TAPE #114

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8:22 p.m. - 10:26 p.m.
(Tape 114)

(Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)

JOHN: Come on, Steven, don't bust my chops.

(Phone ringing)

JOHN: Where did you go, Elite?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: Elite.

JOHN: Was it good?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #1: Oh, it was
great.

JOHN: Well, we were right across the street
from you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: Where did
they go?

JOHN: Elite, which is two restaurants up
from where we were. This is like a Bennigans or a
Chili?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: No, it's,
it's like (indiscernible) 50's (indiscernible) bigger
than that--

(Phone ringing)

JOHN: What's the name of it?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2:
(Indiscernible).

JOHN: I don't want to, I don't want to be
dependent on his call.

(Phone ringing)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: Want to hang
up -- redial it probably the best thing.
JOHN: Yes, Lord.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: I was in the middle of videoing --

JOHN: And you thought it was a camera, huh, until you opened your other eye and said whoa.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: (Indiscernible) up his camera.

(Phone ringing)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #2: They're all standing out front.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #3: Maybe they left.

JOHN: Think they might be walking down the road?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #3: Yeah, they're over in this room.

JOHN: Yeah, that's no more than 50 feet away from where his phone is.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #3: Yeah, but he's got (indiscernible).

(Phone ringing)

JOHN: I'm going to ask him if he's (indiscernible) or something. They're not answering.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #4: They're gone. They're out of there.

JOHN: This whole thing's been --

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #4: (Indiscernible) last time he had a vision everybody
came around --

JOHN: Well, this wasn't it.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER #4:

(Indiscernible) he cried and he yelled and everybody (indiscernible).

JOHN: Hello?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello, John?

JOHN: Hey, Steve.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Hey, yeah, I've got his vital signs here.

JOHN: Go ahead.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. The blood pressure is 110/80.

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. The pulse is 70.

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And the temperature is 37° centigrade.

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And the respiration is 22.

JOHN: Okay.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And I'll give you a call back.

(Phone hung up)

MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello?

JOHN: Hey.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah?
JOHN: I was just going to say that when we started our conversation with him and started our dialogue with him he really didn't sound too good at all but he sure perked up.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Good, good.

JOHN: He seemed, he seemed to sound much better, and at one point in the conversation -- well, towards the end, you know, I said -- we talked about the -- some of the folks coming out tomorrow and --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN: -- and some of the other issues.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: And he, he said basically that I should discuss that with you.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. The details you mean and so forth?

JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: Uh-huh. So, you want to give me a call back or do you want me to call you back after a while?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, yeah, I can give -- let me give you a call back then.

JOHN: Okay. About how long?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Let's see. What time do we have here, about 9:00? Probably -- well, give me a little time, maybe an hour or two, because I need to talk to these people. I don't even -- a couple -- a
lot of people are already laying down and everything.

    JOHN: Okay. Do me a favor.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

    JOHN: It's 9:00 now, all right?

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

    JOHN: See if you can find Floyd Hauptman.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Well, there is someone else that wanted to pass a message on.

    JOHN: Okay. Okay.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Jamie Castillo.

    JOHN: Do you know the spelling of the last name?

    MR. SCHNEIDER: It's like Castillo. It's Spanish so it's got two L's. Castillo.

    JOHN: Okay.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: I don't know exactly, but --

    JOHN: Like C-A-S-T-I-L-L-O?

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, that sounds about right.

    JOHN: Okay, and the message?

    MR. SCHNEIDER: And the -- his mother, I don't know what the -- I wish he would have given me the name, but the mother lives in El Monte, California. That's near Pomona, I believe.

    JOHN: Okay.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: But let's see, I'll try to -- in fact, when I see him next I'll try to get a little more information.
JOHN: See if he's got a phone number or something, huh --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Right, that's correct.

JOHN: -- and his mother's name.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

JOHN: And if you can, will you try and contact what's it, Clive or Cleve --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Clive, Clive.

JOHN: -- and Sherrie Doyle --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

JOHN: -- Yvette Williams and Sandra Harding --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, I'll try to --

JOHN: -- and maybe I can have a chat with them before they go to bed?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I think so, I think so, because it's only 9:00 right now --

JOHN: If --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- so in the next two hours I'll try to get them down.

JOHN: Let me call you back in an hour.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Sounds good.

JOHN: Okay?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

JOHN: All right. You take care.


(Phones hung up)

JOHN: Hello?
MR. SCHNEIDER: John?

JOHN: Hey, Steve.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I got Clive here. I tried -- a lot of these people turn in. It's windy, wet, cold, damp tonight.

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And I asked -- he went -- I went to try to wake up another guy and he said how about tomorrow and I says, well, okay.

