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MAX: -- already and then so much on the line right now and not be in your heart and mind totally committed to it.

STEVE: I wouldn't say that it was a lack of commitment. It's more like I said again it's, it's --

MAX: I can believe --

STEVE: -- I think, I think there's a wisdom in, in evaluating day by day and looking over and, and going on from there.

MAX: Well, how has your evaluation of this situation changed from, you know, this week I mean this, today, right now until this day 3 weeks ago.

STEVE: Well, Max, I will tell you this of course. You know I -- just think what, what would have it been like if say these agents would have come to the door, knocked at the door like, like Robert Gonzales and said now David, we want you to come with us. I swear I know these people. I know him. Nothing ever, nothing -- he would have -- I swear he would have gone. I mean that.

I just -- it's so beyond me, Max, that that agency did what they did. I'm glad it was not yours. I'm glad that the FBI was not involved in such a thing like that. I can't imagine they would have ever
been so inept or so lacking with wisdom and common
sense to do such a thing. It just -- it blows my mind
away.

It's so hard for me to fathom that such --
I'm telling you, I mean the way it came about I mean
right down to Gonzales and, and every move thereafter.
There was such a disregard of human life, children.
I mean they riddled walls where they didn't even know
where children and women were. And, and
(indiscernible) -- there were so many that were missed
by a fraction of an inch. You'll see that. By coming
into this building you'll see how -- I mean there
should have been 10, 20 people dead here for positive.

MAX: Okay. That, that can be investigated.
That can be explored. As --

STEVE: What do you think of --

MAX: -- as David said himself on the tape
the other day there needs to be some facts found and
some resolutions made. I forget his exact phrase.

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: But he says, you know, this needs to
be looked into.

STEVE: Max, well, what do you think of
something like that?

MAX: And to -- for something like that --
STEVE: Honestly, what --

MAX: Steve, I'll tell you what you think about it today --

STEVE: In all your --

MAX: -- doesn't matter too much. And I'll tell you what I think about it today really doesn't matter too much. It's what the evidence and what the courts and the media and the public weighs it out to be worth. That's what this whole country is about is that type of system.

STEVE: Have you ever heard anything happening quite like that, though, Max? I mean in all your years of service to your --

MAX: No, I haven't. I have never had a 2-week, week and a half like this in my entire life. I never thought I would ever find myself seeing or hearing or saying some of the things or hearing some of the things I'm, I'm seeing and hearing in --

STEVE: Why, why didn't they ever grab --

MAX: It is so strange.

STEVE: -- Max, why didn't they ever grab him up when he was jogging?

MAX: Listen.

STEVE: Do you know that him and I had just --

STEVE: I mean but what --

MAX: The only why is why --

STEVE: Yeah, but why aren't these --

MAX: -- don't you come out?

STEVE: -- see, but hey, but a current issue is as you would have to agree the men that were -- who was behind having such a thing done? How come they came firing weapons? Why?

And I will tell you again just for their benefit, for the ATF, nobody tipped us off. Perry Jones, the guy that got shot in the doorway. He told me that he happened to be looking out a window and saw one of the vehicles that were across the street that lived with Robert he was down at the bluish water tank, that greenish water tank. And as soon as Robert walked out our front door, he had his alarm go off, the first time he ever did. It was a strange, weird thing, Max.

MAX: I know --

STEVE: And all of a sudden this car I -- he saw the car over by the tank drive back to the house.
How weird. Is that not a strange thing?

MAX: Everything is going on around here is strange.

STEVE: So see this is what --

MAX: And --

STEVE: -- this is why they all became suspicious. Well, what's going on here? And then one thing led to another and finally I mean this is why nobody there -- I mean there were people around here still not knowing what's going on. All of a sudden people are looking out the window seeing a couple of cattle trucks or whatever they call them driving so rapidly into the driveway. I'm talking about at quite a rapid speed over that bumpy dirt road there.

And pretty soon, you know, it opens up. Guys are running to the front door with their guns pointed and screaming and yelling, and nobody could make out what was being said. And Perry he got -- he had no guns on him, no anything. He was standing right there. Right by David. Right behind him.

MAX: How are things like this usually resolved, Steve, in this world? Disputes.

STEVE: I don't -- I tell you what. In --

MAX: Accusations. Improprieties.

STEVE: -- in a weird situation like this --
MAX: How do we, how do we usually resolve these things?

STEVE: Well, it's a terrifying thing to think that some agents, some arm of the government would ever do such a thing and actually kill people --

MAX: How do we ultimately resolve conflicts in this society, Steve?

STEVE: They're all afraid --

MAX: What is the process?

STEVE: -- of course, you know. It's afraid of the guarantee that one will make it through such a thing even.

MAX: What is the process? Tried and proven.

STEVE: It would sure seem like --

MAX: Tried and true. Sworn and upheld --

STEVE: -- everybody here is going to number one be arrested. Everybody will be jailed.

MAX: What's the system?

STEVE: Everybody -- their mouths will be shot and stopped --


STEVE: I hope so.
MAX: Openness.

STEVE: Well, this is why the communication here still --

MAX: Are you exhibiting openness? Are you presenting your evidence to the world? Are you coming out and --

STEVE: You know I haven't been able to.

MAX: -- and confronting your accusers?

STEVE: I mean the way -- you know, there are -- what, what's the, what's the ATF's, the man, the spokesperson that speaks, Bob Ricks usually. He has got gray hair combed back, glasses. A Dan I guess?

MAX: I don't know.

STEVE: I think his name is Dan. But the -- some of the ways he answers. I mean it's like they're totally Scott-free. He's talking about homicide --

MAX: You know why? Because there's no one to confront him.

STEVE: He's talking about homicide on our part and --

MAX: There's nobody to confront him.

STEVE: -- and here the, the man --

MAX: Right or wrong, he has nobody to oppose him. He can say right, or he can say wrong.
And there's no other side to be heard. Where is it? Where's that other side?

STEVE: We're working on it.

