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1 (Tape 109)

2 JOHN: -- and, and honorable for you. And  
3 if you tell me that there is some particular  
4 individual that you want to meet you when you come  
5 out, we can handle this.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

7 JOHN: And I don't care who that is and I  
8 don't care to what ends we have to go to do that,  
9 because we have the means to do it. If somebody is,  
10 you know, meaningful enough to you that you would  
11 want, want them to meet you when you came out, whether  
12 it's to give you some assurances, whether it's a loved  
13 on that you just want to hug and squeeze, we can  
14 handle that. And I don't want you to forget it. We  
15 can handle it. All it's going to take is a phone call  
16 to do it. And that's why I said we don't have any  
17 animosity out here.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I believe that, I, I  
19 really do.

20 JOHN: We want to get this, this damn thing  
21 over with and we want to get you all out and we'd like  
22 to go home and see our families.

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

24 JOHN: And it's not going to happen, is it,  
25 until this thing's resolved?

1                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's why, you know,  
2 all this -- Even those that I talk to daily, they're  
3 anxious themselves, they really are.

4                   JOHN: I mean, can you imagine the first day  
5 that all of us started communicating with you people  
6 in there? It was very difficult because we had no  
7 grasp of that type of setting and that type of  
8 environment.

9                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

10                  JOHN: And your religious beliefs and your,  
11 your religious doctrine. We -- It was totally new to  
12 use and, you know, all the preaching sessions and all  
13 that, hey, that didn't do a lot of -- it did some  
14 good, believe me, because it gave us some insight in,  
15 into some of these -- Whether we believe it or not, at  
16 least you believe it, and, and that's what counts, you  
17 know. And, and I think we've, we've try to plant that  
18 seed that we're not here to try and sway somebody away  
19 from their religious beliefs, we're here because the  
20 law has said we will be here. And we're trying to  
21 facilitate the process of resolving it as peaceful as  
22 possible.

23                  MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

24                  JOHN: And don't want anything to happen to  
25 anybody. That's why when you told me the guy went out

1 and turned out the lights and I didn't know about it,  
2 I'm really surprised I didn't get a call from somebody  
3 going ballistic. It didn't happen, you know.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: I know.

5 JOHN: Wherever he went, he did it in a  
6 hurry.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, apparently so.

8 JOHN: But, see, that -- those are the kind  
9 of things that, that people on the other end, they go  
10 nuts over. Where all it is is a, a, in reality, a  
11 small break down in communications, right?

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Mmmm.

13 JOHN: Nobody's doing anything to be --

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I mean --

15 JOHN: -- belligerent.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, sure. I mean, I really  
17 believe they think that themselves and that they hear  
18 us, you know, how we've been communicating and all the  
19 rest.

20 JOHN: Hey, these guys that are up where you  
21 are, which is not where I am --

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

23 JOHN: -- they get all pumped up up there.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: They --

25 JOHN: Hey, it's a different breed of cat.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but they should -- I  
2 mean, being that they're part of the FBI --

3 JOHN: Well, they are.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- system also, they should  
5 realize that just the good intentions of these guys to  
6 let them come and get the wounded. In fact,  
7 encouraged them to do so.

8 JOHN: Hey.

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, right from the  
10 beginning.

11 JOHN: That was commendable.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I mean, they never  
13 wanted anyone to be hurt, in the first place. The  
14 only -- In fact, all these guys here, I mean, those  
15 that got involved with responding in the manner they  
16 did was only because they were terrified for their own  
17 very lives. I mean, that'll, that'll all come out, of  
18 course, you know.

19 JOHN: It will, it will. So will the way  
20 you people have been communicating with us. That's  
21 going to come out, too.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

23 JOHN: You know, and, and that's not going  
24 to hurt you. It's not -- And I don't mean hurt you as  
25 an individual.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I know. I understand.

2 JOHN: It's not going to hurt you, it's not  
3 going to hurt anybody else.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Actually, a lot of these,  
5 these people feel bad when there's the distrust on the  
6 part of those that are on the outside. They think --

7 JOHN: It's the unknown again on our part,  
8 isn't it?

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, no. Meaning that, you  
10 know, just because they thought they showed forth  
11 their true attitude about these guys and, and what  
12 happened that day, and they wanted to see them make it  
13 okay and, and, you know, everybody was -- If anybody  
14 was --

15 JOHN: You wanted it to stop, huh?

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, of course.

17 JOHN: Sure.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, if anybody was to  
19 wear black arm bands or anything like that in sadness,  
20 I mean, all these people felt that way for the, the  
21 young guys that, of course, lost their lives.

22 JOHN: Yep.

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, nobody --

24 JOHN: Nothing, nothing's going to bring  
25 back any of those people.

1                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly. And no one's over  
2 here that's ever been in the war even, in Vietnam or  
3 anything like that, that I'm aware of anyway. Not the  
4 majority, anyhow.

5                   JOHN: Yeah.

6                   MR. SCHNEIDER: So, you know, I mean, it was  
7 a thing that -- It was something that really -- it  
8 gets to the person that even had any kind of  
9 involvement at all. I mean, it's something they've  
10 got to live with and, you know, it's, it's not  
11 anything they, they like, and they're just mad about  
12 the whole incident, you know, those that were here and  
13 --

14                   JOHN: Well, you know, there was a real  
15 concern by David about -- And he's expressed it many  
16 times and you've expressed it many times -- about had  
17 the ATF notified you that you would have, you know,  
18 just say hey --

19                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah.

20                   JOHN: We go up to the door and it would  
21 have been a very peaceful thing.

22                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Like Harwell.

23                   JOHN: Hey.

24                   MR. SCHNEIDER: You know, he would have, or  
25 any one of those guys who had come to the door --

1           JOHN: You, you've expressed that to us, I  
2 couldn't tell you how many times.

3           MR. SCHNEIDER: I know.

4           JOHN: And David's expressed it.

5           MR. SCHNEIDER: I, I won't do it again.

6           JOHN: No, but, but I, I just want to tell  
7 you that you're dealing with us right now.

8           MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly. And I think --

9           JOHN: We, we are outside your door.

10          MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I understand.

11          JOHN: You know? We're outside the door  
12 and, and whether people think we're there with open  
13 arms or not, we are.

14          MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

15          JOHN: And we have told you and we have told  
16 David since the first day that we began talking to you  
17 that we're doing what David asked should have been  
18 done in the first place. We're here and, and we are  
19 not going to take any precipitous action at all.  
20 We're just waiting.

