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STEVE: -- bullets are fired and all the rest. There are some people, not everybody, but there are some people that feel they've got to defend themselves. I've always been the type that thought, well, whatever comes comes and you just do whatever, you do the best you can.

I've never, (to the background) Pardon? What's that?

DICK: You talking to somebody?

STEVE: That was Judy just talking.

DICK: Oh.

STEVE: She says, why didn't Robert Gonzalez just bring a friend in? I mean, we already --

DICK: I don't know, Steve.

STEVE: -- accepted the guy, we, we liked the guy, we knew he was an agent, he could have served us any time. Everybody would have gone out. But, I mean, when it happened as it did, and then we --

When we watched, now listen to this, when we hear and watch this man, Dan, whatever his name is, from the ATF on the television, that, it's so obvious, he, the man wants blood. He could give a crap about, about the justice, on both sides. He doesn't talk about his men ever being brought to justice or that there was
any wrong doing. It looks like the guy's got a
vengeance to find some leak in the press and go for
their throats and jugular also.

DICK: Yeah.

STEVE: Dick, they came here with murder or
for murder, whatever their reasons were, they did.
When you see the room that David was in, how it shot
up from a chopper, and how the front door was peppered
with bullets, there's, --

DICK: Yeah.

STEVE: -- it is a miracle that David Koresh
is not laying on the floor dead himself. It is a
miracle.

DICK: Yeah, Steve --

STEVE: And I know this, no one is gonna buy
this until one day there, the great judgement thrown,
everybody stands as an individual themselves, whether
they believe in God or not. I just happen to be one
of those idiots that believes that there's a God.
But, and that's not far away. John Cox and David
Koresh were speaking about this star, they call it the
hotlick star.

DICK: Yeah, I saw an article on that.

STEVE: David says this is his God working.
All through the Bible it talks about a guy comes in
the final days, he has no power to do miracle --. The only miracle he can do is open up an old archaic book that people have had for centuries and make it come to life and show how it harmonizes, not by interpretation, opinion theory or feeling, but when the questions are asked, he will show chapters and context until all the pieces of the puzzles are laid out and you see a very clear picture, and he, he gives a challenge. Go ahead and controvert this, ask questions, come back, tear it apart. There's been no one, and I've been with him, scholars all over the world have sat down, they can't do it. So if you people have been, like John Cox, have been listening carefully to what the man has been saying in the evening when you think that he's rambling about the Bible because in your mind they, you've made up, because you have seen these slanderous things, this is a little weird cult out in the middle of nowhere, --

DICK: No, I --

STEVE: No, no, listen, let me finish.

DICK: Okay, okay, sure.

STEVE: I know that's, I know that's a great stumbling block to people. It is meant to be because an honest searcher for truth, if they just listen for just a moment, they'll judge a few things that are
being opened up, and all the Bible harmonizes about some guy that comes in the final days, and it's clear how he comes, as the Book of Revelations says, according to what the prophets say. Well, what do they say? Those men died believing they had seen a vision or had seen something relating to the future, and many of them died in a very bad way, being tormented, persecuted, and they left their testimony, and a lot of it deals with history and that history has been fulfilled, especially in relation to Babylon, the Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome. It was foretold of those four empires, and then out of the ruins of the Roman empire would come a new power. Well, what was that? Well, the Roman papacy, the Roman Catholic Church wielding it's power over, which was through the time of the Dark Ages.

But, I mean, the Bible gets into details about these things, and for, for a person that is into logic and sense, they'll take the time and thereby, looking at the information, evaluating and giving a verdict, but that's why we're here and in the process of us doing that, there's some things that these Prophets talk about that might be and that's the stumbling block. I knew it would come to this one day. I mean, not to the point of gunfire and all that, but the part
where people would definitely be threatening ones
lives. Just like this John Pagano (Phonetic) said
over the radio waves.

      DICK: I'm not, I'm not familiar with him, Steve.

      STEVE: Well, he's been on the radio lately.
      He came out here, we auditioned him to be a bass
player in our band, and he, he's been telling, being
as honest as he can about his reflections as to being
here. I heard he called in a third time. I believe
now he's trying to get some glory out of this because,
you know, it's something that's a newsworthy event.

      DICK: Pagano, or --?
      STEVE: John Pagano, I think it is.
      DICK: John Pagano. I, I --
      STEVE: He lives out in Oregon. I don't
even know what city.
      DICK: Oh, oh.
      STEVE: But anyway, I can tell the guy's now
seeking to gain from this, as, you know, a lot of
others are, but, that's neither here or there, but now
my job, what am I going to do, I don't know. I guess
in a little bit here I'm going, it's freezing cold in
here by the way.

      DICK: I, I could imagine. I --
STEVE: And that don't matter. People, they're use to this kind of thing. They'll put up with it. When it comes to no lights, that's no problem either. What they want is truly justice. They're not convinced they're gonna get it, and that's what I was working on with John over the last few days, and it seemed like something was happening, it helped a lot --

DICK: It was.

