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1 (Tape 104)

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

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

8 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Uh-huh.

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

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah.

11 JOHN-2: Okay.

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

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: How many?

22 JOHN-2: Zero.

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

24 JOHN-2: There were 120 arrests. Do you
25 know how many injuries there were?

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Probably none.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 JOHN-2: -- on the road.

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

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

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

21 JOHN-2: They didn't get --

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

24 JOHN-2: We were --

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- chain those guys up.

1 Don't let them on the loose. If there's something
2 that needs to be done, do it yourselves. I mean,
3 seriously. Don't, don't loose such, such a no-mind
4 organization on the people. It shouldn't be done.

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

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

14 JOHN-2: Oh, are you kid--

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do you know?.

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: For -- yeah, but --

19 JOHN-2: Oh, yeah.

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

24 JOHN-2: Well --

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the '70s --

1 JOHN-2: -- we know about Watergate.

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course we do.

3 JOHN-2: We know about Watergate.

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

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

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

22 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- control of the
24 property --

25 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- at gunpoint.

2 JOHN-2: Right.

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

17 JOHN-2: That --

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

20 JOHN-2: Steve --

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Seriously.

22 JOHN-2: Steve.

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

25 JOHN-2: Steve --

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

4 JOHN-2: I have no --

5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and that --

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

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

12 JOHN-2: Let me ask you a question?

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

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

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

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

2 JOHN-2: All right.

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

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

7 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

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

9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

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

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

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

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

1 JOHN-2: You said does anybody in the
2 Government, you know, like with an agency --

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

5 JOHN-2: Okay.

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

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

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: The new Attorney General
11 --

12 JOHN-2: Nuh-uh.

13 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- in Clinton's office?

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

16 STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's right. He --

17 JOHN-2: John Mitchell.

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Mitchell. Of course.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- time it --

23 JOHN-2: You -- in America, you're innocent
24 till proven guilty. But, but let me ask you a
25 question.

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: But you and I know that's
2 not a reality.

3 JOHN-2: Yes, it --

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's --

5 JOHN-2: -- is.

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

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

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

14 JOHN-2: Did, did I tell --

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- proven innocent.

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: No.

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

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

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

6 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

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

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Tell me.

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

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1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

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

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

10 JOHN-2: No, it's fact.

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

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

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Please.

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do I?

19 JOHN-2: Yeah.

20 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Probably not. Probably
21 not for myself.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 JOHN-2: No.

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

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

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

21 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

25 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

5 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

11 JOHN-2: Hmm.

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

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

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

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

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well --

24 JOHN-2: Can you do that?

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I'm waiting --

1 JOHN-2: Can you do it?

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm waiting to see what
3 happens.

4 JOHN-2: Can you do it?

5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: One can do what they got
6 to do.

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

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

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

19 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

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

22 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just a minute. Someone's
23 asking me a question. They might want me to ask you
24 --

25 JOHN-2: Sure.

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

3 JOHN-2: Sure. Put him on.

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER AND UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:
5 (Indiscernible)

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

9 JOHN-2: Twenty buckets of --

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Apparent--

11 JOHN-2: -- dirty water --

12 STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, they've been --

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

14 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- dumping it --

15 JOHN-2: -- dump out back.

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

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

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

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

25 JOHN-2: Dumping dirty water?

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- dirty water.

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

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

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

7 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:
8 Where would they be going?

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE TO STEVE SCHNEIDER:
10 (Indiscernible).

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

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

16 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

17 JOHN-2: Somewhere around there?

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

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

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

25 JOHN-2: Where they saw them yesterday?

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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 --

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes. When, when we
2 walk --
3 JOHN-2: When you come out.
4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- out?
5 JOHN-2: Yeah. Sure.
6 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Should -- could they be
7 here --
8 JOHN-2: When you come out.
9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to -- no, we wouldn't
10 mind.
11 JOHN-2: Okay.
12 STEVE SCHNEIDER: In fact, if anything, that
13 wouldn't -- that would go a long way for these people
14 to know that their safety --
15 JOHN-2: Well, why don't you --
16 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- was assured.
17 JOHN-2: Why don't you tell those people?
18 That's what we'll do.
19 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I've been telling that --
20 hey, that's what I've wanted from the beginning, as
21 they have. If you guys would have involved them,
22 maybe this would have wound down a lot quicker if the
23 press would have been involved from day one. The tear
24 came when the lines were cut and no one could speak to
25 the outside world at all.

