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5:50 P.M. - 6:27 P.M.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- if I don't need it anymore.

DICK SWENSEN: No, that's not what I'm telling you.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: If you get the kids, what do we need the milk for? You get my point? You don't make any sense, Dick.

DICK SWENSEN: I've asked, I've asked for four children. I know there are considerably more than that there.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Well, what about the 21 we've already given you? Doesn't that count for anything?

DICK SWENSEN: What about the remaining 19?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: What about the ones we've already given you? The ones that are out there don't even want to be out there.

DICK SWENSEN: Really?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Really?

DICK SWENSEN: Oh. Why is it that they left? Why is it that their parents sent them out?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Because their parents felt that at the time that was needed to be done.

DICK SWENSEN: Okay.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And --
DICK SWENSEN: What's changed their mind?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- you agreed --

nobody's changed their mind. It's just that -- come on. You talked to Melissa.

DICK SWENSEN: Um-hum.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: She'll go. But she doesn't want to. My children didn't want to leave.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, send Melissa out then.

(Pause.)

DICK SWENSEN: The milk's available, Kathy. You have to make that decision amongst yourself, okay?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, Dick, you don't make any sense.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, then, maybe, maybe --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Why do you say --

DICK SWENSEN: -- you're wasting your time talking to me, Kathy, if I don't make sense.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Why do you say, why do you say the milk's available, we have to make that decision? Why do you keep saying that?

DICK SWENSEN: Because you're in the position to make that decision. I am not.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I have made the decision.
DICK SWENSEN: I'm not.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Give us the milk. We've already given you 21 kids.

DICK SWENSEN: I can only provide it to you, I can only provide it to you --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: If we send out four more kids. That doesn't make any sense.

DICK SWENSEN: Listen. I'll, I'll get the milk to you for two kids.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You get the milk to me for the two kids that went out Friday.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, perhaps we're wasting one another's time. All right? Put somebody else on.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I mean, all you want, all you want to do is bargain?

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy!

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Are you going to bargain with human lives?

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy! I've told you what we'll do and, and if that's not agreeable to you, perhaps we're wasting one another's time. All right?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Look --

DICK SWENSEN: Why don't you put somebody else on, please?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Look, Dick. There are
babies here that need the milk. Are you that inhumane
that you can't just send us the milk for not sending
out kids, or sending out David, or sending out women.

DICK SWENSEN: Our concern, our concern is
for those children first and foremost and the rest of
you also. All right? The children --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: So, your concern is that
these babies get fed the milk they need?

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: It doesn't sound like
you're concerned, Dick.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, you don't want to
listen to me. Okay?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And you don't --

DICK SWENSEN: So why don't you put somebody
else on, because obviously you're not listening to
what I have to say.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick --

DICK SWENSEN: I'll be happy to talk with
you --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Say it again, then.

DICK SWENSEN: -- if you want to use reason.

Okay?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I'll listen to it again.

DICK SWENSEN: Okay. The agreement that I
tried to get David to commit to was to send the kids once we drop the milk up there. All right? Send the kids and an adult to pick the milk up and send the children out. That's the agreement. I went into my boss and he said we will do it under these conditions. We have attempted to, to work with you folks and we will continue to do so, but we have to, we have to share in this responsibility. You have to take some responsibility, we have to take some responsibility. There's a give and a take, concessions have to be made by both sides and we're willing to do this. Send the children out, the milk will be there.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You are willing to do this --

DICK SWENSEN: What part of that don't you understand, Kathy?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay. Your word willing to. That's the part that I don't understand. You're willing to do a lot of stuff, but you have not done what you are willing to do.

DICK SWENSEN: Simply walk out the door and the milk will be there.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Oh, come on, Dick. If we wanted to walk out this door, don't you think we would have done that days ago?
DICK SWENSEN: I'm suggesting to you that you can verify that the milk is there. We will have the milk dropped off. Do you want me to tell them to drop the milk off now, that you're sending the kids out?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Tell them to drop the milk off right now --

DICK SWENSEN: No. You're, you're only hearing --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- and I will go out there, myself, Kathy, and I will get it.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, you're only hearing half of what I said. The other half is --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I'm --

DICK SWENSEN: The other half is, it's necessary to get the children out.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You told me that.

DICK SWENSEN: Okay then. If, if you don't agree to that then you and I don't have anything else to say to one another right now.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And my, my statement to you that you're inhumane is, is, is unimportant?

DICK SWENSEN: If that's your opinion, you're welcome to that opinion.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: If, if I don't -- Dick,
what I'm saying is you're saying that we don't have anything to say to each other because I do not agree with your stipulations. That's -- it's like who's controlling whose mind here? Dave is not controlling my mind. You're trying to control my mind.

