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1 (Tape 127)

2 JOHN: Okay.

3 STEVE: Okay, John?

4 JOHN: Yep.

5 STEVE: Okay. Where are we at?

6 JOHN: I just wanted to mention something
7 about Oliver's phone call.

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: We were looking through our records
10 here and we couldn't see where, you know, we had
11 promised that as soon as we could we would let Oliver
12 make a phone call. I thought that it was left and I
13 got it in the records that we would do what we could
14 and we would see about it, and I think because of the
15 late hour and all of the things that went on, that was
16 postponed. But, you made it sound like we hadn't kept
17 our word on that and, as you can tell by this morning,
18 we had let you talk to him.

19 STEVE: Right. Well, remember when I talked
20 to Dick yesterday, he'd even said, himself, I think,
21 I, apparently, I was pretty clear the assumption from
22 Kathy and Oliver, whoever came out, they would be able
23 to make that phone call back. I thought for positive
24 I would talk to John-2, John Dolan, about that, and, -

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1 JOHN: No --

2 STEVE: I think it was John Cox I talked to,
3 I think we made it known again we were expecting to
4 hear from him, if not that night, Friday night, well
5 then sometime yesterday because of the processing, and
6 I brought it up again to Dick yesterday. So, I mean,
7 I'm happy, you know, you came through with that. The
8 breakdown really began though with that electricity
9 and John was to call us back, he never did, John Cox,
10 that is, the Newsweeks never were dropped off. These
11 people start getting cold feet. I wanted to be
12 telling John Dolan, who I started working with, with
13 all of this, that I was already talking to numerous
14 others that were starting to perk up. I mean, I
15 never, I never got to tell him that. I didn't want to
16 say anything until I was more sure about the response,
17 and I was actually waiting, I knew that it would have
18 a lot to do with Oliver going out, his calling back
19 also, and, and in fact, I was --

20 JOHN: Okay, Steven, we've got the Oliver
21 situation cleared up, don't we, --

22 STEVE: Right.

23 JOHN: -- with this phone call so that we
24 can move forward from here, right?

25 STEVE: Well, let me just say, but I still

1 got to get, see, I'm on the phone, you know, there's
2 only one phone here, and I've got to now be able to go
3 talk to them, and, you know, because of what's
4 happened from Friday night to now, these people have
5 become more and more apprehensive, so I've got to now
6 go try to alleviate, spend some time with them and,
7 you know, it'll take a little while. I don't know how
8 they're gonna respond yet because, you know, the
9 electricity is still off. Yesterday seemed to be kind
10 of a dead day, they heard the press conference this
11 morning, a lot of people, of all the press
12 conferences, they did not like this one at all because
13 they didn't see truth being spoken at all. And, in
14 fact, if anything, there were statements made that
15 weren't totally untrue. So, I mean, --

16 JOHN: Okay, --

17 STEVE: I got to go, I got to go back and
18 start trying to talk to these people, get their
19 repercussions from all of this and try to counter it.

20 JOHN: Can we just clarify one thing right
21 now?

22 STEVE: What's that?

23 JOHN: We have not broken off negotiations
24 with you. Dick left it yesterday that if you wanted
25 to talk to us, we would be here. So, I know that, and

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2 STEVE: He never, but, but, John, he never
3 gave me any clear response or answer to those things
4 that we had spoken about that John --

5 JOHN: But we have not broken off
6 communications is what I am saying --

7 STEVE: Okay.

8 JOHN: -- we're here to talk to you. Okay?
9 And we want to work with you --

10 STEVE: Let's, let's, let me say it this
11 way, it's the wrong word to use, but for a better word
12 or phrase, that was the word chosen, apparently.

13 JOHN: Well, I just want to reiterate that -

14 - STEVE: Okay.

15 JOHN: -- I'm here --

16 STEVE: No, I agree with you on that -

17 JOHN: -- and we haven't broken off
18 communications.

19 STEVE: I, I agree.

20 JOHN: Now, are there any sick people in
21 there or anyone else who wants to come out now?

22 STEVE: (to background) Does anybody here -
23 -I'm, only about a few people right by me right now.

24 (to background) Is anybody here, --

25 JOHN: Okay.

1 STEVE: (to background) -- does anyone know
2 anyone that wants to come out right or that is sick?
3 Anybody know?

4 Apparently no one knows here but, of course, you
5 know, it's a large building and, and I haven't even
6 gone throughout and talked to, really, hardly anyone
7 yet today, so I need to actually get out and spend
8 some time with some of these people.

