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

4 STEVE: Right.

5 JOHN: -- bring he body out --

6 STEVE: Exactly.

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

13 STEVE: No, I understand.

14 JOHN: I think an adult should come out.

15 STEVE: I understand --

16 JOHN: And David said flat no.

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

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

23 STEVE: You know, but he gives the option to
24 these people still, do you want to go out or whatever.
25 See, I guess --

1 JOHN: Well, I think he's got to be a little
2 more authoritative.

3 STEVE: Well, at the time --

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

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

7 JOHN: When you're talking about the
8 deceased.

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

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

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

20 JOHN: I'm not telling you that.

21 STEVE: Okay.

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

24 STEVE: Oh, I know.

25 JOHN: -- to get the wrong impression.

1 STEVE: Of course not. And I, I would hope
2 that you would --

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

8 STEVE: All right. Well, he --

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

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

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

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

20 JOHN: Yeah.

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

25 JOHN: Yeah.

1 input there.

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

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

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

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

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

14 JOHN: Does he have anybody inside?

15 STEVE: Pardon?

16 JOHN: Does Pete have any relatives inside?

17 STEVE: Yes, he does.

18 JOHN: Children?

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

21 JOHN: Do they know?

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

25 JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: So, I mean, because --

2 JOHN: It's a delicate situation.

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

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

7 STEVE: Oh, yeah.

8 JOHN: A wife or anything?

9 STEVE: He's not married.

10 JOHN: Oh, okay.

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

17 JOHN: Really?

18 STEVE: No, uh-uh. So when the press was
19 saying that there was a gun burst about six o'clock
20 Sunday where three individuals involved, at first I
21 couldn't figure out what on earth it could be about.
22 The more I thought about it, I did remember that there
23 were some guys that were away and apparently they had
24 heard or been listening on the news, I don't know. So
25 that's why I was -- for all this time one has been

1 curious to know who or what or -- so that's when Jim
2 told me right away about this Delray. I didn't know
3 who he was talking about. I hadn't heard the man's
4 name or that he was called by that name.

5 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

21 JOHN: But it was away. I mean, I can't say
22 out in the woods or something, but it was like 100,
23 200 yards away from the buildings there itself.

24 STEVE: I see.

25 JOHN: Wherever it happened. And then they

1 had their, their incident and then they, they kind of
2 went in two different directions, you know.

3 STEVE: Right.

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

6 STEVE: Right.

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

13 STEVE: Okay.

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

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

19 JOHN: Did he?

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

22 JOHN: Did he?

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

5 JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

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

8 JOHN: Well --

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

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

15 STEVE: No, she doesn't.

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

18 STEVE: Well, I'll give her --

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

21 STEVE: It's possible.

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

25 STEVE: I'm speaking about the -- (Talking

1 to someone else.)

2 JOHN: I'm sorry, what?

3 STEVE: Oh, just a moment, John.

4 (Pause)

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

6 (Pause)

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

9 JOHN: Hello? Yeah, go right ahead.

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

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

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

17 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

1 but for her own husband, and, and then be with her
2 children.

3 STEVE: Right.

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

8 STEVE: Well, we'll --

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

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

15 JOHN: I'm sorry?

16 STEVE: Yeah, it's --

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

18 STEVE: Okay.

19 JOHN: And --

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

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1 JOHN: Eight or nine?
2 STEVE: Yeah.
3 JOHN: That's a lot of sleep.
4 STEVE: Well, I don't know. Apparently,
5 they just -- someone told me they just turned in.
6 JOHN: Really?
7 STEVE: You know, there's -- some will
8 sleep, some stay awake and -- so I never know who's
9 doing what.
10 JOHN: Yeah.
11 STEVE: But, apparently, she's been up quite
12 late. In fact, still might be. I don't know.
13 Somebody thought she might have just turned in.
14 JOHN: Yeah.
15 STEVE: But I wouldn't want to -- at this
16 time of night she wouldn't probably sleep through the
17 night, so --
18 JOHN: When, when I mentioned to you earlier
19 about David really not sounding as good tonight as far
20 as, you know, the pain and everything --
21 STEVE: Right.
22 JOHN: -- you don't think his wounds are
23 festering or anything like that, it's just --
24 STEVE: I, I don't know.
25 JOHN: -- he might be going through a phase?

