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DAVID: -- guys got angry, they got red in the face, they jumped up and down. Are you trying to say, you know, that you are Jesus Christ? Blasphemy. I mean, it was just like -- it was horrendous.

DICK: Um-hum.

DAVID: Okay, now, the thing is this. And I'm sitting back in the chair and I said look, everything that we learned, we learned together and agreed to. Now, the only thing we do not agree to is that you do not agree for me to show you the seven seals, because if I could, that would imply very clearly that you would have to be subject to the higher powers. Blasphemy. You're the -- the one guy says nobody can know the Bible as well as you but you be the anti-Christ, the devil himself.

You know, it's like it's a bunch of chickens with their heads cut off. So, anyway, one guy says -- well, actually, it was two guys there. Steve can give you the names of them. He says we are going to spend lots of money, we are going to ruin you. You are going to be ruined, you will see. One guy kept saying you need to come to Africa, try to preach your, your doctrine in Africa. I don't know what he was talking about.

So I told him, I said, I says you gentlemen
get out of this house, you know.

DICK: Uh-huh.

DAVID: And so, you know, they, they were -- I mean, it was just a big mess. And so, finally, they were all out the door. You know, this is like 10, 11:00 at night now, and they're out in the front yard whooping and a hollering, just like the Sanhedrim did, the Pharisees did 2,000 years ago, disturbed, messed up. You know, their fried, dyed, combed-to-the-side hairdos, looking like a bunch of TV ministers. I mean, and, you know, all because why?

They cannot afford to, to be taught the seals at this time. They (Indiscernible) university. A gentlemen became very angry, one of the top ministers there. I was in his office and I sat down in front of him and I began to expound to him in regards to the seals. Again, like everybody else, they agreed, God on a throne. They cannot deny it. It would be an insult to their own basic senses. All right, he's going to come. What's the reward? Well, all the power, the great -- no, no, what did God give him? Oh, the book.

And he says good point, good point. And I go right. I said now, here's the deal. Would you like to learn the seals? Well, what are you implying,
Mr. Koresh? I said would you like to be -- to show you the seals? Well, that's impossible. I go well, if that's impossible, the reason why it's impossible is because if I could show you the seals and you would be willing to receive them, then I would be sitting there, and I pointed to his chair, right, behind the desk where he was sitting --

DICK: Uh-huh.

DAVID: -- and you would be sitting here. And I pointed to where I was sitting, in front of his desk. And about that time his fingers were with his pencil, you know, like they're fixing to break his pencil. And he just got really shaky and all that. He says, he says sir, he says, you know, I feel it's time that you leave my office immediately. You know, I was -- how do you deal with this kind of -- now, this happened to me all over this country and this world.

And then you know what happens with these leaders, once that I first confront them? My name gets muddied, it gets slandered, it gets chopped. Story after story of thing after thing, rumor after rumor. And, you know, any and everything that they can conjure up is used. And then, all of a sudden, there comes all of these threats, like oh, you should
have seen England -- you know, (Indiscernible) University, talking about a bunch of mad men. you know, seriously --

DICK: You have to make it work for you. Make it work for you.

DAVID: God is making it work. But the Adventist Church, like I say, you could have such a high profession. I wish it would take some of those millions of dollars that it has in banks and all that, because they brag about their per capita, the richest church in the world per capita, you know, 'cause, you know, they, they teach a very thorough 10 percent tithe, right?

DICK: Um-hum. Um-hum.

DAVID: And which, you know, at the same time, if the, if the law of Moses was done away with, that should be done away with, too, I would say. You know, they quote, they quote one, one verse out of Malachi, saying bringing all the tithes to the storehouse, but they leave out the Malachi. They leave out the rest of it, keep ye all the laws of Moses, my servant which I command -- I mean, you know, anyway -- But, anyway, the point is this. So because all of this slander and propaganda has been developed, okay, God in direction has to go other ways and
otherwise to develop a picture or a means to bring these people into judgment, because, remember, the judgment begins at the house of God first.

DICK: Um-hum.

DAVID: And those who profess the highest profession are being judged first. Somebody like yourself, you know, your case is not really coming up as of yet, but, you know, the evidence is being gathered. I mean, while you're listening to me, while you're thinking about these things, while you're looking up into the clouds and you're saying to yourself man, what if this stuff is really true? You know, evidence is being gathered and, you know, this is where we're at right now, but oh, it's just, it's just a sad thing, you know.

And, and people just don't know where I'm coming from.

DICK: David, I can agree with parts of what you have to say, okay? A good deal of it. But people are willing, I am willing, I'm willing to find that out, but you have to be willing to take the time to make the effort, to take advantage of the opportunity that you have to make that clear to those that are willing to listen to you.

DAVID: Right.
DICK: Everybody didn't listen to Jesus Christ, either.

DAVID: Well, I know.

DICK: He made a lot of converts, didn't he?

DAVID: I know they didn't. Believe me, I know above anybody that they didn't.

DICK: Well, not everybody -- you can't expect everybody's going to want to listen to you, but you take the gift that you have and make use of it, show it to the people that are willing and share the word with them. Take the opportunity, this has never been presented in this fashion before, and use it. That's all I'm asking you. I'm not asking you to do anything more than do that. Is that, is that a lot to ask? That's not a lot to ask, is it?

DAVID: Well, I, I, I just said before, Dick, 100 percent I -- what's your last name?

DICK: Wrenn.

DAVID: Okay.

DICK: Like the bird, only two N's.

DAVID: Okay. Like I said before, you know, I agree with everything you're saying, from where you're saying it from. I do. It's just that I don't have that authority. I, I am right here --

DICK: Well, give it some thought, that's
all I'm asking.

    DAVID: There's -- Well, I have been. I, I want to come out so bad. You don't understand. You see, you all people just do not understand where we're coming from.

    DICK: No, I, I'm not --

    DAVID: You know, we, we're here every day, we're here every day. And there are people here every day that are looking out there. There's women with children and they're coming to me and they're, and they're getting weak and I'm telling them every day, you know, well, if, if this is getting too hot for you, especially the wait is the time that's the hardest time of all. You know, the thing of it is is that, like Sita and all them, you know, they're talking about, you know, well, I need to pray to God and all that 'cause I'm really missing my children and everything.