JOHN: Hey, I guess you're as depressed as I am over the results of that newspaper article, huh? I thought it was a real sign, or a potential sign.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, yeah. You mean the, the one you were reading about, the Houston Chronicle or whatever?

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Sounded pretty good what I heard.

JOHN: Didn't sound too good to David though. MR. SCHNEIDER: It didn't? I wasn't there. I had -- I was, I was gone after I dropped the phone off with him.

JOHN: Yeah. Well, he just said that wasn't it. But he, he also said that when I get onto more substantial matters after going through some readings and some other things --
MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah.

JOHN: -- about the nuts and bolts of resolving this thing and coming out he said that --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

JOHN: -- that I should discuss those with you.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Well --

JOHN: So --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I'll give you --

JOHN: -- he's put the, he's put the ball back in your court.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. I'll work on that with you. I'll give you the (indiscernible).

JOHN: And I'm, and I'm glad to.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: To tell you the truth I'm glad because I think for the last three days all of our discussions with you, mine and Mack's and, and the other John, have been very fruitful.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Well, we'll continue on. I'm going to turn you over to Clive here --

JOHN: Okay.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and I'll be back in a while.

JOHN: Hey, I appreciate it.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And if he's off the phone just -- I'll give you a call back for sure and we'll start working on the other.
JOHN: That's fine.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Here, here's Clive by the way.

JOHN: Thank you.

MR. SCHNEIDER: This is, this is John.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

CLIVE: Hello, John?

JOHN: Hey, Clive. How are you?

CLIVE: Oh, I'm doing fine under the circumstances.

JOHN: Well, you healthy?

CLIVE: Sure.

JOHN: Good, good. We got a phone call I guess, whether the FBI got it or ATF, the local sheriff's office, I'm not sure, but at least it came in and it was brought to our attention, that your daughter Karen had called to see how you and, and Sherrie were doing. And you, you have another member of your family in there also or just the two of you?

CLIVE: It's just the two of us right now.

JOHN: Well, I guess Karen was concerned how the two of you were doing so we said -- we've told people that call in that if, if they'd like us to, to talk to people in there, make sure they are healthy and, and doing all right that we would and we'd get the message back to them. And that's the main reason why I want to talk to you, to, to see that you are all right and that your daughter Sherrie is all right --
CLIVE: Yeah, she's okay.

JOHN: -- and that you're healthy and, and that you're in there on your own accord, your own volition, no one's forcing you to stay in there --

CLIVE: That's true.

JOHN: -- you know, and you're, you're free to leave if you want to leave. Because that's basically what David has told us, you know, that -- matter of fact, I just got off the phone with David a little while ago and he said hey, anybody that wants to leave they're certainly free to leave and we --

CLIVE: Yeah, no one's being held against their will.

JOHN: I'm sorry?

CLIVE: I said nobody is being held against their will.

JOHN: Well, that's good, that's good. And, and David has told me many times and told the other people that have talked to him many times that, you know, he's ready to come out. All he's waiting here is the word and, and we, we discussed the fact that the word is going to tell him when, when he can leave and anybody else can leave whenever they want to leave, you know? They're, they're going to be treated fairly and they're going to be treated humanely and, and the, the system is the best system we have to deal with it. Do, do you have any questions about, about leaving or, or what will be on the outside here, how,
how things will be handled on the outside when you come out? Any, any questions that I could answer for you?

CLIVE: Well, I imagine anybody leaving would be arrested.

JOHN: I'm sorry?

CLIVE: I said I imagine anybody leaving would be arrested.

JOHN: Well, that's not really true because there are a lot of children in there, there are a lot of youngsters and teenagers that --

CLIVE: Well --

JOHN: -- certainly --

CLIVE: -- when I say anybody I'm talking about adults.

JOHN: Well, I'd, I'd have to be candid with you. I'm not going to lie to you --

CLIVE: All right.

JOHN: -- that you certainly will be, but I will tell you that the charges that are going to be placed against any adults coming out by the federal government is they're going to be charged as material witnesses. And, and those are the initial charges that will be placed on any adults coming out, as material witnesses against the principals who have, who have been involved in this thing. And, and only you can answer, you know, and through your lawyers what, what part you played. And, and I also pointed
out to David that his mother has hired an attorney from Houston who is considered one of the paramount criminal lawyers in the state to represent him and there are at least eight other lawyers that are in the Waco area that have said that they would represent the other people inside the, the facility up there. So there is, there is --

CLIVE: Well --

JOHN: -- legal representation waiting for people out here and, and, you know, they're not being thrown to the wolves if they come out or something.

CLIVE: Is Karen being held?

JOHN: I'm sorry?

CLIVE: Is Karen being held somewhere?

