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(Tape 73)

DAVID: -- until you know about his book,
that he wants to talk about things he's made touching
the king, correct?

JOHN COX: True.

DAVID: He's going to put in the book, isn't
he?

JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

DAVID: His tongue will be the pen of a
ready writer. He wants you to know that he thinks his
son is fairer than the children of men. You may not
think so. Isaiah 53 says there's no beauty when we
shall see, that we shall desire Him. He's not the
kind of guy you just look at and say, oh, wow, look at
Him, He's the Christ. Says that grace is poured into
his lips. Instead of hurting anybody, I would rather
teach the truth.

JOHN COX: You can do that, too, can't you?

DAVID: Oh, yes, I would more than do
anything and you don't know what I've given up. I
should be able to do that.

1 not. I was born in this world.

2 JOHN COX: Yes. And you also told me that
3 you have never broken the laws of this country, didn't
4 you?

5 DAVID: Exactly, until recently.

6 JOHN COX: No. Did you -- you've never
7 broken the laws?

8 DAVID: Go check my record, my past record.

9 JOHN COX: Oh, I'm not checking -- I'm not
10 checking your record.

11 DAVID: I mean in '88, in '88 --

12 JOHN COX: You know, it's, it's like me
13 telling -- it's like me telling my dad I never broke
14 the law and I never drank under age. Did you ever
15 smoke grass?

16 DAVID: Once.

17 JOHN COX: Did you break the law?

18 DAVID: Yeah, I did.

19 JOHN COX: Okay.

20 DAVID: I have to admit I did. But I didn't
21 smoke that much.

22 JOHN COX: Well, you just told me you didn't
23 break the law.

24 DAVID: Well, I guess you got me on that
25 one. You got me on that one.

1 JOHN COX: Well, --

2 DAVID: But, of course, that was put into
3 law --

4 JOHN COX: Don't give me -- don't give me an
5 excuse now.

6 DAVID: No excuse. Hey, and I didn't like
7 it, you know what I mean. I was one of these guys
8 that ran seven miles every day, you know. And a guy
9 that was physically in condition like me got a better
10 high off of isometrics and physical fitness. I mean I
11 could not understand at a very young age why all my
12 friends, you know, were doing that kind of stuff. And
13 when I did it, you know, we really didn't know that
14 much about laws, per se.

15 JOHN COX: Let me ask you something, David.
16 Would -- let me -- and it's away from this and I
17 don't want you to think that I'm, I'm trying to move
18 you away for a particular reason. But I think I
19 understand how you responded to my question as to why
20 you have those weapons there, because that's going to
21 suit your needs, all right? That's why you have those
22 weapons there.

23 DAVID: Why did your --

24 JOHN COX: Let, let me ask you, would you --
25 do you want to communicate with the media? Do you

1 want to communicate with them?

2 DAVID: If they have questions to ask, now's
3 the best time to ask them. So, you can make your
4 statements. We --

5 JOHN COX: No, no, no. Do you want to
6 communicate with the media?

7 DAVID: What -- well, that would be fine.
8 But it would --

9 JOHN COX: You know how you communicated
10 with the media before?

11 DAVID: Yeah, through the telephone lines.

12 JOHN COX: No, through a -- an audio tape.

13 DAVID: Well, you see --

14 JOHN COX: Would you like to do it again?

15 DAVID: That is -- okay, look. The Bible
16 communicates to us through a bunch of words, right?

17 JOHN COX: I'm just asking you a question.
18 I'm looking for a yes or no.

19 DAVID: No, that's not efficient. It does
20 not --

21 JOHN COX: It's what?

22 DAVID: It does not serve the perfect
23 purpose.

24 JOHN COX: I'm asking you if you have a
25 statement that you would like to be heard by the media

1 and by those addressed by the media, would you or
2 wouldn't you? I'm going to give you the opportunity
3 to do it.

4 DAVID: John, there are people that have
5 questions and a statement only --

6 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

7 DAVID: -- develops another question. One
8 on one communication. It's like I'm talking with you
9 and I'm saying, John, is Psalms 45 the first seal?
10 And you're saying, well, you can see that it has -- it
11 definitely has a basis in the first seal of
12 Revelation. But what I'm trying to say to you again
13 is I'm saying, John, don't you fear God? Don't you
14 know what I've just shown you? Don't you know who I
15 am? And you, turning away from the Revelation,
16 turning away from God --

17 JOHN COX: I tell -- no, I tell you that I
18 fear God and that I know you know who you say you are
19 and that, that's fine. But do I have to accept that?

20 DAVID: Well, it could cost you a great cost
21 if you don't.

22 JOHN COX: I believe that you believe who
23 you are but --

24 DAVID: Do you believe --

25 JOHN COX: -- that's not consistent with the

1 | teachings that I have received. So, and --

2 | DAVID: Well, wait a minute.

3 | JOHN COX: -- you're just telling me --

4 | DAVID: And you're saying --

5 | JOHN COX: Pardon me?

6 | DAVID: You're saying that Psalms 45 is not
7 | the first seal?

8 | JOHN COX: I am, I am saying that my
9 | teachings, as well as other people's teachings are --

10 | DAVID: You talking about the Catholic
11 | church?

12 | JOHN COX: Oh, sure.

13 | DAVID: Well, you know what the papacy --

14 | JOHN COX: But I'm not going to argue with
15 | you about your, your feelings and your interpretations
16 | of what you're saying.

17 | DAVID: Well, what is, what is the papacy's
18 | interpretation of the first seal? You can't even tell
19 | me, can you?

20 | JOHN COX: Do you want me to go call Rome
21 | and tell him, you know, I, I don't go along with this?
22 | I mean you don't give a rat's ass anyhow, do you,
23 | what I tell them, do you?

24 | DAVID: The Vatican is a very unique place,
25 | isn't it?

1 JOHN COX: It is.

2 DAVID: Very powerful place.

3 JOHN COX: But I'm not going to argue about
4 the Methodists, the Baptists, the Lutherans, the
5 Episcopalians.

6 DAVID: Why -- they're sisters, aren't they?

7 JOHN COX: I think we all are.

8 DAVID: Not us.

9 JOHN COX: Why?

10 DAVID: We're not related.

11 JOHN COX: Why?

12 DAVID: Because our God is a God of truth.

13 And we -- hello?

14 JOHN COX: But my God is not a God of truth?

15 DAVID: No.

16 JOHN COX: We all have the same God, David.

17 DAVID: That's not true.

18 JOHN COX: Yeah, it is.

19 DAVID: (Laughs) Contrary.

20 JOHN COX: Au contraire, wrong. It's all
21 how we interpret it.

22 DAVID: It's all how we believe the
23 testament of God.

24 JOHN COX: Hey, I'm not going to argue that.
25 But there is a God. You know, I'm not some

1 theologian that's going to sit here and try and grasp
2 this. I can't. I really can't. And you know that.

3 DAVID: I'm sorry.

4 JOHN COX: But I asked you -- I asked you
5 whether or not you would like to make a tape and have
6 it given to the media. Would you like to do that?