DICK SWENSEN: I'm not trying to control anything.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You are --

DICK SWENSEN: You said you want the milk. I'm willing to give you the milk.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay. Give me the milk then.

DICK SWENSEN: You send the children and that's agreeable. It's a done deal. It's already there. We'll do it. We'll do it. I'm happy to do it.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: No you won't do it --

DICK SWENSEN: I told you that early this morning.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You won't. Even if I sent all the kids out you wouldn't.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, why don't you try --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You failed --

DICK SWENSEN: Why don't you try me?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- so many times.
DICK SWENSEN: Okay. Listen, Kathy, you're really -- I know you're upset and that's fine. Why don't you give it some consideration and if you want to talk, reason, then we -- you and I will talk together, but really it's, it's, it's no reason for us to go on now, because --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Because I won't --

DICK SWENSEN: -- you won't accept --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Because I won't accept your conditions. But you won't accept ours either.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, we have to meet and, and I'm willing to bring the milk out.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay. We --

DICK SWENSEN: What are you willing to do to get the milk? That's the question. What are you willing to do?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I'm willing to, myself, walk out that gate and be shot by your Bradleys if I have to and I'll go get that milk.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, you're not going to be shot by any Bradleys. We discussed --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I, I know that.

DICK SWENSEN: -- the rules of safety the other day. Okay?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I know that.
DICK SWENSEN: At length and you understand them, do you not?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Yes, I know that.

DICK SWENSEN: Okay. You understand the rules of safety. It's very clear to you and to the others in there what the rules of safety are. So let's deal with the issue of the milk. The milk will be placed there. You send out the kids, you pick up the milk, you return to the compound --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: What did you give us when I sent out Scott and Chrissie?

DICK SWENSEN: Listen. Would you like a list of the things that we've tried to, tried to comply with?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Not tried. I mean done. What have you done. What did you do for me --

DICK SWENSEN: Would you like to listen to the things we've done? For you individually?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, I asked you a question. Can you please just answer it?

DICK SWENSEN: What have I done for you?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: What have you done for me, for Scott and Chrissie?

DICK SWENSEN: We have provided care for those children and will continue --
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: No. What --
DICK SWENSEN: -- to do that on a daily basis.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- have you done for the people that are still in here in exchange --
DICK SWENSEN: We've offered you --
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- for Scott and Chrissie?
DICK SWENSEN: We've offered you the choice.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: To come out.
DICK SWENSEN: It's your choice. The choice to come out --
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: That's not an offer, Dick. That's --
DICK SWENSEN: Then you stay in. That's up to you. That's up to you.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay.
DICK SWENSEN: That's your choice.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: So what you're saying is all the children that we sent out earlier, we don't get anything for that.
DICK SWENSEN: You have gotten any number of things and we've offered to give you a number of other things. The first thing that we gave you -- David's early condition was that if you allowed him to
communicate -- if we allowed him to communicate
nationally, on television, that he and all the rest of
you would come out. That's a, that's the early effort
that we made. David did not respond to that. We are
offering you all safe passage out of there, humane
treatment, and treatment --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Humane treatment. No
milk for the babies. That's what you call humane
treatment?

DICK SWENSEN: You can have people there to
meet you coming out so that you are -- can be assured
that you will not be mistreated if that's a, if that's
a consideration. It's, it's, it's not going to happen
that you're going to be mistreated, but if you think
that you are, we'll get people of your choice --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, do you have any
children?

DICK SWENSEN: Pardon me?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Do you have any
children?

DICK SWENSEN: Yes, I do have children.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Do you have any babies?

DICK SWENSEN: No longer.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: How old is your
youngest?
DICK SWENSEN: My youngest is 14 years old.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Do you know anyone that has any children that are babies?

DICK SWENSEN: Yes. I know people that have babies. I know a lot of people that have babies.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Would you please pass the message on to them that if they don't have the decency to give our babies milk, then they're --

DICK SWENSEN: No.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- going to get the milk taken away from their babies.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: That's up to God.

DICK SWENSEN: The baby getting milk is the responsibility of you and the other parents in there. If you decide that you don't want them to have the milk, then that is a decision that you make as adults and as parents.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: We -- no, Dick, that's the decision you made. We asked for the milk, you tell the public that you're giving us all our demands. You're wrong.

