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STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the attitude shown that they did not come here for a, a nice little conversation.

JOHN-2: Let me tell you. Two years ago, down in southern California, I was personally a part of this, we, the FBI rated the Hell's Angels camp.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Uh-huh.

JOHN-2: Do you know what Hell's Angels are?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah.

JOHN-2: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'm 43 and I grew up through the '60s and --

JOHN-2: You know what Hell's Angels are. Okay. We're talking drugs. We're talking guns. We're talking automatic weapons. We're talking methamphetamine.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

JOHN-2: Do you know how many shots were fired?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How many?

JOHN-2: Zero.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN-2: There were 120 arrests. Do you know how many injuries there were?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Probably none.

JOHN-2: Well, one of our SWAT guys sprained his ankle when he stepped out of the helicopter.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, why on earth and what -- why -- where were you guys then?

JOHN-2: On -- I was on the road as a negotiator, right there, coming in by car.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You were there Sunday, but on the road?

JOHN-2: Oh, no, no, no. Oh, I'm talking the Hell's Angels camp --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I'm, I'm saying --

JOHN-2: -- on the road.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- where were you with, with this situation?

JOHN-2: Sunday? I was in San Diego enjoying the sun. I wasn't here. I didn't get here till Monday night.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm talking about the FBI. How come --

JOHN-2: They didn't get --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- such an organization as the ATF had -- I mean --

JOHN-2: We were --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- chain those guys up.
Don't let them on the loose. If there's something that needs to be done, do it yourselves. I mean, seriously. Don't lose such a no-mind organization on the people. It shouldn't be done.

JOHN-2: They are not going to be part of, of this operation. Let me tell you. We are going— we are there. We will take you into custody and interview you. And if there's charges, then you'll be in the custody of the sheriff. And that's it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Can you give me an instance or any cases where any FBI or ATF agents have been held up and have been, been taken through the, the process for doing wrong?

JOHN-2: Oh, are you kid--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do you know?.

JOHN-2: Are you kidding? Absolutely. An assistant director was indicted at one point.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: For -- yeah, but --

JOHN-2: Oh, yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- what sort of -- indicted, but that's as far as it ever -- anybody that's as high up as that, whether it's, of course, the President on down, you and I have watched since --

JOHN-2: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the '70s --
JOHN-2: -- we know about Watergate.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course we do.

JOHN-2: We know about Watergate.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The more powerful you are, the higher the position, the more connections you have to, to money, to other powers, justice will not be.

JOHN-2: Oh, yeah. I mean, there, there's a -- there was 100 -- at one point, when I was in Chicago, there were 150 policemen arrested by us and convicted. But there's been numerous cases of -- been -- when, when Federal agents have done wrong where they've been indicted.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, let me, let me tell -- give you another aspect of this, another thing people are concerned about. When these young guys -- in '87 there was about seven or eight of these guys who came onto the property. And they are the ones that have been working with Dickerson through the sheriff's department and suggested that they come on, get pictures of bones in a casket, against this George Roden, who had taken --

JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- control of the property --

JOHN-2: Um-hum.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- at gunpoint.

JOHN-2: Right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: So, what happens is that finally the police finally arrived, and they were happy to see them coming, because it was they that had had somebody call in their behalf. And when the police arrived, they said now, boys, put your guns down and -- so they did. All the sudden, the way they threw them around, threw them to the pavement, let -- or to the, to the gravel, red a-- fire ants were, were stinging them all over. They were saying hey, that we're, we're being bit up. They were -- they just started cussing them out and said you should have thought about that before. The, the terrible foul language, the way they were treated, manhandled. I mean, all these guys gave me their accounts.

JOHN-2: That --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, what -- how do you know when and --

JOHN-2: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Seriously.

JOHN-2: Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, if you've got guys out there right now pulling their pants down --

JOHN-2: Steve --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- men that are mature, that are, that are sticking their butts out in the air and flipping the finger --

JOHN-2: I have no --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and that --

JOHN-2: -- I have no idea who that is and whoever that is should be fired. And if we can find out, we will fire them. I mean, that's just totally unprofessionally. But let me, let -- the whole thing is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course it is. But with that --

JOHN-2: Let me ask you a question?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I just wanted to say, the that's what these people -- let -- wait. I just wanted to say keep that in mind when you're talking to me. That's what these people have in mind.

JOHN-2: Okay. I'll tell you what. On the -- on, on that incident that you just alluded to out there, the mooning?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

JOHN-2: Find out who the witnesses were to that. Find out the location. Find out the approximate time.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I can give you their
name-- their --

JOHN-2: All right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- wit-- I can tell you who the witnesses were and when.

JOHN-2: Okay. But I need to know where, because of the shifts, and I need to know when --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN-2: -- because of the shifts. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

JOHN-2: So, you can appreciate that. We will look into that. Now, you mentioned --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I wish someone like that would be made an example of. I mean, that, that should never be in this country, where someone has that kind of -- put in that kind of a position of authority and carrying weapons themselves over their fellow man, and then to do something like that. It -- they definitely should be fired, at the very least. Along with fired they should, they should get a charge.

JOHN-2: Okay. Okay. You get me the details and we will look into that situation. I promise you. Now, you asked me a question before. I want to go back to it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.
JOHN-2: You said does anybody in the Government, you know, like with an agency --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Like say ATF agents. Tell me if some might have been arrested and --

JOHN-2: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- charged and -- where it's actually stuck.

JOHN-2: Do you, do you know the Attorney General, who he is? I mean, who the Attorney General --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The new Attorney General --

JOHN-2: Nuh-uh.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- in Clinton's office?

JOHN-2: No. That's going to probably be Janet Reno. I'm talking in Watergate the Attorney General himself went to jail.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's right. He --

JOHN-2: John Mitchell.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Mitchell. Of course.

JOHN-2: So, if that -- we have that type of justice system in this country, don't you think that an ATF agent who shot someone could be tried and indicted and convicted and go to jail?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Tell me of a case where
it's happened though.