MAX: You're sitting right there on your duff.

STEVE: Not so. I'm --

MAX: And you're saying I won't come out. I won't come out.

STEVE: -- I'm working -- every day, every day I'm talking. Every day I'm talking and discussing the issues with these people trying to get them to do exactly what they choose to do. What more can a --

MAX: Those people in there aren't going to --

STEVE: -- what more can a human being do?

MAX: Those people in there aren't going to investigate ATF. They're not going to present your evidence in court. You have to.

STEVE: Well, you know that I will.

MAX: It calls for a confrontation of accusers and accused. And the court is not coming in there to you. Because the last time somebody tried there was a problem. So you've got to come out.

STEVE: The last time -- they didn't try. That's the whole point. They did not try, Max.
MAX: Well, try this time. You guys try. And try to come out here and, and do what the system calls for.

STEVE: That's what --

MAX: Try to resolve this --

STEVE: Well --

MAX: -- dispute in the way that is traditionally done in this --

STEVE: That's what we're aiming at.

MAX: -- in this world and in this country.

STEVE: That's what we're aiming at right now.

MAX: Nobody sees it that way. You're losing any little bit of --

STEVE: Didn't --

MAX: -- credibility you have, Steve.

STEVE: Remember, remember what David said today? No, I guess it was with John that he was speaking. He says give us just a little room yet. Let these people think the issues over. Because like he said Tuesday of last week --

MAX: The evidence is growing stale. If you're going to make a case of your complaint, you've got to come out and give and present evidence in a timely fashion.
STEVE: He, he agrees himself. And that's what's going to happen. That is what's going to happen.

MAX: We got two issues here.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: We got two issues. One is the judicial system. Confronting the, the accused, accusing the, the assault --

STEVE: Right.

MAX: -- whatever you want -- but there has to be a confrontation made. The system calls for that. That's one issue. And the other issue that you're trying to cross the line with here is the safety of the people.

STEVE: Correct.

MAX: Okay?

STEVE: Correct.

MAX: So, so it's two different -- let's separate them if we can and talk about them individually. The people come out to safety. The system, i.e., part of the same system guarantees their safety, and the media helps guarantee their safety. And everybody -- the world has their eyes on this place. Nobody's --

STEVE: Somebody -- by the way someone
just --

MAX: -- going to be abused no way.

STEVE: Someone --

MAX: Then after that --

STEVE: Just a minute. Just a minute.

MAX: -- the safety issue has been resolved, the judicial process takes over.

STEVE: Someone just lit a -- someone went and lit off a firecracker. I've got to get mad. I'm mad. Just --

MAX: What?

STEVE: Yeah, I just heard a firecracker go off.

MAX: Are you sure it was a firecracker?

STEVE: Yes. They -- there was a box of them.

MAX: Huh?

STEVE: Yeah. There was a box that --

MAX: Steve, we -- that's dangerous.

STEVE: I know it is.

MAX: That's extremely dangerous.

STEVE: It's those little --

MAX: Do you know what could happen in a situation like that?

STEVE: I realize. That's why I'm going to
have to in just a moment here go down there and see --

MAX: Check -- are you sure it was a firecracker?

STEVE: Yeah, because there -- they found a --

MAX: Was it loud enough that somebody on the outside heard it?

STEVE: It was a, it was a box of those little 1 inch, you know those black caps --

MAX: More than one?

STEVE: Huh?

MAX: More than one?

STEVE: No, just one. Somebody -- one of the kids got a hold of it apparently.

MAX: Stay on the line.

STEVE: I will.

MAX: Don't hang up.

STEVE: I will. I'm, I'm on the line.

MAX: This, this is critical now.

STEVE: I'm on the line. Who left those -- who found that box in the first place and left it where they could get their hands on it? Good Lord.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Startled me.

STEVE: This -- somebody's going to get a good hard spanking there. I mean obviously no one's
allowed --

MAX: Oh, boy.

STEVE: -- to play with matches in the first place.

MAX: Ooh. We're all right, huh?

STEVE: Someone found -- back about 2 years ago they had bought, somebody from the fireworks days bought some of those small, little firecrackers, and they were stuck underneath the bleachers. And I guess somebody went and pulled them out. And they had been full of dust and --

MAX: (Laughing.) Well, I'm --

STEVE: It's the 7 -- it was an 8-year-old that did it. Or no, 9 years old he is.

MAX: You, you know what could have been misconstrued or what --

STEVE: Why isn't he in bed by the way?

MAX: -- could have happened in that situation.

STEVE: He's, he's already in the process --

MAX: We've, we've gotten the word to our --

STEVE: He's getting, he's --

MAX: -- we've gotten the word to our people.

STEVE: He's going to get a --
MAX: And everything's okay.

STEVE: He's in the process of getting a spanking here. (Unidentified voice in background not discernible.)

MAX: (Laughing.) Poor lad.

STEVE: Here's Mayanah. Mayanah, what are you doing up, sweetie, huh? What are you doing up?

MAYANAH: Who did that?

STEVE: Oh, your little, your friend. He's going to be getting a spanking. Shouldn't be playing around with those things. He knows that he's not to play with matches.

MAX: Well, we've got it settled with our --

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: -- our people that might have heard too so --

STEVE: Yeah, okay. That's good.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: Oh, man, I can't --

MAX: (Laughing.)

STEVE: -- these kids are --

MAX: I'll bet --

STEVE: These kids --

MAX: -- bet you tightened up on that one, didn't you, Steve?
STEVE: Oh, it scared the heck out of him, yeah, the kid that lit it.

MAX: (Laughing.) I'm glad I wasn't --

STEVE: Oh, it was probably a good -- huh?

MAX: Glad I wasn't there to hear that one.

STEVE: Oh, yeah. They had -- believe me. He's already -- he's probably got a good, a good five good whacks to the rear-end. Oh, man. It startled the heck out of me.

MAX: (Laughing.) I'll bet it did.

STEVE: Man.

