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JOHN: -- else. And you, you're, you're going to get some clean clothes, and you'll be well cared for medically. You'll be well cared for from a legal standpoint and you, and as far as food is concerned. So if there are people that, that you would want us to, to contact or try to make some arrangements or any concerns, any questions --

RITA: No, nothing like that. Any of that stuff is the least of my worries.

JOHN: Okay. Well, do you have any questions that you would want me to answer about --

RITA: No.

JOHN: -- any of this?

RITA: No, I don't.

JOHN: Because the, the other John will probably be here during the day tomorrow, and I'll be back tomorrow evening or one of the other fellows.

RITA: Okay, which one are you?

JOHN: John.

RITA: John Cox?

JOHN: Yeah.

RITA: You're Cox. Okay.

JOHN: Is that good or bad?

RITA: Oh, no, no. I was just -- there were
just so many Johns --

JOHN: There are.

RITA: -- you know --

JOHN: There are three of us.

RITA: I didn't know which one of you you were.

JOHN: One, two and three. But --

RITA: (Laughing.)

JOHN: Where are you from originally?

RITA: North Carolina.

JOHN: Are you really?

RITA: Um-hum.

JOHN: What part?

RITA: Asheville.


RITA: Yeah.

JOHN: I've never been there. But I've heard about it, and I've had friends that worked up there. And they said that's, that's a beautiful area where you, you got the big estate up there.

RITA: Yeah, it is, unlike this state.

JOHN: Huh?

RITA: I said yeah, it is, unlike this state.
JOHN: Hey, every state has its good parts and its bad points. I mean you could go to North Carolina and go out to New Bern and watch watermelons grow, and that's not too exciting is it?

RITA: (Laughing.)

JOHN: But then you get up around Raleigh, Durham and, and where you got north -- Duke up in that area, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Chapel Hill, they're pretty areas around there.

RITA: Yeah.

JOHN: But I, I like the other end of the state, the western end of the state better.

RITA: Um-hum.

JOHN: What's, what's the big estate up in Asheville?

RITA: In Asheville?

JOHN: Yeah. The big, big mansion up there in --

RITA: Oh, Grove Park. Oh, the Vanderbilt.

JOHN: Yeah, yeah.

RITA: Yeah.

JOHN: I seen pictures of it and seen it on television where --

RITA: Yeah, Biltmore house, yeah.

JOHN: -- a tour through it.
RITA: Biltmore estate.

JOHN: Looks like quite a place. Well, maybe, maybe some day you'll see Asheville again, huh?

RITA: I sure hope so.

JOHN: Yeah, I do too. I do too. It's probably no reason that you wouldn't.

RITA: I don't see it that way. I mean you know --

JOHN: Oh, really?

RITA: I mean yeah. I mean you know, there's no reason I shouldn't.

JOHN: Well, there's, there's a good chance that you'll see it sooner than you might think.

RITA: I sure hope so.

JOHN: You know. You know, there's a lot of people that I've talked to in there and women and fellows that apparently have a lot of false concerns about what's going to happen to them when they get out --

RITA: Well, the thing about it is, is, you know, they're, they've run these tapes, you know, and they tell you how you mainly you're going to be treated.

JOHN: Sure.

RITA: And then they come out here and they
-- right after that they run over our cars --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

RITA: -- and, you know, knock the buses to the other side of the property, turn over our gas tanks. And I mean, you know, it just doesn't look to us like, you know, it's very humanely, you know.

JOHN: Yeah. But you know that every person that's come out of there has been treated humanely.

And, and David knows it and Steven knows it and --

RITA: Well, I'm just going from the actions that I've seen around here, you know.

JOHN: Well, then ask David or Steven how the people that have come out have been treated. They've seen them on television, seen videos of the children, pictures of the children and, and Kathy and the, and the two women, the elderly women that came out earlier. And, and also Ollie. They're -- they've all been treated extremely well. And you'll be treated the same way.

Hey, you're going to, you're -- you have the same rights and privileges to be afforded to you as anybody else does.

RITA: I'm --

JOHN: And that's the federal system.

That's the way it works. And, and they're pretty
serious about it. And both -- and David and Steven
have talked directly with Kathy and with Ollie. So
they know how they're being treated. Just ask Dave or
ask Steven. They'll tell you.

RITA: Oh, yeah. Well, I've heard the
tapes, you know --

JOHN: You know --

RITA: -- in passing and --

JOHN: Well, they talked to them. I don't
mean a tape. When they came out, they asked if Kathy
could call back inside and the first --

RITA: Oh, yeah. Well, I know she did.

Yeah.

JOHN: Sure she did. And she was reunited
with, with her son, Brian, and, and we told them that
that's what would happen. So we're not lying to
anybody. We tell them what's going to happen. That's
what's going to happen. Do you have any particular
concerns about how you're going to be treated?

RITA: Well, no.

JOHN: I mean if you do --

RITA: You know --

JOHN: -- ask me, and I'll be happy to
explain it to you. Because --

RITA: Well --
JOHN: -- as I've told David, as I've told Steven, Rachel, Judy, all of them, you know, that I've talked to, don't have any reason to lie to you. I don't have anything to gain from it. You know. All we're looking for is, is a safe resolution to this situation. And David said he believes me, and I'm glad he does. Because --

RITA: Well, I mean, you know --

JOHN: -- that's why we're here.

RITA: -- why not. I mean, you know, it would be stupid for anything else --

JOHN: Well --

RITA: -- that you know.