STEVE: It seemed like Kathy, being on the other side, her calling back, it, the one, one thing that was not too helpful is when Oliver arrived and he did not call back. That was a big deal with the two guys that were ready to go out.

DICK: Yeah, --

STEVE: And it wasn't anybody's fault, maybe it was mine, but I should have tried to call back sooner.

Yesterday afternoon when I didn't hear from John, he said he was going to call in minutes, and I waited for him, and then I went and started doing some filming of Pablo Cohen, and I waited a little longer and I thought, well what's, finally I, I thought, well, how come he hasn't called? So I got on the phone and he said that, that they actually tried to call 25 times --

DICK: I, yeah, I was here.
We were kind of frantic there because we thought, maybe, you know, you know, something, you know, you all might have done something with the phone on that end, and then finally we resolved it -- I was here when John was calling and calling and calling, and we had the milk, you know, apparently it was sitting, I understand it was sitting out there for a couple of hours.

STEVE: I'll tell you what tipped me off to that was I didn't even know that until someone said they looked out the window and saw, I guess, coolers out there.

DICK: Greg, maybe?

STEVE: Yeah, I think it was, and I thought, that, that's when I thought, well, that's strange because I didn't know that that would happen until I would be talking to John, so that's when I went to call him back.

DICK: Yeah, we thought that might be why, you know, we couldn't get you on the phone and we thought, well, maybe we could set the milk out there and they would see it and that would be like a signal to call in and say, hey, what's going on, and, so we're, we're glad you saw that and we finally made contact, and, I tell you, you know, we'd like to
really keep things going, Steve.

STEVE: Well, see, your actions don't show that, that's the whole thing. That's what David was trying to tell John Cox last night. He's, in the Bible it says, it talks about how a lamb-like beast speaks as a dragon. But in this case it's more like a, a lamb speaking but the actions are like a dragon.

So, this is what's being perceived by the people here, and they're the ones that have to make a decision about themselves walking out into that sort of a situation and, and as of today, the two guys that were, that, what time do you have there by the way?

DICK: It's about 8:45, 8:45, Steve.

STEVE: See, they were gonna be, they were gonna be coming out in about 9, 9:30 tonight --

DICK: Right, that's what I understood.

STEVE: Brad Branch and Kevin Whitecliff.

DICK: Uh-huh.

STEVE: And a little bit later, I believe, Rita, herself, is talking about leaving, maybe by noon. That's what she was telling us.

DICK: Rita, huh-huh.

STEVE: And she was one that originally wasn't, that, I didn't even tell, see, now, they wanted names from me. They were -- When I started
telling John that I had been talking to people and
people start showing an interest, he says, well, what
are their names and I thought, well, that doesn't hurt
me telling their names, --

DICK: Right.

STEVE: But I was still at a place where I
wasn't totally, positively sure. And then to think
that you people have the audacity to call me back and
act like, well, we had committed a number of people to
come, that is bullcrap. It never was true.

DICK: I see.

STEVE: I was still working my best to try
to, to give these guys confidence. And then to hear
that kind of thing on the press and to hear how the
negotiators had brought out twenty-some people
already, I mean, what on earth! It was David,
originally, that suggested and wanted the children to
go out ahead. It had nothing to do with negotiation
whatsoever.

But, I mean, you know, all those things are an
insult to, to the truth and it doesn't help, but we've
even tried to work around that. We know people are
glory seekers and people want to take things onto
themselves, and, so, you know, let it be, but, I mean,
when it comes to, like, what's happened, like, last
night, after working the last two or three days
between the statements and all the rest of it, well,
you know, I, this is a new day, I'm just gonna have to
ultimately just get up here and see what's going on
and what to do, but right now, to tell you the truth,
I've been laying back here thinking about it, trying
to figure out what, what the next move should be.

    David definitely is not happy about it period.
Not happy about it. So, if they come and ask him what
they, what he thinks about it, --

    DICK: Yeah.

    STEVE: That, it's gonna definitely go
counter to what I could do anyway. I'm telling you
that right now. I've had a lot of measure of leeway
myself, people have been coming to me, asking, talking
in the last two or three days, so I've had opportunity
like I have not had. Also, because things have been
going good. David said, and it was true. He knows
how these people are. He says, he said to one of the,
I think it could have been Henry, one of the guys
that, give them, give them some time. You will see,
on their own, if you give them a little time, by
their, by them contemplating, thinking about it, you
know, that'll make a difference. In other words, he's
not gonna say, you got to get out of here or you,
seriously. So, I mean, it started working. It gave
me opportunity, he wasn't feeling well, to be talking
to all those people and it started to, the wheels were
turning.