JOHN: No, she's not, uh-uh. She -- because she called from -- I can tell you the address. It was in La Verne, California, on White Avenue.

CLIVE: I understand they raided that place, so I was wondering whether she'd been taken in for questioning or whatever.

JOHN: No, no, uh-uh. Not at all. And she called because she was concerned and because she was formerly was in there to best of my knowledge and that --

CLIVE: So, she just left a message? You don't have a recording or anything of what she had to say?

JOHN: No, uh-uh, no. If I did I'd play it
for you --

   CLIVE: Okay.
   JOHN: -- because we have had some
recordings by other individuals and we, we'd certainly
be happy to play them, you know. But --

   CLIVE: You know, if you -- if she calls
again too or you call her, whatever, you can let her
know that we're okay.
   JOHN: That's fine, that's fine. And, and
is there any message that you would want us to relay
other than that, or is there anyone else that you
would like us to contact?
   CLIVE: No, I don't have too many relatives
in this country.
   JOHN: Well, the reason I ask is the British
Consulate has contacted us regarding British citizens
and we've been contacted by other foreign consulates
and consul generals concerning, you know, people from
other countries.
   CLIVE: Um-hum.
   JOHN: So, if you did have something we'd be
happy to contact them or if you wanted to make a
recording or if you wanted, wanted her to make some
recording we can sure pass that on. But --
   CLIVE: I don't --
   JOHN: -- we're hoping this whole thing is
going to be resolved in a, in a day or so anyhow so
you'll be able to talk to her in person.
CLIVE: Well, whenever God's ready. That's what we're waiting on is, is God and --

JOHN: Yeah.

CLIVE: -- he's the one that's in charge, you know?

JOHN: Well, I don't know what kind of a sign it's going to take. You, you almost think a meteor is going to have to fall in that place.

CLIVE: Who knows?

JOHN: Hey --

CLIVE: I don't know.

JOHN: -- it's not easy and, and of course initially it wasn't very easy for us to understand because it was something -- a philosophy that was new to us and, and we've had a lot, we've had a lot of long dialogue with David and, and we've had a lot of Bible readings with him and spiritual sessions and, and we have with Steven also.

CLIVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: And basically, David has told us that this evening to work things out with Steven as to how the people are going to be coming out of there. And there -- from what I understand at least three of the men will be coming out tomorrow morning, and, and maybe more. So we're hoping maybe more because they know that we're not vindictive and, and I have no animosity nor does anyone else out here towards anyone in there and justice is going to prevail one way or
another and it's the best system there is. And if you
want to be in that number that's coming out tomorrow
that's fine, you know, that's -- but it's your
decision to make, you know, it's not my decision to
make. And --

   CLIVE: Um-hum.
   JOHN: -- as you know and as everyone else
knows, we've got a lot of patience and that's all
we're going to do is sit and wait out here.

   CLIVE: It's a pity it hadn't been handled
dergent to begin with.

   JOHN: Yeah, but we can't change that can
we?

   CLIVE: Not now.
   JOHN: What's done is done isn't it?

   CLIVE: But --

   JOHN: It's, it's, it's a tragedy that
occurred and it was a tragedy for the people in there
and it was a tragedy for a lot of other people.

   CLIVE: I mean, you know we don't hold any
animosity toward the individuals that came out here,
but --

   JOHN: Well --

   CLIVE: -- the way they came out.

   JOHN: I, I know David said all the people
had to do was come up and knock on the door and it
would be changed and I told David that when we started
talking to him and when the FBI started talking to him
on the phone we were knocking on that door and we're
down at the end of the road and our arms are open and
all it's going to take is for people to come out. The
media is out there. The media ensures that, hey,
obody is being abused, no one's rights are going to
be offended when they come out and, and David said the
--

CLIVE: They're not exactly hearing
everything that's going on though are they?

JOHN: I'm sorry?

CLIVE: They're only -- the media have been
blitzed to the point where they only hear what the FBI
wants them to hear though.

JOHN: Well, they're hearing everything that
we discuss on the phone with David and with Steven,
not word-for-word because --

CLIVE: (Indiscernible)

JOHN: Yeah, sure, I mean I -- people in
here have spoken to David and Steve some evenings for
seven or eight hours at a time. So but they're
certainly learning the nuts and bolts and, and the
mind-set and the feelings and the -- you know, they,
they've been told that anybody that wants to leave
inside there can leave. And that's basically the
truth isn't it, that no one's forcing anybody to stay
in there?

CLIVE: Nobody's being forced to stay --

JOHN: Sure.
CLIVE: -- at this point even before this situation. I mean, the fact that there are people on the outside that have visited here or have been members or whatever and have chosen to return to their various states or countries --

JOHN: Sure.