9 JOHN: The last thing I wanted to mention to
10 you that they've told me is that they're moving some
11 lights forward and that is not a threat to you, but
12 some lights are out there, apparently, and they're
13 moving them forward. I'm not --

14 STEVE: Can you tell me what that's for?

15 JOHN: I have no idea.

16 STEVE: Honestly, John, --

17 JOHN: I'm telling you, I have no idea. I
18 just --

19 STEVE: How long have you, how long have you
20 been in the Bureau?

21 JOHN: I've been in a while. But listen,
22 when you want to get back to me, can you get back in
23 how long?

24 STEVE: Am I going to be dealing with you
25 now?

1 JOHN: Yes, you are.

2 STEVE: For how long?

3 JOHN: I have no idea. Until, until the
4 next shift.

5 STEVE: Will Dolan ever be coming back?

6 JOHN: Yes, he will.

7 STEVE: When?

8 JOHN: I have no idea. They haven't told
9 me.

10 STEVE: Wow. It seems --

11 JOHN: He's feeling bad, let me tell you
12 something.

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 JOHN: Steve, when you said those people
15 were coming out and he went to the bosses and, you
16 know, it was known that they were coming out and then
17 all of a sudden they didn't, it put him in kind of a
18 rock, between a rock and a hard place with the bosses.

19 STEVE: Have you, John, have you reviewed
20 that conversation, because you never heard me say
21 when, I, in fact, when I was talking to John, he
22 already understood this from the previous day or two,
23 any time I started getting glimpses or I started
24 understanding that someone was showing an interest, I
25 told, I didn't want anybody jumping on the gun because

1 I told them, he asked me if anybody was interested and
2 I started telling him how the development was going.
3 I didn't say that these people were committed to
4 coming out right then and there, in fact, they had
5 planned on actually coming out friday, they did plan
6 on that. And then with that breakoff of the
7 telephone, which I, apparently, could have been my
8 fault, that a phone, or whatever, there was about a
9 four or five, at least a five hour gap there, --

9 JOHN: Steve, do you know --

10 STEVE: But are you aware of that? I don't
11 know if you are?

12 JOHN: Yeah.

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 JOHN: But do you know if you've had any
15 problems with the phones since then?

16 STEVE: I don't believe so because I had,
17 one of the guys here come and really check it careful.
18 He went through it. It seems to be working really
19 well now. The only thing that could ever happen now,
20 I think, that if someone had accidently kick the, drop
21 the phone or kick the cord or something and I've got,
22 usually being real careful with that even. So, so far
23 it's working well. I was concerned a couple times
24 yesterday and even today that, I picked up the phone,
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1 the receiver just to see if there was a dial tone and
2 there was, so it seems to be okay.

3 JOHN: Okay.

4 STEVE: Yeah.

5 JOHN: So you have some checking to do in
6 there?

7 STEVE: Yes. I haven't, you know, as of
8 today, I actually have not really gone around and
9 really talked to anybody. It's been cold here so a
10 lot of people have, are kind of wrapped up and they're
11 not really out and about so much. They're in their
12 own rooms and places and, so I've not really seen too
13 many.

14 Ever since, the electricity especially, was cut,
15 you know, it's, it's been a different attitude here, a
16 different response, it, -- Yesterday I didn't do
17 well at all, I mean, in between phone calls with Dick,
18 I went and talked to people and it was a real
19 breakdown, even with myself and them. So, you know,
20 they, and some of these people, you know how the mind
21 works. Some thought they might even be tormenting or
22 giving Ollie a hard time and, you know, you get all
23 sorts of things like that.

24 JOHN: Are you assured now?

25 STEVE: Well, I, I, myself, I've always had

1 some respect and belief in this government and that
2 we're, you know, humane people and something like that
3 is not what, the way this country or government works,
4 so, and these people, I suppose now, I've talked to
5 Ollie myself, I can go and tell them I have and he
6 sounds very well and, and I'll be doing that.

