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1 (Tape 121)

2 DAVID: -- just beginning to, to realize  
3 that what I --

4 JOHN: Come a long way though, huh?

5 DAVID: -- that what I've stated to you, you  
6 know, is meeting its fruition. That's all you're  
7 beginning to realize. You know, it's not been by your  
8 negotiations or anybody else's negotiations. It's  
9 been simply by us appeasing you and you appeasing us  
10 and the time developing so where people in here can  
11 sit and think and make their decisions.

12 JOHN: But there's been a lot of listening  
13 going on, hasn't there? Listening by us. Listening  
14 by you.

15 DAVID: Yeah.

16 JOHN: And the bottom line is it's  
17 communication. And willing to talk and willing to  
18 listen. And, and that's what's going to make it work.

19 DAVID: Yeah.

20 JOHN: It is.

21 DAVID: Well, like we said before --

22 JOHN: Hey, I'm a peace loving man. You're  
23 a peace loving man.

24 DAVID: So am I. So am I.

25 JOHN: I know. I know.



1 door then, huh?

2 DAVID: Yeah. He's -- Steve's handled  
3 things really good.

4 JOHN: He has. He has. He's been a prince  
5 to deal with. And he's, he's a good right hand for  
6 you to have there too. He really is. He's --

7 DAVID: Well, he's, he's proved himself  
8 since the beginning.

9 JOHN: He's been a commendable asset to  
10 you --

11 DAVID: He was a --

12 JOHN: -- and he, and he has to us.

13 DAVID: He was like you guys in the  
14 beginning. Oh, he was a real hardhead.

15 JOHN: Hey.

16 DAVID: He thought he knew it all.

17 JOHN: There's a lot of those around here,  
18 aren't there?

19 DAVID: The world's full of them, John.

20 JOHN: But we appreciate what you're doing  
21 and what he's doing. We really do. And listen. I  
22 want you to get some rest tonight. And, and we gave  
23 him a good opportunity to get some rest last night.  
24 Because we shut things down early. But he said that  
25 he had people knocking on his door all night, you

1 know, one question, another question.

2           And, and one thing that I guess concerned  
3 him was somebody said they saw some movement up  
4 someplace and, and it woke them up. And he called us.

5           And we found out what it was. There were some dogs  
6 running around wherever the area that Airstream  
7 trailer is. Because we are not playing any games like  
8 that. We're not doing. I'm telling you not, we're  
9 not doing --

9           DAVID: I didn't believe, I didn't believe  
10 that you would do something like that.

11           JOHN: We won't. We won't. We won't. You  
12 know? Did you --

12           DAVID: Because you all know, you all know  
13 by now we just don't lay down and die for anybody.

14           JOHN: But what would it, what fruitful  
15 purpose would something like that serve?

16           DAVID: Well --

17           JOHN: Would it be productive? No. Not at  
18 all.

18           DAVID: Depends on what your product was  
19 trying to derive, you know?

20           JOHN: Yeah, but you know what we're trying  
21 to do, don't you?

22           DAVID: I hope so.

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1           JOHN: Listen. I appreciate you talking to  
2 me tonight. I really do. You don't know how much I  
3 do.

4           DAVID: I like you, John.

5           JOHN: And can I talk to Steve again and,  
6 and discuss a couple of things about tomorrow morning  
7 with him?

8           DAVID: Sure. You never got your Bible  
9 study though.

10          JOHN: Yeah, I sure did. I just got one --

11          DAVID: You pulled one on me, didn't you?

12          JOHN: In a half hour I got one. No.

13          DAVID: All right. Well, here's, here's  
14 Steven then.

15          JOHN: Thank you. Thank you for talking --

16          DAVID: Okay.

17          JOHN: -- to me tonight.

18          DAVID: I'll let you get away this time.

19          JOHN: Okay.

20          DAVID: Okay. Bye.

21          JOHN: Bye.

22          DAVID: Steve?

23          [gap]

24          STEVE: John.

25          JOHN: Hey. We got a short Bible study in

1 tonight. And I told him how much I appreciated,  
2 appreciated what you're doing. And I really do.

3 STEVE: Okay.

4 JOHN: I don't know if you want to go try  
5 and find anybody to talk to me this evening or you  
6 want to get some rest or whatever you want to do. But  
7 I'm here. If you want to talk to me --

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: -- give me a call. I'm, I'm -- I  
10 will probably be able to give you a call back when I'm  
11 sure those magazines are up there. If you want to  
12 look at them this evening, I'll give you a call.

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 JOHN: Or at least I'll let you know.

15 STEVE: What kind of time do you think  
16 that's going to be? Otherwise (indiscernible).

17 JOHN: I don't know. You going to try and  
18 hit the hay now?

19 STEVE: Yeah, well, I could wait a little  
20 bit longer if you thought --

21 JOHN: Okay.

22 STEVE: -- there was a possibility if it  
23 wouldn't be just too much longer yet.

24 JOHN: Hey. Why don't you hit the hay. And  
25 somebody will answer the phone, huh?

1                   STEVE: It's right by me. No one else is  
2 really that close.

3                   JOHN: Well --

4                   STEVE: Let's see here. It's already 5:11.

5                   JOHN: You want to sack out?

6                   STEVE: I could hang around for another hour  
7 if you think those are going to be --

8                   JOHN: Well, if that's what you care to do,  
9 go ahead. You know, watch some TV, do something.  
10 But -- or say a good prayer pal, you know?

11                   STEVE: Okay.

12                   JOHN: That will never hurt any of us, will  
13 it?

14                   STEVE: Yeah. Well, do you think you can  
15 get it then? Or what do you think?

16                   JOHN: I'm going to try.

17                   STEVE: All right.

18                   JOHN: I'm going to try.

19                   STEVE: Okay.

20                   JOHN: If there's a problem, I'll call you  
21 as quickly as I can so you can, you can get as much  
22 rest as you can. Okay? (David's voice in background  
23 not discernible.)

24                   STEVE: Just a minute. He was talking to  
25 me. What now?



1           DAVID: If they have humane things that they  
2 can do for them?

3           STEVE: Like what?

4           DAVID: Tell him, tell him our ducks need --

5           STEVE: He's mentioning --

6           JOHN: What?

7           DAVID: If they could call up HEB or  
8 someplace like that? Will they deal with HEB?

9           STEVE: Okay.

10          DAVID: Tell them to go down there and pick  
11 up the, the donut, you know, the (indiscernible) they  
12 need to feed our ducks. Go down there and they're  
13 really --

14          STEVE: We've got a lot of ducks.  
15 Apparently today when --

16          JOHN: Um-hum.

17          STEVE: -- Greg was coming back, the ducks  
18 followed him when they spotted him, because they're  
19 used to having him or somebody feed them.

