TAPE #132

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(Tape 132)

STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Good morning.

STEVE: Good morning.

JOHN: How ya doing?

STEVE: Well, a little bit tired but not too bad.

JOHN: Not too bad, huh. You didn't sleep well last night?

STEVE: No, not too well at all.

JOHN: Oh.

STEVE: How about yourself?

JOHN: Not too bad. Not too bad. I felt, I felt better since we were able to, to really start to talk about substantive issues, you know.

STEVE: Uh.

JOHN: So, I think that's a, a breakthrough. So, we need to keep that -- good things going that we've got started again. How you doing?

STEVE: Well, what we're about ready to do, you know, we usually have a worship hour here. So, --
JOHN: I know. I know. Yeah, I know you have a daily --

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: Let me tell you a couple of things that are going to happen --

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: -- and so that you know about them. Excuse me. Do you know the trash pile behind the back of the house?

STEVE: Yes.

JOHN: Okay, there's a lot of trash back there. Okay. What -- the message that we're getting over here is that that's going to be moved further away from the house toward one way or another but they're going to move that trash pile with a -- like a bladed -- like a road, a road clearer machine.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Okay. And it's a bulldozer type vehicle. And it's not a -- it's not any offensive thing. It's got -- it's just like a, a -- an armored road, road grader or an armored bulldozer, I guess would be the better word.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: So, the guys on the, you know, out there said, please, while they're doing this, you
know, just everybody stay calm. It's not for an
offensive in any way. It's just to move the trash.

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: Okay. Okay. And they would -- they
want no one near the windows when that -- you know, so
they just don't get, you know, upset or anything.

STEVE: Uh-huh.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: Well, there might be people peeking
out to see what's happening but --

JOHN: No weapons, though?

STEVE: Oh, no, that's -- you know, there
was a report, I think it was by Bob Ricks, I think a
couple of mornings ago, and he -- I believe it was him
that stated that there were at times people pointing
guns or assault weapons, things like that out the
window.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: That has never happened, not even
once, not even once.

JOHN: Okay, that's good. That's good.

STEVE: I mean but, no, but it's not good
because he stated that that happened. That is not
good. He told the press, he told the world that's
what happened.
JOHN: Right, right.

STEVE: This is why their reaction in certain areas, no truth to it whatsoever.

JOHN: Good, good. Now, I understand that they had -- they tried to -- remember when I told you they were going to do the, the speakers last night?

STEVE: Uh-huh.

JOHN: Did -- could you hear them at all?

STEVE: Well, --

JOHN: Not too well?

STEVE: There was -- apparently, they had problems with connections or something.

JOHN: That's my understanding, too.

STEVE: I -- probably will continue to have things like that happen to them.

JOHN: Yeah. Okay.

STEVE: Getting stuck in the mud, things like that. I wouldn't be surprised if it wasn't God just allowing a little bit -- them to know that, hey, you know, think of what you're doing here.

JOHN: Well, yeah, like, someone passed me a note, it says that it works two ways. God, God gives both sides chances, you know.

STEVE: Both side chances, right, okay.

JOHN: Both sides chances, yeah. So, okay,
on -- we're clear on the safety rules, right? We've
been through those before. You and I have gone
through the safety rules before. But there's been no
violations of the safety rules that I know about, you
know, about weapons and that stuff.

STEVE: Yeah, in fact, --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- that's the whole point. That's
what I was bringing up --

JOHN: Exactly what you said.

STEVE: -- about windows and all this stuff.

JOHN: Right, exactly what you said, super.

Okay, great.

STEVE: But, really -- it, it really isn't.
I mean, you know, I say something to you and it seems
like the issue is ignored because later on, days
later, you've got somebody like Ricks giving a, a
different kind of a statement and description than the
reality. I mean there's nothing great about that at
all.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: John, I don't -- what can be done
about things like that?

JOHN: You know -- okay, I'm glad, I'm glad
you asked me. I'm glad you asked me that question. I
was kind of hoping you would. I was going -- I was
going to give you the answer whether you asked me or
not. If you and I can show some progress today, sub-
-- something good, --

STEVE: Substantive, yeah.

JOHN: -- we can get these issues, these,
these other, these other irritants resolved. These
are in a sense, you know --

STEVE: You said that things -- now, look,
John, I know you're trying your best now but these are
the things that keep people from trusting anybody.
And we can keep on saying, let's send this one out or
100 or whatever, --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: -- but when those things keep on
happening, --

JOHN: They're irritants.

STEVE: -- come on, we're talking about
irritants. We're talking about life.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE: What is trust based upon in the
first place here?

JOHN: Honesty.

STEVE: What is it based on?

