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(Tape 129)

(Telephone dialed and rings two times.)

STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Hello, Steve?

STEVE: Yes.

JOHN: Steve, this is John.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: How you doing?

STEVE: Not too bad. How's yourself?

JOHN: Good.

STEVE: Good.

JOHN: Steve, they're going to be out there probably in about five minutes, okay?

STEVE: About five minutes. Okay.

JOHN: All right?

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: And there's two things I wanted to mention to you. Number one, no weapons. They aren't going to have any weapons, the sheriff and Byron aren't.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: And they request that you don't. And there's not going to be any tricks here.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: And as you go out there and you walk
towards the Bradley, just someone will call out or, or give you directions as you go out there.

STEVE: What do you mean, will give us directions?

JOHN: You know, you'll hear -- As you get closer, they'll just tell you, you know -- You'll probably see them there, anyhow.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: Okay?

STEVE: So we're -- what we're going to do is Wayne Martin will be with me, we will go near the edge of the property, but we're going to stay on the property.

JOHN: Wherever you see that Bradley. But you'll, you'll be on the property.

STEVE: Right. Okay.

JOHN: All right?

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: So we're about ready then to -- You say they'll be here in about five minutes?

JOHN: Yeah, they should, they should be out there in about five minutes, I believe.

STEVE: Okay. As soon as they get there, we'll start walking out.
JOHN: Can you hold on one second?

STEVE: Sure.

[gap]

JOHN: Steve?

STEVE: Yes.

JOHN: I was just advised that they said they would drive about halfway up the driveway. Is that all right with you?

STEVE: That's fine.

JOHN: Okay. So that's, that's what we'll do then, okay? And you should see them in about --

STEVE: Just one moment, please, just a moment.

JOHN: Right.

[gap]

STEVE: Okay, that's all fine.

JOHN: Okay?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: We'll wait.

JOHN: I'll talk to you.

STEVE: Okay, bye.

JOHN: Bye.

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(Telephone dialed and rings 14 times.)
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:  Hello?

JOHN:  Hello, is Steve there?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:  Hold on a moment.  Who's calling?

JOHN:  This is John.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:  All right, John, hold on a moment.

JOHN:  Okay.

[ gap ]

STEVE:  Hello, John?

JOHN:  Steve.

STEVE:  How's it going there?

JOHN:  Doing all right.  How you doing?

STEVE:  Well, I'm doing a little bit better today.  In fact, right now I'm in the process of talking to a few people right now and I think it would be, maybe better if I just continued to talk to them for a little bit here.  Can I, can I call you back there?

JOHN:  Steve, one thing I wanted to mention to you --

STEVE:  Yeah, okay.

JOHN:  -- is that I wanted to call and tell you that I got a message that they were going to be moving the lights and just don't worry about it.
It's, you know, they just called and said that they were going to be moving the lights --

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: -- and I just wanted to let you know about it so you wouldn't be upset about it.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: Okay?

STEVE: Well, thank you for that.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: And I'll be talking to you in a little while.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: Talk to you a little later, John.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: Okay, bye.

JOHN: Bye.

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(Telephone dialed and rings two times.)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

JOHN: Hello, is Steve there?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes. Just a minute.

[gap]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He'll be here in a minute.
JOHN: Thank you.

[gap]

STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Steve?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: John.

STEVE: Hey, John, how's it going?

JOHN: I'm doing fine. How you doing?

STEVE: Okay, not too bad.

JOHN: You had mentioned that you were going to talk to some people. I just wanted to check back with you.

STEVE: Yeah. That's what I was -- I'm still doing th -- Man, I'm getting hoarse today. I was doing -- You know, ever since yesterday when I met with Byron and Harwell, Jack Harwell, I got to talk to a few people last night, spent some time with David and, you know, we're trying to get a trust built here again and it seems like it's going in a better direction.

JOHN: I talked to Byron and he said that it went pretty well out there and it looked --

STEVE: Yeah, it did. You know what, I missed the press conference today. I was going to listen to that. I never heard what it was about, so I
did miss that and --

JOHN: Yeah. Well, you know, maybe we can do something about that.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: You know, as far as getting you some information on that.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: I haven't received it yet. All right?

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Okay. But Byron said it went well. How was it received in there?

STEVE: Fairly good, because when I came in they asked me how it was and I says well, I says -- This is true. Byron, I like -- Man, what a person. I liked his personality, I, I believed he's 100 percent sincere. I think he was a good representative of those that he came from, you know, the group. I saw his concern in his face and eyes. I really, you know, I believe in what he's trying to do, along with yourselves. You know, the only difficulty really has been, of course, is our spiritual views, you know, this, this concept of waiting upon his God, you know.

In the beginning, I tried to make that known. Otherwise, like I told them, we would have
been out. And we're still working and I'm talking to
the people again and seeing what they want to do. And
it's starting to pick up again, just like it was last
Friday. Remember how I was saying how it was going,
how there was a different kind of a mood here?