7 JOHN: Steven, I know that we can work this
8 out. I'm not here to, unless I wanted to help, and
9 wanted to work this out.

10 STEVE: I believe that John. John, my, you
11 know I'm religious, I know, I don't want to be --

12 JOHN: You heard Kathy and Ollie, --

13 STEVE: I don't want to be too redundant,
14 but the only thing is, you know, the greatest
15 disappointment to me was when we were doing so, I
16 thought, extremely well, and those three would have
17 been out yesterday morning, they would have been out.

18 JOHN: Well, if they're free to leave on
19 their own volition, then they can come out now.

20 STEVE: They still are.

21 JOHN: You heard Kathy and Ollie.

22 STEVE: Exactly. And they still are free to
23 leave.

24 JOHN: And I don't know what more we can do
25 to show you that, that, you know, they're all right.

1 STEVE: Well, it started with that
2 electricity remember. It started with that.
3 Everything was fine, that's the whole point.
4 Everything was, even John Cox, he was, you know, he
5 was his usual self, a really upbeat, David was, I, in
6 fact, when he got off the phone, I was sitting right
7 in the room with David talking about the conversation
8 with him --

9 JOHN: Steve, can we move forward from, from
10 this point on --

11 STEVE: Well, you, you --

12 JOHN: -- you talked to Ollie --

13 STEVE: Can you, can you re-institute where
14 we were when it started breaking down, is the
15 question. That's the question, John.

16 JOHN: Okay. You will call me?

17 STEVE: Can you get back to me and ask me?

18 Or --

19 JOHN: If you come out you won't need the
20 electricity, number one, and would you call me when
21 someone wants to come out?

22 STEVE: I will for sure.

23 JOHN: Okay. You'll get back to me?

24 STEVE: Yes.

25 JOHN: All right.

1 STEVE: I'll be doing a lot of talking, I
2 don't know yet what's going to happen, but I'll be
3 doing that as usual.

4 JOHN: Okay.

5 STEVE: Talk to you later.

6 JOHN: Right.

7 STEVE: Good-bye.

8 JOHN: Bye.

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10 SCOTT: Hello.

11 JOHN: Hello, is Steven there?

12 SCOTT: Yes, may I ask who's calling?

13 JOHN: Yes, this is John-3.

14 SCOTT: John-3? This is Scott-1.

15 JOHN: Okay, Scott.

16 SCOTT: Here he is, right here. Hold on.

17 (To background) John-3.

18 STEVE: Hello, John.

19 JOHN: Yes.

20 STEVE: How's it going?

21 JOHN: Fine.

22 STEVE: Good. What can I do for you?

23 JOHN: Steve, is David there?

24 STEVE: He was awake, up until about, I
25 would say, an hour and a half, maybe two hours ago,

1 and I checked, I was going to go back in and talk with
2 him, I started talking with some of the people, I
3 looked in there and he was totally out, and I was just
4 hoping, you know, that maybe he'd only be sleeping for
5 a couple of hours here and I could get back with him.

6 So, but he, yeah, he's sleeping right now. He's
7 not, you know, like, if you've kind of monitored
8 what's happened in the last two weeks, he was, for a
9 while, like, sitting up more and even attempting to
10 sit for a little bit and he hasn't been doing that.

11 He's been in that bed the whole time in the last,
12 I think it's been, I'm losing track of time, I'd guess
13 maybe four days, and in that time he's done a lot of
14 sleeping, which he's doing right now.

15 JOHN: Okay, Steve, the local sheriff of
16 this county would like to talk to you.

17 STEVE: Okay. What is his name?

18 JOHN: Yeah, if David would, he requested to
19 talk to David if that's possible.

20 STEVE: Okay.

21 JOHN: Sheriff Harwell.

22 STEVE: Let me, let me ask, take a look
23 again then, John. Hang on.

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25 STEVE: Hello, John?

1 JOHN: Yes.

2 STEVE: Yeah, I called, I didn't want to
3 call too loudly, but I even opened the door, looked in
4 there and said, David, a couple times and he's pretty
5 out right now. I would imagine, though, he would like
6 to talk with him, I'm sure of that.