1 STEVE: I wondered that myself. I'm not
2 sure, but it wouldn't seem like it because --

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

6 STEVE: No. So far, no.

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

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

15 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

25 STEVE: I'm sure.

1 JOHN: He was, he was just as verbose as you
2 could be and, and talking about a lot of personal
3 things, you know.

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

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

10 STEVE: Um-hum.

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

15 STEVE: I hope so.

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

18 STEVE: Right, right.

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

23 STEVE: It is, but maybe -- well, I mean,
24 right from the beginning, even when I first heard, he
25 himself seemed, you know, like all the prophets have

1 | been called stumbling blocks because usually there
2 | have people that have given a measure of
3 | understanding, wisdom, knowledge about the rest for
4 | the basis to lead, to show what is needed for God's
5 | people in whatever generation, whatever God requires.

6 | God really has given light to those that have, on
7 | their own, by their own pride and arrogancy, through a
8 | lot of hard work, gained their degrees and so forth.

8 | JOHN: Yeah.

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

12 | JOHN: Hadn't heard fig pickers before.

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

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

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

21 | JOHN: You, you mentioned when you first met
22 | David --

22 | STEVE: Yeah.

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1 JOHN: -- it was out in California, though,
2 huh?

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

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

16 STEVE: Well --

17 JOHN: The first time you met him.

18 STEVE: Well, not really strange.

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

21 STEVE: Well, no, it was actually the, the
22 information was extremely logical. And what was more
23 astounding was how clear it was coming directly from
24 the book that I had read so many times and never
25 understood, other than, you know, once in a while you

1 might come up with a theory or, speculatively
2 speaking, it could be this, maybe that.

3 JOHN: Yeah.

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

15 You wondered well, this guy doesn't seem to be a
16 professional by looks. I mean, you would not expect
17 him to be really anything by the way he was dressing,
18 but it was when he opened his mouth. Where on earth
19 someone as young as himself, where did he get the
20 information? I mean, he did not have enough time in
21 life at that time to develop and to gain or give that
22 kind of information. There was just no way,
23 especially when once I saw him get on a pulpit and
24 give a group of 100 people a lecture on the Bible.

25 His hands were greasy from working on a car.

1 He went for five hours, quoting chapter after chapter
2 after chapter, not missing a word. And the astounding
3 thing was not that a person could ever memorize all
4 that, the astounding thing was the clarity and the
5 picture that was drawn from it, the logical
6 progression.

6 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

21 JOHN: Do you encourage them to talk to
22 basically nondenominational scholars --

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1 STEVE: Oh, yes, either or.

2 JOHN: -- or any particular ones?

3 STEVE: Anybody. You know, go, go to
4 atheistic scholars that -- maybe someone that's into
5 anthropology of religion or someone that's really
6 studied and looked at it from many different angles.
7 Go to the rabbis, go to the ministers of different
8 denominations.

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

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

15 JOHN: Uh-huh.

16 STEVE: Doesn't take long to get through,
17 it's just that the question that puzzles any scholar,
18 any layperson is how does it connect to the other
19 writers of that book, which Christians always tell you
20 that that book is a very consistent book, even though
21 in reality one can show many contradictions. You
22 know, all scholars of higher criticism can do that.
23 So a lot of times -- I used to play the advocate a lot
24 and would rip the foundation apart of a lot of people,
25 just because I would want to see what really their

1 beliefs were and if they were founded in this book
2 that they said they were so strong into. So I tried
3 to do that to David when I met him and --

4 JOHN: How'd that come across?

5 STEVE: Well, what I'd do is I'd ask him a
6 question, trying to --

7 JOHN: Sure.

8 STEVE: -- trying to catch him.

9 JOHN: Sure.

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

15 JOHN: Couldn't alienate him, obviously.

16 STEVE: Yeah, yeah, but three, four times
17 I'd do that with him and it actually frustrated me,
18 because after dealing with priests and Lutheran,
19 Methodist, Baptist ministers for years, I had no
20 problem with them. But with him, it was -- he pulled
21 the carpet out from under me.