JOHN-2: All right. We'll look up some.
We'll look up some. I mean, I don't have a specific instance -- you know, this is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm concerned, really, that these guys are going to get off. I'm concerned that the ones that were behind this, that came to the door firing, and, and we did hear a report in the news, on the news, that two ATF agents did say that one of them accidentally fired and the rest all started firing right afterward when they came to the door. We heard that on the news.

JOHN-2: Hey. If that happened, that's going to explain 90 percent of what went wrong right there. But wait a minute, who is the witness in this case? Who is to give testimony to that occurred? Who is the witness to that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Where does the weight of evidence lie? Is it going to be with them or us or both? I would hope both, but at the same --

JOHN-2: No, no, no, no.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- time it --

JOHN-2: You -- in America, you're innocent till proven guilty. But, but let me ask you a question.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: But you and I know that's not a reality.

JOHN-2: Yes, it --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's --

JOHN-2: -- is.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you're guilty until proven innocent.

JOHN-2: Oh, yes, it is. You are innocent till proven guilty.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I've not seen that in my -- all of my years. I've seen people -- like even in a little traffic ja-- court case, you go into court and you're guilty until --

JOHN-2: Did, did I tell --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- proven innocent.

JOHN-2: -- you about -- did I tell you about Saigon Penn yesterday?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No.

JOHN-2: Delorean? Okay. Let me give you a little story. I think I told it to David about Saigon Penn. A marked car, a regular police cruiser was out in a -- with a patrol officer in full uniform. He's a -- what they call a ride-along program where there's -- you cab, as a civilian, sign up to ride along with the police and see what happens. Right?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

JOHN-2: Okay. This ride-along lady and this patrolman were just making routine calls, you know. What happened was they, they went up to this guy's house and this guy's name was Saigon, like, like Saigon, you know, Vietnam, Saigon Penn.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

JOHN-2: Okay. An altercation erupted between Saigon Penn and the uniformed officer because of racial slurs that the uniformed officer made to Saigon Penn.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

JOHN-2: Okay? It erupted, finally another officer came eventually, another one-man car, and eventually wound up with Saigon Penn shooting and killing the uniformed officer and shooting and wounding the lady, the unarmed lady who was a ride-along in the ride-along car. What do you think happened to Saigon Penn?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Tell me.

JOHN-2: He was acquitted. Why was he acquitted? Self-defense. Saigon Penn was acquitted for self-defense. Now, you asked me about a ATF agent. Obviously, I'm not alone here. Somebody just handed me a, a, a -- two notes.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

JOHN-2: There was an ATF agent who was convicted of attempted murder to kill his wife. He is presently in prison. There was an FBI agent and a Customs agent down in Florida who were into stealing drugs. They have been charged and indicted. So, to answer your question, we do indict and we do convict Government agents for wrongdoing. Period.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, it sounds good. I mean, it says --

JOHN-2: No, it's fact.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- it's as it should be, of course.

JOHN-2: You're 100 percent right. Now, let me ask you a question.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Please.

JOHN-2: Do you feel uncomfortable, if you were to come out, about your safety?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do I?

JOHN-2: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Probably not. Probably not for myself.

JOHN-2: How about for your wife or David?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't know, I must admit, about him. I don't know about him. About
myself, I'm not real concerned though.

JOHN-2: You're not concerned? Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. Because, in the first place, I mean, there's no-- well, just by knowing the facts of what's happened up till this point of time and --

JOHN-2: You're not a-- you're not afraid of your physical well-being to come out, or Judy's?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. No, I'm not.

JOHN-2: Okay. Or Mayanah's. Okay. That, that's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm saying to you I can't answer for him. You could ask him. I don't --

JOHN-2: No.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- know. I, I must admit I --

JOHN-2: What, what's he up to this morning?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's still -- he's, he's laying down. I don't see him. He's -- he wanted some privacy, so the door is closed and --

JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know he was feeling -- you know, when I was talking to Max last night he wasn't feeling well at all.

JOHN-2: Um-hum.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: He -- first of all, he's -- you know, he's -- yesterday he had a really bad headache, and he doesn't get headaches. It's the first time I've ever heard of him having one.

JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And then that turned into -- I don't know if it's a sickness, but he just overall didn't feel well. So, he's been laying down, and I don't know if he's been kind of nauseated or what. But --

JOHN-2: Hmm.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- he definitely doesn't feel well.

JOHN-2: Geez. Well, I hope he's not getting any blood poisoning or anything like that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I -- no, I was thinking the same. I hope not.

JOHN-2: Well, you know, if it comes down to that point, and then we said this -- somebody said this, not me, but, oh, a few days ago -- Steve, you're going to have to stand up, guy. If it comes down to the point where David gets sick.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well --

JOHN-2: Can you do that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I'm waiting --
JOHN-2: Can you do it?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm waiting to see what happens.

JOHN-2: Can you do it?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: One can do what they got to do.

JOHN-2: You've got to do what you've got to do. Boy, I'll tell you. There's -- that's the bottom line. And the question is I think you can do it. So, you may have to, you may have to do it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, like I was telling Max, these people here, I'm, I'm one of many. I'm one of many. I really am. And they'll listen to my opinions, but that's as far as it goes. They listen to him because he has an ability I don't have. It's as plain and clear as that.

JOHN-2: Well, hey, we'd be fools if you and I said David wasn't very charismatic.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

JOHN-2: You and I would be fools if we said that David isn't charismatic.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just a minute. Someone's asking me a question. They might want me to ask you --

JOHN-2: Sure.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- just to hold on a minute.


STEVE SCHNEIDER AND UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

(Indiscernible)

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, they need -- they've got 20 buckets of dirty water that they want to dump out back or something.

JOHN-2: Twenty buckets of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Apparent--

JOHN-2: -- dirty water --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, they've been --

JOHN-2: -- they're going to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- dumping it --

JOHN-2: -- dump out back.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- just on the side, and apparently someone called in yesterday and complained.

