MICHELLE CATLIN: Hello. May I speak to Mr. or Mrs. Simmont (Phonetic)?

MAX: Hello. Hello.

MICHELLE CATLIN: Hello, Mr. Simmont?

MAX: Hello?

MICHELLE CATLIN: Hello?

MAX: Hello? I can't hear you.

MICHELLE CATLIN: Hello, Mr. Simmont? This is Michelle Catlin (Phonetic) from the First National Bank of Omaha. I'm calling, Mr. Simmont, to advise --

MAX: Miss, there's no one like that here.

I believe you have the wrong number, operator.

MICHELLE CATLIN: Thank you for your time, sir.

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STEVE: Hello.

MAX: Hello, Steve?

STEVE: Yes.

MAX: This is Max.

STEVE: Max, how are you doing?

MAX: I'm doing all right.

STEVE: Good, good.

MAX: How are you feeling today?

STEVE: Exhausted. I'm real tired. I think
I might be coming down with a sore throat here.

MAX: You sound a little tired, but you got a lot to do in there.

STEVE: Yeah, with trying to get a lot of these people together to get some more video, as I wasn't doing so well today. They're either sleeping or tired or some one says after me, after me, and -- I don't know. I guess I'm worn out today.


STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: Well, how do you feel about the progress today?

STEVE: Well, I thought we'd been doing very well, to be honest with you. I spent some good moments with John and discussing a lot of the different things that we were picking up on from even a week ago, and trying to, I guess, get something going here again.

MAX: I was talking to John a few moments ago and he feels the same way. He felt very good about the, the day. A little discouraged from the morning, he said you gave him a pretty, pretty tough wake up, but things got better after that.

STEVE: Well, you know, I was sleeping, --

MAX: You're not a morning person, huh?
STEVE: -- and the first thing, all of a sudden, it's like, bang, right head on and when I went to bed everything was going fine with you and I and I just took for granted that in the morning, we're going to pick up on it, I had all these things that you and I had talked about --

MAX: Hey, I'm here, let's go.

STEVE: Yeah, well, that's what I mean, you know, even like the camera, I had plugs in the wall, and then there was no electricity. I thought, what in the heck, see that, I mean, it was the whole business.

MAX: Yeah, well, like I said, we kind of lose influence out here occasionally and, and we have to pay the cost just like you do when something like that happens, so --

STEVE: Yeah, well, yeah, we talked about it then for a while, and --

MAX: The second video of the kids is in there, I understand. Was that a little more acceptable than the earlier one or --?

STEVE: Well, I guess the question that came up was some of them wanted to know where this child was, where that child was. I think there must have been a handful of them that weren't in there and I guess they wondered where they might be or what was
happening with them. You know how it goes.

    MAX: Okay.

    STEVE: And then, Kathy Schroeder, she came to me and wanted to know what was the latest, because she never wanted her youngest one, the little one, the three year old to be ever separated from the oldest boy, I guess. He's always been the most responsible, watching over him, and from what she can understand, I guess, three are gone and, and he remains on his own, so --

    MAX: I think there's a problem with the Health and Human Services there. They, I heard a little bit about that. I believe it's a matter of him not being a blood relative that they had to go --

    STEVE: I wouldn't doubt that.

    MAX: -- to go through some further process before they can resolve that, but --

    STEVE: Do you know if --

    MAX: -- but it's not in our hands --

    STEVE: The father that took the three, I wonder if he even wants him or, what would, what do you know about that?

    MAX: I sure couldn't, wouldn't even try to speak for him on that, Steve.

    STEVE: Yeah, yeah.
MAX: I'm just going --
STEVE: I know she's real concerned. She comes to me quite frequently and I, of course, I really don't know much about it, so --
MAX: Well, if she has some, of she's really concerned, Steve, and you think it's a point that we, that you're going to pass it along with a request for us to make some specific efforts to check it out, well get the questions and then come to us and we'll see what we can do.
STEVE: Right.
MAX: If it becomes that big a concern in there.
STEVE: There was a number of them that came to me today and they wanted to either resolve -- ask questions of you or John, and I says, right them down by the phone, leave them for me. I know there's at least three or four of them, minimum, and I'm looking right here by the phone, I see nothing, so it's like, I got to go try to remember who said what and, and search them back out and ask what they had in mind.
MAX: Well, if you got as much paper before you as I do before me, --
STEVE: Oh, I'm sure I don't.
MAX: -- I understand that.
STEVE: I'm sure I don't.

MAX: Well, it sounds like you may with the messages coming from all directions. It's hard being the middleman.

STEVE: Yeah, I guess it is.

MAX: Let's see, some other things here, looking at my paper right now. Judy's hand.

STEVE: It seems to be doing a lot better. She apparently took it on herself to start soaking it in epsom salt along with, I think she's been using hydrogen peroxide, and it's come down in size after, as much as the last ten days, quite surprisingly in the short time. I think she dressed it and redressed it and soaked it about three times between last night and this morning.

MAX: I'm glad to hear that it's improving.