Now, if there was people, those commanders would
have had any brains at all or any sense, they'd have
seen it all of a sudden and, a momentum was beginning

DICK: I know, I know what you mean.

STEVE: It's a mind blower to me. Listen,
to let, Dick, let me say, that's what scares me. If
you've got people in that organization that, after all
this time, to see what was starting to happen, they
didn't have, I mean, and they're over you. What on
earth, I mean, that causes these people here all the
more apprehension as to what's going on out there.

DICK: Exactly. Well, you could imagine our
frustration walking in here this morning --

STEVE: I hope you are taping this --

DICK: It's, it's --

STEVE: I hope you're taping this this
morning, because I'd like them to hear this. You play
it back to them.

DICK: Steve, it's like, I don't know if
watch football games, you know, and, the winning
team, it's like they come up with the Gatorade and
pour it on the coach, that's they way we, you know, we
felt this morning when we walked in here. You could
have poured ice, cold water on us, you know. It was
really, it was, you know, really disappointing. I
don't know what to tell you. I, we, maybe we can
still try and work this thing out, and --

STEVE: Well, you know, irregardless now
with they turning the electricity off, on, or whether
they offer this or do that, it's, it's been a huge,
huge, huge setback, it has, because a lot of these
people are trying to give those commanders credit as
being responsible adults, not game players, not
anything like that and that, this is why David said to
me, I was so frustrated last night when I, hear I'm
talking, I was actually talking to him about what to
do next, what could be said to these people when the
lights went out. I mean, --

DICK: Well, --

STEVE: -- honestly, that's, and, all of a
sudden, I was hoping that it was just some malfunction
or something in the wall, one of the switches or
something like that. I was hoping, it can't be, it
can't be. And, especially, so early after we just
talked to John Cox, and I, and then to find out that's
what it was and then John never even, he said he was
gonna call me back, he never did, I mean, it just went
from bad to worse. It went from bad to worse.
Finally, I said to David, there was silence between us
for one hour, he did not talk. Then I finally said to
him, I'm turning in, I'm not gonna worry about it. I
said, now, what do you want me to do? Should I just,
I says, as far as I'm concerned, I'm just gonna pull
the plug and when I'm good and rested and I've got my
wits about me, I'll plug it back in, if they want to
call I'll talk to them. He says, no, don't even pull
the plug, don't, don't play that kind of a game.
Don't be childish. I said that was only a frustrated
thought. And from there I just went to bed.

DICK: All right, well, you know, we, we're
certainly frustrated. We would like to continue
working together. I think, Steve, I think in your
heart of hearts that, that you realize that all of the
negotiators that you have talked to are sincere in
trying to peacefully resolve this. I think too much
negative has happened, I don't really, it's
unfortunate, I don't really like to dwell on that but
I, I think, you know, we have to, we have to walk
through this thing together.

You know that our efforts were very sincere
yesterday when Kathy came out, she was, she was very pleased, I think, there was, you know, we were, I'd like to think that we were professionals and gentlemen.

STEVE: Dick, I want, I want to save you, I want to save the time we, you and I can reiterate and go through the entire thing over and over and over again, but ultimately you've got people in here that have to look at things from their vantage point. It's, no matter what you say and I say, it's like starting all over again trying to gain some confidence, and it just put a huge distrust, the words that you and I can say about what happened yesterday is all fine and good, but there's no reason to them why what happened, happened as it did when we were told by both sides that things were going so well and we're hearing this rapport thing over and over again, but it comes to actions. That's what they're judging by, obviously.

DICK: Certainly, certainly.

STEVE: So, now, here we are, back a square one again, as, and in it, it's worse because after all this time, I was hoping, okay, we've finally got the breakthrough, it's going to get bigger and bigger.

DICK: Right. Sure, we were elated
yesterday, you know, when Kathy came out and we didn't, --

STEVE: Let me tell you, --

DICK: -- oh, this is a big, giant step for --

STEVE: Let me tell you, even for myself within the first few days, you know, all of us contemplated, especially myself about coming out because as far as I was concerned, number one, I knew I had no problem with the law, there's nothing I've done wrong in here, even that very day, I mean, I'm in a room by a telephone and all of a sudden I hear this rat-a-tat-tat. The first thing I do is hit, both Wayne and I were, had a been talking together, the first thing we do is hit 991, or 911, and start talking with a Larry Lynch, --

DICK: Yeah, I met Larry. Tremend-- very nice person.

STEVE: Well, I mean, I've never met him, but all I know is that right from the beginning, Wayne and I did nothing but trying to find out who it was on the outside of the door shooting at us, women and children, everybody, I mean, people were getting wounded, hurt and killed, I didn't know about what was happening on the outside. I didn't know what was
happening at the other end of the building or through our building, but all of a sudden I could hear popping and shooting all over the place and the first thing we were doing was screaming, get 'em off, I remember Wayne even speaking very high voiced because of the excitement of what was happening, kept on telling them to back off, let us communicate, tell them to stop. And it did not. It did not stop.