I guess that's what it was they saw. One of they guys in the back or toward the north side, remember, called and said that somebody dressed in black -- I think you told me that --

JOHN-2: Yeah. I saw the, the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I guess that's what they were doing, we found out, was dumping out some --

JOHN-2: Dumping dirty water?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- dirty water.

JOHN-2: So, they want to dump some more dirty water?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

JOHN-2: All right. Let me -- which -- where would they be going?

STEVE SCHNEIDER TO UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

Where would they be going?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE TO STEVE SCHNEIDER:

(Indiscernible).

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Same in the back, I guess. Same spot. I guess there was one guy that took some buckets out there and dumped them out.

JOHN-2: What you'd call the rear of the house behind the pool like?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN-2: Somewhere around there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't know if quite that area. I think it's more toward the north or toward the narrow end of the building.

JOHN-2: Kind of like where there's a trench --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Where there's -- yeah, where they saw them yesterday.

JOHN-2: Where they saw them yesterday?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

JOHN-2: By that trench there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

JOHN-2: Okay. Let me see if we can --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

JOHN-2: -- can work on that. Now --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This --

JOHN-2: -- I think --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- news thing is going to be on pretty soon, I guess.

JOHN-2: Okay. Yeah. We'll, we'll kill it in a couple seconds so you can get in there --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

JOHN-2: -- and -- now, now, we had, we had a -- we have some thoughts -- and -- run by us. We're getting input from the press. They would be interested in probably filming, you know, when you came out. So, are you totally opposed to something like that or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What do you mean? I'm not quite understanding you.

JOHN-2: Well, let's say, let's say, you know, you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, you mean when --

JOHN-2: -- or David and --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes. When, when we walk --

JOHN-2: When you come out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- out?

JOHN-2: Yeah. Sure.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Should -- could they be here --

JOHN-2: When you come out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to -- no, we wouldn't mind.

JOHN-2: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: In fact, if anything, that wouldn't -- that would go a long way for these people to know that their safety --

JOHN-2: Well, why don't you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- was assured.

JOHN-2: Why don't you tell those people?

That's what we'll do.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I've been telling that -- hey, that's what I've wanted from the beginning, as they have. If you guys would have involved them, maybe this would have wound down a lot quicker if the press would have been involved from day one. The tear came when the lines were cut and no one could speak to the outside world at all.
JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's when the tear came for all these people. That's when they started saying individually they didn't want to go anywhere.

JOHN-2: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I tried to tell Gary that, Henry, right from the beginning.

JOHN-2: I know, but -- just -- you know, to -- you're, you're obviously man enough to come out there and not be worried that anything's going --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, yeah. I'm --

JOHN-2: -- to happen to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- not concerned for myself --

JOHN-2: And I know, I know --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- of course.

JOHN-2: -- you're not concerned at all.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And I can tell them all day long until I'm blue in the face, but it --

JOHN-2: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- doesn't matter. You know, they'll do what they want to do.

JOHN-2: Is, is David going to watch the press conference? Well, why don't you make -- I'll tell you what.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN-2: It's about 10:25 now. Why don't you get him and make sure that the press conference, that he gets a chance to see --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, someone's going to mention it to him. Whether he comes -- and whether he's well enough to come out, I don't know.

JOHN-2: Okay. Then, well, that's his choice, you know --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN-2: -- obviously, but I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Sure. I mean, I don't think --

JOHN-2: -- hope that you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- he, he may still be sick yet. I don't know.

JOHN-2: Hmm. What kind of sickness was he having?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I --

UNIDENTIFIED PARTY TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: (Indiscernible) was bleeding.

STEVE SCHNEIDER TO UNIDENTIFIED PARTY: He what?

UNIDENTIFIED PARTY TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: He was bleeding quite a lot.
STEVE SCHNEIDER TO UNIDENTIFIED PARTY: He was bleeding quite heavily last night?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, that's the first time then.

JOHN-2: Hmm.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: So, I don't know why or -- I guess we'll have to have the nurses check him out again and --

JOHN-2: Yeah, why don't you have Julianne take a look at him and see where he's, you know, hurting.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right. We'll do that.

JOHN-2: Okay. I don't want to run you too --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'll --

JOHN-2: I don't want you, want you to miss the press conference.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN-2: Why don't you give me a buzz back after you talk (sic) to the press conference?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll do so.

JOHN-2: I'll talk to you later.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Give me a few minutes afterwards, because I still have to use the facilities also.
JOHN-2: Oh -- well, yeah, you've got five minutes.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Uh --

JOHN-2: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll -- you in a little bit. I'll --

JOHN-2: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- talk to you again.

JOHN-2: Bye-bye.

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(Message from cellular one company.)

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SHERRI: Hello?

JOHN-2: Hi. Who's this?

SHERRI: This is Sherri. Just a minute.

JOHN-2: Sherri, wait a minute. Sherri Jewell.

SHERRI: Huh?

JOHN-2: Sherri Jewell?

SHERRI: Yeah. Just a minute.

JOHN-2: Wait, wait, wait, wait. Don't go off the phone. I nee-- I need to tell you something.

SHERRI: What?

JOHN-2: Happy birthday.

SHERRI: Oh. How'd you know?
JOHN-2: Hey --

SHERRI: Yeah, you know everything. I know.

JOHN-2: No, no, no. I don't -- I'm just --

all I know is what people tell me. And, seriously,

Ruth Mosher, your mom, called.

SHERRI: Ruth?

JOHN-2: It looks like Ruth here.

SHERRI: Yeah, it's Ruth.

JOHN-2: Ruth. Ruth called.

SHERRI: Uh-huh.

JOHN-2: And she would like to wish you a

happy birthday.

SHERRI: Good. Was she given my message?

JOHN-2: As far as I know, she was, and this

is just --

SHERRI: Do you know what the message was?

JOHN-2: No, because I'm on the day shift,

so I don't know what the message was.

SHERRI: Oh. Who am I speaking to?

JOHN-2: This is John.

SHERRI: First John, second John?


SHERRI: Oh. Okay.

JOHN-2: Yeah. But I wanted to wish you

happy birthday myself, and, and, and, and your mom
wished you happy birthday.