21          MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

22          JOHN: And people get the medical attention  
23 and people will get the love and warmth of being back  
24 together with their children in, in the family setting  
25 the minute they come out.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Uh-huh.

2 JOHN: And all we're saying is come out.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

4 JOHN: You know? That's all we're asking.  
5 And we're not kicking in doors and we're not going to  
6 crash things down and we're really trying to do it in  
7 a way that we can protect our people that are up there  
8 and, at the same time, give you the opportunity to  
9 walk down the road. And that's all we're looking for.  
10 David said hey, if you'd asked, it, it could have  
11 been resolved differently, and all we're doing is  
12 asking.

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

14 JOHN: And we're leaving that door open for  
15 you and, and it's your decision to make and we're not  
16 going to holler, we're not going to scream.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: I talked extensively today  
18 with John in --

19 JOHN: Yeah.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- regards to a possibility  
21 of a neutral mediator or someone maybe from the press.  
22 You know, that's --

23 JOHN: Who would you have in mind?

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I told him, you know,  
25 if you people have any --

1                   JOHN: We're not bringing Oprah Winfrey in  
2 or somebody.

3                   MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, no. You know, I  
4 mean --

5                   JOHN: We're not looking for a celebrity.

6                   MR. SCHNEIDER: I know. I remember you  
7 saying that and that was passed on.

8                   JOHN: But if you have somebody in mind, let  
9 us know.

10                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, well, you know,  
11 that's -- I said -- I even mentioned it to him, you  
12 know, if you have someone, if you have some ideas, you  
13 know, I think it'd go a long way.

14                   JOHN: Well, we figure we've got the best in  
15 the world talking to you right now.

16                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

17                   JOHN: We really do. We're not tricking  
18 you, we're not lying to you.

19                   MR. SCHNEIDER: But, you know --

20                   JOHN: And I told you you tell me who you  
21 want to be waiting down the end of that road for you  
22 or wherever, that person'll be there.

23                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, it'd go a long way to  
24 try to help these people with coming out or, you  
25 know --

1           JOHN: Just say the word.

2           MR. SCHNEIDER: -- waiting. And it has to  
3 do with, you know, the response or the ability of the  
4 media to be in touch with us.

5           JOHN: Sure.

6           MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, that means a lot to  
7 these people. They keep on expressing that to me, as  
8 they did just before I got on the phone with you.

9           JOHN: Well, you know there's not going to  
10 be any open line to the media. We've made it very  
11 clear to you, haven't we? That's not going to happen.  
12 However, if when you come out you want a particular  
13 media representative there, a particular broadcaster  
14 there --

15           MR. SCHNEIDER: No, what I mean, Wayne tells  
16 me that his rights, my rights, all of our rights in  
17 here, they're not being upheld in response to have an  
18 attorney come here and talk to his clients.

19           JOHN: Is his client -- I can't tell you  
20 right now that he has a right to counsel if he's in a  
21 custodial situation, and that means he's been  
22 arrested. He has not been arrested, he's free to  
23 leave. Until he's arrested or until you're -- until  
24 anybody's arrested, you have no right to counsel.  
25 None. Because it is not a custodial setting. And

1 once a person is arrested, then all of those rights  
2 are explained to you by the courts, right? Every  
3 right that you have, a right not to incriminate  
4 yourself and every other right that you have, as well  
5 as that right to counsel.

6 And the court will ensure that those rights  
7 are upheld. But we are not going to let an attorney  
8 go down there, we're not going to let a doctor go down  
9 there, because we told you these people are out here  
10 and available to you. All, all it takes is somebody  
11 to come out. But as I said, if you want somebody to  
12 be out here to meet you or you want --

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: It's going to be --

14 JOHN: Just tell me.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I'm saying, though,  
16 it's going to be very hard working with and  
17 encouraging any of these people when, in fact, you  
18 know, they -- What really brought them to ease, like I  
19 told you --

20 JOHN: Uh-huh.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- in those first couple  
22 days after this incident took place, when they were  
23 ready to all come out with David and make that move  
24 was because there had been an open access to the press  
25 and they felt comfortable. They, they thought that

1 was part of your doing as the -- as an agency and, for  
2 that reason, they thought that you were more than with  
3 them and, and looking for some fairness. So they  
4 really weren't overly concerned. It's only been since  
5 then that the lines have been all cut off and that  
6 even an attempt by any kind of a radio station to see  
7 how we're doing or to get a response from us in some  
8 manner or another, that's what I say, it really went  
9 against their --

10 JOHN: You know, you know what caused that,  
11 don't you?

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I have no idea.

13 JOHN: Oh, yeah, come on. You've got an  
14 idea. A promise was made, a promise wasn't kept.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you and I don't -- I  
16 don't believe that. I believe that you would have  
17 done it probably, irregardless.

18 JOHN: No, we wouldn't because David and  
19 everybody else would have been out of there.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, that way, of course. Of  
21 course.

22 JOHN: You know, and, and that's --

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: But, see, you know --

24 JOHN: -- the only thing that caused that.

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: But there's -- Like I told

1 you, there's two reasons why they're here that they've  
2 expressed to me over and over again.

3 JOHN: Why who's here?

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: All the people that are  
5 still here.

6 JOHN: Oh, I know why they're there.  
7 Because they're waiting for somebody to tell them --

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

9 JOHN: -- to do something.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Number one and/or number  
11 two, as many of them have told me, also, is because of  
12 the lack of having coverage right, right even before  
13 they make that move, or being able to at least say  
14 well, you know, be filming or at least --

15 JOHN: Well, you know the media's right down  
16 that road.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, even if the press can  
18 tell it out to the public, as long as they knew that  
19 someone was recording them or something of that  
20 nature.

21 JOHN: Can you see the media from where you  
22 are?

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: I --

24 JOHN: And I'm not asking that to --

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I know you're not.

1 JOHN: -- try and play any games with you.

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I know you're not. No,  
3 I know you're not. No. Yeah, we can see the media  
4 from here.

5 JOHN: Well, if you can see the media, then  
6 you know the media will see you people come out.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Surely.

8 JOHN: And they will see how you're treated,  
9 they will see how you're handled.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, the day that --

11 JOHN: And you can bet the media will be all  
12 around the courthouse.

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, like -- I guess it was  
14 John, but like it was said earlier, you know, of  
15 course there would be a chosen representative of the  
16 media to in fact be there.

17 JOHN: That's a real possibility.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, this is what he said.  
19 It was, it was not anything that I brought up, it was  
20 something that John said, so --

21 JOHN: Hey, that's a -- That's why I'm  
22 asking you --

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: To tell you the truth, after  
24 talking with three guys today, I'm forgetting who I'm  
25 talking to here. It was either Max or John earlier.