1 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

5 JOHN-2: Well --

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

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

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

12 JOHN-2: -- to happen to --

13 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- not concerned for
14 myself --

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

16 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- of course.

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

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

20 JOHN-2: Yeah.

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

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

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

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

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

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

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

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

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

14 JOHN-2: -- hope that you --

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

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

19 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I --

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

22 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO UNIDENTIFIED PARTY: He
23 what?

24 UNIDENTIFIED PARTY TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: He
25 was bleeding quite a lot.

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO UNIDENTIFIED PARTY: He
2 was bleeding quite heavily last night?

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

5 JOHN-2: Hmm.

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

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

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

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

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'll --

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll do so.

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

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Give me a few minutes
24 afterwards, because I still have to use the facilities
25 also.

1 JOHN-2: Oh -- well, yeah, you've got five
2 minutes.
3 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Uh --
4 JOHN-2: Okay.
5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll -- you in a little
6 bit. I'll --
7 JOHN-2: Yeah.
8 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- talk to you again.
9 JOHN-2: Bye-bye.
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11 (Message from cellular one company.)
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13 SHERRI: Hello?
14 JOHN-2: Hi. Who's this?
15 SHERRI: This is Sherri. Just a minute.
16 JOHN-2: Sherri, wait a minute. Sherri
17 Jewell.
18 SHERRI: Huh?
19 JOHN-2: Sherri Jewell?
20 SHERRI: Yeah. Just a minute.
21 JOHN-2: Wait, wait, wait, wait. Don't go
22 off the phone. I nee-- I need to tell you something.
23 SHERRI: What?
24 JOHN-2: Happy birthday.
25 SHERRI: Oh. How'd you know?

1 JOHN-2: Hey --

2 SHERRI: Yeah, you know everything. I know.

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

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

5 Ruth Mosher, your mom, called.

6 SHERRI: Ruth?

7 JOHN-2: It looks like Ruth here.

8 SHERRI: Yeah, it's Ruth.

9 JOHN-2: Ruth. Ruth called.

10 SHERRI: Uh-huh.

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

12 happy birthday.

13 SHERRI: Good. Was she given my message?

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

15 is just --

16 SHERRI: Do you know what the message was?

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

18 so I don't know what the message was.

19 SHERRI: Oh. Who am I speaking to?

20 JOHN-2: This is John.

21 SHERRI: First John, second John?

22 JOHN-2: It's John-2.

23 SHERRI: Oh. Okay.

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

25 happy birthday myself, and, and, and, and your mom

1 | wished you happy birthday.

2 | SHERRI: Oh, okay.

3 | JOHN-2: Okay?

4 | SHERRI: Well, thank you.

5 | JOHN-2: Well, happy birthday.

6 | SHERRI: All right. Thank you.

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

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

11 | JOHN-2: Okay.
12 | (Pause.)

13 | JOHN-2: Hello?

14 | UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER (BACKGROUND):
15 | (Indiscernible) something on a TV show, something
16 | (indiscernible).
17 | (Pause.)

18 | JOHN-2: Hello?

19 | UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER (BACKGROUND): No.
20 | (Pause.)

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

23 | JOHN-2: Hello?

24 | STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello.

25 | JOHN-2: Hey?

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

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

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, I did.

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

6 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, it is.

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

9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just, just a moment.

10 JOHN-2: Sure.

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

13 STEVE SCHNEIDER AND UNIDENTIFIED PARTY:
14 (Indiscernible)

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I --

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

18 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh,
19 (indiscernible).

20 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I guess fluid is still
21 coming out.

22 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: But how is he
23 feeling?

24 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's flat.

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: He's flat?

1 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

2 (indiscernible).