DICK SWENSEN: We didn't say we were giving you all your demands. We said we were trying to meet you halfway.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You have told, you have
told the public that you are caring for us and taking
care of what we've asked for. We have asked for just
six gallons of milk. We have not --

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- asked you for
anything --

DICK SWENSEN: I think I've told you what
our conditions are. Okay? If you don't choose to
accept them, that is your --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Then you are inhumane.

DICK SWENSEN: -- that's your
responsibility. You can, you can call me whatever you
want. That won't change the fact --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: So you don't care about
the babies.

DICK SWENSEN: -- that you're making the
decisions. Kathy, you're making the decision.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You don't care.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, certainly I care about
the babies.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: No you don't.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, there's no long --
there's no use in you and I going on like this, is
there?
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Then why are we on this phone to begin with. Why aren't we talking to the reporters that will tell the world that you won't give us six gallons of milk.

DICK SWENSEN: Put Julie Martinez on, please.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You don't want that inhumanity known to the world, do you?

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, put Julie back on, please.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Julie's gone.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, put her back on.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You upset her already.

DICK SWENSEN: Oh really?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Yes.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, that's, that's -- I don't believe is accurate at all.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Oh. You won't let her talk to her family and you don't think she's not upset?

DICK SWENSEN: Do you have something more to say, Kathy?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I'd like to talk to somebody besides you. How's that?

DICK SWENSEN: Well, I'm here now. John
will be on later this evening if you care to talk with him later. I'll, I'll ask him to, to set some time aside for you. Will that, will that -- is that good? Put David on, please.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: David doesn't want to talk to you.

DICK SWENSEN: Well ask David if he's going to accept my challenge.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: He said Psalms 139 is for you.

DICK SWENSEN: I've offered a challenge to David --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: 137.

DICK SWENSEN: -- the same way he's offered to me earlier today. I'm offering that challenge to him and apparently he's, he's not up to it. Is that, is that what I'm hearing? He's not up to it?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: What, what challenge?

DICK SWENSEN: The challenge was for David to put into writing or on tape --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: It's not that simple. We've tried to deal with tapes in the past.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, listen. Let me, let me explain to you. Perhaps you weren't aware of what went on earlier today. David suggested earlier to me
that he agreed to send children out of the compound --
in fact David brought it up. I didn't offer this, David --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Right.

DICK SWENSEN: Nor did I suggest it. David suggested that if we could tell him and discuss the third seal, that he would release the children. I spent approximately two, two and a half hours probably discussing the third seal at length and then David says, you know, Dick? You didn't do that right. You failed my test. And as a consequence the kids aren't leaving.

So I suggested to David that that was not my understanding of this agreement, so I'm issuing him the same challenge. I apparently failed his challenge. I'm offering him a challenge, that is, to put onto tape or write in, in an appropriate form, what he wanted to discuss concerning the seals.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay. If he reveals the third seal to you, what is the rest of your bargain?

DICK SWENSEN: It's David's bargain. I, I complied with his bargain.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: No -- what was the other half?

DICK SWENSEN: My suggestion is, my
challenge is for him to write up a document --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And you will do what?

DICK SWENSEN: Or, or -- listen to me. Or on tape, put down what he requests from us with reference to the explanation of those seals. And what he will do if we're able to tell him what the seals are. Now, I tried to discuss with him with --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: He's already given you that.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, that's the third seal. But he wanted me to go to get some scholars, some Biblical scholars or some other people that have some knowledge of the seals and other issues of a similar nature --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And did you do that?

DICK SWENSEN: Well, I'm willing to do that if David will put down what he wants done. Because I'm not going to talk to him again without some sort of a written agreement, some sort of contract, because he just doesn't seem to want to comply with his agreement. So if he puts it down --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Just because you didn't know the third seal you think he doesn't want to comply with his agreement?

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, listen. You're not
listening to me. All right? It wasn't as if I knew the seal. It was that if I would research it and try to come up with some thoughts concerning the third seal and we would discuss it. We did that. We did research it.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And did you listen to him?

DICK SWENSEN: Pardon me?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Did you listen to him?

DICK SWENSEN: Not only did I listen to him, I read passages from the Bible with him. I listened to him explain to me his beliefs concerning the, the --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And what's the conclusion?

DICK SWENSEN: Well, the conclusion is that David reneged on our, on our deal. So I want a written contract --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: What's your conclusion about the seal?

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, that is not what we're talking about here. All right? What we are talking about is an --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick.

DICK SWENSEN: -- agreement between --
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick.

DICK SWENSEN: -- David and myself.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, was --

DICK SWENSEN: Put David on, please.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Was the third seal in Hosea? Did you see that?

DICK SWENSEN: That's what David tells me and I saw that after he explained that, but that --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You saw that.