CLIVE: -- or whatever just shows that, you know, nobody is being held prisoner.

JOHN: No. I mean, the only people that -

CLIVE: This is a --

JOHN: -- that have no -- you know, that really are under control of someone else are the children and they're going to do what their, their parents suggest they do. And, and of course we understand that some of the difficulty is that some children have been released already, what, 21 children and, and two elderly women and, and it would be awful nice if those children were with their mothers and their fathers so they could get some direction and guidance and loving. And we know that David selected the people to leave and, and he's basically acknowledged that he selected the people to leave.

CLIVE: So, those people that have small children that have already been let go --

JOHN: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

CLIVE: -- are they going to be united with them or --

JOHN: You bet they are.
CLIVE: -- what's the deal, you know?

JOHN: As far as I know they will be, sure. You know, unless there are some serious charges pending against people and that's what lawyers are for and that's what the system is all about. But it's not --

CLIVE: How do you know --

JOHN: -- it's not our intention --

CLIVE: -- charges against --

JOHN: I'm sorry?

CLIVE: I said how do you know which ones that are going to have the serious charges and which ones will just be held as material witnesses?

JOHN: Well, everyone is going to be charged --

CLIVE: That'll be brought out in the trial wouldn't it?

JOHN: No, it'll be brought out long before then. The, the -- obviously children aren't going to be charged as material witnesses, right?

CLIVE: No, I'm not talking about that (indiscernible).

JOHN: But adults, adults that come out are going to be charged as material witnesses. They will be interviewed at length by the U.S probation system which is an arm of the courts. You know, I don't know how familiar you are with our judicial system, but everyone that comes out initially will -- if their
anybody that -- people that are injured and we're
certainly aware that, that several are injured because
we viewed some injuries on videotapes. They've --
David has sent out a couple of videotapes that Steven
narrated of interviews with people. And these people
that do have injuries the first place they're going is
to some medical facility to be treated to a hospital.
And then as our judicial system works is prior to an
initial appearance before a U.S. judge where everybody
is advised of any charges against them and what their
rights are they are interviewed by the U.S. Probation
Office which is an arm of the court who answers to the
judge to determine their status, you know, their not
only financial status but marital status, everything
else. And everybody will be allowed to make a
statement if they, they desire to make a statement
concerning any part they played on Sunday the 28th.
And it's up to the court to determine, you know, the
seriousness, and it's up to the initial investigation
to determine who was involved and who wasn't. And
people that weren't involved are certainly not going
to be charged with something other than material
witness. And they'll be asked to testify as to what
they saw, what they observed, the whole nine yards.
And, and --

CLIVE: So, where will they stay, for
instance like say these people that leave tomorrow?
Once they're -- let's say they're held as a material
witness, where will they be staying --

JOHN: Well, they'll --

CLIVE: -- since this their --

JOHN: -- they'll --

CLIVE: -- home you might say?

JOHN: Well, they'll --

CLIVE: They can't just go home.

JOHN: No.

CLIVE: You know?

JOHN: They'll initially appear before a federal judge --

CLIVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: -- and they'll probably be incarcerated and bond will be set. You know, the court will set bond as to --

CLIVE: All right.

JOHN: -- because they will be afforded legal counsel, they'll be afforded an attorney and the court will set bond and, and as soon as they make bond they're going to be released on bond.

CLIVE: Yeah, but they can't come back here.

JOHN: Not, not hardly.

CLIVE: I mean, where do they stay? Where --

JOHN: No, I mean that's -- I mean it's logical that they can't go back there because the authorities are going to have to -- once everyone is out of there they're going to conduct what we would call a crime scene investigation --
CLIVE: Right.

JOHN: -- because crimes were committed, you know? And so that has to be done. So remember, in our judicial system everybody is innocent until proven guilty, right?

CLIVE: It didn't appear that way Sunday.

JOHN: I said in our judicial system.

CLIVE: Okay.

JOHN: You know?

CLIVE: Somebody made a judgment --

JOHN: Well --

CLIVE: -- already.

JOHN: Hey, what can I say? What happened happened, huh? But anyhow, once people make bond and if they have relatives and if they have friends and associates they get with their relatives and friends and associates and lawyers and get the advice of their lawyer as to where they'll stay, where they'll go, who they'll be with. I mean, what kind of plans would you have when you come out?

CLIVE: I live here. I've lived here since 1966 off and on. So I mean it's home. You know what I'm saying?

JOHN: Well, I'm, I'm saying what plans would you have when you come out? Obviously, you're not going to be spending the night --

CLIVE: I don't have any plans at this point.
JOHN: -- at Mt. Carmel.

CLIVE: I don't have any plans at this point. I don't --

JOHN: Relatives and friends?

