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STEVE: -- an example, but it still -- don't you still come to a door and don't -- do you not knock at the door and allow the man to hear or to take it?

DICK: That's what you have to tell the world.

STEVE: Why, why didn't you, why did you send something along like Gonzalez?

DICK: What'd I tell you?

STEVE: We already knew he was -- Why didn't you just have him send something to -- He would have --

DICK: Ask those questions in the court of public opinion. Ask those questions. I've asked you repeatedly to ask those self-same questions.

STEVE: Well, I want to tell you something, Dick. It's really had to believe and put total trust in this kind of an agency or any kind like it, because if you saw this building, how it's shot up where the women and children were, where -- with total disregard, there's a lot of information I'd still like to tell you.

DICK: And I'll, and I'll listen to it all.

STEVE: I'm just, I'm just holding back because I'm still not totally at ease with those that are above yourself.
DICK: All right. Steve, let's talk about -

STEVE: Not so much, not so much you.

DICK: Okay, let's talk about those things at a later, at a later time. We can discuss --

STEVE: Like David says, you're playing the false tongue that speaks for the dragon.

DICK: No, please, please --

STEVE: For the dragon. Now, don't get me wrong. For the dragon.

DICK: Give me more credit than that.

STEVE: You're going to do the job that you need to do for them because you have the ability to speak and communicate.

DICK: What'd I tell you? The only, the only job I'm doing is for the United States Constitution, okay? The Constitution is, is what I'm working for.

STEVE: Then you must know a different one than I do, because that --

DICK: No.

STEVE: -- Constitution guarantees these things that --

DICK: You have all -- You have the rights guaranteed under the Constitution.
STEVE: Where -- Since, since that Constitution was written, where on earth does the ATF ever get the right to start saying what is and isn't, should be carried and allowed and, and when it comes to weapons or anything else.

DICK: Steve, I'm not arguing that point with you. I could not agree with you more.

STEVE: Like, it always gets back to who's going to watch the watchdog. Big brother. Pretty soon when -- Who's going to protect us from the government?

DICK: Steve, you have the responsibility and the opportunity to make those thoughts known to the court system.

STEVE: Oh, people have done it for decades already and --

DICK: Please, don't, don't tell me that you don't have the ability to do that. You're an articulate, learned person. You have that ability, you have that opportunity. People are listening. Take advantage of it. You'll never get the opportunity again.

STEVE: Now, going back to the issues again, so I guess what we'll do, I'll, I'll take a break with you.
DICK: Okay.

STEVE: You can talk to the commanders about --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- what's happening in the back here with the white building, how they've dug in with the Bradleys.

DICK: All right, let's leave it with that. Let's leave it with that and --

STEVE: And you can talk about the milk again, you can talk about --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- the dead body.

DICK: And you guys -- On the other hand, you guys talk to one another about, you know, about some, some ways to get this resolved.

STEVE: What David's saying, he gave you a child this morning.

DICK: I know.

STEVE: And you gave no milk.

DICK: And we appreciate that.

STEVE: No, no, no, but you gave no milk.

DICK: I gave you the tapes and everything. That came up yesterday.

STEVE: That, that was something you guys
offered. We could care less if you gave us the tapes or not.

DICK: No, you -- Now, listen, we did that --

STEVE: I didn't ask --

DICK: -- as a result of your concern about the safety and --

STEVE: And he gave you a 1,000 --

DICK: -- care of the kids.

STEVE: Hey, listen, Dick, he gave you $1,000 cash.

DICK: He gave me $1,000 cash?

STEVE: That's correct. Not you.

Yesterday --

DICK: I know, I know what you mean.

STEVE: -- to Henry or to, to --

DICK: I know, okay.

STEVE: -- whoever received it.

DICK: I understand. And that's for the kids.

STEVE: That's correct.

DICK: Okay. So what is your point there?

STEVE: The point is where's the milk for those here? If you want to see progress, well, let's keep on going. But until, until mothers and people
come to agreement as to who wants to -- I mean, there are some that are having a hard time releasing anybody.

DICK: Instead -- Let, let me offer you a hypothetical here, okay? Let's, let's take this away from you and from me, okay? Let's offer a hypothetical. Labor relations, let's talk about those kinds of issues where you, you come to sort of an impasse. How do you get past that impasse? The way you get past that is by talking with one another, by dealing with one another, and by sorting the issues out.

STEVE: That's what we're doing.

DICK: Okay. But, again, let's keep this on an impersonal basis here. What, what has to be done when we're discussing these issues is that I have to be able to show or a person in this, in this position must be able to show that someone on the other side is making some, some movement to, to work together, okay? One child every day will take us into probably mid-summer before we, before we get this thing resolved, you know? Let, let's talk about --

STEVE: I tell you what --

DICK: -- the realities of this thing.

STEVE: Okay, go back to the commanders and
talk about some of the issues you and I have talked about. Let's not right now go round and round about the same thing, because you and I both understand where we're coming from. And I'll talk to you in a little bit here when you have more information --

DICK: Okay, Steve --
STEVE: -- and are --
DICK: -- let me leave you with, let me leave you with this thought. Let me leave you with this thought, okay?
STEVE: What's that?
DICK: All right, let's, let's do this thing for the milk. I -- Personal favor for me, between you and I, all right?
STEVE: I'm listening.
DICK: This is between you and me and no one else, okay?
STEVE: Um-hum.
DICK: Let's work this out so that I can go into my boss and say listen, I've done -- this is what I want and, in return for this, I'm going to -- they're going to do me a personal favor and do this for me --
STEVE: I heard --
DICK: -- to show --
STEVE: I heard Rick, your representative talk about at this time we're not into any kind of a bargaining or anything of that nature.