3 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: So, he's not
4 feeling that well yet?

5 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: No.

6 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

7 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

8 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I guess he's not feeling
9 that well.

10 JOHN-2: What's, what's the symptoms?

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: What are the
12 symptoms, Sherry?

13 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: There's some
14 blood and he (indiscernible).

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: Is he bleeding
16 at all?

17 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

18 (Indiscernible).

19 STEVE SCHNEIDER TO SHERRI: He is?

20 STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's bleeding.

21 SHERRI TO STEVE SCHNEIDER: Fluid is sort of
22 draining out.

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Fluid is, fluid is
24 draining, I guess.

25 JOHN-2: Hmm. Fluid draining?

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. But I guess I heard
2 that was good, though.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

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

24 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

25 JOHN-2: Yeah. Yeah. How's the video

1 going?

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

6 JOHN-2: Oh.

7 STEVE SCHNEIDER: That was just --

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

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

11 JOHN-2: I can understand that.

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

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: The second thing was, of
22 course, the press and their coverage of this thing,
23 and then access to them. And, of course, what Bob
24 Ricks had to say. It was a very disturbing statement
25 that Dan from the ATF made. And, and right, right

1 from the beginning, in relation to the property in
2 La Verne, California, I have never heard of a warrant
3 or -- I mean, whatever it was -- I only picked up on
4 part of it because I just stepped away for a minute,
5 came back. And what I -- the last part of what I
6 heard, what they had to take to that property was just
7 awesome to me. To me, it, it shows really what that
8 agency is about, what the whole thing with them is
9 about. They're going to -- it, it's like they're
10 going to go out of their way to prove and to show so
11 that there are -- that there is wrongdoing no matter
12 what. And -- it would appear like to cover their
13 butts for what they did.

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

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hey, if it's as bad -- I
18 mean, if -- as bad as they're making -- the extremes
19 to what that agency has gone to -- holy smokers. Let
20 me start making up things off the top of my head too
21 and, and saying that's what this man is about, never
22 meeting or knowing the man. People are calling in
23 every day and bringing in very good questions about
24 how this all came about. A woman saying that when
25 she's getting beat by her husband, makes a complaint,

1 and they say well, where's the bruises and so forth
2 and how come it doesn't -- and why didn't it work that
3 way here? If there were complaints about such-and-
4 such inside, why the assault with the intent of murder
and -- I mean, it's so farfetched --

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

6 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- John.

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

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

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

14 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- for in the first place.

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

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know there would be.

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

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

21 No. All of us -- all my life -- I will tell you the
22 truth -- I've been a, a patriotic -- an extremely

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1 patriotic person, very conservative. I've always
2 backed this Government. I've always backed the, the
3 officials, the people in it. All my life. I've
4 always -- I thought it was the most awesome nation,
5 the Constitution, its principles. But I've seen
6 powerful men eroding that away. When I was taking
7 history through the years, there were just too many
8 dimensions that were left unanswered that did not make
9 sense. And then I met an admiral of the United States
10 Navy who started showing me documentation about the
11 Trilateral Commission, Council on Foreign Relations,
12 all these organizations of which you have all this
13 power-hungry money people like the Rockefellers behind
14 it all. And then their --

15 JOHN-2: Steve --

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

20 JOHN-2: Hey --

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: They have the influence.
22 But I, I can see that this whole country is
23 degenerating. They want more laws, more regulations.
24 There's not going to be any freedom left in this
25 country and there's not a damn thing anybody can do

1 about it.

2 JOHN-2: Well --

3 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Nothing.

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

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

9 JOHN-2: But nothing --

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that would --

11 JOHN-2: -- compares --

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

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

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: But the way --

18 JOHN-2: -- been like this.

19 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- this Dan -- what
20 bothers everybody here is the way this Dan stands
21 there at -- before all the mikes and what he all has
22 to say. The man is so ambiguous and general in his
23 answers in the first place. The press asked him
24 specific questions. Look at how the man answers, even
25 --

1 JOHN-2: I --

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- though he has them.