CLIVE: I don't know anywhere I could go at this point.

JOHN: Well, you've got a daughter, huh, in California? You certainly --

CLIVE: That's a long way from the scene of the alleged crime.

JOHN: Well, you certainly could stay with your daughter in California I guess couldn't you?

CLIVE: Possibly, if, if that was acceptable.

JOHN: Strictly up to the court and if the court accepts it and, and you make bond that's where you're going to be. You, you have the same rights and privileges of, of anyone else. But remember, any allegations against anybody in there have to be proven and remember that the medical community is looking at this thing, the public is looking at it, the media is looking at it. So it's not something that's going to roll up and fade away. You know, it's, it's getting an awful lot of, of media attention and, and attention of the people in this area. But one of the big tests is, is going to be, and we realize it, that the, the first adults that come out of there, the first males that come out of there -- I know the people on the
inside are going to be watching -- to see how they're
treated, you know, how they're cared for, and, and we
know that. So we're not playing any games with
anyone. As far as I'm aware and as far as the
information that I have, is once the government is --
has concluded its, its investigation at Mt. Carmel we
have no reason to stick around there. People that
were living there before are certainly going to be
able to go back there. And you've got religious
groups here that, that have shelters, other churches,
the Red Cross, social services. So there are a lot of
people out here that are in a position to help those
that, that may not have a residence or, or may not
have the warefore -- to take care of themselves right
away. And, and I realize there are a lot of people in
the same situation that you're in --

CLIVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: -- in, in there that have been there
for a while, a lot of women that have been there for a
while that, you know, are going to feel lost when they
come out. And, and there are a lot of social services
and there are people that will, will assist them when
they come out. So it's just like the children:
they're being cared, cared for that came out. But
we'd like to get them with their families, you know,
because it's the proper thing to do. Do you, do you
think there are some others that would be interested
in --
CLIVE: In coming out?

JOHN: -- in coming out? Or, or, or what the reluctance is?

CLIVE: No, it's up to them. I'm -- you know --

JOHN: I know, you can only speak for yourself and for your daughter, right?

CLIVE: Well, my daughter can speak for herself. She's 18, but --

JOHN: Well, you're still her father, huh?

CLIVE: I'm still her father.

JOHN: Sure.

CLIVE: But I -- you know, I don't pressure her to make decisions. She makes most of her own decisions.

JOHN: No, but you give, you give her some fatherly advice every now and then I guess, huh?

CLIVE: Oh, yeah.

JOHN: We all do that have children don't we?

CLIVE: But --

JOHN: Sometimes they listen, sometimes they don't. They reach a point where they have a mind of their own don't they?

CLIVE: Just a minute. Yeah, go ahead.

JOHN: I said, the youngsters reach a point where they have the mind of their own.

CLIVE: Um-hum.
JOHN: But that's human nature. Do you have any questions I could answer for you, you know, anything else?

CLIVE: Not that I could think of right now. I just --

JOHN: Well, if you do --

CLIVE: I was -- I had the understanding that, you know, you had a recording and I was --

JOHN: No. We had a phone call.

CLIVE: Yeah.

JOHN: But it's been a pleasure to talk to you and --

CLIVE: Well --

JOHN: -- and I'm sure everything's going to work out.

CLIVE: -- you sound like a nice guy. I just hope, you know, that when it's, it's all over that God will judge everybody that's played a part in this according to, you know --

JOHN: There's --

CLIVE: -- sincerity and whatever.

JOHN: Well, you know we will. And --

CLIVE: Kathy Schroeder wanted to talk to you a bit here --

JOHN: Sure.

CLIVE: -- as soon as we're through. So --

JOHN: That's fine.

CLIVE: -- if you want me to hand her over
to you?

JOHN: Well, I'll --

CLIVE: I'll let you know if I get any
feelings of wanting to leave or anything.

JOHN: Okay. Well, and if you want to chat
again you know where the phone is on your end, huh?

CLIVE: Okay. I didn't know we could call
out until just --

JOHN: You sure can. All you got to do is
pick up the phone. It's been a pleasure talking to
you, huh, and we'll see you soon.


JOHN: Uh-huh.

CATHY: Hello?

JOHN: Hi, Cathy, John.

CATHY: Hi.

JOHN: How are you?

CATHY: Fine. I had made a request earlier
and I just wanted to check up on it.

JOHN: Okay.

CATHY: I asked if it would be possible for
me to see the children tomorrow or whenever.

JOHN: As far as I know, it will. Are you
going to be there for, for a few minutes?

CATHY: Um-hum.

JOHN: As far as I know, you will. At least
I know your -- you've got a son Brian, huh, that's
here?
CATHY: Yes, he --

JOHN: And your other -- and you have three other children, I know that.