6 JOHN: Well, he's --

7 STEVE: So, what, is he going to be around
8 there for a little while or --?

9 JOHN: He's here now, I don't know what his
10 future plans are but he did want to talk him, I know
11 that.

12 STEVE: I did, yeah, I called, you know, I
13 don't like to, usually he will answer you if he really
14 chooses to and this time he didn't. You know, it's,
15 normally, I'd just pursue it even stronger, but
16 because of the wound and everything and he's kind of
17 up and down -- so no idea how long he might be
18 available or there then, huh?

18 JOHN: No, and like I say, he did want to
19 talk to him and if David wanted to say anything to
20 him, this would be an opportunity for that.

21 STEVE: Right, right. Oh, boy. Well, I
22 guess, if you want, I mean, I will talk with him, but
23 I know that it makes a lot of difference if David,
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1 he's the one that knows him.

2 JOHN: Right.

3 STEVE: Let's see. I'm trying to think of
4 what to do here. Hang on, maybe I can have someone
5 else while I'm just standing right here just take a
6 quick check and, and call him again. Just a minute.

7 He's, he's motioning to me, no, so I guess he's
8 still pretty much out.

9 JOHN: Okay. He did indicate that he wanted
10 to talk to the sheriff though?

11 STEVE: Oh, I think so, because, you know,
12 the last time he mentioned Harwell and the
13 conversation with him, he talked very well, in fact,
14 even brought up earlier today, I think he, I can't
15 remember what the conversation was about, but I do
16 remember him saying something about the sheriff or the
17 department in a real positive way, so, I, myself, do
18 wish he was awake so he'd have that opportunity now,
19 but I'm hesitant to, you know, once in a while he's
20 not too happy with me. I went in before when he
21 wasn't feeling -- or when he finally did fall asleep,
22 you know, he told, told me to leave him sleep through
23 till he wakes up. He finds it difficult at times to,
24 he says, because he's been laying in bed for such a
25 long period of time, there's times he has a hard time

1 sleeping.

2 JOHN: You say he was awake?

3 STEVE: He was awake about an hour and a
4 half ago when I was, I was in there talk, speaking
5 with him and I noticed he'd start dozing so then I
6 left and I peaked in there once or twice and he was
7 still sleeping. In fact, I actually said his name
8 fairly loud and he didn't respond so I decided I'd
9 better leave him be.

9 JOHN: Okay, well, why don't we do this?

10 STEVE: Okay.

11 JOHN: Would you speak to the sheriff here
12 and --

12 STEVE: Sure.

13 JOHN: -- I'll, I'll hand the phone over to
14 him.

15 STEVE: All right.

16 SHERIFF HARWELL: Hi, Steve.

17 STEVE: How're ya doing?

18 SHERIFF HARWELL: This is Jack Harwell.

19 STEVE: How're ya doing, Jack?

20 SHERIFF HARWELL: Oh, I'm a little tired,
21 but I'm doing great. I've been out to a meeting with
22 a group of citizens out at Wocomoke (phonetic) Lake.

23 STEVE: Okay.

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1 SHERIFF HARWELL: And after meeting with
2 them, I came down and asked the folks to let me talk
3 to you again, or to David, I really want to talk to
4 David, not that I don't want to talk to you, --

5 STEVE: No, no, I understand.

6 SHERIFF HARWELL: But, I've been out in this
7 meeting, we have a lot of folks out there who are
8 concerned about their going on with their lives.

9 STEVE: Right.

10 SHERIFF HARWELL: Some ranchers and farmers
11 and people out there who have to survive and they have
12 to get their work done and this is causing them a
13 great deal of concern. Of course for their safety and
14 all, they're concerned about that too and they're
15 concerned about you folks, Steve.

16 And I, as Sheriff of the county, I'm deeply
17 concerned because I have a certain authority in this
18 county and I need to, to start taking some more
19 aggressive, I guess, and I don't mean that physically
20 aggressive, but more trying to talk to you folks on a
21 common sense kind of a way. I don't know how to put
22 this. I'm not, I'm not a negotiator or that kind of a
23 skilled person. All I know to do is sat down and talk
24 to you, Steve, and then we need to get down to some
25 hard sense and old common logic in this.

1 STEVE: Well, that sounds good to me.

2 SHERIFF HARWELL: And, and I, I don't know
3 how, I haven't been around here to talk to all of you
4 folks or to hear all the conversations, but the only
5 way I know to approach is me and you start talking
6 and, and try to work something out.

