, I am not at liberty to do so because FBI and Department of Justice policy prohibits other than general comments on ongoing investigations.

Sincerely yours,

AWT
Anne West Tunney
Unit Chief
Correspondence Unit
Office of Public and
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- 1 - SAC, San Antonio (89B-SA-38851) - Enclosure
PERSONAL ATTENTION:
1 - Mr. Evans - Enclosure, Room 5042
1 - Ms. Tunney, Room 6236

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

Re: discussed with SSA [REDACTED] who concurs. 4/15/93

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TO MY MAILGRAM TO YOU OF MARCH 10TH PARTICULARLY FOR THE WACO TX
STANDOFF, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO MY LAST SENTENCE THE FOLLOWING:
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Dr. W^m Sessions
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Dear Sir:

I wish to commend the FBI Group that is handling the Ware problem.

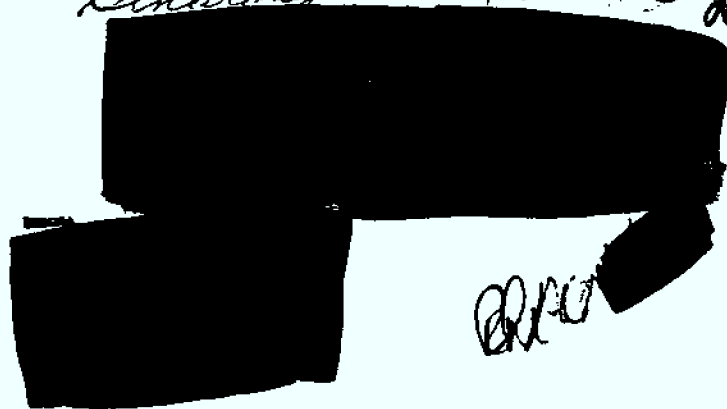
I would have completely used up all of my patience and I am praying each day that no more men will be hurt in any way. My heart goes out to the friends and families of those that lost their lives.

Please let "them down there" know how loyal as I am sure there are many others that feel the same way.

Sincerely, 63-HQ-1050305-27



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April 16, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing on April 5th and commenting so favorably about the FBI and our recent investigative efforts in connection with the standoff situation in Waco, Texas. Citizen support is very important to us as we strive to carry out our responsibilities to the American people. We hope our future endeavors will also merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Sessions
Director

- 1 - SAC, San Antonio (PERSONAL ATTENTION) - Enclosure
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March 16, 1993

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
William Sessions
Office of the Director
Ninth Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC. 20535

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Dear Director Sessions;

I am writing to raise my objection to this hideous and cruel injustice being carried out in Waco, Texas. The issue as I see it is not whether or not the Branch Davidian sect is right or wrong in its' beliefs or even whether or not David Koresh is mentally stable. It is that the Branch Davidian Sect and David Koresh are under attack because the government has determined that the group threatens the status quo. How dare they own firearms that the government considers dangerous. Although the Constitution guarantees us the right to bear arms, our government has decided in the name of our "best interest" they cannot condone us owning firearms that it considers threatening to its own existence. As far as I am aware the Branch Davidian Sect has not terrorized their neighborhood or the surrounding community and has not broken any law that would infringe upon any other persons Rights. They have not robbed gas stations or convenience stores, not raped old ladies, or even kicked puppy dogs. They are a self contained community that chooses to protect itself from the threat they see the Government as being. In my opinion not necessarily without justification. The time that they did use the weapons for what was said to be illegal purposes was during an internal power struggle. They were tried by a Government Court and not convicted. I guess that doesn't mean anything anymore.

I surely feel grief for all on both sides whom have fallen during this act of Government terrorism. However, if I had to favor the outcome of this confrontation to one or the other, I would hope that the Branch Davidian Sect would see victory in their actions. After all, it is about time someone had the guts to stand up to this Government who wants to interfere in every aspect of an individuals' personal lives. It is not the Governments function to dictate policy to people on how to live their lives. Make no mistake about it, the people do not adhere to this Government because they feel justice is being carried out or that the system is equitable, it is merely because we know that the Government is too strong to beat. We are not voluntarily donating our wages to what we think is a good cause, believing that the money is being spend equitably, we pay taxes because we don't want to go to Prison. We abide by Government laws on how to raise our children, regarding what kind of housing we must live in, what kind of health care we are allowed to seek,

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etc. We do everything in this country just to retain our freedom from Government imprisonment. Because we no longer have our Nature given Rights to determine for ourselves what is right and what is wrong, even if it does not interfere with anyone elses Rights. It has come to a point that we are no longer in control of our own lives because the Government has determined for us what we should do, what we should think, what we should wear, who, how, where and what we should speak, eat, read, learn, worship, live, what our morals should be, etc. And here I mistakenly thought that Government existed only to protect our Rights to make these determinations ourselves. I must be mistaken.

It is my understanding that we as U.S. citizens have the right to practice whatever religious beliefs we desire without government sanction or interference and to bear firearms. According to the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States we are guaranteed the right to religious freedom. Perhaps you have never heard of this document since no one in the government rarely refers to it. It is the written agreement between the people of the United States and the government that sets limitations on government power and guarantees Rights to the people being governed. My understanding of contractual agreements is that if one party does not follow through with their responsibility according to the agreement then the agreement becomes null and void.

