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JOHN: But if, if somebody wanted to use a stretcher, use something to, to --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- bring he body out --

STEVE: Exactly.

JOHN: -- we would accept the body as long as someone would accompany the body. In other words, someone would come out. Now, I don't think it would be very appropriate to have a child accompany a body and come out, you know. I'm not being morbid about it.

STEVE: No, I understand.

JOHN: I think an adult should come out.

STEVE: I understand --

JOHN: And David said flat no.

STEVE: Right. I understand even the psychology involved myself. If I were on your side in your shoes, I'd at least do the same thing.

JOHN: Well, it's the right thing. But I just wouldn't want to throw a body out and say hey, we don't care, whatever.

STEVE: You know, but he gives the option to these people still, do you want to go out or whatever.

See, I guess --
JOHN: Well, I think he's got to be a little more authoritative.

STEVE: Well, at the time --

JOHN: And, and it's a serious thing and, and it's a religious thing, also.

STEVE: Well, it is. See, that's the point.

JOHN: When you're talking about the deceased.

STEVE: These people are starting to, you know, these people are also waiting because his God said wait and that's the same God that is showing him information.

JOHN: Well, if you would encourage him that, that his God, you know, is certainly not going to look negative upon them for accompanying a body out there, not only to the coroner but --

STEVE: Are you telling me these persons could accompany the body to the coroner and then return?

JOHN: I'm not telling you that.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: And, and I'm not lying to you. I don't want you --

STEVE: Oh, I know.

JOHN: -- to get the wrong impression.
STEVE: Of course not. And I, I would hope that you would --

JOHN: I, I would expect someone to come out because I expect that person to come out, spend time with the coroner and to be familiar with the individual. And then to assist in contacting next of kin, all of these type of things, you know.

STEVE: All right. Well, he --

JOHN: And, and I think that's the, the proper thing to be done.

STEVE: The option will always be given to any and all of these people, you know, and --

JOHN: But sometimes you've got to give them a little nudge, huh?

STEVE: Well, this is true, and there's been a lot of times -- In fact, frequently we will do that. The first day this even happened, afterwards, he asked me to -- and I told -- Jim knew that. Twice I went around to everybody in the entire building --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- saying do you want to leave? They'll give you safe protection, you'll be -- and apparently it must have been a little too early or soon, I guess. Everybody was just too --

JOHN: Yeah.
STEVE: The fear, the apprehension, what all took place, it was -- I'll tell you the truth, anything that ever happened to me in my life, this was so beyond the shock -- I was down just reading a book, talking with someone when that happened. It happened so quickly. I mean, it, it -- I couldn't hardly figure out what was going on.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: I didn't know who it was or --

JOHN: Another thing, another thing. You might have Kathy -- when you and David talk to her in the morning --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- she might have some ideas of some service or something that she would, would like for, for Michael.

STEVE: All right, I'll, I'll ask about that.

JOHN: You know, because you say his, his parents are, are from Florida you think.

STEVE: I think they're divorced, that the father --

JOHN: I mean, she's his wife, huh?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: She should have a little, a little
input there.

STEVE: Right. I believe that the father's out of Chicago and the mother's somewhere in, it's possible, Orlando or somewhere like that, or on the St. Petersburg -- over on the --

JOHN: Maybe, maybe get those answers in the morning, huh?

STEVE: I'll, I'll try to do that.

JOHN: And, hey, if she wants to come out and make those arrangements --

STEVE: Well, if you would, leave Pete Gent -- his parents I think are Bruce and Lisa -- allow them to know, if you would, that --

JOHN: Does he have anybody inside?

STEVE: Pardon?

JOHN: Does Pete have any relatives inside?

STEVE: Yes, he does.

JOHN: Children?

STEVE: Yeah, there's a -- there's children and --

JOHN: Do they know?

STEVE: -- a sister. Yeah, they found out, you know, and of course, you know, there was a great hurt. You know how that is.

JOHN: Yeah.
STEVE: So, I mean, because --

JOHN: It's a delicate situation.

STEVE: Oh, yeah. He had been missing since Sunday and we didn't know what had happened to him.

JOHN: And he's got a sister in there, you say?

STEVE: Oh, yeah.

JOHN: A wife or anything?

STEVE: He's not married.

JOHN: Oh, okay.

STEVE: Yeah. But he had been missing. And there's a few -- there's other -- definitely, there's some casualties that have to be checked out still. And like you found the one out there, but he hadn't been, as you all already know, he hadn't been already part of this. He hadn't been here that day.

JOHN: Really?

STEVE: No, uh-uh. So when the press was saying that there was a gun burst about six o'clock Sunday where three individuals involved, at first I couldn't figure out what on earth it could be about. The more I thought about it, I did remember that there were some guys that were away and apparently they had heard or been listening on the news, I don't know. So that's why I was -- for all this time one has been
curious to know who or what or -- so that's when Jim told me right away about this Delray. I didn't know who he was talking about. I hadn't heard the man's name or that he was called by that name.

   JOHN: Yeah.

   STEVE: Apparently, it's his first name, a name he didn't like which he never used. He went by a different name totally. But --

   JOHN: Well, that was involving the three individuals. And, and, like I said, you had two groups involved -- excuse me -- in the altercation there, and I guess when things got hot and heavy, they both went --

   STEVE: So you think it was earlier Sunday then, huh? Must have been.