But anyway, that should all be on tape, we've talked for the longest time, trying to get this thing resolved, and it was myself and Wayne that tried to immediately after getting it stopped, allowed these men to get the wounded off. We didn't want anybody to die, I didn't even know anybody had up to that point in time. We wanted these people to get out so they could live and the wounded to be tended, and it, and what we're showing right off, later that day, instead of something more open and helpful was the Bradley's, something more intimidating yet.

DICK: It was a safety factor, Steve, for --
STEVE: For somebody, listen, for somebody, not for us.
DICK: Yeah.
STEVE: I mean, somebody had already come to kill us. Somebody had already come to attack us.
DICK: Now, --

STEVE: And you're having a problem with that, but you weren't here, Dick, you weren't here. I was here.

DICK: Well, I --

STEVE: I heard, I heard the shots, I heard what was -- and these were, there were a lot of people that got to look out those windows and saw firsthand what happened, the men approached the door, they saw it. No matter what happens to them, at times, these people get the idea, now, I don't know, this is what I've been trying to talk to them about. They get the idea that those on the outside want to do us all so there's no evidence, period, as to what happened, that they may want to burn the building down, they want to destroy the evidence, because the evidence, from the door, will clearly show how many bullets and what happened, especially if there's, the press got video of this, but the thing is, they get the idea because the, your agencies backed the press off three miles away. I mean, they're gonna have a hard time seeing what's going to be going on here. They're leery of these, these agencies right now.

DICK: Yeah, I --

STEVE: They're leery. Then you get this
guy, Dan, on tv, who always, a lot of these questions
that are asking him, he's very ambiguous about, he
shows a spirit that he wants blood, the guy wants
somebody. He even wants the press, those that he
thinks might have been tipped off or tipped somebody
off here, which is baloney.

But at the same time, you can tell the guy, he's
not talking about any reprimanding of his own agency
--

DICK: Well, I think he's fully aware of
that --

STEVE: I don't care if he is. I want to
hear it and see it on the press like everybody else.
The press has been totally stifled from their freedoms
to, to be a watchdog over this agency that's been
created, and what are they being able to do? They
can't even report or film or anything else. They
can't talk to us to see if we're alive or if you
people are telling the truth. You people have become
an arm of big brother, that's basically the truth, and
that, I mean, I've always had respect for the FBI.
I've never known anything about the ATF and what I
have heard has not been good, and now what I've seen
by their actions, I mean, of course, even I'm leery of
them, but at the same time I've still been hoping
through all of this through working with you guys that
something can be resolved that, with a little time, that we'd get things generated, and they were being generated.

DICK: Exactly, they were.

STEVE: Okay, so, now, the only thing I can tell you is in a little bit here is I'm gonna put the phone down with you, I'll get up, I'm gonna go try to talk to some people to see what's gonna happen --

DICK: Okay, great.

STEVE: -- but it's not going to be anything easy. Nothing at all.

DICK: I understand your sit--, I understand.

STEVE: Somebody already came up to me early this morning and told me they had talked to, I think it was, Kevin, and he has no, no thought about even leaving here now.

DICK: Right.

STEVE: And I'm thinking to myself, thanks a lot. Thanks a lot you people.

DICK: Steve, you know, we're, we're, you know, we're not all jerks. I don't think any of the negotiators, I think they're sincerely trying to keep the peace, keep everybody on an even, you know, an even keel, and, and maybe trying to --
STEVE: Sessions is too big of a man to even be involved in this --

DICK: He is, well, Steve, I, you know, there's a, you know, you hear all these rumors, --

STEVE: I really don't know him --

DICK: -- but he is --

STEVE: -- you know, when it comes to people like, all the way up to Clinton or to Sessions or whoever else, it, it doesn't, to me, see, I'm no respecter of persons. Years ago, when I lived in Hawaii as a young man, early 20s, I met a lot of movie stars. I was invited to parties, I went through that whole routine, I noticed quickly, early, much earlier than that in life, everybody eats, everybody defecates, everybody has sex --

DICK: Right, we're all human beings.

STEVE: -- everybody -- and everybody dies.

DICK: We're all human beings.

STEVE: So--

DICK: We have a lot in common.

STEVE: -- very early in life, I've noticed that, you know, it came down to connections, it came down to environment background, who and, a lot of things like that, so, nothing like that. I like people. I just overall like people.
DICK: Right. I can tell, you know, just, I've been listening to you and John a I know that you're, you're a people person.

STEVE: But --

DICK: There's no doubt in my mind.