    And they have the opportunity anytime to be able to go to their children. But, as far as myself, I --

    DICK: David, are you telling me that, that you will allow that?

    DAVID: Oh, since day one.

    DICK: I know you have, David, but --
DAVID: This is -- the decision of bringing the children out in the first place was also based upon the parents, too.

DICK: I understand. I understand that. You're willing to let those that want to leave leave?

DAVID: Here, let me, let me let you ask that question of somebody else.

DICK: All right, put them on.

SCOTT: Hello?

DICK: Yes.

SCOTT: You've got a question?

DICK: Well, who's this?

SCOTT: My name is Scott.

DICK: Scott, how you doing?

SCOTT: Fine.

DICK: I think, I think one of the fellows talked to you the other day, did they not?

SCOTT: Yeah, yeah.

DICK: Yeah, good. You want to leave?

SCOTT: Huh?

DICK: You want to leave?

SCOTT: Not particularly.

DICK: What do you mean, not particularly?

That, that tells me that you want to give it some consideration.
SCOTT: Well --

DICK: David's just told me that if you want to get up and leave, you can go.

SCOTT: Yes. We are free to leave, yes.

DICK: Let's do it. Do you want to leave?

SCOTT: I will leave whenever he leaves.

DICK: Okay. You want to leave with David?

SCOTT: Yeah. And if he doesn't leave, then I'm not leaving.

DICK: Okay, that's fair enough. Are one of your kids in there?

SCOTT: No, my, my two daughters are out.

DICK: All right. Now --

SCOTT: I think they were the first two that went out, I think.

DICK: All right. Then are you concerned about joining them? Do you want to join your children?

SCOTT: I wanted them to leave.

DICK: Okay.

SCOTT: I did not want them to be here.

DICK: But you wanted to stay?

SCOTT: Yes, I chose to stay.

DICK: Have you given any more thought to that?
SCOTT: About what, leaving?
DICK: Yeah.
SCOTT: No, not really.
DICK: Oh, yes, you have. Listen, you guys told me --
SCOTT: What?
DICK: -- that people wouldn't lie to us, okay? You cannot tell me that you haven't given it some thought.
SCOTT: I thought about it before.
DICK: Sure you have. You're continuing to think about it every day, are you not?
SCOTT: Only if he leaves.
DICK: Sure you do. Pardon me?
SCOTT: I have thought about it according to --
DICK: If David leaves?
SCOTT: If he leaves, yes.
DICK: All right.
SCOTT: That is the only way I am thinking about it.
DICK: Well, you're thinking about it.
SCOTT: Right.
DICK: All right. Your children would like you to, to be with them. It's your responsibility to
consider that issue very, very seriously.

SCOTT: Yeah, we were on our way out of here the other day. We were going to leave the other day.

DICK: Well, David's explained that to some degree.

SCOTT: Yes.

DICK: But my question to you is do you want to leave right now? David has given me your -- his assurance that you can leave.

SCOTT: Right, I understand that. I know that already.

DICK: And you don't want to leave. Is that what you're telling me?

SCOTT: Right. Unless he leaves.

DICK: Well --

SCOTT: If he leaves, I leave.

DICK: Let's --

SCOTT: If he doesn't leave, I don't leave. That is my decision. I am not -- like all you guys and here on the radio and stuff, you're saying that he's got this power over us and stuff. Not so.

DICK: No, I didn't say that.

SCOTT: Yeah, that's, you know, that's my decision.

DICK: Did you get a chance to look at your
kids' pictures, where --

    SCOTT: Yeah, I saw them.

    DICK: Okay.

    SCOTT: Yeah.

    DICK: You've got them in there?

    SCOTT: Yeah.

    DICK: Did you take a look at them?

    SCOTT: Yeah.

    DICK: Everybody -- all the parents have
gotten their chance to --

    SCOTT: Yeah.

    DICK: Well, listen, if, if you can convince
David to leave, you'll be, you'll be happy to go with
him. Is that correct?

    SCOTT: Yeah.

    DICK: Okay, why don't you talk to him?

    Why, why don't you all come out? Let's, let's come
out and get together, get, get this thing settled.
Get back to your families.

    SCOTT: Right.

    DICK: All right.

    SCOTT: But, see --

    DICK: Does that make sense to you?

    SCOTT: We, we deal with a higher power than
just, you know, it's not him. Like Paul Fatta called
up from the radio --

DICK: Oh, I thought you just told me that if David desired to leave, you would leave with him?

SCOTT: Right, right, that is true.

DICK: Okay.

SCOTT: But wait, let me finish what I'm saying. You see, we follow what is written in the book, not necessarily David. David is the -- David is just the means --

DICK: Scott, you can't have it both ways. A moment ago you told me that if David left, you would leave.

SCOTT: That is true.

DICK: But, on the other hand, you say that David has no hold over you, that it's, it's God's will that you stay. It can't be both ways.

SCOTT: Well, you don't understand what we believe, see.

DICK: No, I'm hearing what you're saying, however.

SCOTT: Yeah.

DICK: And you just told me that if David leaves, you'll leave.

SCOTT: Hold on a second. Maybe you should talk with somebody else.
DICK:  Scott.  Pardon me?

SCOTT:  Another person.

DICK:  Hey, Scott, don't run away.

SCOTT:  Oh, no, I'm not running away.

DICK:  I, I want to talk to you.

SCOTT:  Okay. You, you have a responsibility to those children and to yourself. Obviously, you have a responsibility to others and to this higher being. We all have that responsibility.

SCOTT:  Right.

DICK:  But you, as a parent that brought those children in the world, have the responsibility to those children, do you not?

SCOTT:  Yes.

DICK:  Don't we all as parents have that responsibility?

SCOTT:  Right.

DICK:  Then let's handle that responsibility. Being away from David or being away from that compound doesn't mean you can -- that you don't still answer to God, that you can't serve God. You don't have to be inside that compound to serve God, do you? Can't you serve it from out, outside that compound?

SCOTT:  That depends.
DICK: On what?