   JOHN: Well, I think it was -- the one involving Michael was the same time that everything was going on.

   STEVE: Yeah, I wondered about that. I wondered about that.

   JOHN: But it was away. I mean, I can't say out in the woods or something, but it was like 100, 200 yards away from the buildings there itself.

   STEVE: I see.

   JOHN: Wherever it happened. And then they
had their, their incident and then they, they kind of went in two different directions, you know.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And there was a third person. One fellow was taken into custody. Obviously, Mike was found deceased.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And, and the impression I have is that the third party was injured and went back inside the compound or went in that direction, because the other -- the, the government representatives that were there, the ATF guys, of course they were going in the opposite direction. So it was pure speculation and conjecture on their part.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: But I wish you'd, you know, you and David be kind of strong with Kathy in the morning. And if she wants to -- I'd certainly encourage her to participate in whatever she --

STEVE: Well, I believe Dick spoke with her today --

JOHN: Did he?

STEVE: -- just before that news conference that was given in the afternoon --

JOHN: Did he?
STEVE: -- for about 10 minutes maybe. And, of course, at that time she was not aware that's who it was. I suspected and tried to drop a hint here or there at the time.

JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

STEVE: But I thought that it was a good possibility.

JOHN: Well --

STEVE: And she didn't seem to accept that, though. So I don't know. Yeah, I'll definitely in the morning talk to her, somewhere around eight or nine o'clock.

JOHN: And if, if she wanted to -- she doesn't have any more children in there, huh?

STEVE: No, she doesn't.

JOHN: If she wanted to accompany Peter out in the morning, she could probably --

STEVE: Well, I'll give her --

JOHN: -- accomplish two tasks, couldn't she?

STEVE: It's possible.

JOHN: She could take care of, you know, take care of Michael and be with her children and take care of Michael and make some arrangements.

STEVE: I'm speaking about the -- (Talking
JOHN: I'm sorry, what?

STEVE: Oh, just a moment, John.

(Pause)

JOHN: Don't tell me you woke him up.

(Pause)

STEVE: I was just listening to a couple people over here that, that apparent --

JOHN: Hello? Yeah, go right ahead.

STEVE: Yeah, that apparently were just talking about some information here, and I wanted to pick up on what was going on. Yeah, so in the morning what I'll do is --

JOHN: David, David's still sleeping, huh?

STEVE: I think he -- he just moved a little bit.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: That's why I wanted to see just if he was awake or what he was doing, if he was just moving around a little bit or what --

JOHN: You know, it's a possibility -- of course, you two are going to have to be pretty strong with Kathy. Yet, she could come out and be very, very productive, instrumental thing -- see that things are handled properly for two people, for not only Peter
but for her own husband, and, and then be with her children.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And handle a real nice Christian burial there, wherever and whenever she would like to do that. And I'm sure she could, she could be of great assistance to Peter's folks if they've come up here from, from some distance.

STEVE: Well, we'll --

JOHN: Be a little more, you know, reassuring to them since she, she's -- she knows -- she's known Peter, she's can talk with them.

STEVE: Yeah, definitely in the morning then I'll -- we'll give her that opportunity and option, tell her what's happened and what she could do about the other.

JOHN: I'm sorry?

STEVE: Yeah, it's --

JOHN: Well, I, I think we could accomplish two tasks at the same time.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: And --

STEVE: I'll talk to her somewhere around probably eight or nine. She asked to be woke up about there, anyway.
JOHN: Eight or nine?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: That's a lot of sleep.

STEVE: Well, I don't know. Apparently, they just -- someone told me they just turned in.

JOHN: Really?

STEVE: You know, there's -- some will sleep, some stay awake and -- so I never know who's doing what.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: But, apparently, she's been up quite late. In fact, still might be. I don't know. Somebody thought she might have just turned in.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: But I wouldn't want to -- at this time of night she wouldn't probably sleep through the night, so --

JOHN: When, when I mentioned to you earlier about David really not sounding as good tonight as far as, you know, the pain and everything --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- you don't think his wounds are festering or anything like that, it's just --

STEVE: I, I don't know.

JOHN: -- he might be going through a phase?
STEVE: I wondered that myself. I'm not sure, but it wouldn't seem like it because --

JOHN: But he hasn't been indicating to you that something's getting infected or something like that, it's just --

STEVE: No. So far, no.

JOHN: He's just going through a little more anguish?

STEVE: I, I think that's what it could be. I mean, definitely there's some strong pain there. But I, I thought for sure, just like Jim and the others suspected that, you know, that the -- a great infection. I expected a lot of that, especially from the first night. He himself did.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: It, it is a bad wound. There's no question, I mean. You know, going right through just about --

JOHN: Well, I'll tell you, I don't understand how in the world he, he's been able to talk like he's been able to talk.

STEVE: I don't either. He's taken no --

JOHN: He was on a roll last night. I don't mean tonight, I mean last night, talking to, to Henry.

STEVE: I'm sure.
JOHN: He was, he was just as verbose as you could be and, and talking about a lot of personal things, you know.

