

Waco/Branch Davidian Compound

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(See Section 1 for Explanation of Exemptions)

Wednesday  
April 21st 1993

Gentlemen:

We would like you to  
know, we approve of your  
handling of the situation

in Waco Texas. It appears  
that Kerech never was going  
to release any of the people  
in his compound. The FBI  
had to take some action.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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MR. & MRS WALTER PAPPAS  
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April 22, 1993

Janet Reno  
U. S. Attorney General  
Main Justice Building - Room 5111  
Constitution Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Reno,

Please accept this letter as a vote in support of you and the  
F.B.I. and other law enforcement agencies in handling the  
Branch Davidian situation in Waco, Texas.

It is time for the people of this country to put some faith  
in the law enforcement system and let them do their jobs.

If a person does not break the law, the law wont break them.

Sincerely,

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William Sessions  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Director William Sessions  
FBI Building  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C. 20226

*W. Sessions*

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I feel very strongly I must write to you and let you know I support you 100 percent in the way your agents handled the Waco incident. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind you people did everything humanly possible to diffuse that situation without loss of life and you and your agents are to be commended at your patience in dealing with a situation that only had two endings to it and since the Davidians didn't want to end it peacefully it ended the only way it could have. Anybody with half a brain could see what this man? was doing to these people. There is also no doubt in my mind that he chose the way he did hoping that it would have a world wide reaction (negative) to law enforcement and he would have won in the long run. I don't know where all this is going but I am getting sicker and sicker every day to think that so few people can do the damage to our law enforcement that is being done to them to date. And there are so many air-headed liberals/leftists in this country that use incidents like this to further their socialistic causes. All I can do is encourage you and your organization to keep on doing what you are doing, I firmly believe the majority of the people in this country that are law-abiding citizens will support you as I do and I would hope that many of them will sit down and write and give you a word of encouragement and praise your men for their integrity and dedication to law enforcement. Thank you for a job well done.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THE FBI ACTED VERY PATIENTLY, ESPECIALLY AFTER THEIR AGENTS GETTING KILLED. IT SEEMS PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN FOUR FBI AGENTS WERE KILLED RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS STUPID ORDEAL.

THESE TYPE OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL. THEY RATHER DIE FOR THEIR SO CALLED BELIEF THAN LIVE FOR IT.

SO THEY GOT WHAT THEY WANTED. THEY WANTED TO DIE.

I APPRECIATE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT. THEY ARE ALWAYS OUT IN FRONT PROTECTING US. BUT VERY FEW PEOPLE SEE THIS. THEY SHOULD BE APPRECIATED MORE THAN THEY ARE.

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Dear Sir, I am writing  
I support your  
decision in the  
Koresh matter. He  
killed those people  
not you (yall).

This voting citizen  
knows the difference  
between right & wrong.

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Dear [REDACTED]

F.B.I.  
F.B.I. BLDG.  
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April 21, 1993

Dear Mr. Carhart:

Dr. William S. Sessions  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C., 20535

① Waco, TX -

Dear Dr. Sessions,

I would like to extend my support to you, the Bureau, and to those brave and restrained field commanders and agents involved in the incident at Mt. Carmel, Texas. Considering the situation, I cannot criticize, but only praise the actions of those brave men and women, who withstood fifty-one days of cold, wind, and rain. With those imposed conditions on their performance of duty they still performed with restraint, vigilance, and professionalism, while attempting to peacefully conclude a crisis situation. They should be honored and praised rather than criticized for their actions and performance of duty.

I am repulsed at the criticism by the news media in this country, especially one Houston television station. To read and listen to these journalists is repugnant to me. According to their accounts the Bureau has been tried, convicted, and sentenced as if a crime had been committed. Summarily I have turned this station off and refuse to listen to their biased news reporting. This is not journalism, because true journalism is reporting of the facts and not making judgements.

As a student and teacher of American and World history, I liken David Koresh to Adolph Hitler, complete with concrete bunker and all. The only difference is that Koresh did not start World War III. The deaths of the four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents is on the hands of David Koresh, as are the deaths of some eighty plus people in that compound. When are people like Koresh going to realize, that they are not above the law? Religious beliefs do not give a citizen the right to break the law at any level.

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Again I will say, that I praise the actions of restraint and patience to end the incident at Mt. Carmel peacefully by those brave men and women, representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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If it is possible, would you let those involved know, that they have one hundred percent support by this citizen.

Thank you for your time and patience in reading this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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April 20, 1993  
D'Walo, TX

To Whom It May Concern:

To whom it may concern

We support the FBI, the  
Justice Department and the Attorney  
General, Janet Reno in <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ suicide  
of David Koresh and his followers.  
we have

For, too long, we have  
given support to these  
kinds of men.

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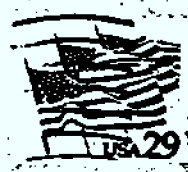
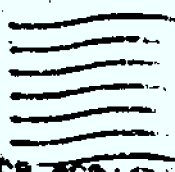
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FBI Director Sessions  
Washington DC 205 [REDACTED] TX

Dear Sir:

I haven't ever met you but I think you are probably doing as good a job as anyone else. I have a gripe however with the FBI as a whole.

Why in Sam Hill are you letting that false prophet boss the country around? That mess should have been cleaned up within 24 hours. That outfit has no connection whatever with bonafide religion. Instead of sending a man a bunch of kids went in. Someone had let them know a raid was imminent so now it is costing a reported sum of 2 million a day and now I hear 625 million in overtime. Come on get real. You have tear gas, smoke bombs and probably other deterrents to one come without killing. There is no money for the unemployed for jobs but millions for some nut.

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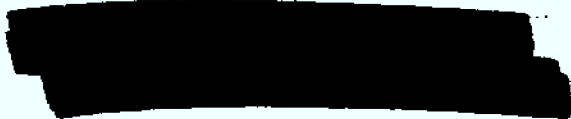
I'm not sure of your address but am going to mail to you somehow.

I hear the people <sup>in way</sup> are holding up the works because there are kids in the building but there are plenty of ways to get around that.

Got with it I have heard a rumor that we are supposed to be bankrupt by '95 but not now for this foolishness.

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May 4, 1993

Waco, TX

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Dear [Redacted]

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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

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- 1 - Mr. Coulson - (Room 5012) - Enclosure

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April 20, 1993

William Sessions  
Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Washington, DC. ① WJF/TX

I'd like to take this opportunity to  
tell you that I certainly agreed with the  
decision at Waco. I realize the decision  
was a tough one for Mr. Reno, Yourself, the A.T.F.,  
and the military personnel especially as  
so many people were involved.

However, I feel that with each passing  
day his hold on the followers became  
stronger, thus the reason so few people  
came out. It seems truly amazing the  
hold he had over those people. So bad  
the press will try to make the good group  
out to be the bad guys & David Koresh  
out to be an innocent bystander. We

had 51 days in which to come out and to  
let his followers live. His decision, which  
obviously shows his followers didn't count  
for much.

Thank You.

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F.B.I. Headquarters  
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.  
10th and Pennsylvania ave. NE.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

This letter is written to commend the F.B.I. and their efforts at the Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. In my opinion they did an outstanding job in trying to save the innocent children from David Koresh. Hindsight is great, but I certainly believe that this situation had gone on long enough and I applaud their efforts to bring the standoff to a peaceful conclusion. Unfortunately things don't always turn out the way we would want them to.

I am a nurse in a clinic and as events unfolded yesterday I want you to know that 100% -each and every one of our patients agreed with your actions.

In the months to come you will be crucified but there are a lot of us out here who thank you for everything you have done for us over the years.

Sincerely,

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MR. WILLIAM SESSIONS  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

DEAR MR. SESSIONS:

IN ALL THE TURMOIL SURROUNDING THE MOUNT CARMEL INCIDENT NEAR WACO, TEXAS MY HUSBAND AND I BELIEVE THAT RECOGNITION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO BOB RICKS, FBI AGENT. MR. RICKS CONDUCTED ALL PRESS CONFERENCES WITH COURTESY AND PROFESSIONALISM. HE HAD TO COPE WITH PRESS MEMBERS LACKING COURTESY AND A DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE. MR. RICKS NEVER APPEARED SHORT TEMPERED EVEN THOUGH AT TIMES HE WOULD HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED HAD HE CHOSEN TO DO SO.

IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT LOSS OF LIFE OCCURRED BUT IN OUR OPINION VERNON HOWELL, A.K.A DAVID KORESH, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR ALL DEATHS. ALL WAS DONE THAT WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE FINAL OUTCOME.

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Janet Reno  
Attorney General,  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Please stand firm and do not let anyone try to blame you nor the FBI for the tragedy in Waco, Texas.

The responsibility for that dreadful act should be put squarely on the head of David Karesh and those followers who chose to do his bidding. They are the ones who made the choices.

Our very best to you,

**Copy to: William Sessions, Dir. of FBI**

William Sessions  
Director of the FBI  
J. Edgar Hoover FBI Bldg.  
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Washington, D.C. 20535

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April 20, 1993

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

Waco, TX

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I approve wholeheartedly with the action you took yesterday against the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas. I am disgusted with all the arm-chair quarterbacks who are using hindsight in their analyses of the situation and finding fault with those in authority and the action they took. Ordinarily I agree with Rush Limbaugh, but in this matter he is way off base, following the weak reasoning of those who communicate with him. I think we must recognize several items.

1. David Karesch was unbalanced and considered himself as one who was always right, because he was God (or Son of God).
2. He probably would have committed suicide and taken his followers with him, regardless of the action taken by the authorities.
3. The idea that the fire trucks should have been on the scene before the action started is ridiculous in the extreme. One can just as well say we should have had 100 stomach pumps on the scene (to prevent death by cyanide poisoning).
4. The operation was costing (according to estimates I have heard from the media) one to one-and-half million dollars a day. With all the concern over social problems which must be solved, how can one justify the expenditure of so much money on an operation such as this?

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Again, I am behind you 100 per cent in the difficult decision which you were forced to make. Please pass my remarks on to Ms. Reno, a courageous woman. My approval goes out to her (even though I am a republican).

Very truly yours,

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April 19, 1993

William Sessions  
Director  
Fed Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg  
10th St & Penn Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Sessions:

As an ordinary citizen I wish to thank your agents for the difficult job they have done in Waco. I am often cynical of government but am impressed with agent Ricks. I find him to be forthright and truthful. The tragedy that occurred today was the responsibility of David Koresh and David Koresh alone. You, sir, and those under you have my respect and my gratitude for the way you dealt with the ordeal here in Texas. I have never written a letter in support of a federal agency before and suspect that it will be a while before I do so again. However, at this time, in this case, I want to say thank you. An honest and open government approach need never fear the public opinion of citizens such as myself.