7 DAVID: Wait one second.

8 (Pause)

9 STEVE: John?

10 JOHN COX: What's up, Steven?

11 STEVE: What's up, John?

12 JOHN COX: What's the matter, he couldn't
13 stand it anymore?

14 STEVE: What do you mean?

15 JOHN COX: He gave --

16 STEVE: Hello?

17 JOHN COX: -- up on me.

18 STEVE: Hello?

19 JOHN COX: David gave up on me.

20 STEVE: Okay. Don't move it anymore 'cause
21 it -- okay. Now, what's that?

22 JOHN COX: David gave up on me. How come?

23 STEVE: I don't know.

24 JOHN COX: He's not walking away shaking his
25 head, is he?

1 STEVE: Well, he does have -- about that
2 look on his face.

3 JOHN COX: Very perplexed?

4 STEVE: Not quite, but he is --

5 JOHN COX: He's not mad at me, is he?

6 STEVE: Oh, of course, not.

7 JOHN COX: Oh, I --

8 STEVE: Probably sorry.

9 JOHN COX: Sorry for me?

10 STEVE: For sure.

11 JOHN COX: Well, he's not the first. He's
12 not the first.

13 STEVE: No.

14 JOHN COX: No, I just asked him, asked him a
15 question, whether or not he would like to make a
16 statement to the media the same way that he made one
17 before, on a tape. And I didn't get an answer.

18 STEVE: Just a minute.

19 STEVE TO DAVID: He said he -- all he did
20 was ask you a question if you wanted to make a
21 statement to the media --

22 STEVE: I'm supposed to tell you you're a
23 snake.

24 JOHN COX: I'm a snake?

25 STEVE: But --

1 JOHN COX: Well, I've been called worse
2 things than that before.

3 STEVE TO DAVID: He said he's been called
4 worse things than that before.

5 STEVE: But he says he still loves you but
6 he says you're a snake.

7 JOHN COX: Oh. What I was going to do is,
8 is give him the opportunity to do it, you know. If he
9 wants to make a statement, fine. We can make some
10 arrangements to do that.

11 STEVE TO DAVID: (Indiscernible) to do it,
12 if you want to make a statement, fine.

13 STEVE: He's more -- he looks kind of worn
14 out.

15 JOHN COX: Oh, I can't believe that.

16 STEVE TO DAVID: He said he can't believe
17 that.

18 JOHN COX: He was enjoying every moment of
19 it. Hey?

20 STEVE: Yeah?

21 JOHN COX: You tell him I know he enjoyed
22 every moment of it.

23 STEVE TO DAVID: He says, I know you enjoyed
24 every moment of it.

25 JOHN COX: And he's hoping some of it will

1 rub off.

2 STEVE: He says the truth will judge us in
3 the end.

4 JOHN COX: Well, isn't that the -- that's
5 the truth. I can't argue that, can I? It will. Are
6 you interested in making a statement, Steven?

7 STEVE: Well, in -- see, what, what's the
8 context? Making a statement, do you mean to the
9 world, to the public, to --

10 JOHN COX: No, not to me, not, not to me,
11 no.

12 STEVE: I didn't say to you, I said to the
13 world.

14 JOHN COX: Well, sure. I mean --

15 STEVE: Are you talking about by the press,
16 by the telephone or what are we talking about?

17 JOHN COX: Basically, we're basically -- I
18 don't know if you're interested or you're not. If you
19 are, we can make arrangements for you to make a taped
20 statement and give it -- we'll give it to the media.
21 If, if you're not, just tell me you're not. That's
22 all.

23 STEVE: Okay. Just a minute.

24 STEVE TO DAVID: He's asking me if I'm
25 interested or you're interested in making a statement

1 to the media.

2 STEVE: David says give us a line.

3 JOHN COX: Give you a line?

4 STEVE: Like we had before this all came
5 about. We had three or four telephone -- four
6 telephone lines to the outside.

7 JOHN COX: You're talking on the line.

8 STEVE: Yeah. But we're talking on --

9 JOHN COX: This is, this is the line.

10 STEVE: Uh-huh.

11 JOHN COX: Now, what, what I have asked is
12 if you would like to make a --

13 STEVE: A taped statement --

14 JOHN COX: -- a taped statement to be given
15 to the media. And, and, you know, the last tape
16 statement that was given to the media was not altered,
17 was not played with, you know. I'm just asking you if
18 you'd like to do it because --

19 STEVE: Okay.

20 JOHN COX: -- there's going --

21 STEVE: Because there's --

22 JOHN COX: I'm not, I'm not looking for 58
23 minutes now.

24 STEVE: Okay. Just a minute.

25 STEVE TO DAVID: He said he just wants to

1 know if you want to do it, if you want to make a
2 statement (Indiscernible) to the media.
3 (Indiscernible) He says I hope it wouldn't be a 58
4 minute one. (Indiscernible conversation between Steve
and David).

5 JOHN COX: Steven? Steven?

6 STEVE: John?

7 JOHN COX: Let, let me --

8 STEVE: He said he'll start working on it.

9 JOHN COX: But let me tell you --

10 STEVE: All right.

11 JOHN COX: -- what, what this will consist
of.

12 STEVE: All right.

13 JOHN COX: And then it may be negotiable,
14 all right?

15 STEVE: I'm listening.

16 JOHN COX: But I'm, I'm just throwing it up
for grabs.

17 STEVE: I'm listening.

18 JOHN COX: All right. That David will
19 prepare, or in his absence if you want to prepare and
20 send out a tape for the media, it will be received the
21 same way before.

22 STEVE: Uh-huh.

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1 play the tape after they're released --

2 STEVE: Uh-huh.

3 JOHN COX: -- is because we played a 58
4 minute tape with an entree to it and nothing happened.
5 And that's, that's why we're looking for some
6 assurances on David's part.

7 STEVE: Just a minute.

8 STEVE TO DAVID: He says, he says we're
9 looking for some assurances this time because the last
10 time we played it first.

11 STEVE: David is not smiling right now. He
12 said his God --

13 JOHN COX: Has he thrown anything at you?

14 STEVE: He is -- I mean I'll tell you what,
15 he's extremely serious right now. He's, he's --

16 JOHN COX: Well, good.

17 STEVE: -- actually staring at me saying, he
18 said my God said wait.

19 JOHN COX: I, I hope he is being serious and
20 staring at you. But what I am saying is -- first of
21 all, I said it was a negotiable thing, didn't I? But
22 I said that --

23 STEVE: He said he --

24 JOHN COX: -- we --

25 STEVE: John, here's what --

1 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

2 STEVE: -- here's what he said. He said any
3 of these people can leave and go out from here any
4 time they want. But for he, himself, --

5 JOHN COX: Well, well, send me something to
6 prove that. And I want to get things moving again,
7 Steven. You want to get them moving. David wants to
8 get things moving. And we want to see some positive
9 signs.

10 STEVE: What, what do you know -- see, he's
11 actually sent me around the building, asking people on
12 a day-by-day basis, do you want to leave, do you want
13 to leave? That is no joke. Right from this morning
14 on --

15 JOHN COX: Steven --

16 STEVE: -- right from this morning on --

17 JOHN COX: He had a little girl this morning
18 that said that she wanted to leave, and what happens?
19 Somebody pumps something in her ear and says, no.