1           JOHN: And there's two Johns, and you, you  
2 just remember the other one's John Number 2.

3           MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah, we'll, we'll  
4 remember.

5           JOHN: Don't forget that now. I tell him  
6 the same thing. But the, the thing is that you have  
7 to -- Hey, you tell us who you want to be there, you  
8 tell us a representative of a particular radio station  
9 or a particular TV station or a particular newspaper,  
10 or you tell me, you know, you want a family member of  
11 yours to be there. These things are things we can  
12 deal with. I'm not going to make you any promises  
13 because I need to hear from you --

14           MR. SCHNEIDER: You mean you can't promise  
15 that ex-President Reagan would be there then, huh?

16           JOHN: That's kind of pushing it.

17           MR. SCHNEIDER: (Laughter.)

18           JOHN: Now, if you ask me for  
19 Gen. Schwartzkopf, we could probably work on that a  
20 little.

21           MR. SCHNEIDER: (Laughter.)

22           JOHN: No, I really can't.

23           MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

24           JOHN: Because I have to know who's of  
25 interest to you.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

2 JOHN: And only you can tell me that.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: But, you know, of course, my  
4 interest is still working with these, trying to get  
5 something resolved here and --

6 JOHN: Hey, you can have an interest when  
7 you come out of there.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- some faith and trust --

9 JOHN: To help those people, too.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- working with these  
11 people, so --

12 JOHN: When you come out, you're still going  
13 to have an interest in those people, aren't you?

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I want to make sure  
15 that they all end up --

16 JOHN: Are cared for.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly. Positively.

18 JOHN: We've got the same interest.

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: I, I believe that.

20 JOHN: We have the same interest, because I  
21 don't have any animosity towards you or any of those  
22 other people in there. What happened happened and now  
23 we've got to live with it.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: I understand.

25 JOHN: You know? And if you say that you

1 were someplace on the telephone, talking to somebody,  
2 God bless, I hope it's true, because --

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, that part --

4 JOHN: -- the people on this end can testify  
5 to that, that they were talking to you and --

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, that's -- I was -- You  
7 know, that's not even a problem. That's easy to --

8 JOHN: Well, it's always a problem, right?  
9 Because it's --

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, not --

11 JOHN: -- the fear of the uncertain in your  
12 mind.

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Not at all, because right  
14 from that very moment that there was, there was sound,  
15 Larry Lynch, we hit 911. The man could hear what was  
16 going on.

17 JOHN: Yeah.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: We left the, we left the  
19 phone -- the line open from that time on. And I  
20 stayed there with my head down and there were bullet  
21 holes coming right over the top of my -- I, I would --  
22 It's funny that I wasn't nailed even. I was totally  
23 shocked. I'll be honest, I was terrified.

24 JOHN: No, it was somebody's will that you  
25 weren't, probably.



1 huh?

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Fractions. I mean, I don't  
3 -- What I don't understand is why they'd have turned  
4 and started, you know, shooting at windows and, and  
5 the rooms. They didn't even know who was where or --  
6 I just -- It was hard for me to imagine.

7 JOHN: Hey, a lot of crazy things happen  
8 in -- when people are in a, in a setting like that.

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Five, six people saw the  
10 three, the three choppers come over and started  
11 immediately firing right out of the choppers at his  
12 room. They saw it.

13 JOHN: Steve, I'm not here to condone  
14 anything that went on. I'm not here to get in an  
15 argument. I know --

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: But, you know, I mean --

17 JOHN: -- it had to be --

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- you say when you guys --

19 JOHN: -- a bizarre sight.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly. But usually --

21 JOHN: It was on the --

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: But the point is usually  
23 when you talk to me and that subject matter comes up -

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25 JOHN: Yeah.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- it's like we've done  
2 something criminal. That, that's the most incredible  
3 thing. When, in fact --

4 JOHN: Am I accusing you of doing something?

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no. No, but I'm talking  
6 about, you know, when I come out they're going to be  
7 charging all of us. The irony of it all.

8 JOHN: That's --

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: The irony. When, in fact --

10 JOHN: Listen, be very matter-of-fact about  
11 it. They probably will.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, I've watched this --

13 JOHN: And I'm not going to tell you that --

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: I've watched this guy --

15 JOHN: -- it's not going to happen.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: The news press, I've watched  
17 the guy, whatever his name is, Dan. I tell you what,  
18 I have a hard time with a guy -- with a personality  
19 like that, that is so ambiguous, doesn't answer the  
20 questions that are posed to him. Whereas this other  
21 guy at least, Ricks, attempts to answer almost  
22 everything.

23 JOHN: Hey, I'm not going to lie to you  
24 about what's going to happen when you come out. It's  
25 not going to all peaches and --

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: And why is it going to be  
2 that way? Why is there like --

3 JOHN: It's not going to be peaches and  
4 cream.

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: As far as I'm concerned, all  
6 those guys that were involved with that, that came  
7 shooting like that -- Here David is opening -- Why  
8 would he have opened the door even?

9 JOHN: Hey, when it's all sorted out, the  
10 truth is going to come out, isn't it?

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: The man -- David should have  
12 been dead. Perry Jones got it. Didn't have a gun,  
13 didn't have any reason to be -- I mean, he --

14 JOHN: Hey, some others got it, too.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: You've got it. You -- Of  
16 course --

17 JOHN: Perry Jones wasn't alone and, and --

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sixty-four years old.

19 JOHN: Other, other people --

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- all over the --

21 JOHN: -- inside there -- What about, what  
22 about the infant? What about Gent? What about Judy's  
23 or Kathy's husband?

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

25 JOHN: What about the ATF fellows? So, you

1 know, there was a lot of pain, there was a lot of  
2 anguish in a lot of people's minds. And the only  
3 way -- You know, we could sit and we could hug and we  
4 can cry and we can pray together and we can do a lot  
5 of things. It's not going to bring those people back.  
6 And we can pray for their souls, and we probably do,  
7 huh? But what I'm saying is I'm telling you the same  
8 thing today that I told you the first day that I  
9 talked to you.

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

10 JOHN: That we're out here and we're out  
11 here with open arms. And, and what it's going to take  
12 to bring you people out is I guess to get over the,  
13 the fear, to get over the anguish.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's part of it, you  
15 know.

16 JOHN: It is.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: That's, that's where that  
18 press part came in and to be involved, as --  
19 expressing to me every day.

