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1 TAPE #97

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4 1:30 a.m. - 11:21 a.m.

5 (tape 97)

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

14 DAVID: Right.

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

1 DAVID: Well, they didn't get the report.

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

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

9 MAX: You certainly may.

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

23 MAX: Yeah.

24 DAVID: And, and it was -- and like I say, I
25 was standing there and I did receive the, you know,

1 the first shot was fired at us. Later on heard on the
2 radio that one of the ATF agents admitted that his gun
3 went off accidentally. Of course, you know, I, I
4 don't -- well, they all had their weapons drawn and
5 pointed in, in my direction. And, you know, where we
6 began to say where the mistake started, you know, --

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

13 DAVID: It's a very complex situation.

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

23 (David Laughs)

24 MAX: Huh? So, you know --

25 DAVID: Sounds like they've been cricking

1 every night in my ears. My ears are still ringing.

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

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

10 MAX: Yeah, you might make it out of the
11 20th century. And, so --

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

14 MAX: A little what?

15 DAVID: Little Rachel.

16 MAX: Rachel?

17 DAVID: Yeah. She was --

18 MAX: Little Rachel or big Rachel?

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

22 MAX: Yeah.

23 DAVID: Okay. Here she is.

24 MAX: You got any more tapes in case you'd
25 want to do it again?

1 DAVID: Yeah, we'll do it again if you'd
2 like.

3 MAX: Good.

4 DAVID: Okay, here she is.

5 MAX: Okay.

6 DAVID: Good talking with you, Max.

7 MAX: Nice talking with you, Dave.

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

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

20 DAVID: Right.

21 MAX: Because we know we're not the only
22 ones moving out there. I mean, us, the people
23 negotiating, sitting in here. There's local
24 authorities out there. We still got news media
25 slinking around. So, you know, check in here with us

1 before you get, you know, too far away with, with a
2 thought about something.

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

7 MAX: Yeah.

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

20 MAX: With the Sheriff's Office?

21 DAVID: Yes, sir.

22 MAX: Okay.

23 DAVID: And he, he stopped me one day when I
24 was down at the TP&L Lake fishing and, you know, he
25 was, you know, he was, he was -- he's a real good guy.

1 I mean these -- when you get out of the country, you
2 know, some law enforcement agents, I mean they're
3 just, they're just real good down to earth people, you
4 know.

5 MAX: Yeah.

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

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

13 DAVID: Right.

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

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

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

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

24 MAX: And he's the type that would fair to
25 anybody, give anybody a fair shake.

1 DAVID: Yeah, I believe that.

2 MAX: Regardless of where they came from.

3 DAVID: Okay. So, here's Rachel, then. Is
4 there anything else?

5 MAX: Yeah. You mentioned fishing out
6 there. What -- do you do a little fishing on your
7 own?

8 DAVID: I used to do a lot of fishing.

9 MAX: Yeah.

10 DAVID: Yeah. My granddad was a fisherman
11 and he used to take me fishing all the time as a kid
12 and we used to fish Palestine and fish Ray Huvad
13 (Phonetic).

14 MAX: Uh-huh.

15 DAVID: We used to run Point, Point Royal
16 Marina off of Ray Huvad. Oh, I love fishing. I've
17 always loved fishing.

18 MAX: Have you ever been to Lake Caddo in
19 the eastern part of the state?

20 DAVID: Yeah, I've been to Caddo before. It
21 used to be a real good bass lake.

22 MAX: That's my favorite part of the world.
23 I'm certain Carnack (Ph) Texas or -- where I'd be
24 most any day if I was given a choice.

25 DAVID: Yeah. Remember those Caddo bass

1 boats --

2 MAX: Yeah, oh, yeah.

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

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

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

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

23 DAVID: Huh.

24 MAX: -- cypress grove and row those boats
25 out there and gamble all night long.

1 DAVID: Oh, no.

2 MAX: And, and --

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

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

8 DAVID: Well, how old are you right now?

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

11 DAVID: Oh.

12 MAX: I'll leave it at that.

13 DAVID: Well, I just -- I've done a lot in
14 33 years --

15 MAX: I know.

16 DAVID: -- but not everything.

17 MAX: Yeah.

18 DAVID: He says he's past 50.

19 MAX: Yeah. Well, --

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

21 MAX: -- I think he admitted to that. You
22 know, well, he's got an old gravelly voice that, you
23 know, he probably sounded 50 when he was 16, with a
24 voice like that.