20 STEVE: Well, that's -- not so, no, no, not
21 so. I was sitting right here the whole time. Her
22 mother said nothing to her.

23 JOHN COX: Do you think I fell off a turnip
24 truck?

25 STEVE: Listen, that's the --

1 JOHN COX: Huh?

2 STEVE: -- truth. I sat here -- when the
3 first question was asked, do you want to leave, she
4 said, no. The second part of the question --

5 JOHN COX: She said yes first.

6 STEVE: No, she didn't. No, she did not.
7 She didn't.

8 JOHN COX: Come on, Steve.

9 STEVE: No, no. The second part of the
10 question -- now, listen, if you were there, you would
11 have heard this.

12 JOHN COX: Well, I wasn't there.

13 STEVE: Well, I was. I was right here. The
14 second part of the question is, if we get to talk to
15 Gonzales, Robert Gonzales, would you go if that gave
16 us the oppor -- and she said, yes, to that. And I
17 about fell over.

18 JOHN COX: Steve, are you going to tell me
19 that this six year old girl knows Robert Gonzales?

20 STEVE: Listen, listen. I --

21 JOHN COX: What do you think, I fell off the
22 pumpkin truck?

23 STEVE: No, no, no, no, no, no. Now, listen
24 to this. This is what happened. Whether she
25 understood or not, I don't know. I don't know.

1 JOHN COX: You've got a good idea, huh?

2 STEVE: Well, I would imagine she probably
3 didn't.

4 JOHN COX: Sure.

5 STEVE: But at the same time, her mother
6 made no faces, no one coerced or encouraged either
7 direction. And then her mother -- again, it was asked
8 her mother if she wanted the daughter to go.

9 JOHN COX: Well, who guided the child?

10 STEVE: Well, then the mother did.

11 JOHN COX: Did the child do it of her own
12 free will and volition?

13 STEVE: Well, this -- and the last thing --

14 JOHN COX: No.

15 STEVE: Listen. The last thing that was
16 asked was that -- did the girl want to go or did the
17 mother want her daughter to go. The mother said she
18 did not want her daughter to go unless Robert called
19 David and they had a phone conversation.

20 JOHN COX: Now, who planted that seed in the
21 mother's mind?

22 STEVE: David did.

23 JOHN COX: Well, sure. The mother didn't
24 know Robert Gonzales from the man in the moon.

25 STEVE: No, she did. She saw him. She --

1 JOHN COX: Well, --

2 STEVE: -- got to meet him.

3 JOHN COX: I know she saw him but she
4 doesn't know the part he played in this thing unless
5 somebody told her, right? So, did the girl have the
6 opportunity to leave? Yes. The girl said she wanted
7 to leave --

8 STEVE: Here's what David --

9 JOHN COX: -- and someone planted a seed and
10 told her not to.

11 JOHN COX: No, no, here's how it works. The
12 woman and her daughter -- number one, the woman did
13 not want to leave but David says, look, if that gives
14 this man an opportunity for me to talk to him, to
15 share some things with him, would you be willing to
16 encourage your daughter to leave? She didn't want to
17 leave her daughter go, in the first place.

18 JOHN COX: How many women have allowed their
19 daughters to leave?

20 STEVE: Oh, quite a few of them.

21 JOHN COX: Sure. And how many should be
22 with their children, raising their children, caring
23 for their children?

24 STEVE: Of course. Of course.

25 JOHN COX: You know it and I know it, right?

1 STEVE: Of course.

2 JOHN COX: Sure. Sita --

3 STEVE: So --

4 JOHN COX: -- said she wanted to leave. She
5 would like to leave. But she's not leaving, is she?

6 STEVE: It's because of the mother. I can
7 go get the mother right now. You can talk to her
8 again if you want and I'm, -- I'll walk away.

9 JOHN COX: Well, how do I know -- how do I
10 know what you tell the mother and what David tells the
11 mother?

12 STEVE: Believe me, I have no -- when it --
13 look it, these people have come from such a distance,
14 I have no influence on them. Even my own decisions
15 are something that (Indiscernible).

16 JOHN COX: Why don't you let that mother
17 walk down that road and tell somebody down at the end
18 --

19 STEVE: She can.

20 JOHN COX: Tell them --

21 STEVE: She can do that.

22 JOHN COX: -- down at the end of the road
23 that she doesn't wish to leave.

24 STEVE: She can do that.

25 JOHN COX: You know, I asked you yesterday

1 to do me something real simple. Last night when we
2 were talking and remember I read off the list of names
3 to you of some of the concerned people that called
4 about people --

5 STEVE: And I wrote those down.

6 JOHN COX: Not when I was talking to you,
7 you didn't, right?

8 STEVE: No, no, no, no, not -- I told you
9 that. Don't you remember how late it was?

10 JOHN COX: Sure. And I understand that and
11 I appreciate that. But I asked you that I would like
12 you to do me a favor and you said, uh-huh. And, and
13 you'd get back. And then you and Dick talked this
14 morning, I presume about it, huh?

15 STEVE: That's right.

16 JOHN COX: And I said I would like these
17 people to speak to me or to speak to Dick or to speak
18 to whomever, at your leisure so that I know that
19 person is healthy and safe in there and I can call
20 David Thibodeau's relative and say, yes, Belinda,
21 David's fine. And I can call --

22 STEVE: Well, there's two right here.

23 JOHN COX: -- Margarita Vaega's --

24 STEVE: Would you like to talk with a couple
25 of people here?

1 JOHN COX: I really would. I really would.

2 STEVE: Okay. Well, --

3 JOHN COX: But I thought you were going to
4 make those arrangements.

5 STEVE: I -- well, look it, here's what I
6 did. I went and talked -- I took the list down from
7 Dick.

8 JOHN COX: Yeah.

9 STEVE: I can even read the list back to
10 you. I went around -- I wrote down -- I says, well,
11 who was it that called? Who were they asking for?

12 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

13 STEVE: The first three names that you gave
14 which he, again, reiterated to me were people that
15 have -- I have never heard of them. Nobody here has
16 ever heard of them. So, --

17 JOHN COX: Nobody ever heard of David
18 Thibodeau?

19 STEVE: Oh, no, of course, David -- let me
20 grab --

21 JOHN COX: That's the first name.

22 STEVE: Let me grab the list again, okay?

23 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

24 STEVE: Let me take a look at it here. I
25 can't even find -- where, where did I go with the

1 thing? I've got it here. Okay. Let's see what we
2 have. Now, all these people were told, I went right
3 to every last one of them and asked them --

4 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

5 STEVE: -- and told them the guy, he'll be
6 calling. You can get on the phone. You can wait for
7 his call.

8 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

9 STEVE: Here's the list that was given to
10 me.

11 JOHN COX: Yeah, go ahead.

12 STEVE: Okay. I'm looking at it right here.
13 Let's see. The first three names -- he told me that
14 a Barbara Reed, a Lee Ann Josephson and a Bill
15 Josephson. JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

16 STEVE: And the connecting person was Lynn
17 Josephson. I said I have never heard -- I asked
18 everybody here if they've ever heard of any of those
19 four names. No one ever has.