20 JOHN: Hey, I know you people have watched  
21 movies and you've watched TV and you've watched --  
22 Hey, we're going to come out and they're going to beat  
23 us and they're going to do this and they're going to -

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1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Not quite that.

2 JOHN: That's not going to happen.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Not, not quite so much  
4 that --

5 JOHN: You're dealing with very professional  
6 people out here.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: It bothers these people that  
8 these ATF guys are even in those press conferences  
9 answering even, you know, that they're even having a  
10 part of that because of the role they played.

11 JOHN: Well, they've got to get used to it  
12 because that's life. And that's not going away. And,  
13 and I would be

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: The FBI --

15 JOHN: -- crazy if I, if I tried to lie to  
16 you.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- is being there,  
18 researching, doing their job. That's something  
19 different, they're not bothered by that as much.  
20 But --

21 JOHN: Hey.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I tell you what, no one's  
23 real happy about the other.

24 JOHN: Yeah, but it's not, it's not going  
25 away.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- it was.

2 JOHN: It's not going away. And I could  
3 tell you yeah, it's going away, it's going away, and  
4 you come out and there it is. I'm not going to do  
5 that to you. I'm going to tell you the truth and I'm  
6 going to tell you the way it is.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: The audacity of any human  
8 being to take it on himself, using the American  
9 people, something that they have chosen to have as  
10 part of the system to protect them, to actually attack  
11 citizens. It's a mind blower. It to me is a total  
12 mind blower.

13 JOHN: Well, it's a tough --

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: And then say to me you can't  
15 say --

16 JOHN: -- tough situation, but we can't  
17 change things, can we?

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: I hope we can.

19 JOHN: Well, we can't change what has  
20 happened in the past.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: As long as my life is going  
22 on, I'm going to hope that everything I can do in this  
23 crazy world to make sure something like that never  
24 happens again, you know --

25 JOHN: Well, you can try to change the

1 system and I can try to change the system, but we  
2 can't turn those events around.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: I can see why now there --  
4 why there are so many people clamoring for the, the  
5 dissolving of that organization.

6 JOHN: Well, you don't really want to get me  
7 to start commenting about that, because --

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, of course not.

9 JOHN: -- it wouldn't be the proper thing.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: You're in a fellow, you're  
11 in a fellow agency that you wouldn't dare do that.

12 JOHN: Well, it's not my business to do  
13 that.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

15 JOHN: It really isn't.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I know it could be. I  
17 know your paycheck is --

18 JOHN: I'm not, I'm not clamoring about  
19 your, your religion. I'm not going to do that. And  
20 about what's going on in there.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: I never forced my religion  
22 in your face, though. Of course I didn't.

23 JOHN: We, we, we've had some strong, some  
24 strong preaching sessions going on, though, haven't  
25 we? And I've listened, haven't I?

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: I believe you have.

2 JOHN: And I, and I, and I have because I  
3 want to learn. You know, I'd be crazy to say that I  
4 don't want to learn. I want to learn what it's all  
5 about because it's something very new to me.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: In honesty, I'd be totally  
7 shocked if, you know, if you ever showed even a minute  
8 interest just because, I mean, if I were in your  
9 shoes --

10 JOHN: I don't tell you I'm coming -- I'm  
11 being -- coming over.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Of course, of course not.

13 JOHN: But I'm learning.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Of course not.

15 JOHN: Hey, I don't know --

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: But, but let me say, you  
17 know, being on the other side myself for so many years  
18 studying cults and different religions, I'm the -- I  
19 mean, seriously, I mean, who'd want to ever come out  
20 to a place like Waco, Texas, and how could they --

21 JOHN: That's what I asked myself last  
22 Monday morning.

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: How could this guy, how  
24 could this guy have truth when he's in such living  
25 conditions and, and all the rumors, all the rest that

1 goes with it. I mean, it's a huge stumbling block  
2 that the guy might actually have -- or be able to open  
3 something up. It's a huge stumbling block.

4 JOHN: A long ways from Hawaii, isn't it?

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, a long ways. I mean,  
6 you, you could tell obviously I never came here  
7 because of any reason other than to hear something.  
8 God, I'll tell you the truth, I hated --

9 JOHN: You didn't just come here for  
10 barbecue, did you?

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, you know that. I'll  
12 tell you the truth. I can't stand this state, I never  
13 have liked it. When I --

14 JOHN: That's going to aggravate a lot of  
15 people.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, you know, I --

17 JOHN: You may have some Texans in there.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's okay. They,  
19 they respect my opinions, I respect theirs. They can  
20 like it, that's fine. I'm glad that they do.

21 JOHN: But it's a big state. There's a lot  
22 of parts of it that are totally different from other  
23 parts.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah. I guess I --

25 JOHN: Get down on the coast around

1 Galveston and that area and, and the beaches and you'd  
2 think it was California Dreaming again.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: That's about it.

4 JOHN: You would. I mean, it's such an  
5 enormous state and there's so much diversity to it --

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

7 JOHN: -- that it's different. I mean,  
8 people can say -- You spent years out in California,  
9 didn't you?

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, not really. Just a few.

11 JOHN: Well, I mean, look at what people see  
12 on TV of California.

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, I know. I don't really  
14 like that state, either. I don't like the --

15 JOHN: People say it's the land of fruit and  
16 nuts, for crying out loud.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Hey, you've got it. No  
18 question about that.

19 JOHN: But I think the crucial thing that  
20 you've got to remember is the judicial system is an  
21 adversarial system by design, which means both sides  
22 have an equal opportunity under the law. And the, and  
23 the courts, particularly the federal courts, really  
24 are serious when they're talking about both sides.  
25 And, and that's why I was being very sincere with you

1 when I told you if there's somebody that would make it  
2 easier for you --

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- about that. That reminds  
4 me of something.

5 JOHN: Go ahead.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Let me bring something up,  
7 before I forget. I went to -- with Sherri Jewel a  
8 year ago in February --

9 JOHN: The happy birthday girl.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I don't know about  
11 that, but anyway --

12 JOHN: It's her birthday today.

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, I didn't even know.

14 JOHN: What?

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Anyway, I went with her to  
16 the Michigan Court to gain -- regain custody of her  
17 own daughter. She had been a school teacher out in  
18 Southern California. She was -- Oh, the  
19 recommendations and the affidavits that -- Those that  
20 loved her, the students, the teachers, all her peers -

21 - JOHN: Yeah.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Anyway, I went to this court  
23 where Marc had come all the way from Australia to go  
24 after her, trying to find a weak link in our group  
25 where he could --

1 JOHN: Who?

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, Marc Breault, of  
3 course.