STEVE: The whole thing is, I mean, I don't know who these commanders are or who has the final say, but somebody is lacking, someone is lacking in understanding and, and dealing with people. Especially in a situation like this, if they could put themselves in the shoes of human beings and this building and this place, they should realize the great apprehension and the concern, what might be happening to these individuals, especially when, in the first place, they weren't doing nothing illegal when they were attacked. So, keeping that all in mind and always keeping it in mind, in that kind of a mind frame, one should be dealing accordingly with that sort of a situation.

And I, if you check on the backgrounds, I heard on the press that you have over 100 names of the individuals in here, if you check them out, you're gonna find the majority of these people to be educated, they're level headed thinkers, there's not a so-called, well, you may think so, it's your
judgement, but, I do not --

DICK: I, I --

STEVE: -- see the stereotype cult mentality. These are people that every day have to wrestle with the reality that, is this true or false because David has made, listen to me now.

DICK: I'm listening.

STEVE: David has made it hard out here so that you realize the only reason you would be here is because you are learning or gaining a truth from a book that you've not gained elsewhere. You can pay as much money you want to any university. You can go there and you're not going to get the answers you get here. You're not going to get the consistency and so forth.

So, these people that have come here, like Jeff Little, who is a computer, a mainframe computer programmer, he, I mean, the guy is amazing. The job he had with Yamaha and so forth, I mean, there's many individuals, many teachers here, nurses here, people that are, that are educated and every day just like them, like myself, every day is a new day where I say to myself, am I gonna stay here today or am I gonna throw my hands in disgust and say I'm tired of this kind of crap, I'm going back to Hawaii to live my
life, to live for Steve and nobody else --

DICK: It's warmer there, Steve. It's warmer.

STEVE: Well, listen to me. Everyday that's what I've got to wrestle with.

DICK: Certainly.

STEVE: Everyday. Judy's wrestled with that, I've wrestled with it. Every day is a new day, it's like, do I stay with this thing because the elements, there's no, like, of course, there's outdoor toilets here. There --

DICK: Oh, I wasn't aware of that.

STEVE: Yeah.

DICK: Oh.

STEVE: And David has allowed that purposely because, otherwise we would have had people come here from all over the world, living here for just, for because it's, it's free.

DICK: Just to be there. Sure, sure.

STEVE: And, and because there's no charges or anything, so for that reason, he threw out a stumbling block. Let's, he says, I want to keep the, I want to keep outdoor toilets, I want to do this, I want to keep the building kind of rough in shape and not really finished and that way people that come
here, they're coming for one reason, because they're coming to know something. He says, let it be a stumbling block, so that way we can find out if they're, these people are coming, they, they have real honesty, they, they're coming and hanging on and holding on for the truth, for the truth's sake and no other reason, not because of personalities, not because of something that is free, because all over the world, those things are being offered through the Salvation Army and many other organizations.

So that was the reason for that and it's shown even in the Bible in the final days what kind of a stumbling block the final truth are for the mankind would be. Man and his pride and arrogancy and because of our advancement in technology, not realizing it came by the inspiration of God as Daniel the Prophets says, in Chapter 12, verse 4 and 5. But we see these things as the outcome of God's spirit, his guidance through 6,000 years of human, human history, but we believe, like David is saying, like, just like dealing with that star, that guitar nebula, the hotlick --

DICK: Right.

STEVE: -- star and its quick movement.

David told John Cox, that star is moving very slowly, --
DICK: Oh.

STEVE: -- and he, and in the Bible, in the Bible, he can show you in the Book of Job and elsewhere what is going to happen with the constellations and what astronomy, what physics is about, it's a mind blower. I mean, if he can sit down with engineers and show them how the pyramids got there, how they actually did lay block up blocks so tight, and how sand, being a foundation, those things are not sinking and explain and show clearly through physics why the three of them of there, it's, it's a mind blower. It is.

So, he gets into information like that, but he told me the other night he was gonna develop something like that for John Cox when he was talking to him about the star. But because of John's lack of sincerity and interest in what he was saying, he told me after the convers-- this is what he told me --

DICK: David, David told you?

STEVE: Yes. After the conversation, the phone went down, he said that God has never allowed him to, he says, cast pearls, cast no pearls before swine. Now, that's all of us. Anybody that, that travels on through or things like that and don't pick up, don't show an honest interest, as he really, John
really didn't. David loves John, he likes John --

DICK: Does that mean we're all swine over here?

STEVE: No, no, no, don't, now, wait, everybody. I am, everybody is.

DICK: Oh, okay.

STEVE: I mean, if a person, if a person is offered a tidbit of truth, but they've already got mental barriers and they've created a wall because they see us as a cult and so forth, then they're not going to be listening 100%. I can, I know that ahead of time. You and I know both know that. But once in a while, maybe if the man starts developing something and there's a logic or a tenor of understanding there, maybe that will picked up on. That's what David was trying to develop. But, John, he still likes, don't get me wrong, but David probably will no longer attempt to start communicating in that manner again.