SHERRI: Oh, okay.

JOHN-2: Okay?

SHERRI: Well, thank you.

JOHN-2: Well, happy birthday.

SHERRI: All right. Thank you.

JOHN-2: Okay. Who's there? Who's by the phone?

SHERRI: Well, I'm getting him. Just a minute.

JOHN-2: Okay.

(Pause.)

JOHN-2: Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER (BACKGROUND): (Indiscernible) something on a TV show, something (indiscernible).

(Pause.)

JOHN-2: Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER (BACKGROUND): No.

(Pause.)

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT (WHISPER): How do you spell Sherri Jewell?

JOHN-2: Hello?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello.

JOHN-2: Hey?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN-2: Yeah. Did you get to see the news conference?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, I did.

JOHN-2: Good. Good. Power still on?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, it is.

JOHN-2: Good. Good. Good. So, how's David doing?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just, just a moment.

JOHN-2: Sure.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll, I'll -- I'm going to find out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER AND UNIDENTIFIED PARTY:

(Indiscernible)

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: How is he, by the way? How is he? How is he, they want to know.

SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh,

(indiscernible).

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I guess fluid is still coming out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: But how is he feeling?

SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's flat.

STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: He's flat?
SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.
(indiscernible).
STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: So, he's not feeling that well yet?
SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: No.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.
JOHN-2: Um-hum.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I guess he's not feeling that well.
JOHN-2: What's, what's the symptoms?
STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: What are the symptoms, Sherry?
SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: There's some blood and he (indiscernible).
STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: Is he bleeding at all?
SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.
(Indiscernible).
STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: He is?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's bleeding.
SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Fluid is sort of draining out.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Fluid is, fluid is draining, I guess.
JOHN-2: Hmm. Fluid draining?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. But I guess I heard that was good, though.

JOHN-2: Yeah, that's generally considered good. How about, how about bleeding though? That's not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But I -- yeah, that isn't so good. I know. Oh, I guess they're, they're checking with that, but he, he's not feeling well, for sure not, and I guess he's saying he's totally laid out.

JOHN-2: Hmm. So, that -- got that headache?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They just went into the room there. I don't know. I guess they're in there checking with him now.

JOHN-2: And how, how far away are you from --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm probably about, let's say, 20 feet.

JOHN-2: Twenty? Oh, okay. So, they're --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN-2: -- they're going to take a look at him?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN-2: Yeah. Yeah. How's the video
going?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I haven't started yet. In fact, I was just going downstairs to get things together. I haven't been able to use the facilities yet either, you know, as, I mean --

JOHN-2: Oh.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That was just --

JOHN-2: It was too quick before the news conference, huh?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

JOHN-2: I can understand that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Everybody, of course, was not happy about the reaction to -- you know, the one thing I've told -- right from the beginning, the thing that would make the biggest difference for all, all these people walking out, there's only been two things really. Number one was his God says wait, so they've been doing that.

JOHN-2: That's number one. Right. What's number two?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The second thing was, of course, the press and their coverage of this thing, and then access to them. And, of course, what Bob Ricks had to say. It was a very disturbing statement that Dan from the ATF made. And, and right, right
from the beginning, in relation to the property in La Verne, California, I have never heard of a warrant or -- I mean, whatever it was -- I only picked up on part of it because I just stepped away for a minute, came back. And what I -- the last part of what I heard, what they had to take to that property was just awesome to me. To me, it, it shows really what that agency is about, what the whole thing with them is about. They're going to -- it, it's like they're going to go out of their way to prove and to show so that there are -- that there is wrongdoing no matter what. And -- it would appear like to cover their butts for what they did.

JOHN-2: Well, don't you think it's about time that somebody comes out and sets the record straight?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hey, if it's as bad -- I mean, if -- as bad as they're making -- the extremes to what that agency has gone to -- holy smokers. Let me start making up things off the top of my head too and, and saying that's what this man is about, never meeting or knowing the man. People are calling in every day and bringing in very good questions about how this all came about. A woman saying that when she's getting beat by her husband, makes a complaint,
and they say well, where's the bruises and so forth
and how come it doesn't -- and why didn't it work that
way here? If there were complaints about such-and-
such inside, why the assault with the intent of murder
and -- I mean, it's so farfetched --

JOHN-2: I know. Steve, let's take --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- John.

JOHN-2: -- a hypothetical case. Let's say
you went down to the Waco Convention Center and you
went up before, what, maybe 60 microphones, 70
microphones? Do you think there'd be some interest in
what you're telling me now?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't think that I would
be allowed to speak --

JOHN-2: No, no, no. Let's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- for in the first place.

JOHN-2: This is a hypothetical situation.
Do you think there'd be some interest in that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know there would be.

JOHN-2: You're darn, absolutely correct.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And, and it's contrary to
what Ricks says about him wanting, you know, the, the
press and all that, what he's doing to get the press.

No. All of us -- all my life -- I will tell you the
truth -- I've been a, a patriotic -- an extremely
patriotic person, very conservative. I've always
backed this Government. I've always backed the, the
officials, the people in it. All my life. I've
always -- I thought it was the most awesome nation,
the Constitution, its principles. But I've seen
powerful men eroding that away. When I was taking
history through the years, there were just too many
dimensions that were left unanswered that did not make
sense. And then I met an admiral of the United States
Navy who started showing me documentation about the
Trilateral Commission, Council on Foreign Relations,
all these organizations of which you have all this
power-hungry money people like the Rockefellers behind
it all. And then their --

JOHN-2: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- controlling the very
agencies you're part of. I mean, you don't have a
choice. You're trying to -- I mean, to some degree,
anyway. At least, they have the sway.

JOHN-2: Hey --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They have the influence.

But I, I can see that this whole country is
degenerating. They want more laws, more regulations.
There's not going to be any freedom left in this
country and there's not a damn thing anybody can do
about it.

    JOHN-2: Well --

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: Nothing.