STEVE: Right. To tell you the truth, I overheard some of it and I was quite surprised.

JOHN: It wasn't just, you know, I'm going to read the scripture, this was just right off the cuff, having quite a dialogue. I, I think they had a very good dialogue together.

STEVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: You know, and I, and I hope the time that I spent with David this evening was good. I mean, I thought it was and I, and I hope he shared the same feelings.

STEVE: I hope so.

JOHN: You know, because this is new for me, and when I say new for me, the philosophy is new.

STEVE: Right, right.

JOHN: I'm not going to tell you the rest of it is, but it is a new philosophy and, and it's a learning experience and it's just difficult that it had to happen this way.

STEVE: It is, but maybe -- well, I mean, right from the beginning, even when I first heard, he himself seemed, you know, like all the prophets have
been called stumbling blocks because usually there have people that have given a measure of understanding, wisdom, knowledge about the rest for the basis to lead, to show what is needed for God's people in whatever generation, whatever God requires. God really has given light to those that have, on their own, by their own pride and arrogancy, through a lot of hard work, gained their degrees and so forth.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: You look throughout the Bible, prophets usually were sheep herders, fig pickers, which now we call migrant workers. There were people that were --

JOHN: Hadn't heard fig pickers before.

STEVE: Yeah. Amos was a fig picker. In fact --

JOHN: You don't want to say that 10 times real fast, do you?

STEVE: No. In fact, I have heard people say pig ficker, you know, get it turned around there. It's quite humorous. I had to laugh, too. I did this week in a lecture.

JOHN: You, you mentioned when you first met David --

STEVE: Yeah.
JOHN: -- it was out in California, though, huh?

STEVE: This is correct. It was actually in -- I was picked up by one of the people out there in Los Angeles, at the airport, taken to one of their homes. And extremely apprehensive, of course, looking around, not knowing what this was all about. And I met him in a home and, I mean, I was shocked. He came over by me. I sat in a chair and he sat down on the floor, looking at me, and he started talking to me about the scripture. And, well, I was half listening because, you know, the first time you meet someone you're usually looking them over and observing and --

JOHN: Well, you said you thought he was a little strange, huh?

STEVE: Well --

JOHN: The first time you met him.

STEVE: Well, not really strange.

JOHN: Well, the beliefs, the theory, the principles.

STEVE: Well, no, it was actually the, the information was extremely logical. And what was more astounding was how clear it was coming directly from the book that I had read so many times and never understood, other than, you know, once in a while you
might come up with a theory or, speculatively speaking, it could be this, maybe that.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: But he was talking with such authority because he was bringing in so many chapters in context without interpretation, just reading them but showing how they connect. Well, definitely, a very clear picture was developing between all the prophets and what they saw. So, see, that's what really caught my attention, even though he was dressed not anything like a, a minister or in a three-piece suit or anything else. In fact, on the contrary, the way he was dressing in those days was always a stumbling block.

You wondered well, this guy doesn't seem to be a professional by looks. I mean, you would not expect him to be really anything by the way he was dressing, but it was when he opened his mouth. Where on earth someone as young as himself, where did he get the information? I mean, he did not have enough time in life at that time to develop and to gain or give that kind of information. There was just no way, especially when once I saw him get on a pulpit and give a group of 100 people a lecture on the Bible. His hands were greasy from working on a car.
He went for five hours, quoting chapter after chapter after chapter, not missing a word. And the astounding thing was not that a person could ever memorize all that, the astounding thing was the clarity and the picture that was drawn from it, the logical progression.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: And this is what, you know, caught a lot of people's attention. So they started -- he's always said ask questions, any questions, any questions. So people asked the questions. The answer is given by having them turn to the pages of their own book. Then they're told to go wrestle with the issues. Like if somebody comes to us, like, for instance, of course, Robert had been coming here, we've had other guests through the years that come here, we'll give them some pretty strong studies and then send them out, tell them to take some time away from us.

Go to the scholars, go to the ministers, go to the lay people, ask them these questions, let them raise questions with yourself. Honestly, this is what we've done over and over again.

JOHN: Do you encourage them to talk to basically nondenominational scholars --
STEVE: Oh, yes, either or.

JOHN: -- or any particular ones?

STEVE: Anybody. You know, go, go to atheistic scholars that -- maybe someone that's into anthropology of religion or someone that's really studied and looked at it from many different angles.

Go to the rabbis, go to the ministers of different denominations.

JOHN: You weren't just, just talking about any selected verses with selected analyses, though, you were going over an entire --

STEVE: Yeah. We -- well, he opens up -- for instance, you know, you have a prophet like Joel who wrote three chapters in the Old Testament.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: Doesn't take long to get through, it's just that the question that puzzles any scholar, any layperson is how does it connect to the other writers of that book, which Christians always tell you that that book is a very consistent book, even though in reality one can show many contradictions. You know, all scholars of higher criticism can do that. So a lot of times -- I used to play the advocate a lot and would rip the foundation apart of a lot of people, just because I would want to see what really their
beliefs were and if they were founded in this book
that they said they were so strong into. So I tried
to do that to David when I met him and --

JOHN: How'd that come across?
STEVE: Well, what I'd do is I'd ask him a
question, trying to --

JOHN: Sure.
STEVE: -- trying to catch him.
JOHN: Sure.