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: It sure looked bad and from what you had said it was something of -- really concern to all of us. John was telling me that you made mention of her wrist being sorer than her finger, and that concerned me, like, you know, there was something traveling up the arm. What's the --

STEVE: Oh, yeah, well, see she was reaching, apparently, out for something that Sunday.
She was in the room when a bullet, a bullet came through the wall and it, it hit her in the finger, traveling along the top part of the bone and right around where the knuckle is, where the finger joins the hand, it went in, it went in.

MAX: We can see it.

STEVE: Yeah, you saw that then.

MAX: You said the wrist. Was that the soreness from the actual wound or is this a, a infection type thing creeping up the arm? Blood poisoning or something?

STEVE: Apparently, maybe it was a miscommunication, but it was --

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: -- it's the finger, mainly, that the problem is. The shoulder seems to be okay, it doesn't seem like there's any problems there.

MAX: Okay, well, he mentioned the wrist being sorer than the finger and that was what concerned me, but you clarified that.

STEVE: Right, okay, yeah. I don't, I don't know of anything with the wrist, actually.

MAX: And David, how is he feeling this morning? I understand it's been some time since he's been --
STEVE: Yeah, he's been, since you talked to him last, he's been in the same place, he's not moved --

MAX: That's been over 24 hours.

STEVE: Exactly, exactly, and the wound's been draining, the headache seemed to have lasted quite some time. He had a lot of soreness and wasn't feeling well. In fact, I think someone might be speaking to him, now, finally, after all this time. I could go check just to make sure. Hang on a minute.

MAX: We'll get around to him. I just wanted to know --

[gap]

STEVE: Yeah, he says -- I just went in there and looked and he says he's had a real -- that headache has just not stopped, he still has a headache, he, the ooziness slowed up, the draining, and -- are you there Max?

MAX: Yes, I'm here.

STEVE: Okay, and he says he's, he's not still recovered from feeling well, he's just laying there just -- he's just not feeling well at all.

MAX: Is, is it all related to the wound --

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: -- or is it something different?
STEVE: No, it's related to the wound, because --

MAX: We talked to some people that said he would occasionally, or had occasionally had some problems with headaches, and I just wondered if this was something different.

STEVE: Not really. From what I understand, the first one he's had was just last night about the time, I think, you got on the phone, no, even earlier because it was in the day I remember him complaining about -- and he never, he's not a person to have headaches in the first place. That's what was surprising about it.

MAX: Is, are you monitoring his signs? Do you still have a nurse looking at him?

STEVE: Right, they, they, when he spends sleeping and doing real well sleeping, they've decided to leave him be. But, you know, when he comes around like that then they'll check with him and, and keep an eye on him.

MAX: Well, I'd like to suggest that, you know, someone, again, sort of keep up, monitoring. If he's not feeling better it's still not too late for an infection or some think like that, and if he, you know, loses too much, if his acuity and sharpness
here, I think the whole process we're involved in will suffer, so we want to make sure he stays as healthy --

Could you take some steps or encourage him to, to take the blood pressure occasionally and make sure that you get a good, accurate reading? Check for fever, pulse, and just, you know, overall condition to make sure --

STEVE: Yeah, I try to do that, you know, as much as possible, but, you know, of course, there are times where he's either in a frame of mind or in pain to the place where he just wants to be resting and not be bothered unless he wakes up and -- So I try to tell these, the nurses to keep an eye on, on him for that and to feel frequently they can take the vital signs.

MAX: This whole process is slowing down considerably without someone at the helm.

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: So we'd like to see him stay, stay up and active or get some attention, get some medical attention, you know, one way or the other.

STEVE: I'm not sure why, but, you know, through the day I had a pretty strong signal with John on the phone, but I don't, but the signal is extremely weak, I mean, I can hear you, but it's not like --
MAX: I just have a soft voice, Steve, and I catch myself getting sincere and getting quiet occasionally. I'll try to speak up for you.

STEVE: No, it's actually, it's actually the signal. Oh, just a minute. (Speaks to the background)

MAX: Is it on your end?

STEVE: Oh, I guess, it was presented to him today that the guys in the back there, there was a $14,000 investment, the Harley Davidson, and he's, he's concerned because he was told that they ran it over and buried it and he wants to know what, how that relates to the negotiations or how that relates to you and I working this out and to, finishing up this process. I mean, I don't know --

MAX: You lost me, Steve.

STEVE: Pardon?

MAX: You lost me on that one. Could you rephrase that?

STEVE: Okay, see, in the back, in the back here, on the north side where that white block barn is, you know, there, we, of course, monitor and watch, but they've run over and buried different motorcycles, they've moved them out of the garage into the elements. Then they've done things like knocked them
over, they've taken, like, maybe the tank or whatever, and run over the top of one and buried it under dirt.

MAX: Oh.

STEVE: And, you know, these are the kind of things -- He's wondering what this, what the program is.