    JOHN-2: You know and I know that the raid out there was a horrendous -- it's a -- it's -- it -- nothing compares --

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think that's part of, that's part of this whole degeneration process --

    JOHN-2: But nothing --

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that would --

    JOHN-2: -- compares --

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that should have -- that would have never happened 50 or 100 years ago.

    JOHN-2: Look, nothing compares to this in United States history. This is the first. There has nothing --

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: But the way --

    JOHN-2: -- been like this.

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- this Dan -- what bothers everybody here is the way this Dan stands there at -- before all the mikes and what he all has to say. The man is so ambiguous and general in his answers in the first place. The press asked him specific questions. Look at how the man answers, even --
JOHN-2: I --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- though he has them.
JOHN-2: I saw it myself. Here's what we need.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And that annoys the heck out of me. I mean, the press is so cut-off there. They have become a mouse. They have allowed you people to do things that you should not be allowed to do. Who are you guys in the first place that you have such power to control -- come into a, a state, the State of Texas, and, and you take precedence over all other state government and everything. I mean, what is --

JOHN-2: No, no, no.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- happened?

JOHN-2: We're not taking precedence over the sheriff. I'll tell you that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, it sure seems like it to me. The men in charge are yourselves. You know that.

JOHN-2: Well, the FBI's in charge of the overall situation, that's true. But --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The Federal Government -- take a look at the Constitution, John. It was individual states and giving only few rights for the
protection of all. But look what has happened. It's now become a Federal thing.

JOHN-2: Yeah. Here's the -- here's the time for you guys to get your message out, though.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, come on. No one has before us and we're, we're this little cultic bizarre group, of which so much -- so many innuendos and the slander against us, the things that have been stated, the things that have been brought up. I mean, those that have been part of this group, of the extremes they've gone to to put the group down.

JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, it, it's not going to happen. It's not to say that we don't all -- we do want to come out. But what makes it ten times harder is when people like Rich and yourselves --

JOHN-2: All right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- cut us off from any opportunity -- sure the banner was put out. There's people listening to ev-- different radio stations. I -- listen to the things that the man says on that radio station. He's a -- no question the guy loves the Constitution. Your freedoms, John, mine, I don't see -- look at the logic and the sensibility the man speaks of. What is wrong with what the man has to
say? Why would you want to cut anybody off? If -- by you cutting us off from any kind of expression to the press or getting any kind of an opinion or a thought out, these people are going to stay in here until you take us out totally.

JOHN-2: Well, that's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what's going to --
you know, and I don't want that.

JOHN-2: Neither do I.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's why, that's why it bothers me when I here Ricks and the ATF man act like, if anything, it's impeding the process. No. What's impeding their process is --

JOHN-2: Look --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you guys cut--

JOHN-2: Look, look, look --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Wait. No, wait. Just let me finish saying. When you cut off the electricity, when you cut off the, the source of trying to get information out, those are the steps, when they're allowed to happen, that these people start saying well, maybe it's not so bad. Let's, let's -- they start talking about leaving. But right away a, a press conference like that takes place and you want to cut off all the press and every, every manner and way.
I mean, first of all, you've got them so far away, that scare the heck out of these people. And you know why. Of course. Because if any, if anybody wanted to even come here and burn the place down, kill all the people, what evidences would be left?

JOHN-2: All right. Let's take a worse-case scenario and let's say that you're charged. Okay. Where do you think you're going to be held?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I have no idea. You know, I, I'm not --

JOHN-2: In the sheriff's jail.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Listen, for myself, I'm not really worried about that, John. I told you --

JOHN-2: All right. Then let's you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I, I'll walk out and that's no problem for me. I'm not concerned. I'm concerned about these other people that are here.

JOHN-2: That's what I'm concerned about.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'm concerned about their choices that they make and, and the things they want to follow through. And I want to back them.

JOHN-2: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I have never -- what have I ever done for anybody in this world? But I, I would back your rights, John. I really would. If you're an
aetheist, I would back your being able to choose to be
an atheist or an agnostic, whatever you choose to be.
That's your right.

JOHN-2: Totally.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That --

JOHN-2: Totally. Totally.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, that's what I'm
cconcerned about.

JOHN-2: And, in fact, you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't want your rights
violated. I don't want anyone's rights violated.

JOHN-2: Well, neither do I. But you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But our rights are being
violated in that no one can speak to anyone on the
outside. The, the press. You're giving a, a story
and a view with connotations as you see it, like, say,
Ricks says. Some of the things he --

JOHN-2: Which, which, which part was, was
wrong?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Some of the things that he
says, it's okay. Other things, it's the way it's
stated, the connotations. There's blatant outright
statements that are wrong --

JOHN-2: Which part --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that are not correct.
JOHN-2: Which part was wrong?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'd have to go back and take some notes and, and jot down every phrase and statement that was made.

JOHN-2: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And, in fact, I guess there's been a couple girls that have done that, but if you want I can start --

JOHN-2: No, no, no.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- doing that --

JOHN-2: I mean, wha--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and just responding to the statements or --

JOHN-2: Which part did you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- then I can --

JOHN-2: Did anything bother you personally about this conference, you personally?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, it did.

JOHN-2: Which --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What bothered me, number one, was the long, lengthy warrant or whatever it was that was given to the, the white house property. Why over the air did they talk about the 27 -- I mean, in some ways they're quiet about information that a lot of people would like to know. On the other hand, they
hand out an address to the whole world. There's all sorts of nuts out there that could come and bother the two occupants over there, the two women that are staying there. That, that brings about more danger in and on their behalf, unless you've already arrested them and stuck them in jail somewhere.

JOHN-2: Umm -- no, no, no, no.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Where are they at now -- where is -- where are the two women at right now that are at that La Verne property? Are they still there? Are they going about their daily duties?

JOHN-2: At the La Verne property?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

JOHN-2: As far as I know, yeah. That's their home.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. I, I want to know, though. I mean, but I heard --

JOHN-2: All right. I'll find out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I heard about the lengthy warrant that the AT-- that Dan, the ATF agent, was talking about. Holy -- what did he leave out? Did you hear, did you hear the whole press conference?