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Washington, D.C.

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Nello.

This is not a nasty note. I heard about Waco on W.S.R. (Detroit) on my way home yesterday, watched it on T.V. last p.m. (Before + after choir practice) and again on G.M.A. this a.m. I felt I had to write to say "Thank you!" to all of you who were involved in Waco and who worried and talked and considered and worked to end it safely. Thank you!

Now - I just called our local F.B.I. office (Flint) to say the same, and to express my concern that when your Agents go in after the "cooldown", they may face fire (guns) from cult members in their bunkers. I am a Korean Veteran (48th M.A.S.H. '53-'54) P.N. and I remember, also, during W.W. II Japan had built bunkers on many islands that were impervious to artillery and to flame-throwers. In fact, Japanese later came out of these and never knew 'til then that Japan had lost the War.

I thought of this this morning because - there were no screams. I know, having worked at B.A.M.C.'s burn center as a brand-new Army Nurse, that when you're burned, you make sounds - the worse the burn, the louder the sound. And - no one reported hearing screams from the cult members - or from the children. Which leads me to think: 63-HQ-1059305-76

- 1- They were unconscious when the fire started.
  - 2- They were dead when the fire started.
  - 3- They were gone when the fire started.
- The young man at our local F.B.I. told me that with modern
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equipment, fire-power can be located, so you should be safe going in. I certainly hope so! You are already getting flak from those who never lifted a finger to help; from those who ALWAYS have something to say AFTER a crisis is resolved, and, with a President (who's backed down as soon as he's met any pressure) in charge who - as far as I'm concerned - is a coward, YOU are going to really get it. I am glad the new head of the F.B.I. has the courage of her convictions, and I hope whoever reads this letter will tell her - and all of those involved - that THIS American is PROUD OF YOU!

THANKS!

Sincerely!

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(P.S. I'm a "troublemaker." I'm always complaining if things are not done & rules are not followed.)  
Because there's a right way.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  
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J. Edgar Hoover Bldg  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1000 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20535

april 20, 1993.

To all FBI Agents & ATF Agents:  
Subject: Waco Texas

Dear [redacted]

Dear Agents:

I would like to take this time to thank you for the job that all agents performed in the Waco Tx. incident. I think it is a shame that I have not heard any positive statements as far as you dept and the press & other govt officials

mostly from

I was and still angry at the comments that have been made through television coverage. Let's face it guys and gals, you would have been damned if you did (and you did) and damned if you didn't, but my opinion is right along with you. Enough is enough. In other words no matter what it wouldn't have been right

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people, Keresch was a religious  
crazy fanatic and what I want to  
know is, if he was Jesus Christ  
why didn't he walk on water and  
perform miracles, instead of stock  
piling arms & ruining peoples lives  
especially the agents who were killed  
the first time around.

anyway one gal in this U.S.  
wants to express her thanks to  
you and to Attorney General Reno  
for upholding in what was right  
in plain words, Thank you very  
much, I'm proud of all of you  
that did what you had to do.

I hope you understand my  
feelings, and I've never wrote any  
thing to anyone before, in Washing-  
ton D.C, & probably never will again  
I'm just a common citizen, but  
important or not, I'm proud of  
all of you & my love and sadness  
to all your agents families who  
died to keep our country safe. b6  
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Thanks - [REDACTED]

April 20, 1993

William Sessions  
Director, FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Sessions;

I want you to know that my neighbors and myself wholly support the action taken by your bureau in the Waco, Texas incident. Dave Koresh was nothing less than a murderer and a crazed religious fanatic. We run across idiots like this from time to time and sadly enough, sometimes we have to deal with them in a manner that leaves us vulnerable to public criticism. Such is the case here, however, be aware that many of us citizens in America strongly support this action taken and send our heartfelt congratulations for a job well done and wish you and your people a safe and prosperous future.

Respectfully yours

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FBI DIRECTOR  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
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SIR,

I THINK THAT YOUR PEOPLE IN WACO<sup>TX</sup>  
DID EXACTLY WHAT THEY SHOULD  
HAVE DONE. THAT WHOLE TEAM MUST  
HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY STRESSED  
DURING THE WHOLE SIEGE, THEY HAVE  
MY ADMIRATION & SYMPATHY FOR THAT  
STRAIN. I HAVE INFORMED SENATOR  
ARLEN SPECTER'S OFFICE THAT I  
DON'T BELIEVE PUBLIC MONEY SHOULD  
BE WASTED ON A CONGRESSIONAL  
INQUIRY. NO ONE SHOULD WASTE THEIR  
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LATE DAVID KORESH OR HIS ADULT  
FOLLOWERS, BUT THE CHILDREN, ON THE  
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Director Sessions

Thanks for a job  
well done in Waco.

It is amazing that all  
the experts, come out of the  
woodwork, that have no  
police, cult, or hostage  
training.

Good luck

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April 22, 1993

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
9th St and Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear FBI:

I feel the actions taken in Waco were justified. If anything it should have taken place sooner. The Justice Department will be getting alot of criticism within the next few months. Just know that I am not alone in feeling the actions taken were justified. Keep on doing a good job!

Sincerely,

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Mr. William Lawrence Austin *Sept. 4, 1995*  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

This place of you to select Robert Ricks as the  
FBI's representative following the Waco-Kladsko  
incident.

The thought of being interrogated for any length  
of time by this language smugler-mustache  
stake holder into the hands of even the most  
forward criminals.

Of course, it does raise some questions in  
the minds of the rest of me about the claims  
in which FBI staff members are selected,  
retained, and promoted.

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Mr. William Sessions  
Director, FBI  
J.E. Hoover Building  
Washington D.C. 20535

April 22, 1993

Dear Mr. Sessions;

I saw all of the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour of April 20 concerning the Waco Disaster, including your interview.

The part that concerns me deeply is the interview with (Mrs) Balenda Ganem, who said she was the mother of David Thebodou (spelling?) who was in the cult, but survived. (Mrs Ganem indicated she was a psychological professional, and has worked with cults.) I concur with her bitter criticism of the FBI, the Justice Dept., the President. All of them, she says, flatly refused to consider allowing a team of psychological/cult professionals/and possibly family members to have a try at defusing the situation, before the FBI would make their final move, that the FBI made on April 19.

(Mrs) Ganem criticized the narrow mind-set of the authorities in refusing to consider any possible ways of dealing with this crisis other than what was already in their inventory of procedures.

I urge you to read a commentary written by a Ms. Debbie M. Price, a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, titled "One Mistake Led To Another", which was in the April 21 St. Louis Post-Dispatch. In this commentary she shows you the deadly parallels between the Waco Disaster and the Philadelphia police action against the MOVE cult, in 1985, which resulted in eleven deaths and a fire that burned down practically a city block.

I won't take your time to say anything about the folly of the ATF doing an assault rehearsal on an abandoned building that was in sight of the Cult compound, or why Mr. Koresh was not apprehended when he went out on one of his visits to a gun show. Or why the Australian Government complained about Mr. Koresh's activities, five years ago, to no effect.

When Mr. Lehrer interviewed you, he asked you specifically why the authorities did not consider giving the above mentioned psychological/cult professionals a chance to try to work something out, and you avoided answering this question. This is something that frequently happens, when a prominent authority/bureaucrat is interviewed, and I hope you realize that avoidance of a question does not win the respect of we who are listening/watching. I prefer the way President Clinton has responded to some questions, when he states in reply that he cannot respond to that question, for whatever reason.

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Judge William S. Sessions  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Sessions:

I enclose my personal letters to Ms. Reno, Senator Specter, and Secretary Bentsen. I not only criticize, I suggest you in authority resign!

Whatever you may say, you cannot say, " ...it didn't happen on my watch." You should have left the FBI when the yuppie group took over the White House. Now you bear accountability for what happened. Judge, it was flawed, and YOU KNOW IT - don't deny it.

Had you the power, which by now you do not, you should cause some FBI officers to enter forced retirement. That is not enough. The people of this country will demand, along with me, a full post mortem accounting on how the decisions made in your office and other FBI offices were so wrong, so many times. Our government is now so big and clumsy it seems condemned to shoot itself and us in the foot.

I write to you out of no brief carried for the lunatic religious or ethnic fringe, nor from any sense of preciousness for firearms harboring by the citizenry. What fell apart are our institutions, our people who cannot err as they did in Waco and Washington the last 50 odd days. And you, Janet Reno and Lloyd Bentsen could not overcome the momentum of your erring staffs.

I pity you. I pity this nation. I bid you a happier, more gentle retirement than your days on the bench or the FBI have been. I suspect you have been much maligned, and wronged by the 'pros' whom you were appointed to direct.

Sincerely,

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CC: Ms. Janet Reno

CC: Secretary Lloyd Bentsen

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D.C. 20535

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The Right Hon. Senator Arlen Specter  
Hart Office Building, SH-303  
2nd and C Streets, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Specter:

You and your committee of 'on the Judiciary appear to be the only force that can rectify the imbalance presented by the Department of Justice, namely Janet Reno, and the oafs who people the Treasury and the ATF under former senator Bentsen.

One day, during the Watergate Hearings, before the end of the Nixon presidency, I looked into the face of Lloyd Bentsen in a Houston shopping mall and tearfully said, "...please do something, because what has happened stinks so foully."

I now make the same appeal to you. But, in my judgement, all the anointed heads from Janet Reno's to Lloyd Bentsen's should roll, and they and many others should pay with their political and professional lives for what has happened.

I enclose a copy of my personal letter to The Attorney General, wherein my sentiments and my best professional judgement are expressed with all the eloquence I can muster.

Have at it, Senator. Do your duty!

In case you have not heard, the talk show callers on KOA radio, Denver, are almost unanimously in accord with my views on this - and the callers are not radicals, libertarians, NRA fanatics, or religious right nuts, any more than I am.

God Bless The United States of America. A plague on her enemies. If we do not now suffer a new spate of the 'Divine Right of Kings', it will be because of your efforts. You people in Washington sometimes do not impress us ordinary folks. God forgive you for trying.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CC: Janet Reno, Esq.

CC: Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen

✓ CC: Judge William Sessions, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Ms. Janet Reno  
Attorney General of The United States  
Department of Justice  
Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Reno:

You do not fight Jones Town crazies, or local cowboy justice, reeking of lynch mob mentality, with more of the same. **Where was your wisdom, Ms. Reno ? You tell us you were there when the mast snapped, and the ship went aground. Captains are forced to relinquish their commands under such circumstances.**

You assumed responsibility for the event in Waco, Texas, that may be the most terribly mismanaged (bungled) law enforcement operation ever to be conducted in the history of this nation. You and every one in the Executive Branch who had a hand in it, including the responsible officers of the ATF and Treasury Department should resign in shame.