MAX: Steve, why hasn't anybody come out in 3 days now? In the beginning, it was a show of good faith every day. A regular pattern of hey, I want to get this resolved. Hey, I want -- some people are coming to safety. And then man, it was just --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Mayanah.

MAX: -- like an ax had been taken to the hose or something and --

STEVE: I --

MAX: -- nobody came out.

STEVE: I don't know. Well, you know, he's been -- I don't know. It's kind of strange. But he's been on the sick side. And it seemed like he was recovering. And now it's, it's like I don't know.
MAX: He hasn't been sick for 3 days. I've seen him up and --

STEVE: Yeah, he --

MAX: -- down again in those 3 days.

STEVE: Well, he was feeling -- and then all of -- I don't know if he's trying to push it too fast or too hard. It did make me wonder. You know, it's like he wants to be well. I think he'd like to walk out of here on his own strength.

And I know he, he told me again today he says, Steve, man. He says this waiting. It gets to me also. And he said I want word from God so badly. And that was one of the things he did tell me today. And I says yeah, I know.

MAX: Did it sound like he might walk out of there if that was the option?

STEVE: Well, he would sure like to.

MAX: I mean is he waiting to heal enough that he can walk out of there proud?

STEVE: I, I think he would like --

MAX: He could stand and lead the group?

STEVE: He is -- you know, he is walking to a small degree right now.

MAX: Well, gee, if it's --

STEVE: So --
MAX: -- I wish it would be something as simple as, as pride, that he wants to lead.

STEVE: Well, he does. I --

MAX: And you can help him. You --

STEVE: With that John that he was -- see, I can't remember who he was -- see, I was in and out of here a lot. But I think it was John he was talking to that he, he was talking about coming out with the people and, and that he says just give us a little time yet. That's what he says. He says --

MAX: Well, you know, looking back on it I see, you know, him initially fulfilling his agreement to come out immediately after the, the hour-long tape was played --

STEVE: Um-hum. Right. Right.

MAX: -- on the radio. And, and I can visualize him being carried down to be with the children --

STEVE: Right.

MAX: -- on the stretcher and that that wouldn't be in, in line or a proper depiction of his role --

STEVE: But he actually was willing and was -- he was going to do that. I mean that. He really was. There --
MAX: Now that he can walk, you think our chances are better that, that he does need that upright and leadership image.

STEVE: I wished I could tell you yes. But I, I still think it has to do with him hearing that voice that says what to do or whatever. Because I mean even the concern in his face today when he looked at me and he said what's going on? I want to know myself. He says I'm praying. I'm asking. I'm not hearing anything. And that's what he said today.

You know, to you that would sound so weird, off the wall and unusual, of course. I mean and I don't blame you. But you know, that's the way it's always been is like that.

So he's even right now praying I think in the other room. He was earlier. I mean about 2 or 3 hours ago, it was somewhere around there. He had his Bible. He was looking at the Bible. And he, he wanted privacy. And so I just peeked in on him once there, and he was still reading. Then I noticed he fell asleep.

And he had been complaining to me about not feeling well at all, that he was definitely his, his insides were bothering him along with a headache. And that's the first time he complained in that manner
about having any real pains like he was.

So that's what I'm hoping that with a good night's rest that maybe 9, 10 in the morning I want to sit down and really spend some time with him and see what he wants to do from here or if there's anything, any news or whatever else.

MAX: Okay. I would like to, to ask you again to, oh, increase the visionary process or help in this preparation. And that is with the judicial process. You keep saying a lot of things prefacing it with you might not understand.

STEVE: Um-hum.

MAX: So let me preface this with you might not understand but would you believe or would you go along with it anyway. Look up some of the judicial process. Get with Wayne and find out just what should happen in the system from here.

STEVE: I'll try to do that. I'll try to see what we have here for reference books and --

MAX: And, and enlighten and discuss it openly with David just in case that's the way the vision leads him. He needs to know.

STEVE: Sure, I'll do that.

MAX: He needs to know what the process will be. If the Sheriff Hartman --
STEVE: He does like these guys. I'm serious. I mean just like this summer when I think the man's name Johnny Leondo (phonetic sp.) and there was another one that came. And he'd have sat down with them. He went down into town by the way, Max.

MAX: Well, my continuation of my sentence.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: If, if Harwell, Sheriff Harwell could be of assistance in helping him answer questions --

STEVE: He may be by the way.

MAX: -- or maybe, you know, he could put some oil on the water for him.

STEVE: That's -- this is true.

MAX: Since they go back so long ways, maybe he could help spread the oil on the water. And the --

STEVE: That could be.

MAX: -- two of those together could answer any questions he might have if the vision leads him in that direction.

STEVE: Right.

MAX: And then third thing. That's two. Third thing I wish you'd kind of tag on your sleeve there is the, the funeral. Let us know --

STEVE: Right.

MAX: -- if there's going to be any
activity --

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: -- on, on account of that and when and how that needs to take place.

STEVE: All right.

MAX: And just any other thing that you can help us with in using your influence to get things moving in there.

STEVE: Well --

MAX: We have got to show some something out here, or there's going to be more incidents like we had earlier this evening when we're going to be out of control.

STEVE: Do you know that I was resigned and thought and was -- I thought it was all over a week ago too. I my mind I thought well, it's finally done. We're walking out. It's all over. Everybody here thought that. Not maybe. Not, not anything. Everybody thought it was over. It's like you take a deep breath. You breathe a sigh of relief. Walk out that door. I mean that's -- you know, from that time on it's been like, of course, everybody's been blown away by it.

MAX: Well, from that time on we haven't received any positive reinforcement that we're doing
the right thing.

STEVE: Well, you really have if you really think about it. You know --

MAX: No.

STEVE: -- it did slow down over the weekend. But of course, he's not wanted to lose communication. Because well, number one, he's not kidding when he says he likes you people in the first place.