3 JOHN-2: I saw it myself. Here's what we
4 need.

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

14 JOHN-2: No, no, no.

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- happened?

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

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

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

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: The Federal Government --
24 take a look at the Constitution, John. It was
25 individual states and giving only few rights for the

1 protection of all. But look what has happened. It's
2 now become a Federal thing.

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

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

12 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

17 JOHN-2: All right.

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- cut us off from any
19 opportunity -- sure the banner was put out. There's
20 people listening to ev-- different radio stations. I
21 -- listen to the things that the man says on that
22 radio station. He's a -- no question the guy loves
23 the Constitution. Your freedoms, John, mine, I don't
24 see -- look at the logic and the sensibility the man
25 speaks of. What is wrong with what the man has to

1 say? Why would you want to cut anybody off? If -- by
2 you cutting us off from any kind of expression to the
3 press or getting any kind of an opinion or a thought
4 out, these people are going to stay in here until you
5 take us out totally.

6 JOHN-2: Well, that's --

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

9 JOHN-2: Neither do I.

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

14 JOHN-2: Look --

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you guys cut--

16 JOHN-2: Look, look, look --

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Wait. No, wait. Just let
18 me finish saying. When you cut off the electricity,
19 when you cut off the, the source of trying to get
20 information out, those are the steps, when they're
21 allowed to happen, that these people start saying
22 well, maybe it's not so bad. Let's, let's -- they
23 start talking about leaving. But right away a, a
24 press conference like that takes place and you want to
25 cut off all the press and every, every manner and way.

1 I mean, first of all, you've got them so far away,
2 that scare the heck out of these people. And you know
3 why. Of course. Because if any, if anybody wanted to
4 even come here and burn the place down, kill all the
5 people, what evidences would be left?

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

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

11 JOHN-2: In the sheriff's jail.

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

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

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

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

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

22 JOHN-2: Well --

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I have never -- what have
24 I ever done for anybody in this world? But I, I would
25 back your rights, John. I really would. If you're an

1 atheist, I would back your being able to choose to be
2 an atheist or an agnostic, whatever you choose to be.
3 That's your right.

4 JOHN-2: Totally.

5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: That --

6 JOHN-2: Totally. Totally.

7 STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, that's what I'm
8 concerned about.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 JOHN-2: Which part --

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that are not correct.

1 JOHN-2: Which part was wrong?

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

5 JOHN-2: Okay.

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

9 JOHN-2: No, no, no.

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- doing that --

11 JOHN-2: I mean, wha--

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

14 JOHN-2: Which part did you --

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- then I can --

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, it did.

19 JOHN-2: Which --

20 STEVE SCHNEIDER: What bothered me, number
21 one, was the long, lengthy warrant or whatever it was
22 that was given to the, the white house property. Why
23 over the air did they talk about the 27 -- I mean, in
24 some ways they're quiet about information that a lot
25 of people would like to know. On the other hand, they

1 hand out an address to the whole world. There's all
2 sorts of nuts out there that could come and bother the
3 two occupants over there, the two women that are
4 staying there. That, that brings about more danger in
5 and on their behalf, unless you've already arrested
6 them and stuck them in jail somewhere.

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

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

11 JOHN-2: At the La Verne property?

12 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

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

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

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

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

22 JOHN-2: Yes, I did.

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: What did you think of that
24 warrant?
25

1 JOHN-2: Well, you know --

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Holy smokers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because those are --

22 JOHN-2: -- the Treasury.

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

25 JOHN-2: Okay. Somebody --

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- be offen--

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

5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

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

9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

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

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

15 JOHN-2: Yes.

16 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- as stated?

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: But the greatest
22 statement, though, honestly, John, that bothered these
23 people was the -- what Bob Ricks had to say in regards
24 to cutting off -- even the one radio station, one --
25 giving them a warning. That -- it sounds like a

1 totalitarian state. It sounds like what Russia was.
2 I mean, we all were happy to see Russia bring down the
3 walls as with East Berlin.

4 JOHN-2: You got that right.

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

8 JOHN-2: Well --

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

13 JOHN-2: Here--

14 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- safety and --

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

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

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

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

23 JOHN-2: However long it --

24 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- about: Hi, my name is
25 so-and-so; and off they go to jail.