DICK: We're not bargaining. What we're doing is talking together like two individuals.

STEVE: Well, okay, I tell you what, Dick.

DICK: Like we're trying to solve --

STEVE: What I'm interested in doing --

DICK: -- problems.

STEVE: -- instead of you offering or me offering, right now talk about those main issues that I was just speaking about.

DICK: Let's do it. Let's do it.

STEVE: The Bradleys, the men that are sandbagged --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- on our property.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: That has been a request from the beginning.

DICK: I will do as you ask.

STEVE: The dead, the dead body, the milk that we expected because we did give you a child this morning. We're trying to work it out with those parents who are very reluctant to let any of their own
going. You don't, you don't realize what --
apparently what it's taken for these children to have been released in the first place.
        DICK: I do.
        STEVE: I really don't think so.
        DICK: I absolutely do.
        STEVE: I mean, you, you think it's something that's very easy, that we should be giving out --
        DICK: No, listen, what is your concern?
Your concern is, is for the safety of those children.
My concern --
        STEVE: For everyone's life, for --
        DICK: -- is for the safety of those children.
        STEVE: Of course it is.
        DICK: So that we're in complete agreement.
        STEVE: Okay. Well, I'm going to --
        DICK: We can agree or disagree without being disagreeable, can't we, Steve?
        STEVE: Let, let me -- Of course. I'm going to let you go --
        DICK: Certainly.
        STEVE: -- at this time. You can call me back after you've spent a little time with --
DICK: All right, that's fair enough.

STEVE: Okay. And --

DICK: That's fair enough.

STEVE: -- I'll see what I can do.

DICK: Why don't you make sure that, you know, the stuff, the medical supplies we sent in for David, why don't you make sure that he makes good use of those and, and we'll talk later?

STEVE: All right.

DICK: It's, it's -- We can do it.

STEVE: Okay.

DICK: All right, I'll talk to you.

STEVE: I'll talk to you a little later, Dick.

DICK: All right, bye.

STEVE: Okay, bye.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN COX: Hi, is this Steve?

STEVE: Yes, it is.

JOHN COX: John Cox, Steve.

STEVE: Hello, John.

JOHN COX: How are you?

STEVE: Not too bad. How's yourself?

JOHN COX: Oh, fine. Listen, Jim told -- Or
not Jim, Dick told me about some of the issues that were discussed a little earlier.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN COX: And, you know, that it got a little heated but he didn't want it to end on that note. And I hope you don't think that he was, you know, being antagonistic or anything like that?

STEVE: Oh, no, no. Positively not. You can tell that you guys chose him because of his rapport and, and the kind of a character he has and so forth. I appreciate that. It's just that, as I was telling him, you know, it all began with Jim in the negotiation stages. And, and the one thing that has annoyed those that are here that unsettles people clearly would be, you know, armored vehicles and so forth, like the Bradleys. And it was stated and agreed with and by Jim that those vehicles would not come any closer than the very perimeter or the very bounds of the property, and --

JOHN COX: Well, I think I may have, you know, a response for you there.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN COX: Now, whether it's, you know, whether it's going to be an acceptable response, I
don't know. But at least I'll, I'll give the, the response. And that's the vehicles were initially brought up with a purpose in mind, and that was the purpose that the people were coming out of there following the statement that was issued and the statement that was put out to the media. So they were brought up in more a controlled environment and, and to -- for security purposes, more than anything. And then --

STEVE: Well, correct me if I'm wrong.

JOHN COX: -- nothing happened after that.

STEVE: I believe --

JOHN COX: The agreement was broken.

STEVE: John, was it not -- As I recall very clearly, unless I'm very faulty --

JOHN COX: Go right ahead.

STEVE: -- with my memory, but I believe that it was Sunday night that it was already brought up by Jim that these vehicles would be on the perimeter of the property, but not on the property. But that has never been held to. And even though days later, two days later, when it was stated, as you mentioned, in regards to coming out, it was still -- he says let's wait and see how much -- and if they do keep their own word, and he went on to open up a few
other things. And, of course, in regards to all the
negotiations between myself, Henry, and even Jim at
that time, Gary for a moment or two, but it --

JOHN COX: Sure.

STEVE: -- it all came down to I said look, you've got to understand the spiritual aspect, and it always came back to this guy's either inspired or he's not. If he is, the reason I'm here to hear his information is because he has gotten it from a source that I've seen a scholar to be able to obtain the same information. So this man says his god said to him to wait. And as whatever that may seem to anyone and, and what it might look like to my own name or association, it still came down to either I fear God or I fear man. So, you know, we went through those issues, around and around. But it still remained before or after that --

JOHN COX: You know, I'm not, I'm not going to argue that the spiritual issue --

STEVE: No. No, no, of course not. But, John, that --

JOHN COX: And I know it's both a logical issue and a spiritual, factual issue.

STEVE: Okay, but it still comes down to --

JOHN COX: And they're there.
STEVE: John, but it still comes down to every day and in the evenings these men are doing the maneuvers. I mean, they're coming as close as like 50 to 100 feet near the back building. Men are deployed. They're out running around, they're in vehicles, they're digging around, you know, all of these kind of things. They're -- They've got certain calls and sounds.

JOHN COX: Let me, let me respond to a couple of those issues --

STEVE: All right, go ahead.