20          JOHN: Uh-huh.

21          STEVE: And we had something going with HEB  
22 and some of these kind of supermarkets where they gave  
23 us oh, things for like livestock, ducks, chickens --

24          JOHN: Uh-huh.

25          STEVE: -- all that sort of thing.

1           JOHN: You need some, you need some feed?  
2 Is that what you're saying?

3           STEVE: Well, just, well -- what are you  
4 saying? You need some feed or what?

5           DAVID: (Indiscernible) feed a little bread  
6 and stuff --

7           STEVE: Old bread or anything that is --  
8 see, the supermarkets used to --

9           JOHN: Okay.

10          STEVE: -- used to give us old bread and  
11 things like that. And then we'd --

12          JOHN: You don't have anything around there  
13 huh?

14          DAVID: Be kind to your web-footed friends.

15          STEVE: He says be kind to --

16          DAVID: They might be someone's mother.

17          STEVE: -- he says be kind to your web-  
18 footed friends. They might be someone's mother.  
19 (Laughing.) Remember that old --

20          JOHN: I think I've heard that before.

21          STEVE: -- remember the old song? You never  
22 heard that?

23          JOHN: I've heard that. How many web-footed  
24 friends do you think I have down in the Bayou?

25          STEVE: Yeah, I can imagine.

1 JOHN: Plenty of them.

2 STEVE: That's right. He's from the Bayou.

3 JOHN: Huh? How easy you forget. (David's  
4 and Steve's voices in the background not discernible.)

5 Listen, we're still on for --

6 DAVID: That's great. I love it down there.

7 STEVE: Yeah, he likes it down there. He  
8 said that's great. He likes it down there.

9 JOHN: Great is right. And I expect to get  
10 back there soon.

11 STEVE: You do. He said --

12 JOHN: The --

13 STEVE: -- he expects to get back there  
14 soon. (David's voice in background not discernible.)

15 JOHN: We're, we're still on --

16 STEVE: Well --

17 JOHN: -- we're -- hey, we're still on for  
18 Rita and Brad and Kevin, huh?

19 STEVE: We're working -- that's exactly  
20 right.

21 JOHN: Okay. Listen, let me call you back  
22 as soon as I hear something, huh?

23 STEVE: Okay. Real good.

24 JOHN: And, and I'm not forgetting about the  
25 stuff for the ducks.

1 STEVE: Okay.

2 JOHN: Okay.

3 STEVE: So I'll wait to hear about the  
4 magazines and --

5 JOHN: Yeah.

6 STEVE: Okay, great.

7 JOHN: Thank you.

8 STEVE: Talk to you in a bit.

9 JOHN: Bye-bye.

10 \* \* \*

11 JOHN: Hello.

12 STEVE: Hello, John?

13 JOHN: Yeah.

14 STEVE: So what's happening?

15 JOHN: I don't know. What's happening?

16 STEVE: Are the generals getting antsy or  
17 what?

18 JOHN: Why? What's going on?

19 STEVE: No electricity.

20 JOHN: When did it go off?

21 STEVE: Just about 1 minute ago.

22 JOHN: I don't know. I can check and, and  
23 give you a call.

24 STEVE: All right.

25 JOHN: Okay?

1                   STEVE: Yeah.

2                   JOHN: Let me call you back in a couple  
3 minutes.

4                   STEVE: I'll have to be -- if I don't answer  
5 the phone right away, I'll be reaching around feeling  
6 for it.

7                   JOHN: (Laughing.)

8                   STEVE: Okay?

9                   JOHN: Okay. Let me, let me check and call  
10 you back.

11                   STEVE: Okay, bye.

12                   JOHN: All right.

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13                   STEVE: Hello?

14                   JOHN: Hey, Steve.

15                   STEVE: Yeah, John.

16                   JOHN: Well, I think you read it pretty  
17 clearly.

18                   STEVE: Oh, yeah?

19                   JOHN: Yeah. A couple of us went in and  
20 talked. And you know, they're the boss. They're the  
21 bosses. And we tell them look, let's talk. Let's you  
22 know, do what we've been doing. And we've been, we've  
23 been making some mileage. So I guess they're going to  
24 let you go to sleep early, huh?  
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1 STEVE: Okay.

2 JOHN: Hey. What can I tell you, my friend?

3 STEVE: And who are these bosses? What are  
4 their names?

5 JOHN: Well, they're just the command  
6 people.

7 STEVE: Who are we dealing with?

8 JOHN: Huh?

9 STEVE: Who are we dealing with?

10 JOHN: People that have been around longer  
11 than I have I guess.

12 STEVE: Just a minute.

13 [gap]

14 STEVE: He's saying well, I guess that means  
15 they're the bosses. (Indiscernible) really nice sleep  
16 tonight. (Indiscernible) what we're going to do  
17 tomorrow. (David's voice in background not  
18 discernible.)

19 STEVE: John?

20 JOHN: Yeah.

21 STEVE: What do they want?

22 JOHN: Well, I think they were -- the vibes  
23 that we're getting is they were disappointed that more  
24 people didn't come out. It's been taking a long time.  
25 Nothing happened for 5 or 6 days. And, and you and I

1 have kicked it around. We know what's going on. And  
2 they -- a lack of activity I guess. You know,  
3 tangible activity. And that seems to be --

4 STEVE: Should I tell them --

5 JOHN: -- what they're looking for.

6 STEVE: Should I tell you my thoughts  
personally on it?

7 JOHN: Sure. Sure.

8 STEVE: You know, the first thing wants to  
9 do, a person wants to do is react to the other  
10 extreme, you know, right away. Especially after the  
11 hard attempts, the working with these individuals all  
these days and --

12 JOHN: Sure.

13 STEVE: -- and picking this wheel and  
14 momentum up. And it's like, it's like getting axed in  
15 the back or something.

16 JOHN: Um-hum.

17 STEVE: It's like what we ought to do now is  
18 maybe start working to the other degree. I guess  
that's our --

19 JOHN: Well --

20 STEVE: -- payoff for trying to encourage  
21 people to walk out in the first place. Is that it?  
22 Is that what they're trying to tell us?

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1                   JOHN: Hey. What can I tell you? We've,  
2 we've been communicating. We'll continue to  
3 communicate.

4                   STEVE: By their psychologies? Maybe what  
5 they want is what the ATF apparently came here to do  
6 in the first place?