JOHN: I'm aware of that, Steve.

STEVE: Yeah. Well, that's, that's -- It
seems like it's starting to pick up, 'cause they were
watching. They did say to me, by the way -- I will
say this, that when I went out there to talk to Byron
and Jack Harwell, those men were so decent, their
concern, the smile, the handshakes. Both Wayne and I
greatly appreciated that. I appreciated the words
that they had to say. They were very well thought out
and meant. And, and hearing that, the only thing is
every now and then I'd look up, and I understand, you
know, I don't take it away, but the two guys behind
sure had, I mean, one of them a stern look all the way
through. I tried to crack a smile and I knew he was
of your agency from what Byron said. But, you know,
they were watching from a distance and I says man,
those guys, what was wrong with them?

And I says it's just -- I says you've got to
remember, you know, because of what's all happened
maybe they feel they've got to be stern or show
something or -- But anyway --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- Byron was just on his own with, with Jack. You know, they did come across very well, they did.

JOHN: You know, Steve, the sheriff there, I've been talking to him since I've been here and he is quite a guy, I'll tell you. He's, he's an honorable man and he really means well and he's, he's become a good friend, and he wants to see the right thing done here and see things resolved. And, as far as Byron goes, I've known him for a few years and he is representative of all of us here, but I'll tell you, Byron, I agree with you, is a good spokesman and he was very sincere and he meant everything he said.

STEVE: Oh, I believe that, I really do. I mean, the questions that I asked and the things I stated, I didn't say, you know, have a lot of say but some of the concerns I did bring up I liked his response. He was very clear in what he had to say. I, I understood it and took it very well and I, you know, the very mood and the spirit of it all was, was good. I really thought it was. And I, I see -- I believe that he's a very genuine person, I really do.

So, to me, you know, it did help, you know, and like
I said, you know, the people were waiting to hear how it went and I could say really nothing negative about it.

What I'm trying to work out with some of these people yet is their concern. See, it's not your agency. We've seen how you've stepped in and tried to right a wrong. I'm still trying to work it with Wayne and, and some of these people, and it'll go a long way to try and understand the workings of the ATF, what happened, what might happen, how it pertains to us, the movement, the court system. And it's helped, also, you people explaining procedure to those people that have wanted to hear. I, I'm hearing more about it myself, you know, of course. So that's -- Right now I'm -- You know, getting to be more trust. I'm just trying to get those things out and the explanation of those things and how they work.

But, you know, there still has been, of course, that concern with the other agency, how it came about. And, and like I was telling Byron, a lot of people have listened on the radios for -- There hasn't even been a mention of a reprimand of this agency or of some of those involved. Somebody has to take some responsibility and, and see how this happened. So, you know, we're talking about those
things right now more than ever, and it seems like, you know, something's coming from it. So that's what I'm hoping for, you know, keeping on talking and discussing these things and it's like the ice is being broken again.

JOHN: You know, Steve, I'm, I'm glad to hear you say that, and I hope Byron alleviated your concerns. Like I say, if he said he was going to check on those things, he meant it.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: And I know that today he's been trying to do that.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And he's been trying to get some more information from you -- or for you.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: And how did the folks in there feel the meeting went, though, everybody else?

STEVE: They thought it went, they thought it went pretty good from what they heard. We described things -- I went and talked to David about it. He had a smile. He liked Jack. I told him about Byron and he had a good response to that, too. He said now, Steve, you know, for the people that's fine, work with them, talk to them and encourage and all
that. He said to me for himself, he says right now
I'm still waiting. I've got to, he said. They can --
Whatever they need to do with me is fine, but he says
I will -- I told them I would come out, and he says
and I meant that. He says the only thing that has,
has slowed me down was that, he says and pray to God
one audible word, wait.

And I says well, what's happening now? I
asked him again and he said well, he's still doing
that, he's looking at the Bible, he's waiting for that
word or whatever. But for the rest, he says now, make
it plain that, you know, you talk to them, anybody
wants to, encourage, whatever. So that's why, you
know, I'm working with them again. We're sitting
down, we're talking about these things and there seems
to be a different -- a little bit different view
again. More so like it was, like I said, last week.
So --

JOHN: So you think things are looking up in
there as far as getting something done here, Steve?

STEVE: Yeah, that's -- You know, today was
one of the better days since -- In fact, it has been
the best day since Friday. Friday, to me, was the
best day of all, though, because, I mean, I really
felt good about what was going on and, and I'm
disappointed. I told Byron I, I kind of feel it was my fault that there was that five-hour gap Friday afternoon. That might have made a difference with whoever your bosses were. But, see, those three, they were coming out and they were waiting for the return call from Kathy and I, I just -- He said to me, John, you know, John Dolan, that he would be calling back in minutes.