JOHN COX: -- that you have. Again -- And again, it, it may not be satisfactory in, in your point of view, but I'll be happy to respond to them and, and we can kick around a little bit.

STEVE: And keep in mind, though, not happy and satisfied because of the statements made from night one, the evening and the, and the beginning night that we started negotiating.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

STEVE: Go ahead.

JOHN COX: Okay. And we can probably argue the issue about the, the tract vehicles that are out there. They're out there. They're not probably going to infringe any further, but they were put out there
with a purpose in mind initially, and that was we are aware that there's a lot of weaponry out there and, and some that we would consider some devastating weaponry. And, as a matter of fact, David brought up an issue of some of it last night and, and we didn't want to pursue that with him. And I, and I have no intention of pursuing, you know, raising threat levels, lowering threat levels. I'd just like that to remain neutral.

As far as whether you saw people in, in bunkers, you're talking sandbag positions --

STEVE: Well, see, you don't --

JOHN COX: -- it's because of --

STEVE: What David says about -- Understand, John, you don't -- you yourself, from your perspective, from your position, you don't need to say anything. It's your actions, by what these men are doing, contrary to what was stated, the word given the first night. Think of that, keep that in mind when you're talking to me about maybe threats or what he was saying or anything else.

JOHN COX: No. You understand there's a, you know, there's about three or four mindsets bouncing around out here. You've got the theologian mindset going, you've got the, the negotiating mindset...
STEVE: I do understand --

JOHN COX: -- that we're certain trying to
do, you've got the tactical mindset out there that
we're trying to keep that to a minimum. And even
though we all have a purpose, and the purpose is, is
safety --

STEVE: Okay, John --

JOHN COX: -- and control --

STEVE: John, David wants to talk to you.

JOHN COX: Go ahead. Go ahead.

STEVE: Okay, here he is, John.

JOHN COX: Fine.

STEVE: This is, this is David.

JOHN COX: Fine.

DAVID KORESH: Hello, Mr. Cox.

JOHN COX: Hey, David, nice to talk to you.

DAVID KORESH: Nice to talk with you, too, sir. The issue that we're trying to resolve here is
that, you know, definitely in our, our crisis, at our
present position, is that it is stated, it's stated
publicly that investigations some eight to nine months
ago have unveiled and proven that we have stockpiled
an enormous amount of, of military-type weapons. It
says that it proves that we have .50-caliber machine
guns and possibly destructive devices.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

DAVID KORESH: Now, based upon this premises or this fact, of which, you know, the public is hearing, you see, what happens is that we have -- we've been confronted, they say, with a warrant, you know.

JOHN COX: Well, again, we're not saying it's fact, David. We're saying that we, we believe we have probable cause to believe, all right?

DAVID KORESH: Exactly, probable cause --

JOHN COX: That's what we're saying.

DAVID KORESH: -- to believe --

JOHN COX: Sure, go ahead. I didn't mean to interrupt you. You go right ahead.

DAVID KORESH: Okay. All right, now, now, this probable cause I know as a fact is based upon hearsay of which students in the past that I have tried to teach have taken from certain prophetic writings in certain degrees, such as the book of Nahum. I've tried to explain this. And they have seen in picture, a layout of what God foretells in the future. Okay. And certain, certain passages would not be properly understood until certain mechanical modernization or such devices of modernization of
today was to be obvious and seen in our today's world.

Certain passages of scripture would not be understood in the past decade because --

JOHN COX: We're not talking about a matter of misinterpreting passages or what somebody's observed.

DAVID KORESH: Yes, yes, we are. Now, here's the thing. You are saying, in one degree, that we are well armed. Okay? And so on the other hand --

JOHN COX: No, I'm saying that there's that feeling in mind.

DAVID KORESH: -- you are saying that you are concerned with not just the safety of us, but the safety of your personnel.

JOHN COX: Well, that's reasonable, isn't it?

DAVID KORESH: It's reasonable, very reasonable. And on the other hand, the negotiators have stated very clearly that their purpose is to provide a perimeter of safety, not so much for, for the purpose that they're afraid of us, 'cause we've given our word, but they're concerned about people coming in from the outside of the property. Okay, now --

JOHN COX: Well, it is a two-way street.
You know how many -- Well, you may not know physically, but you have a pretty good idea that there are a lot of media people in very close proximity out there. And per se you keep them out of harm's way. We have an obligation, not just, you know, some administrative procedure, we have an obligation to ensure the safety and the welfare of those people, as well as we really have an obligation to see that we don't have another problem like we had last Sunday, and we want to ensure that that doesn't happen. And don't you agree there?

DAVID KORESH: Yeah, I definitely agree with this now.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: When the wisdom of speech is now being presented, we would consider it if we was able to consider it at an earlier time. Now everyone's got the right words to say. Now, but what you're --

JOHN COX: Well, we're trying to rectify --

DAVID KORESH: You didn't let me finish.

JOHN COX: -- maybe things that have gone, gone wrong before. You know that and I know that.

DAVID KORESH: You didn't let me finish.

JOHN COX: Go ahead.
DAVID KORESH: Now, Robert Gonzalez, I have asked the, you know, mediators there --

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: -- let me speak to this young man. A young man that knew every day that I jogged. I jogged up and down. We've got a mile-and-a-half road here, from one end of the water towers down to the other end of this dirt road. At any -- Now, at any time you boys -- Of course, you're FBI, but the --

JOHN COX: We've got all the different agencies around here.