MAX: Well, like I said, I'm twelve miles away, Steve, I've, I'm looking at a picture here at a map, trying to figure out where the barn is so I can direct somebody's --

STEVE: Okay, he said he paid, like, 11,000, you know, that, 11,000 went to that bike and it's worth about 14, and he made that investment for women and children as -- Like, even the black corvette, he got it very cheap, and, and the reason for that, it's an investment where, of course, after a little time it's turned back in and there's money for, for passing out to what our beliefs are and, of course, supporting those that come here with really no money and --

MAX: Well, I, it's unfortunate, and like I told you yesterday and we personally had an experience with -- we, I don't have control over everything that happens and --

STEVE: Right.

MAX: I don't even know who, you know,
personally, those people up there, close to you.
They, -- and we're, because of our lack of success
here and progress in resolving this thing, some other
people are having their say right now, and that's,
that's kind of out of our hands.

The, the best, you know, answer I can give you,
Steve, is, Dave, whoever's listening, that, that's an
issue that you can take up when you come out. The
attorney's file suit for the price of the motorcycle.
That's just the way, you know, the situation is
handled, it's, -- but as for right now, --

STEVE: Mas, even you're --
MAX: --for me telling somebody to go out
there and stop it? I can't do it.

STEVE: Max, have you ever, is this the
usual way that these agencies work? Apparently it is,
huh? Total disregard of property and all that sort of
thing, huh?

MAX: Oh, I'm not, it's not any standard
procedure, I don't think this is standard procedure
from where you are either. This is a very abnormal
situation for everybody concerned, --

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: -- and you're gonna, I think we can
expect some abnormal things happening from both sides,
and it has.

STEVE: Can you imagine --

MAX: (indiscernible)

STEVE: -- if we had --

MAX: -- conversation.

STEVE: Can you imagine if we had, or went and did something that contrary to, of course, the agreements we've had with you, like that? You know, we see that -- like, these guys, watch these guys, like, they, they're tearing up the property, of course, with these tanks, these bulldozers, whatever they are, and they got one stuck in the back, of course, and another one the track came off and they're pulling that all over the place --

MAX: Well --

STEVE: And of course, these guys have the ability to -- it's just like their attitude here is not they don't want to do anybody harm or anything like that, but on one hand we, we have that your guys, they get itchy and nervous if they see someone going out and dropping water off, old water or something like that, you know, the usual thing that we've always done for the time we've been here, but I mean, those are the things that, and it hardly makes sense, you know, it hardly makes any sense.
MAX: No, a lot of this doesn't make sense to us out here and I'm sure a lot of it doesn't make sense to you in there.

STEVE: No, I, you know --

MAX: But, there are things that we can resolve --

STEVE: I'm talking about the one way, I'm talking about the one-way street, you know, I mean, you expect us to comply and to call you and so forth and, you know, part of life, of course, is drinking water and, and disposing of water, and I get a call frequently from you guys about, you know, the simple things of life that are, that are natural and that are needful, and here, there are other things going out there that, destroying of property, the digging up of, you know, dirt and the taking over buildings and, and wrecking the buildings and, I mean, it's, hmmm.

MAX: Well, I hate to see things like that happening, but what bothers me even more is that things like that, and things like the signs for the media and things like fire crackers in the middle of the night and the moonings and all these other peripheral issues are taking away from the idea that we need to keep communicating. We need to make some progress --
STEVE: Well, you know, you and I have been doing that.

MAX: -- on saving some lives and bringing people to safety.

STEVE: What were you saying about the signs now, or what was that now?

MAX: Oh, just the sheets that you hang out the window, the signs, you know, that the media flags on and, and keeps --

STEVE: I like that. Don't, don't you, I like that --

MAX: It's your right, sure.

STEVE: Yeah, don't you like that?

MAX: It's, there's nothing wrong with that. But it's just not centered to the issue.

STEVE: Oh, but it is. No, no --

MAX: No more than the Harley Davidson motorcycle --

STEVE: Really, it is.

MAX: -- is centered to the issues.

STEVE: You know, I want your rights always to be guaranteed.

MAX: Your rights are out here waiting on you, Steve.

STEVE: Max, I want your rights to always be
guaranteed for you. Whether you're an atheist, an agnostic, a buddhist or whatever.

MAX: That has nothing --

STEVE: I really respect, I respect that because I can't judge you. Who knows if I'm right or wrong or whatever else. But that's what I love so much -- I've traveled around the world and what an awesome country because of this constitution because people fled the tyranny of the old world. But now that tyranny is resurfacing, just like -- when you read Abraham Lincoln and Madison and Jefferson, they warned about the very things that these agencies like you're involved in are doing and have become. I mean, not that -- I mean, you mean well, you've got a position there and on the whole, if you're after drug people or you're after people that are trying to destroy or harm this freedom, it makes sense. I've always had respect for that agency, like I've told you, but, obviously, you know, you can see some-- who's watching the watchdog, is the question, and there's definitely been atrocities that have been taken place, freedom's that are eroding, and it concerns a lot of Americans that have minds that can think and compare and in relation to, I heard what Bob Ricks said this morning, on that press conference, and
that really bothered me. How he kind of, more or less, warned the press and the man that suggested about seeing if we're still here, I mean, here the guy is --

    MAX: What part bothered you, Steve?