7 STEVE: I'm hoping, I'm hoping that, you
8 know, I wished he would have been awake right now
9 because I know he thinks the world of you and I know,
10 and even today he brought your name up again about
11 two, three hours ago, and being that he has known you,
12 that he's a person from Texas, --

13 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yes.

14 STEVE: I was hoping, and in fact, I tried
15 to wake him up but he's told me that when he falls
16 asleep because of the wound, because he's not always
17 feeling too well, he told me to just let him sleep
18 through and I'm hoping that maybe they will allow you
19 to speak to him if not right at the moment, maybe a
20 little later or if you come back in to work or
21 whatever, I'm sure he would like to talk to you.

22 SHERIFF HARWELL: Well, whatever we need to
23 do, Steve, I don't know how much authority you have
24 out there or, if Dave is the total authority or, or --

25 STEVE: Well, here's kind of how it works.

1 Let me try to explain as best as I can.

2 SHERIFF HARWELL: All right, because I'm not
3 familiar with all this.

4 STEVE: The people that are here from all
5 over the United States and places like Britain and
6 Australia, --

7 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yes.

8 STEVE: -- they came because they heard that
9 the man has an understanding of the Bible that can't
10 be controverted. So even though they will listen to
11 me and I can talk logical, I can talk sensibly to
12 them, they still say the reason they came was because
13 they have seen for themselves that the man has the
14 ability to open clearly prophecies for the final days
15 of earth's history, and when I go to talk to these
16 people, they say that they're still waiting upon him,
17 and even though I've done my best in the last three
18 days especially, four days, of trying to get these
19 people to look at all the issues again and to, some of
20 them have chosen to leave, but then, you probably
21 already heard that, like, when David was in a real
22 upbeat way, speaking with John Cox and John Dolan
23 earlier in the day, --

24 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yeah, I understood he was

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1 STEVE: Yeah, we were doing very well.
2 These three were gonna come out, at first they were
3 gonna come out that, that evening, but they wanted to
4 hear Oliver's voice, that's what they had told me and,
5 and they were willing to wait and come out in the
6 morning and I implied that to John Cox and, well, then
7 at 11:15, when we thought everything was going great,
8 well then the electricity was cut, they were gonna
9 send us some magazines out here, Ollie never called,
10 they took on a new dimension, the negotiation, it was
11 a surprise. To me it pulled the carpet out from under
12 me, I told John three, so it actually stifled my
13 ability to gain confidence with these people. I never
14 told these guys, but I actually was talking to as many
15 as 20 people that were planning on making a move after
16 the three went out that morning. I never got to tell
17 them that because I don't like saying things ahead of
18 time until I'm really sure.

17 SHERIFF HARWELL: Sure.

18 STEVE: You know what I'm, and I was --

19 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yes.

20 STEVE: And now all of a sudden, they're not
21 giving me the time of day as before. I, in the last
22 two or three hours I went and I've talked to a number
23 of these people, they're not responding in the manner
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1 they were two days ago, and I'm disappointed in that,
2 I myself, was hoping I could be making a move to come
3 out myself, but I've always told these people I would
4 stay back and try to help them and communicate with
5 and for them, because a lot of them, you know,
6 they're afraid of the press, they're afraid of this or
7 afraid of that --.

8 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yeah.

9 STEVE: So that's why, I feel like a
10 betrayer, a trader to them by not at least trying to
11 help them and understand the system and what I can do
12 for them.

13 SHERIFF HARWELL: Well, Steve, all of that
14 is in the past. What we need to be talking about is
15 right now --

16 STEVE: Right.

17 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- and what we can do from
18 now on.

19 STEVE: Well, that's --

20 SHERIFF HARWELL: Again, I, let me
21 reemphasize --

22 STEVE: Okay.

23 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- the fact that I'm the
24 sheriff of this county.

25 STEVE: Right, okay.

1 SHERIFF HARWELL: I'm not a big shot, I'm
2 one who works with people. I've been here for 32
3 years, -- STEVE: Okay.

4 SHERIFF HARWELL: I've not had many problems
5 in the past in dealing with people and I credit that
6 to my trying to be honest with them, work with them,
7 resolve problems in the best way possible. And if I
8 tell someone I'll do something, I'll keep my word with
9 them.