JOHN: Absolutely. You, you understand it pretty well then.

RITA: No doubt.

JOHN: And we look forward to, to having you come out tomorrow. And, and I know that, that David indicated that, that others would be coming out also. And, and those are all positive signs. So we look --

RITA: You know, that's what I'm saying. You know, make it a little easier on people, you know, if we wouldn't, you know, watching the destruction around here. I mean, you know --

JOHN: Well --
RITA: -- I mean, you know, to me it's like unnecessary cost. You got the media's cars across the road that are getting run over by tanks.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

RITA: You can move them out of the road. You got them knocking down power lines in the back that's got to be replaced. And I mean, you know, it's just unnecessary stuff to me.

JOHN: And who's going to have to, who's going to have to replace them all? We are, aren't we?

RITA: I don't know.

JOHN: Yeah, you bet we are. Sure we are.

RITA: Well, if you don't think --

JOHN: But as I, as I've explained --

RITA: -- doing it so --

JOHN: Listen. As I've explained to David and Steven for what, 18 days now.

RITA: Um-hum.

JOHN: Nineteen, nineteen days I guess, we, we the people that they're talking to, whether it's me or other Johns or, or Max or Henry or Dick or, or Mike, whoever it may be, we're all here for the same purpose. And that's a safe resolution to this situation. And so that no one else gets injured. Nobody else gets hurt. And they believe that. And I
hope you do too. And, and we are just one aspect, or we're one part of this overall picture out here.

   RITA: Um-hum.

   JOHN: You know. And we try to get our side of the story through to the people that are making the decisions as does everybody else, you know. And everybody has input into the people making the decisions. And when the people making decisions see negative things coming from in there, a lack of activity, a lack of positive signs, they do certain things.

   RITA: Um-hum.

   JOHN: And all we can do is tell them our side of the story, you know, what we would like to see happen and, and what we feel are positive things, what we think are encouraging things.

   RITA: Yeah.

   JOHN: Sometimes those are accepted. Sometimes they're not.

   RITA: Um-hum.

   JOHN: And then we have to get back on the phone and, and talk to David or Steven and, and answer how come something happened.

   RITA: Right.

   JOHN: That's not easy. That's not easy for
us to do. Because maybe we didn't want to see that happen either, huh?

RITA: Yeah.

JOHN: So it puts us in a very difficult light. But I want you to take a positive look at this thing that things aren't all doom and gloom when you come outside here. That you'll probably go through the, the process, and it won't take you too long. And you know, you'll meet federal probation officer who answers to a judge, and he'll obtain background information. You'll be afforded good physical treatment. You'll meet a federal judge. You'll have an attorney appointed for you.

And, and then if there's reason not to, not to hold you, you'll be on your way back to California you know -- excuse me, to North Carolina after they have a bond hearing. So I can't tell you how long some of these things take. But it's a thorough process. And it's not a doom and gloom procedure. It really isn't.

You know, there are a lot of people in there that have, didn't have any direction. They're, they're worried about who's going to, you know, who am I going to follow, or whose direction am I going to follow? Who's going to lead me and tell me what to
do? And I understand that, particularly people that
are from overseas, huh? They're a long way from home
and --

   RITA: Um-hum.

   JOHN: -- and we tell them that you can go
back to the, your own church. You can go back to the
camp out there. You can go back to Mt. Carmel after
we've concluded our investigation. It may take
several days, but it's certainly not government
property, you know.

   And if there are things the government has
to pay for to, to put back in working order, then the
government will have to do that, you know. And that's
what the legal system is all about.

   So I hope, hope you can be cheered up a
little bit about coming out even though I know you're
leaving a lot of friends in there and a lot of loved
ones in there. You have friends and loved ones out
here too, don't you?

   RITA: Sure.

   JOHN: Well, look at it from the bright side
then. You're sounding like you're at a low ebb. Sort
of, huh?

   RITA: Kind of I guess.

   JOHN: Kind of. Hey, I can understand that.
I can understand that. Believe me. Is -- you know are there any, any questions I can answer for you?

RITA: No, not at this point.

JOHN: Okay. Well, before your, your coming out tomorrow if you have any and if, if either John's here or myself, I'm here, or somebody else, be sure to clarify any, any questions that you may have before you come out.

RITA: Okay.

JOHN: Okay? Is David still there?

RITA: Yeah, he is.

JOHN: Okay.

RITA: Rachel wants to talk to you so --

JOHN: Okay. Good luck to you.

RACHEL: Well, hello, John.

JOHN: Well, hello, Rachel.

RACHEL: I, I didn't know he was talking to Mr. Cox all evening.

JOHN: Well, he wasn't. Mr. Cox is my daddy. I'm just John.

RACHEL: Oh, oh. Sorry.

JOHN: There you go. How you been?

RACHEL: I'm doing fine. Actually, I'm feeling a little better today.

JOHN: Good. I hope my voice will cheer you
up a little bit.

RACHEL: I thought he was talking to John Dolan all --

JOHN: He was.

RACHEL: He was?

JOHN: Yeah.

RACHEL: When did you get on the phone?

JOHN: About an hour and a half ago I guess.

RACHEL: Oh, okay. Well --

JOHN: He promised me I, we weren't going to have a prayer meeting tonight. And his nose is growing.

RACHEL: (Laughing.)

JOHN: You can tell him I said that too.

RACHEL: He said he promised you wouldn't have a prayer meeting, so your nose is growing.

(David's voice in background not discernible.) Yeah.