STEVE: And he'd give me an answer. Then
I'd wait, ask him a few more questions, then I'd ask a
similar question using different wording, seeing if I
couldn't get a different answer out of him. But, no,
he went deeper yet.

JOHN: Couldn't alienate him, obviously.
STEVE: Yeah, yeah, but three, four times
I'd do that with him and it actually frustrated me,
because after dealing with priests and Lutheran,
Methodist, Baptist ministers for years, I had no
problem with them. But with him, it was -- he pulled
the carpet out from under me.

JOHN: Well, what, what faith were you
practicing just before you, you met him?
STEVE: I was a Seventh Day Adventist.
JOHN: Uh-huh.
STEVE: Yeah. And --

JOHN: But he must have come across also as pretty young to --

STEVE: He was. At that time, he was --

JOHN: -- to be scholarly.

STEVE: -- 26 years old.

JOHN: And, you know, I, I, I can't say that I would relate to that. I'm of a different faith, but --

STEVE: What faith are you?

JOHN: Well, I'm Catholic.

STEVE: You are? Uh-huh.

JOHN: Don't hold it against me now.

STEVE: No, no, no, no.

JOHN: And --

STEVE: I don't judge anybody.

JOHN: Well, that's good, because I try --

STEVE: I mean --

JOHN: -- not to also.

STEVE: See, my mother was also Catholic. My dad was a Lutheran. So I had a, a background where they believed in God and ultimately there was influence of my dad so I fought the Adventists (Indiscernible). So, I, I --

JOHN: That's all right. I've got a wife
that was Baptist, but I --

STEVE: Is that right?

JOHN: -- converted her.

STEVE: Um-hum. That's a pretty --

JOHN: That wasn't easy.

STEVE: -- task.

JOHN: It wasn't easy.

STEVE: No, that's rare that a Baptist becomes Catholic.

JOHN: She's a Catholic now.

STEVE: (Laughing.)

JOHN: But that's --

STEVE: First time I've heard that.

JOHN: But, you know, we look upon the theologians, really, as, you know, more elderly and scholarly and everything. And that's why I said it must have come as quite a shock to the system when this young fellow's down here expounding the virtues, as he was, to you.

STEVE: Um-hum. Well, this is true.

JOHN: You know, when you, when you first met David.

STEVE: This is true.

JOHN: Because, generally, we look at, look at the, the real young ones when they're, when they're
taking that attitude as where, where are you --

STEVE: John, I'd, I'd give anything in this world to be able to have him sit down with the greatest scholars that there's ever been. I was with him in Jerusalem --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- and I met some rabbis that were awesome deep thinkers with such quick logic, very articulate, able to communicate quickly, and I observed a debate between a young Jewish guy, maybe 19, 20 years of age, and a rabbi who was very seasoned. And the conversation, as the logic developed, was so deep and quick, I was able to follow with no problem. It's just I had to jump into the conversation. I mean, these guys were talented. They had some gifts.

JOHN: Can you imagine how many people would like to sit down with him?

STEVE: Well --

JOHN: I mean right now.

STEVE: There are -- well, that is true. There's always been --

JOHN: And, and I'm talking about members of the religious community would probably like to sit down with him right now as a result of what they've
heard, that they're probably totally illiterate as to his philosophies and his interpretations of some of these -- I'll bet you that an awful lot of them would like to sit down and, and get into some pretty deep, lengthy discussions with him. Of course, obviously, it's going to happen when he comes out because a lot of these people have the opportunity to spend some time with him. You know, whether he's in a medical facility or any other facility, they'll certainly have --

STEVE: You would know more about that than I would.

JOHN: I'm sorry?

STEVE: You would know more about that than myself.

JOHN: Well, that's, that's a matter of fact.

STEVE: You know, I mean, since Sunday, since Sunday, I mean, what has all taken place, I, in honesty, don't have the foggiest idea where one stands in relation to all the events.

JOHN: Yeah. Well, the media's constantly getting inquiries about, about this particular group. You know, of course, you hear the, the media addressing it --
STEVE: Well, I know they --

JOHN: -- as a cult and David doesn't like to hear that, and I certainly won't -- wouldn't use that word in talking to you because it's got a lot of negative connotations.

STEVE: I do realize, I do realize there'd have to be charges, but whoever comes out there was a lot of bad things --

JOHN: As I said, there's not charges against everyone. And David's --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- not a fool and he's, he's a bright person and he knows He is the leader and he is going to be charged with something. I'd be a buffoon to tell you it wasn't going to happen, wouldn't I?

STEVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: And, and you've got to accept that.

STEVE: The question is, you know, it's always -- of course, even from your own perspective, you know, I mean, a person talks about war, what's war, what isn't war, what is being -- is defending your own life. Of course, you know, the, the details of how the men approached, who they were, did they make themselves known. I mean, there's so many things that -- I mean, I was there and, I tell you what, the
account of the people here that were scattered all
over the building, I mean a lot of these people did
not know until there was a shout that there was
certain vehicles approaching in the driveway.