9 STEVE: Right. That's the way David
10 perceives you very well.

11 SHERIFF HARWELL: And that's what I want to
12 do in this. I think we've reached a time, Steve,
13 where we've got to make some movement in this to get
14 it totally resolved if we can. We have, I understand,
15 Kathy and Ollie down and they're treated well. I
16 understand you all had some communication with them.

16 STEVE: Exactly.

17 SHERIFF HARWELL: Steve, I've always been
18 known as one who tries to be humanitarian in my work.
19 I don't like people who go out and try to run over
20 folks or --

20 STEVE: Right.

21 SHERIFF HARWELL: I've never gone out on you
22 all's premises --

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1 STEVE: That's true.

2 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- and try to abuse it or
3 come out and try to dictate to you all in any way, as
4 long as you were going about your lives and I had no
5 problems, I had no reason to come out there and try to
6 interrupt you all's lives.

7 I regret that this come time, to the point that
8 has where I'm involved and I am involved very deeply -

9 STEVE: Right.

10 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- to the extent that I
11 can, I have some authority in what's going on down
12 here. We're all working together. I don't want to
13 just sit here and, I've never been one to say I'm the
14 head honcho and everybody else get out of the way.

15 STEVE: Right.

16 SHERIFF HARWELL: These folks you've been
17 talking to, you can't believe how much, how deeply
18 they want to get you all, this thing worked out where
19 no one is hurt.

20 STEVE: I do believe, I think a lot of these
21 guys, if not all of them, are very genuine. I believe
22 they --

23 SHERIFF HARWELL: They really are.

24 STEVE: The one, John Dolan, I had an
25 extremely good relationship, --

1 way. I'm not going to lie to you or tell you I, I'm
2 going to do something I can't do or if I tell you I'm
3 going to do something I want to be sure that it's done
4 that way.

5 STEVE: Well, I know you're very genuine.
6 That comes through very clear and I know you mean the
7 best and --

8 SHERIFF HARWELL: I just don't want to put
9 on any dogs or any false front with you. I'm just,
10 I'm 65 years old. I've got a son, two sons or a
11 daughter and a son older than you probably.

12 STEVE: I believe it.

13 SHERIFF HARWELL: Well, not, maybe, older,
14 but up there pushing your age. I have seven grandkids
15 and I've, I love my family, I love people. I wouldn't
16 be in this job if I didn't care for people.

17 STEVE: Right.

18 SHERIFF HARWELL: It's a people job. And
19 that's why I'm so deeply concerned about getting an
20 opportunity to talk to you all every now and then. I
21 don't know all things that are said between you folks
22 and the negotiators here, but I do get a feel that the
23 folks here are deeply sincere in what they're trying
24 to do and in trying to get this thing resolved without
25 --. And considering you all's well being in the thing.

1 STEVE: Right.

2 SHERIFF HARWELL: And, but, and I am too, I
3 just, maybe I've got a different way of going about it
4 or maybe my way is not the best way, I don't know.
5 What I want to do is find out from you.

6 STEVE: Right.

7 SHERIFF HARWELL: Let me ask you, Steve.

8 STEVE: Sure.

9 SHERIFF HARWELL: If I, if I come out there,
10 assured you folks that I would come out there
11 personally and, and be with you through this whole
12 process, I'll do whatever that we can, within reason,
13 to try to get this thing resolved as soon as possible,
14 today if we could. 'Cause we have a lot of people out
15 here are deeply concerned about this who are anxious
16 for it to end up and I think in talking to Kathy and
17 Ollie, you know that you're gonna be treated the best
18 way we can treat you when you come out. I don't know
19 who's gonna be confined, if any of you are gonna be
20 confined or if it's, I don't know how that's going to
21 be.

22 STEVE: Right.

23 SHERIFF HARWELL: I'm sure, probably, there
24 will be some who will be held for a period of time
25 till you can make bond or what have you.