7                   JOHN: What?

8                   STEVE: You've heard from us right from the  
9 beginning how we were going to get together, have our  
10 daily, our worship service.

11                   JOHN: Uh-huh.

12                   STEVE: Men, women and children, even though  
13 we had suspected something could happen, we really  
14 never dreamed it was possible in this country would  
15 happen that simply --

16                   JOHN: Uh-huh. Yeah.

17                   STEVE: -- hideously. When I saw the  
18 witnesses and the accounts of those people that saw  
19 those choppers come over and go --

20                   JOHN: Um-hum.

21                   STEVE: -- for David's room and riddle it  
22 full of bullets --

23                   JOHN: Um-hum.

24                   STEVE: -- I didn't have any second thoughts  
25 about what they had come to do or when there was



1 nobody coming to the door and had -- when he poked his  
2 head out the door, looked right at them, looked right  
3 at them. And there was four witnesses right there.  
4 Perry Jones died.

5 JOHN: Um-hum.

6 STEVE: He died. He stood there right next  
7 to him and he never got, had a chance. He got hit in  
8 the hand first. He started walking down the corridor.  
9 A bullet went right through three walls and nailed  
10 him and down he went. And that was it for him.

11 JOHN: Well, we know a lot of people died  
12 that day, didn't they?

13 STEVE: But who chose to do it? Who came  
14 with that intention in the first place?

15 JOHN: Hey, Steve --

16 STEVE: And these, and these --

17 JOHN: -- neither you nor I can change what  
18 happened on the 28th, can we?

19 STEVE: No, but --no, and I'm going to keep  
20 on getting back to -- no, you and I can't. But God  
21 sure can and --

22 JOHN: Well, that's true.

23 STEVE: -- and I believe he's going to be  
24 doing some sorting -- none of these, these arrogant,  
25 proud men, of course, they don't buy it. They don't

1 believe it. I'll tell you one thing. I do. I'm,  
2 I'm -- actually I fear God. I'm terrified of what God  
3 can do. I really -- I'm not kidding you. I'm  
4 serious.

5 JOHN: Well, anybody that's not is a fool,  
6 aren't they?

7 STEVE: So -- just a minute.

8 JOHN: You know?

9 STEVE: Just a minute.

10 [gap]

11 STEVE: Dave, as far as they're concerned  
12 when (indiscernible) come out the lights come on.  
13 That was the reason. Why did they do it? That's the  
14 reason. Should we give up talking? I, I can tell  
15 right now (indiscernible) on the wall. We don't need  
16 to talk to them anymore.

17 [gap]

18 STEVE: John?

19 JOHN: Yeah. Uh-huh.

20 STEVE: You know what actually appears to me  
21 with these commanders?

22 JOHN: Um-hum.

23 STEVE: I don't really think they want to  
24 communicate, you know that? I'm, I'm thinking about  
25 maybe pulling the cords from the wall and not even

1 bothering anymore.

2 JOHN: Well, what -- that's not going to  
3 accomplish anything, is it?

4 STEVE: That -- no, no. I'll be honest with  
5 you. I'll pull the cords from the wall, and then  
6 we'll, we'll see what happens from there.

7 JOHN: If that's what you want to do, that's  
8 your decision. I think --

9 STEVE: Okay.

10 JOHN: -- I think it's not the right  
11 decision.

12 STEVE: I'm going to put the phone down, and  
13 we'll just see what happens.

14 JOHN: Hey --

15 STEVE: You can do what, you can, you can do  
16 whatever you need to do. You've cut the electricity.  
17 You I mean after all this attempt, all the trying,  
18 the words I heard out of the other John's mouth.

19 JOHN: Uh-huh.

20 STEVE: How it began this, the last 2 or 3  
21 days, how we worked and tried and worked. And this is  
22 the kind of payoff. I am -- I'm not even joking you.  
23 I don't know if David came across clear to you.

24 JOHN: Do, do -- I don't think you're  
25 joking.

1                   STEVE: I don't know if he came across clear  
2 to you. But these people fear God first.

3                   JOHN: Um-hum.

4                   STEVE: That is the big deal. That's the  
5 thing.

6                   JOHN: Have I --

7                   STEVE: They're not, they're not --

8                   JOHN: -- have I ever argued that?

9                   STEVE: I guess --

10                  JOHN: No, I don't.

11                  STEVE: -- I'll tell you something. Is  
12 really at this moment, I better get off the phone.

13                  JOHN: Um-hum.

14                  STEVE: Because I'm, I'm not in a good frame  
15 of mind. And I don't want to be --

16                  JOHN: Okay.

17                  STEVE: -- saying a lot of things, so I'm  
18 not so sure I'll be talking to you in the morning  
19 either. Because I'm going to --

20                  JOHN: Hey, just --

21                  STEVE: -- I'm going to pull the --

22                  JOHN: -- take a step back, huh?

23                  STEVE: I'm going to -- (unidentified male  
24 voice in background not discernible) -- okay. Just a  
25 minute. David's going to talk with you.

1           You can tell him I'm going to pull the plug,  
2 and I'll talk to you after a few days.

3           DAVID: John?

4           JOHN: Yes.

5           DAVID: You know what this means, don't you?

6           JOHN: What?

7           DAVID: What, what -- well, what do you,  
8 what do you think it means?

9           JOHN: I can tell you what it means. That  
10 all I can tell you what, what I've been told it means  
11 is some people are just frustrated over a lack of  
12 activity, a lack of people coming out of there. And  
13 you know that we've been communicating, and I don't  
14 mean you and me have been communicating. But a lot of  
15 people have been communicating on both sides, and  
16 we're, we understand that these things take time.

17           And people out here are looking for tangible  
18 things. Things they can put their hands on. And I'm  
19 sure they expected that three or four people were  
20 going to come out today, and nothing has happened in  
21 the last 5 or 6 days, and no one has come out. And,  
22 and that's their attitude. And what else can I tell  
23 you? I'm trying to be as candid with you as I can.

24           [gap]

25           DAVID: So like I was telling you before,

1 when the ATF first came out, they came out for blood,  
2 didn't they?

3 JOHN: I can't tell you that.

4 DAVID: That's what they wanted.

5 JOHN: I wasn't here, was I?

6 DAVID: Well, we were.

7 JOHN: I know. But you and I and all the  
8 others for the last 2 weeks have been trying to sit  
9 down and reason and talk and communicate. And we'll  
10 continue to do that, you know.