    STEVE: This morning, when Bob Ricks mentioned about any interference of press or anything of that nature. And these people are concerned about rights, their own rights. I mean, if what happened to us, by the ATF, in the manner it happened, happened to us so easy, and there's been no real investigation yet, everybody's concerned. I mean, if this didn't happen to me and I was on the outside looking in, where you are, I'd be extremely concerned like they are.

    MAX: Do you see, in those press conferences, when they show the photograph -- that portion of the room where the audience is seated, all of the reporters out there, all of the microphones in front of those people, all of the questions that are asked? They are people asking questions. We are going to be challenged, ATF's going to be challenged. You're going to be challenged when you come out. But that's what this system is about.

    STEVE: But it bothers me --
MAX: It's kind of like a religious thing.

STEVE: It bothers me --

MAX: If everybody had similar beliefs, --

STEVE: Max, but it never use, --

MAX: -- there wouldn't be any use in the system --

STEVE: Max --

MAX: -- but we have different beliefs.

STEVE: You're --

MAX: -- and the system is there to settle --

STEVE: Your agency never use to exist.

MAX: -- the disputes.

STEVE: And this country got along fantastic, and now there's so many like you, there's, of course, the ATF, there's, there's another department off the IR-- there's just so many policemen in this state, I mean, it's going to be, this use to be a many states working together, now it's more federal, too much power at the top. It's not like it use to be. It was never meant to be this way by the constitution. I mean, you -- definitely there's things going on that should not really be happening.

MAX: Well, what you're saying is all these agencies traditionally have a great reputation, and you believed in them as long as they were not
concerned with your activities.

STEVE: No, no, no.

MAX: In essence, you're saying, both drug dealers --

STEVE: As long as they're --

MAX: (indiscernible)

STEVE: -- they're indirect, like, for instance, you have the power, to think your agency can tell the press what to do and, I never knew that was possible in this country until right now.

MAX: All you --

STEVE: I guess I haven't been watching very carefully.

MAX: All you have to do to change that is come out.

STEVE: And the way you guys can take control and tell them where to be, when to be and what to happen and what not to happened?

MAX: Steve.

STEVE: I mean, it's totally amazing.

MAX: Steve, they'll be just as many microphones and just as many cameras --

STEVE: I'm talking about, no, no --

MAX: -- waiting on you.

STEVE: -- I'm talking about the power you
guys wield right now. I'm, I mean, hear the press, they can't do this, they can't do that. You warned them that if they even say something over the airwaves and -- I'm just wondering what you might have done to this man who has such a vigilance and an eye out for freedom, and he's concerned about the rights of the constitution of any individual of being violated. I'm concerned about those kinds of things and I mean that for yourself included. For everybody in this country. And there, I mean, I see it happening.

MAX: Steve.

STEVE: It's been happening for 10, 20, 30 years already. No question about it. So whether, you know, when this is all said and done -- I mean, it still keeps continues to go downhill, and what happens with an organization like your own? It continues to do the same kind of a thing, I mean --

The ATF, that's one organization I'm definitely am concerned about after all this. I'm definitely concerned.

MAX: Understood, understood. And I don't think you're the only one asking questions.

STEVE: What are they existing for in the first place? Why doesn't the FBI, I mean, what are they really needed for? The FBI has always taken care
of those kind of things as far as I was concerned.

    MAX: Well, well, well. Like I said, there'll be as many microphones, as many cameras, as many reporters --

    STEVE: Oh, boy, I hate to --

    MAX: -- waiting out there for you --

    STEVE: -- hear you parrot the same thing over and over again, Max. But I guess that's the ways it's got --

    MAX: -- as there is for us.

    STEVE: That's the way it's got to be, doesn't it?

    MAX: You've got to come out to talk to them. They don't want to come in there, it's not, it's not safe in there. That's been proven, hasn't it?

    STEVE: You are, --

    MAX: That's an unsafe area.

    STEVE: That's not even, that's not even --

    MAX: Whatever reason, it's an unsafe area.

    STEVE: -- the issue. You know that's not the issue.

    MAX: No, it's not. People, the same thing --

    STEVE: I mean, we'll be, --
MAX: -- all those involved, that's the issue.

STEVE: I mean, I already know, when we're out, it's all going to be swept under and on the atrocities go, goes on and that which -- There's no, there's no question in my mind, there's very powerful, sharp men, devious men that aren't normal -- that, that just loves families and have a God and have a church and want to do the best for their fellow men and live on this world. There are men -- that programs, they want to see enacted upon everybody, that don't, that aren't patriotic to any one given country. I mean, I'm a person that's always loved history, and when I was young and looked on this Viet Nam war, for instance, going on for ten years, I couldn't, it didn't make sense to me that a country so powerful as the United States, with the technology they had, able to force Japan in the Second World War to quickly want to end it, why we kept on sending manpower against manpower against countries that had just millions and millions -- nothing made sense. And that we wouldn't bomb past a certain boundary line but they would, they could do all the atrocities.