1 JOHN-2: No. Number one, not --

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

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

5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- work out for sure?

6 JOHN-2: Steve, do you feel --

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

10 JOHN-2: Let's work it out.

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- given them a name?

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

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

25 JOHN-2: This --

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

3 JOHN-2: We talked about that --

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- ago.

5 JOHN-2: -- last night, about somebody
6 coming physically in. That's not going to be allowed.

7 I mean, I'm not just going to pussyfoot around with
8 you. I, I just don't do that. I, I speak to you as a
9 man from the shoulder. I'm --

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, what happened with
11 --

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 JOHN-2: Rush Limbaugh and some other
25 people.

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. In fact, I don't
2 know, I've just been told about it. I've never viewed
3 him. I don't know who he really is. I've heard the
4 name. I hear he is controversial and gets some issues
5 like that.

6 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

8 JOHN-2: So --

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

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

14 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think it's Engelman.

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

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

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

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

24 JOHN-2: You know, I've got to say something
25 about you. I truly believe that you are generally

1 interested in the safety and well-being of all the
2 people there.

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

7 JOHN-2: We have the same --

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

11 JOHN-2: Are you on a speakerphone?

12 STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I'm not.

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

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

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

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

1 the Bible.

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

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

12 JOHN-2: Uh-huh.

13 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- taken off in --

14 JOHN-2: The sheriff --

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- seclusion or something.

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

18 STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I haven't.

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

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

22 JOHN-2: Do --

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- only ones I've met are
24 the ones -- see, I've spent a lot of time in
25 California, even recently. I go back and forth more

1 than anybody. I've spent more time in California than
2 I have in Texas. Very little time here. And in the
3 process of doing that lot of these people, they have
4 no one -- I, I have met Johnny Liondo (phonetic) --

5 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and would have a, an
21 apprehension of these people, of course. So, I really
22 don't know what they think. I just know that we've
23 told them we like them. I think we've shown them
24 that, to some degree, and they may buy that. I don't,
25 I don't think they see us as dangerous as we've been

1 made out to be, because we aren't in the first place.

2 Why were the weapons bought in the, in the first
3 place? Well, let David answer that. But it was never

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5 JOHN-2: Okay.

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

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

21 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I wasn't at all.

22 JOHN-2: You wasn't?

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: In fact, I was by the
24 telephone and the radio trying to make contact to get
25 this thing stopped and to get the heck out of here.

1 JOHN-2: All right. Then --

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I was doing.

3 JOHN-2: -- then why make your situation
4 worse by hanging in there?

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

14 JOHN-2: Steve --

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

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

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

22 JOHN-2: You're in a bad situation. You are
23 in a bad situation and you're --

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1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course I am.

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

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

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

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

13 JOHN-2: Huh?

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

17 JOHN-2: Okay. I just --

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

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

22 STEVE SCHNEIDER: His name was what?

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

1 one of the F--

2 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do believe so, but --

3 JOHN-2: Right.

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I hardly --

5 JOHN-2: So --

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

8 JOHN-2: Yeah.

9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I --

10 JOHN-2: I --

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

22 JOHN-2: Well --

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and children in here.

24 And then I heard the fire. That's what --

25 JOHN-2: Thi--

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I -- this is what
2 happened.

3 JOHN-2: Byron S--

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

10 JOHN-2: Do you --

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, that's the point.

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

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

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

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1 to go a long step in resolving your personal situation
2 --

3 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but what about --

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

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

12 JOHN-2: Yeah.

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

16 JOHN-2: Sure.

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

22 JOHN-2: How's he doing?

23 STEVE SCHNEIDER: How's he doing?

24 JOHN-2: Is he like --

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, he's doing much

1 better now.

2 JOHN-2: Good. Good.

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

6 Nobody knew.

7 JOHN-2: I know.

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

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

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm trying the --

16 JOHN-2: -- by bearing --

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- best that I can.