CATHY: Well, the other three have already been given to their father.

JOHN: They've been reunited with, with Mr. Maab (phonetic spelling).

CATHY: Um-hum.

JOHN: Yes.

CATHY: And --

JOHN: But you're talking about the other children that are here?

CATHY: Right. I was wondering if I could see them. I mean there's a lot of --

JOHN: I presume you can, and you could --

CATHY: -- there's a lot of mothers here that want me to check on them and, you know --

JOHN: You bet.

CATHY: -- give them hugs and stuff.

JOHN: Hey, that's the natural thing to do isn't it?

CATHY: Yeah.

JOHN: You, you bet. As far as I know, it's something that's going to have to kicked around with Social Services but you're going to see your own son and all of them are being kept together so I'm sure you will. And if there are messages to brought --

CATHY: Well --
JOHN: -- be brought out --

CATHY: -- well, we -- John I talked to earlier today --

JOHN: Yeah.

CATHY: -- is making arrangements with them tomorrow --

JOHN: Yes.

CATHY: -- to bring Brian over to where you are right now --

JOHN: Yes.

CATHY: -- so that when I come out tomorrow he'll be right there.

JOHN: That's exactly what's going to happen.

CATHY: From there though if it's -- and I'd also like to find out where my other three children are. Have they already left the state or is Mr. Maab still around? I don't even know where the other three children are.

JOHN: Well, the answers will be waiting for you --

CATHY: You probably don't even --

JOHN: -- when you come out, I know that.

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: But something else that I think John mentioned to me, I call him John too --

CATHY: Um-hum.

JOHN: -- mentioned to me that we will let
you -- you know, once you're reunited with Brian here --

CATHY: Uh-huh.

JOHN: -- we will let you make a call back inside to probably Steven if David's resting and --

CATHY: Right.

JOHN: -- and at, at least let him know that yes, this is what happened and, and we certainly didn't renege on, on any promise or any agreement with you.

CATHY: Right. That, that's understandable. I understand you don't want to go too far with, with that per se. But I know -- I'm going to go through the system and everything --

JOHN: Yeah.

CATHY: -- and I'm probably going to be tied up for a while but --

JOHN: But just remember, you're going to be afforded legal representation throughout this whole thing, right?

CATHY: As, as, as long as there -- how -- what's the word? As long as they're good at their job, you know?

JOHN: Well, as I talked -- as I explained to David and as I explained to Steven, David's mother has already got a lawyer to represent him and as of earlier today there were eight attorneys that are a member of a group here in, in I guess the Waco area
that's very similar to --

CATHY: Probably vying for a position to take, take a case, huh?

JOHN: Standing in line.

CATHY: Yeah.

JOHN: But there are eight anyhow that were a member of a group and, and I don't have the name off the top of my head but it's similar to the ACLU, okay? That said that they would be happy to represent anyone coming out. And when people come out and have an initial appearance before a federal judge the judge might --

CATHY: Do you think that appearance will happen soon or --

JOHN: Sure.

CATHY: -- or I mean, you know --

JOHN: Yes.

CATHY: -- it's my children. See, the reason I'm asking is I mean I don't mind being tied up in the court system and I know it's something I got to go through. The reason I'm asking about the time frame though --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

CATHY: -- is because if my other three children have gone to South Dakota I would --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

CATHY: -- want to go there and visit at least with them, you know --
JOHN: Well, I can tell you --
CATHY: -- as soon as I can get through the system.

JOHN: -- I can tell you the way the system is going to work and, and -- to the best of my knowledge and, and of my years of experience with them. That when you come out John told you that Brian will be waiting for you here and that you'll be reunited with him, you'll communicate back inside.

CATHY: You guys better take pictures, you know that.

JOHN: I'm sorry?
CATHY: You all better take pictures.
JOHN: What do you mean?
CATHY: Leave a message. Take pictures when Brian first sees me.

JOHN: Oh, sure.
CATHY: That's going to be --
JOHN: A nice reunion, huh? You bet.
CATHY: Yeah, that's going to be something.

People are going to want to see those pictures.

JOHN: Oh, I'm sure, I'm sure. And then what will happen is you'll be taken down to the federal courthouse.

CATHY: Um-hum.

JOHN: And the first people that you will meet there will be from the U.S. Probation Office which --
CATHY: And Brian comes with me, right?

JOHN: As far as I know.

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: You'll be met by representatives of the U.S. Probation Office which they are an arm of the court and they answer to the federal judges. And what they do basically is get some background information from you and family environment and, and all this sort of thing where -- any places you've lived and worked, etc., etc. So they can go to the court -- to the judge and saying all right, here's this individual and here is her background and --

CATHY: Can you hang on a second, John?