DAVID KORESH: Anyway, right now -- Or the Sheriff's Department had any question in regards to my so-called stockade, you could have taken me any number of times that I go to town or I go to Wal-Mart -- And the report that I've been here for two years without leaving is a lie, a bad lie.

JOHN COX: What would, what would they have taken you for?

DAVID KORESH: They would have taken me, given me a warrant in regards to my premises, a search warrant for illegal weapons. Very naturally, what they say is my violation.

JOHN COX: But that would have to be served -- That would have to be served upon you at the
premises.

DAVID KORESH: Well --

JOHN COX: It's a warrant for the premises, not for the person.

DAVID KORESH: For -- Okay, look -- For the premises?

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Wait a minute. This is supposed to be against David Koresh.

JOHN COX: No, it's not. It's for the premises known as, not for the individual known as.

DAVID KORESH: There, there, there again, there again, this is a problem with what you, the ATF agents, have stated on national TV and what now you're telling me now. Okay.

JOHN COX: No, I don't think there's a conflict at all.

DAVID KORESH: It's --

JOHN COX: No one had a warrant for your arrest or -- to my knowledge.

DAVID KORESH: Steve. Wait, wait one moment. Now he's saying no one had a warrant for my arrest.

JOHN COX: I'm not aware of it is what I'm telling you. But I am telling you --
DAVID KORESH: Unbelievable.

JOHN COX: I'm telling you that they had a warrant to search the premises and --

DAVID KORESH: Unbelievable.

JOHN COX: Hang on.

DAVID KORESH: Well, again --

JOHN COX: I'll, I'll get it clarified. But I do know that they had a warrant to search the premises.

DAVID KORESH: Well, Robert Gonzalez, who is the informant, which we knew he was --

JOHN COX: And they did have a warrant to arrest you.

DAVID KORESH: Okay.

JOHN COX: But that was as of that time, okay?

DAVID KORESH: Right. Now, Robert Gonzalez, as you know, preparations were made for him to move in here.

JOHN COX: Sure, sure.

DAVID KORESH: Now, the thing of it is is that if you all had desired to be so cautious in all those respects, you know, except for maybe possibly other reasons that you haven't quite stated as of yet, you know, Robert Gonzalez who was developing a pretty
good friendship with us over here -- Excuse me, uhhhh.

   JOHN COX: Why don't you get yourself something to drink?

   DAVID KORESH: Well, it, it comes in and out like that.

   JOHN COX: All right.

   DAVID KORESH: That morning, that Sunday morning, you know, I sat down and had a real close talk with him. And it just appears to me that in the promises that I have been given, that I got in Australia, the threats and the warnings, and also, you know, the -- when I was over in England last and stuff like that, it seems to me that an agency, either knowingly or unknowingly, is being utilized to possibly genocide a work or a people, even though they may make up lies to, to try to bring about something which really -- it comes down to a conscience freedom.

   Now, I've explained this so many times to every different agent that I've talked to so far.

   JOHN COX: I've been pretty, pretty privy to most of the, the dialogue that's been going on.

   DAVID KORESH: Okay. So --

   JOHN COX: You know, not 24 hours a day, but throughout the period of time I have and, and, you know, you're, you're raising the issue of genocide
and, and --

DAVID KORESH: Again --

JOHN COX: -- I think that's a, that's a pretty false term to be throwing out.

DAVID KORESH: Again, again, we find another lie being presented here, because, very clearly, Jim and --

JOHN COX: John.

DAVID KORESH: No, Jim, Jim was the first one we was talking to --

JOHN COX: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: -- before Gary, and then came, you know, Henry.

JOHN COX: Go ahead.

DAVID KORESH: You know, they're always acting as if no one hears what we're saying but them. Now, here you are implying that you all are privy to it. I mean, you know --

JOHN COX: No.

DAVID KORESH: -- you guys are not very good when it comes down to being honest.

JOHN COX: No, no, no. Listen, I've been sitting here with Henry most of the time.

DAVID KORESH: Right. Now, I like Henry, too, just like I like --
JOHN COX: And, and that's why I say what I say. I have been here with Henry, accompanying Henry and, and I'm an associate of his. I'm not out running around some other area or, or in a different area. I've just been here, so I've been privy to most of the dialogue that's going on during the --

DAVID KORESH: So where's Jim at right now?

JOHN COX: Henry's got another assignment right now.

DAVID KORESH: Okay.

JOHN COX: He's not assigned here permanently and I, I can't tell you he'd be back here in an hour, I can't tell you he'd be back here in a day. He just -- As a result of his work, you know.

DAVID KORESH: Okay, we'd appreciate that the gentlemen don't try to, you know, that they stay out of the sandbox tonight, okay?

JOHN COX: Well, I think they pretty well stayed out of the sandbox the last couple of nights. Things were pretty peaceful and quiet out there.

DAVID KORESH: Okay. Well, I'm just, I'm just saying you guys are saying that you want peace and I'm just --

JOHN COX: Well, we do.

DAVID KORESH: -- saying be sure to --
JOHN COX: Don't you?

DAVID KORESH: -- tell the people to stay
out of the sandbox.

JOHN COX: You know, something that you
brought up kind of struck a nerve with me and I hope
you didn't really mean it seriously, and that's when
you talk about the issue of genocide. And I think
that's an awful strong word to come up and, and we
know that we can talk freedom of speech and freedom of
religion and all of these items. And, really, the,
the only way others are going to hear about your, your
thoughts here and your, your opinions and -- is really
for you to discuss them.