SCOTT: Depends on what direction we're given.

DICK: Well, you can get your direction outside the compound.

SCOTT: No, God doesn't talk to me.

DICK: Well, you just told me that you answer to God. That must mean that --

SCOTT: Right.

DICK: -- God speaks to you in some fashion.

SCOTT: No, he doesn't talk to everybody.

DICK: Through prayer.

SCOTT: Does he talk to you?

DICK: Through prayer.

SCOTT: Do, do you actually talk to him? Do you say hey, you know, like I've got this problem, will you help me?

DICK: Well, I -- listen --

SCOTT: And you get an answer?

DICK: -- that's what prayer is, is it not?

Isn't that -- when you talk to God and make your concerns known to God and ask for his help, his forgiveness, his concern --

SCOTT: No, that's a, that's a big misunderstanding of the Christian world.
DICK: All right.

SCOTT: He does not talk to everybody.

That's why --

DICK: I didn't say God talks to everyone. I say you attempt to, to make your desires and your concerns --

SCOTT: Right. You can talk to him all you want. Right.

DICK: All right. And does it not -- people are answered in, in some fashion?

SCOTT: Yeah.

DICK: In some, in some way?

SCOTT: Your prayers are all offered through Christ.

DICK: Exactly.

SCOTT: Right.

DICK: But you don't have to be there. I'm not there and God -- when I speak to God, it's not because I'm inside a compound someplace. I can do it from, from anywhere.

SCOTT: I pray that this doesn't have to happen, but everybody is going to find out who God is.

DICK: Don't you first and foremost have a responsibility to yourself, to God and to your family?

SCOTT: No, it's the other way around.
DICK: Well, I, I'm not saying in that order.

SCOTT: To God first.

DICK: Your first responsibility, you, you must answer to God. I understand. I didn't mean to suggest in that fashion, in that order.

SCOTT: Yeah, Sita -- you remember Sita, you talked to Sita?

DICK: I did talk to Sita. Is she there?

SCOTT: That is my wife.

DICK: That's your wife?

SCOTT: Yeah, that's my wife.

DICK: Okay. It's very clear to me that Sita has concern for her children, much the same way as you do.

SCOTT: Right.

DICK: Okay, you both have.

SCOTT: Right.

DICK: All right.

SCOTT: I love my kids very much and I think they know that.

DICK: Send Sita out. Send Sita out. You stay, send Sita out. Sita will handle the kids. You stay and then later you can come out and --

SCOTT: I cannot tell her what to do. She
has to decide for herself.

DICK: All right, let me talk to Sita.

SCOTT: Okay, you want to talk to Sita?

DICK: Please.

SCOTT: Okay, hold on.

JUDY: Hello?

DICK: Sita?

JUDY: No, I'm not Sita.

DICK: No, this is not Sita.

JUDY: This is Judy.

DICK: Hi, Judy, how are you?

JUDY: I'm fine. How are you?

DICK: Mother of one of the children in there?

JUDY: Um-hum.

DICK: Which child?

JUDY: Which child?

DICK: Um-hum.

JUDY: Why, do you know all the children in here?

DICK: No, I'm just asking. We sent some photos. I was just, you know, I'm just --

JUDY: Oh, oh, no. My child is in here.

DICK: Oh, okay. All right.

JUDY: Yeah.
DICK: You want your child -- you want to go ahead and -- why don't you go ahead and walk your child out? You can return. Walk the child out and we'll take care of the child.

JUDY: Yeah. I don't -- I'm going to wait for a while, see what happens.

DICK: Mina, is that your child? Mina, how do you pronounce that?

JUDY: Yes, Mina.

DICK: Mina? Two years old?

JUDY: Yeah. Two and four-and-a-half months.

DICK: Why don't you walk her out? We'll -- and we'll, and we'll ensure her safety and, and take care of her and provide the, the necessary care until you come out.

JUDY: Yeah. I think somebody else --

DICK: Want to do that?

JUDY: Not right now. I think somebody else wants their's to go out first.

DICK: Okay. Well, let me talk to that person.

JUDY: Okay. Hold on just a minute.

DICK: Okay.

JUDY: Oh, here's Sita for now.
DICK: All right. Sita? Sita?
SITA: Hello?
DICK: Sita?
SITA: Yes.
DICK: Dick. I just spoke to your husband and he and David both told me that, that you're able to leave.
SITA: Yes. I told Jim that already.
DICK: Okay. Well, let's, let's go ahead and get your coat on and then come on out. That way you can take care, take care of the kids and your husband can stay in there and he and David can sort out what they have to do there. You come out and take care of the kids. We're reunite you with the kids.
SITA: That's what they said.
DICK: Both of them said that. I just talked to both of them.
SITA: No.
DICK: Pardon me?
SITA: When I brought my kids, Jim promised to call, whatever, my parents-in-law, call them up --
DICK: Sita, listen, listen. You listen to me for a second, please. I will handle that for you. We will handle it. It's being done. It's being done as soon as we can and in a fashion that assures the
safety and welfare of your children. That is the only way we'll do it and that's the only way you would have us do it. Isn't that what you want us to do, to ensure the, the well being of your child? Isn't that what you want done? If that's not what you want done, tell me.

SITA: I want my kids --

DICK: Absolutely. And that's what I want done and that's what's being done.

SITA: And the only thing -- I brought them out to be saved and to be with their parents, grandparents, so that they can watch them --

DICK: You know, listen, grandparents, grandparents are a poor substitute for their, their natural parents.

SITA: Well, for now, for now -- they were here a month ago.

DICK: Okay.

SITA: They were just here.

DICK: Sita, come out and take care of your kids, okay? I know you've been thinking about it because you've indicated as much to me and to, and to the other fellows that you spoke with. You're concerned. You're a good mother.

SITA: Oh, okay.
DICK: You have a responsibility to those kids. You brought them into the world. It's your responsibility to take care of them. You have that responsibility. God understands that responsibility and you must understand that responsibility. You brought those children into the world. Come out and take care of those children. They want you. They need you and you need them.