JOHN: (Laughing.)

RACHEL: Well, see, I --

JOHN: He pulled one off.

RACHEL: I -- he said you can pull it off. I didn't think he was talking to you because --

JOHN: Yeah.

RACHEL: -- I didn't think that you would listen that long.
JOHN: Oh, yeah. Remember, patience is a virtue. (David's voice in background not discernible.)

RACHEL: Excuse me. He, he just corrected me and told me that, you know, you're not stupid so --

JOHN: Oh. Well, thank you. Thank you. I appreciate that.

RACHEL: Did John Dolan sign off for the, for the day?

JOHN: Well, what he did is he left here because he had, he had talked to, to David earlier and to either Kevin or Brad and said that they asked if he would, if he would be there to meet them when they went down --

RACHEL: Oh.

JOHN: -- to the Sheriff's office. And he said yes, he would.

RACHEL: Oh, that was nice of him. One --

JOHN: So he went down there.

RACHEL: -- one last nice person they can see before they get treated brutally, yeah.

JOHN: They won't. They won't. No, they won't. You, you know, you -- Kathy hasn't been treated brutally. Ollie hasn't.

RACHEL: Well, do you want me to tell you
the way I look at it? I mean I view things a little bit different than David. David's Mr. Nice Guy. And so --

JOHN: Which David?

RACHEL: David Koresh.

JOHN: He is?

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: He's not the grim reaper, huh?

RACHEL: Huh?

JOHN: He's not the grim reaper? Gee, that's what the media, you know, you got to, you got to listen to all these --

RACHEL: Oh, that's --

JOHN: -- pictures that are being painted here.

RACHEL: That's just a bunch of garbage.

JOHN: Yeah. Go ahead.

RACHEL: Anyway, what I was going to say was -- oh, yeah.

JOHN: The way you view it.

RACHEL: They're going to be nice --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

RACHEL: -- until all of us to decide to come out.

JOHN: Uh-huh.
RACHEL: And then they are going to treat us all bad.

JOHN: Nah.

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: You've been watching too many movies.

RACHEL: Maybe so. Yeah, that may be true.

JOHN: You really have. Because the federal system doesn't work that way. It just does not operate that way.

RACHEL: Maybe those movies are polluting my mind, huh?

JOHN: Boy, I think so. I think so. You know --

RACHEL: Because --

JOHN: -- no one that you've talked to on the phone, whether it's me or anyone else, has any reason to --

RACHEL: No, but your just --

JOHN: -- to sit here and lie to you.

RACHEL: -- a negotiator. You're not the one that's going to be taking care of us, you know, when we get --

JOHN: No, but the sheriff is. And he's really a gentleman. And he, and he's a man of his word. David knows that. And you got to -- you'll
have an attorney representing you. And, and Rachel, as far as I know, you'll be able to go anyplace you want to go anyhow. I mean I don't know that any charge other than maybe material witness charge --

RACHEL: Well, I sure haven't done anything wrong. I mean I'm just living in my home and before you know it all -- I got a lawyer and I didn't even know I needed one. (Laughing.)

JOHN: Well, you will. And you'll have one. And, and everybody that's in there will have one appointed to them. You know, I'm not talking about children but --

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: -- every adult will have one appointed for them, or some already have attorneys retained. And that's, that's to protect your interests really. That's the bottom line.

And as much as publicity as this case has had, you can be rest assured that there's not going to be any shenanigans, any playing around with the system out here. The media wouldn't stand it either. And they're certainly not going away for a while.

RACHEL: Well, to tell you the truth, I haven't heard that much -- I don't know that much about --
JOHN: The system.

RACHEL: -- the federal works, you know?

JOHN: Yeah.

RACHEL: Only the state a little bit. And so I --

JOHN: Want me to enlighten you?

RACHEL: Sorry?

JOHN: Want me to enlighten you?

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: Okay. I can tell you exactly what's going to happen. When you come out of there, you're going to be met by a couple of guys, they're going to say hello, and a woman. And then you'll be escorted down to the --

RACHEL: They're going to make me strip too probably, huh?

JOHN: Shoot, no.

RACHEL: No?

JOHN: Why would we do that?

RACHEL: Because they do that in jail. When you go to jail, you know, they make you take your clothes off and see if you're --

JOHN: No.

RACHEL: -- hiding anything.

JOHN: No. What happens is they'll go down
there, and they'll give you some clean clothes and
other things when you go down the jail. But the
first --

    RACHEL:  Well doesn't --
    JOHN:  -- the first concern we have when
everyone comes out, whether it's you or anyone else,
is if the people have any medical problems we should
be aware of. And I'm not just talking about, you
know, whether somebody got shot. I mean any medical
problems. Whether people are asthmatic, whether
they're diabetic, you know. That's the first concern.
And if they do, that's the first thing that's taken
care of.

        And from that point, you go downtown and
sure, you will be probably issued some new clothes.
I'm not going to, I'm not going to lie to you about
that.

    RACHEL:  Black and --
    JOHN:  But --
    RACHEL:  -- black and white stripes?
    JOHN:  I'm sorry.
    RACHEL:  Black and white stripes?
    JOHN:  No. Uh-uh. No, they don't do that
anymore.

    RACHEL:  Oh.
JOHN: They may do it in some states, but not this state. But you will be afforded a lawyer. And the, the first, you know, person from the, the legal system that, that will talk to you will be what we call a U.S. probation officer, whether it be a female or a male. And they, they're, they're an arm of the court. They're there representing the, the judge.