1 STEVE: Right.

2 SHERIFF HARWELL: You property out there is
3 going to go right back. Those who are concerned about
4 a home, a place to go to as soon as this thing is
5 resolved and they go through the home scene, you know,
6 there are some things they have to do now to, to
7 pursue the legalities of this and the investigation
8 out there on the property. I don't what all is to be
9 done in that, but as soon as that's complete, the
10 property is back to you folks. Whoever is out and,
11 and want to, they can go right back to their home.
12 That's your property, and I'll, I'll be the first to
13 stand up and say, by gollies, you've got a right to --

14 STEVE: Okay.

15 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- to live in your home
16 and, and, like every other citizen. But these things,
17 Steve, the only thing I can do is talk to you again, -

18 STEVE: Right.

19 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- old horse sense and,
20 and caring and showing my deep concern, and believe
21 me, I am deeply concerned about getting this thing
22 resolved so that there's no more pain and suffering.

23 STEVE: I understand that.

24 SHERIFF HARWELL: I don't need anyone
25 getting hurt physically. We're doing some suffering

1 right now. I know you all are by some of the things
2 that are happening out there right now, not from the
3 outside, but what's going on in, on the inside of the
4 facilities out there.

5 STEVE: Right.

6 SHERIFF HARWELL: So let's get this thing
7 resolved today. Let's get something moving so we can
8 say --

9 STEVE: Maybe, is there any way I can call
10 back and maybe try to put David in contact with you
11 because, like I say, I can talk to these people, but
12 they're very interested in what he has to say. At the
13 same time I can spend time with individuals, show them
14 how the system might work in their favor, at least,
15 give them a fair shake, they start listening, but then
16 when what happened like Friday takes place, it more or
17 less takes away my credibility, it like pulled the
18 carpet out from under me and I've got to start all
19 over again trying to gain their confidence, trying to
20 gain their trust and, and what's taking place before
21 their eyes, and see, that's the hard part for me.
22 These people aren't here to hear Steve Schneider open
23 up the Bible because I do not have the ability to do
24 that as --

25 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yes.

1 STEVE: -- he does. So, see, that's where
2 my difficulty lies. I wished I could tell you right
3 now, I could go to all these people and say, follow
4 me, let's walk out, let's be done with this thing and
5 put it to a rest. I wished I could, but they, they
6 will always say to me, a lot of them will, --

7 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yes.

8 STEVE: -- well, they want to hear what he
9 has to say, and well, he has a lot of trust in you,
10 Jack, --

11 SHERIFF HARWELL: Well, if you talk to Dave,
12 tell him this ole rascal is, is trying the best --

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- I can to work and on
15 behalf of, of you folks as well as, as all the others,
16 we, we're trying to get this thing worked out, Steve,
17 get it over with. You all are not being helped any in
18 this situation like it is now. It's, it's just
19 something that has to come to an end some time or
20 another and it's better to do it right now. Let
21 people go on, the folks who live out in that
22 community, go on about their lives. They weren't,
23 they weren't fussing about you folks, they was just
24 concerned about going on about their lives.

25 STEVE: Um-hum.

1 SHERIFF HARWELL: No one's mad at you or
2 nobody out there is trying to, to say anything bad
3 about you folks.

4 STEVE: Right.

5 SHERIFF HARWELL: But, the thing is, this
6 thing is imposing on their lives and it's doing a lot
7 of things, it shouldn't be having a great impact that
8 shouldn't be on us, on any of us, --

9 STEVE: Okay.

10 SHERIFF HARWELL: You and, and the folks out
11 there, none of us. So let's get this thing worked
12 out. Talk to Dave and tell him --

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- this ole, this ole
15 sheriff --

16 STEVE: How could I, how would he be able to
17 get a hold of you if he's awake in the next hour or
18 two maybe, say --

19 SHERIFF HARWELL: I'll tell you, I'll be out
20 around here for a half an hour or an hour, Steve, I'll
21 stay here.

22 STEVE: Okay.

23 SHERIFF HARWELL: Now I wasn't planning on
24 being here, but I'll sure stay here if you think we
25 can make some, --

1 STEVE: It's possible.

2 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- do some things and, I
3 beg your pardon?

4 STEVE: It is possible. What I'm gonna do
5 is check on him in the next half hour, hour then and,
6 and just keep an eye on him, see if I can't get him to
7 wake and get on the phone with you.

8 SHERIFF HARWELL: Well, if you think it will
9 do some good at all, I'll sure, I'll stay here and try
10 to get this thing resolved.