I can tell by talking to you that you're a good mother. Both those men, both of those men I just talked to, both David and your husband Scott, have indicated to me that you have the right to leave and the choice is yours. The choice is more than a choice, it's a responsibility. You have a responsibility to those children. Take that responsibility. Come out here and deal with those children. What I want you to do is to tell David, where I can hear you, and to tell Scott in my hearing that you want to leave and that you want to go out and to take care of those children. That does not mean that you support them any less, that you can support them from without the compound.

SITA: Steve want to talk to you right now.

DICK: Steve? Well, you don't want to talk to my any longer?
SITA: Well, he said something is important.
DICK: Oh, Steve? I just said something that was important to you and to your children.
That's the most important thing in the world.
SITA: Well, it (Indiscernible).
DICK: Sita?
STEVE: Hello, Dick?
DICK: Yes, Steve.
STEVE: Yeah. The reason -- what we just found was -- I wanted to get a hold of you before it gets any darker out than what it is. One of the guys spotted or finally found -- we have been -- one of our people have been missing for a while.
DICK: Okay.
STEVE: And his name is Peter Gent. He's --
DICK: Yes, that was mentioned. David mentioned that earlier today.
STEVE: Oh, did he mention it?
DICK: Yeah.
STEVE: Okay, they found the body. The body, they finally -- it's decaying, so, you know --
DICK: Who found the body?
STEVE: One of the guys did here.
DICK: It's in the compound?
STEVE: Right, it is in the compound.
DICK: Okay.

STEVE: And we wanted -- because he is, of course, getting old and everything, we wanted -- they were wondering just what to do about it.

DICK: Well, where, where is he in the compound?

STEVE: I don't even know right now. They just -- they came and told me what the details were and I says well, let me go call and find out what to do. I didn't really worry about so much where he was.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: 'Cause he's on the outside, just on the edge of the building or something like that.

DICK: You mean he's outside the walls? Is that what you're saying?

STEVE: No, he's -- it's actually in the compound --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- but, you know, there's like a fence by a certain part of it.

DICK: In the front? Are you talking about the front?

STEVE: Over on the side.

DICK: Which side, as you look at it? As you look at the front door, which side?
STEVE: Over to the left.
DICK: To the left?
STEVE: Right.
DICK: Over by the building over there?
STEVE: Exactly.
DICK: The new building on the far outside wall?
STEVE: Let's see, the new building. I'm not sure --
DICK: Well, I mean, the new -- not the new building, but the building that construction -- the new construction --
STEVE: Right.
DICK: -- that you've been doing.
STEVE: Correct, over somewhere closer there. They didn't tell me the exact spot because I says well, let me quickly get up and talk to him first, before it gets any darker, so we can know what to do, if they want to come and collect the body or whatever. You know, we would like you to, especially if we hard that -- I think it was Henry that told me that the parents were here from Australia or something. So if, if you want, you can --
DICK: Well, I'll tell you, I'll tell you
what. Obviously, our rules of safety are such that we
can't, we can't do that. But I'll tell you what I'd
like you to do. I will give, I will give you safe
passage. I want you to take two people --

STEVE: All right.

DICK: -- and to wrap the body and to take
the body out to the drop-off point.

STEVE: Over at the gate?

DICK: At the gate.

STEVE: Right.

DICK: I would like you to do that.

STEVE: We will do that. We will start
doing it right now if you want.

DICK: Well, listen, listen.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: You let me know before you go
outside. I want to know and I want to alert the folks
outside as to what we're doing.

STEVE: Okay. Let them know right now, so
I'll go talk to the guys and see how long it takes
them to at least --

DICK: Well, you've got two people that,
that want to do that then?

STEVE: Yeah, definitely. Because, you
know, everybody loved the guy. I mean, he was such a
decent-hearter. I mean, they're all sad as can be.

DICK: Well, we all are. We all are.

STEVE: You know.

DICK: But, but let's --

STEVE: I guess he took -- apparently, he
was hit in the back of the head or something like
that.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: And nobody had seen him since the
beginning of all this business.

DICK: Well, we can, we can do that.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: We can do that, but let's,

let's --

STEVE: Well, let's, let's do that then.

DICK: -- let's don't do anything too
quickly. There's no hurry. Let's, let's, let's make
sure that we don't get too excited.

STEVE: Okay, they're asking me also did you
ever get the milk yet?

DICK: The milk has not been, has not been
dealt with yet finally. We have -- I presented that
to, to my bosses and they're giving it some
consideration. Obviously, the safety of the kids is
paramount. But you know what? We can get the kids
that sort of stuff outside. Is it, is it, is it unreasonable to feed those children?

STEVE: No, he's also talking about mothers, though, when he was asking for --

DICK: Okay. The mothers can come with them.

STEVE: Yeah, we realize that, Dick. We can all come with, you understand?

DICK: Certainly you can. Certainly you can.

STEVE: But, I mean, just if you don't want to do it, that's fine. You know, I won't bring the issue up again.

DICK: Listen. Steve, listen, listen, listen. It's not that I don't want to do it.

STEVE: No, no.

DICK: I told you --

STEVE: You know, no, just no. You know, this is -- let's be real.

DICK: Steve, let me, let me finish my, let me finish my thought, okay?

STEVE: Let's take care of Peter, though, right away.

DICK: Okay. Well, let's, let's finish this thought first.
STEVE: Okay.
DICK: You brought it up.
STEVE: I did.
DICK: I told you that I am willing to do a number of things, but I can't be met halfway. I took care of these concerns about the safety and the good - -and the welfare of the kids. I got photos made for you, okay? I got a tape. Unfortunately, the tape didn't work out. We're going to get you the tape.
What I've asked, as a personal favor to me from you and from David, is to send out more children. But you guys don't want to listen to me. I just spoke to --
STEVE: I haven't talked to you about that, Dick.
DICK: Okay, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. That shouldn't be -- I, I shouldn't have included you.
STEVE: Okay. I heard nothing about it.
DICK: Now, I just spoke to -- okay.
STEVE: You didn't mention it to me.
DICK: I just spoke to one of the, the gals in there who had indicated that there was an interest by one of the females in there, one of the mothers, to get her child out. I want to talk to that child now while we make these -- or to that person while we make
the arrangements to get Pete Gent out.