I mean, one can't help but to start ask-- what is going on, who's in control? No matter who you vote
for, it seems like it progressively gets worse.

Then you come to find out there's a group called the Council and Foreign Relations, and all these presidential candidates have come from that group for a number of years. Are you aware of that, Max?

MAX: I'm not as familiar with that part of history as you seem to be.

STEVE: You really aren't, huh?

MAX: No.

STEVE: From about 1920 and the '20's, the Council on Foreign Relation, which it has, something like -- I'm told, 16 or 1800 members of the greatest industrialists; politicians, meaning congressmen; international bankers -- These are the men that get together and draw up what needs to be done in this world, and they're not so concerned about America. If you're not, if you don't know about it, I'd do a lot of research -- I'd talk to an admiral of the United States --

MAX: I'm concerned, I'm concerned about today. My concern --

STEVE: No, I'm concerned about you --

MAX: -- is right here and now, and the people in there.

STEVE: -- and this country and all you
people. I mean, what has got to be done with this situation will be done. And I'm working with you to get it resolved now and we're still, we're heading in that direction just like in --

MAX: No, you, you're not working with me right now, Steve, you've got your --

STEVE: No, no, no. No, I am.

MAX: -- spurs up for some reason, --

STEVE: I am, in fact, --

MAX: -- and you're riding me around the room with history.

STEVE: -- contrary, on the contrary --

MAX: It's not the thing that needs to be done right now.

STEVE: If you'd been listening to conversations I had with John, that's not so. All day long we have been working on it and as you and I were last night.

MAX: Well, let's get back to the way we were last night, okay?

STEVE: I'm listening.

MAX: Okay. The main issue now, is the safety of all those concerned and what it's going to take to, to resolve this without anyone getting hurt. You and John talked about a little bit of what would
happen when you came out and I had asked you if one of our -- signing off, I signed with you, --

STEVE: Um-hum.

MAX: -- to do some research to look into the law books that Wayne might have had there, to talk with Wayne about it and find out what the legal process mandates in this situation when you come out. Did you do that?

STEVE: No, I never had the time today, actually. I wanted to, but I was on the phone so frequently with John throughout this day, and along with that, talking to people, trying to get them ready to get on tape and then I had problems with that. It was one of those days where it just did not go my way.

MAX: I felt it was an important -- I hoped you would feel it was an important part of the, the solution and would have made some, some efforts to do that. Maybe you could give Wayne the, the assignment of, --

STEVE: Oh, yeah, I'll talk to him --

MAX: -- of finding that section of the code --

STEVE: -- definitely.

MAX: -- that deals with --

STEVE: Most definitely.
MAX: -- the federal process. Okay. That might be --

STEVE: That would not be a problem at all.

MAX: I think that would be something to give Wayne to --

STEVE: I think you're right.

MAX: -- to feel he's being used appropriately, and he could probably do a good job of, of coming out of there with the section of the --

STEVE: I think you're right. By nature, he is a researcher.

MAX: Okay. That's great. And to share those, if you would, after you've had a chance to, to analyze them and understand them, and I know that you can with the, the way your mind works. Look them over and then either synopsize or present them to David in such a way that it might relieve any concerns he might have.

You can be able to explain to him, then, what's going to happen.

STEVE: All right.

MAX: And how -- what the steps are going to be. Okay?

STEVE: We'll do that.

MAX: And that would be a very constructive,
I think, thing to do.

STEVE: They're handing me a plate of food right now.

MAX: Yeah, I hear it.

STEVE: How about if I give you a call back?

MAX: Well, how about the tape? We, we got the issue here hanging with the tape. You were going to send us something out?

STEVE: I hardly have any, I've got a 150 minute tape and --

MAX: Oh, it is?

STEVE: -- I thought I was going to fill this thing up and I hardly have nothing even on it.

MAX: Oh, you don't have to fill it up. Just send out what you have. I don't --

STEVE: Let me call you right back, okay, I'm going to--

MAX: You know, if we get one that long, do you realize it'll take, how long it'll take to transcribe it and everything before we can see --

STEVE: Okay, but I don't have anything but 150 tapes left here.

MAX: We'll send you out whatever you want. Send, use half of it, send it out. If you run out of tape, we'll send you some.
STEVE: I'm going to eat and I'll call you right back when I'm finished.

MAX: Work on the tape, please.
STEVE: Okay?
MAX: All right. Enjoy your meal.
STEVE: Okay, I'll talk to you in a bit.
MAX: Bye.
STEVE: Good-bye.

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SHERRI: Hello.
JOHN: Hi, who's this?
SHERRI: This is Sherri.
JOHN: Sherri, this is John.
SHERRI: I know.
JOHN: Happy Birthday.
SHERRI: Oh, you know too, huh?
JOHN: Yeah.
SHERRI: Thank you. Here's Steve, just a minute.