20 JOHN COX: No Barbara Reed?

21 STEVE: No Barbara Reed. I don't know who
22 she is.

23 JOHN COX: What about David Thibodeau?

24 STEVE: Of course, Dave Thibodeau.

25 JOHN COX: Because Belinda Gainon called

1 about him. What about Jeff Little?

2 STEVE: Jeff Little, also. I answered -- in
3 fact, we went right down the list, Dick and I did, and
4 I answered every one that was here.

5 JOHN COX: And Margarita Vaega?

6 STEVE: Correct.

7 JOHN COX: Katherine's already outside.

8 STEVE: Exactly.

9 JOHN COX: Kathy -- Katherine Matthewson.

10 STEVE: Right.

11 JOHN COX: Sherri Jewell.

12 STEVE: Right. She's here.

13 JOHN COX: Mary Jean Borst?

14 STEVE: Uh-huh.

15 JOHN COX: Gran -- what is it, Graeham or
16 Gran Craddock?

17 STEVE: That's correct.

18 JOHN COX: Douglas Martin?

19 STEVE: That's correct.

20 JOHN COX: Sheila Martin?

21 STEVE: Correct.

22 JOHN COX: Paul Fatta?

23 STEVE: Correct.

24 JOHN COX: And Kol -- what is it, Kolani
25 Fatta?

1 STEVE: Correct.

2 JOHN COX: And all I said was, would you let
3 those people speak to me, say hello, say I'm doing
4 fine?

5 STEVE: And I said, yes. In fact, there's
6 two of them -- well, there's two not in that list
7 right here.

8 JOHN COX: Well, that was 24 hours ago.

9 STEVE: What am I going to do when we get on
10 the phone talking for hours like just now and --

11 JOHN COX: Yeah, but I was, I was getting --

12 STEVE: Wait, wait.

13 JOHN COX: -- an education, wasn't I?

14 STEVE: This is correct. Not only --

15 (JOHN LAUGHS)

16 STEVE: -- not only that, not only that, it
17 was not me that brought up the subject matter of the
18 last few conversations in the first place. When Dick
19 talked to me earlier in the day --

20 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

21 STEVE: -- I took it down.

22 JOHN COX: Yeah.

23 STEVE: He said he'd get back to me in a few
24 hours, which -- and it would have been like 4:00.

25 JOHN COX: Okay.

1 STEVE: And at that time he never brought up
2 anything to do with these names even though I had the
3 people standing right here.

4 JOHN COX: Well, you could have put them on
5 the phone, huh?

6 STEVE: Well, he didn't ask for that. He
7 started talking about --

8 JOHN COX: Hey, give him a little guidance.

9 STEVE: No, he said he had a new proposition
10 that --

11 JOHN COX: Give him a little guidance
12 sometimes, Steve.

13 STEVE: Hey, come on, John. He gave -- he
14 said he had --

15 JOHN COX: Would, would you, would you let
16 them talk to me?

17 STEVE: He had a new proposition. He said -

18 - JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

19 STEVE: -- there was something new that he
20 thought we'd go for, that would be great. And that's
21 when he dropped on me, we'll back off the Bradleys and
22 everybody come out. I said, oh, great, we're, we're
23 out there now.

24 JOHN COX: Yeah, I know about that. But
25 would you let them -- would you let the people talk to

1 me?
2 STEVE: Yeah, they're right here.
3 JOHN COX: And I'm not trying to play a game
4 with you. I really would like --
5 STEVE: Here's, here's Rita. You want to
6 talk to Rita?
7 JOHN COX: Yeah.
8 STEVE: She'd like to talk to you.
9 JOHN COX: Great.
10 STEVE: This is John Cox. F.B.I. agent?
11 JOHN COX: Yes, sir.
12 STEVE: Okay. And then after that will be
13 Lisa.
14 JOHN COX: Okay.
15 STEVE: Okay, here's Rita.
16 RITA: Hi, John.
17 JOHN COX: Rita?
18 RITA: Yes.
19 JOHN COX: What, what is your last name,
20 Rita?
21 RITA: Riddle.
22 JOHN COX: Rita Riddle?
23 RITA: Uh-huh.
24 JOHN COX: Well, you're not one of the names
25 that, that I have on the list here but do you have a

1 relative outside that you would like us to call and
2 tell them that you're fine?

3 RITA: Sure.

4 JOHN COX: Okay. Who would you like us to
5 call?

6 RITA: You can call -- I mean I, I know they
7 know I'm fine, you know. I mean they know why --

8 JOHN COX: Well, I'm just trying to be
9 reassuring to people, that's all.

10 RITA: Well, that's what I'm saying, you
11 know. They know why I'm here and --

12 JOHN COX: Okay.

13 RITA: -- you know, they know I'm fine.
14 But, yes, if you want to do that, that's okay, too.

15 JOHN COX: Okay.

16 RITA: It's a North Carolina number. The
17 area code is 704.

18 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

19 RITA: And the number would be 684 --

20 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

21 RITA: -- 1639.

22 JOHN COX: Okay.

23 RITA: And the person that you can ask for
24 is my father. His name is James Riddle.

25 JOHN COX: James Riddle. Okay. Well, I

1 appreciate it. I really do.

2 RITA: But I would just like to tell you,
3 you know, you think that he's got a bunch of people
4 here that's not here of our own free will.

5 JOHN COX: No, I don't think that at all. I
6 think everybody's in there because of your -- other
7 than the children maybe that don't have their own free
8 intellect or something, but I think you're all there
9 because you want to be there.

9 RITA: Well, --

10 JOHN COX: What I'm saying is that -- the
11 question is, can anybody leave if they want to leave?

12 RITA: Of course. Look, the car
(Indiscernible).

13 JOHN COX: Well, we've had, we've had some
14 people tell us that they would like to leave and they
15 haven't left.

16 RITA: You've had people in here tell you
17 that they wanted to leave and haven't left?

18 JOHN COX: We've had children tell us that
19 people would like to leave.

19 RITA: Who, who's that?

20 JOHN COX: Well, I'm not going to put
21 somebody on the spot.

22 RITA: Look, I'm sitting here. I know what
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1 goes on in here.

2 JOHN COX: Well, I'm sure you do.

3 RITA: And I'm saying if there's any kids
4 that want to leave here, they're more than welcome to
5 go. Like he said, you know. He's gone around and
6 told everybody if they want to leave --

7 JOHN COX: Well, I'm not, I'm not, I'm not
8 to debate a child. I mean a child's going to do what
9 a parent tells a child to do and I'm not trying to get
10 into any dispute there.

11 RITA: There's nobody here told their kids.
12 The kids want to stay with their parents. The kids
13 that went out didn't want to leave.

14 JOHN COX: Let, let me ask you something,
15 Rita. You say the kids wanted to stay with their
16 parents?

17 RITA: Yes.

18 JOHN COX: All right. Do parents have an
19 obligation to their children?

20 RITA: Well, you know --

21 JOHN COX: Do they? Yes or no.

22 RITA: Do the parents have an obligation to
23 their children?

24 JOHN COX: Yes or no?

25 RITA: Of course, yeah. They brought them

1 into this world, so, yeah.