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1 DAVID: Yeah. Yeah, it would be nice just
2 to be able to all go fishing.

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

5 DAVID: Yeah, lots.

6 MAX: Yeah. Do you stock it?

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

9 MAX: Uh-huh.

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

16 MAX: Uh-huh.

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

23 MAX: Uh-huh.

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

1 MAX: Yeah.

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

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

6 DAVID: Yeah, --

7 MAX: -- in the middle of the lake?

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

17 MAX: Uh-huh.

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

21 MAX: Uh-huh.

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

24 MAX: Yeah.

25 DAVID: And we stand in a different light.

1 But, anyway, --

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

4 DAVID: Right now?

5 MAX: Yeah.

6 DAVID: Yeah, I'd like to.

7 MAX: Come on.

8 DAVID: But I can't as of yet.

9 MAX: Listen, listen real close.

10 DAVID: Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

20 MAX: Well, --

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

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

1 into it.

2 DAVID: Okay.

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

7 DAVID: Well, ask John Cox.

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

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

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

18 DAVID: Okay.

19 MAX: All right.

20 DAVID: Okay. Here's little Rach.

21 MAX: All right. Good night, David.

22 DAVID: Good night.

23 MAX: Rachel?

24 RACHEL: Hello?

25 MAX: Hello, Rachel.

1 RACHEL: Hi.

2 MAX: How are you?

3 RACHEL: I'm all right.

4 MAX: How old are you?

5 RACHEL: Thirteen.

6 MAX: Thirteen. I was expecting someone
7 much younger than that.

8 RACHEL: No.

9 MAX: Were you in the video today?

10 RACHEL: No.

11 MAX: You didn't get to make it in the video
12 --

13 RACHEL: No.

14 MAX: -- either. What's your last name,
15 Rachel?

16 RACHEL: Sylvia.

17 MAX: You've talked with someone out here
18 before, haven't you?

19 RACHEL: Uh-huh.

20 MAX: On the phone? Who was it you talked
21 to?

22 RACHEL: John.

23 MAX: John, okay. Well, John's not up to
24 par tonight so I'm filling in for him.

25 RACHEL: Uh-huh.

1 MAX: Did you have something special you
2 wanted to say to us or just, hi, I'm okay?

3 RACHEL: Well, anything you want to say?

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

8 RACHEL: I know.

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

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

12 RACHEL: Uh-huh.

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

15 RACHEL: Uh-huh.

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

24 RACHEL: Uh-huh.

25 MAX: And that not everybody is going to

1 jail. If somebody has done something against the laws
2 of the government, there will be a trial. The courts
3 and all will take care of that, not the ATF, not the
4 FBI.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 RACHEL: Yeah.

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

24 RACHEL: Okay.

25 MAX: Good night.

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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.

1 JOHN: Okay. Is David there? I want to
2 talk to him about that.

3 STEVE: Just a minute.

4 JOHN: Yeah.

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

6 DAVID: (Indiscernible)

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

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

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

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

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

18 JOHN: Okay.

18 STEVE: I don't know.

19 JOHN: Yeah, maybe we can get something
20 resolved.

21 (Pause)

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

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

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

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

10 STEVE: Pardon?

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

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

15 JOHN: Thanks.

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

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

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

24 JOHN: All right. Just, just transfer that
25 message, if you would.

1 STEVE: Transfer what, again? I'll, I'll
2 give your exact words.

3 JOHN: Okay. Exact, exact words, okay,
4 that's fair enough. I don't know if I can remember
5 them myself. Did you ever -- were you ever in a
6 position when you can remember something that happened
7 10 years ago and nothing, nothing that happened two
8 minutes ago?

8 STEVE: That's true.

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

10 STEVE: Okay.

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

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

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

19 STEVE: He's not -- he won't talk to you. I
20 know he won't. He already made a -- see, once he told
21 me what he just did and then I asked him a second
22 time, it was even stronger. I know he's not going to
23 talk to you. He said, I'll talk to you when the
24 electricity is turned back on.

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1 JOHN: Okay. What, what I'm trying to do,
2 Steve, is --

3 STEVE: Okay.

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

9 STEVE: Go ahead. I mean --

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

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

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

16 STEVE: All right.

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

22 STEVE: All right.

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JOHN: Okay?

STEVE: Okay.