DICK SWENSEN: -- that wasn't the agreement. The agreement was that we discuss it. And I told David that I'm not knowledgeable about the seals. I, I was willing to learn. I was willing to do some research.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay.

DICK SWENSEN: Which was done.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: When you researched it, did you tell him the third seal was in Hosea?

DICK SWENSEN: That wasn't what he asked me to tell him. He told me -- he asked me what the third seal was and to discuss it.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And you didn't -- you were unable to tell him.

DICK SWENSEN: Not, not where it was, but what it was.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Did you tell him what the third seal was?

DICK SWENSEN: Yes. We discussed it at length. We discussed the seal at length.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And, and you knew what the third seal was?

DICK SWENSEN: I had an explanation and he may not have agreed with it, but I did research it.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You had an explanation. Was it the right one, Dick?

DICK SWENSEN: According to some of the reference we did, yes. But David disagreed with that, okay?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Now, Dick, compare. Compare the references that you've got. Compare the --

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Just wait a minute, please. Compare the research that you did and what you found out and what David showed you on the third seal. Which one was right? Which one was Biblical?

DICK SWENSEN: David's explanation was that his was and I'm not going to refute that, because I'm not a Bible scholar.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: David's explanation was
Biblical, straight from the Bible --

DICK SWENSEN: Fine. I'm not disagreeing.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Okay.

DICK SWENSEN: I'm not disagreeing at all.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: He didn't renege on his deal.

DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, listen. You and I aren't going to come to any agreement here. Put David on, please.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: David is tired.

DICK SWENSEN: David is tired. That's David's age old answer when, when I issue him a challenge he's too tired?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Hey, Dick, you don't want to talk to me. Maybe he doesn't want to talk to you.

DICK SWENSEN: That's fine. I'm -- issued -- I took up his challenge, he doesn't want to take up my challenge.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: All right. All right. I'm make you, I'll make you a deal. I'll make you a deal. You get us a different negotiator. Okay?

DICK SWENSEN: You'll have one very soon.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: And you -- not your night shift. I don't mean -- you don't come back.
tomorrow. Okay? You get us a negotiator that's unbiased, that's willing to --

DICK SWENSEN: Unbiased, huh?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Unbiased. That's what I said.

DICK SWENSEN: Well, perhaps I can ask for someone out there that's willing to, to, to agree and to deal and to make some concessions, some, some movement off this dime and we'll move forward. So may I ask for someone that might be able to do that?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: We have already done that. We have done that --

DICK SWENSEN: Really?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: -- from this end. We are trying to talk to you, Dick.

DICK SWENSEN: Really?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: I'm not stupid.

DICK SWENSEN: Am I? Are you implying that I'm stupid?

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Well, just a little.

DICK SWENSEN: Oh. Well, thank you. I appreciate that.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, you didn't agree that David didn't renege on his deal and I don't see where you can say he did.
DICK SWENSEN: Kathy, if you want to talk in

circles --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You didn't have the
third seal and he did. That was his deal.

DICK SWENSEN: Oh, really?
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You show him the right
third seal and he would send some kids out, you
didn't.

DICK SWENSEN: Really? Okay.
KATHRYN SCHROEDER: You say -- so he didn't
renege.

DICK SWENSEN: All right. Kathy, listen.
Tell David that I will go beyond that. We will forget
that and I'm -- and I will tell him that perhaps I
didn't do as -- what he wanted to do.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: We'll forget that. But
you don't agree that he didn't renege, and that's
where you don't -- we don't want you anymore. If you
cannot agree that you did not have the right answer --

DICK SWENSEN: Well, there's been some
misunderstanding. My understanding was something
different than David's apparently, so we can, we can
forget that then. You know, I'll concede that perhaps
I misunderstood what he said.

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, Dick, I'm not --
DICK SWENSEN: Okay? But let's go on to my challenge to him --

KATHRYN SCHROEDER: Dick, before you issue your challenge, David wants to tell you the rules of the game just one more time.

DICK SWENSEN: That's exactly what I want to do with him.

DAVID KORESH: Hello, Dick.

DICK SWENSEN: You're back.

DAVID KORESH: Yeah, I'm back.

DICK SWENSEN: Good.

DAVID KORESH: Now, here's the rules of the game one more time.

DICK SWENSEN: Let's put them on paper. Or on tape. And then we'll have the rules down where we can both understand them, we can both see them, and we'll deal with them then.

DAVID KORESH: All right. Well, when would you like to pick this up?

DICK SWENSEN: Send -- get it down -- send it out with the kids.

DAVID KORESH: Oh, for --

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