JOHN: Honesty.
STEVE: And when you've got men like this ATF agent speaking the way he does and Ricks gets up there and makes statements how -- I'll give you a list like you won't believe. Ricks is not telling the truth himself. At times, it seems like he's trying. He'll try to give -- but over -- there's times or it's just outright not true. And if you want to discuss those things with me or the people here that were involved or that saw or that hear, I mean it's going to come down to it's -- he's definitely not -- he wants it to sound good to the press. That's not acceptable to these people here. It makes it harder for me --

JOHN: I understand.

STEVE: -- it really does.

JOHN: I understand what you're saying. In, in, in any situation, any situation, there's going to be incorrect statements. And I'll tell you one way and you are an articulate, articulate guy. That's not flattery, that's, that's you. You know that and I know that. You are an articulate person. When you come out and tell the press what occurred and what the incorrect statements have been, that's the way to get your story out because -- for this reason, they are going to record you on video. They are going to
record you on audio and that is going to be played on CNN and every network throughout America.

STEVE: Does it -- John, does it bother you in any degree at all that the FBI and/or the government can control and have such power over the press and other factions of society? Does that bother you?

JOHN: Let, let me tell you something. Control of the press, if you call it control of the press, only occurs when there's one side giving their, giving their point because they have nothing else to focus their attention on. When you have two sides of an issue, even in the case of Watergate, you had deep throat, you know. And, and it's often been referred to that the press is out of control. You know what I mean?

STEVE: I'm not talking about the press being out of control. I'm talking about how they've not been allowed to cover the story and they're all saying basically the same thing.

JOHN: Steve --

STEVE: There's, there's some others across America that are raising some pretty strong issues about the Constitution, about what -- how far the government's already gone, the concept of Big Brother.
I mean seriously.

JOHN: Let me tell -- let me tell you something.

STEVE: Long before this -- I mean just from my own observation, being at different universities, speaking with professors, just watching history, there's been so many holes in the history that a lot of these professors have given and through the years you ask questions. Where's the other dimension? There's something missing here.

JOHN: Steve, when, when you come out and you address the press --

STEVE: Well, I wouldn't be addressing anything like that in the first place -- kind of nonsense.

JOHN: Okay. All right. When David, when David comes out and addresses the press or when the people in there with you come out and address the press, do you think anybody is going to listen to the FBI or to Bob Ricks? There's -- that's going to be over. There's going to be no more --

STEVE: Oh, no. I mean they're, they're only going to give the, the credence from the way the press is going to lay this out. Here's a bunch of loony -- let's, let's you and I be realistic. You
know, here's a bunch of loonies --

    JOHN:  Wait a minute, wait a minute. Stop, stop --

    STEVE:  -- coming out and cultists --

    JOHN:  Steve --

    STEVE:  No, it's not that it's going to keep me from coming out, by the way. That has nothing to do with this at all.

    JOHN:  I know, Steve, but let me stop you at one point. You do not sound like a loony and you are not a loony. Let's, let's fact that fact. You're an articulate man. You are going to be --

    STEVE:  Well, look, -- I mean --

    JOHN:  That's not flattery. We can listen to these tapes and anybody that listens to these tapes will say that guy's an articulate man. The press is going to listen to you. You're intelligent. You've got a story to tell. You are going to be in great demand that for -- not for the sake of dollars. I mean you could make a lot of money if you wanted to but the point is, Steve, they want to hear your story.

    STEVE:  I'm not -- well, that's not something I'm convinced about but --

    JOHN:  Oh, geez.

    STEVE:  I mean, look -- well, look, you know
and I -- you and I both know that the press and
different magazines and all the other medias and so
forth, everybody's into sensationalism and anything to
have a unique or oddball story, just like you have
these stupid, what is it, Enquirer and Star and all
that nonsense.

JOHN: No, no, no, that's, that's the
supermarket tabloids. We're talking about --

STEVE: Well, no, no, but, still, you know,
I, I don't really see anything in it. Not -- and I --
by the way, there's nothing I want to really get
involved with in the first place.

JOHN: You want to tell your story of what
occurred that 28th --

STEVE: I don't know. I don't know. Why of
course, you know, I want to get the facts out --

JOHN: That's what I'm saying.

STEVE: -- and get life straight again here.

JOHN: Let's get life straight. The part of
the problem and I was thinking about this last night
when I went home, part of the problem that I'm seeing
is, is that maybe, maybe we're all responsible for
doing this but we're all handling this situation maybe
one day at a time as versus as looking at the whole
picture for the future. Let's look at this thing as,
as not one day at a time but as a long range goal, an
immediate goal. And you and I can work together as
long as it takes, as long as is necessary, as long as,
as we can demonstrate, I can demonstrate, however you
want to put it, the negotiators can demonstrate that
progress is being made. You know, that's, that's what
we're looking at. And you know that as well as I do.