11 DAVID: What do you think this is going to  
12 mean to the guys that were going to come out?

13 JOHN: Well, you know, I -- the only thing I  
14 could tell you is, is I'm not a mind reader. And, and  
15 I don't claim to be. But we're still knocking on your  
16 door, pal. We are still knocking on the door and, and  
17 as I said people look for more tangible signs. And  
18 you could look --

19 DAVID: You mean, you mean the --

20 JOHN: -- you could look at the media. You  
21 know, you watch the press conferences I guess and, and  
22 hear what's going on in the media. And they say  
23 what's happening? What's happening? What's  
24 happening? And they get the same story for the last 5  
25 or 6 days from, from the, the people that are talking

1 to the media. You know, from the law enforcement  
2 people talking to the media.

3 Now we've been communicating. And  
4 communication is good. And communication is great.  
5 And, and that's what it's all about.

6 DAVID: And now they, and now they want to  
7 bring that all to a stop.

8 JOHN: No, they want to see some tangible  
9 results. You know, I imagine --

10 DAVID: Hey, hey, hey.

11 JOHN: What?

12 DAVID: Tangible results was did you get  
13 Oliver today? Did he come out to you?

14 JOHN: Sure.

15 DAVID: That's not tangible.

16 JOHN: Sure it is. And, and so is Kathy,  
17 isn't it?

18 DAVID: And so, and so now you want to push,  
19 right? This is what's going on. The generals out  
20 here want to push.

21 JOHN: Basically what they were looking at  
22 is what happened for 5 days? What happened for 6  
23 days?

24 DAVID: And so they really don't care about  
25 the people in here, do they?

1 JOHN: Sure they do.

2 DAVID: No they --

3 JOHN: Sure they do.

4 DAVID: -- do not, John.

5 JOHN: We all do.

6 DAVID: They care about what they want to  
do.

7 JOHN: (Coughing.) Excuse me. Well,  
8 what -- hey. It may have made a big difference if, if  
9 Brad and Kevin came out today.

10 DAVID: We are not going to work off of  
11 merits of good little rewards. We're not going to  
12 work that way. Our merits are based upon as I said  
before the people here have decisions to make.

13 JOHN: Um-hum.

14 DAVID: And there are those who are making  
15 those decisions.

16 JOHN: Hey, they'll make the decisions when  
17 they --

18 DAVID: And --

19 JOHN: -- want to make them. I know that.

20 DAVID: And the thing of it is is what we're  
21 now seeing is we're seeing that really when it comes  
22 down to it those decisions have been made. And I  
believe -- Steve, what is the reason why the other two

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1 guys didn't go out today? (Steve's voice in  
2 background not discernible.) Oliver was supposed to  
3 have called back, right? (Steve's voice in background  
4 not discernible.)

5 JOHN: Well, I don't know that he was  
6 supposed to. I think John said that he was going to  
7 try and see if he could make those arrangements. Now  
8 Oliver to the best of my knowledge is, is over at the  
9 Sheriff's office tonight. Because he came out too  
10 late to go before the magistrate for an initial  
11 appearance and go before probation for an initial  
12 appearance. So we're --

13 DAVID: Well, did you tell that to Steve?

14 JOHN: I'm sorry.

15 DAVID: Did you explain that to Steve?

16 JOHN: Well, I didn't explain all the nuts  
17 and bolts to him. But he came out pretty late. And  
18 we sure don't control the way federal judges operate,  
19 you know. They have their schedules. They have their  
20 agendas.

21 And, and so what we're going to try and do  
22 I'm sure is make some, make some arrangements for  
23 somebody to do some communicating in the morning. But  
24 communication works. You know it works. I know it  
25 works.

1           DAVID: Well, we're definitely being  
2 communicated with, aren't we? Click, off goes the  
3 lights.

4           JOHN: Hey. Somebody expected to see  
5 something happen. It didn't happen.

6           DAVID: And we're expecting to see --

7           JOHN: It's not going to stop us from  
8 communicating with you --

9           DAVID: -- we are expecting to see  
10 something --

11           JOHN: -- and it's not going to stop us from  
12 communicating with the people --

13           DAVID: We are --

14           JOHN: -- that made that decision.

15           DAVID: -- we are expecting to see something  
16 happen too. And what we've seen we don't like.

17           JOHN: What? You tell me what you don't  
18 like that you've seen in the last 4 or 5 days.

19           DAVID: We do not like our lights being  
20 turned on and off. It's not rational. It doesn't, it  
21 doesn't mean anything but fighting. That's all it  
22 means.

23           JOHN: Uh-huh.

24           DAVID: It's very aggressive.

25           JOHN: In the last 2 weeks since we've been

1 talking, we've been communicating, haven't we? And  
2 it's been positive, hasn't it?

3 DAVID: Until tonight.

4 JOHN: No. It's been positive.

5 DAVID: No, this is not positive what's  
6 taking place right now.

7 JOHN: Well, well, people --

8 DAVID: It is not positive at all.

9 JOHN: Hey, these people could have said the  
10 same thing 5 days ago, couldn't they? Or 6 days ago  
11 when Heather came out, and nothing happened for 6  
12 days. They --

13 DAVID: I told you --

14 JOHN: -- they could have done something the  
15 next day and they didn't.

16 DAVID: -- to give the people --

17 JOHN: And they waited for a sign from you.  
18 And they waited for this sign for 6 nights. And they  
19 expected four people to come out of there today.

20 DAVID: Hey.

21 JOHN: And two came out.

22 DAVID: Yes, two --

23 JOHN: All I can tell you is that Henry and,  
24 and Max and myself and all the people you've been  
25 talking to are going to continue to talk to you, and

1 we're going to continue to talk to the people to turn  
2 the power off.

3 DAVID: To turn it on.

4 JOHN: That's right.

5 DAVID: Well, get on the phone with them.

6 And keep talking --

7 JOHN: Hey.

8 DAVID: -- and explain it about our good  
9 rapport, one to another. And tell them that they're  
10 making matters a lot worse.

11 JOHN: You know we will, don't you?

12 DAVID: I hope so.

13 JOHN: Okay? We'll be in touch.

14 DAVID: Because like I say, you know, these  
15 pushy guys, these, these Clint Eastwoods or whatever  
16 they are, whoever they think they are, you know,  
17 they're saying one thing. They're doing another. You  
18 know, people are watching and seeing just exactly how  
19 they will be dealt with. Now this is a stab in the  
20 back. And you have to admit, John, it's a stab in the  
21 back. You know, it's like all right --

22 JOHN: We'll keep communicating with them.

23 And we'll keep communicating with you. And we're  
24 going to try and, try and do something productive.

25 DAVID: Well, talk with them. And we'll sit

1 here and, you know, we'll use our power source until  
2 we see electricity come back on.