STEVE: Well, what was the name, because --

DICK: I don't know who it was.

STEVE: You were talking to Sita when I came in.

DICK: That was, that was before Sita.

STEVE: Someone before her?

DICK: The gal I spoke to before Sita.

STEVE: I wonder who that'd be. I have no --

DICK: It was Judy, Judy, Judy Schneider.

STEVE: Okay, just a minute.

DICK: Steve?

STEVE: Yeah.

DICK: That's your wife, is it not?

STEVE: Pardon?

DICK: Is that your wife?

STEVE: Well, what do you think?

DICK: I would hope so. And I would hope you have the same concern about your daughter.

STEVE: I am, I am concerned about everybody here, you know. Of course, you know, about family and --

DICK: Okay, I spoke to Judy and she mentioned a second female that had some concerns and would like to get her child out of there. Judy
mentioned that but I didn't get a chance to talk to her. Can you ask Judy --

    STEVE:  Sure.

    DICK:  -- which person that was?

    (Pause)

    STEVE:  I guess David's telling me right now he wants to have you get Pete's body, I guess, more than anything.

    DICK:  Okay. Well, we'll, we'll make those arrangements.

    STEVE:  Okay. Well, let's do that right now and I'm going to go down and talk --

    DICK:  Okay, well --

    STEVE:  -- before it gets much darker.

    DICK:  Okay, but don't, don't, don't do anything until I pass the word.

    STEVE:  Right, okay. Yeah, but let me at least alert them so they know -- might know what to do.

    DICK:  Okay. Tell them, tell them we're kicking it around and -- hey, listen, I want to get that fellow out there and give him, you know, treat, treat him with the respect due him, okay?

    STEVE:  All right.

    DICK:  I want to do that. And we all do.
But we want to do it within the bounds of safety.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: Okay?

STEVE: I'll let you work on it and not take any more time. So you can call me or I'll call you back.

DICK: All right. We'll get back to you as soon as we can and get that together here.

STEVE: And David --

DICK: But listen, listen, I appreciate the time that you've given me today, both you and David.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: And you tell David that I've -- I picked up some things from him and I hope that, that we can continue this and that perhaps I can pass some information on to him.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: All right?

STEVE: And he says thanks for the milk, also.

DICK: Thanks for the milk.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: I will work on that.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: And I'll guarantee it.
STEVE: Okay, I'll talk to you in a little bit.

DICK: All right? Listen --

STEVE: Yes.

DICK: -- can I go to my bosses and say listen, give me the milk, give me, give me some kids? Can I, can I do that? Would you ask, would you ask David that?

STEVE: He says can I go to my bosses right now and say I'm going to give them the milk and they give me a kid?

DAVID: No. Give us the milk.

STEVE: He says no, give the milk.

DICK: Give the milk but you won't --

STEVE: That's right.

DICK: You --

STEVE: That's right.

DICK: Tell him that the first element of negotiations is --

STEVE: Let's deal with the body. Let's -- I mean, you haven't come through on the milk, so we're -- I'm just going to drop the request even. Let's deal with the body.

DICK: Listen, don't drop it. I know your concerns. I have the same concern.
STEVE: Peter needs to be taken care of. You know, here the guy is, he's been laying around for days.

DICK: I fully agree. I fully agree. Let's deal with that now and --

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: -- I'll get back to you in a --

STEVE: So I'll -- Okay, thanks.

DICK: -- in a bit.

STEVE: Okay, bye.

DICK: Bye now.

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DICK: Hello? Steve? Hello? Steve, I can barely hear you. Just hang on, let me -- you've got some --

STEVE: Oh, boy, this crazy phone. Hello?

DICK: There, there you go.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: There you go. Listen --

STEVE: Yeah.

DICK: -- you can bring Pete, sending an adult with him for purposes of identifying the circumstances to the, to the coroner's office.

STEVE: Well, now, what are you saying exactly?
DICK: I'm saying that you could take the body of Pete out with two adults, one adult of whom will have to stay with the body to, to explain to the coroner the circumstances surrounding why the body was there for, for this period of time and that sort of thing.

STEVE: Hang on a minute. He's saying they want one of the adults to go along so that they can explain to the coroner what happened.

DAVID: No. Tell him to stop this.

STEVE: Dick?

DICK: Yeah.

STEVE: David says let's stop this kind of thing.

DICK: Stop what kind of thing?

STEVE: I mean, you know, you mentioned have an adult go along downtown or something to the coroner. I mean, you know, if they choose to, that's one thing.

DICK: That's fine. Get, get one of your adults there that chooses to do that. I know full well that there's --

STEVE: But none of them want to do that. I mean, he asked already.

DICK: All right. Then we'll have to forget
about Pete for right now.

    STEVE: Okay. What we'll do then is we'll
go bring him out and leave him out at the gate where --
- and just leave him there, I guess.

    DICK: No, we're not going to do that,
either, okay? Again, I told you earlier on that I --

    STEVE: You guys -- listen, you guys, not
you and not the FBI --

    DICK: Okay, all right.

    STEVE: The ATF shot him.

    DICK: All right.

    STEVE: So let them deal with him.

    DICK: We're willing to deal with it, but we
have these safety rules that we, we made known to you
yesterday.

    STEVE: Safety rules? You've got -- you
have men sitting in an armored vehicle. If they want
to shoot -- maybe -- let me ask him. Just a minute.
Can we have two guys take him down to the guard gate
anyway? (Unidentified male voice in background not
discernible.) So you're not going to respect our
dead, are you, Dick?

    DICK: Well, listen, I respect the dead, you
respect the dead, but let us work on it. Listen, I
told you that, that I don't make these decisions on my
own.

STEVE: I know, Dick, but when I say you, you know I was speaking --

DICK: I, I know, but listen, listen to me, Steve.

STEVE: -- to those that are --

DICK: I know, I know what you mean.

STEVE: -- allowing you to do what you're doing.