4 JOHN: Okay.

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: So I went there and there's  
6 Marc Breault his wife, and this older woman, Jean  
7 Smith, who I had also met earlier. But while being  
8 there, I got to -- on the last day of the testimony  
9 given by Marc Breault and some of those that had come  
10 from Australia I got to go into the courtroom and sit  
11 down and see and watch the reaction of the judge. I  
12 want to tell you something. I was not at all pleased  
13 at his response to the people that were bringing out  
14 the adverse testimony against Sherri Jewel, the way he  
15 chuckled and smiled and joked and laughed with them.

14 JOHN: Was that a federal court?

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: I don't believe it was. I  
16 don't believe it was. But I --

17 JOHN: Let me tell you, you can go in a  
18 federal courthouse --

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: John, John, let me finish.

20 JOHN: -- and hear a pin stop -- pin drop.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: I was shocked at the way the  
22 guy got involved and showed a bias right off.

23 JOHN: Sure.

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1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Long before the testimony  
2 even began on our part.

3 JOHN: Sure.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: It was a lost -- You could  
5 see plainly the man was already -- had believed what  
6 he had heard.

7 JOHN: Like the good old boy system?

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: He made some comments that  
9 showed he had already made his decision, and defense  
10 had not even begun to start bringing up their  
11 witnesses. It was a lost cause before it even began.  
12 And I'm thinking to myself what in the heck, what  
13 kind of justice is this? So this is --

14 JOHN: That makes you very concerned,  
15 doesn't it?

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, of course it does.

17 JOHN: Sure.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Ask Sherri about the whole  
19 experience.

20 JOHN: Sherri doesn't want to get in a  
21 dialogue with me, I don't think.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I don't know, she  
23 probably would.

24 JOHN: Not after she talked about Psalm 75  
25 to me the other night and, and horns.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: She did, huh?

2 JOHN: Yeah. She got a little testy.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: She did?

4 JOHN: But I understand.

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: I never knew she was on the  
6 phone with you. Apparently, I was -- either I was  
7 sleeping or I don't know.

8 JOHN: No, she --

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: She was on the phone with  
10 you, huh?

11 JOHN: She, she -- Yeah. What would you  
12 call it? She's a freed woman, I guess, and she  
13 decided she was going to get on the phone.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, is that right?

15 JOHN: It was --

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: So she chose to get on the  
17 phone?

18 JOHN: Yeah, for whatever reason. And she  
19 got into a few different, into a few different issues  
20 and, and she got feisty at the end and, and wanted me  
21 to read Psalm 75. So I did and we went through that.

22 She really got feisty at the end when she was  
23 describing horns and other things, and I say hey,  
24 you're too mature for that. You don't need that. So  
25 I wished her happy birthday today when she answered

1 the phone.

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: I see.

3 JOHN: Took some wind out of the sail.  
4 She's probably a decent person, she's just getting all  
5 wrapped up in all of the frustration and anguish and  
6 everything else that's going on, you know. Hey,  
7 believe me, everybody's not a winner in court and  
8 everybody's not a loser in court. I recently had a,  
9 had a case I had to investigate for months and ended  
10 up going to court and got a -- the defendant was  
11 acquitted.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

13 JOHN: Did I think that person was guilty of  
14 something during the course of that investigation?  
15 You bet your life I did, because others were, were  
16 found guilty. Was I depressed when he was found not  
17 guilty by a jury of his peers? You bet your life.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure. I would have been,  
19 too.

20 JOHN: I had just sunk six months of, of my  
21 time in that.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: And especially if you had  
23 the evidences and --

24 JOHN: Well, I thought I did.

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- quite clear and --

1 JOHN: I thought I did but a jury didn't.

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

3 JOHN: And that's what counts.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

5 JOHN: And, and when it was over, I felt the  
6 jury had done what it had felt was right, you know. I  
7 didn't have to like it, but I had to live with it.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I do.

9 JOHN: And that was the federal system.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: What I'm going to be doing  
11 when I get off the phone with you is I want to see if  
12 Wayne is still awake. I want to go down there and see  
13 if I can't get him going tomorrow as soon as he gets,  
14 gets up and maybe helps these people understand some  
15 of the procedure and so forth and start laying down  
16 some of that.

17 JOHN: Well, it's important.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: And I'll also try to start,  
19 you know, getting more going on the tape. David has -  
20 -I forgot to tell you, about an hour or so ago I just  
21 peeked in there and he just said a few words to me  
22 and --

23 JOHN: Who did? David did?

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. And he was quite  
25 disappointed with me. Said I thought you were going

1 to get a video out of a lot of these people and of  
2 some of the --

3 JOHN: Do you think he wants to talk to me?

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: He's -- Actually, he's too  
5 sick to even to move. You know, I'd have to try to  
6 get the phone to him or him get over to the phone  
7 here. He definitely is not doing well, but he wanted  
8 --

8 JOHN: Can you get the phone to him, just so  
9 I can say hello?

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: I doubt it.

11 JOHN: I won't keep, I won't keep him on the  
12 phone long if you want to.

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: They told me he went back to  
14 sleep again, so -- In fact, even the nurses wanted to  
15 go in and take the vital signs again and I guess he --  
16 they didn't want to bother him. So it was a poor day,  
17 for sure, for him. I mean, you know, not feeling  
18 well.

18 JOHN: What do you think the problem is?

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: I don't know. I really, you  
20 know, not understanding or being into the anatomy of  
21 the body --

21 JOHN: I mean, is he eating anything? Is he  
22 drinking anything?

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1                   MR. SCHNEIDER: I, I haven't really followed  
2 what, you know, what he's done today when it comes to  
3 food. I haven't, I haven't seen that he was eating.  
4 He had the door closed almost the entire day, so --

5                   JOHN: Do you think you can -- you might be  
6 able to find those, those folks on the inside? And,  
7 and like I said, I'm leaving one of them to your best  
8 judgment as to whether or not they could talk, talk to  
9 John in the morning or talk to me this evening or  
10 whatever and let me know they're okay, and I can, I  
11 can pass that on to some other people.

12                   MR. SCHNEIDER: You mean one of the nurses?

13                   JOHN: No, no, no. The people I discussed  
14 with you, Floyd Houtman and, and --

15                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh. I  
16 forgot about that.

