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MAX: Haven't seen Jim in I guess since two days is the last time he talked with him. He had another major assignment to go to. And, you know, the world still goes on out here for us. We have varying things to do and they're going to get moved around and in and out and -- so, he appreciates your patience in recognizing all of us as different individuals in, in dealing with us.

DAVID: Right.

MAX: But to restate, these last 12, 24 hours have been, been most encouraging. And we appreciate it. And I feel that the people in there appreciate it. You tell us, David, just in that line and I just had this inspired thought -- I was -- in closing, if you couldn't guess -- but like you a lot of times, I found another thought. The people in there that I talked to earlier seemed to be very concerned that we are going to come through the door with guns blazing or that we're going to run over that place with a tank.
DAVID: Well, they didn't get the report.

MAX: I, I don't, I don't believe you really believe that, and I wish you could, could calm them just for the sake of humanity that, that we are not going to lead a charge on that place that will cause destruction of innocent people.

DAVID: Well, Max, can I, can I interject a thing here?

MAX: You certainly may.

DAVID: I did everything that a mortal man can do to communicate with Robert Garcia -- Gonzales, excuse me. And that morning when the ATF agents were coming, I did everything I could do for him to be able to say, hey, wait a minute, let's back off. Those communications did not meet fruition as we desired but I did stand in the doorway there when they drove up. And I, I made, I made it very plain, you know. I couldn't hear anything they were saying. They all jumped out and they were all screaming at one time which makes, you know, definitely -- you've been to a football game and you hear a roar but you don't hear what anybody's saying, right?

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: And, and it was -- and like I say, I was standing there and I did receive the, you know,
the first shot was fired at us. Later on heard on the radio that one of the ATF agents admitted that his gun went off accidentally. Of course, you know, I, I don't -- well, they all had their weapons drawn and pointed in, in my direction. And, you know, where we began to say where the mistake started, you know, --

MAX: I said we could sort it out and I believe we can. I believe we have a system capable of it with the, with the courts, with the attorneys, with the media. It is not -- it's almost impossible to believe that everybody's side will not be heard. You really know this. You've been --

DAVID: It's a very complex situation.

MAX: -- around the world, David. You've been around the world, up and down and you've been crawling and walking and running in this world and you know the system and, and kind of how it works and the extent -- you know that the media and the world and the courts and the attorneys, this is going to be examined so thoroughly that they'll even know how many times the, the crickets squeaked out there at that place before it's all over.

(David Laughs)

MAX: Huh? So, you know --

DAVID: Sounds like they've been cricking
every night in my ears. My ears are still ringing.

MAX: You know that, that the world is gonna see every side of this and every accusation that's made is going to be tried two or three different times before it's all over. And that's going to create loopholes. It's going to create newspapers, magazines, Lord knows what, into the next decade.

DAVID: I'll make it to the 20th century, huh?

MAX: Yeah, you might make it out of the 20th century. And, so --

DAVID: Would you like to -- would you like to talk to little Rach here?

MAX: A little what?

DAVID: Little Rachel.

MAX: Rachel?

DAVID: Yeah. She was --

MAX: Little Rachel or big Rachel?

DAVID: No, little Rachel. There, there's -- there was a lot of kids here we didn't get on the film. It was only a 60 minute film.

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: Okay. Here she is.

MAX: You got any more tapes in case you'd want to do it again?
DAVID: Yeah, we'll do it again if you'd like.

MAX: Good.

DAVID: Okay, here she is.

MAX: Okay.

DAVID: Good talking with you, Max.

MAX: Nice talking with you, Dave.

DAVID: Thanks, thanks for being kind. I appreciate it.

MAX: Thanks for -- wait a minute, wait a minute, one more thing before you go. Let's see, I've got notes coming at me fast and furious here. Okay. We, basically, just wanted to, once again, thanks for the, the cooperation. Let's continue this cooperation period. Let's continue understanding each other and, and don't let this interpretation of, of media or even if it's a true media statement, alarm you until you've had a chance to talk to us and put it in a light, okay? Put a little perspective on it?

DAVID: Right.

MAX: Because we know we're not the only ones moving out there. I mean, us, the people negotiating, sitting in here. There's local authorities out there. We still got news media slinking around. So, you know, check in here with us
before you get, you know, too far away with, with a
thought about something.

DAVID: Well tell them -- and tell them I
appreciate talking to Mr. Harwell because that's,
that's like, that's like talking to a relative, you
know.

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: It's someone that I've always
respected here in Waco and, you know, and I wish, you
know, -- this, this is just a privilege maybe we don't
deserve but I do wish, you know, any, any time that
they'd like to talk to us, you all will let him talk
to us 'cause, you know, -- you know, these, these men
here in Waco, these, these lovely sheriffs have, have
really been good to us. And there, there's another
guy that, that -- he's a black guy, he used to run our
beat out here. I forgot his name. Maybe Jerry or
something. He's a black lieutenant, if I'm not
mistaken. And --

MAX: With the Sheriff's Office?

DAVID: Yes, sir.

MAX: Okay.

