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(Tape 16 - Side A)

(PAUSE - 8 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

BYRON: Wayne, you still there buddy.


WAYNE: Byron.

BYRON: Yeah, Wayne are there.

WAYNE: We're getting movement inside that, that yard that's surrounded by our building on four sides.

BYRON: Okay, hold let me do some checking.

(BYRON TALKING TO SOMEONE: They got movement, ah,) Is outside the front portion of your, of the compound there.

WAYNE: No, it's toward the, ah, swimming pool. But, ah, our building's surrounded on four sides.

BYRON: On your property

WAYNE: Yes sir.

BYRON: (BYRON TALKING TO SOMEONE: Building on their prop, movement on their property. Can you check?

WAYNE: Get them out of there.

BYRON: It's it's so far there's no confirmation
WAYNE: We won't negotiate or do anything. Get them out of there.

BYRON: I understand what you're saying. We're checking on it right now. Let's just try to stay calm.

WAYNE: They're trying to get in the building.

BYRON: No, I don't think it's our people. See that's the problem. I think that you may have some people moving that you're not aware of. It's not our people. (PAUSE - 20 SECONDS)

WAYNE: Move them or we will move them.

BYRON: Okay, it's not any of our people that we're aware of and we're checking on it Wayne. Okay, just

WAYNE: Too close for comfort.

BYRON: I understand that, but you might want to double check and make sure that it's not your own people. Okay, let us continue to check here, but I'm I'm telling you that the word we're getting from the Command Post is that it's not any of our people. (PAUSE 30 SECONDS) (BACKGROUND NOISE) (BYRON TALKING TO SOMEONE) Wayne, nobody is on your property. Nobody is on your property. Do you hear me.

WAYNE: Listening.

BYRON: Okay, you're talking about the
swimming pool that’s right out behind, your, uhm, the
main building there.

WAYNE: No, much closer.

BYRON: Okay, there’s nobody anywhere near
that. The perimeter has not changed. It’s way out
on the other side of the ah, ah, way on the other
side of your property. They’re not on your property
at all. Okay.

WAYNE: They’re talking about an area
that’s right in the center of our compound.

BYRON: That’s why I’m telling you that
that is not our people. We don’t have anybody on
your compound.

WAYNE: Whoever they are, get them out of
there.

BYRON: If they’re your people, ah, Wayne,
there’s no way that we got any kind of contact or
control over them, right. We’re double checking to
ensure that there is no way in the world that it’s
ours, but you need to do the same thing alright and
keep me posted. But it is not any of the people that
are, are forming up the perimeter right now. Not any
of law enforcement people are in there. We’re not,
we’ve got things going too good to upset the apple
cart like this. It is not any of our people.

WAYNE: Somebody’s behind the red truck in
BYRON: (TALKING TO AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON:)

Somebody behind the red truck in front of the
compound) Okay, we’re getting the same word from the
CP and that is that there is not anybody inside of
your property.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Somebody is
bullshitting you Byron.

BYRON: Well, or, in the other direction.

You know that’s certainly a possibility but the word
that we’re getting from the CP and they know the
cornerstone of you and I being able to continue to
work is that, I can’t be feeding you any garbage and
vice versa. They’re telling us that there absolutely
is not anybody in there. Okay. So we need to, ah,
remain calm and try to sort it out. It maybe some of
your people outside, are you absolutely certain that
it’s not your own.

WAYNE: Don’t have people outside.

BYRON: Okay, Wayne, please check on that.

Because everybody that we’re checking on here is is
absolutely confident and ensuring us that that’s not
the case, it’s not our people. And, now, we have
this before, if you recall. We had people pointing
back and forth about movement and so forth, and it
turns out to be just, you know, I don’t know what it
is, but it's not our people moving.

WAYNE: I'll check it out.

BYRON: Okay. I'll continue to check it out from this end.

(PAUSE - 5 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE) (BYRON TALKING TO SOMEONE)

BYRON: Hey Wayne.