If you and your subordinates cannot handle a crisis of the magnitude seen in Waco, how can you be trusted to exercise decent, humane judgement in any subsequent matter - one that is not exposed to public scrutiny to the degree this one was? **Again, where was your wisdom, Ms. Reno ?** I subscribe to the ethic that we must have law to have decency. Law without decency, without a care for the weak and manipulated souls under mind control of nuts like Koresh, is no law at all. Do you expect me to buy into the idea that 17 children could weild AK-47s against the FBI? Really? Get a life!

From the initial assault on the compound near Waco, the ATF displayed a rag-tag, cowboy justice which we **do not need, we do not want** and we (the citizenry) **cannot tolerate** from law enforcement, especially concerning regulation of firearms where they have yet to be used aggressively against the police or the public.

Government is (was) our last bastion of the process of law, as opposed to the rope and the mob. The government of these United States appears to be staffed by mobs like those that looted Los Angeles, this time as police rioters, South African style.

I abhor scum like Koresh. But I must grieve the weak or captive under his control. This writer is **not** an apologist for cultists or the pleaders for unlimited proliferation of armaments such as the NRA. ( I usually represent little children and battered women ).



I also believe in "law and order", although your forces have blurred the division between what is law and order and what isn't. When the officers of the law run amok and foment more disorder, then we have the **wrong people** in control of law officering - and **that means you**.

My former law school colleague, Dick DeGuerin, is a not a nut. He is an ordinary people's lawyer like you were in Miami. He is no radical. You should have listened to him, for I know him to be of mature judgement. **You have, instead, listened to incompetents**. If you do not clean house of the incompetents, we, the people must clean house of you as an office holder.

You are compromised. Go home to Miami and allow the same charade there which the ATF and the FBI acted-out, then see how long you last in any public office. Send judge Sessions home to San Antonio and see how the party of Ann Richards puts up with actions like his FBI boys put on in Waco.

I regret not being able to sign this with the respect normally due your office. I feel sorry for Judge Sessions because he has been done-in by the bureau cliques that set him up. He is only a little more naive than you prove to be.

In the last administration, your office was occupied by sycophants and political hacks of the so-called 'right'; but, in you, we hoped we had a wise, mature, balanced lawyer. Instead, the bureaucrats under you and in the FBI have been allowed to ruin your reputation as a manager, and to raise a bloody flag of unwarranted martyrdom for the next in series set of cult nut cases that want to grandstand.

Very sincerely yours,

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Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen  
Secretary of The Treasury of The United States  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

My home town is Laredo, Webb County, and I was once 'one of yours'. Alas, that is no longer the case. I must inform you that your usual influence of maturity, reason and balance -if you were consulted- has not been felt in the nation's time of need in Waco, Texas.

Do you know Dick DeGuerin? I went to law school at Univ. of Texas with him in the mid 60ies. I tried my last criminal case in Federal Court in Waco alongside him. He is not a fool. You and Ms. Reno should have listened to him, because he was correct, and your officials were terribly, terribly wrong. You must fire the lot to purge your own reputation and the future of our nation from the incompetence displayed by your subordinates.

Some of your people, Mr. Secretary, are LIARS. And, it will not wash. You must dissociate yourself from them.

The people of this country are not fools, and your experience in the Watergate investigation proved that for all of us.

I invite your attention to my letters to Senator Arlen Specter and to Ms. Janet Reno. You get my drift without the added rhetoric.

With profound regret for you and the nation,

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CC: Senator Arlen Specter

CC: Stephen Higgins, Director  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
650 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20226

CC: James K. Brightwell

CC: Daniel Harnett

CC: Daniel R. Black

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April 20, 1993

The Honorable William Sessions, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th & Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Sessions:

I am sick. I am angry. The federal massacre of the Branch Davidian religious group in Waco, Texas, is a atrocious act worthy of the Serbs in the former Yugoslavia. As of this writing more than 90 people are dead. Why?

The Branch Davidians, people with admittedly odd religious beliefs, were harming absolutely no one. To my knowledge they were never convicted of any crimes. And now they are dead - burned alive by federal thugs weilding tanks, machine guns and hand gernades. It is appalling. Why did you not leave those people alone? Having crazy religious ideas is not a reason for killing people in a civilized society.

It is clear this whole mess is the result of the egos of a handful of gung-ho federal cowboys with Napoleonic complexes. There would have been no deaths but for federal actions in this case. No deaths but for federal actions!!!

Throughout this story federal officials have lied and lied. And the lies continue as bureaucrats seek to shift responsibility to the victims. The first lie was that the initial federal assault was launched because the David Koresh was allegedly having sex with under-age girls. That apparently has been proven to be federal disinformation. Then there was the lie that the group planned to attack Waco. That was so preposterous federal psy-war flaks didn't perpetuate it. (After all, one of the group's friends was the sheriff of Waco.) Then the was the lie that the original assault was launched to prevent the group from committing mass suicide. (Perhaps they didn't have the appropriate federal permit.)

And now the most recent lie is that the group set themselves on fire. I will never believe that. It is well-known that tear gas canisters start fires. I have no doubt that the tear gas fired into the Branch Davidian home started the fires which killed all the terrified people inside.

Every federal official involved in this massacre should be identified and charged with mass murder under Texas and U.S. statutes. In addition, international laws pertaining to genocide should be employed. Those federal officials responsible for this horror must be brought to justice.

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Dear Mr. Sessions,

I am told that you advocated the attack on the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas which resulted in the deaths of 86 women and children, arguing that Koresh was not self destructive and wouldn't really do anything. If so, you must be crazier than David Koresh! After the events at Jonestown, Guyana, you should have taken pains to prevent this massacre. Common sense should have told you that anyone who would start a shootout with armed federal agents was a dangerous lunatic. You should never have provoked him. (Admit it, the real reason for the attack was ~~money~~ to save the money it was costing to deploy all those agents in Waco). And despite Koresh's warnings of "death by fire" you staged the attack on a day of very high winds and had no fire fighting equipment on the scene. You are clearly a bumbling incompetent and your agents are a bunch of bozos who make the Keystone kops look like rocket scientists! Even you must realize that you are not fit to manage an important federal agency and should resign immediately.

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As for the FBI, I feel that one time it was necessary and served ~~an~~ an important purpose but that now the time has come to disband the agency. It's ~~extremely~~ very sad to have to admit this but we have to live in the present and not in the past. It was Hoover who was the heart and soul of the agency and with out him you guys are just a bunch of gun-toting ~~people~~ bureaucrats.

I'd also like to complain about the female who uttered something that I couldn't understand (but which sounded like an ~~obscene~~ obscenity) when I called your San Francisco office to request your address, just before hanging up on me.

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Dear President Clinton,

I am a past law enforcement officer and was twice Chief of Police. I consider all officers my brothers, but I must say the BATF is completely out of control. Their actions in many cases are not legal and several people have been killed by them in the last few years when it was not necessary.

The FBI took over the operation in Waco from the BATF which was good, but the FBI never once let the mother, father, or grandmother of Koresh go in to talk with him and would not even take their cassette tapes in to him. What could it have hurt? I don't think they wanted them to come out, they wanted them dead because four federal agents were dead. I do not think FBI agent Jeff Jamar is telling the truth about anything and he made a mess of the whole operation. He did not care how many children died, he just wanted to get even.

Koresh was in town every day and he could have been arrested there without any trouble, if indeed they had any cause to arrest him. We seem to be living in a police state.

The BATF should be dissolved and their duties turned over to the FBI. The FBI should then be watched by congress.

The American people, and even law enforcement, are looking on the agents of the Federal government as hired killers, and it seems they have good reason to do so.

Mr. President, where is the kinder, gentler America you promised?

Sincerely,

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Senator Bumpers  
Senator Pryor  
Senator Specter  
Rep. Hutchenson  
FBI Director Sessions  
Director BATF  
Attorney General Reno

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FBI Director Sessions  
White House  
Washington D.C.

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April 20, 1993

Director of the FBI  
Washington DC 20535

WACO, TX

Dear Director,

Enclosed is a letter we have sent to Attorney General Janet Reno, concerning the actions the FBI and the BATF took resulting in the burning of the Davidian cult followers compound. We are so devastated by what took place in Waco that we can hardly communicate our feelings. But we will herein give it a try.

We feel that the BATF organization was totally out of line from the very start. Haven't these people ever heard of going up and knocking on a door and politely saying we have a warrant to serve? What do they expect people to do when they bring tanks and other war weapons in and start shooting at people? We would have shot back too. They knew, having dealt with David Koresh before, that he was unstable and could be pushed into irrational behavior. Yet They and the FBI proceeded to push, with total disregard for the innocent women and little children in that compound. We also know that the local authorities wanted to deal with him in a peaceful way. The sheriff knew Koresh well and had dealt with him before, and had absolutely no problem with Koresh and neither did the local people. Further to crash the building and shoot tear gas into a building where you know are little children is absolutely criminal.

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My family and many of our friends hold the BATF and the FBI organizations responsible for the death of these people. We are ashamed that these organizations are a part of our government.

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Director of the FBI  
Washington DC 20535

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Attorney General Janet Reno  
Washington DC

Dear Miss Reno,

This letter comes with strong protest of the actions taken by you and the FBI today concerning the Davidian cult in Waco, Texas.

We were appalled from the beginning of the military like assault actions taken by the ATF, violating the rights of these people without cause. The ATF did not politely go up and knock on the cult members door and request a search or information concerning what was going on with the children and the guns they had there. Instead they went in armed to the teeth, with great fire power and tanks, as if these people had declared war on them, when in fact the cult only fired back to protect themselves. It seems to us that all this has been a macho show of force against people that they disagree with, without any regard for the safety of the women and children inside, people that were no threat to anybody, not even their neighbors. The ATF had no proof they had illegal weapons, and if there was a suspicion of some kind of child abuse, the sheriff could have picked up David Koresh at any time while he was in town at the bar, where David had been seen many times by himself. Child abuse is certainly not an ATF matter, so what were their reasons for the assault on these people? Certainly this cult had a right to worship God in any way they chose, even if we personally do not agree with them.

This greatly concerns my family and myself as we are a family who worships God in our own way, and we fear that our government is becoming intolerant and suspicious of religious people especially Christians.

We would like the following questions answered:

- Why was there a sealed warrant and what was in it and is a sealed warrant legal?
- What laws were broken by the cult if any?
- Why would our government force the hand of an unstable person by crashing the building and injecting tear gas, knowing that it could possibly endanger the lives of innocent women and little children?
- Why did the ATF feel it was necessary to go in with guns blazing when there was no immediate danger to anyones life?
- Why didn't the government back off when they saw how bad things were going?
- Why didn't the government let things cool down and let the local authorities handle things peacefully?