DICK: I know. We have to, we have to, you know, we have to be concerned about what we say and how we, how we say it. But, listen, I made your wishes known to the people that are running this, this law enforcement effort. And I think I told you before it's not one person, there are a number of, of interested parties here. Okay, I take your requests and my own requests to those people and they're evaluated. I told you before that I'd be riding down the lane over there with the milk, that I would pick Pete up, but I am a, you know, I'm trying to deal with you, but I don't make those other decisions.

There are a lot of decisions being made. They listen to me for -- with -- in some, in some fashion.

STEVE: Okay. You know what? The best
thing I like is I just like yes and no answers, you know.

DICK: I love them.

STEVE: Getting right to the point.

DICK: I love them myself.

STEVE: You can't do the milk thing, you can't do the body thing.

DICK: Not right now.

STEVE: Okay, fine.

DICK: Not right now.

STEVE: Well, you call me back when you feel you might want to do something --

DICK: Well, let's, let's don't let this --

STEVE: No, no, listen -- look, we don't need to go around on a merry-go-round, you and I, around and around.

DICK: Well, I hope we've not done that.

STEVE: Well, we're -- but we really have been. You've got certain designs. You want everyone out and you'll try -- and that's fine. Like I told you, I can --

DICK: Listen, haven't we got, haven't we, between the two of us, worked out things?

STEVE: We've said this over and over again.
DICK: Okay.

STEVE: You know, we --

DICK: Have we worked some things out? Let's don't give up.

STEVE: I, I --

DICK: Hold it, hold it, Steve. Listen, let's don't, let's don't -- let's think about this and talk calmly together.

STEVE: No.

DICK: We have gotten certain things done.

STEVE: Let's not come to a halt or a -- unless you want to. That's okay. See, I, I'm not going to sit here and try to give you a snow job and, and sell you --

DICK: Nor am I. Nor am I.

STEVE: Okay. Well, really, you don't realize --

DICK: I'm saying that we have gotten things done, have we not? Throughout the day we've gotten things done. Let's, let's don't, let's don't let this be a blocking issue here.

STEVE: Okay. Well --

DICK: Let's, let's work on it.

STEVE: -- listen, Dick --

DICK: Let's work on it.
STEVE: -- listen, in respect to all, let's -- you can call me when you feel you want to do anything. If you have respect for the dead or if you have respect for our children, well, you can come to some --

DICK: Steve.

STEVE: -- decisions --

DICK: Listen, I hope you're not quarreling with the respect I have for those children.

STEVE: No, no, no. Listen to me. Listen to me.

DICK: I mean --

STEVE: Don't put more into what I'm saying than what I actually am. I mean, I -- there's no sense in me staying on the phone with you for 20 minutes, a half hour, five days. The decision comes down to yourself. Here's a body decaying, a human being that was here, never hurt anybody or anything else. Here's someone that was shot in the back of the head. We found him, we're willing to bring him out that he can be identified. I heard that his parents are here. Let them identify him. I'm sure they will.

DICK: Well, I'm not sure that they are here. How do you know that they're here?

STEVE: Oh, by the press. Very clearly by
the press. Oh, by, by your agency also gave me the names of at least five families that were here.

DICK: And, and Pete Gent's family was here?

STEVE: That is correct. And I do believe you probably know that. I'm sure you would have any and all information at your fingertips. I'd be --

DICK: Listen, hold it. You give me more credit than, than I'm due, okay? If I had that information, I would give it to you. I told you I'm not lying to you. I haven't lied to you, I'm not.

STEVE: Well, have them bring -- you're at a command post, from what I understand --

DICK: Exactly. It takes us some time to sort --

STEVE: -- where all that information should be right there.

DICK: It, it should be available at some point in time, but it's not immediately available.

STEVE: Like I, like I even told you about the guy that probably got it in the field, I believe I know who he would possibly be.

DICK: Okay, I understand.

STEVE: And what would take so long to identify someone if it is or isn't?

DICK: It's being done, but it has to be
done to a certainty. You know, we, we just can't accept information that this is so and so. Obviously, some, some things have to be followed up on to --

STEVE: You already determined who it was?
DICK: Pardon me?

(Unidentified male voice in background not discernible.)

STEVE: Exactly.
DICK: Well, yeah, the black fellow that you spoke to, O., is in jail.

STEVE: Yeah.
DICK: I told you that.
STEVE: Yes, right in the beginning.
DICK: We didn't have to identify a live person. It's, it's a little more difficult --

STEVE: No, of course not.
DICK: -- dealing with the others.
STEVE: But what happened to the two? I believe there were three I told you. One was an older man. What happened to him?

DICK: Right. One is missing in action. We, we don't know where that person is.

STEVE: Okay.
DICK: Maybe he, like Pete, is lying there someplace and we're not able to get to him and you're
not able to get to him. I mean that's certainly possible. I don't know where he is. If, if I knew, what would be the advantage to me not to tell you?

STEVE: I'd be curious to know whatever happened to the one -- to the body that you found. Like they said, it was 360, was it yards or something, in the back of the compound.

DICK: Apparently, it was out some distance, yeah. I, I don't know exactly how far it was, but it was out some distance.

STEVE: And if it happened, from what they say, about -- it would have had to have happened somewhere around mid-afternoon, 'cause they said six but I, I doubt that it could be that.

DICK: See, Steve, I can't answer that question 'cause I don't know --

STEVE: Anyway, I'll tell you what, you can call me --

DICK: Let's keep our lines of communication open.

STEVE: We will, we will. I never said we wouldn't.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: I said that --

DICK: I think we've gotten some things
accomplished.

STEVE: If you want -- you can't -- there's not much you can do right now, other than if you go back to these commanders or whatever else.

DICK: Sure, that's the only thing I can do.

STEVE: If they don't want to do that, just call me when they want to do something.

DICK: Well, I'm willing to go back. I'm willing to go back to them and to try to talk some more. It never hurts to talk, does it?

STEVE: Look, if it does -- if they don't want the body, then we'll just go dig a grave and put him in there. That's all we can do.

DICK: It's not, it's not the idea that we don't want to handle the body and to give the body the respect that a body is due. We are all in agreement there. You know, that we can do.

STEVE: Make what?

DICK: Pardon me?