WAYNE: I'm here Byron.

BYRON: Ah, just for your information there are gonna be a couple of ah, people that are gonna be relieved. It's not a change at all on the perimeter, but you may see a little bit of movement. It doesn't represent any kind of change in plan or any kind of hostile action in your direction. There, there,

WAYNE: Different movement, but, ah,

BYRON: These guys are just being relieved because of the late hour, okay.

WAYNE: That close to us, that's not movement.

BYRON: No, that, I just got off the phone with ah, with the Command Post personally and they're telling me that that was not and is not our people inside of the perimeter like that. Okay. So whatever you saw immediately outside your building was not us. No law enforcement officers are inside that, ah, inside your, ah, property line. Okay.
Wayne are you still there.

WAYNE: I'm here.

BYRON: Okay.

WAYNE: Tell them to be careful with the septic tank, they might fall in.

BYRON: Where is that. I appreciate your concern Wayne. But they're not, they're not in that area so I don't think they got to worry about it.

(PAUSE - 6 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

BYRON: Hey Wayne, are you still there.

Wayne.

WAYNE: I'm here.

BYRON: Okay, uhm, just to get back to you, I got a call back from the CP and they've checked with all the units and again, it's not any of our people moving as far as any kind of a change in the, ah, in the perimeter, okay. So, ah, if anybody's in your septic tank. It's not law enforcement.

WAYNE: 10:4

BYRON: Okay, buddy. Keep in touch and I'll keep this line open. I'll check with you periodically just to make sure everything's going okay. Alright. Do you have any kind of, input from ah, from DK regarding, ah, the next, ah, exchange, ah, the next, ah, couple kids or group of people that
we can ah, start working on to make sure that things
are pre-planned and that we don't have kind of
problems.

WAYNE: I heard that he was talking with
Jim Cavanaugh when I checked.

BYRON: Okay.

WAYNE: And, I assumed that ah, that
they're making arrangements.

BYRON: Very good. Please keep me posted
if you will and we'll work with you to make sure that
everything goes smooth. Now it's my understanding,
Wayne, that, ah, that we're going with the ah, and
I'm sure they're working it out but if you could just
keep me posted that they're gonna go with the same,
ah, ah, trip out to the twin water towers again.

WAYNE: We'll check it.

BYRON: Okay. Thank you very much.

WAYNE: Okay.

(PAUSE - 7 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)
BYRON: Wayne, this is Byron.
WAYNE: Yes Byron.
BYRON: Just checking to see if you’ve heard any more from, ah, DK or anyone regarding a timeframe so that we can start, ah, getting things lined up for you.
WAYNE: He’s on KRLV at the moment.
BYRON: He’s giving another interview.
WAYNE: Yes sir.
BYRON: Okay. Uhm, then we’re probably looking at after that interview to ah, for the next uhm, release.
WAYNE: Yes sir.
BYRON: Okay.
WAYNE: And he did mention that he does not believe that ah, the ATF field commander is in control of all of the people out here.
BYRON: I can tell you that that we have a central command, which we’re referring to as the Command Post or the CP and I apologize for using initials with you. But those are the people that we’re going through to try to get answers for you in a real time basis and they seem to, ah, my impression
Wayne is that have got a handle on what's going on and that they're in contact with the people on the perimeter and coordinating things to make sure that everything goes smoothly. That we continue to work together and that there's not a problem generated by somebody being out of line or not knowing what's going on. Okay, so that may be his impression. I have not been over to the CP yet, but I have relied upon them heavily to try to be responsive to you and they've been able to come up with questions, I mean with answers to questions that you posed. Okay.

Wayne: Okay
Byron: Okay.
Wayne: Work on it.
Byron: Keep me posted if ah, as ah, you know, how the interviews going, when ah, when you anticipate us needing to start coordinating with ah, with the people out there to move vehicles or get people into position to ensure that there is not any kind of problem. Okay.

Wayne: 10:4
Byron: Okay.