CATHY: You bet.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello, John?

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I'm going to have her -- she's a real good secretary here, Cathy is -- I'm going to have her write it all down --

JOHN: Okay.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and then I'll probably go over it with some of the others.

JOHN: Okay.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. So you can take your time with her. She'll -- I'll get you something -- let me see here --

JOHN: He's going to have you --

CATHY: I'm sorry, John.
JOHN: -- he's going to have you taking shorthand, huh?

CATHY: Steve's pretty busy right now. No, I don't take shorthand, but --

JOHN: (Laughter)

CATHY: -- but I can get the basics down.

JOHN: Sure.

CATHY: He's pretty busy right now. I did want him to, to go --

JOHN: What you got him doing, cooking dinner?

CATHY: (Laughter) Yeah, he cooks breakfast and lunch too. You should try it sometime.

JOHN: That's all right. I'll, I'll pass.

CATHY: He's going to get me something to write this down on --

JOHN: Okay.

CATHY: -- and then I can go over it with him and he can --

JOHN: Okay.

CATHY: Because I'm sure that others coming out will --

JOHN: Well, the, the other, the other person that you can go over it with is Wayne on the inside.

CATHY: I did talk to him a little bit and --

JOHN: Wayne Martin?

CATHY: -- basically his advice is don't say
anything until you get legal counsel.

JOHN: Well, that's right.

CATHY: You know how lawyers are.

JOHN: Hey, I'm not asking you to say anything either --

CATHY: Right.

JOHN: -- you know? I'm, I'm just going to tell you the way it is. And -- but Wayne is a well-educated lawyer. As far as I know he's a Harvard graduate and he's --

CATHY: Yeah.

JOHN: -- and he's got a keen mind and, and he can certainly give you some good legal advice as to what to do, what not to do and, and then you make up your mind from there. You get your paper?

CATHY: (Talking to somebody in the background) Yeah, and just half a second here. Thank you.

JOHN: Okay.

CATHY: Okay. Now, let me sit down.

JOHN: Do you see the drawings on the wall?

CATHY: Yeah. Aren't they cute?

JOHN: (Laughter) I don't know. I haven't seen them --

CATHY: You should (indiscernible).

JOHN: -- but I understand that are some drawings of the, the people that Steve and David have been talking to.
CATHY: Jim, Gary --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

CATHY: -- Henry, Dick and John Cox. Which John are you?

JOHN: What, what about Max?

CATHY: This was an early, this was an early one done and we've met new people that aren't on this one.

JOHN: You'd better get Max on there too. He's going to feel left out.

CATHY: Which, which John are you?

JOHN: John I.

CATHY: We only have one John in pictures, John Cox.

JOHN: That's it.

CATHY: That's you?

JOHN: Yeah.

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: The other is John II.

CATHY: Oh, John II. Okay. He's, he's got a higher voice than you do. You got a deeper voice. Okay. The first people I'm going to meet?

JOHN: Well, you'll be met at the end of the road and --

CATHY: Well, besides --

JOHN: Right.

CATHY: After, after I see Brian.

JOHN: After you see Brian then you'll be
taken down to the, the federal courthouse and you will be introduced to someone with the U.S. Probation Department. That's got nothing to do with the FBI and it's got nothing to do with the ATF. The U.S. Probation Office is an arm of the court so it's part of the judicial system and they represent the judge prior to you seeing the judge. And basically what probation does is obtain background information from a person because they will prepare a form and speak to the judge prior to the initial appearance which is probably going to take place in an hour or so after you see probation. And if, if there's a lawyer there that says he represents you then, then that lawyer will represent you, you know? Unless you've got one that you, you have of your own choosing. And you will then be afforded what we call an initial appearance before a U.S. Magistrate Judge. And the initial appearance is where the judge takes the information that you have provided to probation and the judge speaks to you in, in a courtroom. And the judge basically tells you that you have certain rights, you know, the -- all of your legal rights against self-incrimination and a right to, to an attorney and the whole nine yards and then tells you what you are being charged with. Now, everybody that's coming out of there, you know, certainly isn't going to be charged with something. I would say it's, it's fair for any adult to understand that they're coming out of there,
they're going to be charged as material witnesses by the federal government in connection with the case. In other words, their testimony will be required at some point during judicial proceedings to testify as to what they saw. And, and then the judge will set a bond and set an arraignment date which is usually sometime down the road. But when the judge sets the bond if the attorney posts bond or if the attorney makes arrangements through a bondsman to post bond or through family members, friends, relatives, whatever the case may be, once bond is posted you're free, okay? You're free and with a date to appear before the court, and the court will set whatever the arraignment date is. But you are free to go as you please until such time as you have to appear in court.

CATHY: Would that, would that include leaving the state or no?