22 JOHN: Well, what, what faith were you
23 practicing just before you, you met him?

24 STEVE: I was a Seventh Day Adventist.

25 JOHN: Uh-huh.

1 STEVE: Yeah. And --

2 JOHN: But he must have come across also as

3 pretty young to --

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

5 JOHN: -- to be scholarly.

6 STEVE: -- 26 years old.

7 JOHN: And, you know, I, I, I can't say that

8 I would relate to that. I'm of a different faith, but

9 --

10 STEVE: What faith are you?

11 JOHN: Well, I'm Catholic.

12 STEVE: You are? Uh-huh.

13 JOHN: Don't hold it against me now.

14 STEVE: No, no, no, no.

15 JOHN: And --

16 STEVE: I don't judge anybody.

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

18 STEVE: I mean --

19 JOHN: -- not to also.

20 STEVE: See, my mother was also Catholic.

21 My dad was a Lutheran. So I had a, a background where

22 they believed in God and ultimately there was

23 influence of my dad so I fought the Adventists

24 (Indiscernible). So, I, I --

25 JOHN: That's all right. I've got a wife

1 that was Baptist, but I --

2 STEVE: Is that right?

3 JOHN: -- converted her.

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

5 JOHN: That wasn't easy.

6 STEVE: -- task.

7 JOHN: It wasn't easy.

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

10 JOHN: She's a Batholic now.

11 STEVE: (Laughing.)

12 JOHN: But that's --

13 STEVE: First time I've heard that.

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

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

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

23 STEVE: This is true.

24 JOHN: Because, generally, we look at, look
25 at the, the real young ones when they're, when they're

1 taking that attitude as where, where are you --

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

6 JOHN: Yeah.

7 STEVE: -- and I met some rabbis that were
8 awesome deep thinkers with such quick logic, very
9 articulate, able to communicate quickly, and I
10 observed a debate between a young Jewish guy, maybe
11 19, 20 years of age, and a rabbi who was very
12 seasoned. And the conversation, as the logic
13 developed, was so deep and quick, I was able to follow
14 with no problem. It's just I had to jump into the
15 conversation. I mean, these guys were talented. They
16 had some gifts.

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

19 STEVE: Well --

20 JOHN: I mean right now.

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

23 JOHN: And, and I'm talking about members of
24 the religious community would probably like to sit
25 down with him right now as a result of what they've

1 heard, that they're probably totally illiterate as to
2 his philosophies and his interpretations of some of
3 these -- I'll bet you that an awful lot of them would
4 like to sit down and, and get into some pretty deep,
5 lengthy discussions with him. Of course, obviously,
6 it's going to happen when he comes out because a lot
7 of these people have the opportunity to spend some
8 time with him. You know, whether he's in a medical
9 facility or any other facility, they'll certainly have
10 --

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

12 JOHN: I'm sorry?

13 STEVE: You would know more about that than
14 myself.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 STEVE: Right.

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

16 STEVE: Um-hum.

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

18 STEVE: The question is, you know, it's
19 always -- of course, even from your own perspective,
20 you know, I mean, a person talks about war, what's
21 war, what isn't war, what is being -- is defending
22 your own life. Of course, you know, the, the details
23 of how the men approached, who they were, did they
24 make themselves known. I mean, there's so many things
25 that -- I mean, I was there and, I tell you what, the

1 account of the people here that were scattered all
2 over the building, I mean a lot of these people did
3 not know until there was a shout that there was
4 certain vehicles approaching in the driveway.

5 This is -- I mean, you know, on the news of
6 course your agency over and over again has made it
7 seem like that there was a tip-off from a phone call.

8 In honesty and truth, as I, I told some of the media
9 Sunday when I spoke with them, that was not the case.

10 But David did -- that Sunday morning I was there. I
11 got up that morning when, when Robert was sitting
12 there in the foyer and sat down -- I was, I was a
13 little on the tired side. Robert had gone to bed
14 about 12 or later. He left here about twelve o'clock.

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

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

19 JOHN: Yeah.

20 STEVE: I mean, first of all --

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

24 STEVE: I mean, the FBI -- I, I would hope
25 that the FBI is more efficient -- I mean, I've always

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

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

25 JOHN: Uh-uh.

1 STEVE: No?

2 JOHN: Just trying to pick something up.

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

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

11 STEVE: Yeah. Well, I guess so.

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

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

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

17 STEVE: No, but --

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

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

24 JOHN: Well --

25 STEVE: And these guys --

1 JOHN: -- I don't want to call it a cult,
2 and he didn't either, you know.

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

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

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

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

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

20 STEVE: Nothing --

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

23 STEVE: Right.

24 JOHN: -- the armament that he had.

25 STEVE: Well, nothing was ever spoken of in

1 the manner of aggression, by the way. Never ever has
2 been.