DAVID: And he, he stopped me one day when I
was down at the TP&L Lake fishing and, you know, he
was, you know, he was, he was -- he's a real good guy.
I mean these -- when you get out of the country, you know, some law enforcement agents, I mean they're just, they're just real good down to earth people, you know.

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: And I've always appreciated that and I've always respected that and, you know --

MAX: Well, you have a unique brand of law enforcement in the south and in Texas, in particular. And when you find one of those little sheriffs that have been around for, you know, more terms than most of us have fingers --

DAVID: Right.

MAX: -- they're going to be a colorful character. They're going to be someone that is trustworthy and has the faith of all those around him. This fellow was standing around down here for a few days before he got on the phone with you. And I had an opportunity to chat a little bit with him. And I just adored him. He's quite a, quite a gentleman.

DAVID: Well, I really love that man and --

MAX: Uh-huh. I can see why you would.

DAVID: He's a, he's a good man.

MAX: And he's the type that would fair to anybody, give anybody a fair shake.
DAVID: Yeah, I believe that.
MAX: Regardless of where they came from.
DAVID: Okay. So, here's Rachel, then. Is there anything else?
MAX: Yeah. You mentioned fishing out there. What -- do you do a little fishing on your own?
DAVID: I used to do a lot of fishing.
MAX: Yeah.
DAVID: Yeah. My granddad was a fisherman and he used to take me fishing all the time as a kid and we used to fish Palestine and fish Ray Huvard (Phonetic).
MAX: Uh-huh.
DAVID: We used to run Point, Point Royal Marina off of Ray Huvard. Oh, I love fishing. I've always loved fishing.
MAX: Have you ever been to Lake Caddo in the eastern part of the state?
DAVID: Yeah, I've been to Caddo before. It used to be a real good bass lake.
MAX: That's my favorite part of the world. I'm certain Carnack (Ph) Texas or -- where I'd be most any day if I was given a choice.
DAVID: Yeah. Remember those Caddo bass
boats --

    MAX: Yeah, oh, yeah.

    DAVID: -- they made for a while? They used to have trouble tipping over some time but they used to -- like new skeeter boats and stuff, you know, they started making it low profile, narrow rimmed. Caddo came out with a little water one. Yeah, I used to -- I used to worship fishing. It was one of the most leisurely -- plus you can also look at nature, look at God's nature and, and fishing, do a lot of things and think at the same time. I used to love it.

    MAX: Yeah. I used to -- did they have those gambling houses out at Caddo when you were there?

    DAVID: Not -- that was back when I was kid. I didn't know anything about gambling then.

    MAX: Hey, didn't -- there was some law that prohibited the gambling up on the shore. So, like the, the offshore river boats that go for gambling, they'd go out on the lake and they'd build -- cut down some of those cypress trees and build a house out there on stilts in the middle of the swamp --

    DAVID: Huh.

    MAX: -- cypress grove and row those boats out there and gamble all night long.
DAVID: Oh, no.

MAX: And, and --

DAVID: Did you ever bust up some of that stuff?

MAX: No, no, no. This is, this is before I was even in law enforcement. And I didn't know that place until the last six years when I got transferred in here.

DAVID: Well, how old are you right now?

MAX: I'm one of -- another one of those ancient characters like John. I'm past 50.

DAVID: Oh.

MAX: I'll leave it at that.

DAVID: Well, I just -- I've done a lot in 33 years --

MAX: I know.

DAVID: -- but not everything.

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: He says he's past 50.

MAX: Yeah. Well, --

DAVID: Sounds a lot younger, doesn't he?

MAX: -- I think he admitted to that. You know, well, he's got an old gravely voice that, you know, he probably sounded 50 when he was 16, with a voice like that.
DAVID: Yeah. Yeah, it would be nice just to be able to all go fishing.

MAX: I'd love that. Anything out there in that lake in front of the house?

DAVID: Yeah, lots.

MAX: Yeah. Do you stock it?

DAVID: What happened was is the, the original lake right in the front that we built --

MAX: Uh-huh.

DAVID: -- originally had a, a very deep stock tank. It was about, oh, small but deep and it had a lot of bass stocked I believe 25 years ago, the same as the big lake. We've caught a lot of seven and eight pounders there. It's a matured -- it's a matured lake.

MAX: Uh-huh.

DAVID: The structure is all settled and all that and, and we, we drained a lot of water out of the sma -- we tried to get this big one -- small -- I mean the one the closest to, is we tried to get it drained one time but it still had like four or five foot of water in it.

MAX: Uh-huh.

DAVID: And we tried to seine it but all these -- the bass just jumped the seine, you know.
MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: We was trying to see just exactly what was in there but there's a lot of fish in there.

MAX: Well, is that what that tree line out there in the middle is --

DAVID: Yeah, --

MAX: -- in the middle of the lake?

DAVID: -- that, that was the original tree line that surrounded the original small tank. And, so, now they got more area and plus, you know, you know, they've been eating good. Probably a long time before you catch any fish out of there because when that water came up, you know, it gave them new oxygen and gave them new, new bugs and everything else, you know, they could get out of it, worms and everything else.

MAX: Uh-huh.