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Has the government overstepped their bounds?  
Is it against the law to hold unpopular religious views?  
Is it against the law to bear arms?  
Who, exactly were these people hurting anyway?

We demand a full Senate investigation of all of the actions taken by both the FBI — and the ATF, from the moment the decision was made to go after David Koresh more than fifty days ago, right up to the burning down of the compound that killed many women and innocent children. Also of the orders given by you, our Attorney General whom we are quickly loosing all confidence in.

A copy of this letter is being sent to my Senators and my Congressional Representative, the head of the FBI, the ATF and to President Clinton.

Sincerely

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Mr. Sessions:

IN LIGHT OF ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION  
SURROUNDING YOUR ADMINISTRATION, YOU  
WILL FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE  
DOUBTS ABOUT THE ACTION OF YOUR  
AGENTS IN WACO. ADVISE IMMEDIATE  
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Dear

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Mr. William S. Sessions  
Director, FBI  
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Sir:

I watched you on television, repeating, in large part, what had already been said in defense of the action taken by agencies of the U.S. Government in the Waco fiasco; however, when someone asked you a question about alternative action that could have been taken, namely, waiting another day or two or three, before storming the compound, your reply of "Enough is enough" was a stunning shocker! Never have I heard a public official make such an insensitive - no - callous remark.

In the opinion of many to whom I have talked, your action has done nothing to enhance the image of the FBI. As a matter of fact, many have come to believe that the FBI stands for "bully."

I am certain these unfortunate children would have welcomed a winning effort, giving them even a slim chance of survival.

God save America from America!

Yours very truly,

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Dear Mr. Sessions,

I have watched AND LISTENED TO  
YOUR APPEARANCES IN REGARD TO  
WACO.

Please resign - YOU ARE SO OBVIOUSLY  
INCOMPETENT AND SOME OF YOUR  
STATEMENTS SUCH AS "THEY WOULD NOT

ACCEPT A SEARCH WARRANT" ETC. SHOW

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A CULT, NOT A HOSTAGE SITUATION

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Mr. William Sessions  
F.B.I.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. William Sessions  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Hoover Building  
Washington, D. C. 20021

April 21, 1993

Dear Mr. Sessions:

This letter is written to protest - in the strongest terms I can muster - your role in the recent Waco bloodbath.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has a long history of actions that are inimical to sacred values of freedom, justice, and privacy.

Your Bureau - and you as its Director - are disgraced in an unspeakable way by the Waco disaster.

I have no illusions - I know this letter is of no value whatsoever. However, I do exercise my prerogative. And I shall continue to do whatever I can - in my associations and in my involvement with various groups - to bring about a nation that functions in a fashion more commensurate with its avowed principles of freedom, justice, peace.

Sir, I am not a devotee of the Koresh group, nor of any extremist group. But I try to respect others - all others.

The entire handling of this matter involving the Branch Davidians was ill-conceived and bungled from the start.

Without knowing all the facts, I do know enough. I know enough to condemn you. I know enough - in the light of this particular situation and also of long experience - to condemn you.

This disgraceful savaging of people - including women and children - in the name of "law enforcement" cries to heaven for vengeance.

Sir, you are a mass murderer. Therefore, if you have in you an iota of decency, any shred of conscience - RESIGN.

With the Frenchman Camus I say: "Would that I could love my country and love justice, too."

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April 20, 1993

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Judge William Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been and will continue to be a strong supporter of law enforcement at all levels of our society, BUT I cannot support the Bureau's decisions regarding the Branch Davidians in Waco yesterday.

Time and patience by the Bureau would have eventually brought the situation to a peaceful resolve. There is no question that the leadership of the cult placed the group in a perilous position, however, the Bureau's precipitous actions are responsible for the deaths that resulted.

I am very sadden by the deaths of these people, particularly those of the seventeen innocent children.

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
J. EDGAR HOOVER BLDG.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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DEAR MR. SESSIONS,

I AM MUCH MORE AFRAID OF THE "NUTS" IN THE F.B.I. AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL& FIREARMS THAN I EVER WAS THE "NUTS" IN WACO. THERE ARE STRANGE GROUPS WITH STRANGE BELIEVES IN SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY, I PRAY YOUR AGENCY DOESN'T TARGET ANOTHER STRANGE GROUP.

GOING IN WITH GUNS BLAZING WAS THE MOST TERRIBLE WAY TO CAPTURE THAT MAN, HE COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN IF YOU HAD APPLIED SOME PATIENCE. WE HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT THE F.B.I. BURNED THEM UP JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO. THIS IS A DARK DAY FOR OUR COUNTRY. WE ARE LOOSING THE LITTLE FREEDOM WE HAVE.

WITH A LAGRE SEGMENT OF THE COUNTRY UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE F.B.I. WAS INVOLVED IN PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S TRAGIC DEATH THIS MESS IN WACO SURELY WILL NOT HELP THE BUREAUS IMAGE. AS BAD AS THE BUREAU IS, IT'S THE ONLY NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY WE HAVE.

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April 19, 1993

Gentlemen,

Today has been a day of infamy for the U. S. Government. As a citizen and veteran of the U. S. Army, and ex-Federal employee of the U. S. Government, I make these statements with a heavy heart and a rapidly decreasing trust in my Government.

1. 28 Feb 93 near Waco, TX a citizen's home and church was attacked by a military-style force of approximately 100 armed ATF agents.

2. Today, 19 Apr 93 after 51 days of siege against this same home and church, the FBI lead an attack in which the home was burned to the ground.

3. It is currently reported that of the approximately 95 U. S. citizens, men, women, and children within the home/church that more than 80 died in the ensuing attack by the FBI.

Many believe as I do that this incursion by the FBI and ATF against a man's home and church to be an unforgivable atrocity by these government agencies.

I plead to your interest in the belief that our great country cannot continue to prosper under heavy-handed, gestapo-type techniques employed in this atrocity.

1. Please hear this plea and understand the imminent need to dissolve the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in a clear statement to all agencies who would attack U. S. citizens in their homes.

2. If you believe it is in the public's best interest to maintain the Federal Bureau of Investigation, then we must replace all of its leadership and clarify their mission so that this kind of attack may not be repeated.

3. Replace Attorney General Janet Reno.

4. Hear me as a U. S. Citizen who loves his Country, Constitution and Bill of Rights, and will not stand by and watch as it is destroyed by those who would oppress freedom in my country.

Sincerely,

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Ms. William Sessions  
FBI Director  
FBI Building  
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APRIL 19, 1993

TODAY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT KILLED EIGHTY-PLUS AMERICAN CITIZENS.

EVERY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIAL ACROSS THIS COUNTRY MUST BEAR THE BURDEN FOR THESE DEATHS. YOU DID NOT TRY TO STOP THIS GOVERNMENT-BACKED ATTACK ON A MAN'S HOME NEAR WACO, TX.

COUNTLESS AMERICAN VOTERS ARE SADDENED AND OUTRAGED BY THIS HORRENDOUS MASSACRE. ALL POLITICIANS WHO DID NOT SPEAK OUT AGAINST THIS ACTION MUST BE REPLACED BY CITIZENS WHO WANT TO PROTECT OUR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AS WELL AS OUR RIGHTS PER THE CONTRACT CALLED THE U. S. CONSTITUTION.

AS A LOYAL CITIZEN WHO HAS ALWAYS RESPECTED THIS GREAT COUNTRY, I HONESTLY FEEL THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL RENO SHOULD BOTH RESIGN. AMERICA MUST BE LED BY THOSE WHO PROTECT AND CHERISH THE RIGHTS OF AMERICANS.



THANK YOU,



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P.S. WILLIAM SESSIONS & LLOYD BENTSON  
SHOULD ALSO RESIGN.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th Street & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 19, 1993

Sir:

Enclosed find a copy of a letter sent to Janet Reno. It expresses my feelings about the actions of this government without using the expletives and profanity so richly deserved.

Truly:

  
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Janet Reno  
United States Attorney General  
Constitution Avenue & 10th St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

April 19, 1993

Madam:

Congratulations! On this date you and the lickspittle lackeys of the FBI and BATF have joined a very select group. You should all feel comfortable with Idi Amin, Adolf Eichmann, Heinrich Himmler and Stalin as some of the greatest mass murderers of our time.

Once again our perfidious federal government, upon the flimsiest pretext, has chosen to terrorize and kill citizens without due process. It is not the first time and under the present regime will not be the last. The actions of the FBI and BATF agents in Waco Texas would have made the ZoMo's in Poland, the Stasi in East Germany and Hitlers Gestapo proud.

That these so-called American institutions and law officers could persecute these people, who by all accounts harmed no one, on the basis of mere suspicion, is ample evidence that those who believe in the Second Amendment should buy, hide and horde their weapons. There is something fundamentally wrong with any government that fears law abiding, responsible, citizens from having firearms. That's the best reason to have them.

I am aware that by expressing these sentiments I may be next to expect the mid-night knock. But I will not go easy. One wonders how many citizens the government will kill before the decent, freedom loving people of this country put a stop to the national descent into totalitarianism.

Truly:

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Washington, D.C. 20535

Gentlemen:

Just A word of approval  
And Appreciation for your  
work in Waco, Texas. I believe  
you did the best job possible  
under the conditions you were  
faced with. There simply is  
no "right" way to deal with  
people who would allow children  
to be involved in such horror.

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Respectfully,

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Dear Sirs: I just wanted to say that the FBI did a good job ending the cult standoff. They have tried to end this situation for many weeks. When you are dealing with an unstable individual such as David Koresh it is hard to know what to do. People are blaming FBI, ATF & Janet Reno for murdering people. They did not murder anyone. David Koresh handled all that himself. FBI, ATF and Janet Reno did the best they could. I think they made the best decision they knew how. I think they did a really good job. FBI spokesman Bob Ricks seems like a very smart man. It is hard to know what to do when you are dealing with an unstable person and until people are in that situation, they should not criticize what others do. This was not a normal situation and it was never an easy job. They should be proud of what they did. It had to end and it was not their fault people caught themselves on fire. Who would think someone would have done that. I hope members of congress do not hold an investigation. That would be stupid. Thank You.

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FBI DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS  
J EDGAR HOOVER BLDG  
WASHINGTON DC 20530

I AM EMBARRASSED AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, I FEEL SHAME FOR ALL OF YOU  
AND YOUR COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR IN THE KORESH MATTER. YOU NEVER  
CONSIDERED WHAT HE MIGHT DO. ALL TO SERVE A LOUSY WARRANT. CAN WE  
TALK ABOUT TIANNAMEN SQUARE? AND ONLY 80 PEOPLE HERE. HOW TERRIBLY  
SAD FOR OUR COUNTRY I WEEP FOR US ALL.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Capital Hill  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Director, 4/20/93

As a concerned I would like to know with all the money and lines lost, why you didn't go ahead and serve your warrant in less time than you did.