This is -- I mean, you know, on the news of
course your agency over and over again has made it
seem like that there was a tip-off from a phone call.
In honesty and truth, as I, I told some of the media
Sunday when I spoke with them, that was not the case.
But David did -- that Sunday morning I was there. I
got up that morning when, when Robert was sitting
there in the foyer and sat down -- I was, I was a
little on the tired side. Robert had gone to bed
about 12 or later. He left here about twelve o'clock.

JOHN: David said this evening that he knew
they were coming.

STEVE: Well, he did, he really did. He
suspected it, as I did myself.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: I mean, first of all --

JOHN: I mean, he didn't say he just
presumed they were coming. He said he knew they were
coming.

STEVE: I mean, the FBI -- I, I would hope
that the FBI is more efficient -- I mean, I've always
had the highest respect for that agency, I have. I mean, being brought up as a young boy that believes in the police and as a protective agency for the people, they themselves being family men and oriented in that manner, I mean, I've always thought highly of the FBI and I know they've done a lot of good work through the years. But, at the same time, the ATF is someone I was not familiar with 'cause I have never been into drinking, you know, really, or -- except for this group does have an occasional beer once in a great while, always in moderation if it is.

But, at the same time, we're not -- of course, you know, like even firearms, that part is something new to me. I've never been involved, being in a family that more -- very -- strongly pacifist. So all that took place with that was something new to me, you know, and this agency and how they work. But I did see once a video, not that long ago, about that agency, about like -- yeah, I think he mentioned to you about -- something about breaking the law or something like that, and that's just those police officers who were given certain charges after being on the force for 20 some odd years. Are you talking to someone else?

JOHN: Uh-uh.
STEVE: No?

JOHN: Just trying to pick something up.

STEVE: Okay. But, anyway, you know, those are the things that do make you wonder. I mean, the way the thing came about, how it happened. I mean, I would have expected much more professionalism than, than was shown by the guys across the street. I mean --

JOHN: Well, you know, Murphy's, Murphy's Law comes into effect sometimes, too, doesn't it?

STEVE: Yeah. Well, I guess so.

JOHN: When things can go wrong, they go wrong.

STEVE: I mean, you tell me, why --

JOHN: But I'm not going to sit here in judgment.

STEVE: No, but --

JOHN: Of them, nor am I going to sit in judgment of you.

STEVE: No, but in the future, yourself, you tell me. Five to seven guys move in and they're way out in the middle of the country, across from some kind of a, a cult. And I mean -- and they're --

JOHN: Well --

STEVE: And these guys --
JOHN: -- I don't want to call it a cult, and he didn't either, you know.

STEVE: Well, you know, I'm not offended anyway because, you know, I mean, it's such a small group of people, it's no great big orthodox church with some multimillions of members and -- but, anyway, you know, I mean, he went through all the details I'm sure with you about it.

JOHN: Why do you think, why do you think David had all those weapons in there?

STEVE: I don't know. And it didn't even really start that long ago, in honesty. It really didn't. And --

JOHN: I mean, I can understand if, if people are into hunting, people like to skeet shoot, people -- STEVE: Well, no, I, I, I understand, also.

JOHN: People are into things like that that's competitive in nature --

STEVE: Nothing --

JOHN: -- to have shotguns and other things. But to have --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- the armament that he had.

STEVE: Well, nothing was ever spoken of in
the manner of aggression, by the way. Never ever has
been.

    JOHN: I mean, you don't need --
    STEVE: Not in --
    JOHN: -- a .50-caliber machine gun to go
    hunt squirrels, you know.
    STEVE: Well, because of the situation we're
    in right now, you know, I'm not going to -- there's a
    lot of --
    JOHN: Oh, I know, I know. And I'm not
    trying to entrap you or, or --
    STEVE: No, no, I understand.
    JOHN: I was just thinking --
    STEVE: I really don't --
    JOHN: -- off the top of my head, really.
    STEVE: John, I believe that, I really do.
    And I'd love to be -- you wouldn't believe I'd like to
    open up and say a lot of things, but until I know a
    little more about --
    JOHN: Well, you know, like --
    STEVE: -- what are the possibilities, of
    course --
    JOHN: Well, like I told David when we were
talking about the system, and, and like I, I explained
to you as well about what, what will happen when, when
everyone comes out, it, it may not be a perfect system
but it's the best system in the world, our judicial
system. And we all have certain rights, privileges
and freedoms under the Constitution. And by, by we, I
don't mean me and the people out here, I mean you and
the people in there as well.

And, believe me, the federal judicial system
protects those rights in a strong, strong manner. I
mean, it's not a -- it's not taken in a lackadaisical
manner at all. It's, it's very serious and, and the
judges and, and the other people are very serious
about it. I don't know if you've ever spent any time
inside a federal courthouse, but it, it's a totally
different atmosphere than in a --

STEVE: Yeah, I'm sure it is.

JOHN: -- in a state or a local --

STEVE: I've had tickets, of course, traffic
tickets and I have --

JOHN: That won't get you into a federal
facility.

STEVE: No, I'm sure.

JOHN: But -- and, and I tried to explain to
him that, you know, there is a presumption of
innocence and that's what the judicial system is all
about, and, and he has to understand that. And he
gets his day in court and he gets his day with the media and, and he can have the best attorneys money can buy, you know. And, and these people have an obligation to him to bring out what he feels is the truth. And, on the other hand, of course the government's going to bring out its side of the story, and I'd be foolish to tell you that they're not.