AMENDMENT I

"Congress shall make NO LAW respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the FREE exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances".

The Government has decimated our religious freedom by regulating the mode in which Religious Organizations carry out their business and creating guidelines dictating what is and what is not acceptable religious practices so that there can be no clear leadership other than those sanctioned by the government on the secular or spiritual plain.

AMENDMENT II

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed".

The right to bear firearms has been taken away by the governments' determination of what weapons are to be considered reasonable and what are not, so that government enforcement agents cannot be overpowered. The Right to bear Arms was granted to ensure that this country has a standing Militia ready to fight in case of an external invasion and to keep the Government from gaining too much authority over its' people.

AMENDMENT IV

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized".

The Right to reasonable search and seizures has been taken away in order to preserve justice(???) Government Enforcement Agents may now stop your vehicle or enter your home or search your person without probable cause.

AMENDMENT XIII

1. "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction".

2. "Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation".

The right of an individual to be free from slavery or involuntary servitude, except in cases where employers are required to withhold taxes from the income of its' employees and without ever being convicted of a crime, and also with exception to those whom must serve on juries involuntarily and without being convicted, and also those whom must register for the draft and those whom have served in wars through the draft system, or perhaps they too were convicted of crimes without ever being charged or tried.

The Constitution does not state that we have Rights with limitations, it simply states that we have those Rights. The only thing that has ever made this country different from others is that it guaranteed the Rights of the INDIVIDUAL, not only in cases where it served in the best interest of the majority, but rather guaranteeing EVERYONE individual Rights. Therefore since the Government of the United States has ceased to follow the rules of our contractual agreement, perhaps then we too have no obligation to follow through with the agreement. This would mean that we would have no legitimate governing body. Therefore I am proposing that we as people should exercise our HUMAN Rights to take back what is ours.

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and assume among the powers of the Earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of 'Nature's God' entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation".

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness - That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundations on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness".

I am not necessarily seeking the overthrow of this Government and I want this letter in no way to be mistaken as a threat towards anyone or anything. It is not. I would however suggest that it is necessary for the Government to return to us as people, our HUMAN (Nature Given) Rights to Live as we would choose without further infringements by the Government and for the Government to become once again subservient to the people instead of the people being subservient to the Government. I therefore urge you to halt this inhuman terroristic attack upon the people of the Branch Davidian Sect and halt the Governments' infringement upon the Basic Human Rights of all its' citizens before this Government shares the same fate as the British-Colonial Government of the United States Colonies.

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copy: William Clinton, Nicholas Brady, Steven Higgins, William Sessions, Janet Reno, Harris Wofford, Arlen Specter and others in the House of Representatives and other media.

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April 19, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your correspondence to the FBI concerning the standoff situation in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

I do want to point out that the FBI is involved in the situation in Waco because Federal officers were killed, a violation of Federal law that falls within our investigative responsibility. When Mr. Koresh and his followers leave the compound, they will have their day in court, and a jury of their peers can decide the merits of your belief that their human rights were infringed upon.

Sincerely yours,

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Anne West Tunney
Unit Chief
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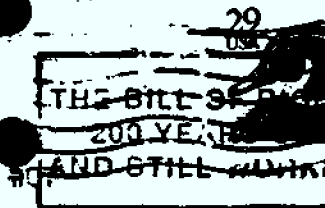
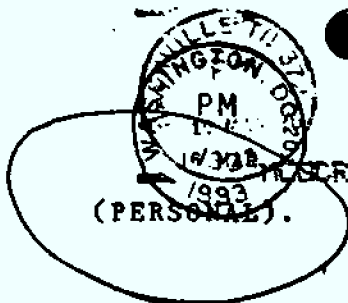
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To; Mr. William Sessions.
(FBI. Director)

FBI. Headquarters.

Washington,
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15 DIRECTOR

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March, 93

Dear Mr. Sessions,

Wade TX

I'm most interested in your thoughts about the Tx. standoff & cult leader
'DAVID KORESH' & the start of this incident.

1. Do you see how groups like this could do things like this in the name of religion
have so much arms?

How have you seen David Korsh from the US. Government's view as well as others like
him?

2. Could you picture Mr. Korsh as being from a well liked family?
Then how would you say his religious thanking took a different line of ideas & how
he got people programmed into his teachings & his beliefs that's twisted him as he is
now?

3. What accounts have you seen on Tv. & have heard from David Korsh's family about
his upbringing?

Why wouldn't David Korsh's brother help in talking to his brother David Korsh to
giving up?

4. Could you say he's a very firm believer in his teaching & what's he has been doing
& what the world's media is saying & the accounts they giving about David Korsh &
his followers?

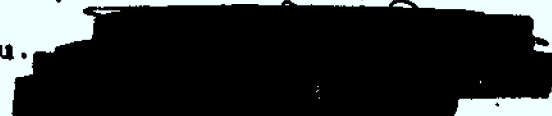
Could you say the toughest thing is the waiting & the talking & hoping there's no
shooting?

5. How have you pictured the FBI's reports from the sight of the compound & these
people who have left the compound & how many other people are heldup in this
twisted matter?