So I went away for just a couple minutes, came right back and waited, and nothing happened for a half hour. So I went away again and I came back about three hours later and picked up the phone. There was a dial tone, so I thought it was okay. I thought maybe they're working something else out, something, or whatever. But then when I saw the cooler -- Now, get this, John. When I saw the cooler sitting out by the tree, someone told me that they were out there, I thought well what? So that's when I went back right away and called, and here Byron is -- A couple people told me that they had called 25 times.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: Yeah, and I don't know that. So here, apparently, the ringer on my phone was not working.

JOHN: I'm sure that that was a technical
difficulty.

STEVE: Yeah. Well, I, I kind of, I kind of -- If I had it to do over again, I would have checked the phone. I'd have called in to see if the problem, you know, if it was -- I never thought about it, really, but it was that evening at 11:15. And, of course, it was cut off and, all of a sudden, just a total change of, of mood, the attitude here, and I just -- I didn't know hardly what to do then, because I -- Actually, I'd said a number of things, I'd stuck my neck out, and, all of a sudden -- And these people didn't want to go.

Actually, I told Byron there were about 20, 30. I was not going to even say that until I actually had more substance, but I actually thought there might have been that many that were going to come out, seriously. And there were -- Three were going to go out Saturday and I really believed as many as that would have gone out either Saturday afternoon or Sunday. And then when that happened, that whole business, that's when -- All of a sudden, I mean, it was like no one was really giving me the time of day. It was like I had worked something out with these guys, like John Dolan and, and either they pulled something or I was involved or my perceptions were not
any good, from what I was hearing them say, but they
wondered about my ability to communicate and to hear,
and to also share what their concerns were.

JOHN: Steve, Byron said it was cold out
there, huh?

STEVE: Oh, John, I'm -- I mean, hey, I've
been in some northern winters. I mean, it gets cold.
But to have rain, you know, this wetness and the
dampness go through the clothes. I felt for poor
Jack, being an older man like that, having a flimsy
jacket on. Oh, yeah, even, you know, Byron himself
was -- At least I had a goose down kind of a parka on.

JOHN: Right.

STEVE: But, yeah, it was cold. The water
was dripping off our noses and, and it kept raining
and -- But we, we, we managed it for about an hour or
so.

JOHN: Jack got mud all over his boots, I
know that.

STEVE: He mentioned that, huh?

JOHN: And the rest -- Oh, yeah.

STEVE: New boots. He was saying he might
need a new pair now.

JOHN: Yeah. But regarding that other
stuff, the commanders did that. I hope you appreciate
that, Steve, and it wasn't the negotiators. We're all concerned and we're all -- we all feel the same way. Byron does and we're all -- we all feel the same way here.

STEVE: I believe that.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: I was always -- You know, I would have liked -- Too bad that John Dolan took off because, I mean, I, I did spend a, a number of days talking with him, but --

JOHN: You know, he, he didn't take off, but he had something else going. And he wanted to stay, but --

STEVE: Uh-huh. Well, you know, some time again, you know, one of these -- Some time soon here, you know, we're working away on this now, maybe there will be the possibility of speaking with him again, huh?

JOHN: Yeah. You know --

STEVE: What about --

JOHN: -- you mentioned Friday was the, the best day yet. I think we could make today the best day yet, too. You know what I mean? A better day if we can just get something going here. You had a question for Byron yesterday regarding some court
hearings or something? I just --

STEVE: Yeah. I think we were -- Also, both
Wayne and I were concerned and wondering more about
the, the sealed warrant. See, David, I was talking to
him this morning again and he was saying why haven't
they still let me know? He says don't they think
that'd go a long way as to see what my response would
be? He says to this day, I never -- I still don't
know what they came to serve me with. He said I
opened up the door, I looked out, and then he saw them
charging with the guns, of course. And this is true.

I mean, there were four people that were
right behind him that witnessed this. Perry Jones,
the older man, got it, in fact. He stepped -- First,
he got shot in the leg, then he stepped back and he
started crying, of course. He was an older guy. And
he stepped back and then he got it in the stomach, and
then finally, of course, he died. But they saw what
happened. And David still said there was no paper --
All he saw was a lot of guys rushing toward the door.

So, but anyway, he's still -- That'd go a long way,
to see well, what was it exactly? What was, what was
he being charged with, what's the warrant? You know,
he had a few questions.

I think what I should do today, in the next
hour or so, is go sit down, if he's not sleeping, write down a few things and, and a couple other questions and hand them over to you guys. Maybe you can give me an answer. I can go a lot quicker then.

JOHN: Well, you know, Steve, I was just going to say that I think Byron has got some of this stuff --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- answered for you.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: And there was something about the court hearings being closed or things like that?

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And I understand that there was an open court hearing today regarding Kathy. So --

STEVE: Oh, really? How --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: You know how that went then, John?

JOHN: I don't have the particulars on it. I think it's going to be at, at 3:00 or -- It's going to be held, but it is going to be open to the public, I guess.

STEVE: Oh, it is?

