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TAPE #122

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1 (Tape 122)

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

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

10 DICK: You talking to somebody?

11 STEVE: That was Judy just talking.

12 DICK: Oh.

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

15 DICK: I don't know, Steve.

16 STEVE: -- accepted the guy, we, we liked
17 the guy, we knew he was an agent, he could have served
18 us any time. Everybody would have gone out. But, I
19 mean, when it happened as it did, and then we --
20 When we watched, now listen to this, when we hear and
21 watch this man, Dan, whatever his name is, from the
22 ATF on the television, that, it's so obvious, he, the
23 man wants blood. He could give a crap about, about
24 the justice, on both sides. He doesn't talk about his
25 men ever being brought to justice or that there was

1 any wrong doing. It looks like the guy's got a
2 vengeance to find some leak in the press and go for
3 their throats and jugular also.

4 DICK: Yeah.

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

10 DICK: Yeah.

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

14 DICK: Yeah, Steve --

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

23 DICK: Yeah, I saw an article on that.

24 STEVE: David says this is his God working.
25 All through the Bible it talks about a guy comes in

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

17 DICK: No, I --

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

19 DICK: Okay, okay, sure.

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

17 But, I mean, the Bible gets into details about
18 these things, and for, for a person that is into logic
19 and sense, they'll take the time and thereby, looking
20 at the information, evaluating and giving a verdict,
21 but that's why we're here and in the process of us
22 doing that, there's some things that these Prophets
23 talk about that might be and that's the stumbling
24 block. I knew it would come to this one day. I mean,
25 not to the point of gunfire and all that, but the part

1 where people would definitely be threatening ones
2 lives. Just like this John Pagano (Phonetic) said
3 over the radio waves.

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

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

13 DICK: Pagano, or --?

14 STEVE: John Pagano, I think it is.

15 DICK: John Pagano. I, I --

16 STEVE: He lives out in Oregon. I don't
17 even know what city.

18 DICK: Oh, oh.

19 STEVE: But anyway, I can tell the guy's now
20 seeking to gain from this, as, you know, a lot of
21 others are, but, that's neither here or there, but now
22 my job, what am I going to do, I don't know. I guess
23 in a little bit here I'm going, it's freezing cold in
24 here by the way.

25 DICK: I, I could imagine. I --

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

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

14 DICK: Yeah, --

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

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

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

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

12 DICK: Greg, maybe?

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 DICK: Right, that's what I understood.

17 STEVE: Brad Branch and Kevin Whitecliff.

18 DICK: Uh-huh.

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

22 DICK: Rita, huh-huh.

23 STEVE: And she was one that originally
24 wasn't, that, I didn't even tell, see, now, they
25 wanted names from me. They were -- When I started

1 | telling John that I had been talking to people and
2 | people start showing an interest, he says, well, what
3 | are their names and I thought, well, that doesn't hurt
4 | me telling their names, --

5 | DICK: Right.

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

11 | DICK: I see.

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

20 | But, I mean, you know, all those things are an
21 | insult to, to the truth and it doesn't help, but we've
22 | even tried to work around that. We know people are
23 | glory seekers and people want to take things onto
24 | themselves, and, so, you know, let it be, but, I mean,
25 | when it comes to, like, what's happened, like, last

1 night, after working the last two or three days
2 between the statements and all the rest of it, well,
3 you know, I, this is a new day, I'm just gonna have to
4 ultimately just get up here and see what's going on
5 and what to do, but right now, to tell you the truth,
6 I've been laying back here thinking about it, trying
7 to figure out what, what the next move should be.

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

11 DICK: Yeah.

12 STEVE: That, it's gonna definitely go
13 counter to what I could do anyway. I'm telling you
14 that right now. I've had a lot of measure of leeway
15 myself, people have been coming to me, asking, talking
16 in the last two or three days, so I've had opportunity
17 like I have not had. Also, because things have been
18 going good. David said, and it was true. He knows
19 how these people are. He says, he said to one of the,
20 I think it could have been Henry, one of the guys
21 that, give them, give them some time. You will see,
22 on their own, if you give them a little time, by
23 their, by them contemplating, thinking about it, you
24 know, that'll make a difference. In other words, he's
25 not gonna say, you got to get out of here or you,

1 seriously. So, I mean, it started working. It gave
2 me opportunity, he wasn't feeling well, to be talking
3 to all those people and it started to, the wheels were
4 turning.