DAVID: But, you know, we, we're hoping to, to really fix this place up real nice so that people from all over the world can come and study.

MAX: Uh-huh.

DAVID: But, you know, things change, I guess, and --

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: And we stand in a different light.
But, anyway, --

MAX: Okay. Before I let you go, are you going to come out?

DAVID: Right now?

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: Yeah, I'd like to.

MAX: Come on.

DAVID: But I can't as of yet.

MAX: Listen, listen real close.

DAVID: Go ahead.

MAX: Just listen and see if you hear anybody telling you to come out.

DAVID: No, not yet. There's, there's a couple more things has to be settled. I mean, you know, it --

MAX: We'll help you settle them if we can.

DAVID: If you could -- if you could get those priests or those scholars to lay open those seals --

MAX: Well, --

DAVID: They -- I mean it's such a simple test, Max.

MAX: -- see, that's, that's the confusing part, see, as you say, and I'm going to say one thing and then I'm going to quit 'cause I'm not going to get
into it.

DAVID: Okay.

MAX: And one of the reasons I'm confused is that nobody can open them and yet you keep challenging us to open them or to understand them. So, you know, it's -- yeah, I can't -- my job --

DAVID: Well, ask John Cox.

MAX: -- my job is just to say, hey, it's safe out here. There's no reason for this to continue the way it is. Whatever you need to do in there to, you know, listen up or do some soul searching, some praying, consult with anybody.

DAVID: A lot of that -- a lot of that being done.

MAX: Understood. Understood. Let's look for an answer. Let's listen for an answer and let's try to get this thing resolved, safely.

DAVID: Okay.

MAX: All right.

DAVID: Okay. Here's little Rach.

MAX: All right. Good night, David.

DAVID: Good night.

MAX: Rachel?

RACHEL: Hello?

MAX: Hello, Rachel.
RACHEL: Hi.
MAX: How are you?
RACHEL: I'm all right.
MAX: How old are you?
RACHEL: Thirteen.
MAX: Thirteen. I was expecting someone much younger than that.
RACHEL: No.
MAX: Were you in the video today?
RACHEL: No.
MAX: You didn't get to make it in the video --
RACHEL: No.
MAX: -- either. What's your last name, Rachel?
RACHEL: Sylvia.
MAX: You've talked with someone out here before, haven't you?
RACHEL: Uh-huh.
MAX: On the phone? Who was it you talked to?
RACHEL: John.
MAX: John, okay. Well, John's not up to par tonight so I'm filling in for him.
RACHEL: Uh-huh.
MAX: Did you have something special you wanted to say to us or just, hi, I'm okay?

RACHEL: Well, anything you want to say?

MAX: Just want to make sure you're all right, see if there's anything that you need and to tell you that you can come out anytime you want. It's safe out here.

RACHEL: I know.

RACHEL: Yeah, I don't want to come out yet.

MAX: Okay. Did you watch the, watch the T.V. show tonight?

RACHEL: Uh-huh.

MAX: It wasn't as long as everybody thought it was going to be.

RACHEL: Uh-huh.

MAX: I -- you sounded like you weren't really sure, like, you know, a little bit, -- oh, I've heard people your age say it before, when they really didn't believe something an adult said. So, let me go back and say it again. Please believe me and John and anybody else that you can come out of there safely, that nobody out here wants to hurt anybody in there, least of all children.

RACHEL: Uh-huh.

MAX: And that not everybody is going to
jail. If somebody has done something against the laws of the government, there will be a trial. The courts and all will take care of that, not the ATF, not the FBI.

RACHEL: Yeah, I know I can come out, you know, but I'm just waiting for the word from God, you know.

MAX: Okay. I just wanted to let you know that, that what man was saying right now was it's safe out here.

RACHEL: Okay, I know. If I wanted to come out, you know, I would have come out a long time ago.

MAX: All right. I'm glad to hear you say that. Is there anyone else there that wants to talk to us?

RACHEL: Well, most everybody has gone to bed by now, you know. There's not many people around.

MAX: Okay. Well, you probably should get some sleep, too. Young ladies need their sleep just like us old men do. So, --

RACHEL: Yeah.

MAX: -- I will say good night to you. And I hope to talk to you again soon.

RACHEL: Okay.

MAX: Good night.
RACHEL:  Good night.

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STEVE:  Hello?

JOHN:  Good morning.

STEVE:  Good morning.

JOHN:  Steve?

STEVE:  Yes.

JOHN:  This is John.  How are you this morning?

STEVE:  Not too bad.  How's yourself?

JOHN:  Good.  It's a wake-up call.

STEVE:  I noticed.

JOHN:  Bet you don't know what time it is.

STEVE:  It's probably about 9:30, I would imagine.

JOHN:  That's pretty good, 9:24, according to my chronometer.

STEVE:  Uh-huh.

JOHN:  So, how ya doing?

STEVE:  Well, I guess a statement has already been made to us, of course, in the middle of the night from what I'm told.

JOHN:  Okay.  You're, you're talking about the power?

STEVE:  Of course.
JOHN: Okay. Is David there? I want to talk to him about that.

STEVE: Just a minute.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: David, John would like to talk to you about the power.