Now, whether it's discussing it with the
media, whether it's through the judicial system, you
know, we've got from the old days of political science
we've got our three systems. And, of course, we're
only one of them, right? We're the executive branch.
And the judicial system's going to resolve this in
the end. And it's the best system there is. You may
not as a result --

DAVID KORESH: Well, it's patterned after
other worlds.

JOHN COX: Yeah, but if you want to, if you
want to look at any other systems in the world --
DAVID KORESH: Okay.

JOHN COX: -- what we have is the best and it's as close to the peers as it'll ever get. And, and we have to accept it from, from a law enforcement standpoint, and it's a good adversarial system. But we're -- Certainly, certainly genocide is a strong, strong word for you to throw out. And you know better than that.

DAVID KORESH: Well, now, let me --

JOHN COX: You know what I'm talking about there.

DAVID KORESH: Let me, let me make another statement. Let's be realistic now. You have an agent in here -- Not you, this is the ATF.

JOHN COX: I know what you're talking about.

DAVID KORESH: You know, ATF is, is not well experienced as, as the guys in the FBI. Now, the FBI, that's the top, no doubt about it. You are the top.

JOHN COX: Well, I'm not going to make any disparaging remarks about them, either.

DAVID KORESH: I'm going to just state some facts. A month ago, possibly two months ago, several young men moved into a house across the street, all of them possibly from their, you know, thirties, mid-thirties to early, early forties. Each one drives a
new vehicle, you know, a late model vehicle, and each
one begins to state that they are going to junior
colleges to, to take certain classes. Now --

    JOHN COX: Sure, what's you're saying, it's
a sham, right?

    DAVID KORESH: Well, what I'm saying is is
that the, the undercover didn't need to be in the
first place. The undercover was very poor. Well,
anyway, we, we went ahead and sent some friends over.
Like I say, there's nothing that I, that I like more
than to be understood, you know.

    JOHN COX: So I understand.

    DAVID KORESH: And so the thing of it is is
that I -- we sent some guys over to talk with these
individuals and, and, of course, when they addressed
individuals, individuals are kind of jumpy and nervous
and --

    JOHN COX: Sure.

    DAVID KORESH: -- you know. And so,
finally, what happened was is Robert Gonzalez came
over and another guy, I think Jeff -- And who's the
other guy, Steve? Jim? And the first thing they
wanted to start talking about is, is guns.

    JOHN COX: Um-hum.

    DAVID KORESH: You know, Jeff and -- Anyway,
and the subject they wanted to bring up was AR-15's. They said they had just purchased two AR-15's and tried to act very naive in regards to what they had purchased. Of course, they had paid some sum of 900 and some dollars apiece for these and wanted to know if I knew anything about it, which, of course, I says to them -- 'Cause I do go to a lot of gun shows, and this is where the trail began in the first place.

So what happened was is that in going to these gun shows and obtaining knowledge and stuff on these things, we started a conversation and they came over and, and he brought a pistol over that he wanted to show me, which was a little target pistol.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

DAVID KORESH: And just the way the thing was feathered and everything, it was definitely a gun that a novice would not have.

JOHN COX: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: Okay? So he asked if he could come over and if he could shoot. I said sure, we've got a place in the back where we, where we practice at, you know, we have a place where, where me and some of the guys out here practice. And, and definitely, anybody that wants to come around can fish on our property and they can come and --
JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KOresh: And if we have, you know, a proper day and stuff like that where no one's -- no activities are too involved, then sure, you know, a little handgun practice is all right. So, anyway, though his mannerisms were trying to be naive, there's just one thing that, that you cannot hide, and that's proficiency. So then he started asking me all these questions about this AR and I kept saying now, now, Robert, you know, I says, you know in your line of work you know what this is. I gave the man every opportunity to come straight across the table and to confront me. Okay.

He says to me, he says well -- I explained to him one time he had better be careful because he had mentioned about when he first got his pistol back from the shop that he went out and put a clip in it and all of a sudden it just went -- fired all the rounds out of it. And so I says, I says hey, I says you better be careful. I says because one time --

JOHN COX: Well, you're talking from a safety standpoint or --

DAVID KOresh: Well, no.

JOHN COX: -- a proficiency standpoint?

DAVID KOresh: Well, see, the thing of it is
not only safety, he said he'd had some work done to it and it was firing full auto. It was emptying the whole clips out of it. Okay. So I told him, I says look, Robert, I says you've got to be careful with that stuff. I says one time at a gun show we purchased a little unit that they were advertising. It's called a hell fire. It's a little spring thing that fits on the back of a trigger well for a mini 14, or they have them for AR-15's or such like guns. And, and you put this little spring back behind this trigger and you, and you hold the gun a certain way and, and you kind of hold it there and it kind of fires rapid fire, faster than what you can do it yourself.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

DAVID KORESPH: I said now, we had, we had -- we bought a couple of these and, and we put them on a .223 rifle one time and we was out in the back and we were having a blast.

JOHN COX: But it's still not an automatic weapon, though.

DAVID KORESPH: No, it's not an automatic.

JOHN COX: It's still a semiautomatic weapon.

DAVID KORESPH: But, but what happened was is
that as we were in the back of our property firing this, low and behold, the report comes back that there's an investigation. You know, this came, this came through some of our neighbors around here. We've got a lot of good neighbors around here. And certain agents and stuff were, were asking to set up special microphones and things like that because of our machine gun fire.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

DAVID KORESH: So here we go again. So I told, I told a friend of mine, I said look, you know, one of the guys had purchased one. I says look, tell them if they want to come out, they can come out and check the place. I said but here's the thing. Every -- Any --

JOHN COX: You didn't, you didn't address that as Robert can come out, you're basically talking about --

DAVID KORESH: No, no, this is before Robert and them came.