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: Is there any way you could keep
abreast on that for me, and I'll call you back? And
then I'm going to take that -- That'll, that'll help a
lot, too, to see what happens with that.

JOHN: Okay. And you mentioned the press
conference, also?

STEVE: Yeah. I, I don't know anything
about that. Are they only having one a day now or --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: They are? Okay. In the morning, I
guess?

JOHN: You know, in the same usual time.

STEVE: Ten thirty?

JOHN: Right.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: But what I wanted to ask you was --

STEVE: Sure.

JOHN: -- I understand that Byron has got
some, some answers to some questions here and I just
wondered would you want to meet today?

STEVE: It's possible, yeah. Is there any
way I can call back?

JOHN: Well, Steve, I'm here. Whenever you
want to call, we're here.

STEVE: Okay. Let me call you right back on
that. It's more than likely so, in fact.
JOHN: Steve, just -- If you could call back fairly early, okay?

STEVE: Yeah, I'm not going to leave a lot of time.

JOHN: Back to me because --

STEVE: When I say call back, I mean, you know, pretty quick here, 'cause I know you're asking the question now and they're probably available now.

JOHN: Yeah. Okay?

STEVE: The day is getting already on.

JOHN: That's right.

STEVE: Okay, I'll, I'll call you back.

JOHN: So we'll be here.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: Talk to you in a bit. Bye.

JOHN: Bye.

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(Telephone dialed and rings two times.)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

JOHN: Hello, is Steve there?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Just a minute.

[gap]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

JOHN: Yes.
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He's downstairs discussing some things with Wayne, and it's also the worship hour, so he said that he would call back after three.

JOHN: After 3:00?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Um-hum.

JOHN: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay?

JOHN: That's great. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: All right.

Bye-bye.

JOHN: Bye.

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(Telephone dialed and rings five times.)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

JOHN: Hello. Is Steven there, please?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He just laid down. He's been up all night and --

JOHN: Okay. I just wanted to mention one thing to him, if I could.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: You want me to pass it on?

JOHN: No. If I could talk to him personally so there's no mix-up.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Just a minute.
JOHN: Okay.

[gap]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Just a moment. Here he is.

JOHN: Is this Rachel?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: No.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Steve?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: I just wanted to let you know that they're going to drop off those tapes and they're going to drop off a tape player with some fresh batteries in it.

STEVE: Oh, okay.

JOHN: These are the tapes, the five that I mentioned to you from the relatives.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: Okay?

STEVE: I think it -- Was it John Cox or someone had told me about them a while ago maybe, or is that the same ones or --

JOHN: The same one.

STEVE: I see.

JOHN: Yeah, the same ones.
STEVE: Are there any names --

JOHN: There might be, there might be some
 new ones in there, too.

STEVE: Okay. Do they have the magazines
 then or --

JOHN: No, we haven't gotten any answer on
 those yet.

STEVE: I see. I was told Friday, I guess,
 they had gone all the way to Dallas or something like
 that. John had told me or -- I think John Cox told me
 they had picked them up already.

JOHN: Sold out.

STEVE: Yeah, he said they had picked them
 up, though.

JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

STEVE: Okay. Well, let me know then about
 that. I'll send somebody as soon as they're down
 there and drop them off. I'll let them know.

JOHN: Yeah, yeah, they're coming now.

STEVE: Oh, okay. Okay, thanks much.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: Okay, bye-bye.

JOHN: All right, bye.

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STEVE: Hello, John?
MIKE: Mike.

STEVE: Mike?

MIKE: How are you, Steve?

STEVE: Not too bad. How's it going there?

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: I was talking to John earlier and he mentioned, you know, I told him I'd get back if I talked to David, and I was able to talk with him.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: And, apparently, like you already know, you know, David's had an interest in theologians or scholars responding to what he had to say with the Seven Seals. And there might be a guy that knows something or can show contrary to what David believes are shown. He seems to be very sharp. David heard him on the radio and he would like -- He was thinking about giving the guy an opportunity, if he wanted to that is -- But his name, if you wanted it --

(Loud screeching noise.) Are you okay?

MIKE: Yeah. I don't know what that was.

STEVE: Okay.

MIKE: Something's turned up too loud.

STEVE: Okay. His name was Dr. Philip Arnold. He's down in Houston. He's with the Reunion Institute.
MIKE: The Reunion Institute?

STEVE: Institute, yeah. He's a doctor of probably theology, I would imagine, but his name is Dr. Philip Arnold. He was on the radio. He seemed to have some understanding. And a couple of these other people heard it and they came and told me about it. They said if this guy can show something else or equal or anything else or stump him, they're out of here, they told me. When I heard that, I says okay, I've got something to work with and I'm going from there because that's been the biggest thing from day one.

MIKE: What is?

STEVE: You know, his whole thing about the Seven Seals. And, really, you know, that's why the people came here. That is the bottom line. So I don't know what you -- If you want to, if you would want to get him on the phone in a dialogue with him or to record it, ask some questions, or whatever, you know, I think it'd go a long way.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: It doesn't have to be aired or anything of that nature. If he wouldn't -- I mean, you know, it's just -- It comes right down for the people's sake.