It took fifty - one days to lose lines and men to accomplish absolutely nothing. For the working class the loss of money is considerable.

You earn a large wage and waste energy on something that was a lost cause. I'm laid-off and a Veteran that would have liked to see the money spent elsewhere worth while.

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For 29<sup>th</sup> can you answer me why this was not done.

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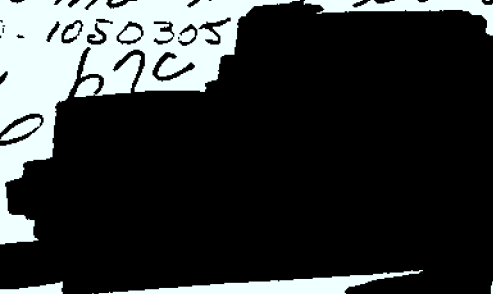
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April 20, 1993

RE: GROTESQUE AND UNCONSCIONABLE KILLING OF OVER 90  
U. S. CITIZENS AT WACO, TEXAS.

AT 10:10

1. It is incomprehensible to me that anyone can believe that our founding fathers could have ever imagined that the U. S. Constitution could be understood to empower the government to do any of the things that were done against David Koresh and his friends, no matter how strongly anyone else feels about his or their religious beliefs.

2. No government agency has the power to authorize or empower anyone to use excessive force to effect either a search or an arrest. Search warrants and arrests warrants do not empower any person or agency to forcibly destroy the home of 90 U. S. citizens in an effort to arrest one man or to search his home.

3. How, where and when did the federal government or the attorney general or the president of the United States or any other person or entity get the power to unofficially declare war against anyone's home or group of homes? The people living in the Waco compound had just as much right to live in accordance with their religious beliefs as does any other person in this country.

4. How can the Attorney General or the FBI or the BATF possibly believe that enforcing the search or arrest warrants gave them the right to attack this home with 100 armed men by a sneak attack? And after that crime was lawfully aborted by the exercise of the right of self-defense, how do they justify the gathering of an armed force around the home of these still innocent people. And how do they justify trying to demolish the home of all these people? And where is the intelligence in throwing tear gas into this sacred home which is knowingly occupied by at lease 17 children? And what happened the concept that a "MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE"?

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5. The conduct of all the government agencies and persons involved in this incident resembles the type of power exercised by any dictatorship. Our constitution must be amended or new laws must be passed to ensure that this abuse of power will never happen again.

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6. I call for the firing of Janet Reno and the resignation of Bill Clinton.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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F.B.I. Director Sessions  
Tenth and Pennsylvania Aves. NW  
Washington, DC 20535

April 20, 1993

Dear Director Sessions,

I am appalled by the action of our Federal Bureau of Investigation in the recent incident at Waco. I find it incomprehensible that you never considered the chances were great for mass suicide. The precedent for martyrdom was clearly set by Jim Jones - will we learn nothing from history? When a mentally unbalanced man such as David Koresh is backed into a corner, did you really believe he would act rationally and peacefully? Your aggressive stance toward these people - the only stance that was taken - gave them exactly what they wanted: continuous publicity, justification for their violent defense, and, most of all, reason to become martyrs whose fiery deaths will forever be imbedded in the minds of the American people and the world!

I do appreciate your concern for the children. Their innocent and awful deaths is the source of my outrage. I am aware that horrendous things may have been happening to them. However, physical and sexual abuse are obstacles that, with time and help, children can overcome. Death is an obstacle children cannot overcome. The adults are responsible for their own decisions about their lives. Your actions snatched away from the children any chance for life in this world that they had. How can you possibly justify your actions in light of those victims?

I do have suggestions for other ways this situation might have been handled. Why were suggestions not solicited from Day One? For the sake of those who may be involved in any such future event, here are some alternatives:

- 1) Give the situation no press coverage.
- 2) Use no means of harassment or force. Simply wait. Did they have enough food and water for two months? six months? a year? They might have chosen to starve themselves, the result might have been the same. But at least their decision would be their decision; not a reaction to our decision that time's up.
- 3) Food, water, anything could have been offered in exchange for the children. What price equals their lives?
- 4) Read Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. on the powerful effects of creative, non-violent resistance. Brainstorm about the applications to this incident.

My soul grieves for the loss of those children and their family members who remain. My soul also grieves for the national leaders who continue to believe that force and aggression can bring peace.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Sessions,

To protect the integrity of the FBI, it is imperative that you initiate an objective, unbiased investigation of the actions of your agents in the regrettable Waco, TX incident of April 19, 1993. Please reassure us that the FBI agents had not simply exhausted all patience? What alternative courses of action were considered? Were the lives of innocent children not considered?

Please also resign Bob Ricks, whose insubordinate Rambo-like demeanor damaged the Bureau's public image. It was very difficult to listen to him as he demonized Mr. Koresh. If Mr. Koresh was insane, he needed medical care, not incineration. The "child abuse" accusations were also expected and predictable, as the nation's latest red herring.

Please do not assume this incident will quickly blow over. It represented repetitive miscalculation that is truly a blot on the Bureau's great record.

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William Sessions  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Mr. William Sessions  
Head of the FBI  
Washington, DC

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April 20, 1993

Dear Mr. Sessions:

The massacre at Waco TX is the final idlcy in a series of similar events. It appears that the government is unable to learn from its past mistakes in dealing with such situations, or is so callous to human life, that the loss of it does not matter, if the lives lost are those of poor deluded religious fanatics.

Hearing the remarks of the FBI afterwards, I shook my head in amazement at their fatuousness. I found myself answering them back, and here are some of my responses:

"The logical thing for them to do [when we started ramming them with tanks and gassing them] was to run out of the compound."

ANSWER:

1. Since when did people suffering from a mass delusion ever act logically?

2. If my house was rammed by tanks, I would assume that the people in the tanks hated me so much that if I ran out of the house, they would shoot me, first thing.

"David Koresh assured us four times that they would not commit mass suicide."

ANSWER:

1. Since he had lied about everything else, why did you think that he was telling the truth this time?

2. Didn't the Jonestown and MOVE incidents teach you that to a group of fanatics, mass suicide is the appropriate response to pressure from outside? The tenet of these people's faith was that the Apocalypse was imminent and they were going to a better life in Heaven. Why shouldn't they kill themselves when things became unbearable?

"The situation had to come to an end because child abuse was occurring."

1. Did you really think that being teargassed or rammed by tanks was beneficial to children? The bitter irony is that the final solution to the suspected child abuse was to let the children roast alive. That settled that, didn't it?

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In addition, I have two other points to make. The FBI goes on and on about how the initial shootout was the result of "the element of surprise" being lost as they stormed the compound. Why did they think they had to "storm the compound" in the first place? Did they ever think of sending a non-threatening, preferably female, agent to knock on the door of the compound and say, "Hi. Some of your neighbors are worried because you seem to be arming yourselves. What's the story?"

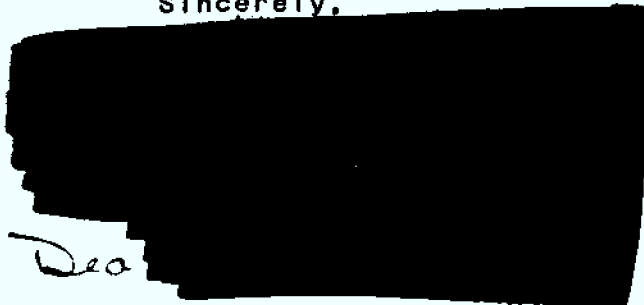
Second, the FBI had the option, at any time, to end the standoff and simply walk away. You may say that the cultists had the same option. Well, first, they were defending their home from attack by outsiders. Second, they were fueled by powerful religious faith and belief in a messianic figure. But most importantly, the FBI agents were rational beings, in control of all their faculties, and the cultists were not.

I believe that the storming of the compound and the unwillingness on the part of the FBI are examples of the prevalence of "testosterone poisoning" in the agency. The FBI seems to love to engage in these quasi-military, showy, maneuvers, and prefers waging war against the citizens of its own country than to risk losing face by backing down, admitting a mistake, or using a less macho method in the first place.

Until the government devises another set of rules to deal with such situations, tragedies like this one will keep occurring. We continue, against all indications, to use nuclear bombs to swat pesky flies.

Won't you please learn from your mistakes this time?

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Cyr. William Sessions;

Just a note of reassurance.

After listening to some comments  
from some of the media and

their 'second guesses' about

Waco.... I just want to say  
you did a fantastic job.

If anything - you should have  
done this a month ago 63HQ-1050305-125

you have been more than  
patient and tolerant.

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Dear

April 20, 1993

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Public Affairs Div.  
Washington, D. C. 20537

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Bureau's actions in connection with the cult affair in Waco, Texas. The cult members apparently decided to take their own lives and while this is regrettable, they must be held accountable for their own actions.

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Mr. Bob Ricks, S.A.C.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Post Office Box 54511  
Oklahoma City, OK 73154

Dear Mr. Ricks:

I wanted to drop you a quick note of support and admiration for the outstanding work that you have done in Waco, Texas. Although the outcome was certainly not what you or any of your associates anticipated or desired, you and all of the other agents involved should be proud of the job that you have done over the past two months. On behalf of my family here in Charlotte, North Carolina, I just want to let you know that I am glad that there are people like you out there to take care of the many challenges and unpleasantities that our complex world offers us.

Very warmest regards,  
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cc: Mr. William Sessions

Mr. William Sessions, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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April 20, 1993

F. B. I. Headquarters  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
10th & Pennsylvania Ave., N. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Gentlemen;

Thank you for your forthright action of yesterday at the Branch Davidian compound in McLennon County, near Waco, Texas. If I were to attempt to find fault with your handling of the said situation it would be that you may have been overly patient before finally cracking down.

It is alleged that Charles Wilson (Eisenhower's Secy of Defense) had on the front of his desk the following "NULLE BASTARDO CARBARUNDUM" and that Mr. Wilson said that this was assembly line latin and translated to "don't let the bastards wear you down" This just may apply to the F. B. I at this time.

Thanks again for your action!

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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

OWACO TX

I am tired of listening to all  
the bad comments being made about  
how the FBI handled WACO. I  
disagree with these stupid people.  
I firmly believe that the  
FBI and the other government agencies  
handled the problem the best way  
they could. All the events that  
happened at WACO are the  
fault of DAVID KORESCH and no  
one else.

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For the record, you did not  
make a bad judgment call.