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

STEVE: Okay. Bye.

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

1 intermediaries, true, but we're not the final decision
2 makers. So, we're getting, you know, we get some heat
3 from the, from the other guys. Additionally, you
4 know, the, the bosses in D.C. look at this thing on
5 T.V. or USA Today or every, every, every newspaper in
6 the country --

6 STEVE: Uh-huh.

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

18 STEVE: Well, I sure can.

19 JOHN: Okay. So, let's, let's you and me
20 and David, let's hopefully try to make a day today of,
21 of some progress. How's, how's that sound between you
22 and me?

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1 STEVE: Well, that's what we had in mind.

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

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: How do you feel?

10 STEVE: It sounds good to me.

11 JOHN: How does David feel?

12 STEVE: The same.

13 JOHN: Does he?

14 STEVE: Uh-huh.

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

19 STEVE: Well, I tell you what, the way he
20 works is as soon as he sees substance in what you and
21 I are speaking about, the simple thing that took place
22 already, and the reaction that you were talking about
23 turning it back on, then he'll start opening his mouth
24 and he'll start communicating again but he's got
25 different things in mind and, you know --

1 JOHN: Give me, give me a glue. Like, you
2 know, you don't have to tell me exactly but just, just
3 give me a rough idea.

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

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

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

15 JOHN: Okay.

16 STEVE: All right.

17 JOHN: Sounds good to me.

18 STEVE: And we'll turn on the television at
19 10:30 to see just what's being stated.

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

22 STEVE: All right.

23 JOHN: And if, if we don't, I'm going to be
24 upset, personally, not with you but with some other
25 people.

1 STEVE: Okay. We will definitely be talking
2 to you as soon as there's something happening.

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

5 STEVE: Okay.

6 JOHN: By-bye. okay.

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7 STEVE: Hello?

8 JOHN: Did you get it?

9 STEVE: Did I -- yes.

10 JOHN: Get the power?

11 STEVE: It's on now.

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

15 STEVE: Okay, sounds good.

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

17 STEVE: We'll do that.

18 JOHN: Very good. Bye-bye.

19 STEVE: Okay. Bye.

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20 STEVE: Hello?

21 JOHN: Steve, John.

22 STEVE: Yeah.

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

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

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

7 | STEVE: There are?

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

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

11 | JOHN: Thanks, Steve.

12 | STEVE: Sure.

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14 | STEVE: Hello?

15 | JOHN: Steve, John.

16 | STEVE: Yeah.

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

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

21 | JOHN: They're back in.

22 | STEVE: Okay.

23 | JOHN: Okay.

24 | STEVE: Okay, good.

25 | JOHN: Talk to you.

1 STEVE: Bye.

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3 STEVE: Hello?

4 JOHN: Steve, John.

5 STEVE: Yeah.

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

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

12 DAVID: No.

13 STEVE: No, there is not.

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

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

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

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

25 DAVID: No.

1 STEVE: No. What, what's going on with
2 these guys?

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

5 STEVE: He's a black --

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

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

11 JOHN: It's a black man?

12 STEVE: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

25 DAVID: No.

1 STEVE: No, not at all, positively not.
2 JOHN: Hold on, let me check.
3 STEVE: Okay.
4 (Pause)
5 JOHN: Okay. See, what they're seeing
6 there, they're seeing a guy coming out and they didn't
7 realize he was coming out and he got them all jittery.
8 So, if, if we're going to feed the chickens, just,
9 just give me a call and let me know.
10 STEVE: We'll, we'll keep on as usual.
11 JOHN: Okay. Great.
12 STEVE: Okay.
13 JOHN: Thank you.
14 STEVE: Bye.
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16 STEVE: Hello?
17 JOHN: Steve?
18 STEVE: John.
19 STEVE: Hello, John.
20 JOHN: Did you guys get to watch the press
21 conference?
22 STEVE: That's what we were doing just now.
23 JOHN: Good, good. Well, it's over now, as
24 you know. Is David there, please?
25 STEVE: Just a moment.

1 JOHN: Thank you.

2 (Pause)

3 STEVE: Okay, here he is.

4 JOHN: Thank you.

5 DAVID: Good morning, John.

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

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

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

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

12 JOHN: Yeah, I could see a little bit of the
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13 DAVID: One of the kids jumped on me wrong.