But the system is the system, and the system works for us all. And even though at times maybe we don't like the system -- and, and he got into quite a lengthy dialogue with me about the problems that he had in 19, you know, '87-88.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And that, and that's difficult and that's --

STEVE: I think that was something more confined to a local mentality --

JOHN: Sure, sure it was.

STEVE: -- or a mind-set. It would seem to me it's almost like the movies, where you see some of these old stereotype southern places where you --

JOHN: You're not a good old boy.

STEVE: Exactly.

JOHN: You know?

STEVE: Exactly.
JOHN: And --

STEVE: There's a certain way of doing things. And I must admit --

JOHN: When you have your local, your local norms and your local (Indiscernible) and all of these things enter into it.

STEVE: Positively.

JOHN: Sure.

STEVE: And even in those days, I couldn't help but go along with the way people might view something because they hear about somebody digging up a body. I mean what on earth -- you know, this George Roden, I never have met the guy but --

JOHN: Me either.

STEVE: Not that I'd even want to or need to, to associate oneself with such a personality, but the other guy dug up a grave. And I suppose he told you the whole story about -- and then he calls -- gets a hold of David's phone number and --

JOHN: Yeah, yeah, I heard it.

STEVE: Anyway --

JOHN: I heard him telling Henry about it the other night.

STEVE: But you tell -- one of these days maybe someone can tell me why the authorities didn't
act on corpse abuse or -- they were -- and it was told to them. They should have investigated themselves, not told these young men from Hawaii, my friends, that they needed to go on the property, take pictures. And then the thing is when they did, honestly, when they did, they had pictures of a, of a casket. They were told by this Dickerson to go back onto the property, they needed pictures of bones. That's when that shootout took place. That's when this man came out of his trailer with a semiautomatic Uzi and started firing on some of these guys that had .22's, had, had come along to only get -- maybe to shoot some rounds in the air to distract the man.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: Until they had the evidence. Of course, it never happened that way. And when the Sheriff's Department came onto the property, they were happy to throw down their arms. They thought they were coming to assist, because they knew that the department knew about what they were doing, that they were there trying to gain the evidence. But, instead, they were slapped with handcuffs, laying in the gravel, facing the gravel, fire ants biting them and, I mean, got treated as PLOL terrorists and all sorts of nonsense.
JOHN: Yeah, he was, he was telling Henry.

STEVE: It was, it was a travesty of injustice, no question about it. It was. I followed it along myself and was, was shocked. The kind of money it took to be able to even --

JOHN: You don't recoup that money, either, do you?

STEVE: No, you don't. There's no way you can.

JOHN: That's a difficult thing. It's not a civil litigation where someone doesn't find in your favor and so you get your money back. But, you know, the federal system as I was saying, you've got 12 independent people who are going to sit there. And just because people are inside that compound doesn't mean they're going to be charged with something.

STEVE: No, I --

JOHN: As I, as I tried to explain that.

STEVE: -- don't go along with those idea. There's a lot of people here that are -- that, in fact, when it comes down to many aspects, don't know one thing from another.

JOHN: In, in the federal system, you have to have a unanimous -- Any type of decision has to be unanimous, you know, all 12 people. Well, they're
going to hear both sides of the story, aren't they?

    STEVE:  Right.

    JOHN:  And, and it's going to be a thorough story. You know --

    STEVE:  Well, I think, I think --

    JOHN:  I asked David when I was talking to him earlier this evening and David said he hadn't, if he hadn't I guess chosen the way of life that he's chosen, he probably would have been involved in law enforcement.

    STEVE:  I wouldn't be surprised.

    JOHN:  And I said, God, I don't think you want that headache.

    STEVE:  No.

    JOHN:  It's not like it used to be years ago and --

    STEVE:  Right.

    JOHN:  And I asked him, I said David, if you were in law enforcement, I said you put yourself in, in my shoes today, in our shoes today, what would you do to resolve this situation? You've got to communicate, don't you? You have to talk.

    STEVE:  Well --

    JOHN:  Maybe there was a lack of communication six days ago, but you have to --
STEVE: Quite obviously.

JOHN: You know, you have to communicate.

STEVE: Can I ask you, John, what, what do, what -- today we heard contradictory statements by the ATF agent that was in the news, in the press conference. We -- I don't know if one of them told me that -- well, anyway, right along from the beginning it was that they had come to serve a warrant, an arrest warrant, for or to him.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: And now we hear that that in fact was not true. I don't know if that was you asked that --

JOHN: No. I, I made, I made a mistake initially and I, and I corrected it. They were serving a search warrant on the compound --

STEVE: Okay, on the compound.

JOHN: -- and an arrest, an arrest warrant on his person.

STEVE: I see.

JOHN: Because he was talking about the fact that he had been out jogging and walking around and things --

STEVE: Oh, that's true.

JOHN: -- days before. But I said if you
don't have a warrant, you can walk around all you want. If, if a federal judge, a federal magistrate has not issued a warrant, they don't have any right to stop you or do anything else to you. So that's why.

STEVE: Well, he's been in town even. He took a trip -- well, him and I both. I was in California --

JOHN: But the warrant probably wasn't outstanding.