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To: Mr. William Sessions, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Department of Justice  
Washington DC 20535

From: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Sessions,

I have watched the last several weeks as the tragic events near Waco, TX have unfolded and now feel compelled to write to you. I have noticed that the press has hammered Ms. Janet Reno and the FBI very heavily regarding the events that led up to the tragic fire and deaths yesterday. Many armchair commanders have offered opinions about what your people should or should not have done. The same occurred when the federal authorities moved in on Randy Weaver et al near here just a few short months ago. I must say that, in contrast to the clamor in the press, I believe that you and your officers ought to know that there is a segment of our population (and I believe a large one) who feels that FBI agents have acted prudently and rationally in trying to resolve these most difficult of situations. I believe that the press is just hunting for a scandal. I feel that federal agents acted with great patience and compassion for the group in the compound. From what I have seen, I believe that police carefully attempt to protect human life at all times. I expect that the recent tragedy in Waco will be carefully studied to learn new and better methods. No one but David Coresh and his followers are responsible for the cult groups actions. It is important for your people to realize that they cannot always predict the actions of irrational individuals. Thank you for your hard work and dedication and please remember that many americans are proud of our law enforcement agencies and the fine job they do for us every day.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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21 April 1993

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

Dear Mr. Sessions:

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Enclosed is a copy of the ms of my next guest-editorial for our local newspaper, the Newnan Times-Herald. It asks what impact the sorry spectacle of FBI agents "negotiating" with crazed cop-killers in Waco will have upon the crime rate in the United States.

I don't think that "kinder, gentler" law-enforcement works. The criminals whom I've known were impressed only by the swift exercise of superior force. I believe that the FBI could lower the crime rate and in the long run save many lives by disbanding its negotiating team and instead training up the best SWAT team in the business.

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Yours truly

*Frank Conner*

Mr. Frank Conner

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Dear Mr. Conner:

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## WIMPING OUT IN WACO

by Frank Conner (19 April 1993)

On the 28th of February, the BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) tried to serve warrants on the Branch-Davidian cult in Waco, whereupon the cultists opened fire. Several members of the BATF and the cult were killed. The BATF retreated and were joined by the FBI. Then began the 51-day charade. FBI spokesman Bob Ricks explained that the feds didn't want to assault the place and arrest the killers, because children inside might get killed in the crossfire. A kinder, gentler form of law enforcement.

Instead, the feds attempted to negotiate with David Koresh. When that didn't work, they played loud music and drove around the compound in assault vehicles. Reportedly that was costing the taxpayers more than a million dollars a day. Meanwhile the media were giving Koresh all the publicity he craved. Koresh was perceived by the public as the puppeteer jerking the strings of the frustrated, helpless FBI.

During the stalemate, I asked some friends who are retired law-enforcement officers what was wrong with that picture. They said the feds had known that Koresh's cult was not your typical church-congregation: this bunch was Big Trouble. Since most of the cultists worked in nearby communities, the feds should have assaulted the compound one weekday-morning after the cultists had left for work, and secured it. Then they should have collared each cultist when he returned.

My friends were agreed that once the assault had begun, it should have been carried to completion: that's what law-enforcement officers get paid to do. If the initial planning had been suicidal, or if there weren't enough officers on hand to do the job, they should have pulled back just long enough to bring in reinforcements and plan a workable attack. Then they should have taken the compound.

Why? Why risk the lives of federal officers and children? The lives of the children were already at risk. Paranoid David Koresh bore strong resemblance to paranoid Jim Jones (of Jonestown infamy in Guyana). But even had that not been the case, the feds would still have done better to finish the job quickly, accepting that a few children might have been injured. Over the long haul, many, many more lives would have been saved. The reason: the effectiveness of law enforcement depends heavily upon its public image.

The first duty of any government is to protect its citizenry against criminals. But over the past thirty years, governments at all levels in the United States have lost their will to do that. In the 1960s, the counterculture movement decided that our nation's institutions and cultural values were no good and must be scrapped; and that law enforcement--as the upholder of our institutions and our values--was the enemy of the people. Amazingly (to me), many people in the mass media accepted that assessment, and promoted it heavily. The selfish, lawless values of the counterculture took hold at many levels in our society. Accordingly, the crime rate began to soar.

The politicians were loathe to spend our tax money (even back then, when they had it to spend) to acquire the additional cops, prosecutors, judges, and prisons for arresting, convicting, and jailing the additional criminals. The powerful liberal-media strongly opposed that, and the politicians wanted to get reelected.

Overworked prosecutors routinely allowed vicious felons to plea-bargain their crimes down to slap-on-the-wrist misdemeanors. Parole boards regularly cleaned out the overcrowded prisons, even though they knew that two out of three violent-criminals would commit more violent crimes soon after their release.

The only branch of the criminal-justice system still halfway doing its job was law enforcement. The undermanned cops were now all that stood between the honest citizens and the animals. The animals understood clearly that once the cops decided to get you, you were got. The cops still had the will. They did their job in spite of the liberal media screaming for their hides, the revolving-door criminal-justice system, the gutless-wonder political bosses, and the apathetic (sometimes-hostile) public. The cops still kept the lid on, barely.

The FBI has long been considered the best and brightest of the law-enforcement agencies in the U.S. But what message did the 51-day Branch-Davidian debacle send to all the criminals and wannabe criminals? That David Koresh was controlling the situation in Waco, not the FBI. That law enforcement, too, is becoming politicized and weak-willed and ineffectual. That the cops aren't so tough after all.

When law enforcement negotiates with criminals, then law enforcement is seen to be pleading with the criminals to surrender; and the majesty of the law is sorely diminished. Therefore, criminals will become bolder; and more of them will shoot it out with the cops when cornered, or grab hostages. So the honest citizens and the cops will pay a heavy price for the wimpy new image of law enforcement that was created in Waco. That's why my friends (and I) believe that the FBI and BATF should have overrun and secured that compound no later than the second day, no matter the immediate cost.

The liberal media are noisily blaming the burning of the Koresh compound on the FBI. None of them have thought to blame David Koresh. God help the United States.

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DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS  
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Dear Mr. Sessions + the F.B.I. : 321

I congratulate <sup>ON WACO 18</sup> you for doing  
a splendid job of handling the  
Waco situation. All of you were  
humane, you gave them every  
chance to come out of there,  
and, it seems to me, you used  
good judgement.

The criticisms of your work  
disgust me beyond words, and  
they are from people who do not  
know the facts, or are trying to  
make a political "hay."

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Thank you for your efforts

to protect all of us. 63-HQ-1050305-113

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April 21, 1993

Mr. William Sessions  
Director of the FBI  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
10th and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20401

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Dear Mr. Sessions,

OWW TX

I appreciate how you and your agents handled the Wayco incident. You'll surely receive harsh criticism from some sectors, but given the circumstances, you did what was right.

It's always a tragedy when people die, especially women and children, but it's also a greater tragedy when police officers die in the line of duty. These officers were representing society and trying to enforce the values that this country holds dear. When an officer is lost, society at large has been violated.

I saw last night's ABC television documentary on the Wayco incident and the allegations that the situation could have been handled differently to avoid the lost lives of the people in the compound. These people were criminals and your agents gave them ample opportunity to surrender peaceably. Your staff made every possible effort to negotiate a humane solution to this situation. However, it's almost impossible to make sense with mentally unstable people.

It's a very basic, fundamental fact that a person doesn't shoot a police officer. When that action is taken, there are certain and inevitable legal consequences. The pendulum has swung too far in the direction of the rights of the criminal. Not one word was spoken on the TV documentary about the grief of the families of the police officers killed.

I hope that you and your agents will not be subjected to lengthy and probing investigations into this matter, and that your conscience will not brood over this incident. You did the best you could in a very difficult situation. My family supports you and your agents' efforts and prays that God will protect you and give you peace over this unfortunate situation.

Sincerely,

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DATE 4/21/93

TO: WILLIAM SESSIONS

Dear, MR. SESSIONS

I am writing to let you know how I feel about the mess in Waco, Tx. The only thing the F.B.I. did wrong, was wait so long to get them out of there. They should have done the same thing the day the tanks arrived. Honest people go to work everyday to pay taxes to be spent on trash like that, and I think it is a shame.

The President said after he was elected, he was going to help the middle income people, the working people. So far all the help I have seen, is for people who believe in abortion, homosexuals, the Russians, and David Koresh.

I am tired of working, (46 years). I am going to retire, and then I don't know how they will get by without my taxes. They may have to let the foreign countrys take care of themselves. The homosexuals, if they get in the service, put up with the same bad living quarters like all the other people in service. the people wanting a choice, whether to have an abortion, or not, may have to make it before they get pregnant, since the only thing I have heard is spend, spend, spend, and I have not heard of any cuts that will really help.

I doubt this letter does any good, but at least a few Politicians will know how I feel, and I will know not to waste a vote next time, to listen to a bunch of lying promises.

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SINCERELY,

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

P.S. You spoke to a group I was with in D.C. in Oct. I beleived you when you defended your self, before the comittee. I would rather spend money for you a new fence, than on all the above

THE DIRECTOR  
F. B. I.  
CONSTITUTION AVE & 10TH ST NW  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530 4-21-93

Sir -

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I think it ridiculous for  
any one to blame the F. B. I.,  
ATF, or any Government  
agency for what happened  
in Dallas, TX

Anyone who watched the  
start of that fire could  
plainly see that it was  
started in an area where  
there were NO agents! I  
strongly suspect that the  
fire was started to destroy

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Strong winds & by the  
color of the smoke, which  
led me to believe that cult  
members had soaked the  
compound with a combustible,  
caused the fire to "explode."  
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before cult members  
could escape. Chances are,  
cult members, in the  
exitement of the moment,  
were not aware of the  
strong winds & may well have  
forgotten that the compound  
had been sealed.

Some of this is more  
speculation on my part  
but expect your inves-  
tigators are going to find  
some interesting facts when  
they sift thru the rubble.

Nothing "went wrong"  
that hadn't been wrong  
from the beginning!

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21 April 1993

The Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

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Dear Mr. Sessions:

There is no way any thinking person could hold you or Attorney General Reno responsible for the actions of those kooks in Waco. The cult members could have come out peacefully at any time. The choice was theirs.

The self appointed experts with the benefit of hind sight who are now critizing you from their ivory towers have no idea what it's like on the firing line.

I wish you well and hope you ignore the nattering nabobs and get on with running the bureau.

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April 20, 1993

William Sessions  
Director  
F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have just heard the press conference by agent Jeff Jamar regarding the David Horesh massacre.

Mr. Jamar states that the F.B.I. was involved because some of their agents and been shot and killed. What he did not address was the reason the agents were present at the compound in the first place.

I am not a member of a cult. I am not in sympathy with the beliefs of the Branch Davidians. Being a member of a cult is not illegal however.