JOHN-2: Yes, I did.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What did you think of that warrant?
JOHN-2: Well, you know --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Holy smokers.

JOHN-2: We're dealing, we're dealing with two separate agencies. We've been over this --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This guy sounds like he's a paranoia (sic) on the loose.

JOHN-2: We're dealing with two separate agencies. I mean, there is two different organizations here. You know what I mean?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How many more is this country -- tho-- and, and who do they answer to, these agencies? Just like you and I both know --

JOHN-2: Okay. We answer to the Attorney General. Okay. That's, that's the Justice Department, the FBI. The, the BATF answers to the Secretary of the Treasury.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It doesn't seem like they have any -- who does the IRS answer to?

JOHN-2: Treasury, Secretary of Treasury. The Internal Revenue Service, that's a branch of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because those are --

JOHN-2: -- the Treasury.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's another group that all of Americans --

JOHN-2: Okay. Somebody --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- be offen--

JOHN-2: Hold on. Hold on. I've got something for you. The ladies were not arrested. And here's what the note says, though.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN-2: Absolutely not arrested. There was no problems with them. They are at their home and there is no arrest and no charges. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

JOHN-2: So, you know, that's the straight scoop.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: So, did they -- have they done a search through the entire property, the house then --

JOHN-2: Yes.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- as stated?

JOHN-2: Yes. I'm being passed the word "yes." Yes. But they were not arrested, not charged, not held, no problem. They're just in their home. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But the greatest statement, though, honestly, John, that bothered these people was the -- what Bob Ricks had to say in regards to cutting off -- even the one radio station, one -- giving them a warning. That -- it sounds like a
totalitarian state. It sounds like what Russia was. I mean, we all were happy to see Russia bring down the walls as with East Berlin.

JOHN-2: You got that right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but at the same time, what a-- what's being imposed by Ricks and, and these tactical commanders that you're talking about?

JOHN-2: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just the total opposite. You want these people to walk out, you're going contrary to their very -- the very desires that they have for --

JOHN-2: Here--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- safety and --

JOHN-2: -- here's the thing --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and ability to be heard before they get out, or about the same time.

JOHN-2: When they come out, they will have the opportunity to address the press. That's number one. So, you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How -- for how long? Are you talking --

JOHN-2: However long it --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- about: Hi, my name is so-and-so; and off they go to jail.
JOHN-2: No. Number one, not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, what kind of guarantees, what kind of things could we --

JOHN-2: Not everybody's going to be --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- work out for sure?

JOHN-2: Steve, do you feel --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Is everybody going to get an hour to be able to talk to the news or ten minutes or it's, it's --

JOHN-2: Let's work it out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- given them a name?

JOHN-2: Let's work it out. Let's it work it out right this very instant. Let's do it. What kind of, what kind of guarantees do you want? What kind of things are you look--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, number one, before that point, don't, don't -- you know, if there's a radio station or ten or if there's a -- if there's a television that wants to -- we -- tell you the truth, even you guys offered from the beginning, we started talking about the possibility of, possibility of a neutral negotiator between, meaning bringing in a newsman into the place, maybe a doctor, whatever else. That would go a, a -- so far. That's what --

JOHN-2: This --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- we were talking about five, six days --

JOHN-2: We talked about that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- ago.

JOHN-2: -- last night, about somebody coming physically in. That's not going to be allowed. I mean, I'm not just going to pussyfoot around with you. I, I just don't do that. I, I speak to you as a man from the shoulder. I'm --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, what happened with --

JOHN-2: -- not going to lie to you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- Weaver case, with bulk (phonetic) rights?

JOHN-2: Bulk rights and Jack MacLam (phonetic). Yeah. The, they --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I'm talking about.

JOHN-2: Okay. Who are you -- who, who are you feeling -- who are you feel-- who do you have in mind?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I really don't have -- I gave a number of names the other day and --

JOHN-2: Rush Limbaugh and some other people.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. In fact, I don't know, I've just been told about it. I've never viewed him. I don't know who he really is. I've heard the name. I hear he is controversial and gets some issues like that.

JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's all I've heard.

JOHN-2: So --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, at the same time, I suppose this new man would be -- there's a -- of course, it's Ron Engelman (phonetic), I guess it is, from that -- from the station. The people here at --

JOHN-2: Say, say that name again now? Ron?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think it's Engelman.

JOHN-2: What, what station is he with?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I really don't know right off.

JOHN-2: What's he, like a TV or radio announcer?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think, I think he's a -- it's a radio station. But there's others like him. So, if there's KD-- what is it? KDRL 1080. There's Alex whatever-the-man's-name-is.

JOHN-2: You know, I've got to say something about you. I truly believe that you are generally
interested in the safety and well-being of all the people there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And that's the bottom line. That's what it is. I mean, I also, like I told you, want to see these people come out, this to be over with. But I'm telling you people --

JOHN-2: We have the same --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I told Max, I don't have control like you people think -- I don't. They came here to hear not myself but --

JOHN-2: Are you on a speakerphone?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I'm not.

JOHN-2: How -- you know, if you came out, just you alone, do you realize what people would think about that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They would -- that's -- John, they would -- I could do nothing then. You don't -- I could -- if I start telling you examples of the past six months alone, you're going to find out I don't have influence on these people.

JOHN-2: I know that. But if you just walked out yourself --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They, they came here to hear this -- David, and that's who, who they're listening to, because he's got something to say from
the Bible.

JOHN-2: I appreciate that. But you could address the media. You could address the press. You could address the, the foreign press. You could address CNN. You could do all of this yourself if you c--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm not really -- I don't -- I'm not convinced of that. I'm really not. I don't -- I really have a hard time believing that. I, I see myself being taken off and, if anything, quarantined or --

JOHN-2: Uh-huh.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- taken off in --

JOHN-2: The sheriff --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- seclusion or something.

JOHN-2: Do you know the sheriff? Have you met the sheriff?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I haven't.