STEVE: I see.

JOHN: You know, the warrant hadn't been issued. So if it hasn't been issued, they certainly can't stop you or interfere with you in any way. So I hope that clears that up.

STEVE: Well, see, that's why he figured if he was an agent -- I mean, they would have never been hurt. The guy's never hit anybody, he's never threatened anyone.

JOHN: Well, I guess the thing that probably bothered him more than anything was, was the, the weapons that were out there.

STEVE: What, bothered who, the agent?

JOHN: Sure, sure.

STEVE: I mean, well, what weapons? Or what did he know for sure?
JOHN: Well, we --

STEVE: I mean --

JOHN: We all know for sure now, don't we?

STEVE: Well, yeah, but, I mean, even myself, I was totally in the dark until all this came about.

JOHN: Yeah. I mean, we, we know and, heck, it's been in the media, people have come forth and, you know, everybody's got to get their story to tell, right, and about the weapons that David's been buying for the, the last several months or years or whatever.

STEVE: He hasn't hidden that at all. He's been very open about it. He's in fact --

JOHN: Well, you just said what -- you didn't know about these weapons.

STEVE: No, I know, but, I mean, I'm not talking about all, I'm talking to the degree that he's been to gun shows and so forth.

JOHN: Believe me, if I was going to go knock on somebody's door and execute a search warrant or an arrest warrant and I knew they had .50-caliber machine guns in there and Law rockets --

STEVE: But Robert honestly got --

JOHN: -- that would scare me to death.

STEVE: Not at all. Robert got to see the
demeanor of the man, his spirit and attitude, his character.

JOHN: Yeah, but you understand the role Robert was playing, huh?

STEVE: Oh, I do.

JOHN: I mean now, now, to look back on it, to understand the role.

STEVE: Even then. I want to tell you, you wanted to know how the tip-off and all that came about. Well, I -- what I think, what I do recall was kind of a strange situation.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: It was Sunday morning. I think it was -- well, number one, God revealed it to him, and that's, you know, that's going to be hard for the press and others --

JOHN: To who?

STEVE: -- to believe. To David. 'Cause I was sitting there --

JOHN: He revealed what?

STEVE: Revealed to David who and what was happening.

JOHN: Oh.

STEVE: Because I was there when David made the statements to Robert in regards to what he had to
do, do it, or whatever.

    JOHN:  Uh-huh.

STEVE:  And he did give him a couple of

    warnings, but not, not in, not in a bad way.

    JOHN:  Not in an aggressive, threatening

    way?

    STEVE:  No, no, not at all. But only for

    himself.

    JOHN:  Uh-huh.

    STEVE:  And, I mean, I was surprised, like

    David, when if there was a warrant to be served, why

didn't you say look, David, there's questions that

    need to be asked of you, we'd like you to come down

and so forth. I mean, why was -- I mean, these people

    here, none of them have ever been involved in any kind

of hard-core -- any crime or any kind of crime --

    JOHN:  Well, what you have to remember is

    ATF agents don't sign a warrant for somebody's arrest

or a search warrant. This is done by a federal judge,

    and the federal judge signs the warrant. And if he

    signed the warrant on Saturday or on Sunday, that's

    when you execute the warrant.

    STEVE:  You know what I'd like to do? I

    wonder if it would ever be possible for us to look at

the evidences that the --
JOHN: You bet.

STEVE: -- the world has seen.

JOHN: Absolutely.

STEVE: I'm, I'm talking about now. I'm talking about now. I was told that --

JOHN: Well, the only way that you're going to see it is --

STEVE: I heard that the press filmed the approach of the choppers and so forth and, and some of how this began.

JOHN: I'm sure they did.

STEVE: And that it's been played -- a lot of the people in the United States, the majority have seen that.

JOHN: You bet.

STEVE: Is it possible for us --

JOHN: There's several things that --

STEVE: -- to see a video of that, for us to see what was coming about or what was happening?

JOHN: The minute you come out.

STEVE: Well, you know --

JOHN: What can I tell you? I mean, I'm being, I'm being very practical and very realistic about it.

STEVE: Just what was --
JOHN: We're not just going to --

STEVE: I mean, what was their plan when they were storming up to the door, running with assault weapons showing, ready to be used?

JOHN: Hey, I've got to tell you, I wasn't --

STEVE: I'm telling you.

JOHN: I was not in the State of Texas when it happened.

STEVE: I was, I was right there. I heard the, the -- I heard David -- I didn't hear them, I never heard them say a word.

JOHN: You know, you said that he had -- the Lord told him that they were coming. David told me earlier this evening that it was very clear in his mind one of the first times that he met Robert that -- who, who Robert was and --

STEVE: Well, I agree. He told me --

JOHN: -- what Robert's identity was.

STEVE: He himself told me that. I went out to California --

JOHN: That would have been a clue that Robert's going to be coming some day, isn't it?

STEVE: Not -- no, not at all. Not at all.

JOHN: If they, if they find --
STEVE: Not the way the FBI works. I would think that they'd have somebody over time and, you know, using wisdom and sense and so forth. That's why we didn't hide anything. He took him through the building and out the back. They brought --

JOHN: He showed him all the weapons and everything?