The agents were shot because they invaded a religious compound composed of people who were unstable and perhaps deranged, but who had violated no laws.

My religion respects the rights of citizens to the sexual orientation of their choice but teaches that homosexuality is still a sin. This is not in keeping with the government attitude. Does this mean I am a member of a cult, and that this will justify you invading our church with tanks? Will we be hauled in to court on civil rights charges?

I have never been in sympathy with the National Rifle Association before. I have supported the Brady bill. I am having second thoughts however. Perhaps taking weapons out of the hands of citizens will promote more government invasions of Church property. I never thought I would see the day that citizens would find it necessary to defend themselves from their own government in order to have religious freedom. Is this not protected by our constitution?

Mr. Jamar lied. The agents died because the government invaded a group of religious zealots who had quirky beliefs that did not conform to those of members of our government. Jamar said that Davis Horesh was responsible for the deaths of these children. This is a lie. These children died because the F.B.I was there in the first place. Not one agent would have had as much as his hair messed up had they not been present and participated in an armed invasion of it's own citizens. I have not heard one word as to what laws were broken that necessitated an armed invasion, other than these people had weapons. They had not used them until fired upon. This is the very thing the NRA has been warning us about and I am starting to listen.

Our nation was founded upon religious principles; however, never in our nations history has there been such religious hostility by our government until now. It is frightening.

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Davis Koresh was a deranged man. he is not responsible for the deaths of these children. Janet Reno is responsible. Bill Clinton is responsible. Jeff Jamar is responsible and you are responsible. You are mass murders.

Yours Truly,

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TUESDAY 20 APRIL 1993

MR. WILLIAM SESSIONS,  
DIRECTOR F.B.I.  
WASHINGTON D.C.

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DEAR MR. SESSIONS,

I AM A BLIND MAN, AGE SIXTY ONE (61) AND I HAVE A GUIDE DOG I USE FOR TRAVEL. MY DOG IS PROTECTIVE AND WILL BARK WHEN ANYONE RINGS THE DOOR BELL AND WHEN SHE IS IN THE YARD, WILL ALSO BARK AT PASSERSBY. AFTER THE WACO, TEXAS FIASCO, I NOW WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL BE UNTIL SOME DISGRUNTLED PART OF THE GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE AWAY MY DOG FOR BARKING?

I AM SO VERY UPSET OVER THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY ATF AND FBI THAT I SIMPLY MUST WRITE TO YOU. I HAVE LISTENED TO THE NEWS SINCE THE TIME THIS ALL BEGAN AND ALL I GET FROM IT IS THAT YOU DID NOT LIKE THESE PEOPLE BEING A "CULT" AND I COULD REMIND YOU THAT EVERY PROTESTANT RELIGION THAT BROKE AWAY FROM THE CATHOLICS WERE CONSIDERED "CULTS" UNTIL THEY HAD PROSPERED. NOW, RECOGNIZED.

BY WHAT RIGHT DID YOU HAVE TO DIRECT ANYONE TO GO TO THAT PLACE AND DEMAND THEM TO LEAVE THE PREMISES? IF THIS IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF THE HOLOCAUST, I WILL HOPE NEVER TO SEE ANOTHER.

I FIND THIS TO BE SHAMEFUL AND I HOPE YOU WILL HAVE THE DECENCY TO RESIGN YOUR POSITION ALONG WITH AN APOLOGY TO THE WHOLE WORLD. YES, THE WORLD HAS BEEN WATCHING, NOT JUST A FEW HERE IN THE STATES. YOU HAVE DISGRACED THE GOOD NAME OF WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE PRIVACY AND THE RIGHT TO RELIGION. YOU HAVE EVEN DISGRACED OUR PRESIDENT. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY WITH YOUR LEAVE.

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April 20, 1993  
Waco TX

Gentlemen,

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Looks like you people did it again. Cuckoo and murder the poor and protect the rich.

When a rich persons child (like the Lindbergh baby) gets kidnapped you guys go gong-Ho - but let it be an average persons baby and where are you? (1)

You all have blood on your hands. What Cult, Church, Religion, Sect etc will be next? (2) All hope and pray they dont pass a law on feet washing or us Baptists will be next on your list. (3)

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Did you guys use Cyclone like Hitler on the innocent people? (3) Wouldnt surprise me. One Gas chamber is as good as

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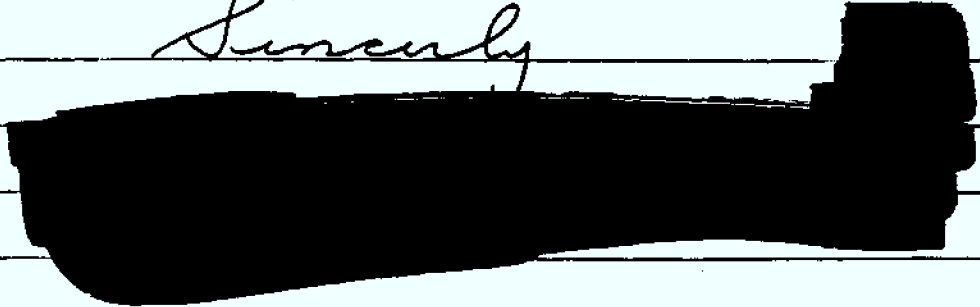


the next-even if it is in  
Waco Texas, U.S.A.

I find it hard as an  
old man to thank my  
grandchildren respect for the  
F.B.I. after what you group  
show as examples. You and  
the Secret Service can't even  
protect our President. Please  
answer my questions if you  
have time.

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Sincerely



P.S. I will keep you all  
in prayer for your son of  
murder.

April 19, 1993

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The FBI  
10 St. & Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington DC, 20535  
To The F B I,

I have been watching the news coverage on Waco, Tex. and your press conference on CSPAN. First I want to say I approve everything you did today. I have felt from the start you should have move sooner. The first news coverage stated it was an armed camp. Heavy on armed. Then the news media shifted to the cult aspect and Freedom of Religion. It fills it time.

The media chose to ignored the fact this was an armed camp who fired upon, killed and wounded law officers without regard to their own safety. No one questioned why were they armed? I feel any group that arms them selves as these people did should be view as terrorist and treated as such. Fighting terrorism is war. You lost good men fighting that was and yet the media applied pressure to stand back and do nothing because these people held their own children as hostages. Would the bleeding hearts and news media feel the same it these were foreign people in an armed camp who declared war against our law officers? I doubt it

Those who are now crying outrage are the same ones who cried outrage at the bombing at the Trade Center, yet they want every one's rights protected whether you are an American terrorist or a foreign terrorists. They can't have it both ways.

I think the news media coverage of this stinks. They attack you, the justice department and Ms. Reno and defend a nut. They interview every other nut who was ever involved with the cult and call it news and expect me to feel sorry because 'God' choose to set himself on fire and we wonder what is wrong with this country? They chose to ignore the fact this was a self proclaimed 'Christ'. This is not religion. I do not have the right to do anything I want just by claiming I'm the Virgin Mary or do I? I hope not. If there is any fault, I blame the media for slanting the public view and a few nuts in congress and tying your hands.

These people choose what they were doing and they knowingly broke the law. I am sorry for the children who died. They could have been sent out when the other children were sent out. It was the parents decision to kill their children yet children die every day in war.

I only hope what we learn from this is not to grant sanction to all the other armed camps in this country just because they claim to do so in the name of some God they have dreamed up.

I think you did a good job to day. It was time to take a stand. Keep up the good work.

Thank God you are there for us.

Sincerely yours,

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April 20, 1993

Dear Sirs,

Waco TX

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My husband and I want to commend you all for the excellent way you all handled the Mt. Carmel situation. We watched the news briefing nearly every day and admired how cool they remained under all the pressure of the news media: (criticism, same old questions over and over every day, etc)

We feel they went the extra mile with Koresh. He was nothing but a spoiled brat who wanted his way only. I do not believe he would have come out alive if you had waited, he would always have an excuse. (He was a big coward)

We support all the action of the ATF, FBI and Attorney General.

ACK 7am  
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Sincerely,

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April 22, 1993

Honorable Judge William S. Sessions  
9th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Sessions,

*Wacco TX*

I am writing to you in regards to the David Koresh, Wacco stand off. It was an extremely tense situation and I think that you handled it very well. It is too bad that so many people had to die and it must be hard for you and your men to see innocent people suffer, especially the children. I believe that that could have been avoided if you took action a little sooner.

51 days is an awfully long time to be playing with people's lives. During this time that you and your men waited, taxpayers ended up spending more money than was needed. I read in the newspaper that you contemplated the idea of using a sniper to take out Koresh. That would've saved a whole lot of lives and probably could have been done sooner. I don't understand why you didn't do this.

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I realize that it was a difficult decision, with many factors to be taken into consideration, to make. Once again I would like to congratulate you and your men on ending the conflict in Wacco. There are still a lot of unanswered questions, but I'm sure that you will be able to clear everything up soon.

Sincerely,

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR SIR:

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I FULLY SUPPORT THE FBI  
ACTION IN THE RECENT WACO,  
TEXAS INCIDENT, AS I'M SURE  
THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS  
DO.

DAVID KORESH WAS OBVIOUS-  
LY A KOOK WHO WASN'T  
ABOUT TO LISTEN TO REASON.

HE IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE LIVES OF A LOT OF  
PEOPLE. THE CHILDREN INVOLVED  
WAS ESPECIALLY SAD.

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THE FBI AND ATF AGENTS  
INVOLVED HAD TO DO SOME-  
THING TO END THE TRAVESTY,  
AND THEY DID A FINE JOB.  
51 DAYS IS A LOT OF PATIENCE.

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I SUPPOSE THERE WILL  
BE A LOT OF SECOND GUESSING,  
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS,  
ETC.,

BUT, AGAIN, I'M SURE THE  
MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT  
FBI/ATF ACTIONS, ALL THE  
"BLEEDING HEARTS", ETC. NOT-  
WITHSTANDING.

MY CONGRATULATIONS TO  
A FINE ORGANIZATION. THANK  
YOU, AND KEEP UP THE FINE  
WORK.

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April 22, 1993

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

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Dear Sir;

UWACO TX

I want to express to you and your agents my approval of your handling of the Waco, Texas disaster. A disaster, which I and my family believe came about as the result of the actions taken by David Koresh.

I am angry about the finger pointing and fault finding that I see daily on television, much of it directed at the F.B.I.

Fight the good fight and let the media know it cannot run your agency.

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Sincerely, 63-119-105035/25

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

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April 22, 1993

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

OWACO TX

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I am surprized at the number of T.V. and radio documentaries on the David Koresh incident. The bias towards Koresh and against the F.B.I. is shocking. In my opinion, the man and his group were lawbreakers and had to be brought to justice. I am sorry that any life had to be lost in the compound, but I am also sorry that law-enforcement officers had to lose theirs.