And they talk to people to determine, obtain background information about their families, their wealth, their education, so that they can tell this to the court. And the, and the court uses this information to assist in setting bond.

RACHEL: Um-hum.

JOHN: You know, and to find out whether a person can afford attorney. If they can't afford attorney, one will be appointed for them. And, and it's a, it's a very thorough system. And it's not just a good old boy system or anything else. It's a very thorough system. So that's the way it works.

And once the judge sets bond and bond is made, a person is free to go. As long as --

RACHEL: (Indiscernible.)

JOHN: -- you know, they're told they have to come back --
RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: -- at a certain date and at a certain time. But if they're felt they're no risk to the community or no risk of flight or anything like that, they're free to go.

And, and usually, you know, a lot of weight rests on the attorney that's representing them also. Because the attorney's going to say hey, I've either known this person, or I know about their background, their family. Because the attorney will have done some homework too.

RACHEL: Um-hum. Well I --

JOHN: And --

RACHEL: -- I'm not -- I don't know him. The only attorney I know is Gary Coker.

JOHN: Yeah. Well, maybe he'll represent you. I don't know. I don't know. Or maybe, maybe David's attorney is going to represent. That I don't know. It's, it's your -- it's going to be your decision to make. If you say I need an attorney appointed, then the judge will appoint one.

RACHEL: Um-hum.

JOHN: And if you -- I mean they've got attorneys that are lining up out here. Of course --

RACHEL: Oh, really?
JOHN: Oh, yeah. They've got a group, I think the name of it was Cause. And it's similar to an ACLU group of attorneys who said they would represent anybody inside there.

RACHEL: Um-hum.

JOHN: So you know --

RACHEL: About how many do you think there are?

JOHN: I'm sorry.

RACHEL: About how many do you think there are?

JOHN: Well, Lord, I don't know. Initially I heard there were eight attorneys. But you know, attorneys know attorneys and have --

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: -- firms with other attorneys. So believe me, there's probably plenty of them out there with a real interest in this case.

RACHEL: Um-hum.

JOHN: For, for more than one reason I'm sure.

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: You know. But the federal system is, is very serious about a person's right. And everybody is going to be under close scrutiny here from the
media, from civil rights groups, you know, from
everyone to, to ensure that this thing is handled in a
very fair and forthright manner. Believe me, the
government's got a lot more to lose by treating
someone poorly than they do by handling it any other
way.

RACHEL: I know. I don't, I don't doubt
that.

JOHN: Sure. And we know that. Hell,
probably more lawyers out here waiting to meet people
in there than there are people in there. You know?
Wouldn't be surprised. How are you doing, all right?

RACHEL: Sorry to -- say that, that last
part again?

JOHN: I said how you doing, okay?

RACHEL: Yeah, I --

JOHN: The little ones?

RACHEL: Yeah, they're doing --

JOHN: Bobby sounded all right.

RACHEL: Did you hear her? (Laughing.)

JOHN: (Laughing.)

RACHEL: She was really loud, wasn't she?

She wasn't --

JOHN: She sounded kind of wound up there,

huh?
RACHEL: Yeah. She was wanting her daddy pretty bad.

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

RACHEL: So was it you that we were trying to get her to talk to earlier, you know, like the first week of this? It could have been Henry.

JOHN: It could have been. It could have --

RACHEL: And she just wouldn't do it.

JOHN: (Laughing.)

RACHEL: And tonight, man, she was just going. So I just took the phone --

JOHN: Yeah.

RACHEL: -- to her, her mouth.

JOHN: How old is she now?

RACHEL: She's just 1. But she's a real talker.

JOHN: Well, I remember seeing the video. And --

RACHEL: And she was quiet in the video.

JOHN: She was.

RACHEL: She -- I don't know what it was.

JOHN: (Laughing.)

RACHEL: I'm telling you, if she thinks people are watching her, that must be it. Maybe when she thinks people, you know -- well, David just said
she wanted her dad's cake.

    JOHN:  Yeah.

    RACHEL:  So she was --

    JOHN:  Well, she was --

    RACHEL:  -- letting him know that she wanted that.

    JOHN:  She would not say boo on that video.

    RACHEL:  No, she didn't have, she didn't have nothing to say. She didn't know, you know, there was nothing that she wanted. (Laughing.) But she, she wanted her dad --

    JOHN:  (Laughing.) You got to bait her every now and then to get her going?

    RACHEL:  He had the cake. So that's why she was talking.

    JOHN:  Yeah. That's something. Hey, they get before the camera and what happens? They get camera shy, huh?

    RACHEL:  Yeah. Yeah.

    JOHN:  But all the youngsters okay?

    RACHEL:  Yeah, they're, they're doing okay except for one thing.

    JOHN:  Yeah.

    RACHEL:  We're down to our last bit of milk.

    JOHN:  I'll bet you are. I'll bet you are.
What can I tell you, huh?

RACHEL: Well --

JOHN: There's plenty of it out here, isn't there?

RACHEL: I don't suppose you'd send us anymore until we're ready to come out, huh?

JOHN: I couldn't answer that. But I can tell you where, I can tell you where you can get all the milk in the world. Right down that road, huh.

RACHEL: Yeah --

JOHN: You know it and I know it.

RACHEL: But I don't want to go out there to get it --

JOHN: Well, why not.

RACHEL: -- yet. I want, you know, you to send it in here for now.