MIKE: Yeah.
STEVE: So if you want to pass it on to them.

MIKE: Sure. We can -- We'll look into that, Steve.

STEVE: All right.

MIKE: But you're saying that some of the people in there are aware of this individual?

STEVE: Yeah.

MIKE: Not necessarily David?

STEVE: Well, what happened was apparently early this morning he must have come on some radio station. I didn't hear what station. And the man seemed to know what he was talking about. He made comments about the Seals or about David Koresh, and it sounded like he knew what he was talking about. So some came to me. I didn't hear it, I didn't know what it was about.

MIKE: Um-hum.

STEVE: They told me about it and I says well, what's the man's name? They told me that and they thought maybe -- They says well, we'd like to hear this guy and it'd go a long way with us to making up our mind, because, they said, that's the reason why we've been here in the first place. And I says well, I'll -- I went and talked to David now. He's -- And I
asked him about it. He says well, yeah, he says you
know, let them hear -- if we have a speaker phone,
they can hear him through that and they can hear and
make up their mind. You know, the guy's definitely
educated.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: And he's got a doctor degree, of
course, and he sounds like he knows what he's talking
about. So, you know, that's the only information that
they gave me about the man.

MIKE: Okay. But you're also saying David
would allow --

STEVE: Oh, yeah.

MIKE: -- that to occur, to have a one-sided
presentation on the Seals?

STEVE: Yeah. Well, what happened is, see,
they first -- they came and talked to me about it,
then I, I mentioned it to him, 'cause I says there's a
guy that might be able to take you on and, and show a
different point of view on that or might have
something or he might challenge you or ask questions
that you can't answer. Are you willing for these
people here to sit and listen and -- And that's when
he said yeah. He says of course. And I says well,
then I'm going to go talk to John, and he says well,
yeah, go do so. So, you know, I just came from there, just minutes ago.

But I, I wasn't aware of it, but they told me it was on, apparently, early this morning, on one of the -- I don't know what radio station, but at least he gave where he was from, a doctor of what institute and so forth.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: But, you know, that was really, from the beginning, almost two weeks -- about two weeks ago, that was his main challenge and, and at least there's someone that, that's reacting of a stature that's educated and apparently has some experience and knowledge about it.

MIKE: Yeah. Well, you know, Steve, what we don't want to get into is, is another debate.

STEVE: No, I under-- No, you know, you know, it's not really that as much as it's maybe the man can give information that can be heard or ask questions that he can't answer or show a different perspective. I mean, this is what the people are saying to me.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: Because, remember, the challenge was he's saying the only one that can open the Seals and
show what they're about.

MIKE: Um-hum.

STEVE: And this man has reacted to that and they -- a couple of these -- See, I wished I could have heard the thing, because I don't know exactly what it was or what he said, but they're apparently convinced that the man would have a, a good shot at it. And if that's so, they said well, what's the sense in being here? That's what a few of them have told me, 'cause they're the only ones that heard. They've talked to a number of other people here, so that's how I heard about it. Then they finally came and -- I said well, what was it all about? And they told me a little bit about the man, but, you know, I mean, it's not the same as hearing him directly.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: Yeah.

MIKE: What's your feelings on it, Steve?

STEVE: Well, the truth -- I'm, I'm interested myself, because the only -- I came here, you know, like six-and-a-half years ago, and the only reason I ever left Hawaii is because I was pretty convinced. I had studied a lot of religions in my life and had compared them. And the truth is when I ran into David, he was so beyond a lot of people I had
met and I'd never really heard any of the scholars open up or respond to some of the questions he laid open. But, finally, after all this time -- But, of course, you know, it's always hard to know -- I mean, there's a lot of good minds out there, but where are they?

You know, you're not going to run into everybody or hear about them or --

MIKE: True.

STEVE: There's so many thousands of colleges in the United States alone.

MIKE: That's right. We could be students forever.

STEVE: Well, this is it. So, I mean, I've always been a student. I'm interested in information and --

MIKE: True.

STEVE: -- and always increasing knowledge and understanding. But, you know, with this man, apparently they saw something in what he was saying, the sincerity, the, the way he actually laid out his information. They were -- They thought that the man may have something. So I said to David, what do you thin? If the guy -- If they let him call through or if you call or they can monitor it or -- And he says
Sure. Sure, he said.

MIKE: This is David or others?

STEVE: This is David. But they want to hear, you know.

MIKE: Right.

STEVE: Or, or if they could, they might --

he might say well, let this person on the phone to ask you a question or something or what do you think about David's presentation. Well, it's weak, I see that it's this or that. You know, that's what they're expecting to maybe hear.

MIKE: Okay. How do you think David would react to this individual, though?

STEVE: I think -- Oh, yeah.