STEVE: Uh-huh.

JOHN: I mean, you know, that's, that's
where we're at. So, you know, if we can cause some
momentum to be made today, it's going to go a long
way. And, and I know it sounds like, you know,
something -- a record that's being replayed and I
don't mean to say it that way. I just wish I could
rephrase it differently. But, by the same token, I, I
want to be honest and, and tell you the way it's at.

STEVE: Uh-huh.

JOHN: So, what about this morning?

STEVE: What about this morning?

JOHN: Yeah, what are we going to do? Are
we going to sit -- did you want to get to Byron?

STEVE: Well, we're -- they were just going
to -- not right now, not this early because we're just
going to have some time, you know.

JOHN: Uh-huh.
STEVE: It's every morning that we have this time and it's very important.

JOHN: How about, how about after the daily?

STEVE: After that, how about that I call you and talk to you?

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: And remember how I said I've already talked to some of these women. So, how about that I talk to them again and --

JOHN: Great.

STEVE: -- they can come and talk with you on the phone?

JOHN: I, I accept, accept your representation of what they're going to say and I would be more than thrilled -- more than thrilled to talk to them on the phone.

STEVE: I'm not going to -- in fact, I haven't talked to -- only a couple of them I just -- and I don't want to say anything to them. I thought I'm going to let you have the opportunity.

JOHN: Great.

STEVE: No influence from me whatsoever other than he'd like to talk with you, he's concerned about your safety.

JOHN: I am.
STEVE: That's about all that I'm saying. So, you can, you know, open up to them what you want or whatever. They will definitely listen.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE: They're going to listen.

JOHN: Okay. Who, who --

STEVE: These are the ones that will -- with the children and so forth.

JOHN: All right, that will be good. That will be really good. That's great.

STEVE: And I'll do that just as soon as this, you know, the hour is over.

JOHN: Okay. Thank you very much.

STEVE: Sure.

JOHN: I'll talk to you later.

STEVE: Talk to you later.

JOHN: Thanks, thanks, Steve.


JOHN: Bye.

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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

JOHN: Hi, this is John. Is Steve there?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Just a moment.

(Gap)

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: John?
JOHN:  yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:  He can -- can he call you back in just a few minutes.

JOHN:  Sure.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:  Okay, thanks.

JOHN:  Okay.  Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:  Bye-bye.

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STEVE:  Hello?  Hello?

MIKE:  Hello.

STEVE:  Yes.

MIKE:  Steve?

STEVE:  Yes.

MIKE:  Mike.

STEVE:  Mike, what's happening?

MIKE:  How are you?

STEVE:  Okay.  How's yourself?

MIKE:  All right.

STEVE:  Okay.  What's happening there?

MIKE:  Well, we just got notified by other people that they're going to bring some more equipment up close to the house and they're going to, apparently, remove those diesel fuel tanks.

STEVE:  Diesel fuel tanks.  Now, what do you -- what do you mean diesel fuel tanks?
MIKE: Well, that's -- I guess you tell me.

STEVE: Oh, you're talking about our's?

MIKE: Yeah, the ones right at the, the turn in the road there.

STEVE: You betta let me call you back. You guys are getting pretty serious now.

MIKE: Well, --

STEVE: I'll call you back.

MIKE: Okay. We're just letting you know something's coming up.

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MIKE: Steve, he says go ahead.

STEVE: Just a minute. It's 92 octane super unleaded.

MIKE: 92 octane super unleaded, huh?

STEVE: Uh-huh.

MIKE: Gasoline?

STEVE: That's what it is.

MIKE: Okay. Yeah, I will just pass it along so that --

STEVE: Just, just a minute. I was talking with David, he says a match might go off. He says it might be better just to leave it alone.

MIKE: Okay. Well, we'll telling our people. They literally -- we're in a position, Steve,
they're telling us. They said we're moving forward with some equipment for the fuel tanks.

STEVE: Keep, keep coming. David says inch by inch, Mike.

MIKE: Well, --

STEVE: Keep coming, inch by inch. Get closer and closer.

MIKE: Some of it's beyond our control now, Steve.

STEVE: Somebody did -- you and I, both of us. I'm going to face God, you are, too.

MIKE: Right.

STEVE: You're right, all of it's beyond your control. You've got choices to make. I do.

MIKE: Right. Well, we know that. We've all -- we had --

STEVE: So, you know, make your choices and keep on going.

MIKE: Well, we've had choices for all these days.

STEVE: Okay. We'll talk to you later.

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