DAVID: (Indiscernible)

STEVE: He said to tell you he's already -- you've already told him.

JOHN: No, no, no, I, I went off at 6:00 last night and I told you and I just got in at 6:00 a.m. when I heard about it. So, let me tell him about it.

STEVE: But see, you're with those people that have made the decision. So, --

JOHN: Well, let's talk about it for a second. Let me -- put David -- please put David on. Let me talk to him.

STEVE: Just a moment. I'm going to ask.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: I don't know.

JOHN: Yeah, maybe we can get something resolved.

(Pause)

STEVE: He says, turn the electricity back
on and we'll talk. Otherwise, he will not be talking to you.

    JOHN: All right. Let me talk to him and see if we can get it turned back on. I want to get his viewpoints on a couple of things.

    STEVE: Well, that's -- no, I mean he just made the statement, John.

    JOHN: All right. Just, just tell him what I said.

    STEVE: Pardon?

    JOHN: Please tell him what I said, that, that if he and I can talk for a couple of secs, maybe we can get something done.

    STEVE: Just a minute. I'll try again.

    JOHN: Thanks.

    STEVE: One last time, he says, turn it on, then we'll talk. I really don't think you'll be talking with him again otherwise.

    JOHN: All right. Let me tell him -- just let me tell him what happened and then I want to go from that point.

    STEVE: You won't be able to because I mean I asked him again and --

    JOHN: All right. Just, just transfer that message, if you would.
STEVE: Transfer what, again? I'll, I'll give your exact words.

JOHN: Okay. Exact, exact words, okay, that's fair enough. I don't know if I can remember them myself. Did you ever -- were you ever in a position when you can remember something that happened 10 years ago and nothing, nothing that happened two minutes ago?

STEVE: That's true.

JOHN: Yeah, that's where I'm at.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Okay. Let me talk to him just for a couple of minutes to tell him what happened and then I would like to move ahead from there which would possibly -- maybe we could get it turned on.

STEVE: I -- he will get -- I mean he definitely won't do it and I know he won't.

JOHN: I just want to tell him how it happened.

STEVE: He's not -- he won't talk to you. I know he won't. He already made a -- see, once he told me what he just did and then I asked him a second time, it was even stronger. I know he's not going to talk to you. He said, I'll talk to you when the electricity is turned back on.
JOHN: Okay. What, what I'm trying to do, Steve, is --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- and I think you can be empathetic about this is that I'm trying to explain what happened, when it happened, and to some degree, why it happened. And then my objective is to get his viewpoint and hopefully get something done like turning it on.

STEVE: Go ahead. I mean --

JOHN: Okay. Well, get -- put David on. It will just take two seconds.

STEVE: He's not going -- I mean he just made his statement. He just said what he was not going to do until certain things happen.

JOHN: Okay. All right. Here's what I'm -- tell David here's what I'm going to do.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: I'm going to go in and see the commanders. As, as soon -- the instant we hang up, I'm going to get up from the table, go in and see these guys, especially these tactical people who are gonna be in there and see if I can get it done. How's that?

STEVE: All right.
JOHN: Okay?
STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: All right. I'll talk to you in a little bit.

JOHN: Bye-bye.

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STEVE: Hello?
JOHN: Steve?
STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: John. How ya doing?

STEVE: Not too bad.

JOHN: Okay. Okay. Here's what they're going to do.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: They're going to turn it on. And, you know, between you and me, I'm sure -- so you can see the press conference but, anyway, they're going to turn it on. You've gotta understand and, and I think you can after talking to me and after me listening to you. You're a bright guy. We, the negotiators, don't always have 100 percent of the input, okay?

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: They don't always listen to what John says or what Jim says, you know what I mean? We're
intermediaries, true, but we're not the final decision
makers. So, we're getting, you know, we get some heat
from the, from the other guys. Additionally, you
know, the, the bosses in D.C. look at this thing on
T.V. or USA Today or every, every, every newspaper in
the country --

    STEVE: Uh-huh.
    JOHN: -- and they don't see anything
happening. So, the tactical guys also have their
input. And it wasn't the negotiators who said, hey,
let's, you know, let's kill the power and, ha, ha, ha,
you know. That's not our position. Our position is
to move forward. I think we made a lot of progress
yesterday. You know, the sheriff, I -- as I told you
yesterday, I've never seen a more sincere genuine
human being in my life. And I've been around in this
life a little while. But, anyway, hopefully we can
take advantage of the good stuff that went, went on
yesterday and move forward. And, and I hope you can
appreciate that.

    STEVE: Well, I sure can.
    JOHN: Okay. So, let's, let's you and me
and David, let's hopefully try to make a day today of,
of some progress. How's, how's that sound between you
and me?
STEVE: Well, that's what we had in mind.

JOHN: Okay. I'm, I'm up for that. They're going to turn the power on. I'll be honest with you, I'll be totally candid, I don't know how long they're going to turn it on for. But we've made a pitch for them and I think they're, they're giving in a little bit but I really want to move forward on today.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: How do you feel?

STEVE: It sounds good to me.

JOHN: How does David feel?