MIKE: But say there --

STEVE: I think --

MIKE: There may well be major differences.

STEVE: There could be, and he's -- You know, I've been with him in the past. He is cordial and decent with people. If they ask questions, he a lot of times will stop, back off, and give them their opportunity. Or if they ask him a question, you know, he will get into it. But if they want to stop and ask him something, he's, he's actually usually pretty cordial and polite.
MIKE: Um-hum.

STEVE: And I think it would go well. I know there's a lot of people here he wants -- Like, of course, you know, those that have come from Britain. There are some that have not really known him long and they've raised questions, rightly so, because they don't know him that well or they haven't heard that much. So for that reason, I thought well, you know, if they, you know, if they're starting to raise those kind of questions, that's what it all surrounded was that kind of subject matter in the first place. That's what brought them here.

MIKE: Right.

STEVE: So I, I guess that's probably about -- In fact, for me even, you know, I mean, that's why I came here, was to hear. And if someone had another perspective -- I had a couple friends at another university that I did contact in the beginning when I heard this information and I gave them opportunity to respond, and they never did. So for that reason, after time and after my trying to nail him down, show him that he was wrong, not able to do so because of his ability to show so many chapters in context, like pulling many pieces of a puzzle together, looking at one big picture, so after a while
that's how I got involved and have continued on.

MIKE: Yeah.

STEVE: And I've always said until I can prove him wrong or I can controvert it somehow -- So far, I've taken it day by day, basically, for myself.

MIKE: Yeah. I, I guess our concern here initially, and we will obviously, you know, throw this around and discuss it and make a decision --

STEVE: Okay.

MIKE: -- but our initial reaction is, you know, how, how freely are the individuals in there going to be in their reactions to what that doctor may say. You know --

STEVE: Well, what we'll --

MIKE: And again I'm going back to are we going to get into a debate.

STEVE: Yeah. What we'll do --

MIKE: Because David has consistently said this and --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- now Dr. Arnold might say this.

STEVE: Well, maybe -- You know, if you guys -- if you have any suggestions, what you think might work or how, you know, definitely I would, you know, I'll talk to these people or put them on or, or if
they have questions for him or whatever, you know, he
would be more than willing to allow whatever,
especially -- I mean, his main interest, his main
interest, Mike, is spiritual things, obviously. You
know --

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: -- the Bible and, and if he's not
able to open these Seals, he'll tell you he's nobody,
he's nothing, this is a farce, it always has been.
He'll acknowledge it right now, but he says until --
He says right now I can show the Seals. Well, maybe
there's other scholars that say hey, I've studied and
I think this is -- And if they're here and if it's
plausible, I believe these people will look at it,
weigh it out, and definitely make a, a decision and
move on. There's no question.

MIKE: Do you think, do you think they would
be free to make that decision?

STEVE: Posit-- I, I'd put my -- I'd stake
my life on it, I'd stake my reputation, all of that on
it, I would.

MIKE: Um-hum.

STEVE: I know so, because even in the
discussions with him, he himself has talked about
sending people out of here and -- I mean, if they, if
they're even questioning at all, he thinks that they should be out there.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: And there's other reasons, you know, I haven't brought up and so forth. It's kind of amongst -- Some of them are having, you know, personal things and so forth, but, you know, the question was actually raised in the minds always, you know, people wonder and -- But sometimes one talks, one way to talk, another, you know, it's, you know, it's been unique here in the past two weeks, of course.

MIKE: Oh, definitely, for all of us.

STEVE: You know, sometimes one gets, you know, you get humorous and you talk about it in one manner or another, even though you don't mean half of what you say. So when I'm sitting down with these people, I'm actually trying to get to the bottom of what they want to do. But, you know, I mean, most of all, people are pretty sober and, and straight and serious about it, they really are.

MIKE: Well, I'd certainly hope so, after the --

STEVE: Oh, they are. I mean --

MIKE: -- the undertakings of the last two weeks.
STEVE: Oh, for sure, for sure.

MIKE: You know, let me clarify one thing here.

STEVE: Okay.

MIKE: I know we're still probably in the midst of talking a little bit. Would, would they want a give-and-take presentation from this or a, a -- literally a tape recording from this individual?

STEVE: Well, I think --

MIKE: Would they accept that, if, if that's all he would do?

STEVE: Possibly. It would probably help, but I think they -- A couple of them -- I didn't -- Apparently, some of them spoke to David and kind of gave like a challenge, and that's when I went and talked to him, also. And in the process, he says well, you know, let the guy, you know, if there's some way they can hear him and myself -- And I don't think it would be a debate, Mike, I really don't. I think it'd be more of a discussion where the man could open up what he, he sees, or if he had questions of David where he could -- Like, even me, from the beginning, when I met him I says yeah, but what about this, what about that?