MAX: Well, liking --

STEVE: He knows you've got a job to do. And he wants to work with you. He wishes that his God would hurry up and give him an answer or at least show him something. He was ready to leave a week ago Tuesday and he wants to -- he told me again today I want to pick up on that. I want to do it and be done. And that's what he said today. And he said where's my God? Why hasn't he spoken to me? Why hasn't he showed me something?

MAX: The last confirmation that we out here have that you want to see this resolved without further problems --

STEVE: Are you thinking about Heather as someone coming --

MAX: -- (indiscernible) 4 days -- Heather,
pardon me, was the last one.

STEVE: And then what about --

MAX: And since then we have received no positive confirmation --

STEVE: Well, at least he --

MAX: -- that we're doing the right thing and to make him show our --

STEVE: He's wanted to at least show you, he's wanted to at least show you the people, the faces, the names and --

MAX: Yes, yes.

STEVE: -- show who's here, what they think, what they want to do and --

MAX: Well, please continue in that vein and --

STEVE: Well, that's what we're doing. That's --

MAX: -- and --

STEVE: -- what we're going to do. That's why --

MAX: -- give us something that we can take in to our commanders and sit in front of them and say look, this is what we have. This is all worth it because of this. And --

STEVE: Well, that's why like tomorrow, you
know, I'm going to, of course, take the camera again. And we're going to start working on just seeing who else and what else we can all film and, and what, you know, what we can accomplish.

MAX: One of those people that would best be an example would be an adult and I think Judy. And I think that would do, give you so much more peace of mind and freedom. You know, David knows that she is the most, right now the most deserving and the most needy. And whether she wants to or not, whether she -- you all know what is best for her.

And that would -- if we could stand her up in front of our bosses with her injury and see that she gets medical care and say look, guys. Look, bosses. Look, tank drivers. This is what we're working for. This is what we got. Because we --

STEVE: I realize what you're saying, Max --

MAX: -- went for 4 days without --

STEVE: She would -- but she would never trust me if I tried to coerce her against what her will is. Did you get to hear her on the tape?

MAX: Yes, I heard.

STEVE: See, that had nothing to do with me. I didn't tell her what to say ahead of time. I didn't even know what she was all going to say. I
really didn't. What some of these, what some of these people they'd say to me ask us a few questions. And I says well, what kind of questions? I'll ask anything you want. Just because, you know, it's funny how people get in front of a camera.

    MAX: Um-hum. Oh, I --

    STEVE: And so I says what would you like me to ask? And so I jotted a few things down. And some wanted different things asked or some might -- like of course, Kathy Schroeder forgot what she wanted to say.

    MAX: (Laughing.)

    STEVE: And then she kind of lost her composure. And she said can I come back on and say something? I didn't even then know what she was going to say. So I knew that you guys having the experience you have with emotions and all the rest that you take things in the context as they are. So you know, I left the tape as it was.

    And a couple of them, of course, as you could see the tape was stopped a couple of times. Because some just sat there blank.

    MAX: Yeah.

    STEVE: So I had to stop there. Or they'd just sit there not knowing what to say next, so I stopped the tape, backed up, and let them go again.
MAX: Yeah, that's all right.

STEVE: Yeah. So that's basically what happened. And tomorrow we're going to pick up on that again. And there's going to be this time a lot of guys that are going to get on and --

MAX: Well, our, our people out here, the ones that we respond to and plead with, are looking for, for people brought to safety. You know, we can rent videos at the corner store. Lives are hanging in the balance here, and that's what we'd like to, to sit before them if we could.

STEVE: But you know, never forget that there's nothing I could do if your commandos ever wanted to come in on the building, there would be nothing I could do. I mean these people, it would probably get them to stay all the more in honesty. So you know, this is why I like talking the way we are. Because --

MAX: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- if anything then they start seeing a trust develop. They see something happening. And little by little, the guard comes down.

But when there's this -- I mean it never helps when the phone calls come and they see these -- I mean the tanks. They see these, the troop movement
right outside the window. They see all sorts of
strange things going on. Then they get leery again
about trusting the government.

    So I'm telling them well wait, now wait.
Now don't, don't be hasty. Don't, don't come to any
quick conclusions. But I mean you got to, you got to
acknowledge yourself, you know, there's a lot of
strange things happening all at one time. In one half
we're talking to you. You people seem to be calm at
times. It seems to be logical what you're offering
and what you're showing. On the other hand, they see
something totally sometimes that isn't even under your
control, things that you don't even know about that
are going on outside the windows.

    MAX: True. True.

    STEVE: So see, this is where they get
leery. It's like you don't have your hand on top of
the situation. So, you know, once -- like today,
those were the kind of questions they were hitting me
with --

    MAX: Well, that works a little bit both
ways, Steve, you know.

    STEVE: Oh, yeah.

    MAX: The pipes out the window and the
firecrackers. We don't always have control --
STEVE: But what, but what pipes --
MAX: -- and neither do you. We'll take 50 percent of the blame if you'll take 50 percent.
STEVE: Yeah, the firecracker, yes. You know, I heard and saw what happened there.
MAX: Yes.
STEVE: But the pipe I -- to this moment I, I don't have an --
MAX: Oh, just an example.
STEVE: Huh?
MAX: Just an example.
STEVE: I know. But I'd still like to know how on earth that could have ever been.
MAX: It doesn't matter. Just like the firecracker doesn't matter.
STEVE: Or that balaclava thing that was --
MAX: (Laughing.) Yeah.
STEVE: At least I was educated with a new word.
MAX: Yeah.
STEVE: I'd never heard that before.
MAX: Well, see you might be seeing and hearing more from those, those kind of things if we don't get something moving along here. We all have to learn a new language.
STEVE: Well, I guess so.

MAX: Give us something to work with. Give us something to, to show that we're doing the right thing.

STEVE: Well, you know, you and I talked about a number of things --

MAX: Even to the --

STEVE: -- that I'm going to be doing in the morning. I'm going to be talking with Wayne.

MAX: Yeah.

STEVE: I'm going to take a look at some legalistic reference books. I'm going to be filming, I mean I'm going to -- if David can come around, and he's not so sick with a headache which hopefully he won't be --

MAX: Yeah.