(PAUSE - 5 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

Wayne: Byron.
Byron: Yeah, Wayne, go ahead.
WAYNE: Seeing vehicles moving. Big trucks on the next property.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: What's going on.

BYRON: Okay, what you may be seeing, I know, that at least one group of officers was being moved out in a van. Again, this is the, systematic, it's not gonna happen all at once as far as the relief of these officers. So there will be some officers picked-up in a vehicle and moved off. But they should not be, and are not, approaching your property. What you're gonna see is just ah, is just relief, and we just got a call back from the CP advising us to advise you that ah, that there will be some movement in, with some vehicles because of just some relief crews coming in. Okay. The headlights should not be coming towards your property or entering your property at all. If you've seeing them they should be deploying out of the area.

(PAUSE) (BACKGROUND NOISE) (WAYNE TALKING TO AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: They said it's relief) Wayne did you hear me.

WAYNE: Yes.

BYRON: Okay. Believe me that, that's was it is. It's not any kind of shifting anything other than, just some people getting tired and, ah, moving
them out to get breakfast or whatever. (PAUSE) How 
are you holding up.

WAYNE: Tired.

BYRON: Tired. That's two of us pal. Do 
you know if we're moving at all towards, ah, trying 
to get, ah, anything further resolved as far as 
getting everybody out of there safe and sound so that 
we can all regroup and figure out, ah, you know 
what's going on and, ah, how we can help out with 
that, ah, that particular function. You heard 
anything further from David.

WAYNE: He's on the radio right now.

BYRON: Oh, he's still doing his interview.

WAYNE: Yes sir.

BYRON: Okay.

(PAUSE - 1 MINUTE)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

BYRON: Okay, Wayne.

WAYNE: I'm here.

BYRON: Ah, the CP just mentioned that 
they've heard some comments apparently during David's 
interview that he's concern about movement and the 
fact that there may be ah, you know something going 
on that, that, ah, that isn't right.

WAYNE: Yeah, I told you.

BYRON: Can you please make sure that he's
aware that the only thing that he is seeing is the movement in the, some relief officers coming in to relieve some of the people that have been there all day. It is not any kind of an offensive move and he needs to know that. If you could please pass that on for us I think that would be a big help to all of us. Will you do that for us.

WAYNE: Yes, I will get to that.

BYRON: Good, thank you Wayne.

(PAUSE - 7 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

(BYRON TALKING WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON)

BYRON: Hey Wayne.

WAYNE: Yes, Byron.

BYRON: Is he still on with the interview.

WAYNE: Yes he is.

BYRON: Okay. We don't have access to a radio, so that's why I need to keep asking you periodically. Were you able to get the information to him, to try, ah, relieve his concerns about the movement out there.

WAYNE: No sir. He's ah, he's very busy right now. He's talking to ah, KRLV.

BYRON: Okay, the radio in Dallas

WAYNE: Yes sir.

BYRON: Again, I hope, I hope you realize
and I would imagine he realizes as well that we’re not taking any steps to infringe upon his access to the media because you’ve lived up to promises that you’ve given us and we in turn have lived up to it. So we’re trying ah, you know, to do this just as amenable as we possibly can to keep those channels of communication opened, okay.

WAYNE: I appreciate that.

BYRON: Alright Sir. If you would when you have a chance, let him know that it’s just ah, a matter of shift relief out there and it’s not any kind of movement in a hostile nature.

WAYNE: 10:4

BYRON: Okay, thank you.

(PAUSE - 2 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

WAYNE: Byron, are you there.

BYRON: Yes sir. I sure am.

WAYNE: Why don’t you ask ah, Jim Cavanaugh to tell David about his ah, movements, troop movements and relief action.

BYRON: Okay. That’s a, that’s a good idea. I’ll certainly pass that along. In fact, hold on and I’ll go ahead and give the CP a call right now and ask them to make that call. Is David not available to you for you to be able to pass that
along, or he or he just wants to hear it ah, straight
from ah, from the other people.