And the truth is he backed off from me. I,
I jumped all over him. I says yeah, what are you
going to do with this, what are you going to do with
that? I was calling him long distance from Hawaii.
My bill was nothing less than $200 a month. And a lot
of times I'd think I had him nailed down and he would
just come back with -- and show me a lot more in
context and it closed my mouth. And then I'd go back
to the drawing board again.

MIKE: Um-hum.

STEVE: That went on for me for six months,
for six months, calling him back and forth between
California and Hawaii where I was at. And, and I've
seen him with others. I saw him like in Jerusalem and
I think it was -- Yeah, it was '90 and sitting down
with a number of rabbis. I mean, I was so impressed,
I really was, the way he, the way he opened up,
allowed them to speak. And very logical thinkers,
very logical.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: And I really liked the dialogue I
heard. I always hoped I could get back and that we
could see and hear a little more from that, but it
never happened. But I really believe that between the
man, the way they're speaking about him, from what
I've heard about this doctor, I think that it'd, it'd
go very well.

MIKE: Okay. Well, I've, I've got a feeling or at least an indicator from being around here for the length of time that we've all been here is that, is that the, the people here will, in all probability, agree to a tape recording. And we haven't even consulted Dr. Arnold. What will he agree to?

STEVE: Oh, right. Maybe you could do that and then --

MIKE: Well, we were -- Our initials thoughts are perhaps an initial tape presentation, and then, if need be, go from there.

STEVE: Okay. That, that --

MIKE: Probably follow up.

STEVE: Yeah, if you think that, you know, that's what I mean. You know, whatever -- I'm open myself to what your views or what you might think about it.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: But the only thing I can tell you is, you know, why the people are here in the first place. I mean, the hundred and some that are left. And I mean, the bottom line, that's why they came here, because he says he can show them all things are in the book.
MIKE: Well, he's consistently said he's the only one that can open the Seals.

STEVE: That's true, that's true. And not to -- That's totally true. So -- Well, what I'll do is I'll get back to you then in the morning --

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: -- unless you have anything else between that time. But, you know, I've been -- I about wore myself out today. I was up really late last night. I got up extremely early this morning.

MIKE: Really?

STEVE: And, yeah, I was talking to a lot of the people, trying to get something going again and --

MIKE: That's what John passed along to me. We came on this evening and --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- we understand that there's, you know, potentially a, a face-to-face meeting in the works or --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- whatever that John was going to pursue in the morning with you, but --

STEVE: I'm still trying to -- We're still working on that, and --

MIKE: Okay.
STEVE: -- Wayne, I'm a little disappointed because I was hoping he would get more views down more quickly, but he's acting like he's kind of worn out and he hasn't really done much on it. I mean, he's the one that understands more of the details of the
legalistic --

MIKE: Yeah.

STEVE: -- points, so --

MIKE: Why is that, do you know? Is he just --

STEVE: I think he's, he's been up a lot himself and, apparently, today he seemed to be kind of slow and tired. I stopped in a few times and he was nodding his head most of the day, and I says well, maybe later on you can sit down and start nailing those points down so when I call back the guys in the morning I might have something and can go from there.

He didn't seem too excited today, I don't know why.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: He just looks tired. I guess kind of forlorn and --

MIKE: Well, we're all tired.

STEVE: Oh, yeah, I'm sure. I'm sure.

MIKE: We're all tired.

STEVE: Right. So I guess by the morning,
maybe you might know something, maybe not.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: I don't expect, but maybe, you know, you can of course --

MIKE: We might --

STEVE: Okay.

MIKE: We may well know.

STEVE: Okay.

MIKE: How's everything else? Is there anything we can do for -- We're consistently worried about the, you know, the health problems --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- of Judy and Scott and the family.

STEVE: They're still there.

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: And, you know, they're still monitoring it and we're talking to him still and --

MIKE: Okay.

STEVE: -- and they're, they're both saying they're interested in hearing this guy. And so far, he's the only one apparently they've picked up on the radio.

MIKE: I was going to say there's been a lot of it, at least what we're getting on the media.

STEVE: There has, huh?
MIKE: People, you know, presenting themselves --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- as, as being knowledgeable. I mean, we just haven't pursued it because, like I say, our main concern is we don't want to get into a --

STEVE: I understand.

MIKE: -- a large, you know --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- religious debate between David or, or anyone else, anyone who may want to come in and --

STEVE: Right.

MIKE: -- and express their, their opinions on it.

STEVE: Well, you know, I mean, the more I gave it thought about what they were telling me today, why they came here, and I've always known why and I know why they've stayed, because of their belief that he has this ability, so the more I thought about it, I thought well, I'm going to go over and see if he's willing to do that if, if you guys worked it out and the man would call or vice versa somehow. And he says why, sure. He says that's what I've always said. He said that's what I was trying to state plainly two weeks ago.
And I says okay, then I'm going to go talk to John or whoever is there now.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: He says go ahead. So I thought -- I mean, there's no question in my mind it would be the greatest thing over any other reason or cause to get the majority, if not all of them, out of here.