JOHN: That's up to the court.

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: You know? And, and believe me, I am not going to --

CATHY: But they can't put --

JOHN: -- try and, and estimate what a U.S. District Judge --

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: -- is going to do.

CATHY: But they do have the power to tell me I can't leave the state? That is correct I think,
anyway.

JOHN: They have the power to tell you you can't, they have the power to tell you you can.

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: You know? And but see, the important thing that probation talks to you about I guess as much as anything --

CATHY: Yeah, they'll get the information and they'll understand my situation with my children and then --

JOHN: Yes, they will.

CATHY: -- the judge may say I can leave the state based on that?

JOHN: They will, absolutely. That's why it's so important to be candid with probation because whatever you tell probation has got absolutely nothing to do with an FBI investigation or an ATF investigation or anybody else's investigation. They are acting merely as an arm of the court to help the judge --

CATHY: Decide what to do with me.

JOHN: -- decide what to do as well as you'll have an attorney there to help you. But one of the most important -- you know, one of the things they look at is do you have children -- you know, you're a mother, you should be with your children -- and what are your prior criminal offenses. And if you have some that's taken into account and if you have none
that's taken into account --

CATHY: Right.

JOHN: -- with the court. And, and the courts are not a good-old-boy system or anything else.

It is the federal judicial system and I don't know what experience you've, you've ever had with it before. This is going to be something totally new.

CATHY: I've never been to court. Even when I got divorced I didn't go to court.

JOHN: Yeah, yeah. Well, that would have been a state court anyhow. It wouldn't be a federal court.

CATHY: Under what you just said --

JOHN: Yes?

CATHY: -- if there is a lawyer right there --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

CATHY: -- when I meet with the Probation Department --

JOHN: Yes? Yes?

CATHY: -- I could meet the -- have my initial appearance within hours you're saying, right?

JOHN: I would say that's a safe bet.

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: You know, unless the only available judge is sitting on a trial at that time or, you know, got something going on.

CATHY: Right.
JOHN: But you will have your initial appearance. It's usually pretty speedy. Now, whether it's an hour, whether it's four hours, I couldn't tell you that.

CATHY: Well, I wouldn't get that picky.

JOHN: And I'd, I'd be lying to tell you if I would.

CATHY: I wouldn't get that picky anyway. I just don't want to sit around waiting for, you know, a month just to, just to --

JOHN: No, no, no, no, no.

CATHY: -- just to appear before, you know --

JOHN: The federal system as a matter of fact is -- you know, when someone is arrested they must be brought before a court in a very reasonable amount of time. And that when, when the court looks at reasonable they don't play around, they're very serious about that. And, and this has got a lot of publicity, right, and a lot of notoriety. So --

CATHY: Is it possible for you to get a list of those lawyers that you say are hanging around so that I can find out -- say maybe speak to Wayne and find out if any of them have a reputation that Wayne may know of them?

JOHN: I don't know.

CATHY: He probably doesn't.

JOHN: I know -- they're maybe hanging around that courthouse, I know that.
CATHY: Well see, when I get there I've got to know --

JOHN: Because we know that the first person that comes out of there, and I under, I understand that, that you will be coming out early in the morning and of course the earlier you come out the quicker you're going to be reunited and the quicker that, that you're going to get through the procedure. But --

CATHY: As far as my understanding is going it's going to be pretty early.

JOHN: Well, and we know that three other fellows are going to follow you out, you know? So -- and, and I know the people on the inside are looking at how this is handled and the media is going to look at how it's handled, and everyone else is going to look and make sure that nobody's playing any games with anyone. And, and this is too important for anybody to do anything like that, you know?

CATHY: Okay.

JOHN: So, they -- there, there are a lot of attorneys that are interested in, you know, furthering their careers I'm sure.

CATHY: So you're almost certain now that if I do -- if I am able to see the kids I have to go to Child Protective Services but I probably wouldn't be able to do any of that until after what you just told me, all this happens?

JOHN: To be reunited with the other
children?

    CATHY: No, not reunited --

    JOHN: I'm sorry.

    CATHY: -- to go visit with the other children from here, the other 17 that are still together?

    JOHN: That's basically true, that's basically true. And, and the other thing is that when you come out and you are -- you know, you meet with probation, probation will ask you, you know, if you have a lawyer or if you want a lawyer appointed by the court. And the judge himself or herself can appoint a lawyer if you are indigent, you know, in addition to any other lawyer that may say we want to represent you. And believe me, the judge would appoint you with a very good, fair, you know, unbiased lawyer because of the -- of what's going on here. And, and the courts, the courts have a, have a list of attorneys that have indicated a willingness to represent people.

    So then you and your attorney will have quite a period to sit down and --

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