2 JOHN COX: Well, then what about the parents
3 of the children that have come out of that compound,
4 do they have an obligation to their well-being, their
5 welfare, and that they be raised properly?

6 RITA: Of course.

7 JOHN COX: Then why aren't they with them?

8 RITA: Because there's seven seals that's in
9 the Bible. If you knew -- if you had to listen long
10 enough --

11 JOHN COX: I've listened for days.

12 RITA: But, look, it takes a long time, you
13 know. We don't learn a scripture here and a scripture
14 there.

15 JOHN COX: You're not answering my question.

16 RITA: We learn -- we learn that --

17 JOHN COX: Why aren't the parents with the
18 children?

19 RITA: That's exactly what I'm trying to
20 tell you.

21 JOHN COX: Is it because they don't love
22 their children?

23 RITA: Of course not.

24 JOHN COX: Then they should be caring for
25 their children, shouldn't they?

1 RITA: They are caring for them. Because,
2 see, that's what I'm saying.

3 JOHN COX: They are?

4 RITA: Right. Yeah, they are.

5 JOHN COX: How, by prayer?

6 RITA: No. That's what I'm telling you. If
7 you knew, if you had sit and listened long enough, you
8 may -- you know, you said -- you told me that you
9 listened for two days.

10 JOHN COX: Well, I am but I'm -- and I --

11 RITA: Hey, look, I've been here for two
12 years. It takes a long time --

13 JOHN COX: Well, I'm sure it does.

14 RITA: -- to go over the whole book of the
15 Bible and to learn its meaning.

16 JOHN COX: I'm sure it does and I, I won't
17 argue that point with you one bit. And we all have
18 our different interpretations, don't we?

19 RITA: Right.

20 JOHN COX: And I'm not going to argue those
21 either, whether a person's Baptist or Methodist or
22 Presbyterian or Catholic or Jewish or whatever they
23 are, you know. We all have free, free interpretation
24 there, don't we?

25 RITA: Yeah, but there's only one -- the

1 Bible says that there's only the Lamb that can reveal
2 the book.

3 JOHN COX: Well, I'm not going to try and
4 change your mind. I'm not going to try and change
5 your mind, and I wouldn't attempt to do that. I feel
6 that's your right and your privilege.

7 RITA: Well, but you're denying the world,
8 you know. I don't know what you're trying to cover --

9 JOHN COX: I'm doing what?

10 RITA: -- up by not letting the press, you
11 know, by not letting us talk to the press. There's a
12 lot of people, look --

13 JOHN COX: Do you -- well, do you want to
14 talk to the press?

15 RITA: I have listened to people on the
16 radio. There were three people in particular that
17 stated that when they knew when the Federal government
18 pulled the media back --

19 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

20 RITA: -- that they knew right then that the
21 government had something to hide. You have stated on
22 your press conferences --

23 JOHN COX: Let me, let me tell you exactly
24 why we did it. You want me to tell you why we did it?
25 Do you want me to tell you exactly why we did it?

1 RITA: Go right ahead.

2 JOHN COX: Well, you -- I think you sound
3 exasperated and you're going to be condescending with
4 me. All I want to tell you is why we did it.

5 RITA: Okay. Go right ahead.

6 JOHN COX: We did it because the Federal
7 government is responsible for the safety and welfare
8 of the media, period. And we know the weapons that
9 are inside there, whether you know them or not, we
10 know them and David has admitted them to me, --

11 RITA: (Laughs) So, you --

12 JOHN COX: -- that those weapons could harm
13 the media. And we're responsible for their welfare.
14 However, I have told David that if he would like to
15 speak to the media and I'll tell you, if you want to
16 speak to the media, all you have to do is walk down
17 that path and the media is down there.

18 RITA: That's ridiculous, you know.

19 JOHN COX: No, it's common sense.

20 RITA: That -- no. That's totally
21 ridiculous.

22 JOHN COX: Why?

23 RITA: Hey, look, we have a telephone.

24 JOHN COX: Do you?

25 RITA: You know --

1 JOHN COX: Well, go ahead and call out there
2 and talk to the media then.

3 RITA: Well, we can't because you messed our
4 lines up.

5 JOHN COX: No, I didn't mess your lines up.

6 RITA: Well, somebody did.

7 JOHN COX: Well, that could have been a
8 vision.

9 RITA: I don't think so. And, you know, you
10 -- I, I figure it this way, you know, I'm with the
11 people on the radio, you know. When they said that
12 you had something to cover up, you know, it's like you
13 been saying that we got ten people in here dead.
14 Well, we don't have --

15 JOHN COX: I won't tell you.

16 RITA: But, look, --

17 JOHN COX: I asked Steve --

18 RITA: -- it has never been straightened
19 out.

20 JOHN COX: Let me tell you, I asked Steven
21 last night, last night. And you ask him if I'm lying
22 to you. I asked him last night when we were
23 discussing Peter and we were trying to make some
24 arrangements to remove Peter. I said, Steven, if
25 there are others in there that are in the same

1 condition of Peter, let me know and we'll try to make
2 some arrangements. And I have not heard one word
3 back. So, there is no allegation --

4 RITA: Well, I haven't heard it changed
5 either about ten people being dead in here. So, you
6 know, I figure, hey, --

7 JOHN COX: That's the media saying that.

8 RITA: -- what you going to do --

9 JOHN COX: That is pure speculation on the
10 part of the media.

11 RITA: Okay. Well, where did they get it
12 from because like I said, we have no connection with
13 the media.

14 JOHN COX: I have absolutely no idea. Why
15 don't -- let somebody ask the media where they got it
16 from, come out and ask the media.

17 RITA: We don't need to come out to ask
18 anybody. Like I said, all we need is a telephone
19 line.

20 JOHN COX: Well, you're not going to get it.
21 You know that.

22 RITA: Exactly.

23 JOHN COX: Well, come out and ask the media.

24 RITA: So that's what I'm saying, you know.
25 I, I'm not coming out there. I don't want to, you

1 know. I know they're out there.

2 JOHN COX: Well, that's your privilege.
3 That your prerogative. If you don't want to come out,
4 you don't have to. I don't want to be getting into an
5 argument with you, you know? You're, you're probably
6 a good person. If you want to stay in there, you stay
7 in there. All I'm saying is the opportunity is there
8 for you to come out. The opportunity's --

8 RITA: Hey, I'm well aware of that. Look --

9 JOHN COX: The opportunity is there for any
10 parent to come out and be with their child.

11 RITA: (Indiscernible) I can come out
12 anytime I please. Look, I came here at Passover. I
13 left and went back home. Nobody made me stay. I came
14 back at Atonement.

14 JOHN COX: Well, that's good.

15 RITA: I left again. Nobody made me stay.
16 And just like now, nobody's forcing me to be here. I
17 can leave anytime I please, just like anybody else
18 here.

18 JOHN COX: Hey, I'm not going to tell you --

19 RITA: But, you know, look --

20 JOHN COX: -- I'm not going to tell you that
21 you're doing anything wrong.

22 RITA: But look --

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1 JOHN COX: I'm not telling you that you
2 can't leave.