3 JOHN: Okay.

4 DAVID: Thanks, John.

5 JOHN: I'll be back in touch with you.

6 DAVID: Okay, bye.

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7 (Phone ringing.)

8 JOHN: Find that damn thing.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Pick it up.

10 JOHN: Stumble around. Stumble around.

11 STEVE: Hello?

12 JOHN: Steve.

13 STEVE: Yes.

14 JOHN: This is John. Listen, I just wanted  
15 to say something to you before I'm fixing to leave out  
16 of here, and you can go back to sleep for a while.  
17 But I just kind of regret what happened last night,  
18 and I wanted you to understand that. That we didn't  
19 want it to happen. And we tried to see that it didn't  
20 happen. But we were basically told two people a week  
21 will take a year. It's not acceptable. And we were,  
22 we were talking up a rope if you understand what I  
23 mean.

24 So just talk to John today. Communicate  
25

1 with him and, and hopefully things will turn out for  
2 the better, and I'll be back early evening and --

3 STEVE: Well, you know --

4 JOHN: I just hope you understand what I'm  
5 saying to you that --

6 STEVE: Yeah, well, I understand.

7 JOHN: -- I'm very sincere about it that --

8 STEVE: Before you left I must admit I was  
9 really shocked. Because all that I've tried to do,  
10 all the work --

11 JOHN: I know.

12 STEVE: -- it's like it was totally undone.  
13 It really was --

14 JOHN: Listen, we -- I can't tell you how  
15 much we appreciate what you're doing.

16 STEVE: When -- it's like, it's like  
17 starting all over now.

18 JOHN: Well --

19 STEVE: Honestly, I'm going to have to go  
20 back with all -- I really have heard that, you know,  
21 that, that the ones that were planning on leaving at 9  
22 or 9:30 whenever it was --

23 JOHN: Yeah.

24 STEVE: -- I guess they're not going now.  
25 And I don't know. I --

1                   JOHN: Well, listen. , huh? Try and work  
2 with John today, and things will work out. You know  
3 they'll work out. I know they'll work out. You  
4 know, as long as we keep talking, you know, good minds  
5 will work. Okay?

6                   STEVE: All right.

7                   JOHN: Okay. Get back, get back and get  
8 some sleep and --

9                   STEVE: Okay.

10                  JOHN: -- just relax.

11                  STEVE: See you later.

12                  JOHN: Okay.

13                  STEVE: Goodbye.

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15                  STEVE: Hello?

16                  DICK: Steve?

17                  STEVE: Yes.

18                  DICK: This is Dick. How are you this  
19 morning?

20                  STEVE: No. All right, I guess.

21                  DICK: Well good, good. Did --

22                  STEVE: Yourself, Dick?

23                  DICK: Pardon?

24                  STEVE: How have you been.

25                  DICK: Just fine. Just fine. Have you --

1 did we interrupt anything?

2 STEVE: What time do we have?

3 DICK: Oh, about 8:15, 8:16.

4 STEVE: Yeah. Right now it's the worship  
5 hour. And everybody usually meditates, reads, studies  
6 and so forth.

7 DICK: Hey, did I, I woke you up, maybe?

8 STEVE: I was just laying back here --

9 DICK: Uh-huh.

10 STEVE: -- here just contemplating.

11 DICK: Yeah. What, you know, what's going  
12 on? Is everybody up or just everybody kind of getting  
13 up now this time?

14 STEVE: It's -- no, it's, it's as usual, you  
15 know. There's always someone up through the day and  
16 night. And it's activities as usual.

17 DICK: Uh-huh. How's David? Have you seen  
18 him this morning?

19 STEVE: I haven't seen him since I walked  
20 out of the room when the electricity went off.

21 DICK: Uh-huh. Yeah. Yeah. So that was  
22 last night?

23 STEVE: Yeah, it was about -- it was 11:15.  
24 I stayed there waiting for the return. John Cox told  
25 us he was going to call us back and it never happened.



1 So finally I just turned in.

2 DICK: Yeah. Uh-huh. Okay. I was just  
3 wondering, you know, where, where can we go today?  
4 Can we continue our rapport, our relationship here --

5 STEVE: I -- it --

6 DICK: -- and just keep moving along?

7 STEVE: In honesty, it doesn't look too  
8 good.

9 DICK: Uh-huh. Well --

10 STEVE: I mean even David when I was sitting  
11 there for 3 days I worked hard, I really did, morning,  
12 noon and night. I'd turn in, I'd turn in --

13 DICK: Well, yeah.

14 STEVE: -- I'd turn in so tired and worn out  
15 from talking to people and talking and talking. And  
16 finally it was getting to the place where it looked  
17 like even today I knew for sure there was going to be  
18 three for positive. In fact, they were talking about  
19 going yesterday. But then that problem with the  
20 telephone.

21 At the last minute they says I'll just --  
22 one says I'll just wait until the morning. And, and I  
23 talked to him a little bit further. And I could tell  
24 I, I would leave him be, and he would definitely come  
25 out anyway.

1           DICK: Yeah.

2           STEVE: And then -- and I talked to John  
3 about that. It seemed to be fine. There didn't seem  
4 to be any major problems. Anyway, you know, in the  
5 first place I was surprised anybody would be going,  
6 any adults. So I thought that was a real plus. And  
7 it looked like it was really, there was getting to be  
8 some momentum. And then --

8           DICK: Exactly. Exactly.

9           STEVE: And when I got off the phone with  
10 him, I thought everything was fine. John got on the  
11 phone, Cox, and all of a sudden he started talking  
12 about the commanders. And, and I what is -- and all  
13 of a total different spirit, total different attitude.  
14 It was, it was quite shocking to say, to tell you the  
15 truth.

16           And I told him I was tired. I said instead  
17 of you telling me those kind of things, why don't you  
18 just take it. And you don't, don't tell me just act  
19 like things are going fine, and I'll just continue on  
20 and, but then I finally got the phone over to David.  
21 Then afterwards, I'm in there myself talking with  
22 John. And that's about 11:15 the electricity went  
23 off.

24           DICK: Yeah. Yeah, well, you know, I, I was  
25

1 kind of here yesterday involved in, in -- I thought we  
2 had some really dynamic momentum rolling. And I know  
3 you were really, you know, really putting forth some  
4 great effort trying to get things moving along.

5 And I know John two, everybody refers to him  
6 as John two, is really working. And you guys have a  
7 great rapport established. And you know, we all are  
8 kind of working together.