3 JOHN: I mean, you don't need --

4 STEVE: Not in --

5 JOHN: -- a .50-caliber machine gun to go
6 hunt squirrels, you know.

7 STEVE: Well, because of the situation we're
8 in right now, you know, I'm not going to -- there's a
9 lot of --

10 JOHN: Oh, I know, I know. And I'm not
11 trying to entrap you or, or --

12 STEVE: No, no, I understand.

13 JOHN: I was just thinking --

14 STEVE: I really don't --

15 JOHN: -- off the top of my head, really.

16 STEVE: John, I believe that, I really do.
17 And I'd love to be -- you wouldn't believe I'd like to
18 open up and say a lot of things, but until I know a
19 little more about --

20 JOHN: Well, you know, like --

21 STEVE: -- what are the possibilities, of
22 course --

23 JOHN: Well, like I told David when we were
24 talking about the system, and, and like I, I explained
25 to you as well about what, what will happen when, when

1 everyone comes out, it, it may not be a perfect system
2 but it's the best system in the world, our judicial
3 system. And we all have certain rights, privileges
4 and freedoms under the Constitution. And by, by we, I
5 don't mean me and the people out here, I mean you and
6 the people in there as well.

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

15 STEVE: Yeah, I'm sure it is.

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

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

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

21 STEVE: No, I'm sure.

22 JOHN: But -- and, and I tried to explain to
23 him that, you know, there is a presumption of
24 innocence and that's what the judicial system is all
25 about, and, and he has to understand that. And he

1 gets his day in court and he gets his day with the
2 media and, and he can have the best attorneys money
3 can buy, you know. And, and these people have an
4 obligation to him to bring out what he feels is the
5 truth. And, on the other hand, of course the
6 government's going to bring out its side of the story,
7 and I'd be foolish to tell you that they're not.

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

13 STEVE: Right.

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

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

18 JOHN: Sure, sure it was.

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

22 JOHN: You're not a good old boy.

23 STEVE: Exactly.

24 JOHN: You know?

25 STEVE: Exactly.

1 JOHN: And --

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

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

7 STEVE: Positively.

8 JOHN: Sure.

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

14 JOHN: Me either.

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

20 JOHN: Yeah, yeah, I heard it.

21 STEVE: Anyway --

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

24 STEVE: But you tell -- one of these days
25 maybe someone can tell me why the authorities didn't

1 act on corpse abuse or -- they were -- and it was told
2 to them. They should have investigated themselves,
3 not told these young men from Hawaii, my friends, that
4 they needed to go on the property, take pictures. And
5 then the thing is when they did, honestly, when they
6 did, they had pictures of a, of a casket. They were
7 told by this Dickerson to go back onto the property,
8 they needed pictures of bones. That's when that
9 shootout took place. That's when this man came out of
10 his trailer with a semiautomatic Uzi and started
11 firing on some of these guys that had .22's, had, had
12 come along to only get -- maybe to shoot some rounds
13 in the air to distract the man.

12 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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1 JOHN: Yeah, he was, he was telling Henry.

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

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

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

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

17 STEVE: No, I --

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

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

23 JOHN: In, in the federal system, you have
24 to have a unanimous -- Any type of decision has to be
25 unanimous, you know, all 12 people. Well, they're

1 going to hear both sides of the story, aren't they?

2 STEVE: Right.

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

5 STEVE: Well, I think, I think --

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

10 STEVE: I wouldn't be surprised.

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

13 STEVE: No.

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

16 STEVE: Right.

17 JOHN: And I asked him, I said David, if you
18 were in law enforcement, I said you put yourself in,
19 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.

20 STEVE: Well --

21 JOHN: Maybe there was a lack of
22 communication six days ago, but you have to --

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1 STEVE: Quite obviously.

2 JOHN: You know, you have to communicate.

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

9 JOHN: Uh-huh.

10 STEVE: And now we hear that that in fact
11 was not true. I don't know if that was you asked that
12 --

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

15 STEVE: Okay, on the compound.

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

18 STEVE: I see.

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

21 STEVE: Oh, that's true.

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

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

8 JOHN: But the warrant probably wasn't
9 outstanding.

10 STEVE: I see.

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

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

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

22 STEVE: What, bothered who, the agent?

23 JOHN: Sure, sure.

24 STEVE: I mean, well, what weapons? Or what
25 did he know for sure?

1 JOHN: Well, we --

2 STEVE: I mean --

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 STEVE: But Robert honestly got --

24 JOHN: -- that would scare me to death.

25 STEVE: Not at all. Robert got to see the

1 demeanor of the man, his spirit and attitude, his
2 character.

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

5 STEVE: Oh, I do.

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

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

12 JOHN: Yeah.

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

17 JOHN: To who?

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

20 JOHN: He revealed what?

21 STEVE: Revealed to David who and what was
22 happening.

23 JOHN: Oh.

24 STEVE: Because I was there when David made
25 the statements to Robert in regards to what he had to

1 do, do it, or whatever.