JOHN COX: Sure. Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Okay, this was, this was long before. This was when we first heard about, you know, the agents and stuff wanting to --

JOHN COX: Okay.
DAVID KORESH: -- gather 'round the place and go to the people's properties and put up, you know, little listening devices in case of any full auto, automatic fire was heard again.

JOHN COX: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: Okay, so we went down to the Sheriff's Department and we took the units and we said, look, here's your machine gun right here. We says -- And they threw it down on the table and they says, you know, you know, if you ever have any question or anything, you know, you know where we're at. We've invited you guys out to fish, we've invited you to come. If you need to do anything, we are here. We've worked this place over since 19, since 1970 -- since 1987, 1988. We've totally remodified. We've worked our rearends off, we've tried to make this place nice, you know, we've done everything in our power.

We've had the, the case when it came to so-called child abuse charges. All of our children were looked at, they were perfectly all right. You know, social workers, we know those ladies down there, Mrs. Coon and everything.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: They came through. They wanted to know where I kept my firearms. I showed
them exactly where I kept my firearms. They went down, they saw the firearms. They, they saw where they were at. They were in a safe place. I mean, everything --

JOHN COX: They were very satisfied, I take it?

DAVID KORESH: Well, the thing of it is this. If there needed to be any further investigation, we were open at all times. Who were the two lieutenants, the two Sheriff's Department guys that came, Steve?

STEVE: Larry Abner --

DAVID KORESH: Larry Abner. (Steve in background not discernible.) The Spanish guy. Jim? Jim Leondo. You know, very, very nice agents. Very nice guys. You know, they came up and, of course, what happened was is that there was, there was some, some vehicles -- When they came with the social workers, there was vehicles parked down by the water towers and down below the dam. You know, back-up teams in case something happened. This was ridiculous. The, the three stories -- The two-story and three-story structure --

JOHN COX: Well, why do you think those vehicles were there, David?
DAVID KORESH: -- that you all were calling
-- Because of nothing but rumors.

JOHN COX: That's probably the bottom line, huh?

DAVID KORESH: Okay, but here's the deal now.

JOHN COX: But they were, they were just there, whether it was rumor or wasn't rumor, to try and support somebody.

DAVID KORESH: We understand -- Now, here, here's what I -- here's how I dealt with the situation. You can call --

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: -- Mr. Abner up and talk to him.

JOHN COX: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: Like here's, here's, here's the situation. When I left to go on a, on a, on the little missionary trip one time and certain individuals around here -- We were building this place, getting it ready for, for the teachings, okay? So people could come from all over the world and learn these seals, 'cause, 'cause I physically am not able to keep up traveling like I've done to different countries and change all different time zones and stay
up physically and be able to teach this stuff night and day.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: But here's the thing. When I left, they asked me if they could build, you know, the building and stuff, you know, in a certain place, and I said yes. When I came back, they had built the three stories and I -- It's not that I -- we've tried to make no tower or nothing. It's we had tore down 13 houses off this property. There was plenty of lumber and we bought the siding and stuff and the place just evolved. There's no floor plans on this building, it just evolved.

Now, all the neighbors around here can tell you that. Okay, now, so we used to -- people used to drive by and say it looks like a, looks like a fort, it looks like we're Indians and they're cowboys, you know. And that's, that's perfectly all right. But --

JOHN COX: Maybe that's 'cause you have the high ground, huh?

DAVID KORESH: Well, the thing of it is is --

JOHN COX: Whatever it is, it's very visible.

DAVID KORESH: -- the high ground --
JOHN COX: That's all.

DAVID KOresh: Yeah, okay. Now, but here's the thing. So when the Sheriff's Department came out assisting the social workers, I went out on the front porch, at which they were sitting -- standing out there, and I went out there and I, I came straight across the table and I said, I said -- 'cause I was intimidated to a small degree because of all this back-up police operation that was supposedly trying to be undercover. And I said, I said listen, boys, I said let me tell you something. I said in 1988 you did us a bad deal and you know it.

Of course, their eyes kind of got big a little bit. But my point was I went ahead to say --

JOHN COX: The judicial system worked, though, in 1988, didn't it?

DAVID KOresh: No, it did not.

JOHN COX: Well, weren't you absolved, you know?

DAVID KOresh: No, it did -- No --

JOHN COX: Basically, you were absolved?

DAVID KOresh: -- it did not. I'll explain that to you later if you have the time.

JOHN COX: Go ahead. That's one thing I have.
DAVID KORESH: It cost a lot, that's what happened. But, you see, after that trial, we had a party for the jury.

JOHN COX: Go ahead and continue with what --

DAVID KORESH: Okay.

JOHN COX: -- what you had in mind, and we'll get back to it.

DAVID KORESH: All right. Now, here we go. So as I confronted the individuals, the two Sheriff's Department guys, I told them, I said look, but I realize you're human and you realize we're human and everything worked out all right, anyway. I said but here's the deal. I says the problem we're having here is you do not understand where we're coming from. And the, and the -- What was his name again, Steve, the Mexican guy?

JOHN COX: Jim Leondo.