9 And we were kind of upset over the, the  
10 technical glitch with the phones yesterday. And now  
11 that we have that worked out we thought well, we can  
12 kind of keep this momentum going. And I came in this  
13 morning and, and find out that the, you know, the  
14 power is turned off. And with --

15 STEVE: See, see it's not that, Dick, it's  
16 not that we can't manage anything. That doesn't even  
17 matter to us. These people, I mean you could stick  
18 them in a blizzard, and it wouldn't really matter to  
19 them. But it's just after the attempt of working and  
20 just the rapport like you mentioned. And then all of  
21 a sudden something like that. Especially when John  
22 was in the process of calling back in regards to so  
23 insignificant as the magazines.

24 And it's, it's the attitude. To David it's  
25 some kind of a childish game. He ended up saying to

1 him -- I said to him -- we were waiting for the return  
2 call of John Cox about -- I finally walked out of his,  
3 his room about 12:15 which was about an hour after  
4 John said he would call us. And I just said I'm  
5 turning in. I said anything you want me to say to  
6 these guys when they call? I said as far as I'm  
7 concerned, I'll just, I'd pull the plug, and I'm just  
8 going to get some rest. I'm not going to worry about  
9 it until I'm good and rested I told him.

9 He said no, don't play any kind of a game  
10 like they do. If they call, tell them that we're,  
11 we're counseling amongst ourselves. And I'm  
12 communicating with God, and God's going to give us an  
13 answer. And we're going to go from there.

13 DICK: Yeah. Well, well, Steve, I, I just,  
14 you know, we were all disappointed yesterday. I mean  
15 when I say we, I know you all were. And, and  
16 certainly we were when, when things didn't go  
17 according to all the way we were working toward with  
18 the phone. And then I -- we, you know, we came in  
19 this morning, and we kind of, you know, like getting  
20 hit in the head with or running into a wall.

20 I just want you to understand now that, you  
21 know, the electricity was, that was not our idea.  
22 We've been working too hard too long. And we're all  
23  
24  
25

1 disappointed.

2           And I think probably the commanders just had  
3 to consider the overall big picture as it were. I'm  
4 sure the tactical side of, of this operation is, is  
5 telling, you know, they're telling the commanders  
6 well, you know, I've got guys out there in the rain.  
7 It's cold and, and maybe they were listening to them.

8           But we were certainly trying to communicate  
9 with our commanders the, the relationship we had in,  
10 in, you know, in working together and trying to  
11 resolve this peacefully. Nobody's been hurt. I think  
12 we've been -- the negotiators, I think we've been  
13 right up front with you. And you know, we've got this  
14 trust. And we'd, we'd really like to continue, you  
15 know, in the direction we were going yesterday.

16           Kathy, you know, was very pleased. She, you  
17 know, we treated her very well. She --

18           STEVE: That's, that's --

19           DICK: -- she talked to you. I know she,  
20 she talked to you and explained --

21           STEVE: That was making it even easier for  
22 me --

23           DICK: Right, right.

24           STEVE: -- to be honest with you. But now  
25 all of a sudden these guys, they're not even talking

1 to me.

2 DICK: Yeah. Well, can I -- when I ask you  
3 can you kind of keep things rolling here, Steve? We  
4 were -- we're very upset here. And, and certainly you  
5 mentioned, you know, pulling the plug as it were on  
6 the, the phone. I mean that -- you know that won't  
7 help us, Steve.

8 STEVE: That's, that's --

9 DICK: It won't help you.

10 STEVE: That, that was a statement of  
11 frustration with these commanders that you're  
12 referring --

13 DICK: Well, I can understand that.

14 STEVE: That's what I was telling John.

15 DICK: I can understand.

16 STEVE: I said John, look. After all of  
17 that, what greater insult is there?

18 DICK: No.

19 STEVE: I mean really, what, I mean what  
20 part -- I mean what am I to be doing? What am I to be  
21 doing? What can I do anymore?

22 DICK: Yeah.

23 STEVE: These people aren't going to listen  
24 to me or talk to me. Now they, they're back to saying  
25 they don't -- they said see, I told you. You can't

1 trust these people. You got to remember, Dick.

2 You've got to remember how --

3 DICK: Dick. Dick, Steve.

4 STEVE: Huh?

5 DICK: I'm kind of a Johnny come lately  
6 here. It's Dick.

7 STEVE: Oh, Dick.

8 DICK: You talked to Dick several days ago.

9 STEVE: I'm sorry. You said Dick.

10 DICK: Dick, yeah. Like a deck on a ship.

11 STEVE: Okay.

12 DICK: Yeah, yeah.

13 STEVE: Dick.

14 DICK: Yes, sir. All right.

15 STEVE: I mean they remind me how that  
16 Sunday how we were minding our own business. People  
17 were getting ready for worship to, to read the Bible.  
18 I mean that's what they remind me. Women literally.  
19 There's so many witnesses that saw -- there's two  
20 things that were seen and reported to me. I was in an  
21 area where I saw nothing. All I did was hear sounds.

22 DICK: Right.

23 STEVE: But I was told by women that they,  
24 they looked out the window and saw these cattle  
25 trucks. They'll tell the court one day, they'll tell

1 God. God will even show the whole picture again how  
2 men with pointing guns came rushing the door. David  
3 opened the door, peeked his head out.

4 DICK: Right.

5 STEVE: And just said let's talk about it.  
6 Back off a little bit. We've got women and children  
7 in here. Someone fired a gun, and then rapid fire  
8 started immediately. He backed away. I don't know  
9 how come the guy is living. There were about three  
10 guys who were kind of behind him. One of them was  
11 Perry Jones, an older man, 64 years old. He was hit  
12 in the arm. He starts --

13 DICK: Oh.

14 STEVE: -- he starts walking and he starts  
15 crying. He starts walking away, and then he's nailed  
16 in the stomach.

17 DICK: Yeah.

18 STEVE: Guy falls to the floor. That's how  
19 that thing began. At the same time, others saw three  
20 choppers coming over the other side of the building  
21 and peppering David's room. So they must have known  
22 where the, where he lived or stayed. I mean they  
23 riddled the room.

24 DICK: Yeah.

25 STEVE: You tell me -- and they were coming



1 with a search warrant? Dick, come on. A person would  
2 have to be insanely ignorant, naive to ever buy such a  
3 thing.

4 DICK: Yeah, well --

5 STEVE: This is the United States of -- I  
6 mean this is why I've been talking the way I've been.  
7 What does one deduce from all of this?

8 DICK: Yeah. Well, you know, Steve, I had  
9 heard that --

10 STEVE: And then, you know, here all of  
11 this -- now these so-called -- I don't know what these  
12 commanders are about, what kind of people they are or  
13 not, if they're even human or what. But I mean  
14 keeping all that in mind, trying to get these people  
15 out of here. I'm trying to talk to them, work with  
16 them and all the rest.