JOHN: Why don't you --

RACHEL: Just don't have --

JOHN: -- why don't you want to come down that road?

RACHEL: I'm not ready.

JOHN: Well, it's only a matter of time though, huh?

RACHEL: Yeah.

JOHN: Hey, you come down there, we'll all
RACHEL: Okay --

JOHN: You'll be happy. We'll be happy.

RACHEL: Okay. Well, if you don't want to do that, then we'll just survive.

JOHN: You will. I know you will.

RACHEL: Okay. Here, you can talk to David.

JOHN: Okay. You be good.

RACHEL: Bye.

JOHN: Bye-bye.

DAVID: Look at you, you won't even give kids no milk.

JOHN: I know. I'm a terrible, dirty old man, aren't I?

DAVID: God will get you for that.

JOHN: Well --

DAVID: Let me explain --

JOHN: -- if that's the worst thing he's going to get me for.

DAVID: Let me explain the, our judicial system here, all right?

JOHN: Go ahead.

DAVID: Okay. Now don't interrupt me.

JOHN: How much time do I have to give you?

DAVID: Huh?
JOHN: How much time do I have to give you?

DAVID: Well --

JOHN: Are you going to take 2 hours to explain this?

DAVID: Less than -- maybe an hour and 58 minutes.

JOHN: Boy.

DAVID: Okay, no.

JOHN: You're a hard liner.

DAVID: No. No, it's very -- when I get out there like I say you'll have ultimate control over me.

JOHN: Yes.

DAVID: You know, and I won't have a chance to talk anymore so --

JOHN: Oh, yeah, you will. When you come out here?

DAVID: You know, when I was in, when I was in that trial in 1988, you know what the kind of questions I got asked?

JOHN: Hey, let me tell you. You think the media can stay away from you when you're here?

DAVID: No, the media, the media is not intelligent enough to know what to ask, you know. They're not going to be concerned about -- anyway, we'll --
JOHN: Go ahead.

DAVID: -- we'll sit back, we'll watch it, all right?

JOHN: Go ahead.

DAVID: Okay. They said things like Mr. Howell, the night you went out there to murder George Roden with your friends, you know, and you conspired to, to murder George Roden, you know, did it ever come across your mind that what you was doing was right or wrong? Answer yes or no. I mean like, you know, leading -- it was the most ridiculous -- even the, even the judge had to interrupt the prosecuting attorney.

JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: You know. It, it was ridiculous. But anyway that, you know, that system -- Lady Justice needs that blindfold off her face, you know? She needs to see which side of the balance is really going up and which is going down.

Okay, now very seriously now.

JOHN: Go ahead.

DAVID: We believe in the future. As God says the future will be. You call it an interpretation. Well, that's true. Anybody that looks at a statement in Scripture is going to have to
interpret. In other words, even in a letter, you know, if I was to, to read a letter from you I can only interpret what you're trying to say.

JOHN: Sure. Sure.

DAVID: And if I have any questions about now what did he mean by that? I need to get on the phone and say, you know, hey buddy --

JOHN: Can you explain this and clarify it for me?

DAVID: You know, what did you mean here when you're talking about --

JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: -- my Aunt Clara and you, you know, the other night in the bar, you know.

JOHN: And we have a problem, don't we?

DAVID: Yeah, in other words, you know --

JOHN: You can't call somebody else and ask them what they mean.

DAVID: Yeah. Okay, so, so the prophets, they're dead, aren't they? Can't give them a call, can you? I don't think the lines go back that far.

JOHN: No.

DAVID: Right?

JOHN: No.

DAVID: Well, that's why I --
JOHN: Unless there are some we don't know about.

DAVID: Well, exactly. There may be, there may be a way to know exactly what the prophets were shown. Especially if the author or the one who told them what to write is still alive. Now if, if they did get communication with God, I don't think God's passed away yet, has he? No. God's still alive and well, isn't he? You know?

And so Isaiah was killed because of what he said in his day. Thus said the Lord, but yet it was Isaiah's voice, and it was Isaiah's pen. And people didn't like what he said, so they put him in a log and cut him in two real slow. You know?

They didn't like what Jeremiah said, and he said something similar to Isaiah. And they threw him down a pigeon -- down in a dungeon, you know, half full of water and stuff, you know? Zechariah they killed with meat hooks in between the porch and the altar, the sanctuary. You know, on and on and on.

So these guys must, they must have really been bad people. I mean because, you know, they're always pointing the finger at the priesthood, at the government, you know, of Judaism.

And finally Christ came, and even though he
did good charity, you know, he fed the hungry. He
 clothed the naked. Did all these great things that
only God could do, they killed him too. And he said
avoid you to believe. Not all the prophets have
spoken. So, so the witness to Israel is is that the
blood of the prophets is going to be upon their head.

Just by denying a statement doesn't mean a
statement is not true. And if it is true, it's going
to judge us in the end. I mean the facts will judge
us in the end. If we are willfully ignorant, then
that in itself is treason against God. Because God
has something to say, and like when Merrill Lynch
speaks, everyone listens, right?

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: And when God speaks --

JOHN: They're bullish.

DAVID: Huh?

JOHN: They're bullish.

DAVID: Yeah. So anyway, so John the
Revelator like I said, he talks about a judgment. It
must be hereafter. And there, there comes a time if
he's true, there has to come a time sometime after his
time when there's going to be a judiciary called in
heaven. There's the, there's the judiciary, and God
sits on the throne. He's got a jury not of 12 but of
24. There's a reason for that. And -- because there's been 12 selected individuals in the Old Testament and 12 individuals selected from the New Testament.