JOHN: Okay.
STEVE: Hello.
JOHN: Hey, guy, how are you?
STEVE: Hello, is this John?
JOHN: Yeah.
STEVE: No, kidding?
JOHN: You know, I'm the bearer of, hopefully, good tidings and some not so exciting tidings. I understand that the, the floodlights, the spotlights, whatever you want to call them, just went on on the, --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- on the outside of the building, the south side of the building.

STEVE: Let me tell you about it now, 'cause I was just told, --

JOHN: Yeah, go ahead.

STEVE: I was just told the same thing. Since we moved in here they had these floodlights out there that when a dog or anything runs -- and that's what tripped it off, was a dog -- you know that we've -- no one's gone out, and it's over by the gymnasium --

JOHN: Huh-huh.

STEVE: -- so no one, since this all came about, has even been over in that area, nor can they get to the switch to even turn the thing off, unless, of course, we work that out with yourselves, but, since this all took place, --

JOHN: Well, you don't have to go outside to do it, do you?

STEVE: Oh, yes, of course, because the
switch for that is in the gym.

JOHN: Yeah, but I mean you don't have to physically go outside the building to do it, though, right?

STEVE: No, you do have to physically go outside of this building and into that one to do it. There's not a way to get to that building other than going outside.

JOHN: I mean, outside, outside.

STEVE: Exactly.

JOHN: You can stay inside a building, right?

STEVE: Well, no, you have to go outside to go into that building of which the switch is inside that building. You understand what I'm saying?

JOHN: Well, you just walk from one building to another, right?

STEVE: Yeah, but you go outside to do it.

JOHN: Okay. What's the problem?

STEVE: Well, that -- I don't know. Well, before, you know, everybody gets excited if lights come on or --

JOHN: Oh, no, you know --

STEVE: -- someone walks around --

JOHN: -- you know how it happened the other
night, these people start jumping through their shorts, you know, the lights are on, the lights are on. It's a, it's an offensive thing and, and --

STEVE: But what's strange --

JOHN: We can resolve it real easy, right?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: You tell me what you have to do to turn them off and I'll explain to them what you have to do to turn them off.

STEVE: John, but what's, what's strange about it is, you know, they've been off and on for ever since the Sunday in the first place. How, but I was asking --

JOHN: What can I tell you, huh?

STEVE: That's what I'm saying -- but last night Max called me so excited and I says, well, what's wrong?

JOHN: Hey, we also mentioned to you that nothing positive has happened in about four days, four and a half days and these people --

STEVE: I think it has.

JOHN: -- are getting concerned. I think it has, Max thinks it has --

STEVE: After talking with John, talking with yourself and Max, --
JOHN:  Hey, we think it has, but you understand that we are the communicators, right?

STEVE:  Um-hum.

JOHN:  And we have people to answer to and they look at the issue of, hey --

STEVE:  Well, what I wanted to --

JOHN:  -- since Heather came out four days ago, what positive has happened?

STEVE:  Well, you know --

JOHN:  So when something happens, like the lights going on, they want the lights to go off, and if it's --

STEVE:  I believe they're off, aren't they?

JOHN:  -- if it's some-- Are they off now, you think?

STEVE:  Probably, because they only come on when those dogs are running around there.

JOHN:  What can I tell you about the dogs? We don't have a lot of control over the dogs, do we?

STEVE:  Let's find somebody here to go run out and turn them off then, I guess.

JOHN:  Hey.

STEVE:  Yeah?

JOHN:  We don't want somebody just wandering around outside now.
STEVE: Well, you want them turned --

JOHN: If you just go from one building to another building. Just tell me what they're gonna do so I can tell somebody not to be concerned.

STEVE: Well, let me see. Just a minute.
JOHN: Sure.

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STEVE: Okay. I was just talking to someone that can go out there and take care of that.

JOHN: Okay, will they --

STEVE: And --

JOHN: They have to walk out of the building, that you're in --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- across a little court yard area or something?

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And then into the gym?

STEVE: And he's wondering, too, the chickens, apparently, have gone on. The same person --

JOHN: Steve, it sounds like you lost control of the chickens?

STEVE: No, I know, it is a bit humorous. But he says, can I take care of the chickens, they can watch me at the same time, I'll go over to the gym, do
the switch there, and then go over by the chickens, get that food and, and throw it in there with them and, --

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE: -- take care of them.

JOHN: Okay. Let me check on that --

STEVE: You want to call me right back?

JOHN: Yeah, you bet, because I'd like to let somebody know what we're doing --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- and not to have concern, and if, and if you want to handle the other matter, that's fine too.

STEVE: Okay, I'm still halfway through my meal here, so --

JOHN: Chow down, chow down.

STEVE: Okay. Talk to you in a bit.

JOHN: We'll call you back in just a few minutes.

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JOHN: Hello.

STEVE: John?

JOHN: You bet.

STEVE: Yeah, it is John. Okay, is he ready to go out there?
JOHN: Not quite, not quite.