DICK: With John, --

STEVE: Yeah, where, where he's going show him some real awesome things like with physics. He never did develop it, by the way, 'cause I was sitting there listening to a degree, and I saw that David was going to attempt to open up some things that would have been a mind blower to John, if he knows anything
about astronomy or physics, but it never developed because I could tell that the listener on the other end was not really listening whole heartedly, so when David got off the phone he showed the manner that he couldn't, David can't do anything only according to how a person reacts to him. This is the way the spirit of God's always worked with him. He says, now of course, you may not believe that, it may sound like some hokey, weird thing to you and I can't blame you for that, but that's exactly the way I, what I've observed for 6-1/2 years. I've seen him sit in a room of 40, 50 people and if that room is interested, it's awesome what opens up. It's awesome what opens up. Otherwise, he could be in a room with five people that have no interest and really not much comes out at all. But that's the way the spirit has worked with him, whatever spirit it is. But now, it was with David, that I was sitting there last night, talking to John Cox, John talked to David also, and that's about the time, I mean, we just got off the phone with him. John was going to be calling me back.

DICK: Was he suppose to call you this morning, or --?

STEVE: Well, no. Here's what happened. Even before the electricity, it was, I think it was
about eleven o'clock, and I just got off with John, and he told me he was going to call me back, so I sat there in David's room, David was very quiet, so I'm sitting there, all of a sudden, oh, and, no, no, David started, he started reading a passage of the Bible to me, and about that time the lights went out. It was quarter after eleven, the lights went out, and all of a sudden, well, what's this? What's this all about? So that's what happened, and about that time I, I tried to feel for the phone in the dark, I dialed out the number and, okay, what's going on, John, and he says, well, what are you talking about? He didn't even know?

DICK: We were totally shocked.

STEVE: Supposedly he didn't, I mean, I don't know that for a fact, of course. But anyway, then, of course, we find out, yeah, well, they did turn off the electricity. (to the background)
Pardon?

DICK: Oh, you talking to somebody else, Steve?

STEVE: Yes, someone just was talking to me here.

DICK: Oh, okay, okay, yeah. Well, you know, like I said, you could have, you know, dumped
cold water on us this morning when we walked in and we would like to continue going forward.

STEVE: I don't know, is there, is there going to be a press conference this morning?

DICK: I understand. I think there probably is at the usual time, that's about 10:30, as I understand it.

STEVE: I'll be interested to hear what they have to say today. It's going to bear on a lot of what's going to be taking place from here, believe me.

DICK: Uh-huh.

STEVE: Number one, we're not going to be watching any tv, so if it's not on a radio station, well, then, we don't know what it is. If we don't know it is, it doesn't really matter, you guys are definitely cutting the lines of communication, which you already have done through the electricity, so --

DICK: Do you understand that's, --

STEVE: -- no, no, no, it's, wait --

DICK: -- it's a commander's, Steve.

STEVE: Hold, hold, just one minute. I got to talk to someone here.

DICK: Oh, okay. Okay.

[gap]

STEVE: Okay, I'm back.
DICK: Yeah, Steve, it was a, was that positive? You were talking to somebody else, was that David?

STEVE: No, it was an older woman that's here.

DICK: Oh, I see. I see.

STEVE: She had a question or two for me.

DICK: Yeah, yeah, well, I --

STEVE: She was wondering what's going, I mean, every now and then, throughout the day you get people asking what's happening and going on.

DICK: Certainly, certainly. Let me, can I ask a big favor of you? Could you, can you kind of tell, I can tell in your voice from the last couple of days and sitting here with John-2, I guess they call, you all call him John-2, --

STEVE: John Dolan?

DICK: Yes, John Dolan, that, that you certainly were, just from the tone of your voice, very positive and upbeat about the progress that you and John had made and hopefully, can I rely on you to maybe continue in that vein, in that, in that path, maybe we get back with you later on?

STEVE: Listen, I don't want --

DICK: Can we try that, Steve?
STEVE: I don't want to be lying to you or playing any kind of a game with you, but when I turned in with David, now, all of a sudden, it is serious. I'm telling you the truth. It's, right now it's like it's not been before. David, the look on his face, when that took place last night, finally I, I sat there one hour, in the dark, in silence with him. He had a, he lit up a candle and I, every now and then I just looked over at him. He never spoke, never said a word. So finally, an hour went by and John Cox never called back, so I said to David, well, I'm gonna turn in and I'm gonna pull the plug, unless you have an objection to that.

DICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: He says, don't pull the plug. I says, well, if he calls, would you, for myself, I really don't have anything to say right now. I says, I got to go cool off, I've got to contemplate on what needs to be done to try to get this going 'cause I said, I knew these guys wouldn't be going out today. I knew they'd change their mind and sure enough, I only talked to one, but I can, I haven't talked to the other yet, but I really doubt that he'll be going either, and I said to David, well, what would you, what do you want them to hear? And he says, you tell
them, we are all counseling together --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- and also I'm going to, I'm going to get counsel from God, --

DICK: All right.