STEVE: -- I'll be talking to him right away. Give me until about maybe 9 or 10 though. I mean here it is already, you know, for me it's already quarter after 1. And I've got to still go see what happened with this child lighting the, the firecracker there.

MAX: Oh, you're not the one that has to give the spanking, are you?

STEVE: Oh, no, no. It's usually --
MAX: Oh, okay.

STEVE: -- it will be the mother or the father. They'll take a small wooden spoon and, and --

MAX: (Laughing.)

STEVE: -- five good whacks on the rear-end doesn't hurt anybody.

MAX: All right.

STEVE: Contrary to what Marc Breault says about beating and whippings. That never ever -- I mean these, I mean these parents they hugged -- right after spanking them they give them a good hug and a kiss. And they never use their hands --

MAX: I didn't judge. I didn't judge.

STEVE: Pardon?

MAX: I didn't judge on that statement.

STEVE: I believe you.

MAX: No, no need to explain.

STEVE: I do believe you. I believe you.

MAX: Don't need to explain that one.

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: Just if you can --

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: -- as I say the judicial --

STEVE: Well, you know I'm going to be working on it. You know that.
MAX: Judicial information. See if, if the Sheriff can be a further --

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: -- result or further --

STEVE: I'll talk --

MAX: -- help in answering those questions.

STEVE: Right. I'll be talking --

MAX: Set us -- tell us what's going to happen with the funerals. And always keep in mind, Steve, that you have the power, you have the ability, you have the, the charisma and the credibility to do something that can bring the end of this to a successful conclusion. And I wish you'd just always keep in mind how you might be able to do that. And if something positive comes in mind, run it by us, run it by David. And let's see if it won't work. But --

STEVE: Oh, I will do that for sure.

MAX: -- we need some credibility. I can't say that enough. We need justification --

STEVE: I'd give anything --

MAX: -- to keep doing what we're doing and not change tactics.

STEVE: I'd give anything if he'd, he'd give us an answer himself in regards to, you know, like this, this waiting thing.
MAX: Just -- it doesn't have to be the total answer, Steve. But it does have to be something. And it has to be something soon.

STEVE: Well, we're talking to --

MAX: To keep us going in the track we're on.

STEVE: Yeah, we'll be talking tomorrow. So who's going to be calling then tomorrow?

MAX: I don't know who the day shift is going to be.

STEVE: Okay. Tell them no sooner than 9 then.

MAX: It will be somebody probably that you know or --

STEVE: I'm going to get --

MAX: -- you will know pretty soon. You're, you're a very easy person to talk to. You drift from one of us to the next just smooth as silk. And that's, that's one of the things that people say about you is you have a way of talking and --

STEVE: Well, you know --

MAX: -- can understand and talk to people easily. And I've sure found that to be true.

STEVE: Well, you guys are, are, you know, you're down to earth. You're a professional, of
course. And you've been around humanity, different human beings, all sorts of situations. And I know, I mean I, I detect the flattery and so forth and, and, you know, everybody --

MAX: I'll --

STEVE: -- you've got to --

MAX: I'll use --

STEVE: -- you've got to do what you've got to do.

MAX: -- almost any, any talent I have to get this --

STEVE: I realize that.

MAX: -- brought to a successful conclusion.

STEVE: I realize that, Max. And that's why I don't take anything from you for that. I know you're doing your best. You're trying so --

MAX: Well, you said you'd be doing some of the same things. So I'm glad to hear you admitting that.

STEVE: Oh, yeah. Well, you know, I'm going --

MAX: That you care that much.

STEVE: -- to. So tomorrow, tomorrow will be a new day. And we'll strike out and see what can be worked out. So just leave a, leave a note there.
Try to -- to tell you the truth, I've been developing a little bit of a headache here, so --

MAX: Um-hum.

STEVE: A lot of pressure, stress, you know, day by day working with these people, trying to see if we can get this thing resolved and --

MAX: We must have something positive.

We've got to have something --

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: -- to sit in chair --

STEVE: Well, let, let me --

MAX: -- before the bosses and say look, boss --

STEVE: -- let me get a good night's rest --

MAX: -- it's worth it.

STEVE: Let me get a good night's rest, wake up in the morning and go to it.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: And I'll be talking to you a little later then.

MAX: Thanks a lot.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: It's been, it's been a very productive evening.

STEVE: I hope so.
MAX: And I've, and I've enjoyed talking with you, Steve.

STEVE: Same here.

MAX: Good morning.

STEVE: Okay. Good morning, Max.

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STEVE: Hello? Hello?

JOHN: Steve?

STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Hello, Steve?

STEVE: Yes.

JOHN: How you doing?

STEVE: Well, I -- let's see. Who is this, John?

JOHN: John.

STEVE: Pardon?

JOHN: John.

STEVE: Okay. How am I doing?

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: Well, when I went to bed last night, it seemed like we were making some leaps and bounds. But today it's just the opposite again.

JOHN: I thought we were too. And just like I told David, nothing happened yesterday as far as visibly seeing something that the commanders could
relate to. And even though you and I --

STEVE: So --

JOHN: -- even though you and I made some
progress and I, I think especially you and I and David
together made some progress, the bottom line to them
is different than the bottom line with you and me
and --

STEVE: I see.

JOHN: That's what I was trying to tell
David yesterday is that I really needed to go to the
commanders last night and say look, David and Steve
and I are working --

STEVE: Well, let me talk. I mean I'll be
honest with you, John. I'm just about not even
interested in anything you've got to say today in
honesty.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: I'm going to tell you, out there
they're digging up trenches. They're digging up the
property. They've turned out the electricity. I'm --

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: -- I tell you what. I think that
this world needs to understand and know who God is.
And I think that's going to be happening very shortly.

JOHN: How do you mean?
STEVE: The, the -- how do I mean? We believe in that Book of Nahum.

JOHN: Um-hum.