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

15 DAVID: Yeah, thanks.

16 JOHN: They are just --

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

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

20 DAVID: They're my whole life.

21 JOHN: I know. I'm looking forward to, to
22 you and I taking advantage of some of the good stuff,

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1 as they may, maybe say, the good karma that developed
2 yesterday and, hopefully, we can just move on a little
3 bit from where we've been. How do you feel about
4 that?

5 DAVID: Well, like I said, you know, we're
6 asking you guys one thing and it's getting twisted up
7 from time to time.

8 What, what now, Steve? Oh, okay. All
9 right. Last night Max was talking with one of
10 the -- some of the other kids that weren't on that
11 video film.

12 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

18 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

22 JOHN: Sure, oh, yeah, that really portrays
23 that very well. And, in fact, we have a tape with two
24 segments of, of the kids that are out, and we'd like
25 to send that in.

1 DAVID: Oh, yeah, the, the parents would
2 love that.

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

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

8 JOHN: I believe --

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

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

13 DAVID: Right.

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

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

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

25 DAVID: Oh, okay.

1 JOHN: But it's a, it's a very wholesome
2 atmosphere, you know.

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

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

13 DAVID: Okay.

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

17 DAVID: Right.

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

20 DAVID: Good.

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

23 DAVID: Well, I mean our, our only position
24 is is like I say, you know, it's -- people seem to
25 misunderstand my, my podium when it comes to my

1 religion. They don't understand what it is. And
2 I've, I've simply, I've simply offered two avenues
3 whereby this could be resolved without God answering
4 me. And that is, first of all, if you could take away
5 the foundation from these people, the foundation they
6 stand on being that no one can reveal the seals but
7 the lamb. Do you understand that?

7 JOHN: Yeah.

8 DAVID: That's our first position.
9 Scripture tells us very clearly that no one but the
10 lamb can reveal these seals.

11 JOHN: I understand that. I understand
12 that.

12 DAVID: Now, that becomes --

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

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

22 JOHN: Uh-uh.

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

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

17 DAVID: Right. Well, --

18 JOHN: But on the same -- in the same thing,
19 that being set aside for a moment, I think that as far
20 as you and I go and you and I can move forward with
21 some of the little problems that we have and that's
22 aside from them working on, on the research which I
23 know they are doing this very moment. But my side of
24 the thing, me personally, is that you can understand --
25 you, you have the perfect chain of command. It's you

1 and Steve and you get things done. We don't have the
2 perfect chain of command here. There's an awful lot
3 of folks, including way back on the east coast. So,
4 if you and I, I think, can show some personal progress
5 today, I think it would go a long way in, in not only
6 helping these guys do their research but just the
7 whole impetus of things moving forward.

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

10 JOHN: Okay.

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

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

16 DAVID: Okay. Steve, --

17 JOHN: Yeah.

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

20 JOHN: Sure.

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

23 JOHN: Okay. Let me make a proposal to you
24 and I think you know what it is. You're a very, very
25 bright man and a very charismatic man, I may -- might

1 add. I was extremely impressed with your, your
2 personal viewpoints last night. And you're, you're a
3 very moving individual. I mean that's a straight
4 fact. Your, your ministry, to be quite candid, you
5 know, has, has a lot going for it in the sense of your
6 charisma. You're a very charismatic guy. But let me,
7 let me say this, let me suggest this to you. You know
8 what I'm going to say before I say it. I'm not going
9 to let it be any surprise. How about if when we send
10 in the tape you send in the tape with somebody from in
11 there? That would be a great boom for us to move
12 forward.

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

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

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

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

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

2 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

9 JOHN: Well, we --

10 DAVID: We're talking about a reality --

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

12 DAVID: Okay, supreme being.

13 JOHN: Okay.

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

18 JOHN: Uh-huh.

19 DAVID: Okay. So, so, that's the general
20 acceptance of all religions under his name, under
21 Christ, be it the Catholic all the way down to what
22 other organization that believes in his name. So, you
23 know, naturally a person in the world is gonna be

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1 committed to serving Christ first and then the other
2 power secondarily, right?