STEVE: The same.

JOHN: Does he?

STEVE: Uh-huh.

JOHN: What do you -- let me -- be candid with me. What do you think we can get done today? let's just say best case scenario, what, what can we get done?

STEVE: Well, I tell you what, the way he works is as soon as he sees substance in what you and I are speaking about, the simple thing that took place already, and the reaction that you were talking about turning it back on, then he'll start opening his mouth and he'll start communicating again but he's got different things in mind and, you know --
JOHN: Give me, give me a glue. Like, you know, you don't have to tell me exactly but just, just give me a rough idea.

STEVE: Well, I was going to let him -- I was going to let him speak for himself.

JOHN: Oh, I know that. I appreciate that. But, you know, you're like the number two guy and I've been number two on other occasions and I'm about number 47, but I've got an insight into some people. So, just give me an idea. I mean, you know, there's no -- nothing written in stone here.

STEVE: Well, I'll tell you what, I'll communicate more with you as soon as we see what we're speaking about take place.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: Sounds good to me.

STEVE: And we'll turn on the television at 10:30 to see just what's being stated.

JOHN: Yeah. Hopefully, hopefully, we'll see a flicker of -- in the light bulbs before that.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: And if, if we don't, I'm going to be upset, personally, not with you but with some other people.
STEVE: Okay. We will definitely be talking to you as soon as there's something happening.

JOHN: Okay. I'll talk to you a little bit later.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: By-bye. okay.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Did you get it?

STEVE: Did I -- yes.

JOHN: Get the power?

STEVE: It's on now.

JOHN: Thank goodness. Okay. How about if I talk to you and David after the press conference is on --

STEVE: Okay, sounds good.

JOHN: -- so you get a chance to watch it.

STEVE: We'll do that.


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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Steve, John.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: Yeah, I'm sorry to interrupt the
press conference and I wouldn't do it unless it was a semi-urgent matter. There's a black male on the back of the property that came out of your property by the machine shop.

STEVE: Uh-huh. I know nothing about it.

JOHN: There's two or three dogs with him.

STEVE: There are?

JOHN: Yeah. If you could kindly ask him to step inside, it would be appreciated.

STEVE: Okay. We'll see what we can do.

JOHN: Thanks, Steve.

STEVE: Sure.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Steve, John.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: Got two more males, I guess, went out and came back in, I guess. And I'm sorry about this --

STEVE: Maybe they went out to tell -- I don't know -- I -- has there been --

JOHN: They're back in.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: Okay, good.

JOHN: Talk to you.
STEVE: Bye.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Steve, John.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: I just got a call from the guys outside. They're seeing a guy out on the construction side dressed in black. That's one of the guys you said you'd bring back in.

STEVE: There's a guy out there dressed in black?

DAVID: No.

STEVE: No, there is not.

JOHN: Yeah, there is. Uh, hold on, let me give you the exact location.

STEVE: Apparently what happened, someone went out there to feed the chickens. They've been doing that every day since we've been here, by the way.

JOHN: On the construction side, the water tower side?

STEVE: On the construction side of the water tower side? I don't believe anyone's way out there, are they?

DAVID: No.
STEVE: No. What's going on with these guys?

JOHN: I don't know. They got a guy dressed in black and --

STEVE: He's a black --

JOHN: -- they're certain about him. He's got, he's got that --

STEVE: He's, he's a, he's a black man but I don't know -- they're saying he's not dressed in black.

JOHN: It's a black man?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: He's on -- so, okay. Supposedly, he's on the side by the water tower and by the construction side.

STEVE: And if they, if they look at him close, he's not armed or anything. He's feeding the chickens as he's usually -- they told me he went out as he has since --

JOHN: The chickens are -- aren't the chickens on the other side?

STEVE: Yes. So, I don't know what they're talking about. Is he on the other side of -- like where the construction side is?

DAVID: No.
STEVE: No, not at all, positively not.

JOHN: Hold on, let me check.

STEVE: Okay.

(Pause)

JOHN: Okay. See, what they're seeing there, they're seeing a guy coming out and they didn't realize he was coming out and he got them all jittery. So, if, if we're going to feed the chickens, just, just give me a call and let me know.

STEVE: We'll, we'll keep on as usual.

JOHN: Okay. Great.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Thank you.

STEVE: Bye.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Steve?

STEVE: John.

STEVE: Hello, John.

JOHN: Did you guys get to watch the press conference?

STEVE: That's what we were doing just now.

JOHN: Good, good. Well, it's over now, as you know. Is David there, please?

STEVE: Just a moment.
JOHN: Thank you.

(Pause)

STEVE: Okay, here he is.

JOHN: Thank you.

DAVID: Good morning, John.

JOHN: Good morning, David, how are you today?

DAVID: We're fair to middling, so to speak.

JOHN: That's good. That's good. I saw your tape, and you look good.

DAVID: Thanks. Yeah, I started bleeding after that one.

JOHN: Yeah, I could see a little bit of the --

DAVID: One of the kids jumped on me wrong.

JOHN: Oh, geez. Great looking kids, man.

DAVID: Yeah, thanks.