5 Now, if there was people, those commanders would
6 have had any brains at all or any sense, they'd have
7 seen it all of a sudden and, a momentum was beginning
8 --

8 DICK: I know, I know what you mean.

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

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

17 STEVE: I hope you are taping this --

18 DICK: It's, it's --

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

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

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

19 DICK: Well, --

20 STEVE: -- honestly, that's, and, all of a
21 sudden, I was hoping that it was just some malfunction
22 or something in the wall, one of the switches or
23 something like that. I was hoping, it can't be, it
24 can't be. And, especially, so early after we just
25 talked to John Cox, and I, and then to find out that's

1 what it was and then John never even, he said he was
2 gonna call me back, he never did, I mean, it just went
3 from bad to worse. It went from bad to worse.
4 Finally, I said to David, there was silence between us
5 for one hour, he did not talk. Then I finally said to
6 him, I'm turning in, I'm not gonna worry about it. I
7 said, now, what do you want me to do? Should I just,
8 I says, as far as I'm concerned, I'm just gonna pull
9 the plug and when I'm good and rested and I've got my
10 wits about me, I'll plug it back in, if they want to
11 call I'll talk to them. He says, no, don't even pull
12 the plug, don't, don't play that kind of a game.
13 Don't be childish. I said that was only a frustrated
14 thought. And from there I just went to bed.

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

25 You know that our efforts were very sincere

1 yesterday when Kathy came out, she was, she was very
2 pleased, I think, there was, you know, we were, I'd
3 like to think that we were professionals and
4 gentlemen.

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

20 DICK: Certainly, certainly.

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

25 DICK: Right. Sure, we were elated

1 yesterday, you know, when Kathy came out and we
2 didn't, --

3 STEVE: Let me tell you, --

4 DICK: -- oh, this is a big, giant step for
5 --

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

17 DICK: Yeah, I met Larry. Tremendous-- very
18 nice person.

19 STEVE: Well, I mean, I've never met him,
20 but all I know is that right from the beginning, Wayne
21 and I did nothing but trying to find out who it was on
22 the outside of the door shooting at us, women and
23 children, everybody, I mean, people were getting
24 wounded, hurt and killed, I didn't know about what was
25 happening on the outside. I didn't know what was

1 happening at the other end of the building or through
2 our building, but all of a sudden I could hear popping
3 and shooting all over the place and the first thing we
4 were doing was screaming, get 'em off, I remember
5 Wayne even speaking very high voiced because of the
6 excitement of what was happening, kept on telling them
7 to back off, let us communicate, tell them to stop.
8 And it did not. It did not stop.

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

20 DICK: It was a safety factor, Steve, for --

21 STEVE: For somebody, listen, for somebody,
22 not for us.

23 DICK: Yeah.

24 STEVE: I mean, somebody had already come to
25 kill us. Somebody had already come to attack us.

1 DICK: Now, --

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

5 DICK: Well, I --

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

24 DICK: Yeah, I --

25 STEVE: They're leery. Then you get this

1 | guy, Dan, on tv, who always, a lot of these questions
2 | that are asking him, he's very ambiguous about, he
3 | shows a spirit that he wants blood, the guy wants
4 | somebody. He even wants the press, those that he
5 | thinks might have been tipped off or tipped somebody
6 | off here, which is baloney.

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

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

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

1 something can be resolved that, with a little time,
2 that we'd get things generated, and they were being
3 generated.

4 DICK: Exactly, they were.

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

9 DICK: Okay, great.

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

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

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

18 DICK: Right.

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

21 DICK: Steve, you know, we're, we're, you
22 know, we're not all jerks. I don't think any of the
23 negotiators, I think they're sincerely trying to keep
24 the peace, keep everybody on an even, you know, an
25 even keel, and, and maybe trying to --

1 STEVE: Sessions is too big of a man to even
2 be involved in this --

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

5 STEVE: I really don't know him --

6 DICK: -- but he is --

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

16 DICK: Right, we're all human beings.

17 STEVE: -- everybody -- and everybody dies.

18 DICK: We're all human beings.

19 STEVE: So--

20 DICK: We have a lot in common.

21 STEVE: -- very early in life, I've noticed
22 that, you know, it came down to connections, it came
23 down to environment background, who and, a lot of
24 things like that, so, nothing like that. I like
25 people. I just overall like people.

1 DICK: Right. I can tell, you know, just,
2 I've been listening to you and John a I know that
3 you're, you're a people person.

4 STEVE: But --

5 DICK: There's no doubt in my mind.

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

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

1 judgement, but, I do not --

2 DICK: I, I --

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

6 DICK: I'm listening.

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

14 So, these people that have come here, like Jeff
15 Little, who is a computer, a mainframe computer
16 programmer, he, I mean, the guy is amazing. The job
17 he had with Yamaha and so forth, I mean, there's many
18 individuals, many teachers here, nurses here, people
19 that are, that are educated and every day just like
20 them, like myself, every day is a new day where I say
21 to myself, am I gonna stay here today or am I gonna
22 throw my hands in disgust and say I'm tired of this
23 kind of crap, I'm going back to Hawaii to live my

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1 life, to live for Steve and nobody else --