17 It's been suggested I walk out. So oh, I  
18 can and will. But if I do nothing will take -- I  
19 guarantee no one will go out.

20 DICK: Well, you know, Steve, I've been  
21 listening here to John the last couple of days. And  
22 you two, you know, just have got a fantastic rapport  
23 going. And I know this is an unfortunate situation.  
24 But you know, I had heard a rumor or heard that an ATF  
25 agent had kind of indicated that he, I don't know,

1 maybe in excitement or rush of everything he had fired  
2 accidentally or perhaps there, you know --

3           STEVE: Well, the press -- we heard over the  
4 press a number of times that two of them admitted that  
5 one of them either accidentally or something shot of a  
6 gun. And then all the rest started shooting.

7           DICK: Yeah.

8           STEVE: And I -- now I don't know if that --  
9 I mean who knows where it came from? But that makes  
10 sense to me. Because the truth is I was at the end of  
11 the hallway where David was at the front door.

12           DICK: Uh-huh.

13           STEVE: And the first thing I heard is I  
14 never heard any voices on the outside. I didn't even  
15 know anyone was around. But I heard David yell out  
16 something to -- get, stand back or something to that  
17 nature. Wait. We've got women and children in here.  
18 Let's talk or, or let's communicate. Something to  
19 that effect.

20           And about that time, that's when I heard a  
21 pop and then many, you know, like (making machine gun  
22 noise), many, a lot of gunfire going off from the -- I  
23 could hear it was from the outside. Because you know,  
24 if it being -- although I've never heard gunfire  
25 inside of a building. All of a sudden, you know, I

1 heard all this noise. And I -- it was terrifying.

2 DICK: Yeah, I'm sure it was. No doubt.

3 STEVE: And I, I was in a, I was in a room  
4 where there was a telephone. And I'm trying to reach  
5 for -- I mean all of a sudden bullets are going over  
6 my head. Windows are being shot out. I mean --

7 DICK: I mean I'd be scared. I'd be  
8 terrified.

9 STEVE: -- next thing I'm trying to, I'm  
10 trying to lay -- I'm laying on the floor. I'm laying  
11 on the floor trying to reach over by the phone, both  
12 Wayne and I, and trying to get a hold of anybody. We  
13 didn't even -- I did not know for who it was even out  
14 there. Didn't have the foggiest.

15 DICK: Um-hum.

16 STEVE: We had suspected that there was some  
17 type of agents across the street. The guy that was  
18 coming over, I mean you could tell he's late thirties.  
19 You could tell by the way he carried himself that he  
20 was definitely a professional of some sort. But that  
21 like we reported over and over again, that didn't  
22 matter. He was a human being. He showed an interest  
23 in the Bible. And we were happy --

24 DICK: Robert, Robert.

25 STEVE: Yeah, Robert Gonzales. We were

1 happy for that. But the day he left, people -- they  
2 keep on saying they're, they're trying to check out on  
3 leaks. They're never going to find a leak. Nobody  
4 called us.

5 DICK: Yeah. Well, you --

6 STEVE: I mean people don't buy that this  
7 David has inspiration. I sat there with Gonzales and  
8 David. And David told him a couple of things that  
9 surprised me that morning.

10 And then finally, Perry Jones happened to be  
11 looking out the one window. And when Gonzales went  
12 out the door, his alarm went off for the first time  
13 like four, four times. It was kind of a -- anyway, he  
14 noticed that, Perry Jones. Then he happened to be  
15 looking out the window and noticed there was another  
16 vehicle that belonged to these guys across the street  
17 down by those water tanks.

18 DICK: Um-hum.

19 STEVE: And as soon as that alarm went off,  
20 he saw the vehicle head out. So that told him that  
21 well, what's -- what is this? And then plus, Gonzales  
22 had said I'm going back for breakfast. And I just --  
23 I happened to wave to the guy and say well, we'll  
24 catch you a little later then. And, and as I, I  
25 watched him, he went over to his house and then left

1 right away. He didn't, he didn't go for breakfast.

2 DICK: Yeah. Well, I've been, you know,  
3 I've been reading or hearing on the, the media that  
4 this, this thing's gone all the way to Washington for  
5 a Congressional inquiry with ATF and Treasury  
6 Department and --

7 STEVE: I haven't heard anything from the  
8 news. If that's been happening I'm as shocked and  
9 that the news hasn't picked up on it or said  
10 something.

11 DICK: Well, it's ongoing. And also I -- my  
12 understanding is that the, the Texas Rangers, you  
13 know, not, not the feds, not us necessarily are, are  
14 handling the, the shooting incident in terms of people  
15 that were, you know, killed --

16 STEVE: I'd like to talk to one sometime.

17 DICK: -- from both ends.

18 STEVE: What's the possibility of me talking  
19 to a Texas Ranger?

20 DICK: I'd, I'd have to check. Our guy --  
21 our guys, our commanders, our bosses not only here but  
22 also, you know, clear up to Washington are kind of,  
23 you know, between us, Steve, they're, they're just --  
24 they're calling the, you know, they're calling the  
25 commands out. They're telling us, you know, that goes

1 back to the unfortunate power outage.

2 But what I'd like to get, what I'd like us  
3 to do is maybe we can keep going. I understand you  
4 did a tremendous job the last couple of days with  
5 John. If we can just keep this thing going. I know  
6 I'll try --

7 STEVE: I'm not -- look.

8 DICK: -- to do the best I can. And I would  
9 be -- and I know you will too. And I, I think all the  
10 negotiators here I understand sent a tape in. I don't  
11 know if you had a chance to look at that.

12 STEVE: You know what, all of that helped.  
13 It really did. It really helped.

14 DICK: Certainly. Certainly.

15 STEVE: And right up until 11:15 when that  
16 happened, I tell you what. I thought -- I told even  
17 Johnny or John Dolan I think his name is that --

18 DICK: Right.

19 STEVE: -- I mean when we got off the phone  
20 things are going so well, I had great hopes about  
21 talking to more people, working this thing out today.  
22 I mean because I wasn't really trying to push these  
23 people but was trying to keep on talking about the  
24 positive things they were picking up on it.

25 DICK: Right. Well, let, let us both keep

1 our hopes --

2           STEVE: And, and, wait, wait, wait. Now  
3 just -- and I reminded them that time was a helpful  
4 element. As, as they --

5           DICK: Exactly.

6           STEVE: -- saw that a little time went by  
7 and, and things are okay and so forth, I could play on  
8 that. I could use that to your benefit, to my  
9 benefit. So by the time I'm on the phone with John  
10 Cox, he had a different attitude. He, he started  
11 talking about the commanders and they weren't -- and  
12 that shocked the heck out of me.