STEVE: Okay. Well just give me a buzz then, I'm still waiting.

JOHN: Okay. Let me, let me ask you something.

STEVE: Yeah?

JOHN: You still eating or are you finished eating?

STEVE: I'm still eating.

JOHN: Okay. It should be just a matter of minutes, --

STEVE: All right.

JOHN: -- so I'll give you a call right back as soon as they're ready, huh?

STEVE: Okay, sounds good.

JOHN: Okay?

STEVE: Sure, bye.

JOHN: Bye-bye.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Hey, Steve?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: All set.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Can you, can you tell me what they're
gonna do, now? What the fellow's going to do?

STEVE: Okay, he's going to go out, he's going to go out the back door, and then --

JOHN: Is that near the tall building or what?

STEVE: Let's see, no, the back door is actually, where would it be? It's like, is that east? That's east or northeast. It's where the, the building is kind of long, it's like parallel to the swimming pool.

JOHN: Okay, okay.

STEVE: So he's going to go out that door, he's going to walk over to the gym and in the gym, there's a switch on the wall inside there.

JOHN: Okay, okay.

STEVE: And he's going to come back across --

JOHN: To the chicken coup?

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: And feed the chickens?

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: Okay. Can you tell me whether the, the fellow that's going out going to have a t-shirt on or a hat?

STEVE: He's got a, he's got a jacket that's black with, like, turquoise, what would you say,
stripes are they? He's, he's a black guy, also.

JOHN: He's a black male?
STEVE: Yeah.
JOHN: With a black jacket, turquoise --
STEVE: And he's got, he's got glasses on.
JOHN: Okay.
STEVE: Okay?
JOHN: Okay. So, he's, he's going out now, then?
STEVE: Right.
JOHN: Okay, it's fine.
STEVE: Okay, and I'll talk to you soon.
JOHN: Now he's not carrying anything, huh?
STEVE: Nothing. He's got nothing in his hands carrying anything.
JOHN: Fine. Hey, that's super.
STEVE: Okay, and I'll call you as soon as I finish here which will probably be about fifteen, twenty minutes.
JOHN: Hang on. Oh, can you ask him to carry a flashlight with him?
STEVE: (to the background) Would you carry a flashlight with you?
JOHN: And leave it on?
STEVE: (to the background) You have a
flashlight then?

He didn't like the idea of carrying a flashlight, I guess.

JOHN: Well, it's going to be for his safety and for ours, you know, I mean, we don't --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: It's going to make it a lot easier --

STEVE: As long as it's for his safety, that's fine.

JOHN: That's the issue. That's the issue.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: Does he, he got a flashlight?

STEVE: Okay, talk to you --

JOHN: We're in business?

STEVE: Yeah, where in business. Talk to you in a few minutes.

JOHN: Okay. Finish your food.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: All right, bye-bye.

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STEVE: Hello?

JOHN: Hey, Steve.

STEVE: Hey, John, what's happening?

JOHN: Just want to make sure that your man's in, finished --?
STEVE: That guy -- I just went down there to find out -- I told him, let me know as soon as it's all through. Here, come to find out, the guy goes out, does just the gym, comes back in there, looking around for a better flashlight or something, no one tells me, so I just went down and says, why are you so slow, what are you doing? I, I don't know.

JOHN: Hey, the lights are out in the gym though, right?

STEVE: Yeah, he, he got that aspect done, I mean, but I -- wouldn't you know, I picked the slowest guy that there is in the whole --

JOHN: Hey, they never said it'd be easy, did they?

STEVE: Well, I guess not.

JOHN: Now, the way those lights are set up now, they're not going to back on, are they?

STEVE: They shouldn't because when you flip the switch down, apparently, --

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- that should take care of it.

JOHN: Okay, okay.

STEVE: But after all this time, apparently, no one had done that.

JOHN: Hey, maybe we can feed the chickens a
little later, huh?

    STEVE: Yeah.

    JOHN: Hey, that's a concern huh?

    STEVE: Anyway. So, what's happening now?

    JOHN: Listen. I wanted to cover a couple of issues with you.

    STEVE: Okay.

    JOHN: I know that you and John, the other John, --

    STEVE: Yeah. What is John's last name?

Unless he doesn't, it doesn't matter, but --

    JOHN: Number 2.

    STEVE: Okay, John Number 2. Hey, now, that doesn't sound too good.

    JOHN: It does to me.

    STEVE: Okay.

    JOHN: Huh? I think it sounds pretty good to me.

    STEVE: Okay.

    JOHN: Or Number 2, John. Whichever way you want to put it.

    STEVE: All right.

    JOHN: In fact, he'll be talking to you in the morning anyhow, I'm sure.