2 JOHN: Uh-huh.

3 STEVE: And he did give him a couple of
4 warnings, but not, not in, not in a bad way.

5 JOHN: Not in an aggressive, threatening
6 way?

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

9 JOHN: Uh-huh.

10 STEVE: And, I mean, I was surprised, like
11 David, when if there was a warrant to be served, why
12 didn't you say look, David, there's questions that
13 need to be asked of you, we'd like you to come down
14 and so forth. I mean, why was -- I mean, these people
15 here, none of them have ever been involved in any kind
16 of hard-core -- any crime or any kind of crime --

17 JOHN: Well, what you have to remember is
18 ATF agents don't sign a warrant for somebody's arrest
19 or a search warrant. This is done by a federal judge,
20 and the federal judge signs the warrant. And if he
21 signed the warrant on Saturday or on Sunday, that's
22 when you execute the warrant.

23 STEVE: You know what I'd like to do? I
24 wonder if it would ever be possible for us to look at
25 the evidences that the --

1 JOHN: You bet.

2 STEVE: -- the world has seen.

3 JOHN: Absolutely.

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

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

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

11 JOHN: I'm sure they did.

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

15 JOHN: You bet.

16 STEVE: Is it possible for us --

17 JOHN: There's several things that --

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

20 JOHN: The minute you come out.

21 STEVE: Well, you know --

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

25 STEVE: Just what was --

1 JOHN: We're not just going to --

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

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

7 STEVE: I'm telling you.

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

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

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

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

19 JOHN: -- what Robert's identity was.

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

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

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

25 JOHN: If they, if they find --

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

6 JOHN: He showed him all the weapons and
7 everything?

8 STEVE: I doubt that he did that.

9 JOHN: Well --

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

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

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

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

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

22 JOHN: Sure.

23 STEVE: That's fine. But, no, seriously, I
24 mean, who knows -- I mean, Mark Broe and some of these
25 people that have, that have heard his studies, have

1 backed and supported him and talked so highly of him -

2 - JOHN: Yeah.

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

6 JOHN: Why do you think they did that?

7 STEVE: Because, number one --

8 JOHN: Just their own animosity?

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

22 JOHN: Yeah.

23 STEVE: So David warned these people. Look,
24 if you don't walk and continue in the truth, the
25 spirit of the world which you are not partaking of now

1 will be the major factor in your life. So Mark Broe,
2 when he walked away, for six months I have got letter
3 after letter, how he says I still believe like you do,
4 you're my friends. But you could see over time, that
5 over six months, seven, eight months, he started
6 changing.

6 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

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

5 JOHN: Do you?

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

9 JOHN: Yeah.

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

15 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

21 STEVE: Well, yeah, because in the beginning
22 people like the Gents, who were part of this
23 organization, also were with us for some time. In
24 fact, they were involved before I was, before I knew
25 David. This Lisa Gent had met him --

1 JOHN: Pete Gent's people?

2 STEVE: Exactly. Parents.

3 JOHN: Yeah.

4 STEVE: So they had met him before me and
5 talked very highly. I finally met Lisa Gent and then
6 ultimately her husband Bruce. And after -- there was
7 a fall out, and David even said Steve, go back to
8 Australia, which I did in November of '90, and let
9 them present their beliefs or how they differ from us,
10 and if they have something, we'll, we'll all look it
11 over.

12 JOHN: Yeah.

13 STEVE: So, I mean, we went through all
14 that. It took some money to fly over there and back.

15 JOHN: Sure. Sure.

16 STEVE: You know, so right from the
17 beginning --

18 JOHN: Someplace I'd like to go in my life,
19 though.

20 STEVE: Well, if you -- well, anyway.

21 JOHN: Am I going to be disappointed?

22 STEVE: Probably. Well, yeah, sure, you'll
23 be disappointed. It's the world.

24 JOHN: No, I mean Australia.

25 STEVE: I know. But, you know, I'm being a

1 little, you know, everything's just -- and this, Jim,
2 as time goes on --

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

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

7 JOHN: Well, maybe not under these
8 circumstances.

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

11 JOHN: How about Lafayette, Louisiana?

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

14 JOHN: Have you ever been there?

15 STEVE: Oh, many, many times.

16 JOHN: Have you?

17 STEVE: I have relatives there.

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

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

22 JOHN: Louisiana.

23 STEVE: Oh, Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana.

24 JOHN: Yeah.

25 STEVE: I was thinking you said Indiana.

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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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