JOHN: They are just --

DAVID: Now, now, now you, now you know why I'm so obstinate, huh?

JOHN: They're beautiful. They're really terrific.

DAVID: They're my whole life.

JOHN: I know. I'm looking forward to, to you and I taking advantage of some of the good stuff,
as they may, maybe say, the good karma that developed yesterday and, hopefully, we can just move on a little bit from where we've been. How do you feel about that?

      DAVID: Well, like I said, you know, we're asking you guys one thing and it's getting twisted up from time to time.
      What, what now, Steve? Oh, okay. All right. Last night Max was talking with one of the -- some of the other kids that weren't on that video film.

      JOHN: Uh-huh.

      DAVID: And she said that she wanted -- she had a little message she wanted relayed on the film 'cause, see, what -- she told him that, that she would go ahead and we'd continue another film today to where some other kids could get on there.

      JOHN: Uh-huh.

      DAVID: You know, I guess, I guess that way you all get to take a look at them, see they're real people.

      JOHN: Sure, oh, yeah, that really portrays that very well. And, in fact, we have a tape with two segments of, of the kids that are out, and we'd like to send that in.
DAVID: Oh, yeah, the, the parents would love that.

JOHN: Great. Great. And we'll double check it to make sure it's not erased.

DAVID: Okay. Yeah. Where's, where's, where's Jamie right now being kept, do you know? Is he with Social Services or --

JOHN: I believe --

DAVID: That's the little -- that's the little child that has the handicap.

JOHN: Yeah. He, he is separate because of the handicap.

DAVID: Right.

JOHN: And I can double check the location. I honestly don't know this instant but I will find out.

DAVID: Oh, we know he's in good care because --

JOHN: Oh, yeah, absolutely, absolutely. I was down there myself and the funny part of the videotape is, I mean just for your own information, is the brown carpeting came out pink but that's, that's video when you don't have the light set right or something like that.

DAVID: Oh, okay.
JOHN: But it's a, it's a very wholesome atmosphere, you know.

DAVID: Is Mrs. Cohen in it or anything or is she the one taking care of these kids or just, just -- we noticed that they were in a house when you sent, sent the snapshots.

JOHN: No, no. It's, it's, it's a housing like thing. You walk in, you go through a kitchen and then into kind of like an entrance way/hallway, foyer you might call it and then this big living room and it's Child Protective Service. And that's where they're at.

DAVID: Okay.

JOHN: And they're all together. They really seem happy. They're -- they interact as you probably can understand perfectly because --

DAVID: Right.

JOHN: -- they've been together so long. So, I think it's a real healthy thing.

DAVID: Good.

JOHN: So, what do you think you and I can -- how we can -- you and I can go forward today?

DAVID: Well, I mean our, our only position is is like I say, you know, it's -- people seem to misunderstand my, my podium when it comes to my
religion. They don't understand what it is. And I've, I've simply, I've simply offered two avenues whereby this could be resolved without God answering me. And that is, first of all, if you could take away the foundation from these people, the foundation they stand on being that no one can reveal the seals but the lamb. Do you understand that?

JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: That's our first position.

Scripture tells us very clearly that no one but the lamb can reveal these seals.

JOHN: I understand that. I understand that.

DAVID: Now, that becomes --

JOHN: And, certainly, I don't know that's possible for us to reveal except for the lamb who can reveal the seals but --

DAVID: Okay. So, what I've been doing with, with Dick and, and Henry and, and, you know, John Cox and all that, all the way back -- I guess from Jim and Gary, too, is that I've been offering them an opportunity to, to get with their ministers and their, and their priests and stuff who are supposed to be, you know, ordained servants of God.

JOHN: Uh-uh.
DAVID: My God does talk with them, they profess. And to be able to, to show this mystery of God that is supposed to be for the servants to know. And, of course, you know each time what's happened up to the third seal is that they failed to be able to show from the prophecies where these subjects are given in detail. So, I have, in turn, showed them and not a one of them has disagreed that the seals contain the revelation, have not been, you know, shown forth in the prophetic voice of the prophets.

JOHN: I understand that and I'm sure that they haven't done too well in their research so far and probably, you know, to be quite candid, you're a heck of a lot heads up -- more heads up on that than they are. But I'm not saying that they're not working on it.

DAVID: Right. Well, --

JOHN: But on the same -- in the same thing, that being set aside for a moment, I think that as far as you and I go and you and I can move forward with some of the little problems that we have and that's aside from them working on, on the research which I know they are doing this very moment. But my side of the thing, me personally, is that you can understand -- you, you have the perfect chain of command. It's you
and Steve and you get things done. We don't have the
perfect chain of command here. There's an awful lot
of folks, including way back on the east coast. So,
if you and I, I think, can show some personal progress
today, I think it would go a long way in, in not only
helping these guys do their research but just the
whole impetus of things moving forward.

DAVID: Oh, we understand what you're
saying.

JOHN: Okay.

DAVID: So, when are you going to send this
tape?

JOHN: Okay. I've got it sitting in front
of me. It's a, it's a, it's sitting in a Polaroid,
Polaroid brand container right here.