18 JOHN-2: -- by bearing witness to what
19 happened, by telling your side of the story. And if
20 you will tell me what is true, you were calling for
21 help, and Byron Sage, Agent Sage, will testify in your
22 behalf. He's going to testify that he got a call from
23 you, that he spoke to you early on the phone, and that

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1 will corroborate your personal story that you are
2 telling the truth. I mean, you -- here you got an
3 agent --

4 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay --

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

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

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

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

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

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: But --

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

17 STEVE SCHNEIDER: These are --

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

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

23 JOHN-2: Um-hum.

24 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- although you don't even
25 know, but I'm going to tell you, that there were so

1 many threats on, on the lives of the people here in
2 the past year and a half especially. We actually --
3 one day I happened to -- in fact, it was in the
4 evening, I would say about maybe, oh, five months ago.
5 The telephone rang. It was probably 8:00, 7:00 in
6 the evening during the middle of the week. I picked
7 up the phone, and here's a man on there. The guy
8 sounded insane. He's threatening my very life. I
9 says who am I speaking to. He says you'll find out.
10 He says your end is coming. He says you're going to
11 be taken out. He says you're going to lose your life.
12 I mean, the-- these are the kind of threats we've had
13 over and over again.

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

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

24 JOHN-2: Steve, if you --

25 STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, I mean --

1 JOHN-2: -- if you're only held -- you
2 personally are only held as a material witness and
3 Judy is only held as a material witness, you'll be out
4 on bond in, in a day, like the, like the two other --

5 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I do believe --

6 JOHN-2: -- they, they --

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

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

10 STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I told you.

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

15 STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, who would want to
16 anyway?

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

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

20 JOHN-2: Well, that's one of the things you
21 can't do, is flee to a foreign country. But other
22 than that, you can address the press, have breakfast
23 when you want, eat dinner when you want. You know,
24 you can do all the things you want. You can talk to
25 the --

1 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I realize that.

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

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

5 JOHN-2: You can --

6 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- sitting here terrified?

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

9 STEVE SCHNEIDER: They --

10 JOHN-2: -- be their leader.

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

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

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

19 JOHN-2: Look at, look at the press
20 conference and see the, the microphones, the number of
21 microphones. Look at the press conference and see the
22 number of reporters. You're not out here, but
23 there's, there's these, these red jimmies, GMCs,
24 Fords, Chevys, all kinds of vehicles here with all
25 these news stations from around the country with their

1 logos. There's these trucks with the dishes on. Let
2 me tell you something, this is one of the biggest
3 events in the nation. I mean, the World Trade Center
4 bombing --

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

6 JOHN-2: -- is over.

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

10 JOHN-2: I know that.

11 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- be a notoriety or be--
12 become infamous.

13 JOHN-2: Of course not.

14 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, here -- the
15 statements that are made, like Bob Ricks, about how he
16 believes that he wants to be heard around the world --
17 no. I mean, what -- we had our own plan. We believed
18 that in the Bible it talks about a Hebrew word called
19 shigionoth. It means turbulent lyrics, by music, the
20 highest form of communication there is, John. Through
21 the music, he is an awesome guitarist. And, in fact,
22 we've already had invitations all around Hollywood and
23 the, the best places to be able to perform. That is
24 the truth. But we have waited for the right time and,
25 and, and he's always waited for God to tell him when

1 to play. Why hasn't he played when he's got the
2 ability, he's got the equipment. You ought to hear
3 his music. I mean, in that realm. You might not like
4 that style of music, rock and roll, and everything --

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

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

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

12 STEVE SCHNEIDER: I agree.

13 JOHN-2: -- explained.

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

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

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

21 JOHN-2: Well --

22 STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, of course --

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

24 STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you're using that,
25 you're using that as a bargaining chip to have people

1 | come out who are terrified, and they're -- they would
2 | rather die until they see either David say the waiting
3 | is over, let's go on, or that there's some press that
4 | already has a connection to us, so they feel at ease
5 | to go walk right on out through and out the gate and
6 | so forth.

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

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

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

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

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

17 | STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- what, what these people
18 | want.

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

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