STEVE: -- and because they don't want to communicate with us, they've cut the cord of communication, we'll communicate with God. That's what he said. So that's what I'm passing on.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: And he never, he never smiled, never blinked. He had a stern face. It did not look good to me so I turned in thinking, well, I'll just wait till the morning and see what happens. So, now, what am I to do today? I don't know yet.

DICK: Could you, could you communicate to David that we would like to continue?

STEVE: I'm not going to even, I'm going to give him a lot of time. I'm going to let him request to see me today.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: Right now it's so quiet in there. I'm not going to bother him. I'm just going to, it's so cold in here --

DICK: I can imagine. I know.
STEVE: That's why I decided to stay in a little bit long --

DICK: It's probably very uncomfortable.

STEVE: I decided to stay in a little bit longer today.

DICK: Sure. Well, Steve, you know that we, especially you and John, hopefully myself today, --

STEVE: What happened to John anyway?

DICK: He, he's kind of out of pocket for a while. I think he'll be getting back some time later, you know, so they said, well, hey Dick, you get on the phone and --

STEVE: That's, we never --

DICK: So, I'm kind of in, I'm kind of in the hot seat here.

STEVE: We never talked to you before, huh?

DICK: No, no. This is the first time.

That's why, the tape, apparently that they sent in, I, because I hadn't talked to you all, I wasn't on that tape, that video.

STEVE: Right.

DICK: That video, but --

STEVE: So Jim, the ATF agent, is taken off since?

DICK: Yeah, he had to go. He was scheduled
to, scheduled to move and he, I think he was under a move back to Washington, so he's going back there probably to face some heat, you know, from this congressional inquiry that's, that's gearing up.

STEVE: You say probably, I have my doubts.

DICK: Oh, I, I don't doubt. Maybe I should have said he will be involved in that. There's no doubt in my mind. But, yeah, he left, what's today, yeah, last weekend, last Saturday or Sunday, it was. He's a fine person. I, I talked to him briefly, and --

STEVE: Well, I don't know about, I mean, I don't really know any of you, but, of course, you know, David, because the man did make some headway with David and myself, that first day, Sunday, that's why David was so adamant to want to stay with the man, but, of course, Gary, who's in your office there, got on the phone right away with us saying that he could pick up and do okay, but because of confusion, what was happening at the time, because of the commitments made by Jim, this is why David had wanted to continue with him, but it was, like I said, Gary, from what I remember, in those early days, there was nothing wrong with what he was attempting to do. I saw that he was trying to lay out something very open and to work with us and I was aware of that then. So, in honesty, I
have had no problem talking to him either, really haven't had.

DICK: Good.

STEVE: So, I, of course, got to see on the video what he had to say and, and see him there, and, I mean, it doesn't make any difference to me. If someone wants to try to work, so forth, I mean, that's what I've been trying to do from day one, even though, like your representative with the press, Bob Ricks, --

DICK: Bob Ricks.

STEVE: -- talked about me being uneven tempered, which, of course, would come across the way, I wanted to be perceived --

DICK: Certainly.

STEVE: -- in that way, because on, on one side, we were getting calls about having somebody looking out the window and here guys are in armored Bradley's being, I mean, here, you know, I mean, that whole business about here we have guns pointed at us, people are digging up our property, running over the motorcycles, running over the buildings, I mean, that's okay for you people to do that, and we dare not squawk about it. Those were the things that caused a person to be unevened tempered, and Bob Ricks didn't tell that to the press. This is why these people have
not wanted to make moves. This is what I'm against, going against and up against, and that's why they wanted the press involved because you guys don't tell the truth in the total picture. You don't paint the picture as it is.

So Bob Ricks, and this new man Swenson, Dick Swenson, they can say a lot of things. They can give connotations that, that aren't there. They can state things in a way that is not truthful at all, and every day when we watch those press conferences, this is what's happened, and this other man, Dan, he can ambiguous and, and all the rest, and these things don't help, Dick.

DICK: I know, --

STEVE: These things do not help. This is why, from the first day or two, when this whole thing came about, the, this event, we had access to the press. People were all ready to come out. They were ready to come out by Tuesday because of that very reason. We have been able to talk to the press, some things have been known from this side so then they were starting to feel like it was okay to move. We were, we were positively coming out that Tuesday until his God said wait and because his people believed in his inspiration that's why they decided to do that on
their own, even though daily he had me go around, asking people, do you want to leave, daily.

So now, like you say, we're back to square one here and it's gonna, I don't know where it's gonna take, I mean, --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- I can start dialoging with people again.

DICK: Well, well --

STEVE: And I don't think it's going to really matter because now they're gonna want to wait, I mean, they're gonna watch, with the electricity, they're gonna see what you people think you can offer them for a way of trust, because that had been broken.