MIKE: Oh, sure, that's our, our goal. Our goal at the outset is that we want you all to come out and we're --

STEVE: Yeah.

MIKE: -- we're anticipating that, you know, happening sooner or later.

STEVE: Right. If this guy has some good strong questions or statements on the Seals, I mean, that's where it is with them. It would show them that these people wouldn't care if he says he's waiting on his God or not. I mean, I go in there and talk with David a lot, and sometimes he'll say things, sometimes he'll say things I don't even agree with or, or we'll talk about things that are, you know, all sorts of dialogue I've had with him. But I've always tried to keep an open mind and listen to all different factions, compare and weigh it out and try to go by the weight of evidence. I mean, that's been more or
MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: -- the bottom line for me.

MIKE: Sure.

STEVE: But, so --

MIKE: As we've generally said, too, we're not trying to, trying to, you know, alter the beliefs of everyone in there or, or shut down the, the group.

STEVE: Well, that --

MIKE: We're just trying to resolve this last two weeks, Steve.

STEVE: Yeah, I understand that. You know, the biggest difficulty, no question, has been you guys are not -- I mean, you know, this, this is a -- such a, a group that's tuned in to spiritual things or what they see as prophecies, events taking place in the final days, which they believe are here. And I know you men don't have the same background and so forth. I mean, I know you're trying to sympathize and give room for that, but I know from your perspective it would be difficult and hard.

But, you know, I mean, the reason they came here, all that they are and what they want to be revolves around what they see him showing from that book. So, and, you know, he's constantly giving them
studies. People come to his door. A lot of times even if he's half sick here and they want studies and, and --

MIKE: Sure. And he's done that for them. He's been there for them --

STEVE: Yeah.

MIKE: -- when they, when they do that.

STEVE: He's always challenged them to go back and read on their own and, and challenge him or find something or -- And if they don't see it, what's the sense of being here. He's brought up that over and over again. He's actually thought about sending people out that even haven't shown an interest that they want to. I mean, that's been discussed in the last few days. And I don't -- I mean, sometimes I talk about it. You know, I'm more quiet about that than not, because I am just wanting to pick up on just definitely what's going on or what, what can be worked out here.

MIKE: Well, you know we would welcome them for, for whatever reason that they decide to come out.

STEVE: Right. That I, that I realize.

MIKE: And after the situation, you know, resolves itself, we're not saying they're not free to return to the group, go back in to the --
STEVE: Right.
MIKE: We're just -- The immediacy is to resolve this situation.
STEVE: I can -- I understand that.
MIKE: Not long term to do anything about the, the group, the organization.
STEVE: Yeah. It would have been so much --
MIKE: They'll be free to continue that.
STEVE: Right. It would have been so much easier, as you know, if there were --
MIKE: I know.
STEVE: -- no religious aspect to this at all. I mean, well, then shoot, everybody would have been out single file that first day.
MIKE: Yeah.
STEVE: In fact, I'll tell you what, when those bullets were flying through that wall where I was, and I was ducking and trying to talk on the phone, man, I mean, if you would have heard me on the telephone with first Larry Lynch and --
MIKE: Sure.
STEVE: I mean, if you play back -- If they record that with the -- with Larry Lynch, you'd hear --
MIKE: That wasn't done. Everything that's been recorded --
STEVE: I supposed, but, you know, Wayne, I never heard him talk so high, in such a high-pitched voice. Later on I had to chuckle about it. I says Wayne, I hardly knew it was you, if I wouldn't have seen you there talking myself. And he was saying call them off and let's talk and what's going on, of course, you know, and all that. So --

MIKE: Well, I think what you just said, you know, that you would have all, barring the religious aspect of it, you would have all been out single file the first day --

STEVE: Oh, positively, positively.

MIKE: -- you realize that can still happen.

And I know --

STEVE: Yes. Well, see, that's --

MIKE: -- I shouldn't, I should not say it, but any time they're still free to do that and --

STEVE: Exactly. But, see, it's still hard, Mike --

MIKE: I know.

STEVE: -- to, to separate that. That, that is the most difficult thing, even for myself, after six-and-a-half years of traveling with him, studying, talking to theologians in London, Melbourne, all around America. Even for me, I mean, I've really
challenged a lot of good minds, I really have.

MIKE: Um-hum.

STEVE: You know, there's a lot of people, as you probably -- You already know there's, you know, there's almost two billion people in this world claiming to be Christians or having some kind of contact with Christianity, and of all those people I've gotten to challenge a lot of good minds. And in the process --

MIKE: Oh, you have, huh?

STEVE: Yeah. And in the process --

MIKE: More than most.

STEVE: That's it. And in the process, they've had very few answers. Whereas, this man has actually shown one, not so much given an opinion and a theory. But he says look at this chapter in light of this chapter. So that's where the, the strength has been. That's where the weight of evidence has been for the majority that have looked and listened and gone back and compared. Like I was telling I think it was --

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