17                   JOHN: Clive Doyle and Sherry Doyle.

18                   MR. SCHNEIDER: We had moved on to other  
19 subjects.

20                   JOHN: Yeah, but do you think you'll be able  
21 to do that for me?

22                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

23                   JOHN: Okay.

24                   MR. SCHNEIDER: In fact, let me go do that  
25 now, if you'd like.

1                   JOHN: And, and have them say hello?

2                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. And what I'll be  
3 doing then is I'm going to get a few winks here and  
4 maybe like nine, ten o'clock in the morning then --

5                   JOHN: Oh, that's a lot of winks.

6                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, well, what happens in  
7 the morning, usually about nine o'clock or so or  
8 sometime in the morning we have about an hour worship  
9 service, see?

10                  JOHN: Uh-huh.

11                  MR. SCHNEIDER: And we spend one solid hour  
12 with the Bible, reading and, you know, over a little  
13 prayer and so forth. So that's why that amount of  
14 time is already taken up. There's --

15                  JOHN: Well, who would, who would have led  
16 the service this morning?

17                  MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, a lot of people have  
18 been reading the Bible for themselves. There's not  
19 actually been so much of a service lately, but people  
20 have been reading it for themselves whenever they're -

21                  JOHN: Just meet together as a group?

22                  MR. SCHNEIDER: No, wherever they're at in  
23 the building, you know.

24                  JOHN: Really?

25                  MR. SCHNEIDER: Take that hour off and then

1 take a look and do a little reading and say a few  
2 prayers  
3 and --

4 JOHN: So you really don't have a formal  
5 service where everybody gets together?

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no. Exactly. So  
7 that's -- that takes care of about an hour. And even  
8 before that, I've got people already after me about  
9 what's on the agenda for food and all the rest and,  
10 you know, there's babies to be fed and taken care of.  
11 And so that's why --

12 JOHN: You know what this sounds like to me,  
13 Steven?

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: What's that?

15 JOHN: Sounds like they're looking for  
16 guidance from you. They really are. And you've got  
17 to give it to them, you know.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

19 JOHN: You've got to be the strong one.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- that's why I say, you  
21 know, tomorrow what I want to do, of course, is --

22 JOHN: Hey, you've got to take care of those  
23 people in somebody else's absence.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: And then get back with the  
25 video camera again and I want to talk to them. We'll

1 get Wayne working on helping them understand the  
2 procedure and so forth.

3 JOHN: Yeah.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: And I'll be talking to  
5 probably John, I'd guess, the other John?

6 JOHN: Number two.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: So he'll probably be up and  
8 about sometime in the morning?

9 JOHN: Yeah. Let me tell you, you can talk  
10 to me at six o'clock in the morning if you want to.

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, man, John, I don't know.  
12 Did you sleep today, did you?

13 JOHN: I got a couple hours sleep today.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: A couple hours, that's all  
15 you got?

16 JOHN: Well, I got more than a couple hours.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll tell you what, after  
18 this last week or so --

19 JOHN: I got me a heck of a dinner tonight,  
20 too, I'll tell you that.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- it's taken a lot out of  
22 me, I'll tell you the truth.

23 JOHN: It has.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, there's been very  
25 little sleep and --

1                   JOHN: Hey, physically, emotionally, the  
2 whole nine yards.

3                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah. There's been very  
4 little sleep, except for the last few nights. I was  
5 able to pick up a few hours, like until -- through  
6 this morning. I was glad that John didn't call me  
7 till about nine or thereabouts, a little after.

8                   JOHN: Well, I think he was kind of remiss.  
9 He probably, he probably should have called you a  
10 little earlier, wake up call and got you --

11                   MR. SCHNEIDER: No.

12                   JOHN: -- moving on some ideas.

13                   MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll tell you the truth, I  
14 need, I need some sleep to be able to even handle the  
15 day and the way it is and --

16                   JOHN: Well, you know some things that we  
17 can do in the morning is -- And, and I may be here for  
18 a while in the morning, but if I'm not, John or one of  
19 the other fellows will be.

20                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

21                   JOHN: Make those people available.

22                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, that sounds --

23                   JOHN: If you can.

24                   MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah, they would be. In  
25 fact, I'm going to try to get one or two yet before

1 | you get off.

2 |           JOHN: Okay, that'd be great. Or if you  
3 | want to call me back in a little bit, I'll be here.

4 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

5 |           JOHN: I'm not going anyplace.

6 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, why don't I do that?  
7 | That way it'll give me an opportunity to go run  
8 | around, see where they're at and --

8 |           JOHN: Okay. Okay.

9 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: -- see if some of them have  
10 | turned in.

11 |           JOHN: Would you, would you call me back in  
12 | a half hour or --

13 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Or a little less. I think  
14 | it might only take me 15 minutes.

15 |           JOHN: Fifteen minutes.

16 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Is that enough time for you?

17 |           JOHN: You bet.

18 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

19 |           JOHN: Okay?

20 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Get back to you then.

21 |           JOHN: Thank you, pal.

22 |           MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. I -- They probably'll  
23 | be talking to you. I probably am going to try to slip  
24 | away and get -- start getting some sleep here.

25 |

1 JOHN: Well, well, let me just pass  
2 something on for you --

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

4 JOHN: -- before you slip away.

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

6 JOHN: Remember, we're here for you, and I'm  
7 as sincere as I can be. If there's somebody that you  
8 want us to contact in your behalf to be here --

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: I appreciate that --

10 JOHN: -- you let us know.

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I really do, John.

12 JOHN: And in the morning when you talk to  
13 John or whomever you talk to, they're going to discuss  
14 with you how this thing is going to, going to work  
15 out.

16 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

17 JOHN: How you will come out of there, where  
18 you'll be met, who will meet you. If you have  
19 somebody, you know, not just a loved one, but --

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

21 JOHN: -- as you said, David was concerned  
22 about maybe somebody from the media. The media's down  
23 that road. But if you, if you have -- If you're  
24 really serious about someone, the only way we're going  
25 to know is you're going to let us know what you have

1 in mind.

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

3 JOHN: Okay?

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sounds good. John, I'll  
5 call you back in about 15.

6 JOHN: Fifteen minutes, and then you can put  
7 somebody on with me.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. And tell John I'll be  
9 talking with him then about nine or so in the morning.

10 JOHN: You want me to hold that one off as  
11 long as I can, huh?

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, I mean, because, you  
13 know, just like I said, we have that hour --

14 JOHN: Okay.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and that's usually right  
16 around there.

17 JOHN: I know.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: And so it's, it's difficult  
19 about that time.

20 JOHN: And it's a serious period for you, I  
21 know that.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: It is, it really is,  
23 especially these days, you know, when we're waiting  
24 and people want to get this resolved and -- themselves  
25 in God, you know, if he ever spoke to them, give them

1 the word or something so we can get on here. So, you  
2 know, I mean, it's, it's a serious time is right. So  
3 --

4 JOHN: Well, call me in 15.

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, will do.