STEVE: We believe you go ahead.

JOHN: Um-hum.

STEVE: Take these people out. Because they're ready. They're ready.

JOHN: How do you mean, how do you mean take them out?

STEVE: I'm talking about their lives, whatever you want. You dig down deeper and deeper. Cut out the electricity. You've sent out milk. Now the milk is souring. There's nothing that you do makes any sense. So you do what you feel you've got to do.

JOHN: Well --

STEVE: We're going to be cutting the lines off with you people. We're not going to be talking to you any longer. It doesn't work. We've talked to you. We have heard things. It's not according to what you've said from the beginning. So there's really no sense. So it's going to come down to you do what you've got to do. We'll do what we have to do. And let God sort it out.

JOHN: Well, let me tell --
STEVE: I, I know you don't believe in God.

JOHN: No, that's not true.

STEVE: One thing I do believe myself, you're going to see this world shake just like the prophets said. Your knees are going to smote. Mine aren't going to. Because I've been living a lifestyle for 6-1/2 years gaining an experience based upon total belief in that word. Everything that God says he's going to do and perform. The rest of the world, they have their, their beliefs and so forth. They'll have to do what they'll have to do. But as far as you and I are concerned, there's no sense in communicating anymore.

When, when I heard this morning that the electricity was cut off again I thought forget these guys. Forget it. I mean after all that time I spent with Max last night what was the -- what's the sense in it? There is no sense in it.

So if these tactical guys, whoever's in control, let them do what they've got to do. I just hope for your soul, for yourself that you won't when the time comes there won't be, the judgment won't be taken upon yourself. Because you did have opportunity to hear a guy that nobody can controvert. Say what you want to say. Get your big people in this world,
the scholars, the theologians. See what they can do and show you from that book.

JOHN: All right. Just run by me your, your predicament. What you're saying where we are.

STEVE: We're nowhere. We're nowhere at all. I'm, I'm thinking right from the very beginning, day one with Jim when we started the communication about being on the perimeter of the property. You and I both know these tanks are so large and all the rest that they, they could be 5 miles away, it doesn't make any difference.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: But to think they went contrary to the agreement that we had with, with you people and they start digging in. They've moved our motorcycles around. Somebody tells me they ran one over in the back there. They've, they've taunted us by sticking these cycles in front of their sandbags. They've, they've shown their asses to us. They've flipped us the finger.

This is not the America or the, the America that I see that the people have backed. This whole government, the corruption of it. You want these people to come out and surrender to this kind of nonsense?
JOHN: Okay. I tried very, very hard yesterday with David, maybe not so much with you, as to try to explain the predicament that I as a negotiator was in. We went in last night and said look. We're making some headway. And their position was -- when I say their position, I'm talking the commanders. The commanders position --

STEVE: Who -- John, who's in control here? Who -- what's the person? What agency, what human being over there has the final say. Ultimately somebody says no, we're not going to do it this way anymore or yes, we are. Who is it?

JOHN: It's a conglomeration of commanders from different --

STEVE: Commanders of what?

JOHN: Commanders.

STEVE: Are you talking about the military?

JOHN: Well, I don't know about the military per se. Don't -- we can't use military in an operation like that. That's called posse comitatus. So no, there's no military per se. But you got, you got our commanders from different offices. You got Washington.

STEVE: You mean to tell me you guys got --

JOHN: You got Justice Department.
STEVE: -- you mean, you mean to tell me FBI guys are actually they have the experience of being able to operate these tanks and military --

JOHN: Yeah. They were --

STEVE: -- vehicles.

JOHN: They were trained for 2 days. They were trained for 2 days. Which could explain, you know, some, perhaps some of the erratic movements of the tank. But they were trained. But no, you can't -- we can't use military. It's just against the law.

STEVE: Oh, that -- it's against the law for you to --

JOHN: Yes. It's called --

STEVE: It seems --

JOHN: -- it's called posse comitatus. And Wayne would know about that. You just use those words, posse comitatus, and Wayne will tell you that you can't use military. It's just --

STEVE: Well, it was against the Constitution to have some kind of a federal police force like yourself and the ATF and doing the kind of things they do. Rights, the rights of, of people have long eroded. And there's no question that yours are going to be eroding more and more. Everybody's are
going to be.

JOHN: Okay. Let me tell you what's going to happen this morning. We're going to -- the power will be coming back on -- I can't give you an exact moment but shortly. Within --

STEVE: Well, what, what kind of a game is this? Tell me, John. What are they doing?

JOHN: They turned it off last night. I don't know what time. I wasn't here. And they're turning it on --

STEVE: 2:30 I'm told.

JOHN: 2:30. Okay, 2:30. And they're going to turn it on this morning prior to the press conference so you can see that and view the press conference so that you know what's being said. I don't know of any plans to turn it off. That may very well happen again at 2, 3, 4 in the morning. I have no idea.

STEVE: Well, what's the reason for that?

JOHN: Hey. You, you got the wrong guy. We're, we're the negotiators. We're not the tactical guys. And that's what I was trying to explain here --

STEVE: Well, tell them if you're to do any kind of a job give the, give you some know as to what's going on.
JOHN: Okay. How long did it take to --

STEVE: I mean number one. Here's what -- I
mean it's such a one-way street between you and us.
It really is.

JOHN: Well, wait a minute.

STEVE: You, you guys call us in about
people looking out the window. You see a broomstick
you say or something protruding from the building.
You're all excited. And the lights last night. Do
you know that we've got these automatic lights that
come on if there is --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- dogs or anything moving around
outside? They've been on since day one. Yesterday I
think -- was it yourself?

JOHN: Well, wait --

STEVE: Or was it -- somebody, Max or you
called me all excited saying turn those off, or we're
going to turn the electricity off.

JOHN: I don't get too excited.

STEVE: It was Max that did that.

JOHN: Yeah, I don't get too excited.

STEVE: Called up saying turn those lights
off, or we'll turn them off for you.