3 RITA: You --

4 JOHN COX: What I'm saying is that a parent
5 --

6 RITA: Right. You said --

7 JOHN COX: -- has a responsibility to take
8 for their child.

9 RITA: That's beside the point.

10 JOHN COX: Why, why is it? That is the
11 point.

12 RITA: The point is, look, we've been
13 sitting here for almost 8 days now.

14 JOHN COX: Yeah.

15 RITA: And it's not going to change because,
16 yeah, as far as the media, the ball's in your court.

17 JOHN COX: It's going to change the minute
18 David hears the word.

19 RITA: But look, you know --

20 JOHN COX: Isn't it?

21 RITA: -- the re -- why are we sitting here?
22 Why do you think we're sitting here? I mean, you
23 know, --

24 JOHN COX: Ask David.

25 RITA: -- there's a lot of people out here

1 that would like to hear David, that would like to have
2 questions answered, just like you did. But like I
3 said, you know, just because you didn't listen long
4 enough to get the full picture, you know, that's your
own fault.

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6 JOHN COX: Hey, the only person that's going
7 to tell you why you're sitting there is David because
8 he said he has to hear the word. Isn't that right,
Rita?

9 RITA: Do what, now?

10 JOHN COX: The only reason you are in there
11 and you have not left -- because David had agreed that
12 he and everyone in there --

13 RITA: Right. Originally, though, that's
14 not why we're here. At this point, yes.

15 JOHN COX: Everyone were going to leave and
16 David said you would not leave because he received a
17 word telling him to wait. That's the only reason
you're still in there.

18 RITA: That's right. That's right.

19 JOHN COX: So, don't give me some cock and
20 bull story about why you can't leave, that we're
21 preventing you from leaving. You can leave anytime
you want.

22 RITA: That's exactly right.

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1 JOHN COX: And that's your privilege. If
2 you don't want to leave, don't leave.

3 RITA: Well, that's what I'm saying, you
4 know.

5 JOHN COX: Well, that's good. The only
6 reason I asked to talk to you is so I could pass on to
7 one of your loved ones that everything's fine, not to
8 get into some debate with you. Do you understand
9 that?

9 RITA: Yeah. Yeah, I sure do.

10 JOHN COX: Why don't you put Steven back on
11 the phone?

12 RITA: Okay.

13 LISA: Hello?

14 JOHN COX: Hey, who's this?

15 LISA: Hi, this is Lisa.

16 JOHN COX: Lisa?

17 LISA: Yeah.

18 JOHN COX: Lisa who?

19 LISA: Lisa Farris.

20 JOHN COX: Lisa Farris?

21 LISA: Yeah.

22 JOHN COX: How do you spell your last name,
23 Lisa?

24 LISA: F-A-R-R-I-S.

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1 JOHN COX: F as in Frank?

2 LISA: Right.

3 JOHN COX: R-R-I-S?

4 LISA: Uh-huh.

5 JOHN COX: Do you have someone out here that
6 you would like us to call and tell them that you're
7 doing fine?

8 LISA: No, I don't have any family out
9 there. All my family is right here.

10 JOHN COX: No mother, father, sister,
11 brother, et cetera?

12 LISA: No, I was abandoned a long time ago.

13 JOHN COX: Okay. Well, that's the reason I
14 was speaking to Steven. We were discussing a lot of
15 other things along the way but I said there were some
16 people who had called, some, some relatives and
17 friends of people who were concerned, that's all. And
18 I gave them those individuals' names and I said, if
19 you get them and put them on, I'd be happy to call a
20 relative and say, hey, I've spoken to your son, your
21 daughter, whomever. And they're fine and they're --
22 they said to say hello or whatever message they had.

23 LISA: Yeah. Well, I don't know how to get
24 in touch with them anyway even if you did want to talk
25 to them. I don't know where they are.

1 JOHN COX: Okay. Well, that's, that's the
2 only reason that, that I asked Steven to speak to
3 somebody. You doing okay?

4 LISA: Uh-hum, fine.

5 JOHN COX: Well, that's good. I'm glad to
6 hear it. Is there any message you have for anyone?

7 LISA: Excuse me? Do I have a message for
8 anybody?

9 JOHN COX: Yeah.

10 LISA: I just have a message to everybody,
11 you know.

12 JOHN COX: Sure.

13 LISA: And that is, you know, if they could,
14 get in, you know, get in contact with us, if they
15 could hear what we had to say, I wish, you know, I
16 wish they could but it's --

17 JOHN COX: If they could do what, now?

18 LISA: If they could hear what we had to say
19 and hear our side of the story, I wish they could.

20 JOHN COX: Well, let me tell you the same
21 thing I told Rita, okay?

22 LISA: Okay.

23 JOHN COX: You could walk down that road and
24 tell them anything you want to say and it's your
25 decision to make. It's not my decision, it's your

1 decision. And you've obviously decided to stay in
2 there.

3 LISA: Yeah. We walk out there, you're
4 going to handcuff us and put us in the, you know, --

5 JOHN COX: Not going to handcuff --

6 LISA: -- solitary confinement and nobody's
7 ever going to be able to talk to us again.

8 JOHN COX: Why do you -- why do you say
9 that? If you have any --

10 LISA: Because --

11 JOHN COX: If you have --

12 LISA: -- you guys shot at us, we shot back
13 at you and now, you know, you got us -- we know how
14 the system works.

15 JOHN COX: Let me, let me tell you
16 something.

17 LISA: You put people away everyday.

18 JOHN COX: Do you know the Federal system?

19 LISA: Yeah, of course, I know the Federal
20 system.

21 JOHN COX: Anybody is presumed innocent
22 until found guilty in a court of law. That's the
23 Federal system for you and for me, okay?

24 LISA: Uh-huh.

25 JOHN COX: If you have done nothing wrong,

1 you're not going to be arrested. We're not going to
2 arrest people who have done nothing wrong, who we have
3 no reason to --

4 LISA: That's not true.

5 JOHN COX: -- to arrest. You think we
6 arrested the children when they came out?

7 LISA: Of course not. They didn't, they
8 didn't do anything.

9 JOHN COX: Well, --

10 LISA: They're children and they can't --

11 JOHN COX: -- you're not going to be arrested if
12 you didn't do anything either.

13 LISA: I am fighting for what I believe in,
14 and I'm fighting for, for my family and my friends
15 here. That's something.

16 JOHN COX: But then you will be judged in a
17 court of law. But what I'm just saying is, if you
18 want to stay in there, that's your prerogative, you
19 know.

20 LISA: Uh-huh.

21 JOHN COX: That's, that's your business.
22 I'm not trying to force you to come out of there, but
23 the door is open. And as long as you understand that,
24 that you will be -- you will be cared for if you, if
25 you've been injured, your injuries will be treated.

1 And you'll be afforded legal counsel and in this
2 country it's the best judicial system in the world.
3 Whether you like it, whether you don't like it, it's
4 still the best one in the world.

5 LISA: Okay. Well I think I should go.

6 JOHN COX: And it's something we have to
7 live with but I, you know, I didn't -- I just wanted
8 to see if there was somebody that you wanted to talk
9 to and I'd be happy to pass on a message.