What charges will the FBI. when David Korsh is finally arrested be charged with & how
he'll be treated & his followers?

What details & file has the "FBI" have on Mr. "DAVID KORSH" & his background? & could
you send me "PRESS RELEASES" & Q&A-Question, & AA-Answer press conference, & other
details, & a "TIMETABLE" of this incident.

Let's hear from you.

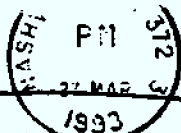


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To; Mr. William Sessions.
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Dear Mr. Sessions,

I'm most interested in the case in Waco, Tx. of the cult & David Koresh & the FBI.'s thoughts of this stand-off.

How do you see Mr. Koresh's cause & the thanking of his teachings & his followers he taught?

Who did tip off Koresh to the raid on his compound to serve him a warrant?

Could you say the millions of rifles, guns, etc. ect. & how easy he could get these & holdup in this standoff this long?

What has Koresh's family told you of his background & his thanking on religious thanking?

Why would the FBI. keep Koresh's Mother & her lawyer from going to see Koresh & what she might be to talking Koresh to giving up ending the standoff?

What cases like this has the "FBI" handled & what reactions to what they've found in these cults & what there leaders believe in?

How do you picture Mr. Koresh from the FBI's views & the reactions in his beliefs?

What charges on Koresh would be filed by the "FBI" & the killings of the agents during this standoff?

Would you seek the help from Ministers on religious beliefs to study Koresh's beliefs & teaching to talk him into giving himself up?

What do you learn from experiences & cases such as Koresh's kind & when it's a cults, & there harm to people around them & to there own followers?

Could you say from ex-cult members accounts about David Koresh he's a fanatic in his teaching & religious thought?

Could you send me details about David Koresh & the standoff, & from statements made by federal agents, & these press conferences about David Koresh, & the arms in his compound, & about the talks with Mr. Koresh, & a "TIMETABLE" leading up to these events & the "STANDOFF"

Let's hear from you.



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Dear Director,

We support you
in the decision you
had to make at Waco.

David Koresh & his
followers were given every
chance to come out - they
are responsible for the death
of those children, not the
FBI - we have written
MS Reno - we support
her in the decision she
had to make - we
Republican, but in that
situation, we support the President,
MS Reno & those law
enforcement officers.

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William Sessions
FBI Director
Justice Dept
Wash. D.C. 20500

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Mr. Tamar -

21 April 1993

The U.S. has good reason to fear people like you when you "justify" the action of the FBI in the WACO, Tex. Massacre

The FBI was totally in control of what happened there! And it is outright cowardly to attempt to project blame of the killings onto Korsh or anybody else. How naive do you think people are? We know how stupendous your ego is, but do you also have to think everyone else is stupid? You were collecting your pay whether or not Korsh surrendered — so WAIT! You are simply an ass all puffed up by authority. It is my earnest hope you get a double dose of what you dealt out! You idiot!

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Sessions -

21 April 1993

RE THE WACO, Tex. MASSACRE

I am certain millions of others like me watching you on TV yesterday were as insulted by your rationalizations as I was. It is alarming to know that there are people in control with such contempt for citizens that any kind of stupid explanation is good enough for them - including an effort to paint yourselves as Angels of Rescue, then precipitating a massacre of everyone. You did say one thing accurately: "We were not prepared to allow them to defy Law and Order." That was an unintentional slip of ego that showed exactly where everything lay! Your ego was more important than lives. I hope you also die thru violence!

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Re: [REDACTED]

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Dear Gentleman (ladies);

I'm a young mother of 2
Small children and I think
your actions in Waco Tx.
were very Comendable.
Tryig to negotiate with people
who have no brains of their
Own is impossible! As for
the innocent children who
were murdered by that
maniac - you should not
let the media make you
feel like it was your
fault in anyway! I feel
they (media) are looking for
Someone to put the blame
on and decided to point the
finger at you. I feel you
did your job the best way
you know how and if I were
you I would turn the tables

and ask the Media what
they would have done in
your positions. I'm sure
their answers would almost
be comical! ~~My~~ I just
wanted to let you know
that I'm behind you 100%
and there are many more
I know (including mothers)
who feel the same way
I do.

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature block]

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Dear [Redacted]

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Keep up the good work!

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April 19, 1993

Hon. Carl Levin
1860 McNamara Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Dear Sen. Levin:

This is to protest the assault on the Koresh compound near Waco, Texas, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I just heard on the news that the FBI is flooding the buildings with "tear gas." I have little sympathy for Koresh and adult disciples, but I am appalled that the government would endanger the lives of children. If any children are injured or killed, I think that the government officials responsible should be prosecuted and subjected to personal liability for damages.

The agent-in-charge, who held a news conference at 11:30 A.M. obviously enjoyed his moment in the limelight immensely. He is plainly a victim of the "John Wayne Syndrome." Our government is strong enough that it doesn't have to make a show of strength.

There are much better ways of handling this situation. The siege may be somewhat costly, but much of the cost is the result of the government's overreaction to the standoff. As I see it, the siege could be continued indefinitely with a much lower investment in equipment and personnel. It should be borne in mind that the Koresh compound will probably be forfeited to the government and will repay much of the cost of the siege. At least it will if the government doesn't destroy it.