I mean, any time you start shaking, see, it's like this, it's like you're shaking hands on the right side and things are going well, both parties are smiling, but the guy takes his left hand and slaps the guy in the side of the head or something. I mean, that's what happened yes, or last night at 11:15. These people, right away apparently there's not, you know, a lot of them were awake still, and they came to me saying, did you know the electricity's cut off? I says, yeah, I'm sitting in the dark also, like yourselves.
So all of a sudden, they're coming with their concerns about even going anywhere now. So what is it going to take? I don't know. I really don't know.

DICK: But, you know, it's, you talking to some of the folks in there, you know, it certainly will matter because it is you talking, and, and --

STEVE: Dick --

DICK: -- you have a lot of influence, Steve.

STEVE: Dick, Dick, they're going to tell me I'm a person of no substance. That I'm, I'm just like these negotiators, seriously.

DICK: Another shot, another, another slam.

STEVE: No, no, they're going to say this to me. They're going to say to me that, that we do a lot of talking, you and I, people like yourselves and me, and at times it appears like something's happening, and they hear me talking, and it's in the same manner as yourself. But, where's the producing of, of anything? Where's the results? And they're waiting to see what you people are going to do and so forth and, so it shows, I guess, my attempts, what I've been trying to do has been for naught also, so I'm in the same category to them. So, I know today, I'm going to go talk to people and they're not, they're, I already
know the two guys that were going to come out, the one
guy was, he made a choice but he still showed
skepticism. I saw it in the face. He's already let
me know that, he's kind of thinks that I've kind of
pulled something on him, seriously. I told him that,
look, I believe in these guys, I think you'll have a
fair shake. I think it'll be okay, but now he's
telling me, see, I can't go by your judgement, he says
to me, this morning.

DICK: Well, we ---
STEVE: So, I'm going, oh, shoot, here we
go. Here we go.

DICK: Well, Steve, you know --
STEVE: So you guys would like me to
continue dialoging, you want me to continue work and
so forth and continue as before, look, it's like you,
it's like a guy running a race and you've taken one of
his legs away. That's about where I'm at right now.
It's not going to be the same.

DICK: But you know, you've mentioned that
one of my, one of my sons friends had lost his leg as
a young child and he just completed in the olympics,
the handicap olympics in, after the regular olympics
in Barcelona, Spain, and he had developed an infection
in his, in his leg, remaining leg, just from
practicing and working out so many times and so hard but he, he came in third overall out of, you know, hundreds of handicap people. We've got to keep going forward.

Steve, I don't think, in listening to other negotiators sit here and talking to you, I don't think we've really never stopped communicating. I think there's, there's been this line of communication and I'd like to keep it open. I know we've had our hurdles and stumbling blocks and, we've tripped and fallen several times but, you know, we still keep getting up and we got to keep trying, Steve, we just have to keep trying. It's frustrating as hell here, excuse the phrase or the expression, but it's very frustrating here as well, and I'm sure it's the same on your side. But --

STEVE: The overall scenario is you had people in here that had freedom at one time and they know they have a little freedom yet, and they know that by going out there, they don't know what to think about what's gonna happen to them on the outside.

DICK: I understand.

STEVE: Especially when you have a guy like this Dan, speaking in the manner he is, --

DICK: I, I don't know Dan. Is he with ATF?
STEVE: Well, you listen, listen, you watch, you watch the press --

DICK: I, sometimes, I've seen some --

STEVE: -- conferences at 7:30.

DICK: -- and some I haven't been able, I just haven't been available to see.

STEVE: It's very clear that no one in that agency is going to as much as lose their job, let alone go out for, for murder. No one in that agency. They've got a badge that they can wear that they can kill people and that is damn fine. That's fine. And you and I both know that no one's going to be going up for murder in that agency even though they shot, they start firing. You don't know the whole story yet. We might be holding some things back and when it comes out, if this building stands, and, and the reporters and the press get to see the evidences, it's going to be shown clearly what happened and what these men came to do.

But I really don't, and I'm telling you that ahead of time. So if you guys want, you can even be involved with them in burning this place down or whatever you want to do with it.

DICK: No, no, no, that's not acceptable to us. It's not acceptable for anybody, Steve.
STEVE: I don't know, listen, Dick, I don't honestly know that anymore. I really don't. I know that I have heard first hand stories about the ATF for quite some time. I know what they've done. Get that Gun Owner's of America videotape about the ATF, about the two police officers out of New Jersey. They come across as very believable to me being in their line of work for so many years, being veterans and buying their own guns and yet having the ATF come in on them, saying that they have to have certain attorney's, go get that tape. If there's even a 10% truth to that it bothers me, and what they've done to others. This country was always to be free when it came to having guns, even though in my life I've never owned any guns, I hate them, I've never liked them, I still believe in the rights of yourself and others to carry them, and I am --
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