6 JOHN: All right.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll talk to you tomorrow.

8 JOHN: Well, I'll talk to you in 15, and  
9 then you can put somebody on.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

11 JOHN: Okay.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Talk to you in 15.

13 JOHN: All right.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Goodbye.

15 JOHN: Bye.

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17 (Telephone ringing.)

18 JOHN: Somebody's going to answer it. Maybe  
19 David will crawl over and pick it up.

20 (Telephone rings six times.)

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello?

22 JOHN: Hi. Is Steven there?

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Just a minute.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello, John?

25 JOHN: Hey.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I was still -- I just  
2 got talking to one of the persons and I needed to --

3 JOHN: You just need a little more time?

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

5 JOHN: Okay.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll probably have about two  
7 of them here, and then the rest of them we can get  
8 around maybe tomorrow.

9 JOHN: That's great.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

11 JOHN: That's great.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Hang, hang in there.

13 JOHN: What do you need, another 10, 15  
14 minutes?

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, probably not even  
16 that.

17 JOHN: Okay.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Probably about 5 or 10.

19 JOHN: That's fine.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, talk to you in a bit.

21 JOHN: Thank you. Bye.

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23 JOHN: Hello?

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Hello, John?

25 JOHN: Hey.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I've got Greg Sommers  
2 here.

3 JOHN: Uh-huh.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: And I wanted to try to get  
5 Clive and he said he was pretty tired. He says tell  
6 him I'll try to talk with him tomorrow.

7 JOHN: All right.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: I talked to a couple more  
9 and they said the same. So at least Greg says I have  
10 no problem.

11 JOHN: This is not going to be a problem, is  
12 it?

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: What's that?

14 JOHN: Talking to Greg.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh.

16 JOHN: You know what you said earlier?

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: What's that.

18 JOHN: That there could be a problem  
19 between --

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah, yeah, I know. I,  
21 I actually had a chuckle out of it. I said someone  
22 left a message for you and --

23 JOHN: Did you tell him who?

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: No. And I said I guess --

25 JOHN: Oh, you're going to put me on the

1 spot, huh?

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, not quite. I said guess  
3 who it -- He went through his mother and his  
4 grandmother and all.

5 JOHN: You kept telling him wrong?

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly.

7 JOHN: Does he know who it is?

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, he sure does.

9 JOHN: It's not a problem.

10 MR. SCHNEIDER: No.

11 JOHN: I hope not. Good.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: He says unfortunately. He's  
13 standing right here. John, here's Greg.

14 JOHN: Hey, hey --

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm turning in.

16 JOHN: -- before you, before you hit the  
17 hay --

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

19 JOHN: -- he's going to be the only one  
20 we're going to talk to tonight, huh?

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Then I'll be talking  
22 to the others. It sounds like they're more than  
23 willing to talk --

24 JOHN: That's fine.

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- to either you or to the

1 other John, but they're kind of tired.

2 JOHN: That's fine.

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

4 JOHN: And, and I'll talk to you more, but  
5 there's two things I want to pass by you.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

7 JOHN: Okay?

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, by the way, I took  
9 another extra minute there because I did go down and  
10 talk to Wayne for a few minutes and I says we'll --

11 JOHN: Okay.

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- we'll take up on that  
13 tomorrow about the procedure. He says fine.

14 JOHN: Okay.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, so --

16 JOHN: What, what do you think David would  
17 say if you or anyone else said that you wanted to  
18 leave tomorrow?

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: Nothing at all.

20 JOHN: You don't think so?

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, because right from the  
22 beginning --

23 JOHN: He wouldn't inhibit it from  
24 happening?

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, not in the least. In

1 fact, two days ago was the last day he said Steve, go  
2 find out if anybody -- You know -- quite a few days in  
3 a row, and he says make sure you've asked everybody,  
4 everybody has an opportunity and so forth. I mean,  
5 and he's serious about that, he really is.

6 JOHN: Well, the reason I ask is he hasn't  
7 been part of this for a day-and-a-half now. You have.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Right.

9 JOHN: You know, and if the day comes that  
10 Max is asked or Henry's asked or I'm asked or the  
11 other John or Dick or any of us are asked to go in a  
12 courtroom and say who's been instrumental in resolving  
13 this thing in a peaceful manner, we'd have to say that  
14 you were. And you, you've showed us more eagerness to  
15 successfully resolve this thing and more patience.  
16 And, you know, we've had our ups and downs over this  
17 thing.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah.

19 JOHN: But you have shown, more than anyone  
20 else, a willingness to let's do it, let's do it right,  
21 let's get it on.

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

23 JOHN: And if we're asked, we've got to  
24 testify.

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

1 JOHN: I just want to let you know --

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

3 JOHN: -- we're willing to do that. We're  
4 not turning our back on you at all and, and we just  
5 hope that you keep it in mind that --

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

7 JOHN: -- there is no animosity.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: I believe that.

9 JOHN: We're all praying for the same thing,  
10 my friend.

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: I believe that. Well,  
12 that's why, you know, right from the time I talked to  
13 Byron, I talked to Larry Lynch, and Jim, I was  
14 actually thinking that it'd be over within that first  
15 day, at the latest maybe a day or two.

16 JOHN: Didn't we all?

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah. And it's, it's just  
18 like people, they start saying oh, what are we going  
19 to do? And, you know, you try to encourage them to do  
20 the right thing.

21 JOHN: Hey. A monster's been created,  
22 hasn't it?

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

24 JOHN: A monster was created with the word  
25 "wait."

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah.

2 JOHN: And, and, hey, what can I say? That  
3 happened.

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: That, that's --

5 JOHN: Let me, let me ask you --

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: That's a stumbling block,  
7 even for myself, in trying to get these -- You know --

8 JOHN: Well, sure it is.

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- it's a hard thing to get  
10 around to try to get them to make a move and --

11 JOHN: Sure it is. And I'm not asking you  
12 to tell me that hey, if something doesn't happen  
13 tomorrow that you'll promise me you'll come out on  
14 Friday, 'cause you don't know.

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

16 JOHN: You don't know. You don't know when  
17 you're going to come out. The bottom line is you're  
18 going to come out when you're ready to come out, and  
19 that's it. But let me ask you if you can do something  
20 for me and you tell me if you can or you can't.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: All right.

22 JOHN: Because I've got to show some  
23 credibility for us.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

25 JOHN: And for us is --

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: What do you have?

2 JOHN: There's Max and -- We know that  
3 there's at least two people in there that have met  
4 their demise, right?

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay.