You know, these are two covenants. The covenants based upon God gives man life. You know, we breathe every day. And we are to perceive certain things with this gift. And if we fail to perceive these things then, then we'll forfeit the right to live. It's just the way the system is. That's how serious life is.

You know, we didn't get here by ourself. We got to, we got to search for these things. And God has, has given answers, you know, by his, by his prophets.

So anyway, these individuals here have been shown, you know, that the prophets did know the seals. And that they were told to seal their knowledge up until the time of the end. Now in the time of the end in the revelation, there is to be something about Christ pertaining to what these prophets have said, seven seals. And of course, anybody can see that the first truth pertains to a white horse whether it be a symbol or whether it be some kind of allegory or whatever, you know, a truth with a lesson to it, it
remains to be seen by those who, to whom it's shown.

Now in those truths there are certain things that in that judgment God expects his people who are blessed with this knowledge to do. Now if they fail in any respect to obey these truths, then that's, that's like breaking the law. God's word is law.

You know, the Ten Commandment law shows us we're sinners. And that shows us we're in need of grace. But like you can break the Ten Commandment law in the day of Noah and still get in the arc, right? When it came down to the final judgment, all you had top do was get into the arc if you wanted to live, right? I mean you either -- even if you were a sinner. Man finally gets so wrapped up in sin he can't stop. He becomes, he becomes his own enemy.

You know, the worst enemy some of us have is the guy looking at us in the mirror, right? You look up and we look at that guy, and that guy lies to us. He -- we make New Year resolutions. He breaks it. We want to go on a diet. The guy won't help us. You know, some people are really in bondage to vice, aren't they? Themselves.

This is what Paul the apostle is talking about, about those who are concerned about doing right, and they find that they're doing wrong that
there's still hope. And that is if we receive a knowledge that only can come from God.

Now individuals here when all this first started, you know, they were shaken up. They were scared. They, they made -- some of them made moves that were not too wise. And you know, it's created a problem, you know, in the respect that some of these moves were contrary to what God has stated must be done according to his will.

So now the question is, you know, is there any, is there any hope? Because like now, now that they're in a situation where they're going to be confronted with the system of the world, and we know you guys are pretty tight, you know.

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: We've, we've already seen, we've already seen like Kathy being arraigned with chains and all that. And that's something that cannot be denied. It's, it's there. It's a fact.

JOHN: Well, she's not arraigned with chains. She's transported that way. When you go into court, you certainly don't have any handcuffs on you in a courtroom or anything. They don't do that. But transporting from one building or one facility to another they do that. But judges --
DAVID: Well --

JOHN: -- judges don't allow that in a courtroom.

DAVID: Well, she was brought before the judge with them on.

JOHN: No. Uh-uh.

DAVID: I seen it done down here in the county several times.

JOHN: I'm telling you, this is the federal system. Federal judges don't allow it in a courtroom. The only, the only type of restraint, and I'll be candid with you, the only type of restraint I've ever seen in a federal courtroom is if some, some client just goes nuts in there, you know.

DAVID: Oh, yeah.

JOHN: Screaming, hollering profanity, then there's going to be some restraint. But --

DAVID: Necessarily applied, sure.

JOHN: Yeah. Because it's a, it's a very formal, auspicious type of setting in a, in a federal courtroom. And you don't hear a lot of kidding around. You don't hear a lot of other people talking. The person that, that speaks is the person that's addressed by the court, you know. That's -- and, and that's the way it's got to be.
So she would not be standing in front of a
either a U.S. magistrate judge or a U.S. district
judge in any type of restraint. They don't do it.

DAVID: Well, these people have to stand
before God too.

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: And as I said before, you know, a
lot of the attitude is, is that they would rather, you
know, they would rather, you know, stand before, stand
before God then they'd rather stand before man. And
of course, you know, that, that was, that is all
perfect and, and according to the will of God except
for one thing. And that is that if we fail in our, in
our purpose, if we fail in our purpose to, to do what
God requires of us, you know, then what happens is, is
that God --

God gave Israel over to the hands of men in
the first place, because they would not keep his law.
That's just the, the way it was. Israel used to be a
self-governing empire. It used to itself have
jurisdiction over the Philistines and the Moabites and
Ammonites and all the people of its day. You know, it
was a great kingdom, Jerusalem at one time.

But the prophets began to declare that
because if their disallowing the counsel of God and
because they not taking heed to his principles and his laws that God was going to scatter amongst the gentiles. And he would allow the nations of men to rule over them. If they didn't want God's laws, then he would give, give the, the people over to the laws of, of the heathens.

Now, of course, you know the Ten Commandments is not very many laws, is it? Right?

JOHN: No, it sure isn't.

DAVID: Yeah, you know, in the (indiscernible) statutes and judgments, you know, 613 statutes and judgments that teach you how to apply the taking of law such as if you see your neighbor's ox, you know, out of the pen, you're supposed to go get it and put it in.

I mean, you know, if you, you know, if a man lie with a woman and, and she be not betrothed and he shall endower it be his wife, and he may not put away all the days of his life. I mean, you know, certain, certain commandments and rules that clarify how the law is to be applied.

You know, if a son won't work, and he's of age and he, and he won't listen to his parents, then he's supposed to be brought before the elders, and the parents are supposed to say my son's a drunkard and a,
and a lazy person. He won't work. And the, and
the -- and they say well, you're supposed to take this
young man out and have him stoned. Supposed to kill
him.