Where would Koresh & Co. go, anyway? The government could simply designate the compound as a place of detention for all of the adult occupants and forbid them to leave. The children could be provided with food, teachers, and other necessities. It seems to me that this would probably be less expensive than housing all those individuals in jail cells.

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When the Branch Davidians get bored enough, they will surrender individually or en masse. In the meanwhile, boredom is David Koresh's greatest enemy.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

William S. Sessions, Director
FBI
9th & Pennsylvania NW
District of Columbia 20535

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cc: Detroit Free Press
FBI Director William S. Sessions
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May 4, 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your correspondence concerning the former standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, has been received. Your interest in sharing your views and suggestions with us is appreciated.

Our trained negotiators were, regrettably, unable to convince David Koresh to bring this situation to a peaceful resolution without further loss of life. The events of April 19th were indeed tragic for everyone involved, including the dedicated men and women in law enforcement who worked hard to preclude this tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

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

- 1 - SAC, San Antonio - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Collingwood - (Room 7240)
1 - Mr. Coulson - (Room 5012) - Enclosure

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We applaud you in your
actions at reced. Tx.

What happened was inevitable.
If we allow these groups to take
over the minds of our children
we will have fear, not freedom.

You have our full support

✓ gratitude —

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Warm Regards

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Federal Bureau of Invest.
Justice Dept.
Washington D.C.

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QUICK NOTE

Waco TX

MY WIFE AND I FULLY
SUPPORT THE F.B.I.

WE HAVE LITTLE USE
FOR THE MAUDLIN, FAKE
SENTIMENTALITY THAT
THE NEWS MEDIA AFFORDS
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To the FBI + ATF

We just want you to know my
wife and I and our friends think you
did a great job at WACO! TX

You just can't reason with insane
people!

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Sincerely

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FBI + ATF AGENCIES
WASHINGTON DC 20535

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Dear [REDACTED]

April 21, 1993

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

Thank you for handling the Nace, Texas case for so many weeks and bringing it to conclusion.

I support you and your staff all the way.

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cc: Attorney General Janet Reno - Congratulations are in order to you Ms. Reno as well. I support your efforts all the way. I am glad President Clinton also gave you his support as well.

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William S. Sessions
FBI DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Dear Mr Sessions

We abhor the mindless accusations against law and order in this sad case at Waco TX. We commend the Bureau's actions. We admire the strength that certainly is evident in the agents who are interviewed on TV. The quality of these men is apparent. It is sad indeed that the media is repeating the negativism which should be contained to the area of the statement. I am wondering if the sensibilities of good living people will be stirred enough to rise to the defense of our men who keep law and order and write to thank you.

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We hope this will settle quickly. We pray that it will settle quickly.

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FBI Headquarters
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
10th & Pennsylvania N.E.
Washington D.C. 20535

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04-20-1993

Concerning: Letter of Appreciation: Waco:

Dear Sirs,

Our F.B.I. actions in ^{TX}Waco this week are to be commended. They were as patient as they possibly could be under those adverse conditions. As far as I could tell, they were dealing with a man completely out of control. The time frame allowed from the 51 day seige beginning and the end was for most Americans, too long. Koresh intended to commit this violent crime from the beginning and I do sincerely hope it is treated as a crime. He did, after all, kill at least ninety people. Koresh's lawyer should not be allowed to recieve so much media attention, he is most assuredly doing this to gain publicity.

Again, thank you for your actions on the part of Americans everywhere and I am sure I do not stand alone.

Sincerely,

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April 19, 1993

William Sessions, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Our brave FBI and ATF agents won a great victory today!

They won with a tank attack, storming the walls of the home of a pitiful group of misguided men, women, children and babies, causing them to be incinerated. This is in keeping with their prior record of burning down an entire neighborhood of innocent people in Philadelphia just to get to one guilty party; burning down the house on a handful to teen-age rebels in the Patty Hurst affair; and attempting to burn out a lone Christian family, that of Randy Weaver, after they murdered his wife and 14 year-old son. Why not re-name those groups The New Gestapo. It would be appropriate.

When my uncle served with General George Patton at the D-Day invasion, their tanks faced the German army. Under a Commander-In-Chief who is a draft-dodger, our tanks are thrown against American civilians.

David Koresh could have been questioned or arrested at any time during the past several months or years. Instead, the FBI chose not to do anything that sensible, but preferred to send 100 armed men to attack those families with all those children and babies present, guns blazing. I'm sure the FBI knew those people would protect their children and fight back, so they meant for innocent people to be killed. Since they are not making a dent in the "war on drugs" they probably wanted publicity so it would look like they were busy. They likely killed their own agents who were caught in the cross-fire, just as the agent was killed by the FBI in the Randy Weaver attack, then the FBI immediately had their agent's body cremated so the corner could not produce the evidence.

After using psychological torture for 51 days on this peaceful religious community, the FBI finally got its way...the slaughter of 86 men, women, children, and babies. They also trampled the Constitutional rights of all Americans. Our Constitution gives us the right to bear arms and to practice our religion without interference from the state.