JOHN: Well, Max --
STEVE: That was, that was the attitude. And I said to him you do what you've got to do. I mean you call me with a spirit and attitude like that, go ahead. Do what you've got to do. I mean if that's the way it's going to be after I mean one day you're trying to work this out with me. I'm trying everything I can do. Everything I can do.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: But I mean there's still people here that have -- they have their own minds, their own wills and choices. I can't go around telling them what to do or what they can't do. And they're -- they themselves are getting itchy. And it does not go very far with gaining any kind of a trust with and about you people. That's the thing I was trying to tell Max last night.

JOHN: Um-hum.

STEVE: I said it seemed like every time there we have about a day or so where it starts kind of calming down and people start doing some real -- that's what David tried to say yesterday. If you people would back off and leave these people just have a day or two or at least some time to think about what's going on, you might see some different choices.

JOHN: Okay. But how would you --
STEVE: But wait, let me tell you. But these kind of tactics of turning out the electricity, digging down and the things that they're doing, whether you're in control or not, I mean that causes these people to want to stay in here all the more. It doesn't make my job any easier. Max asked me to go talk to these people. I've been trying to get interviews. I've been trying to lay out the issues. Give the positive, the negatives. But it makes the job 10 times harder with all the things that you're doing on the outside.

JOHN: Let me say that I appreciate exactly what you're saying. But you got to understand over here this is -- you have a direct chain of command. And I put it like you on one end of a string with a can and David on the other. You have a real easy chain of command, because you go right to David. But by the same token, you've got to wait for David's word, and David's got to wait to hear the word from God.

I'm in the same situation. I've got to wait down this chain of command to hear what the commanders want done. So it's not an easy chain, and it's not an easy job over here.

Speaking about a one-way street, I know you
and I and David had excellent dialogue going yesterday. And I thought we were really going to get something resolved.

STEVE: I did, I did too, to be honest with you. I really did.

JOHN: So did I. So did I. And then when nothing happened, the commanders tell me well, you're not getting anything done.

STEVE: Nothing happened? They're saying --

JOHN: Nothing happened.

STEVE: -- weren't, weren't they communicating with Max? Number one we did the tapes. I was going to do another tape today. We were in the process of -- in fact, the things that were requested of me by Max I started doing this morning already.

JOHN: How's that going? We've, we've got one for you too of the kids.

STEVE: He asked me about the burial of Perry Jones. He asked me to check in the legalities of what's going on here, to look at the statutes and laws and to familiarize myself --

JOHN: Is the --

STEVE: -- with the procedure. He also asked me to speak with Wayne.

JOHN: Excuse me a second. Excuse me a
second.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: It's, it's on now, huh? Okay. Is, is the power on now?

STEVE: Is the which?

JOHN: Is the power on now?

STEVE: No, I don't -- is the --

JOHN: Could you check?

STEVE: -- power on right now? I don't believe it is. No. No, it's not.

JOHN: It should, it should be.

STEVE: It's not.

JOHN: They're telling us they turned it on. It's not on yet? Okay.

STEVE: No.

JOHN: I'm sorry. It will be coming on. Okay.

STEVE: Flip the switch right here so. No, just keep it on.

JOHN: Just keep it on. That way --

STEVE: Keep it on. There.

JOHN: -- that way you can see it when it comes on.

STEVE: I tell you the truth --

JOHN: Now (indiscernible) --
STEVE: -- it's a frustration to wake up to that knowledge after talking to Max and so forth. I really -- listen to the, the conversation. I really thought we would get somewhere. I was going to really make an attempt here like never before.

JOHN: Me too. Me too. And we -- I worked, I worked --

STEVE: I was going to go talk to these people.

JOHN: I worked very hard with David last night. And you know that. And, and I, I want to continue. But by the same token, you got to understand the situation that we're in here. You know, it's, it's not an easy situation. We are not the bosses. We are not the commanders.

STEVE: Who is? Give me -- tell me what departments are they -- I'm, I'm curious as to know who is.

JOHN: It goes all the way back to --

STEVE: Are you -- is the -- when you talk about commanders are you talking of the FBI?

JOHN: The FBI is overall control. But it includes the FBI as far as the East Coast also. I mean, Washington, D.C. You know, you've got things being relayed all, 1,000 or 1,500 miles back to D.C.
It's not a simple chain of command.

STEVE: So then it's, it's going all the way back to those guys by telephone.

JOHN: Telephone, fax, teletype, what we call secure fax. You know, it just --

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: -- it just goes on and on and on.

And then it gets routed --

STEVE: So the FBI, the commanders in the FBI that are basically in control here.

JOHN: It's the FBI that's -- yes. Yes.

Bottom line, yes. Doesn't mean --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- that's right now. Doesn't mean that we don't deal with a lot of other agencies.

STEVE: No, I, I --

JOHN: But yes. The answer --

STEVE: I'm sure.

JOHN: -- the answer is the FBI. Now to address the point about the bulldozers. Okay. They are building defensive positions. They are not taking any offensive action whatsoever. They are simply road moving, earth moving equipment. They don't have guns. They don't have --

STEVE: You see, you need to explain -- that
doesn't matter. Don't you understand, John --

   JOHN: It's your property.

   STEVE: Exactly.

   JOHN: Of course.

   STEVE: You're going contrary to what the FBI said back Sunday night through Jim and Gary. Both those men that we spoke to said the same thing. And it's never happened.

   JOHN: Let's be honest with each other.

   STEVE: What are they doing like with the motorcycles and all that kind of -- they're taunting and provoking. What is that all about? They could be picked off by these guys. Don't you realize that? You ask me not to have people doing, protruding things from the building and all that. Come on. How long do you expect me to hold these guys off? They're going to, they're going to take some of these guys out. They can do it. Believe me.

   JOHN: Well --

   STEVE: Do you understand that, John?

   JOHN: I understand what you're saying.