10 LISA: No, that's all right.

11 JOHN COX: And I'm glad to hear that you're
12 doing well.

13 LISA: Thanks.

14 JOHN COX: You're welcome.

15 LISA: Thanks a lot. You want -- Sherrie
16 up? I think she's sleeping. Sherri, you sleeping?
17 Here, here, talk to a friend of mine, Neal. Here,
18 hold on.

19 JOHN COX: I'm sorry.

20 NEAL: Hello, John?

21 JOHN COX: Hey.

22 NEAL: What's up?

23 JOHN COX: Who's this?

24 NEAL: Neal.

25 JOHN COX: Neal?

1 NEAL: Yeah.

2 JOHN COX: What's your last name, Neal?

3 NEAL: Vaega.

4 JOHN COX: Neal --

5 NEAL: Yeah, you have my little kid there.

6 JOHN COX: I, I did what?

7 NEAL: You have a little kid of mine there.

8 JOHN COX: How do you spell your last name?

9 NEAL: V-A-E-G-A.

10 JOHN COX: V-A-E-G-A?

11 NEAL: Uh-huh.

12 JOHN COX: And what's your youngster's name?

13 NEAL: Joanne.

14 JOHN COX: Okay.

15 Neal -- NEAL: Yeah.

16 JOHN COX: -- she's being cared for well

17 and, and she's probably in pretty good shape. She's -

18 - is she seven years old, seven years old?

19 NEAL: Yeah.

20 JOHN COX: I think I remember her coming

21 out.

22 NEAL: Yeah, yeah.

23 JOHN COX: Does she have -- does she have

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1 any, any problems or anything that we should know
2 about as far as taking medication or anything --

3 NEAL: Problems?

4 JOHN COX: I'm sorry?

5 NEAL: No, she's fairly normal.

6 JOHN COX: That's good. That's great
7 because I, I'm concerned about that as are -- you
8 know, everybody out here wants to make sure that we
9 take care of them.

10 NEAL: Listen, John, we brought all those
11 kids up real good.

12 JOHN COX: I'm sure you did.

13 NEAL: There's nothing wrong with them.

14 JOHN COX: I don't think there is.

15 NEAL: I don't, I don't really see any
16 reason why they need any psychology or any
17 psychologists.

18 JOHN COX: Oh, they're not.

19 NEAL: Okay. I just want to let you know.

20 JOHN COX: They're just being cared for.
21 They're being fed, they're being clothed, they're
22 being cared for, that's all.

23 NEAL: Yeah. I saw the photos and --

24 JOHN COX: And, and let me tell you, they'd
25 love to be with you.

1 NEAL: Yeah.

2 JOHN COX: Is -- do you have any, anyone out
3 here, Neal, that, that you would care for me to
4 contact, whether it's a mother, father, sister,
5 brother, and tell them that I spoke to you and you're
6 all right?

6 NEAL: Uh --

7 JOHN COX: And the reason -- and the reason
8 I ask that --

9 NEAL: Yeah.

10 JOHN COX: -- it's not a trick. I'm not
11 playing any games. We've had a lot of people call in
12 here and --

12 NEAL: Okay.

13 JOHN COX: -- who are concerned.

14 NEAL: My relatives are all in New Zealand.

15 JOHN COX: Well, I don't care.

16 NEAL: And, so, --

17 JOHN COX: We'll contact the -- we've had
18 the British Consulate call us.

18 NEAL: Yeah.

19 JOHN COX: So, I'll be happy to contact the
20 New Zealand Consulate.

21 NEAL: Sure, by all means.

22 JOHN COX: You just give me a name and an
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1 address.

2 NEAL: I did leave my address and number

3 with Joanne.

4 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

5 NEAL: And she has it.

6 JOHN COX: I'm sorry?

7 NEAL: And she has it.

8 JOHN COX: Joanne?

9 NEAL: Joanne. No, she --

10 JOHN COX: Who is Joanne?

11 NEAL: My little kid brought --

12 JOHN COX: Who is Joanne?

13 NEAL: Joanne?

14 JOHN COX: Oh, one of the other youngsters

15 that came out?

16 NEAL: No, that's my kid.

17 JOHN COX: I'm --

18 NEAL: The seven year old.

19 JOHN COX: I'm sorry, go ahead. And you

20 gave the address --

21 NEAL: And I gave the address and number on

22 it, on her --

23 JOHN COX: You gave her a little slip of

24 paper?

25 NEAL: Yeah.

1 JOHN COX: Okay.

2 NEAL: Yeah.

3 JOHN COX: Well, I can assure you that --
4 did it give the name of someone on there to be
5 contacted?

6 NEAL: Yeah, she did. I gave it to her and
7 she had it on her person.

8 JOHN COX: Okay.

9 NEAL: Yeah.

10 JOHN COX: Now, do you understand the same
11 thing that I mentioned to, to Rita and to, to Lisa?

12 NEAL: Uh-huh.

13 JOHN COX: That you are free to leave and I
14 understand you are free to leave.

15 NEAL: Uh-huh.

16 JOHN COX: And that if you care to stay in
17 there, that's your business. No harm is going to come
18 to you whether you stay -- you care to stay in there
19 or you, or you care to leave. And, and I've impressed
20 that upon David and I've impressed that upon Steven,
21 that, that I'm certainly not here to get into any
22 religious issues with you. And I respect your
23 religious beliefs, you, David, Steven's, Rita's,
24 Lisa's. That's your, that's your prerogative. But as
25 I explained to Lisa and as I explained to Rita, that

1 these children that are out here need their parents.

2 NEAL: Uh-huh.

3 JOHN COX: And they should be together and,
4 and that parents have a certain responsibility to
5 their children for their care and their upbringing and
6 their welfare.

6 NEAL: Uh-huh.

7 JOHN COX: And that if you want to be with
8 them, --

9 NEAL: Uh-huh.

10 JOHN COX: -- you certainly can be. But I'm
11 not trying to exert any pressure upon you and tell you
12 that if you don't, something's going to happen.
13 That's not true. Your children are going to be taken
14 care of us out here because we love them like you love
15 them --

15 NEAL: Okay.

16 JOHN COX: -- you know?

17 NEAL: Well, maybe you should send them
18 back.

18 JOHN COX: Are you serious?

19 NEAL: Yeah. You're concerned about them
20 being with us and, and they're happy. Maybe you
21 should send them back here. I think this will be the
22 best place for them. I really didn't want to send

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1 them.

2 JOHN COX: Let me tell you something.

3 NEAL: Yeah.

4 JOHN COX: There's a reason, Neal, that
5 those children aren't going back in there and, and you
6 know what the reason is and I know what the reason is,
7 is that there's a lot of weapons in that place,
8 there's a lot of ammunition in that place.

8 NEAL: Uh-huh.

9 JOHN COX: And I am not going to put those
10 children in harm's way to allow them to get caught in
11 -- because of some foolish act by whomever, you know,
12 just one person makes some kind of a crazy mistake,
13 those kids can get hurt.