How long will it be before the FBI and the ATF turn their artillery and tanks on other religious groups? How long before tanks burst through the walls of Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, or anyone else who will not fall into lockstep with the political agenda of our New World Order leaders?

Sincerely,

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April 20, 1993

To the F.B.I. and Janet Reno -

This is just a note from an ordinary citizen who feels that this day should not pass without a note to you regarding the decision to move forward with the situation in Waco, Texas.

You made a right and proper decision, in my view. During the last 7 weeks you have been patient, faultlessly patient, and endured being toyed with by a nut.

In my uninformed belief, this thing could have gone on for a year, at great cost to the taxpayer, and the end result would have been the same.

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There will be a lot of second guessing

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and hand-wringing, perhaps even for political purposes by congress, but I believe that I may speak for a lot of people, who won't write, when I say "well done, you did the right thing."

Being a conservative Republican, I confess that I have not always been a fan of Attorney General Janet Reno. But if she is willing to take the "luck stops here" heat, my respect for her has gone up several notches, in my book.

Thank you, F.B.I., for a job well done. You've nothing to apologize for!

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Pennsylvania, NW
Washington, DC 20535

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Dear [REDACTED]

April 20, 1993

The Honorable Janet Reno
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. & 10th Street NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Madam Attorney General:

I am horrified and physically sickened by the tragedy at Waco. If the accounts of the affair are accurate, there does not appear to have been any compelling reason whatsoever for the FBI and other agents to have attacked the Koresh compound. The only reasons seem to be impatience; a sense that the federal forces were being shown up as incompetent; and a desire by law enforcement agencies to assert their strength. The enclosed remarks by Larry Potts, assistant director at the F.B.I., demonstrate that this was the rationale for the actions of the F.B.I.; over 80 adults and children died horribly because they thumbed their noses at law enforcement! Furthermore, it is extraordinary that psychological profiling, which has no credible scientific or rational basis, played any part in dealing with this crisis.

The Associated Press has reported your description of your involvement in the process that led to the decision to attack the compound. These remarks show that you played an active role in reaching that decision and in advising the President. There is no doubt in my mind that the buck does indeed stop with you and that you should resign forthwith. Furthermore, William Sessions, his advisors, the senior FBI agent at the scene - indeed anyone who advised you to take this precipitate and totally inappropriate action - should resign.

The United States has a reputation throughout the world as a society in which guns are available to every citizen, law-abiding or crackpot, and in which there is a glorification of violence, in law enforcement agencies and in the streets. This grotesque tragedy confirms how far the United States is from being a decent and caring society.

Yours sincerely

cc. The President
Mr. William Sessions

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

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serves to solidify bonds within the group, rather than dividing them as is the case with common criminals.

Advice Right on Hostages

Many experts on cults who were interviewed yesterday said they and others they knew in the field had not been consulted during the siege. One expert, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he had been consulted for his expertise on hostage negotiations, rather than for cults.

Another expert, Dr. Margaret Singer, formerly of the University of Cali-

second-guess the F.B.I., and none could offer an alternative strategy that law-enforcement officials might have used to end the standoff that would not have risked bloodshed.

Even so, they also said that a violent confrontation with a group like that in Waco heightened the probability of loss of life because it fulfilled the besieged group's belief that evil forces were arrayed against its members, and that their salvation was in dying in a violent Armageddon.

The emotional glue that binds members of a sect to a leader like

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The Government's Plan

Officials Contradict One Another on the

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Koresh, the cult leader whom they viewed as a dangerous outlaw who had treated their efforts to negotiate with contempt. They had concluded that Mr. Koresh was never going to voluntarily surrender and had no choice but to intervene to break the stalemate.

Based on what the officials said it seemed clear today that, in their minds, the standoff was a confrontation between the law and heavily-armed killers who had slain four Federal agents — a situation that demanded urgent attention. It was not in the nature of the law enforcement officials, who had seen the Federal agents killed during the initial raid on Feb. 28, to let the cult go on with its way of life.

"These people had thumbed their noses at law enforcement," said Larry Potts, the assistant director of the F.B.I.'s criminal division.

Outpaced by Events?

But the Administration's effort to explain itself today was often far less clear.

The discrepancy over how much information officials had about child abuse in the compound left President Clinton seemingly unaware that other officials were backpedaling on the extent to which reports of abuse had motivated the decision.

President Clinton said today that he had been told by Ms. Reno of recent child-abuse reports on Sunday, the day before the assault. Mr. Clinton said in part:

"In the end, the last comment I had

But as they were briefing reporters about the events that led to Monday's fiery conclusion of the 51-day standoff, Mr. Sessions and Mr. Potts both said there was "no contemporaneous information" of child abuse or baby beatings to justify the assault, although the department had older evidence that some children may have been abused by Mr. Koresh, and there were other legitimate reasons for applying tear gas.

Officials provided contradictory accounts of whether the F.B.I. had adequately prepared for a mass suicide. Bureau officials insisted today that

Officials struggle for words to justify a disaster.

none of the experts inside and outside the agency had thought that a mass suicide was probable, although they said such a possibility had never been fully discounted.

They also said that while they had managed to put small listening devices inside the compound, the devices had yielded only fragmentary and inconclusive information about Mr. Koresh and the conditions inside the complex.