JOHN-2: You haven't? Okay. David has.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: See I -- yeah, I don't know any of these guys. The --

JOHN-2: Do --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- only ones I've met are the ones -- see, I've spent a lot of time in California, even recently. I go back and forth more
than anybody. I've spent more time in California than
I have in Texas. Very little time here. And in the
process of doing that lot of these people, they have
no one -- I, I have met Johnny Liondo (phonetic) --

    JOHN-2: Um-hum.

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and another -- I think
his name was Larry Abner, Larry -- something like
that.

    JOHN-2: Don't you think those guys are
straight?

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, come on. They're
like you and I -- I know the --

    JOHN-2: They're like you and I.

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: There's no, there's no
question. They come out here. They see this kind of
a cultic-looking place. And, and if I put myself in
their shoes, I'd be the same --

    JOHN-2: But, I mean, they're not going to
hurt you.

    STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and would have a, an
apprehension of these people, of course. So, I really
don't know what they think. I just know that we've
told them we like them. I think we've shown them
that, to some degree, and they may buy that. I don't,
I don't think they see us as dangerous as we've been
made out to be, because we aren't in the first place. Why were the weapons bought in the, in the first place? Well, let David answer that. But it was never --

JOHN-2: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- for attacking and, and all these statements by the press, how people -- people like Marc Breault are the ones that started this kind of nonsense about going out and getting people, having a hit list. There is -- never has been any such thing. We love Marc Breault. If there is a God, if there is a possibility of life, I want to see the man make it. I don't hold anything against anybody, because I don't know what their life's experience has been. I don't know what they've gone through. Who am I to judge someone else when we as human beings of individuals have our own problems?

JOHN-2: Okay. Steve, let me ask you a question. How, how, how involved in the shootout were you personally?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I wasn't at all.

JOHN-2: You wasn't?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: In fact, I was by the telephone and the radio trying to make contact to get this thing stopped and to get the heck out of here.
JOHN-2: All right. Then --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I was doing.

JOHN-2: Then why make your situation worse by hanging in there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Bec-- I feel responsible for all these people here. There are people, that many -- that were not involved in any way, shape, or form, and what are they to do? They're terrified. That's what I'm telling you, John. They keep on watching and listening to the press, wondering what's going on, and in the process they hear these kind of reports and it makes it worse. That's what I -- and they see the tanks out there digging and doing things. They all got to hear originally Jim make a statement no one would be on the property. Those --

JOHN-2: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- kind -- that -- John, that's out of -- that's what I'm dealing with. Do you understand me?

JOHN-2: I know what you're dealing with. You're --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do you, you understand how hard it is? You, you guys are making it harder.

JOHN-2: You're in a bad situation. You are in a bad situation and you're --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course I am.

JOHN-2: -- trying to do the best of a bad situation. Aren't you?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's exactly the way it's been, from day one.

JOHN-2: What you need to do is to think about Judy.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I have, long and hard. But at the same time, I'm not the type of person to go and shirk the duties of leaving others sitting here. They're not even from this country. They don't know any processes.

JOHN-2: Huh?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: To leave people just sit without an ability to, to know what to do exactly. I mean --

JOHN-2: Okay. I just --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you can't do it.

JOHN-2: I was handed a note. Byron Sage, one of the agents, was the first negotiator here. He's from the FBI --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: His name was what?

JOHN-2: Byron Sage. Do you remember talking to him? And he just told me that he confirmed that he did talk with you early on Sunday. So, he was
one of the F--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do believe so, but --

JOHN-2: Right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I hardly --

JOHN-2: So --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- remember. That's been what, 10, 11 days ago, and --

JOHN-2: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I --

JOHN-2: I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN-2: So, I'm just saying he confirmed your story. He backs you up. He's, he's one of your witnesses saying hey, what he's telling you is true.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I'll tell you, I was right in the phone -- in the room where all of our communications are, computers and so forth --

JOHN-2: That's where -- that's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And all of a sudden I heard all this firing in the -- I heard David scream out: Stop, let us communicate. The women --

JOHN-2: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and children in here. And then I heard the fire. That's what --

JOHN-2: Thi--
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I -- this is what happened.

JOHN-2: Byron S--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right away I -- Wayne and I are hitting the 911 numbers, screaming for help, stop, whoever. We didn't even know who it was. Stop, whoever it is. Let's communicate. Call them off. Stop right now. And no, no, it didn't. It had to keep on going on until people were dead and wounded and -- what --

JOHN-2: Do you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, that's the point.

JOHN-2: Do you know what that makes you? If -- at worse-case scenario, that makes you not chargeable. If that's true, you are not chargeable.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, it is, but that's beside the point.

JOHN-2: No, it's not beside the point. It's not beside the point at all. I mean, it's very, very important and it, it's a cogent reason. It's a real compelling reason. That you should consider yourself and your wife and resolve this between yourselves and say hey, if, if I come out of there with some people from these foreign countries that I want to help, you're allowed to walk out, that's going
to go a long step in resolving your personal situation --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but what about --

JOHN-2: -- and, and, and the, and the other people.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, come on, what about these poor guys that were trying to defend themselves, that were -- actually got shot and then grabbed something? They were going -- their lives were -- now, get this. Their lives would have been lost. Like Scott, for instance.

JOHN-2: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, he did-- I don't know what -- you know, they'll have to tell their own stories, but, you know --

JOHN-2: Sure.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- someone came and -- he never had a chance. All of a sudden there's shooting. They, they shot him in the leg. He grabbed something to just hope that he wouldn't be ki-- taken out totally.

JOHN-2: How's he doing?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How's he doing?

JOHN-2: Is he like --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, he's doing much
better now.

JOHN-2: Good. Good.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But that's what I'm saying. What's going to happen to a guy like him when all he's trying to do is defend his very life, when it -- he didn't -- nobody knew who they were outside. Nobody knew.

JOHN-2: I know.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Two cattle trucks drive up. That -- they didn't have police -- any insignias on the side. I mean, don't you realize if that would have happened the -- I mean, seriously, what kind of clandestine -- I mean, what kind of thing is that?