   STEVE: Stop, you know --

   JOHN: We don't --

   STEVE: -- stop having them provoke these people in the inside. First show some trust. Do some
things that, that we can work on and work together
with. Right now that's not going very far. They,
they keep on -- they'll report to me every minute as
to people running around, like 17 guys were counted
last night in the dark. They want to start -- that's
the kind of thing that makes them so itchy.

  JOHN:  Um-hum.

  STEVE:  And I'm saying no, hold it. Hold
it. Hold it. I mean they're not going to listen to
me much longer.

  JOHN:  Well, you know, the purpose that
we're looking at is for you, for Judy, for everyone,
Rachel, everyone to come out safely. That's our only
single --

  STEVE:  Well, had -- don't you think that's
what I've been working for since day one?

  JOHN:  Let me ask you a question. Are we on
a speaker phone, or are we on an extension?

  STEVE:  We're on an, we're on an extension
in fact.

  JOHN:  Who's listening?

  STEVE:  No speaker phone.

  JOHN:  Who's listening?

  STEVE:  Just myself. I'm the only one on
the phone.
JOHN: Nobody's on the extension.

STEVE: There's no extension. Excuse me.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: I didn't know what you meant.

But --

JOHN: Oh, an extension --

STEVE: -- this is a phone, this is a phone with a long line and no extension to it.

JOHN: But there's no speaker phone either.

STEVE: No.

JOHN: So nobody's listening to what you and I say.

STEVE: No one is.

JOHN: Okay. Fair enough. I just, I just sometimes wondered if somebody were listening. I saw your tape.

STEVE: If you requested it, I suppose that there was --

JOHN: No, no, no.

STEVE: -- a phone here that does have it.

I could --

JOHN: No, no.

STEVE: -- stick that on.

JOHN: No, your tape is excellent. Your tape is excellent and you're very fortunate. You have
a very, very beautiful woman for a wife. And I think that's, that's -- I envy you. Let me tell you. I think you're, you're a lucky guy. And I think it's the best interest of you, your wife and to be honest me, because I'm going to see everybody come out safely. I don't want to see anybody come out with any more injuries, any more gangrene or anything like that.

STEVE: But the whole thing is see, people have been changing their mind because of the events that have been happening recently. That's the whole thing. If it have only continued -- David I think it was yesterday. I think it was to you that he said you know, don't be so pushy. Give a little room for these people to, to give some thought to this to -- in a, in a calmness. And you -- I think --

JOHN: You're -- hey.

STEVE: -- you'd see a difference. I think some of them -- yeah.

JOHN: You know something? You're absolutely 100 percent correct. You are 100 percent right.

STEVE: I'm telling you, the guy does not control or -- he does, he does not tell anybody here what to do.
JOHN: I saw the tape. I saw the tape.

STEVE: Could you take, give a lie detector
test to those voices or whatever else and check it
out.

JOHN: Steve, let me ask you a personal
question.

STEVE: Yeah. Go ahead.

JOHN: What are you going to, what are you
going to do after this? What's your plans?

STEVE: I don't know. I mean what -- who
knows? Really, who knows?

JOHN: I mean are you --

STEVE: I'm not -- the question is what will
I be able to do.

JOHN: Well --

STEVE: I don't know what's going to be
happening. I can't see personally that there would be
any charges against me that would stick to be honest
with you.

JOHN: Well, you know, who knows that. But
I'll tell you in which case, hey. Let's, let's get
that aspect of it rolling. You know what I mean?

You're free --

STEVE: Well, I'm not even really concerned
about that. Because you know, one's got to do what
they've got to do. They'll -- you know, I mean of course.

JOHN: Yeah. Is -- getting back to the tape. Mia, Mia Bird? Mia, Mia?

STEVE: Mayanah.


M-I-N-A is her name, right? Mayanah.

STEVE: Well, her last name -- we don't call her bird. It's --

JOHN: No, no, no. But I think --

STEVE: -- the spelling is M-A -- M-A-Y-A --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- N-A-H

JOHN: Mayanah is your daughter, right?

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: She's beautiful girl. She's a absolute beautiful girl. She's a beautiful girl. You know, you got to think about Judy and you got to think about Mayanah. By the way, speaking of Judy, how's her finger?

STEVE: Well, of course, it's not what it should be.

JOHN: Is it getting better or worse?

STEVE: I can't tell. It looks pretty bad. I can't tell that it's getting better. She's soaking
it --

    JOHN: How long's that been since 10 days now.

    STEVE: Well, yeah. Since Sunday. She was reaching out, and a bullet came through the wall, went right down through the finger, out through the back of the hand and through the shoulder.

    JOHN: Steve --

    STEVE: I mean see, she was an eyewitness. That's the whole --

    JOHN: Of course she's an eyewitness.

    STEVE: We all know who shot first. That's when others started grabbing guns right away. Then thinking that they were going to kill everybody in here. And the only hope they had was maybe to lay down, grab a gun, and if somebody did come for them that would be the last thing they could do.

    I'm telling you that these people -- you checked out every past of every human being here. You're not going to find any record, any criminal records with anybody.

    JOHN: Hey. I -- they've been checking. They've been checking. Have they found any? None to the best of my knowledge.

    STEVE: I'm, I'm really happy to tell you
that the -- I'm glad the FBI was not involved. I
would have been so --

    JOHN: We weren't.

    STEVE: I'm glad, because I'd have been so
ashamed. This ATF I don't have the same kind of
thoughts about, the same attitude at all.

    JOHN: We, you and I can resolve this
situation without anyone getting a single scratch.
Not even a scratch. Not even a bruise. No hurt. No
injury. No pain. What you're going to see when you
come out is very simply what you've seen all along.
You're just going to walk down the road. You're going
to --

    STEVE: Then why -- look to just interrupt
you --

    JOHN: Sure.

    STEVE: -- over that one point. Why then
the day these men came as they did --

    JOHN: Um-hum.

    STEVE: -- they said mother f'ers and the,
the terrible language they were using. There were
women around. There were men. The men even here did
not even know what was going on. Some of those that
were grabbing for anything they could right off heard
all that kind of --
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