STEVE: Yeah, it says it sure makes -- he, David, just said it sure makes Jim a damn liar because he said they wanted the wounded and the dead. That's what he told us right from the start, right from the outset.

DICK: I know, but within the bounds of
safety, we'll work on those issues.

STEVE: Bounds of safety?

DICK: The rules --

STEVE: Look, we're willing to be walking out there. We're not armed or anything else. Here sits these -- how many guys in a Bradley? Sitting there, they can watch us, two guy -- I mean, what on earth?

DICK: Listen, how long has, how long has he been lying there?

STEVE: I would imagine since Sunday.

DICK: Okay. Then you brought this to my attention approximately 20 minutes ago. We have never made decisions, you know, on a rash or hurried basis. Let us, let us work it out. I, I'll do my best, okay?

STEVE: All right. Well, that's --

DICK: But it just can't be done right this moment.

STEVE: Okay, that's no problem.

DICK: And I'll, and I'll work on it.

STEVE: Dick, well, that's what I said. You let me know. You know, you call me back.

DICK: See, you got kind of excited there and that kind of bothers me when you get a little
excited like that.

STEVE: No, no, no, not so. Actually, I'm -Someone's pulling on me to help them do a few things here, so --

DICK: And you know what? I'm being pulled on, too, so the two of us have to make sure that we're, we're handling the conversations and we're also asking some of these other questions.

STEVE: Well, I apologize about that, if I was chiding you or --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- if I was --

DICK: Well, let's just, you know, remain calm.

STEVE: I really am not.

DICK: Okay, because you know what? Nothing can be accomplished if we don't talk to one another, can it?

STEVE: Correct.

DICK: Okay. Let's deal with that then and you talk, you talk to David and you two try to work out some of your concerns there and, and we'll discuss them at length later, and, and we'll see what can be done.

STEVE: All right.
DICK: In the meantime, you know what? We're going to get -- try to get that tape out to you. And I still want to talk to some of the other parents there, although, frankly, I'm probably going to be leaving here for a short while because, you know, talking to you guys I want to be fresh to, to be able to talk to you and make, make the decision, good choices.

STEVE: Um-hum.

DICK: And I believe Henry or one of, one of the fellows will be here to speak to you, but, you know, I've been -- we've talked and gotten along well and there's no reason why we can't continue to do that. But, you know --

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: -- what, what I, what I need you -- what I'm asking you to do, because we get along well, I think, don't you?

STEVE: I do so.

DICK: Well, I want, I want to be able to say to my bosses that hey, I'm speaking with Steve and with David and we're making headway and we're trying to work together. We're trying to come to a mutual, you know, to a mutual understanding with one another and we'll work on it.
STEVE: By the way, there was another -- I guess something we could correct here.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: It was stated by the FBI that he said he was a prophet. He didn't -- he has never said he was Jesus Christ or has he said he was a prophet.

DICK: Listen, I'm telling you that they're -- the FBI does not make assumption as to who or who may not be a prophet. Some of that information is relayed to us by, in some instances, sources that, that are in error. And we try to correct them.

STEVE: Okay. I wanted to pass it along, the correction.

DICK: Okay. We'll correct those things that we can.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: As we have done in the past, as you suggested today, at the press conference this morning, corrected some things that you were concerned about. We'll continue to try to, to resolve those issues.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: And we'll work together.

STEVE: All right, good. David did want me to pass on to you that as it states clearly from the scripture, it says that only the lamb could open the
seals.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: And he offers to do that for anyone.

And the question that is asked in the Book of Luke is


DICK: All right. In order to open those

seals --

STEVE: Do you understand?

DICK: -- if the people --

STEVE: Do you understand?

DICK: I, I understand what you're saying, but understand --

STEVE: Okay, but he never comes right out and says I am Jesus Christ, I'm this, I'm that.

DICK: I understand that, but, listen --

STEVE: He says may I serve you, is the question.

DICK: That's, that's certainly acceptable, but in order to understand those things, we have to understand one another, we have to work together.

STEVE: This is correct.

DICK: We have to show some positive -- some influence on those things that we can influence, okay?

STEVE: All right.

DICK: I can influence certain things, you can influence certain things. You need to influence
David to be -- to, to keep an open mind and I need to influence others here that I'm speaking with that we must keep an open mind. That's your job and my job. It's our responsibility.

STEVE: Well, we'll keep working at it, won't we?

DICK: Line up those gals for me, if you will, if I, you know, so I can speak to them later. Or, or perhaps Henry can speak to them and we can ensure that they'll feel comfortable about the, about the care that their kids are being given. Can you do that for me?

STEVE: Well, I'll see what I can do.

DICK: All right.

STEVE: Okay?

DICK: Hold on for a second here. I'm, I'm going to ask a couple questions of some folks here to make sure that I leave you with, with, with the right understanding of what we're doing.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: Hold on.

STEVE: Sure.

DICK: Steve, I was just told that there's somebody walking around in the back of the complex there with a tube in hand. Now, what, what kind of --
what, what is that? What is that? Would you find out about that right now while I hold the phone, and find out who's doing that? They didn't do it at your direction or David's direction, did they?

STEVE: Pardon?

DICK: They didn't do it at your direction, did they?

STEVE: What's that?

DICK: They're outside with tubing in their hand, what appears to be tubing. Oh, near the -- I'm sorry, near the tubing. They're outside in the back near some copper tubing.

STEVE: Who is?

DICK: One of your -- one of the folks from inside there.

STEVE: Oh, it's possible. Maybe it was with the body. I don't -- I think it's where they found the body.

DICK: No. I told you, and we talked about this yesterday, you cannot send somebody outside without letting us know that we can agree on that. We talked about that.

STEVE: I thought you were talking about taking the body to the gate.

DICK: But I told you --
STEVE: Where the body is right now is no good.

DICK: I understand what you're saying, but we've got to work on that and we'll get it done.

STEVE: All right.

DICK: But I don't want people going outside. It's just not good. We talked about this yesterday and we understand one another, I thought.

STEVE: If you're talking about there are some guys out there, apparently by some cooper tubing, wherever that is --

DICK: Not some guys, one guy, I believe.