I support your decisions and feel that alot of folks do also. Thank you for attempting to protect us from lawless citizens.

Sincerely,

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April 23<sup>rd</sup> '93

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Mr William Sessions,

Dear Sir:

In regard the Waco TX situation,  
I feel the decision by the  
Attorney General, Janet Reno and  
implemented by the F.B.I. to  
have been the correct one.

The news media not helping,  
I do not read of sympathy  
for the four agents murdered  
or their families. 63-HQ-105305-127

You are ask to protect the interest  
of our citizens and then castigatid  
for doing so. I feel it was  
handled the only way possible.

I will be writing the President

the same message - 63-HQ-105305

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Dear FBI,

Now that the Waco TX stand off is over all I hear is what you should of done. It makes me mad. I want to say Thank you for a good job. I'm sorry you lost a few agents. You are not to blame for the deaths of all those people. The second they chose to fight you instead of going peaceful they took the responsibility for what happens to them upon themselves. With all the tax dollars being wasted, if it was me I would of moved in sooner. I feel bad so many died. But no matter who or how that fire started it was still their fault. They broke the law, they should of gave up. Anyway after hearing so many people on the news complain about you I wanted to say not everyone feels that way. Keep up th good work.

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63-HQ-1050305 Sincerely

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON DC 20535

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April 23, 1993

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Janet Reno  
U.S. Attorney General  
Main Justice Building - Room 5111 321  
Constitution Avenue 140  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Ms Reno, OWACO TX

Please accept this letter as a vote  
in support of you and the F. B. I.,  
and other law enforcement agencies  
in handling the Branch Davidian  
situation in Waco, Texas.

It is time for the people of this  
country to put some faith in  
the law enforcement system and let  
them do their jobs. 63-112-160305-129

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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William Sessions

5/4/93 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear William Sessions: —

We as American citizens are outraged at our government's actions which resulted in the deaths of over one hundred people in Texas. The government abused its powers.

Americans have constitutional rights to freedom of speech, to bear arms, to religious freedom, and are supposed to be considered innocent until proven guilty. The ATF, FBI, and their commanders you, William Sessions, and Janet Reno, and your commander, President Clinton, tried, condemned, and executed these men, women, and children without due process of law. All should resign in disgrace.

We are shamed by our government.

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DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON DC 20535

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I FEEL THE WACO SITUATION WAS HANDLED WELL AND AS HUMAN AS POSSIBLE.

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OWACO TX

SAY WHAT YOU MAY  
TO COVER YOUR REAR.

THE PLAIN FACT IS THAT  
YOU, CLINTON & RENO USED  
GAS ON CHILDREN.

NO MATTER WHAT CRIMES  
THE ~~GOOD~~ CULT DID NOTHING  
JUSTIFIES THE USE OF GAS  
ON A 3 YEAR OLD CHILD.

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WILLIAM SESSIONS  
DIRECTOR F.B.I.  
WASHINGTON D.C.

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To whom it MAY CONCERN,

First let me state that if 148  
this letter gets any further than  
the MAIL ROOM I will be surprised.  
I believe with the information  
that I have heard and read that  
the murder of 25 children in WACO  
TEXAS WAS AND IS A disgrace of the  
highest magnitude for the federal  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES of this  
country.

To me your whole mission  
in this operation seems to be  
UNCLEAR. I.e. . . If you went  
there to rescue those children  
from a cult and get them out alive  
the F.B.I. (A+P), were a miserable failure.  
If the Feds went there to wipe  
that cult off of the face of the  
earth they were a huge success.  
But at what cost? 63-HQ-1050305-133  
Dozens of  
Dead children, Dead Federal Agents  
And last but not least the divid-  
ing of the people of this country  
left wondering after the smoke  
cleared just who were the "good guys"

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& who were The bad guys". Don't get me wrong I Am no friend of cults but I truly believe That A NATION'S Level of civilization is measured by The Treatment of our children AND The value we place on human life.

To me watching The operation unfold before me on T.V. I could not help but see The parallels in Tactics to The Vietnam War, i.e... The Helicopter Assaults, The Armored Assaults, AND probably The most not worthy was The psy-ops, (loud speakers & lights, music), The whole thing just brought back memories of, "win their hearts AND minds or blow their damn brains out". BUT This was not Vietnam it was Texas AND These were not communist people but American citizens. Misguided yes! But still AMERICANS.

I heard reports on The news That The reason for The Armored Assault That provoked The fire



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AND The death of The children WAS because of The concern for The childrens welfare. Taking a chance of Squashing A child with A 60 Ton M-60 Tank OR choking one To death with Non persistent C.S. Agent is Not Helping Those childrens welfare AND After The previous gun battle, To Think you could drive A Tank into That Madmans living Room without ANY retaliatory measures on his part is. At Least bad & NAIVE intelligence & At worst bungling ignorance with the resultant effect of 25 children dead.

But That seems to make no difference Those children were expendable, no one wants to take Accountability, Just blame The dead religious fanatic. Not good enough in my estimation AND I would probably say The estimation of The families who were waiting to see their children & grandchildren Again. WELL I Think The Federal govt. is Accountable for its mistakes or should be. (Are They Above The Law?).

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with dozens of unarmed children inside common sense and compassion would seem to dictate that cooler and more reasonable alternatives should have been tried first.

After all this is or used to be the United States of America a free Democracy, Not ~~IRAQ~~! I could

go on another 5 pages of what seems to me would have been more appropriate responses, but since it is all over but the crying now, I will only mention one.

Why you did not let the families on the outside have more access to their loved ones inside is beyond me? Not necessarily letting them in the compound, but maybe in no-man's land by letters loud speakers etc..., letting those women and children in there know they still had people on the outside that cared and loved them; It seems would have gave them hope and with hope comes reason and compromise. I believe

(P.S. - Because I disagree with the F.B.I. please do not come & burn down my house and kill my daughter. I am not a cult member.)

That just may be my final point. That the F.B.I. lost hope and let their personal feelings and gruges get the best of them and 25 young innocent children burned to death because of this. Unexcusable; in the military in which I used to be an officer (Army). When a mission failed this badly, heads would roll. Since Janet Reno is she takes full responsibility for this fiasco and she claims to be a lawyer and law enforcement professional, her resignation should be forthcoming. I won't hold my breath because of what I see in govt. Today. <sup>I.E.</sup> people that don't seem to know what in the hell they are doing but are doing it as fast as they can anyway, lots of promises and no accountability. If you took the time to read this THANK YOU.

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JOEL SARTORE (ABOVE); CHARLES TRAINOR, JR., MIAMI HERALD

**DEVIL DOG TURNED ANGEL:** *Marine David Ketcham cradles Jarvis Williams, a three-year-old who lost his home. "We became like brothers," said Ketcham, after the two met at a Florida City relief center. "I felt how nice it is to give." Praying on the Sunday after Andrew, parishioners of the Southmost Menno-nite Church give thanks: No victims were trapped in the flattened sanctuary. "That's only the building. The anchor is solid," says founding pastor LeRoy Sheats.*

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Dear [REDACTED]

J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.,  
10 Epen. Ave NW, Washington  
D.C., 20535

ATTN: F.B.I.  
WACO OPERATION

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YOU ARE ACCUSED OF:  
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS  
(LOUD MUSIC, HELICOPTERS, ETC)  
CHILD ABUSE - SAME AS ABOVE  
POOR DECISION MAKING  
MISUSE OF MONEY & AGENTS  
(BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET  
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF AGENTS)

I AM APPALLED AT THE OUTCOME.

YOU DID NOT USE ALL THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

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April 21, 1993

FBI Director  
Washington DC 20537

Dear Mr. Sessions

I don't imagine many people write to you, however I feel you and your men are to be commended on your stand in Texas TX

The hours of frustration and increased levels of tension, that the men went through, cannot be understood unless the complainers walked in their shoes.

I take my hat off to you, your men, AND their families

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We would like to commend  
the FBI in the well-done  
job in Waco<sup>TX</sup> - you showed  
much patience, bravery -  
you did your very best!

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FBI Headquarters

Washington DC 20515

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Estimated Director:

Waco TX

I am extremely dissappointed at all the politicians and anybody that has the gall to insinuate that your agency could have prevented the tragedy that we all witness. Iam just a regular citizen that believes a madman started this situation, and that same madman caused the end to it. Hopefully, the American people will stand before you and the leaders involved. even though this is only one mans opinion, I'm sure that everything it's going to be fine.

Perhaps this sounds somewhat "squared ",however; God Bless!

Sincerely

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F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.20536

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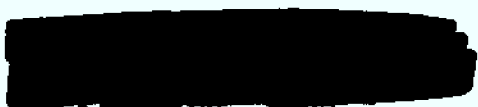
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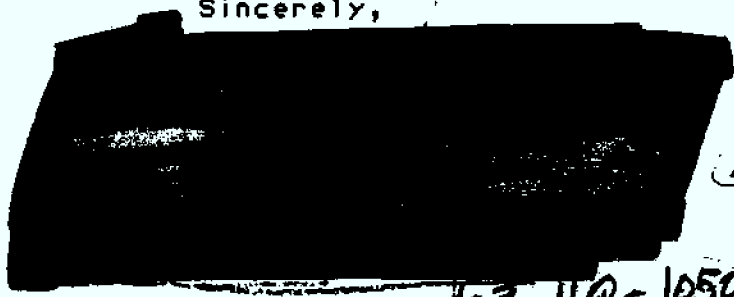
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Washington DC 20535

Regarding the WACO situation:

In the non-intellectual vernacular:

"You done good!"

Sincerely,



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Washington, D.C.

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A big thanks to all the FBI,  
ATF and law enforcement crew!

Some people seem to forget  
about how your lives have been  
affected & also how your family's  
lives have been affected for the  
past 2 months.

But taxes have paid for all of  
this! The law enforcement departments  
have spent way outside their budgets.

Now, for those that survived — we'll  
all pay for their medical expenses &  
then all of the legal procedures that  
will come about! 63-HQ-1050305-137

For weeks, I've wanted those tanks  
to do just what they did.

Congratulations!

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Director Williams Sessions

April 23, 1993

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I am copying my elected officials with a copy of this letter in order to express to them my desire that the FBI or the ATF not be made scapegoats of this tragedy. If mistakes were made, learn from them. It always strikes me as odd that if someone else makes a mistake in judgment, they should have known better; but if we ourselves make a mistake in judgment, we feel we should be given a chance to right the wrong. You did your best.

Sincerely,

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cc: Congressman John J. Duncan  
Senator Harlan Matthews  
Senator Jim Sasser