JOHN-2: I know. Look, we are trying to sort this thing out, and it's not going to be easy. You can help us --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm trying the --

JOHN-2: -- by bearing --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- best that I can.

JOHN-2: -- by bearing witness to what happened, by telling your side of the story. And if you will tell me what is true, you were calling for help, and Byron Sage, Agent Sage, will testify in your behalf. He's going to testify that he got a call from you, that he spoke to you early on the phone, and that
will corroborate your personal story that you are
telling the truth. I mean, you -- here you got an
agent --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay --

JOHN-2: -- of 25 years service raising his
right hand and saying in court: Yes, I received a
call from Steve Schneider. Here's what he told me.
This -- he -- this man is the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I, I know I could --

JOHN-2: -- going to go a long way for you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I know I -- I know I
can have enough to back me about, you know, the
circumstances that day.

JOHN-2: But you've got, you've got a --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But --

JOHN-2: -- law enforcement agent saying --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: These are --

JOHN-2: -- you're telling the truth.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: There's a couple of people
that just came and they're sitting down by me, and
they're saying to me that -- they're, they're
reminding me to remind you --

JOHN-2: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- although you don't even
know, but I'm going to tell you, that there were so
many threats on, on the lives of the people here in
the past year and a half especially. We actually --
one day I happened to -- in fact, it was in the
evening, I would say about maybe, oh, five months ago.
The telephone rang. It was probably 8:00, 7:00 in
the evening during the middle of the week. I picked
up the phone, and here's a man on there. The guy
sounded insane. He's threatening my very life. I
says who am I speaking to. He says you'll find out.
He says your end is coming. He says you're going to
be taken out. He says you're going to lose your life.
I mean, the-- these are the kind of threats we've had
over and over again.

JOHN-2: Okay. We get -- believe it or not,
we get those at the office too, you know.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I believe that, but,
I mean, you know, that always makes people jumpy, but
we've never taken that -- I've always said, well --
you know, I mean, it does give you the willies a
little bit, that you could be driving around or going
here or there and someone might tempt to do some
weird, off-the-wall thing with all the people out --
the, the, the way things are these days.

JOHN-2: Steve, if you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, I mean --
JOHN-2: -- if you're only held -- you
personally are only held as a material witness and
Judy is only held as a material witness, you'll be out
on bond in, in a day, like the, like the two other --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I do believe --

JOHN-2: -- they, they --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's why I told you I'm
not so concerned about my--

JOHN-2: I know. No, no, no. Here --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I told you.

JOHN-2: Let, let me finish. You will be
out. You can address the press when you're out on
bond. You can do anything you want, except flee to a
foreign country. I mean, you can, you can --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, who would want to
anyway?

JOHN-2: Well, I know. I know.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This is the best place in
the world.

JOHN-2: Well, that's one of the things you
can't do, is flee to a foreign country. But other
than that, you can address the press, have breakfast
when you want, eat dinner when you want. You know,
you can do all the things you want. You can talk to
the --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I realize that.

JOHN-2: -- press when you're out on bond.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But what about these other poor people that are --

JOHN-2: You can --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- sitting here terrified?

JOHN-2: You can speak for them. They will follow you. You will --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They --

JOHN-2: -- be their leader.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm telling you, they won't -- I've already talked to them about that.

JOHN-2: But you can bring your side about ATF before the press. Don't you understand that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I -- that's what -- the one -- I believe a lot of what you're saying, but I can't -- I'm not convinced of that. I'm re-- I'm serious. I'm not convinced about that.

JOHN-2: Look at, look at the press conference and see the, the microphones, the number of microphones. Look at the press conference and see the number of reporters. You're not out here, but there's, there's these, these red jimmies, GMCs, Fords, Chevys, all kinds of vehicles here with all these news stations from around the country with their
logos. There's these trucks with the dishes on. Let me tell you something, this is one of the biggest events in the nation. I mean, the World Trade Center bombing --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And, and we don't --

JOHN-2: -- is over.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just so you have it right, though, John, we didn't want that. We don't want to --

JOHN-2: I know that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- be a notoriety or be--

become infamous.

JOHN-2: Of course not.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, here -- the statements that are made, like Bob Ricks, about how he believes that he wants to be heard around the world -- no. I mean, what -- we had our own plan. We believed that in the Bible it talks about a Hebrew word called shigionoth. It means turbulent lyrics, by music, the highest form of communication there is, John. Through the music, he is an awesome guitarist. And, in fact, we've already had invitations all around Hollywood and the, the best places to be able to perform. That is the truth. But we have waited for the right time and, and, and he's always waited for God to tell him when
to play. Why hasn't he played when he's got the ability, he's got the equipment. You ought to hear his music. I mean, in that realm. You might not like that style of music, rock and roll, and everything --

JOHN-2: Yeah, but that doesn't matter.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That would be me my choice, but the truth of the matter is, gauged by them, it is -- it's awesome, his ability.

JOHN-2: The bottom line is it must be brought before the American public and the world at large what happened. It needs to be --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I agree.

JOHN-2: -- explained.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I agree. But don't, don't --

JOHN-2: We've got to get out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But don't cut off if a man or a radio station or a radio stations ask for a sign that we're still okay or need medic-- we do need medical assistance. You and I agreed on that.

JOHN-2: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, of course --

JOHN-2: You mean, Judy, your wife?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you're using that, you're using that as a bargaining chip to have people
come out who are terrified, and they're -- they would rather die until they see either David say the waiting is over, let's go on, or that there's some press that already has a connection to us, so they feel at ease to go walk right on out through and out the gate and so forth.

JOHN-2: Okay. If, if there were press out there, then everybody would walk out? That's not true at this point, is it?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't know. That's what I'm telling you. But it'd sure go a long way, if there was a communication, a line where they could ask us questions about our well-being or whatever else.

JOHN-2: Well, I understand what you're saying. I know. But I think you need --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I'm talking about.

JOHN-2: I think here's what you need.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- what, what these people want.

JOHN-2: I think you need somebody -- to get somebody out, maybe like yourself --

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