3 JOHN: No question, no question about it.

4 DAVID: Okay.

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

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

16 JOHN: I see.

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

19 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

23 JOHN: Uh-huh.

24 DAVID: And the thing of it was is that, you
25 know, when she came here a couple of years ago, we

1 assisted her and helped her out of her -- out of her
2 problem. She was going to town for a while to -- what
3 was that program, Steve? McClinan County College.
4 Anyway, and she, and she had to quit that because
5 everybody that was going to that was in drugs. And
6 that's one of the main things and her weaknesses that
7 she was involved in at that time. Now, she naturally
8 has the slow slur empathetic type of speech. And what
9 she was trying to tell you was is that she wanted to
10 talk to her brother. You know, she loves her brother.
11 And she kept referring back to the fact that from
12 what she's seen thus far, she doesn't yet quite have
13 enough trust in you, the system, just to hurl herself
14 out of here into your hands.

15 JOHN: I understand.

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

21 JOHN: I appreciate that and that's --

22 DAVID: It's --

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

25 DAVID: But you can -- but you can talk to

1 her and her children anytime you want.

2 JOHN: Okay.

3 DAVID: Nobody --

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

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

8 JOHN: I stand cor --

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

12 JOHN: Okay.

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

16 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

21 JOHN: Okay.

22 DAVID: Whereas the prophetic writers in
23 writing of these subjects which they foresaw an event
24 of the latter days, they give you the details. And,
25 so, that's why when I try to present these subjects

1 in, in simplicity, you know, I'll ask, I'll ask the
2 negotiators, those who are willing to bear with me, to
3 simply show me where these symbols of the white horse,
4 red horse, black horse, toe horse, those of the alter
5 and so forth are found in the prophetic subject
6 matter, of which so far they failed to do.

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

11 DAVID: Would you like to talk to her again?

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

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

22 DAVID: You're asking us, John, to violate
23 our God-given conscience at the present time to adhere
24 to what your desiring us to do. Now, you see, you
25 keep pushing us and pushing us in an area to where

1 we've already told you, it's not our desire to die
2 here.

3 JOHN: No, no, I appreciate that.

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

8 JOHN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

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

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

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

19 JOHN: No, no, no.

20 DAVID: The, the affect which is highly
21 misinterpreted of our situation is being presented.
22 You know, David Koresh, the fanatic. David Koresh,
23 the, the -- what, what's, what's the statement they're
24 saying over there on the T.V.? Antagonist. David
25 Koresh, the -- anyway, --

1 JOHN: No --

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

3 - JOHN: Uh-huh.

4 DAVID: -- around the world right now.

5 JOHN: That's -- well, but you do have a lot
6 of people saying, what is this guy about? So, in a
7 sense that is -- additionally, we have demonstrators.

8 There's pictures on the front page of the
9 demonstrators that are 100 percent in your favor,
10 saying the right to bear arms should be maintained and
11 things like this. And that's all -- you know --

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

14 JOHN: Absolutely.

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

18 JOHN: Unquestionably. There's, there's
19 absolutely no argument about this. You know, like I
20 told Steven, I may have mentioned it to you, let's
21 face it, the government has a big case, a big problem
22 with this case. There's an awful lot of sympathy for
23 you, for the deceased individuals, the -- and a lot of
24 anger at ATF in, in all parts of the country. And
25 it's -- you know about the NRA as well as I do. It is

1 the strongest lobby in Washington, D.C. So, there's a
2 lot of emotion running high for you. I mean you've
3 got a lot going for you. And it would help us in
4 dealing with the people on the east coast if we could
5 say, hey, this guy has a message to get out as far as
6 what happened to him and he's a reasonable man and
7 he's helping us to deal with it. That's all I'm
8 saying. That's all I'm saying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 DAVID: Look, anytime --

10 JOHN: Material witnesses --

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

15 JOHN: Well, --

16 DAVID: I mean be honest with me, John.

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

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

23 JOHN: Well, under the federal system, when
24 you put up the money, you put up 10 percent. They
25 don't -- the federal system doesn't use bail bondsman.

1 So, you put up 10 percent of the money. You make
2 your appearances and the money is returned to you.
3 That I know for a fact because I can speak for the
4 federal system.

5 DAVID: Which means they've been arrested.

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

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

12 JOHN: Yeah, I know.

13 DAVID: -- reality, let's --

14 JOHN: Let's talk about reality.

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

17 JOHN: I've got the tape, yeah.

18 DAVID: And you don't want to --

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

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

23 JOHN: Well, why not? Absolutely.

24 DAVID: -- unless someone goes with it,
25 though.

1 JOHN: No, no, no, no, that's not --

2 DAVID: That's --

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

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