You know, back in those days, you know,
there wasn't too much disobedience. You know, and
things were serious. A man that wasn't worth any --
they didn't want to have a system, God didn't want to
have a system where people are freeloaders, you know?

JOHN: Hey. You still have some groups
that, that believe that today, don't you?

DAVID: Well, the thing of it is is that --

JOHN: You know, some real strict
interpretations.

DAVID: Well, it's not an interpretation.
It's just a fact.

JOHN: Well, they --

DAVID: Stoning is a --

JOHN: Excuse me. They just don't want to
change things. I mean you can go into some of the
Islamic groups and --

DAVID: Oh, yeah. They'll cut your hand off
quick. Girls are married at 12 years old over there.
They're bought.

JOHN: Sure.
DAVID: That happens today. You know --

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: -- I've been to Israel many, many times and stuff.

JOHN: Now you can't say that there's such a thing as equal rights over there.

DAVID: Well, let me again explain the Eastern culture.

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: You know, you're dealing with, you're dealing with a culture that is, is such a mixture of so many different -- I mean come on, European, Ottoman empire, you know, just the Turkish empire. I mean all, all the, all of the, the tradition of all the people that have tried to somehow connect to the, to the holy land. You know, the Crusades, you know. And all, and all of these things, you know.

When you go to Israel and you look at Jews, I mean Jews look like Americans. I mean they got -- even today we've got, we've got Mexican Jews, Black Jews, every color of the world is Jewish now. Now come on. You know, everybody knows that the Jews have been so mingled amongst the nations it's more of a traditional title and a name than it is really an
actual bloodline. You know, they got a policy who's a
Jew, you know.

And that's the way it was originally anyway
in the New Covenant stating that look, every man who
is of God under the world of God in, in the light of
God who breathes the breath of God is of Israel. You
know, Ishmael was, was just as much Jewish as anybody
was. He was a son of Abraham. You know, and this is
the whole principle of what God tries to say through
the prophets that all men are responsible for the law
whether they know it or not.

And so when, when they were scattered
amongst the gentiles then all of a sudden they found
out wait a minute, gentiles don't have Ten
Commandments, you know. They've got thousands of
commandments.

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: You know, you look at our law
library here. I mean there's like books and books and
books and books and books and books and books. Now,
now how come there's so many laws? Because there's so
many people breaking things. So many people, people
doing wrong. You have to clarify statements of
right --

JOHN: Well, it's like looking at our
Constitution and Bill of Rights. They were pretty clear, weren't they? Very, very small document when you get right down to it. But --

    DAVID: For a people that --
    JOHN: -- how has it been, been expanded over the years by the judicial system?
    DAVID: Oh, yeah. Well, you know, made over, remade over, you know --
    JOHN: Constantly reinterpreted.
    DAVID: Well, actually not reinterpreted.

Remodified for the necessities of the fact that we've got billions today instead of hundreds.

    JOHN: Sure.
    DAVID: I mean, you know, in those days, you know --
    JOHN: I mean the Supreme Court just --
    DAVID: You know, I --
    JOHN: -- makes new decisions every, every session.
    DAVID: Yeah, I mean without people knowing.

But the thing of it is this is that the, the nation of America has gotten way above and beyond and too big for Joe Blow, income tax payer, to know what's going on. I mean that's just, you know, it's not a, it's not a for the people, by the people anymore. It's
just a fact, you know.

The national deficit, everything, you know, the, the right to for the government. Whatever the government is it's got too many, you know, tentacles out all over the place to where it's, it's a system that basically is an economic system. It's capitalistic. It's something where everything's got to flow. Money's got to flow. Money's got to flow. That's government.

JOHN: The best we got.

DAVID: And that's why it states point blank that the merchants are the great men of the earth. Because somebody is in charge of all of this. So you know, somebody does know what's going on. And that's where I was explaining earlier about the illuminati, the, the trilateralists which, you know, to some people it's theoretical. But there's something even beyond the trilateralists.

You know, Daniel tells you that the northern kingdom will, will expand over the whole earth. You know, Rome will somehow expand over the whole earth. And that eventually it will have all the powers of treasures of gold and silver and all the precious things. In other words, eventually the system becomes to where it incorporates all means of barterdom.
In other words, you know, our currency and our estimated values of our mercantile is based upon gold, silver, things like this. And when, when our merchandise, when our power to buy is required to supersede the actual gold that we back it with, then all of a sudden it becomes a different system altogether. It becomes still a production system of the fact that hey, we make the merchandise. We can set the standard of what barter system we want.

So you know, we have money made that doesn't have gold backing it. But that's all right. Because we're way beyond that spectrum anyway in the world's eyes. I mean look at our economy. We're the greatest nation that has ever been.

You know, people don't realize in this nation that Mr. Joe Blow middle-class here actually lives like a king in comparison to the majority of all the rest of the world. You know? You agree with me, don't you?

JOHN: Sure.

DAVID: All right. So, so the thing of it is is that -- (grunting) -- God talks about don't worship the beast in his image. Well, you've heard of the mark of the beast. You know, a lot of people they, they think they understand the number of 666
what it actually means. They say it's the Pope.

Well, it's not the Pope. You know, they say it's
this. They say it's that. You know, hey.

The 666 is the subject of the beast which is
the same as the, you know, seventh seal which revolves
around who only can open the book, the Lamb. So this
is where a lot of people take bits and parts out of
Revelation and think they understand what it's talking
about when actually you won't know until the seals are
revealed in the light of the prophets.