13           DICK: All right.

14           STEVE: It really literally shocked me. And  
15 then all of a sudden to have the electricity go off at  
16 11:15. What an insult. I mean whatever else that was  
17 being worked out what was going to be done, I mean it  
18 was like here, have this and we'll take that. And I  
19 mean it was amazing to me.

20           Now these people -- I mean when I went to  
21 bed I just put out a feeler to one of them. And they  
22 don't want to even talk or -- now it's like all over.  
23 And where am I to begin now? That's the question  
24 this morning.

25           I was just -- I laid back here just thinking

1 a little bit, trying to figure out just how I'm going  
2 to start this whole program going. They're -- I know  
3 they're not going to even give me the time of day  
4 today. It's going to take more time to develop what I  
5 already had.

6 DICK: Right. I hope you understand that,  
7 you know, John Cox last night and as well as myself,  
8 you know, we're both -- he was relaying the  
9 frustrations, you know, of the, that decision that was  
10 made by the commanders. And I came in here --

11 STEVE: Well, where are the --

12 DICK: -- you could hit me with a, in the  
13 face with a --

14 STEVE: Where are the -- where --

15 DICK: -- cold washcloth this morning when I  
16 walked in.

17 STEVE: Where are the commanders? Are they  
18 in Washington, D.C. or are they here?

19 DICK: Some of them are, yes. Yes.  
20 They're, they're like, you know, commanders here  
21 telling us kind of directing us. And not only us but  
22 the tactical side of the house.

23 STEVE: Are these older men?

24 DICK: Yes. Yes. And --

25 STEVE: So they've been in the Bureau for a



1 lot of years.

2 DICK: Forever. Forever. For you know, 20,  
3 25, 30 years. And then we've got -- you know, this is  
4 going all the way back to Washington to our  
5 headquarters. The President, you know, Clinton is  
6 even aware of this. So you talk about frustration.  
7 You know, you could -- when the negotiators, we walked  
8 in this morning, and they said hey, the commanders cut  
9 the power --

10 STEVE: It's funny but I met, I met him this  
11 summer when he was at Waco. I happened to be there.

12 DICK: Director Sessions?

13 STEVE: No, Clinton.

14 DICK: Clinton. Oh, yeah. I, I have not  
15 met the man. I've just, you know --

16 STEVE: Now Sessions I'm impressed with.  
17 I'll be honest with you. I've been impressed with  
18 what I've heard about the man. I've always -- Reagan  
19 was someone I, I liked as a President. I thought he  
20 was, he did a very good job. So he I believe as I  
21 recall appointed Sessions. And I myself have had what  
22 I've heard about the man to me I've heard a lot of  
23 good things.

24 DICK: Well, he's kind of a hometown fellow  
25 here, isn't he? He's from -- I know he frequents

1 coming here and visiting friends --

2 STEVE: I wasn't aware of that.

3 DICK: -- at Baylor. I think he went to  
4 Baylor Law School here.

5 STEVE: See, I've spent a lot more time in  
6 California than I have here so --

7 DICK: I see.

8 STEVE: Yeah, I'm not really --

9 DICK: Well, that's -- I spent some time in  
10 L.A. a long time ago.

11 STEVE: Uh-huh.

12 DICK: And it was quite interesting in L.A.  
13 Too much of a rat race for me though, Steve. I --

14 STEVE: Okay.

15 DICK: Yeah, I --

16 STEVE: I can believe it.

17 DICK: Want a smaller town, you know, little  
18 slower pace.

19 STEVE: Right.

20 DICK: Slower pace. But you know, just to  
21 touch back on the commanders. Steve, they don't  
22 understand what's going on in this room. The, the  
23 dynamics of --

24 STEVE: If you guys --

25 DICK: -- of sitting here day after day --

1 STEVE: Well, now look I --

2 DICK: -- talking to you --

3 STEVE: -- wait, wait, wait, Dick. It's  
4 hard --

5 DICK: Yes, sir.

6 STEVE: -- for me to buy that when you're  
7 the age you are with the experience you have. You're  
8 a negotiator as the other men that I've spoken with.  
9 If you have a problem communicating what's been  
10 happening to them, which I really don't buy that you  
11 do. I mean you know, I wasn't born yesterday. I  
12 might talk on the phone real friendly and easy and the  
13 rest. But at the same time, I know what your  
14 personalities are like. I am --

15 DICK: Well, is that good or bad, Steve?  
16 (Laughing.)

17 STEVE: -- look, look. I'm -- listen. I'm  
18 43 years old myself. I've been in the world, in this  
19 world a little while. Not long. But because I've  
20 dealt with thousands of people of all walks of life,  
21 and I'm always sitting down with people in regards to  
22 eternal things, opening up the Bible, trying to find  
23 an avenue to their mind where I can show them  
24 something that they might evaluate the information  
25 offered to them and give it a judgment. But I, you

1 know, after observation and through the years watching  
2 how people work, I mean it's pretty hard to buy that  
3 anybody would be so naive as to hear some of the  
4 things I'm told.

5 DICK: Well, you know, they -- the  
6 commanders hear what we, you know, what we tell them.

7 STEVE: Well, I, I would believe those --

8 DICK: They --

9 STEVE: Listen. I would believe those  
10 commanders are right there. You have a speaker phone  
11 there. You record all the information. So they  
12 have -- all of you have opportunity to hear and  
13 recheck the conversations. And if any of you are  
14 psychologists or whatever or analysts, you can sit  
15 there and peck it apart and wonder what next to do or  
16 to try. So --

17 DICK: I'm just sitting here talking to you,  
18 Steve.

19 STEVE: I mean --

20 DICK: I'm not a psychologist. And --

21 STEVE: Well --

22 DICK: -- I'm not an analyst.

23 STEVE: Well, whatever. But you can, you --

24 DICK: I'm just one of the humps.

25 STEVE: Maybe that's true with yourself.

1 But you can hand off the, the conversation. They can  
2 listen and see what kind of progress we're making.  
3 What kind of minds you're dealing with in here. We've  
4 honestly tried to be very straight and forthright from  
5 the beginning.

6 DICK: I understand that. I, I understand.

7 STEVE: Here's a people practicing religious  
8 freedom and whatever else in America. If there was a  
9 problem, just like we said from the beginning, an  
10 agent or two should have come to the door, served --

11 (End of tape #121).  
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