6 JOHN: There's a little one and there's an  
elderly man.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

8 JOHN: Okay. And we're pretty satisfied  
9 there are others that are in the same situation, and  
10 we would like to be in a position to go to the people  
11 we answer to and say positively this has happened and  
12 we can let some next of kin know. Can you do that for  
me?

13 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll, I'll do everything  
14 possible to make sure or try --

15 JOHN: Do you know the identity of the  
16 little girl or the child?

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm going to try -- I'll try  
to gain that.

18 JOHN: Okay.

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: And, you know --

20 JOHN: Can you do that for me tonight?

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Tonight?

22 JOHN: Yeah.

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1 MR. SCHNEIDER: It's going to be hard.  
2 JOHN: You don't know off the top of your  
3 head?  
4 MR. SCHNEIDER: No. I do with all except  
5 for the, the small one you speak of.  
6 JOHN: Well, who are the ones that you do?  
7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's -- I will  
8 discuss that with you for sure.  
9 JOHN: Tonight?  
10 MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm going to try to.  
11 JOHN: When, when I get done talking to  
12 Greg?  
13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Exactly.  
14 JOHN: Thank you.  
15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. Here's Greg.  
16 JOHN: Thank you.  
17 GREG: Hello, John.  
18 JOHN: Hey, pal.  
19 GREG: How you doing?  
20 JOHN: I didn't, I didn't mean to strike a  
21 nerve by, by telling Steve that Kim Lambert called.  
22 He said oh, Lord, oh, Lord. And I said -- What,  
23 what's happened is we've had a lot of people calling  
24 here about the safety and welfare of people on the, on  
25 the inside.

1                   GREG: Oh, I can understand that.

2                   JOHN: And, and I've talked to a lot of  
3 people in there already, and, and so I had the names  
4 of five, five people that had called concerning  
5 several people on the inside and I was going down the  
6 list of names with Steve and I said Kim Lambert of  
7 Boston, Massachusetts, called about Greg Sommers. And  
8 I said the only identification I have is that she was  
9 a former girlfriend of his, you know, and he said I  
think we might have a problem here.

10                  GREG: Yeah.

11                  JOHN: And he told me that there was what,  
12 some legal action? And I said well, wait a minute.  
13 You may not want to tell him then.

14                  GREG: Yeah.

15                  JOHN: But if, if you would like me or one  
16 of us to tell her that we spoke to you and that  
17 you're, you're healthy and everything's fine, we'd be  
happy to do it.

18                  GREG: Yeah, that would be great.

19                  JOHN: As long as there's no animosity and  
I'm not stirring up some hornet's nest here.

20                  GREG: No, no. She --

21                  JOHN: She wouldn't have called if she  
22 wasn't concerned, I guess.

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1                   GREG: Of course. She, she's concerned.

2                   JOHN: Yeah.

3                   GREG: Which, you know, is expected, not  
4 knowing what's going on on the inside or --

5                   JOHN: You bet.

6                   GREG: -- really on the outside, you know,  
7 just getting the TV story or the radio story.

8                   JOHN: Sure, sure.

9                   GREG: That's understandable.

10                  JOHN: But your healthy? You're all right?

11                  GREG: Yeah, I'm fine.

12                  JOHN: Are you the young fellow that's been  
13 bringing the tapes out?

14                  GREG: Well, I wouldn't say young, but --

15                  JOHN: Yeah, but you don't, you don't know  
16 how old I am. That's why I said you're the young  
17 fellow that's been bringing the tapes out.

18                  GREG: Yeah, I've been pretty much doing the  
19 transporting here and there.

20                  JOHN: Well, that's good. We appreciate  
21 your help --

22                  GREG: Sure.

23                  JOHN: -- because, believe me, it's, it's  
24 really trying to help low key this thing. Every  
25 little bit helps and you're part of it, you know. The

1 --

2           GREG: I'm doing everything I can possibly  
3 do to, you know, make things easier for everybody on  
4 the inside and the outside.

5           JOHN: Hey, this -- the end's in sight,  
6 believe me. This thing is, is going to be over pretty  
7 shortly from the dialogue we've had in the last two  
8 days with Steve and with, with David.

9           GREG: Well, that sounds good. We hope to -

10          JOHN: And I'm sure it's going to be best  
11 for everybody. Well, let me ask you something,  
12 because everybody that I talk to I have to ask him  
13 that --

14          GREG: Maybe I should answer you before you  
15 ask me.

16          JOHN: Go ahead. Some, somebody probably  
17 told you what to say anyhow.

18          GREG: No, no. I've been pretty much  
19 hearing a lot, but I'm definitely here of my own free  
20 will.

21          JOHN: Okay.

22          GREG: And I came here of my own free will.  
23 I pretty much -- in Dave oh, six-and-a-half, seven  
24 years ago. And --

25          JOHN: How long have you been there? Quite

1 some time?

2 GREG: You mean here in Waco or --

3 JOHN: Yeah.

4 GREG: Oh, God, too long. Waco's just too  
5 long. Not here in this place, but just Waco, oooh,  
6 geez.

7 JOHN: Hey --

8 GREG: But I've been pretty much around all  
9 over the country, and I definitely would not be in  
10 Waco for anything other than the truth, because I've,  
11 I've lived in Hawaii, I've lived in --

12 JOHN: You're not here for the barbecue,  
13 huh?

14 GREG: Oh, absolutely not. This is the last  
15 state I believe that I would probably want to live in.

16 JOHN: Oh.

17 GREG: Well, not, not say the last state,  
18 but this specific location. It's --

19 JOHN: Hey, it's a big state, though, so  
20 it's got a lot to offer in different parts of the  
21 state.

22 GREG: Exactly.

23 JOHN: You know.

24 GREG: I'd probably be in the northern  
25 section.

1                   JOHN: You could go down to Corpus and  
2 Galveston and --

3                   GREG: Yeah.

4                   JOHN: -- do your California dreaming down  
5 there.

6                   GREG: Yeah, true.

7                   JOHN: Or Austin's a beautiful area.

8                   GREG: Yeah, it sounds like a real nice  
9 place.

10                   JOHN: Just up the road. But that's what I  
11 want to make sure, is that you are in there on your  
12 own accord. And, and I'm not saying that to, you  
13 know, for vindictiveness or anything else or to get  
14 some guarantee or anything. And, and I just want you  
15 to know that we are on the outside here and if you  
16 care to leave, you care to leave.

17                   GREG: Oh, absolutely.

18                   JOHN: That, that's your, your decision to  
19 make and --

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