14 NEAL: John, they've lived with these arms.
15 They've lived with these firearms for as long as they
16 been around.

17 JOHN COX: You, you saw what happened last
18 Sunday, didn't you?

18 NEAL: Yeah, and that was the --

19 JOHN COX: It wasn't good, was it?

20 NEAL: -- fault of the B.A.T.F. It had
21 nothing to do with us.

22 JOHN COX: Hey, I am not here to judge whose
23 fault it is. That's not my job. A court of law will
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1 judge whose fault it was. It's not my job. But what
2 I am telling you is those children are not going to
3 get put back in an environment where if anybody makes
4 a mistake, they can be harmed. And I hope you
5 understand that. And I'm not saying whether it's your
6 mistake or David's or Steven's or A.T.F.'s mistake, or
7 the F.B.I.'s mistake. But I think that I owe it, we
8 owe it to those kids --

8 NEAL: Uh-huh.

9 JOHN COX: -- to insure that they don't have
10 to be in that environment. I don't want them harmed,
11 do you?

12 NEAL: No, but --

13 JOHN COX: Sure, you don't.

14 NEAL: -- that environment out there, too,
15 is just as bad, I mean --

16 JOHN COX: Well, you made, you made a
17 decision to send your daughter out, didn't you?

18 NEAL: Huh?

19 JOHN COX: You made a decision to send your
20 child out?

21 NEAL: This is true.

22 JOHN COX: So, you made that decision of
23 your --

24 NEAL: You're right.

25 JOHN COX: -- own free will. Nobody forced

1 you to make it, did they?

2 NEAL: Well, --

3 JOHN COX: Huh?

4 NEAL: Huh?

5 JOHN COX: Nobody forced you to make that
6 decision, did they?

7 NEAL: That's true, John, that's true. I
8 sent them out.

9 JOHN COX: So, so, it was a -- it was a
10 willful decision to send your child out?

11 NEAL: Yes.

12 JOHN COX: And, so, you had to have a reason
13 for sending your child out, didn't you?

14 NEAL: This is so that this could come to an
15 end.

16 JOHN COX: That's the bottom line, isn't it?

17 NEAL: Yes.

18 JOHN COX: And that's all I wish for, too,
19 huh?

20 NEAL: But if you're talking about
21 environment --

22 JOHN COX: Do you, you think that your child
23 is in a worse environment now than your child was in
24 before?

25 NEAL: Oh, Waco, the killings that take

1 place out there is -- I don't see any difference. The
2 same people that attacked this place are the same
3 people already out there.

4 JOHN COX: Your child's being fed three days
5 -- your, your child is being fed three meals a day --

6 NEAL: Yeah.

7 JOHN COX: -- in a nice warm bed in a nice
8 environment.

9 NEAL: I appreciate that.

10 JOHN COX: And, and because we care. And
11 I'm not telling you -- I'm not saying you don't care.

12 NEAL: Uh-huh.

13 JOHN COX: You love your child. You tell me
14 how it's going to be resolved. I wish I had the
15 answer. You tell me you think how this is going to be
16 resolved.

17 NEAL: See, John, we live day-by-day every
18 day and we --

19 JOHN COX: Yeah, but we shouldn't have to,
20 Neal, should we?

21 NEAL: Well, you know, that's just the way
22 the world is.

23 JOHN COX: No, the world doesn't have to be
24 that way. I was living day-by-day in another state a
25 week ago. But it doesn't have to be that way. And

1 it's through reasoning and it's through common sense
2 and it's through communications that this thing is
3 going to be resolved peacefully and nobody's going to
4 be harmed. Wouldn't you like to see that happen?

5 NEAL: Well, let me put it this way, man
6 doesn't have the answer.

7 JOHN COX: Oh, I hope he does.

8 NEAL: He doesn't.

9 JOHN COX: I hope some sound judgement and
10 reasoning will prevail.

11 NEAL: No. We've gone generation after
12 generation. There's been a screw-up. There's been
13 snowballing. And it's going to get worse and worse.
14 We do not have the answer. Yes, the book that we --

15 JOHN COX: I'm listening.

16 NEAL: I'm talking about a book.

17 JOHN COX: I'm listening to you.

18 NEAL: Yeah, I'm talking about a book --

19 JOHN COX: Uh-huh.

20 NEAL: -- that not too many people believe
21 in yet. They go every Sunday -- they go to church
22 every Sunday, they go to sabbath every Sunday. And
23 that's what we do. And then after that, it's back to
24 --

25 JOHN COX: Who?

1 NEAL: -- their own normal lives and they do

2 --

3 JOHN COX: Who?

4 NEAL: People.

5 JOHN COX: Just think of the ones that don't
6 go to church.

7 NEAL: Yeah, oh. They probably have a
8 better chance than those who do go to church.

9 JOHN COX: Well, I hope not. I hope not.

10 NEAL: Well, --

11 JOHN COX: I mean I go to church and, and
12 you go to church, right?

13 NEAL: True.

14 JOHN COX: And even though we may not
15 totally believe the same thing, we do believe that
16 there is somebody stronger than us, don't we?

17 NEAL: True. And we believe that he has the
18 answer.

19 JOHN COX: Well, it may even be a she but
20 there is an answer, isn't there?

21 NEAL: Right, there is an answer.

22 JOHN COX: Sure. And --

23 NEAL: And it's in your fingertips.

24 JOHN COX: And you and I are going to accept
25 that answer some day, aren't we?

1 NEAL: Well, you're going to face it one way
2 or the other, whether we like it or not, whether we're
3 good or bad.

4 JOHN COX: Well, we are. We are.

5 NEAL: Yes.

6 JOHN COX: And we all have to answer for our
7 actions, don't we?

8 NEAL: I think we are.

9 JOHN COX: You know? But just -- I think,
10 as I told David and I told Steven, you know --

11 NEAL: Uh-huh.

12 JOHN COX: -- the Lord is charitable, too.
13 And, and so is the system. And, and I just want you
14 to understand that your children are going to be cared
15 for and that if you want to insure their safety and
16 their, their upbringing, all you have to do is come
17 out and be with them and nothing's going to happen to
18 you. I'll guarantee you that. But the system will
19 prevail. You know that and I know that. The system
20 will prevail.

21 NEAL: Well, there is a system that was once
22 --

23 JOHN COX: No.

24 NEAL: -- based on God.

25 JOHN COX: It's going to be a system today

1 and it's going to be a system next week and it will
2 prevail.

3 NEAL: Well, I think the, the government and
4 the bureaucracy has gotten a lot bigger than it should
5 be. It's not as simple as it was. The Constitution
6 has been stepped on. People --

7 JOHN COX: Well, it has.

8 NEAL: -- come on this property and do
9 whatever they want.

10 JOHN COX: I can't argue -- I can't argue
11 that. But people have viol -- you say the
12 Constitution has been stepped on.

13 NEAL: Sure, it has.

14 JOHN COX: That's the law of the land, isn't
15 it?

16 NEAL: It's been violated.

17 JOHN COX: And you have to live by it and I
18 have to live by it.

19 NEAL: I wish you'd live by it.

20 JOHN COX: Huh?

21 NEAL: I wish people would live by it and --

22 JOHN COX: Don't we all?

23 NEAL: Yeah.

24 JOHN COX: David was telling me that if he
25 hadn't been in the religious profession, he would have

1 loved to have been a law enforcement officer.

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