    STEVE: All right, yeah.
JOHN: This afternoon he discussed basically what would happen when you all come out of there.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: And, and you told him that you and David had discussed this and there was no problem with it --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- that you fully understood it. And I just wanted to really kind of reassure you that, you know, you probably had a lot of concerns, as do a lot of people in there, and that they're going to come out of there and then they're going to be lost. They're not going to have some guidance. They're not going to have somebody to, to really talk with them everyday and deal them everyday as you and David have over this period of time, and it's a pretty valid concern. I understand that, but, you know, when you come out, basically, John explained to you the formalities of coming out and that you'll go downtown to Waco, to the, to the federal building, and the first thing that's going to happen, is people who need medical attention are going to get medical attention. That's the very first thing that's going to happen. And, and what happens after that is an initial appearance before a U.S. Federal judge, and that means the U.S.
Federal judge will explain to those who are being charged with something, what they are being charged with, what their rights are. You know, there are constitutional rights; to a lawyer, -- every right they have because federal judges take their time explaining these things because they never want any question raised that they haven't been clear in explaining these things and that people totally understand their rights. And there may be some people in there that, like you say, the fellow with the flashlight that may not be too quick, huh?

STEVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: Some people don't understand them as quickly as others, so, --

STEVE: Well, this is true.

JOHN: Federal judges want to make it as clear as possible. If, for say, there is somebody that did not speak English in there, and I think most all do, don't they?

STEVE: Right. Everybody does.

JOHN: You know, if, if there was somebody that didn't speak English, they would certainly have a, an interpreter present. I mean, we don't play games in the federal system.

After that would happen, okay, or as part of the
initial appearance, the U.S. District judge or U.S. Magistrate judge, as they're, they're addressed, will set an initial appearance date --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: -- and set bond. Now, the, the crucial thing is that everybody that would appear that judge will be met by someone from the U.S. probation office, which is really the arm of the judicial branch that sits down and obtains background information from people. And it's crucial because the information they get from the individuals is relayed to the judge as of whether they're penniless, whether they're destitute, you know --

STEVE: Huh-huh.

JOHN: They can't afford a lawyer, one, one will be provided by the court, and they go through the whole background of the individual so probation can inform the judge at the initial appearance, Your Honor, you know, this person says they've never had a traffic ticket in their life, you know.

STEVE: Hum-hum.

JOHN: They have no prior problems, and the judge then assesses this, looks at it and says, well, I'm going to set bond at whatever. So, he's looking at a person's background, their life, their education,
their, you know, --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- the whole thing. And they take their time doing this. Believe me, the federal judges don't jump into these things blindly, and particular -- you know, an incident like this that's happened -- notoriety, the publicity that this has had, they can't, they can't afford to do anything in a slipshod manner. So, one thing I should tell you, you know, and you can pass it on is that we were informed, not long ago, that David's mother has hired a lawyer in Houston. Now I wish I could give you the name of the lawyer.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: He's a, he's a pretty well known lawyer --

STEVE: Oh, he is.

JOHN: You know, and I don't mean just well known, well respected, competent lawyer.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN: I'm sure that's concern to other people in there that they're going to either have to do the same thing where they're going to have to have lawyers appointed to them, and I'm sure the vast majority of, of the folks in there don't have a lot of
money, you know, to dole out for something like that, --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: But it, but it's a concern, you know.

You know, if you had a lawyer that you were interested in being contacted, I'm sure we could make arrangements to do that. And I'm being candid with you, you know, if --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: -- you have one, or, in discussions with Wayne. Maybe Wayne knows one around here that he could offer you some good advice.

STEVE: Maybe I won't even need one, huh?

JOHN: That's even better advice, isn't it?

STEVE: Yeah, --

JOHN: I mean, I, it really is.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: It really is. But I don't want to, to get out on a pipedream that we're not going to appear before the judge.

STEVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: I, I think we got to be pretty sincere about this that you will probably appear, the judge and David will and many will and many won't. You know, I'm pretty, pretty realistic about that too.
Some of the people that I, I viewed on the tapes that you sent out?

STEVE: Um-hum.

JOHN: And I'm not talking just about the, you know, the children.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: The children don't enter into this really, but you've got an awful lot of, lot of women and other people in there that, they have nothing to fear.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN: Well, not from the judicial system. What they do, they probably fear they're losing some guidance, right?

STEVE: Probably.

JOHN: A very valid fear.

STEVE: Yeah.

JOHN: That today they have David, today they have you and if this ends tonight, if this ends tomorrow, if this ends on Sunday and all of a sudden, David's taken away from them, you're taken away from them, --

STEVE: Well, --

JOHN: -- their leadership, their guidance is taken away from them, --
STEVE: I would like to say that's true about myself, but it, actually, it is not. I mean, I'm just like they are, I'm a student --

JOHN: Well, yeah, but still, you're a mature, educated person, and if David's not feeling good, if David's down on his luck, they have to look at someone for guidance, right? I don't mean religious, spiritual, hey, this is what I'm telling you must be done, this is what has, --

STEVE: No, --

JOHN: The day to day, --

STEVE: I don't know that they would look to me, in fact, I really --

JOHN: Well, maybe they'll look at a group of you.

STEVE: Possibly.

JOHN: You know, but they're gonna look for someone because, you know, I didn't meet the two elderly, --

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