Long Saturday Meeting

Ms. Reno decided to approve the bureau's plan on Saturday evening, after a long meeting in her office with senior aides who had been euphoric

said Mr. Stern her the most w children."

Mr. Stern, a Saturday eve F.B.I. officials ists who had brought out a but Mr. Stern recall anyone been recent i question was ward," he said ing was about

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

April 20, 1993

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Dear

Dear Mr. Sessions;

The conduct of your agency, and others involved in the Branch Davidian situation in Waco, was disgraceful- absolutely disgraceful. LIX

ATF agents started this off in a "keystone cops" like manner and then were replaced by the FBI who charged in with "both left feet"

From all indications the cult was just exercising its right of religious freedom, and no matter how unorthodox that may have been, it was no crime.

The use of tanks and armored vehicles against civilians is quite unbelievable - this isn't Hungary in 1956, nor the Warsaw ghetto in 1943.

I used to think that when the FBI got into armed conflict on indian reservations it was the indians fault. Now, after seeing the way the agency handled itself in Waco, I'm not so sure.

Your agency and the others involved in this fiasco are responsible for the holocaust that occurred.

If the FBI and ATF are itching for action, how about going up against street gangs in our major cities. They really are heavily armed, and do constitute a threat to the public. Or would that be a little too dangerous? Not quite the easy mark that innocent cult members are.

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You and your agency should be ashamed of your part in this tragic debacle.

Sincerely,

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William Sessions
Director of the FBI
Washington, DC

April 20, 1993

Dear Mr. Sessions;

I am outraged about 95 or more innocent men, women and children being burned to death in Waco, Texas, by the Federal Government.

I do not believe these people burned themselves to death. Poison or gunshots I might believe, but not self immolation. Nor do I believe that David Koresh was willing to die. I believe the heavy handed actions of the FBI in tearing holes in their buildings and pumping in huge quantities of flammable gas was the direct cause of the fire.

Moreover, the FBI keeps lying and obfuscating. For instance, they are trying to convince all of us that the tear gas was not flammable by using the term "non pyrotechnic." NON PYROTECHNIC DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE GAS WILL NOT BURN. It means that the launching canister will not set it aflame, and that is ALL it means. The tear gas was flammable and probably caused the fire. Unfortunately the news media is doing their dirty work for them, because the media thinks they are saying the gas would not burn and reporting this to the American public.

Back in February, instead of storming the compound why didn't they just arrest David Koresh when he was in Waco? He went there all the time. But no, they had to be grandstanding gangbusters, inviting the press to observe their swaggering intimidation of some cult members without regard to the potential loss of innocent life.

I think David Koresh was evil as well as demented. Maybe he and some of his top lieutenants got what they deserved. But not the innocent people and especially not the children.

I demand an investigation and punishment of those responsible. Plenty of heads should roll on this one.

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And let me also mention that as I write this there is an uprising going on at a prison in Lucasville, Ohio. These convicts are murdering people and getting all the air time they want. I DON'T SEE ANY TANKS AND I DON'T SEE ANY TEAR GAS BEING PUMPED INTO THE PRISON.

Yours truly,

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I SUPPORT COMPETENT LAW
ENFORCEMENT: BUT B.A.T.F.
STARTED IT WRONG & FBI,
ENDED IT WRONG!! PLEASE
SEND EXTREMELY BRIEF REPLY
I.E. WHAT WAS DONE RIGHT IN
THE BRANCH DIVISIONAL MATTER.

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Sirs Dear [REDACTED]
I completely support
your actions in Waco TX
against the Davidian
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WILLIAM SESSIONS
FBI
WASHINGTON DC 20000

Waco TX

YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE FBI TO AN ALLTIME GLORY VANQUISHING THESE
DESPICABLE STATE ENEMIES IN YOUR VERY OWN DESERT STORM. HOW
GLORIOUS. YOU AND YOUR INCOMPETENT UNDERLINGS SHOULD RESIGN. IT
ISN'T THE COMMUNIST OR CULTISTS I FEAR IT'S YOU AND THE BUREAU'S
RAMBO MENTALITY. HOW PROUD TO HAVE KILLED ALL THOSE WOMEN AND
CHILDREN. THEY CHOSE TO DIE IN THAT INFERNO RATHER THAN COME OUT AND
FACE YOU AND YOUR STORM TROOPERS. THINK ABOUT IT. RESIGN.

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April 21, 1993

Mr. William Sessions
Director of F.B.I.
1900 Half St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

There has been a steady pressure to remove you as continuing Director of the F.B.I. Up to this point I have been a supporter of you. I watched you on Larry King Live the other night and realized my support had been misplaced. Your arguments are illogical. The events in Waco indicate you are not qualified to be the Director of the FBI.