11 STEVE: There's a good chance of it because,
12 you know, as it is right now, a lot of these people
13 have become more apprehensive in the last two days and
14 I, I'm trying to re-spend, spend more time with them
15 to sit down and talk the issues again, holding up some
16 of the things that had taken place. I was kind of
17 hoping that John Dolan would be back on the phone, --

18 SHERIFF HARWELL: Yeah.

19 STEVE: -- and maybe I could pick up with
20 him again, not to say that any one of the others are
21 any less in the same ability but, they all noticed
22 that there was a lot of progress made, that's where
23 the confidence was being gained, --

24 SHERIFF HARWELL: Sure. Well, I'm not
25 trying to take over these folks' job, Steve, --

1 STEVE: I know you're not, I know you're
2 not.

3 SHERIFF HARWELL: Just because I asked them
4 to let me talk to you, because they are good folks,
5 and I trust them --

6 STEVE: I'm glad, I'm glad.

7 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- totally, and they have
8 worked sincerely trying to get this thing out of
9 concern for you all and everyone else.

10 STEVE: I believe that.

11 SHERIFF HARWELL: And I'm gonna be around
12 for a while, Steve.

13 STEVE: Okay.

14 SHERIFF HARWELL: I've got some other things
15 I've got to do.

16 STEVE: Okay.

17 SHERIFF HARWELL: But if, if I can do
18 anything at all to get this thing, where we can
19 resolve it today, --

20 STEVE: Okay.

21 SHERIFF HARWELL: Boy, that would be great,
22 but let's --

23 STEVE: Well, it would be, in fact, I,
24 myself, would like to just walk out and be done with
25 it and --

1 SHERIFF HARWELL: Well, if I'm not here,
2 right here at the time you call back, ---

3 STEVE: Okay.

4 SHERIFF HARWELL: -- the negotiators will
5 give me a call. They, they'll know where to get in
6 touch with me.

7 STEVE: Okay, well, we'll do that and I'm
8 gonna keep an eye on him and as soon as he's awake I'm
9 gonna have him call.

10 SHERIFF HARWELL: Just a minute.

11 STEVE: Yeah?

12 SHERIFF HARWELL: I think one of them might
13 want to talk to you.

14 STEVE: All right.

15 SHERIFF HARWELL: I'll be around, Steve, and
16 I'll appreciate you and, believe me, you can trust
17 what I'm saying. I know I don't have to tell you
18 that. David tells me well enough to know that.

19 STEVE: Okay, thank you, Jack.

20 SHERIFF HARWELL: All right, Steve.

21 JOHN: Hello?

22 STEVE: Hello, John?

23 JOHN: Steve.

24 STEVE: Yeah.

25 JOHN: Yeah, I, I just wanted to mentioned

1 that that man you just talked to is an honorable man
2 and a square dealer.

3 STEVE: I believe that he is.

4 JOHN: And what he said about the property
5 is true.

6 STEVE: Okay.

7 JOHN: And hopefully we can get things, get
8 things moving here.

9 STEVE: Tell me if I'm wrong, I had a couple
10 of reports from people this morning, those here, that
11 were listening to the radio that a statement was made
12 in a press conference that the government own's this
13 property or something to that effect, is that true or
14 --?

15 JOHN: What, what they meant, Steve, is that
16 their trying to, you know, advise that we're in
17 control, okay?

18 STEVE: Um-hum.

19 JOHN: And that it didn't mean anything
20 about the property, there was no reference to owning
21 the property literally, okay?

22 STEVE: I see.

23 JOHN: What, it was a phrase.

24 STEVE: Okay. I hadn't, I did not get to
25 hear, like a lot of them did, so I only had, of

1 course, I was only able to pick from what they told me
2 they heard so, ... Yeah, with David, I told Jack, of
3 course, that I'm gonna keep on watching him, waiting
4 to see when he wakes so that I can put him in touch
5 with him to see if that will make a difference.

6 JOHN: Okay. When you call back we'll try
7 to get him, get him hear for you --

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN: -- for David to talk to.

10 STEVE: Sounds good.

11 JOHN: Okay?

12 STEVE: Okay.

13 JOHN: All right, so, --

14 STEVE: Thank you.

15 JOHN: -- we'll be hearing from you.

16 STEVE: Okay. Bye, John.

17 JOHN: Bye.

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