DAVID KORESH: Leondo, Leondo, okay. You know, he says, you know, he, he's been around, big, tough guy. And so he kind of came back and he says, kind of, you know, very steadfast, he says, he says you know, that's, that's the problem. He says that's what we're here for, there's a lot of things we don't understand, maybe we need to understand better. I
said okay, let me sit down and explain some things to you.

JOHN COX: You know, that's the best thing in the world.

DAVID KORESH: Well, that's what we did that day.

JOHN COX: Sit down and communicate.

DAVID KORESH: And we all sat down and I asked them if they wanted a soda pop and stuff and they, they did drink one, didn't they, Steve? They, you know, and we sat out there for about an hour-and-a-half, two hours while the social workers were going through the building and stuff, you know, and talking to the individual children and things, off, you know, on the side. And, you know, we had, we had a couple of little problems with certain parents not trusting these ladies, but we worked it all out. And I went ahead and I --

JOHN COX: Communications works, though, doesn't it?

DAVID KORESH: It can if people are willing to. Now, so when I explained to them -- I said now, look, you two men, have you ever been to church before -- And, of course, they, they admitted they had.

JOHN COX: Sure.
DAVID KORESH: I said now, we all know the good ole Gospel, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I says but, you know, there are so many different denominations, some old, some newer, some new ideals, some old traditional concepts.

JOHN COX: Sure, they all have to be respected, right?

DAVID KORESH: They all are to be respected, especially under the United States of America.

JOHN COX: Won't happen anyplace else.

DAVID KORESH: Which is a nation built up of nations who the forefathers came from their nations to escape the tyranny of their political problems --

JOHN COX: That's why they came here.

DAVID KORESH: -- of their, their days. Okay. We all agree, Lady Liberty. Okay, now, but what happens is, as I said, well, you know, the thing -- the place where we're coming from that gets us into a lot of trouble is that connected with religion is also a form of politics. In other words, churches as well as political powers, they have their presidents, their vice presidents, their board of trustees. They have their elders, they have their, you know, their little pyramid system of government.

JOHN COX: Sure, they all do.
DAVID KORESH: Exactly. And they have an economic government.

JOHN COX: You have to have some structure to any, anything.

DAVID KORESH: Definitely. You have to have some organization.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: But now, the point is this. That organization, nonetheless, states clearly that it is dedicated to the service and worship of Christ. That's one thing they all harmonize on.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: They're doing it because of the reality of Jesus. They're, they're doing it in the name of Jesus. Jesus owns it, really. Jesus is really in charge of them. You see what I'm saying?

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

DAVID KORESH: And they're really just doing it 'cause Jesus wants them to. And when Jesus comes back again, they're going to turn it all over to him and, you know, they're all going to go to heaven. And this is the whole overall picture of the hope of Christianity.

JOHN COX: You bet.

DAVID KORESH: Okay.
JOHN COX: Everybody's looking for the same ideals.

DAVID KORESH: Right. Now, so when you, when you back-track and you confront the Christian church, the question is do they believe in Matthew's record of Christ? Yes, they do. Okay. Do they believe in Mark, Luke and John? Yes, they do. Okay.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Now, do they believe in the record of Acts and Paul's writings and Timothy and, and Romans and James and Jude and John? Definitely, they do. They may not understand every record clearly.

JOHN COX: And they may interpret them a little differently.

DAVID KORESH: Exactly. And so, but that's their right.

JOHN COX: That's human, human logic, huh?

DAVID KORESH: Exactly. And that's just something we all have to, to tolerate, especially in religion.

JOHN COX: Sure, it is.

DAVID KORESH: Now, remember, some people with their opinions can become quite convicted and become quite aggressive or zealous for their opinions.
So we know what the Jews did to Christ 2,000 years ago with their opinions, right?

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: So, you know, we know what the Papacy --

JOHN COX: Well, we can go through, you know, one religion after another there, can't we?

DAVID KORESH: Exactly.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: So, you know, we know that the Papacy, when it was questioned by the Lutheran Reform, or even before by Hush, Jerome, Tenda, Wynard, Wycliff, whatever, we know that when it was questioned, instead of producing, you know, very simple and conclusive answers, it rose the sword and killed these men.

JOHN COX: No question the strength of the Papacy.

DAVID KORESH: Exactly. So the Europe which was once ruled by Roman Catholic Catholicism which, you know, the name in itself tells you its purpose is for Rome to rule universally. Catholic, you know, everything. It takes on the garment of religion and still holds the power of policy and anything that goes against its religion is going to
get this policy, and the policy has the power to
execute, capital punishment. And so those who went
against the religion were going against the
government, and they were proscribed and they were
condemned and put to death. Now, the --

JOHN COX: Yeah, you can't argue that fact, can you?

DAVID KORESH: Exactly. The Inquisition was
a political religious move. So, now, we, the United
States of America, God bless this country, we
understand the, the importance of having the right to
think. We also know that Christ on the cross, when he
died, he made a very clear statement for all men to
hear, and that his Father, forgive them for they know
not what they do.

JOHN COX: Yeah.

DAVID KORESH: Now, whatever God knows and
whatever Christ knows, we don't know, but we know that
Christ does know we don't know. And so, therefore,
Christ confers to the Father and asks the Father to
forgive us based on our ignorance. Okay. So now, if
Christ can do this --

JOHN COX: Well, I think that's one of the
strongest teachings of any religion, right? Is
forgiveness, isn't it?
DAVID KORESH: The whole teachings of the new covenant.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Okay. Although the Papacy in the same name didn't quite so forgive. And the blood we share --

JOHN COX: Well, that's a few years ago, too.