WAYNE: I believe so.

BYRON: Okay. Hold on that's fine and
we'll go ahead and get that handled

WAYNE: I'll try and act as your hyde. I
don't think I should be, ah, part of, ah,
negotiations at this time.

BYRON: Okay. Well we'll, we'll want to
still keep these, ah, the channels opened. I
understand if if David, ah if DK wants to, ah,
continue the negotiations primarily with the other
people that's fine, as long as you and I can keep a
channel open to make sure that we can work out any
kind of problems as far as exchanges and that type of
thing, okay. I don't have a problem with that.

WAYNE: Okay.

BYRON: Okay. Hold on and I'll talk to the
Command Post.

WAYNE: Thank you.

(PAUSE - 2 MINUTES)

(BYRON TALKING WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED
PERSON - INAUDIBLE)

WAYNE: Byron, are you there?

BYRON: Hello

WAYNE: Byron, are you there?
BYRON: Yes sir, I am.

WAYNE: I got confirmation on six armor personnel carriers moving in on us.

BYRON: No, there has been movement with some vans I think. But those are again like we said the relief, ah, shift relief, they’re not ah, they’re not moving in on you at all. They may, I don’t know if there are any APCs out there or not. I can check for you. But, any movement that you’re seeing ah, I think one of them was ah, I thought I heard somebody say something about a red van, was ah, those are purely vans coming in to pick-up and drop-off some uhm, ah

WAYNE: No, a reporter just said he saw six APCs go down the highway towards us.

BYRON: No, the reporter

WAYNE: (INAUDIBLE)

BYRON: I-I don’t think that’s accurate but let me check for you, okay.

WAYNE: Another reporter hours ago said they knew that one APC was at the Command Post. This is not relief action.

BYRON: Well, I’ll tell you what it is Wayne, and I’m sure you can understand this. Is that when they’re bringing people in and out of a location and I’m not talking about into your, ah, your
compound. I’m talking about to relieve, let say a, a group of officers out there, if they have a vehicle that’s safe from any kind of, any potential hostile fire, certainly they may use that. Just like you would want a, to use something to keep your people safe. But it’s, they are not rolling down the road, ah, ah, posing any kind of threat to you as far as any anticipated

WAYNE: Just a second

BYRON: Okay

WAYNE: As far as I’m concerned, armor vehicle is escalation and it can be used for offensive purposes as well as defensive purposes, and we view that as a threat.

BYRON: Okay, I understand that. I do not think and I’m checking on it for you, but I don’t think that you’re looking at, you know, ah, a line of armor personnel carriers heading your way. That’s not the case. What they probably saw were some vans, but let me double check for you, alright.

WAYNE: We have two confirmations on that by journalistic standards, that’s verified.

BYRON: Well yeah, by journalistic standards, we’ve heard alot of things that have been blown way out of proportion. I’m telling you that I’m not aware of it, but I’ll do some checking for
you, okay.

WAYNE: Okay.

BYRON: Okay, hold on. (BYRON TALKING TO AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: APC. They're getting calls from two set of (INAUDIBLE))

(PAUSE - 2 MINUTES)

(BACKGROUND NOISE - INAUDIBLE)

BYRON: Wayne.

WAYNE: I'm here.

BYRON: Okay. They have been moving some people, exchanging people on the natural rotation. They've used some large trucks. Ah, one person describe it as a, ah, like a bread truck. But I'm not hearing anything about any APCs, let alone a file of, ah, a column of six of them moving in your direction. That's just absolutely wrong. And please realize this Wayne, and I think you probably do, the media is looking for as much hype and attention as they can get here. And if they can get you stirred-up it plays right into their hands, okay. I think you understand that. Now, maybe ah, legitimate news service or something that has a great deal of credibility might not stoop to that. But some people that, ah, might want to try to get something to put on the air, ah, I wouldn't put it pass them. You and I need to continue to work through these things and
I'll try to ah, get to the bottom line for you

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