Okay, now in our system here, I mediate to
the minds of men and unfold from the passages and
books of the Bible a consistent, harmonious picture
which the seals clarify that these are the things that
must be hereafter. In other words, when the prophets
said we'll come be hereafter when the seal is opened,
and we find the seal is a preview to what the prophecy
contains in detail, hey, that's what's going to be

The prophets are not left in the dark that,
that God has not, you know, totally disannulled their
testaments. Their testament shall come to pass. It
will be repeated again in the light of what the
prophets saw.

Now there is in these text there are things
that the people of God must do. Those who are blessed
with the knowledge they must do. Like for instance,
in Zechariah 14 if you ever get a chance to read this
on your own. You know, it's strictly for your own
entertainment. In Zechariah 14 in the progression of
time it talks about in that day the Lord's feet shall
stand on the Mount of Olives which is east of
Jerusalem which is which it is. I mean if we, we went
to Jerusalem right now the Mount of Olives is east
right across the Kidron Valley just like Zechariah
said. It says in that day the valley shall cleave in
the midst thereof. The mountain shall cleave and
become a very great valley. And it says and ye shall
flee to the valley, and the Lord my God shall come and
all the saints with thee, and the valley shall become
a plane and be lifted up.

Now that's kind of funny. Why would we need
to know that for? I mean, you know, why do we, why
would we -- if we believed Zechariah, why would we
need to know that the Lord's (Indiscernible) in that
day referring to whatever day that may be. You know,
it gives you the details beforehand. That the sign of
knowing where to go and where to be at the right time
is going to be the, the earthquake that, that causes
the Mount of Olives to, to come shaking down and
becoming a valley. And then, of course, it's told to
the people of God that they're supposed to flee there.

What kind of information is that?

Well, for instance, if the prophecy came to
pass, and you saw the first parts of an event being
fulfilled, then you would have to in your own mind put
yourself in a position to know where to flee or to go
where the prophecy says to go, right? Just like in
Noah's day, you got to get in the arc, don't you? And
if you neglect to do so, then you would be
transgressing the will of God, wouldn't you? And
you'd be found not fulfilling God's will that he has
preordained to be fulfilled by his word. So you'd be
found denying his word.

So the seven seals tell us that this is
going to happen, and this is the sign, and this will
take place, and that is the sign dealing with the
political powers. You know, the, the Russia dropping
its --

JOHN: Well, what's, what's to tell us how
long it takes to get to the seventh seal?

DAVID: Well, see, that's, that's the whole
thing. First of all --

JOHN: I mean if you were, if you were to
hazard a guess. I mean --
DAVID: Oh, it's not a guess. It's not a guess.

JOHN: Well --

DAVID: You see, remember --

JOHN: If I was to hazard one then.

DAVID: Well, we're already in the seventh seal. Now let me explain. Before --

JOHN: I thought we were up to the fifth.

DAVID: No. My students --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: -- are in the fifth seal.

JOHN: Okay.

DAVID: Now but before the Lamb can come to reveal the seals, he's already revealed all seven in heaven, hasn't he?

JOHN: Yeah.

DAVID: I mean he's right there. You clearly you see that before this truth is to be given to earth, before I come my reward is with me to give to every man, right? You know, Isaiah says he'll come with a strong hand. His reward is with him. He gathers his flock like a shepherd. And you know, in other words, there's a truth that's going to draw people together. The angel from the east having the seal of the living God which the 144,000 they receive
this knowledge and --

JOHN: Right.

DAVID: -- that's what brings them together.

You know, yes, this is what is to be. Okay --

JOHN: But when are your students going to
get from the fifth through the seventh seal?

DAVID: Well, what happens is in the events
that are now being fulfilled right now --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: -- like for instance, always trying
to explain to you Nahum.

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: You know, it's a vision of a
situation pertaining to the one who brings the
seals --

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: -- confronted with chariots with
flaming torches.

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: Tanks.

JOHN: Well, he --

DAVID: Talking about a --

JOHN: -- didn't say that. He just said
chariots of flaming torches. He didn't say tanks.
You said tanks.
DAVID: Okay. Well, if these chariots --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

DAVID: -- which we know in the days of the prophet were chariots, they carry men, right?

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: If they run like the lightnings, if they sound like thunder.

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: If they can cause trees to be terribly shaken.

JOHN: A race horse can do the same thing, can't it?

DAVID: Uh-uh, no. They don't cause trees to be terribly shaken.

JOHN: Well, they could.

DAVID: They don't jostle in the streets.

JOHN: Big horse.

DAVID: Big horse?

JOHN: Yeah. Something that pulls, you know, the, the Anheuser-Busch wagon.

DAVID: Come on, now. Don't, don't make me lose faith in --

JOHN: (Laughing.) You won't.

DAVID: -- in, in -- no, no. What I'm saying faith in, in your perceptonal abilities. Now
it talks about war.

JOHN: Um-hum.

DAVID: Okay. And it talks about the people of God. And it says, you know, he that, he that dashes in pieces has come up before thy face. It says keep the munition. Watch the way. Fortify thy loins mightily. Okay? So in other words, God's will is for this belligerent power who is fixing to be judged, the great harlot he calls, the, the mother of witchcrafts who, who sells all nations through her merchandise and through her sorcery which is, you know, mercantile which is exactly Russia and all nations are intrigued by the capitalization of this nation. All nations are just, you know, the --

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