DAVID: Okay. Steve, --

JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: -- are you ready to go ahead and
tape Audrey and Rachel, some of the kids?

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: Okay. We're going to go ahead and
start making this tape.

JOHN: Okay. Let me make a proposal to you
and I think you know what it is. You're a very, very
bright man and a very charismatic man, I may -- might
add. I was extremely impressed with your, your
personal viewpoints last night. And you're, you're a
very moving individual. I mean that's a straight
fact. Your, your ministry, to be quite candid, you
know, has, has a lot going for it in the sense of your
charisma. You're a very charismatic guy. But let me,
let me say this, let me suggest this to you. You know
what I'm going to say before I say it. I'm not going
to let it be any surprise. How about if when we send
in the tape you send in the tape with somebody from in
there? That would be a great boom for us to move
forward.

DAVID: Well, what you guys fail to
understand --

JOHN: I know. I know. Just help us out,
to show that our side --

DAVID: I cannot subject another mind to you
unless that mind is willing to go.

JOHN: I understand that. I understand that
completely. I don't argue with that and I wouldn't go
against your wishes. The only thing I was thinking is
that --

DAVID: Well, why don't, why don't you talk
to every individual here and, and you relate this
desire to them. As I said before, see, their faith is
locked in.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: Let me, let me explain. When an individual or a person, free thinking individual, free moral agent desires to acknowledge the higher principles of God, they acknowledge the testaments of the prophets, they acknowledge, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, okay? Now, we're talking about a higher personage when we're talking about Christ, aren't we?

JOHN: Well, we --

DAVID: We're talking about a reality --

JOHN: We're talking supreme being here, you know.

DAVID: Okay, supreme being.

JOHN: Okay.

DAVID: All right. And the knowledge of that supreme being is, is first and foremost in the hearts of all those who desire redemption, who desire life beyond this world, right?

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: Okay. So, so, that's the general acceptance of all religions under his name, under Christ, be it the Catholic all the way down to what other organization that believes in his name. So, you know, naturally a person in the world is gonna be
committed to serving Christ first and then the other
power secondarily, right?

    JOHN: No question, no question about it.

    DAVID: Okay.

    JOHN: But by the same token, you know,
maybe -- I know that there was a person by the name of
the Julie in there the other day who, who felt that
perhaps her brother was right and that she wanted to
hook up with her brother at some time. If she could
make the sacrifice and, like you said, not everybody
wants to leave --

    DAVID: Now, John, let me explain something
again. You are twisting her words and this is one of
the main things she was telling me last night. You
know, she always talks the way she talks every day.

    JOHN: I see.

    DAVID: You know, she used to be -- she used
to be a drug addict.

    JOHN: Uh-huh.

    DAVID: Okay. She always talks like a, like
a whining kind of slow, you know, she's a, she's a
Mexican girl.

    JOHN: Uh-huh.

    DAVID: And the thing of it was is that, you
know, when she came here a couple of years ago, we
assisted her and helped her out of her -- out of her problem. She was going to town for a while to -- what was that program, Steve? McClinan County College. Anyway, and she, and she had to quit that because everybody that was going to that was in drugs. And that's one of the main things and her weaknesses that she was involved in at that time. Now, she naturally has the slow slur empathetic type of speech. And what she was trying to tell you was is that she wanted to talk to her brother. You know, she loves her brother. And she kept referring back to the fact that from what she's seen thus far, she doesn't yet quite have enough trust in you, the system, just to hurl herself out of here into your hands.

JOHN: I understand.

DAVID: Now, you see, but, but it seems like a lot of connotations that are made is that you all pick up on these and you develop this great big picture which is really not there in the mind of the individual that's talking to you.

JOHN: I appreciate that and that's --

DAVID: It's --

JOHN: -- that's probably what happened, okay.

DAVID: But you can -- but you can talk to
her and her children anytime you want.

JOHN: Okay.

DAVID: Nobody --

JOHN: Okay. I stand corrected, then. I stand corrected on that point. So, --

DAVID: So, nobody is being here held against their will.

JOHN: I stand cor --

DAVID: What I would desire, though, is that, you know, you have all the opportunity to talk to any and all individuals you wish to talk to --

JOHN: Okay.

DAVID: -- because, you see, the, the doctrine, the seals is something that has to be shown from the prophetic voice.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: Not my opinions, not your opinions. The subject matter is in preview of revelation. The seven seals of Revelation, Chapter 6, are previews, which do not give the specifics.

JOHN: Okay.

DAVID: Whereas the prophetic writers in writing of these subjects which they foresaw an event of the latter days, they give you the details. And, so, that's why when I try to present these subjects
in, in simplicity, you know, I'll ask, I'll ask the negotiators, those who are willing to bear with me, to simply show me where these symbols of the white horse, red horse, black horse, toe horse, those of the alter and so forth are found in the prophetic subject matter, of which so far they failed to do.

JOHN: Okay. Okay. I understand what happened with Julie, and I can readily see that, you know, after being told what she had said. And I readily see how that happened. How about --

DAVID: Would you like to talk to her again?