Your brisk retirement from public service will be a benefit to the nation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Judge Sessions,

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Shame on you. Everything you took part in was wrong, and you'd be better off if you'd admit it. This country is coming apart at the seams, and the whole Waco fiasco is the perfect example of a corrupt and lawless government. We need people in power like you to get off the abuse-of-power trip you're on, and remember why this country was started in the first place. It was because of people like you. You should be ashamed of yourself. Remember that you are not almighty. God is. Submit to Him for control of your life and He will control our country. I would fight against

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you and the current government
that rules us till my last
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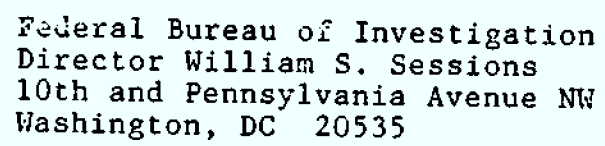
Try to list any differences between
you, your government, and the
government we rebelled against
in the first place. If you need
help, I urge you to consult your
Bible, and the Constitution. It's

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Judge, and rest assured that there
are plenty of us out here that can
see past the propaganda and
see you for what you are. You're
supposed to be on our side. Try
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Thursday, April 22, 1993

Mr. William Sessions,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I think you made a bad mistake in what you did at Waco, Texas, early this week, and, like many other people, I have been trying to figure out how in the world you could have done it.

I have listened to your words on the radio, and have read in the papers what you and Ms. Reno and Mr. Clinton have said, and for me none of it adds up to very good reasons.

Apparently you followed a narrow, fixed, almost bureaucratic way of thinking, instead of following what I would think of as human wisdom and common sense about how you deal with people like that. You acted like a military officer who was intent upon forcing the enemy to surrender, or like a policeman who was determined to enforce law and order, by golly, no matter what! And when you did consult some outsiders for advice, you consulted the military, of all people! The military could help with certain technical and tactical advice, I am sure, but in most other matters the military is very limited in its understanding, and you should have known that.

Surely you know that in Waco you were dealing with things far beyond and far different from the usual questions of law enforcement and military conquest. But in your decisions and actions and explanations you showed no awareness of that, no understanding of what you were dealing with, and you did not consult the people who could have helped you understand. Apparently you just moved ahead in a form of tunnel vision which was almost guaranteed to bring major tragedy. I am sure you were sincere in what you did, but you revealed a very narrow understanding of the situation, and that raises serious questions about your qualifications as a national leader.

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You may have seen this article in the Philadelphia Inquirer today, April 22nd, but I am enclosing it just in case you haven't.

You have so much power over other people's lives. Please try to grow in your wisdom and understanding of the human spirit.

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The feds repeated MOVE tragedy...

By WILLIAM B. LYTTON

It was Harry Truman who said that the only thing new is the history you don't know. In the case of the Waco tragedy, it appears that the federal authorities thought they had a unique situation; they didn't seem to know the history of Philadelphia's MOVE tragedy in 1985.

There is an eerie and remarkable similarity between Waco and MOVE.

A cult of "true believers," coalesced around a charismatic figure, established a fortified "compound." Inside were weapons of various sizes of indeterminate number. Also inside were very young children.

Law enforcement officials' first efforts to seize control of the compound were met by gunfire and a refusal by those inside to surrender. What followed was a lull — several hours in the case of MOVE, 51 days in the case of Waco. During that time, negotiations proved fruitless.

The law enforcement officers grew fatigued and had no backup replacements. With no apparent overwhelming need to act to prevent the loss of life or serious injury to those inside, plans were developed to hasten the end of the standoff. The beginning of the end for each involved some degree of force — a bomb dropped from a helicopter and a battering ram to knock down doors and walls. Plans were modified on the spot resulting in greater force and greater risks.

In each case, a horrific fire developed, engulfed the structure and resulted in the deaths of men, women and young children. No efforts were made initially to put out the fires, with the official explanation being concern over the safety of the firefighters.

Before the evening news, politicians and editorialists were demanding investigations. After the smoke had cleared, the political leaders accepted the responsibility, but not the blame; they had relied on "the experts" in approving the plans.

For many of us involved in the MOVE Commission investigation, our first reactions to the Waco tragedy were both horror and a frustration that the lessons we hoped had been learned were either unknown or ignored.

What are some key relevant lessons learned from the MOVE Commission's investigation?

■ When dealing with armed and barri-

caded cultists, choose some way other than a frontal armed assault. Perhaps lull them into complacency and, if arrest warrants are outstanding, apprehend them when they leave the site. Perhaps just wait.

■ If you seek advice from a paramilitary organization, don't be surprised if you get a paramilitary solution. The Philadelphia Police Bomb Squad's solution in May 1985 was to drop a bomb. The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' solution in February 1993 solution was to use firearms.

■ "Experts" are overrated. Common sense is worth a lot more. Some expert may suggest that blaring the sound of rabbits being slaughtered — as was done in Waco — will make someone give up. Perhaps the sound of family members making personal appeals would offer a greater chance of success.

■ If children are involved, they should be considered hostages. Period. Take no action that would jeopardize their safety unless and until you are convinced you need to act to prevent their imminent death or serious injury.

■ The cost in both dollars and lives is almost certain to be less if you simply wait it out. Frustration, public or political pressure, or budgetary concerns are just not relevant when lives are at stake. While the cost of the siege was expensive, it will pale in comparison to the damages sought by the lawsuits that will shortly be filed. And, of course, the many lives lost cannot be measured by any accounting system.

■ And perhaps most fundamental, anticipate the failure of Plan A, and have a Plan B. After the initial disastrous ATF's assault, an ATF spokesperson said that their plan was perfect; the problem was that the cultists refused to play their assigned role.