STEVE: I doubt that he did that.

JOHN: Well --

STEVE: But, I mean, well, you know what -- I mean, who --

JOHN: -- I mean, that was one of the serious issues, wasn't it?

STEVE: Well, who knows for sure why they were coming? Honestly, I mean, I never gave it any thought about that.

JOHN: I mean, I'm not trying to, you know, be antagonistic.

STEVE: No, I know you're not. I know you're not and I don't mind, you know, that you ask it that way.

JOHN: Sure.

STEVE: That's fine. But, no, seriously, I mean, who knows -- I mean, Mark Broe and some of these people that have, that have heard his studies, have
backed and supported him and talked so highly of him --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- and then changed and went the other direction, they have contacted every kind of an agency that there is in the American Government.

JOHN: Why do you think they did that?

STEVE: Because, number one --

JOHN: Just their own animosity?

STEVE: No, I'll tell you why. No, see, I believe there is a spirit in this world. There's a spirit of the world and there's a spirit of God. And just like Christ, I don't know if you believe in possession or whatever, what it says in the Bible that Christ cast demonic spirits out of people that were possessed 2,000 years ago. And that those people would walk in the light of God's truth and those spiritual beings that had moved these people into do things that we would call insane or border on mental disorders would, would then return with multiple mental problems. Basically, this is what the Bible shows.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: So David warned these people. Look, if you don't walk and continue in the truth, the spirit of the world which you are not partaking of now
will be the major factor in your life. So Mark Broe, when he walked away, for six months I have got letter after letter, how he says I still believe like you do, you're my friends. But you could see over time, that over six months, seven, eight months, he started changing.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: And pretty soon, then came the slander and all the rest, the rumors, the innuendos. And I've got all the correspondence from him. Ultimately, he's going to about every agency there is. I found that out right away. But we did not care. Sure, we could have gotten an attorney and gone after him for slander, but we thought look, if our movement is of God, let God take care of it. If it's not, why worry about it, let it fall to the wayside. If it never was of God, why even invest your time? So, for that reason, well, he continued on.

And this is where, if you look back at your notes there as to a number of things, well, he, he drew Sherry Jewel into a court battle with her former husband in Michigan. I was there. I came as a material witness, to, to give evidence as of things I knew about Mark Broe from the time I met him in '78. So I've know right along Mark --
JOHN: Do you, do you think that there could have been some kind of a, a conspiracy on their part?

STEVE: Well, no question about it. Mark would do --

JOHN: Do you?

STEVE: He would have but sell his soul to take David out of this world and take him out of the picture.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: Because I really truly believe Mark was convicted that the truth was shown to him. He will not rest and be settled until David and this group is broke up, 'cause he's afraid that this group will yet fulfill prophecy.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: But if the group doesn't exist, well, it soothes his conscience. Does that make sense?

JOHN: Do you think there are others out there trying to do the same thing?

STEVE: Well, yeah, because in the beginning people like the Gents, who were part of this organization, also were with us for some time. In fact, they were involved before I was, before I knew David. This Lisa Gent had met him --
JOHN: Pete Gent's people?
JOHN: Yeah.
STEVE: So they had met him before me and talked very highly. I finally met Lisa Gent and then ultimately her husband Bruce. And after -- there was a fall out, and David even said Steve, go back to Australia, which I did in November of '90, and let them present their beliefs or how they differ from us, and if they have something, we'll, we'll all look it over.
JOHN: Yeah.
STEVE: So, I mean, we went through all that. It took some money to fly over there and back.
JOHN: Sure. Sure.
STEVE: You know, so right from the beginning --
JOHN: Someplace I'd like to go in my life, though.
STEVE: Well, if you -- well, anyway.
JOHN: Am I going to be disappointed?
STEVE: Probably. Well, yeah, sure, you'll be disappointed. It's the world.
JOHN: No, I mean Australia.
STEVE: I know. But, you know, I'm being a
little, you know, everything's just -- and this, Jim, as time goes on --

JOHN: Hey, I'd never been to Waco before and I, I think --

STEVE: Hey, I wouldn't want to come back. Would you? I don't know --

JOHN: Well, maybe not under these circumstances.

STEVE: After living in Hawaii and I've been just about every state --

JOHN: How about Lafayette, Louisiana?

STEVE: I've -- well, it's funny you mention that place.

JOHN: Have you ever been there?

STEVE: Oh, many, many times.

JOHN: Have you?

STEVE: I have relatives there.

JOHN: You've got to be kidding. Is their name Beroux (phonetic sp.) or Thibodeaux?

STEVE: It's neither, but are you actually from Lafayette, Indiana, or something?

JOHN: Louisiana.

STEVE: Oh, Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: I was thinking you said Indiana.
JOHN: No.

STEVE: There is a Lafayette --

JOHN: The only thing they know how to do in Indiana is play basketball.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: No, Louisiana.

STEVE: Well, you've got that right.

JOHN: Louisiana. You don't have relatives in Louisiana, huh?

STEVE: No, I don't. I don't. I was thinking Indiana.

JOHN: Oh. A lot of money's been spent, you know, by David and throughout this whole thing. Like you say, the trips that he's made and the trips to the Holy Land and --

STEVE: And virtually --

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