JOHN: No, sir, no, sir. How about someone who is an infant who doesn't really have, in a sense, you know, reasoning power or -- a pre-age seven. And then you and I can move forward on this while the research is being done on the seals. It would be so impetus to show, hey, this situation is moving ahead.

The negotiators really do have a point with David. They are pushing forward on the research on the seals. And at the same time he is saying, I'm interested in what they're doing. How, how does that sound?

DAVID: You're asking us, John, to violate our God-given conscience at the present time to adhere to what your desiring us to do. Now, you see, you keep pushing us and pushing us in an area to where
we've already told you, it's not our desire to die here.

    JOHN: No, no, I appreciate that.

    DAVID: It's not our desire to be mutilated and destroyed by your massive weapons. It is our desire in our conscience to be able to know and to confirm or to reconfirm our position with God.


    DAVID: Now, you may not realize but very few people in this generation have their faith tested to such an extremity as we now presently are.

    JOHN: Well, you know what -- you know what this test is doing? This test is bringing your message before the entire United States of America, Australia, England, New Zealand, and I can't tell you how many other broadcast services that are out here.

    DAVID: John, the message that I teach is not being presented.

    JOHN: No, no, no.

    DAVID: The, the affect which is highly misinterpreted of our situation is being presented. You know, David Koresh, the fanatic. David Koresh, the -- what, what's, what's the statement they're saying over there on the T.V.? Antagonist. David Koresh, the -- anyway, --
JOHN: No --

DAVID: See this is what's being presented --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: -- around the world right now.

JOHN: That's -- well, but you do have a lot of people saying, what is this guy about? So, in a sense that is -- additionally, we have demonstrators. There's pictures on the front page of the demonstrators that are 100 percent in your favor, saying the right to bear arms should be maintained and things like this. And that's all -- you know --

DAVID: You know, all these things are legal. I mean --

JOHN: Absolutely.

DAVID: In every, in every gun show and every deal that we've dealt with, we filled out a yellow sheet.

JOHN: Unquestionably. There's, there's absolutely no argument about this. You know, like I told Steven, I may have mentioned it to you, let's face it, the government has a big case, a big problem with this case. There's an awful lot of sympathy for you, for the deceased individuals, the -- and a lot of anger at ATF in, in all parts of the country. And it's -- you know about the NRA as well as I do. It is
the strongest lobby in Washington, D.C. So, there's a lot of emotion running high for you. I mean you've got a lot going for you. And it would help us in dealing with the people on the east coast if we could say, hey, this guy has a message to get out as far as what happened to him and he's a reasonable man and he's helping us to deal with it. That's all I'm saying. That's all I'm saying.

DAVID: So, you're just simply asking me to use a chain of command, which I really don't have, in telling an individual to send their child out?

JOHN: Well, I'm asking if there's some way we could get somebody released today. If you have an elderly woman who'd volunteer, not -- for the interest of the cause or you have somebody that maybe is not as healthy as they should, should or could be, that would be a great benefit to my boss and --

DAVID: And you're going to -- and you're going to go ahead and arrest them like they've already done?

JOHN: No, no. They've been released on bond, the elderly ones.

DAVID: Exactly, which means they have been arrested and charged.

JOHN: They've been charged as material
witnesses, was just -- is that -- they're only there
as witnesses. They're not charged against -- as --

DAVID: They are charged. Gary Kocher, our
former attorney, was the one that had to go out and
put up the bond for them. Now, let's, let's see --
here, again, is another way that, you know, --

JOHN: No, it's material witness. It's not
like you're going to be tried.

DAVID: Look, anytime --

JOHN: Material witnesses --

DAVID: -- someone has to pay money to get
out of custody, they are guilty of something. They
are penalized and punished for a crime that they are
suspected to be a part of.

JOHN: Well, --

DAVID: I mean be honest with me, John.

JOHN: Yes, I am honest. And I know the
system and the bond money is returned. The bond money
is definitely returned when they make their
appearances.

DAVID: Well, what does that mean that they
had to pay a bond?

JOHN: Well, under the federal system, when
you put up the money, you put up 10 percent. They
don't -- the federal system doesn't use bail bondsman.
So, you put up 10 percent of the money. You make your appearances and the money is returned to you. That I know for a fact because I can speak for the federal system.

    DAVID: Which means they've been arrested.

    JOHN: Under material witness, they're held, they're put out on bond, they make their appearances and their money -- a lot of times the bonds are what we call OR, on recognizance.

    DAVID: Okay. Look, instead of, instead of getting around the --

    JOHN: Yeah, I know.

    DAVID: -- reality, let's --

    JOHN: Let's talk about reality.

    DAVID: -- let's go ahead and -- okay. You want to send this tape.

    JOHN: I've got the tape, yeah.

    DAVID: And you don't want to --

    JOHN: I think you'll -- I think you'll like it.

    DAVID: You don't, you don't want us to send the tape unless --

    JOHN: Well, why not? Absolutely.

    DAVID: -- unless someone goes with it, though.
JOHN: No, no, no, no, that's not --

DAVID: That's --

JOHN: -- no, no, no, happy to have the tape. Everybody that I saw in the room that saw the tape was --

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