DAVID KORESH: Exactly now.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: But, but remember that because it was such a, you know, nonevasive fact for that time, the forefathers finally developed the desire and the knowledge to be able to come to a country, which this country opened up, and they began to realize by experience that the oppressive tyranny of religion and politics must be done away with, avoided, by a definite rule of church and state separation.

JOHN COX: Absolutely.

DAVID KORESH: There needed to be a political law which was good for all men and just for all men, not based upon some religious opinion or one or one group's opinion of what they thought scripture or God might say or do. And so, therefore, the church
and state policy was one of the parts of our Constitution, church and state separation. You don't want to have to go to court one day and stand in front of the judge and when he finds out you're a, you're a Baptist and he's the Church of Christ, he charges you $100 for running a stop sign, whereas the guy behind you, being a, a Baptist like him, is only charged $10.

JOHN COX: Hey, that goes all on all --

DAVID KORESH: Because if it were --

JOHN COX: -- goes on all over the United States, though, doesn't it?

DAVID KORESH: It does, doesn't it? Good point.

JOHN COX: I mean, depending what area you may be in and what seems to be the

DAVID KORESH: Color and creed.

JOHN COX: -- predominant feeling at the time, huh?

DAVID KORESH: Color and creed still has its power, doesn't it?

JOHN COX: It does. I can't argue that with you. I, I think everybody, you know, I can look at someone like my father who I think is just as straight as can be and God bless him. Yet, do we all have some prejudices? Do we all have some things that are --
that aren't the way they should be? Sure, they are. Well, the system is, too, isn't it? Like you were saying, you can go to different places and, because of who someone perceives you to be, you get whacked.

DAVID KORESH: Well, you said it and I agreed.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Now, here's the deal. So I'm explaining to these gentlemen out here in my front yard, we're sitting out here, and I'm saying now, now where I come from, what gets me into a lot of trouble with denominations and with -- You know, denominations are people. People made up together are denominations, aren't they? And they name themselves, to entitle themselves to be distinct and separate from another group, not to be, you know, excused as another group. So they have their denomination.

And so I come along and I, I refocus back on the subject of the one reason for there even to be a profession of Jesus Christ, and that's Jesus Christ.

JOHN COX: Um-hum.

DAVID KORESH: And so very clearly I try to, to tell the brethren, the fellow humanity, that well, is it not true that maybe we might not know exactly what we're doing? I mean, you know, we may think we
know what's right, but maybe we might be wrong. Could be. And none of us should escape that possibility or to deny that possibility. You know, there's women and men, you know, that seems to be right, but they may be leading to death, you know. It's, it's a sad thing, but we can only go in the best obvious light that we perceive, giving ourselves over --

JOHN COX: And it's very difficult to criticize someone else's feelings and someone, you know, whether they're religious, moral, ethical feelings, unless you sit down and listen to them and listen to what they have to say.

DAVID KORESH: Exactly. Now, Christ on the cross didn't say much, but what he said was important. He says into thy hands, Father, I commit my spirit. And that's the thing I've been trying to illustrate to each one of the individuals thus far I've spoken to.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Now, in the hand of God, John, the last -- We know he was an apostle, we know he was accepted. He was a part of the ones that received Pentecost. He was taken to heaven to be shown things that must be hereafter and he was shown that what must be, sometime after his day in Chapter 4 of Revelation, he was shown in Chapter 5 a God sitting
on the throne and a book in his right hand.

And if it's true what Christ said, if his life and his knowledge, as man think it's so easy, the way he purported himself, that way that he knew how to do what he did, if it was in his spirit, his life, his light, his mind, he committed that back to where it came from, the hand of God. Now, we find in the hand of God there is to be a book, and, of course, we see that the apostles state that Christ is the word of God made flesh. You know, all of those are made by God, by one spirit, God's spirit. All things are created from God. There's only one God, there's one spirit, there's one knowledge, one power, one reality.

And if we're out of tune with this source, then definitely we may be involved with many ideals of God which means we're worshipping many ideals of God's. Many gods, in other words. Many --

JOHN COX: And that's, that's a difficult point, you know, where you're saying are we in tune with it or aren't we. And, and that's what searching's all about, isn't it?

DAVID KOresh: Exactly. And that's what freedom in this country has been blessed by God --

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KOresh: -- because naturally God has
JOHN COX: You bet.

DAVID KORESH: This nation has been blessed with any nations because for the longest time, since its birth, this nation has purported and proposed not to restrict or to interfere with the conscience of man. In other words, we have a political law which says that if you do this, irrespective of whether it be of God or of man, then we the state, we the nation, must do this.

JOHN COX: And we, we all have to accept that, right?

DAVID KORESH: Oh, exactly.

JOHN COX: Sure.

DAVID KORESH: This is why people come to this county.

JOHN COX: You know, neither you nor me or anyone else is above the law.

DAVID KORESH: Exactly.

JOHN COX: You know, the only way we get the law changed is through legislation, right?

DAVID KORESH: Exactly.

JOHN COX: Sometimes we don't like it. Whether you like it or I like it, you know, there are laws that I don't like, but it's something we have to
live with, huh?

DAVID KORESH: It's something that we have to be really perceptive of.

JOHN COX: Sure. Sure.

DAVID KORESH: Okay, 'cause that's what our life is, is one day-to-day, another perception, another lesson of life to learn. So here's the point we're developing now. So I'm talking with these Sheriff Department who come out here --

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