STEVE: One guy?

DICK: One guy.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: Get him back in the house, okay?

That's --

STEVE: Well, he said there's some guy out there by the cooper tubing. Apparently, I think that's maybe where the body is right now or something. And, yeah -- (Talking to someone else.)

DICK: Did you send him out?

STEVE: No, we didn't. Apparently, he might have gone out to check, thinking that he was supposed to.
DICK: Well, you know what you need to do is you need to go over these, these things with the folks there so they understand that, that --

STEVE: I think someone wanted to check to make sure what the identity or the person was for sure. He has been missing, along with someone else, so --

DICK: Okay. But we discussed this and you were going to -- we were going to talk about these things. And we don't want these things to happen, for everyone's safety, okay?

STEVE: Yeah.

DICK: All right. You know, things like happened Sunday would not happen if we talked together before those kinds of things are done. You cannot do --

STEVE: I couldn't agree with you more.

DICK: Okay, then let's don't do it then.

STEVE: I couldn't agree with you more.

DICK: You agree with me, I agree with you. Let's not do these kinds of things, okay?

STEVE: Well, that's -- this is correct.

DICK: All right, get that fellow back inside, okay?

STEVE: Okay. Then next -- and, and I hope
not to -- You know, today, myself, I looked through one of the scopes, and what you just told me is fine, but here you've got these guys behind sandbags in our garage, on our property.

DICK: It's for, it's for safety.

STEVE: I don't give a damn what it's for, Dick.

DICK: No, listen.

STEVE: Listen to -- no, you listen to me.

DICK: Didn't you tell me we weren't going to do that?

STEVE: Dick, you listen to me. You guys have told us from the beginning, right from Sunday night, that on the perimeter and no closer than the perimeter of the property these Bradleys would be, that you would have no personnel anywhere on our property. So what on -- where does it begin? Are you going to keep on drawing another line, another line, don't step over this line? Is that the game?

DICK: No, it isn't.

STEVE: You tell me, Dick. Be honest with me now.

DICK: I have been honest with you.

STEVE: No sense in you and I keeping on talking about these things if that's the way it's
going to be. It's okay for you to do these kinds of
things and, and you want me to respect what you're
requesting of us?

DICK: I have.

STEVE: How do, how do you want to go about
this and what are these guys doing down there or --

DICK: I don't know what more I can do to --

for you to show you that what I say is --

STEVE: Well, that's what we requested,
right from the beginning. We don't mind if you've got
somebody sitting on the edge of the property. We
agreed to that. But when you have guys having these
Bradleys come and sit in like -- within 100 feet of
like the gymnasium, moving back and forth, crunching
over buildings and all the rest. Now they're down
there with their sandbags and all the rest of it,
that's not what the agreement was at all.

Let them do it over across the street or
wherever else they want, but we agreed not on the
property.

DICK: Steve, listen --

STEVE: Is that such a hard request to make?

DICK: -- there were some agreements, there
were some agreements made with David that
didn't -- he didn't follow through on.
STEVE: That one was two, three days before the one that you are speaking of, the one that --

DICK: So you're saying the one that -- the most recent one is the most important one? Listen, listen --

STEVE: I'm saying, I'm saying that's been an ongoing thing --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- since day one.

DICK: Listen, you know what? Let's work, let's work together on this.

STEVE: Well, let's do it then.

DICK: Let's work together and let's get these things accomplished.

STEVE: But, I mean, the way you reacted to me about telling me not to have the guy come out, well, you tell the 20, 30 that have been roaming around here in cars, behind the building, doing everything contrary to what was agreed to. Can we do that?

DICK: You know, I'm going to pass on --

STEVE: Can we do that?

DICK: I'm going to pass on your concerns and, again, you know, I don't make all the decisions. If, if it were me, I might make a different decision,
but --

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: -- you know what? I'm not paid to make decisions at all. Somebody else is making those decisions. What I am trying to do is work together with you so we can reduce --

STEVE: Well, we're not doing too well right now because those that you have to answer to apparently are the guys that, that choose to do their will one way or the other.

DICK: What did we talk about? Those kids and those tanks, didn't we? Didn't we talk about that today, the Bradleys, the people, the tactical people? You and I are not tactical people.

STEVE: You and I are talking about them. They're digging in to the contrary of the requests made and the agreement made.

DICK: Listen, I -- whatever they do, they are not going to cause any harm to come to you or anybody else in that building. Now --

DAVID: You're speaking out of two sides or your mouth, Dick.

DICK: No, I'm not.

STEVE: No, no, no. On one side, when you as agents, when you, representing the rest, say that
you're not going to come any further on the property,
just the perimeter, but then you do it and then you
say they're not going to hurt -- what is -- I mean,
which, which thing should I believe? Because one
thing is false, for sure.

DICK: Let me, let me suggest something now.
STEVE: I mean, that's -- in the first
place, it's very intimidating. If it's intimidation --

DICK: I agree, it is somewhat --
STEVE: -- different --
DICK: Do you know what was intimidating to
me today?
STEVE: What's that?
DICK: When David said that he had some sort
of a device, a rocket or something there that he would
shoot at those Bradleys, I became a little concerned
about that. So those fellows that are in those, in
those vehicles have to ensure their safety. And
sandbags is, is a way of doing it. Now, David told me
-- I didn't bring it up. David told me that he had
some sort of a rocket or some other device up there --

STEVE: Well, where does it -- you know what
it's like? I've never heard anything like it in my
life. It's almost like well, I've got this and I've
got that. Well, what, do you -- should we destroy each other maybe, is that the idea?

DICK: That's exactly what I've been arguing against.

STEVE: Well, then what are -- in the first place, after we were attacked with no sheriff bringing a warrant to the door, and then all these Bradleys, the heavy guns, the this and that, the amount, the personnel, what do you expect?

DICK: Okay, let, let me --

STEVE: It is like a modern day Goliath and a little David, isn't it, with five --

DICK: No, it isn't. We all regret that. You talk to the lawyer. You know, when you bring up some of those kinds of things, it shows me that I'm not sure that you're clear --

(End of Tape #58.)