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

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

6 DICK: Certainly.

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

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

13 STEVE: Yeah.

14 DICK: Oh.

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

19 DICK: Just to be there. Sure, sure.

20 STEVE: And, and because there's no charges
21 or anything, so for that reason, he threw out a
22 stumbling block. Let's, he says, I want to keep the,
23 I want to keep outdoor toilets, I want to do this, I
24 want to keep the building kind of rough in shape and
25 not really finished and that way people that come

1 here, they're coming for one reason, because they're
2 coming to know something. He says, let it be a
3 stumbling block, so that way we can find out if
4 they're, these people are coming, they, they have real
5 honesty, they, they're coming and hanging on and
6 holding on for the truth, for the truth's sake and no
7 other reason, not because of personalities, not
8 because of something that is free, because all over
9 the world, those things are being offered through the
10 Salvation Army and many other organizations.

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

22 DICK: Right.

23 STEVE: -- star and its quick movement.

24 David told John Cox, that star is moving very slowly,

25 --

1 DICK: Oh.

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

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

19 DICK: David, David told you?

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

1 really didn't. David loves John, he likes John --

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

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

6 DICK: Oh, okay.

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

19 DICK: With John, --

20 STEVE: Yeah, where, where he's going show
21 him some real awesome things like with physics. He
22 never did develop it, by the way, 'cause I was sitting
23 there listening to a degree, and I saw that David was
24 going to attempt to open up some things that would
25 have been a mind blower to John, if he knows anything

1 about astronomy or physics, but it never developed
2 because I could tell that the listener on the other
3 end was not really listening whole heartedly, so when
4 David got off the phone he showed the manner that he
5 couldn't, David can't do anything only according to
6 how a person reacts to him. This is the way the
7 spirit of God's always worked with him. He says, now
8 of course, you may not believe that, it may sound like
9 some hokey, weird thing to you and I can't blame you
10 for that, but that's exactly the way I, what I've
11 observed for 6-1/2 years. I've seen him sit in a room
12 of 40, 50 people and if that room is interested, it's
13 awesome what opens up. It's awesome what opens up.
14 Otherwise, he could be in a room with five people that
15 have no interest and really not much comes out at all.
16 But that's the way the spirit has worked with him,
17 whatever spirit it is. But now, it was with David,
18 that I was sitting there last night, talking to John
19 Cox, John talked to David also, and that's about the
20 time, I mean, we just got off the phone with him.
21 John was going to be calling me back.

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

24 STEVE: Well, no. Here's what happened.
25 Even before the electricity, it was, I think it was

1 about eleven o'clock, and I just got off with John,
2 and he told me he was going to call me back, so I sat
3 there in David's room, David was very quiet, so I'm
4 sitting there, all of a sudden, oh, and, no, no, David
5 started, he started reading a passage of the Bible to
6 me, and about that time the lights went out. It was
7 quarter after eleven, the lights went out, and all of
8 a sudden, well, what's this? What's this all about?
9 So that's what happened, and about that time I, I
10 tried to feel for the phone in the dark, I dialed out
11 the number and, okay, what's going on, John, and he
12 says, well, what are you talking about? He didn't
13 even know?

14 DICK: We were totally shocked.

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

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

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

24 DICK: Oh, okay, okay, yeah. Well, you
25 know, like I said, you could have, you know, dumped

1 cold water on us this morning when we walked in and we
2 would like to continue going forward.

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

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

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

11 DICK: Uh-huh.

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

18 DICK: Do you understand that's, --

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

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

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

23 DICK: Oh, okay. Okay.

24 [gap]

25 STEVE: Okay, I'm back.

1 DICK: Yeah, Steve, it was a, was that
2 positive? You were talking to somebody else, was that
3 David?

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

6 DICK: Oh, I see. I see.

7 STEVE: She had a question or two for me.

8 DICK: Yeah, yeah, well, I --

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

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

17 STEVE: John Dolan?

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

24 STEVE: Listen, I don't want --

25 DICK: Can we try that, Steve?

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

14 DICK: Um-hum.

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

1 | them, we are all counseling together --

2 | DICK: Okay.

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

5 | DICK: All right.

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

9 | DICK: Okay.

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

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

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

18 | DICK: Okay.

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

22 | DICK: I can imagine. I know.

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1 STEVE: That's why I decided to stay in a
2 little bit long --

3 DICK: It's probably very uncomfortable.

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

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

8 STEVE: What happened to John anyway?

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

13 STEVE: That's, we never --

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

16 STEVE: We never talked to you before, huh?

17 DICK: No, no. This is the first time.
18 That's why, the tape, apparently that they sent in, I,
19 because I hadn't talked to you all, I wasn't on that
20 tape, that video.