In the aftermath of the fire, a Department of Justice spokesperson said that their plan too was a good plan. No one expected those inside to do something that crazy. Yet, some reports have said that the cultists told the FBI that any agents who penetrated the compound would be met by a lake of fire.

There was concern that David Korsh's behavior was becoming increasingly aberrational, and Attorney General Janet Reno said she "had heard that there might be the possibility of [mass suicide]. We carefully considered that. But we came to the conclusion that based on everything that we had seen there was nothing to prevent Korsh

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from doing it ... at any time in the future. Our experts said ... that they did not think that he would ever come out."

And yet, it does not appear there was consideration that the plan might not work or what should be done if it didn't.

In ancient Rome, Caesar was accompanied by someone whose job was to continually remind Caesar that he was mortal. People planning how to deal with these types of standoffs need to have someone whose job it is to recognize that even experts are human, and to ask a simple but profound question: "What if?"

There will be an investigation, and many of these issues will be addressed. As that process begins, let us remember that we have the advantage of hindsight, and we are examining the actions of a crazed and paranoid cult leader as well as those of decent law enforcement officials who no doubt truly believed they were doing the right thing. The focus of that investigation should not be to assess blame or find a scape-

goat. Rather, we should focus on why things went wrong, what we have learned at such a terrible price and how it can be avoided in the future.

We do not start with a blank slate. For while there are a multitude of differences in the details between MOVE and Waco, there are startling similarities in terms of the facts, the strategies and tactics of both sides, and fundamental issues of whether and under what circumstances the lives of children are to be put at risk.

There is a saying that those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. We have just witnessed the awful reality of that simple thought. How terrible it will be if, in five to 10 years, after some new disaster, we again find ourselves asking why the lessons of MOVE and Waco were ignored.

William B. Lytton was staff director and chief counsel of the Philadelphia Special Investigation Commission, which investigated the 1985 MOVE disaster.

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April 20, 1993

Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. William Sessions,

Our family is appalled at the fiasco in Waco, Texas. Everything from the first misguided armed assault by the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Bureau to the petty daily news conferences of F.B.I. Agent, Bob Ricks. The F.B.I. choosing to make degrading remarks about Koresh and his strange group was a mistake; it only boxed them in and further cut the cult members off.

There are strange groups all over the country, some may have a propensity toward violence, they can't all be burned out. A special unit of law enforcement agents should be trained to deal with groups that espouse violence. Calm and patience should be exercised and not a frontal assault on these groups. From some local reports Koresh could have been taken when he went to a dinner several times a week.

I do not believe the F.B.I. wanted the cult taken alive, I believe they're trained to exterminate people that get in their way.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable FBI Director William Sessions
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Washington, DC 20535

The Honorable Director Sessions,

Waco TX.

I think you are a terrific Director of the FBI. You have always acted appropriately and in the best interests of the law. I totally support you and your brave efforts. You are a principled man and one who I admire. Keep up the great work.

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April 20, 1993

Dear

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

Dear Mr. Sessions:

Just wanted you to know that our family feels you and your officers did an exemplary job in Waco, TX this week in handling the David Koresh incident. Never, for a moment, did I doubt that the end would be death for Koresh's followers. They chose their path, they took it, so be it. Only the children should be mourned.

The ATF and FBI officers on the scene went far and above the call of duty in attempting to end the stand-off. Frankly, I thought it went on 50 days too long. However, we in our family support your actions as, I suspect, did most Americans. Enough is enough. And I think any taxpayers dollars spent in "investigating" this incident is money wasted.

Bravo, Mr. Sessions, to you and your people!

Sincerely,

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April 20, 1993

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

Dear Judge Sessions:

4. ^{TX} Yesterday's FBI operation to end the ^{Died} Koresh case in Waco has been the subject of much criticism by media anchor people, reporters, psychologists, and others claiming expertise on cults. I am disgusted with this criticism and wanted to let you know of my support of the Bureau.

Koresh and his adult followers bear sole responsibility for their fate. Certainly the outcome was tragic and we sympathize with the families of those who lost their lives. But Koresh is no victim; Koresh is the subject of this case.

He was, it seems to me, a manipulator of others. As a child, unable to cope with basic reading, writing, arithmetic, he learned the art of manipulation; of parents, teachers, other children: until when a high school freshman he could no longer get away with it and quit.

I cannot believe he was any kind of Christian theologian. Koresh perverted the message of Christ to his own appetites (ego, violence, sex, etc.).

The FBI exercised the utmost in patience in dealing with Koresh. It is too bad the outcome was a tragedy, but it had nothing to do with the way the FBI handled it. My congratulations to the men and women who dealt with this difficult and dangerous assignment.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
4 DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Very truly yours,

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April 20, 1993

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my support for the FBI and all the personnel involved in the "Branch Davidian" standoff in Waco, Texas.

One has to be impressed by the professional conduct by all the agents.

We all know that this will usher in the "silly season" for the media and politicians. All will demand "why did the FBI allow those poor people to kill themselves".

I hope you will direct your comments to the tragic deaths of the four ATF agents. And the remarkable restraint by your agents.

Respectfully,

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