21 STEVE: Right.

22 DICK: That video, but --

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

25 DICK: Yeah, he had to go. He was scheduled

1 to, scheduled to move and he, I think he was under a
2 move back to Washington, so he's going back there
3 probably to face some heat, you know, from this
4 congressional inquiry that's, that's gearing up.

5 STEVE: You say probably, I have my doubts.

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

11 STEVE: Well, I don't know about, I mean, I
12 don't really know any of you, but, of course, you
13 know, David, because the man did make some headway
14 with David and myself, that first day, Sunday, that's
15 why David was so adamant to want to stay with the man,
16 but, of course, Gary, who's in your office there, got
17 on the phone right away with us saying that he could
18 pick up and do okay, but because of confusion, what
19 was happening at the time, because of the commitments
20 made by Jim, this is why David had wanted to continue
21 with him, but it was, like I said, Gary, from what I
22 remember, in those early days, there was nothing wrong
23 with what he was attempting to do. I saw that he was
24 trying to lay out something very open and to work with
25 us and I was aware of that then. So, in honesty, I

1 have had no problem talking to him either, really
2 haven't had.

3 DICK: Good.

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

9 DICK: Bob Ricks.

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

12 DICK: Certainly.

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

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

14 DICK: I know, --

15 STEVE: These things do not help. This is
16 why, from the first day or two, when this whole thing
17 came about, the, this event, we had access to the
18 press. People were all ready to come out. They were
19 ready to come out by Tuesday because of that very
20 reason. We have been able to talk to the press, some
21 things have been known from this side so then they
22 were starting to feel like it was okay to move. We
23 were, we were positively coming out that Tuesday until
24 his God said wait and because his people believed in
25 his inspiration that's why they decided to do that on

1 their own, even though daily he had me go around,
2 asking people, do you want to leave, daily.

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

6 DICK: Okay.

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

9 DICK: Well, well --

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

15 I mean, any time you start shaking, see, it's like
16 this, it's like you're shaking hands on the right side
17 and things are going well, both parties are smiling,
18 but the guy takes his left hand and slaps the guy in
19 the side of the head or something. I mean, that's
20 what happened yes, or last night at 11:15. These
21 people, right away apparently there's not, you know, a
22 lot of them were awake still, and they came to me
23 saying, did you know the electricity's cut off? I
24 says, yeah, I'm sitting in the dark also, like
25 yourselves.

1 So all of a sudden, they're coming with their
2 concerns about even going anywhere now. So what is it
3 going to take? I don't know. I really don't know.

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

7 STEVE: Dick --

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

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

13 DICK: Another shot, another, another slam.

14 STEVE: No, no, they're going to say this to
15 me. They're going to say to me that, that we do a lot
16 of talking, you and I, people like yourselves and me,
17 and at times it appears like something's happening,
18 and they hear me talking, and it's in the same manner
19 as yourself. But, where's the producing of, of
20 anything? Where's the results? And they're waiting
21 to see what you people are going to do and so forth
22 and, so it shows, I guess, my attempts, what I've been
23 trying to do has been for naught also, so I'm in the
24 same category to them. So, I know today, I'm going to
25 go talk to people and they're not, they're, I already

1 know the two guys that were going to come out, the one
2 guy was, he made a choice but he still showed
3 skepticism. I saw it in the face. He's already let
4 me know that, he's kind of thinks that I've kind of
5 pulled something on him, seriously. I told him that,
6 look, I believe in these guys, I think you'll have a
7 fair shake. I think it'll be okay, but now he's
8 telling me, see, I can't go by your judgement, he says
9 to me, this morning.

9 DICK: Well, we ---

10 STEVE: So, I'm going, oh, shoot, here we
11 go. Here we go.

12 DICK: Well, Steve, you know --

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

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

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

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

22 DICK: I understand.

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

25 DICK: I, I don't know Dan. Is he with ATF?

1 STEVE: Well, you listen, listen, you watch,
2 you watch the press --

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

4 STEVE: -- conferences at 7:30.

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

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

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

24 DICK: No, no, no, that's not acceptable to
25 us. It's not acceptable for anybody, Steve.

1 STEVE: I don't know, listen, Dick, I don't
2 honestly know that anymore. I really don't. I know
3 that I have heard first hand stories about the ATF for
4 quite some time. I know what they've done. Get that
5 Gun Owner's of America videotape about the ATF, about
6 the two police officers out of New Jersey. They come
7 across as very believable to me being in their line of
8 work for so many years, being veterans and buying
9 their own guns and yet having the ATF come in on them,
10 saying that they have to have certain attorney's, go
11 get that tape. If there's even a 10% truth to that it
12 bothers me, and what they've done to others. This
13 country was always to be free when it came to having
14 guns, even though in my life I've never owned any
15 guns, I hate them, I've never liked them, I still
16 believe in the rights of yourself and others to carry
17 them, and I am --
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