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STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- here. Just a minute.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

[Crackling noise on telephone line.]

[Noise gone.]

BYRON SAGE: Hello?

BYRON SAGE TO OTHER AGENTS: Whatever happened, it just cleared up.

BYRON SAGE: Hello? It may have just gone dead.

[Dial tone.]

BYRON SAGE: Hello? Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello. Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. It's still really bad.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's, it's still bad. It's definitely -- I was just talking with the guy that usually takes care of the phone and the lines, and he says that there's no question it's -- the weather -- it's, it's the, the wire itself. It'll do that.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't know if we need a new wire or if it got broke somewhere in between or something.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. I don't either. It, it
was giving us some problems yesterday, and then all of a sudden it, it seemed to clear up. Do you recall that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

[Noise gone.]

BYRON SAGE: Are you still there? Steve?

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: That's it. He's off the line. He's hung up. We need to get a tech guy up here to listen to this.

[Telephone dialed, then ringing.]

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello? Hello?

BYRON SAGE: Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. This is, this is real bad. Just a minute. Hang -- I hope I don't lose you. Just hang on.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I talked to David and there's three things he had to say he wanted to pass on. He didn't like what was said by Bob Ricks. He said those were -- that's lies and, and what, what's been stated about him using four-letter words and all the other things.

BYRON SAGE: Is this --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He didn't want to deal
with that kind of thing.

BYRON SAGE: Is this from yesterday, Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, this is from just a moment ago. He just told me if I get on the phone or if there's some kind of a break where the phone's working, then he said Passover -- there's two events out of the entire year that are extremely important and Passover is one. And then he said read the text that are on the banners that are out the window. Those are just the three things he had to say.

BYRON SAGE: Was that from Habakkuk?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes. But there will be another one hanging out today.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Is he available? Can I talk to him?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I -- not at the moment he isn't, but I think after -- if we can get this phone going here, there's -- I'm going to be talking to him to see if I can't get him to the phone.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. We're going to have the press conference here, I guess, in about half an hour.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: Are you still --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll, I'll try --

BYRON SAGE: -- listening to that?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

BYRON SAGE: Are you still able to get that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I can't hear you.

BYRON SAGE: Are you still able to listen to the press conference?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Why don't we have our tech -- excuse me. I'll -- we'll have our tech guys check the lines from this end.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: But before -- make sure that we know if you're going to be sending anybody out to check the lines at that end.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I would.

BYRON SAGE: Because we need to, need to make sure that the guys up front know that before he --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: -- comes out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: There's one guy here that's real good with that sort of thing and, you know, just now he was checking to try to get the -- to get it to where it is now even.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think he probably could
even handle -- in fact, how about if we have them do it in the next 15 minutes? Can you check?

BYRON SAGE: Sure. We'll go ahead -- we'll do some checking from this end and, and you all can check inside there --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. So --

BYRON SAGE: -- to see if there's a problem at that end.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, what about right aside the door here? Because there's a, a length of about maybe 10 feet of which he probably could take a real good look at. That's -- the problem's been that the dog's chewed on spots before.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Let me check before he goes out, Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm sorry. I can't hear you.

BYRON SAGE: Stay on the line and we'll, we'll get permission from the people up forward --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Go ahead then.

BYRON SAGE: -- to make sure that you can.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll, I'll wait for a few minutes here.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Maybe, Steve, if you can, maybe you can elevate those lines so the dogs
don't have access to them.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I was thinking the same.

BYRON SAGE: I've seen that one -- you've got a puppy out there that I -- that's chewing on everything in sight. So --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: -- I'm sure if he gets a telephone --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think --

BYRON SAGE: -- cord --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I think your people -- didn't you -- didn't they take him away in the Bradley?

BYRON SAGE: No. He tried to get in. I was in the Bradley at that time. He tried --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, I see.

BYRON SAGE: -- he tried to get in for sure, but, but they had to kind of shoo him away.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They what?

BYRON SAGE: They had to shoo him away. In fact, there, there was -- we were a little concerned that he was so close to the vehicle that he might get hurt when it started moving.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I see. Okay.

BYRON SAGE: But he, he did not go with us,
no.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right. So, you're checking right now to see about him fixing the line?

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. So, hold on --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: -- just a second and we'll see if we can't do that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: Listen, the, the comment that was made at the press conference yesterday about the four-letter words in --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: -- response to an inquiry? That wa-- he wasn't talking about recent calls. He's talking about during the course of the last 40, 41 days. So, if, if David was upset about that being a misrepresentation of recent calls, he's absolutely right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I really don't -- see, that's what I'm guessing. He didn't really say. He just said he heard the -- someone heard the phone ringing and I came to the phone. And he says well, you're going to the phone. Pass this on. And, so, that's --

BYRON SAGE: Yeah.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: He said mention that he's not happy about any kind of lies that are, that are given. I think the truth of the matter is he's been more concerned about the ATF, what David Troy has been saying --

BYRON SAGE: Right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- more than anybody.

BYRON SAGE: And he -- of course, Steve, you and I both know that, that that's not within our power. But, but --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. Well, I mean, you know, I'm just saying what he wanted to pass on.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. And I'll, I'll in turn pass that along. But --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: -- you and I need to have that understanding.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. I wanted to hear this conference. So, are we about -- what, what's happening with him to go check on the lines?

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. Let me, let me check and see if we've gotten any word back.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: Are they aware that these -- now, you're only talking about them coming out maybe
just right on the porch right?

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Exac-- right around the porch area.

BYRON SAGE TO OTHER AGENTS:  What's that?
(Unidentified voice in background not discernible.)

BYRON SAGE:  Okay. The -- they're -- the, the interim instruction is they want to make sure that he's not going to be touching anything but the phone line. Is that correct?

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Right.

BYRON SAGE:  Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Correct.

BYRON SAGE:  Still hold on. We're trying to get --

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  All right.

BYRON SAGE:  -- some final word from them. It -- we'll just expect you to call back then once we get this all worked out. We'll -- I'll expect a call back from you after the press conference.

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Okay. Hopefully, within a ha-- hopefully, right after the press conference. Let's see if the lines are working any better.

BYRON SAGE:  Yeah. Because this is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Okay. So, is he ready? Can he go out on the porch?
BYRON SAGE: No. Hold on.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right. Bra-- Byron?

BYRON SAGE: Yes.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm going to put him on.

This is Graham Smith, so he's --

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Yeah. I've talked to Graham before.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Here he is. I'm going to go listen to the conference.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.


BYRON SAGE: Yes, Graham. How are you?

GRAHAM SMITH: I'm pretty good, thanks.

BYRON SAGE: I think you and I have talked before.

GRAHAM SMITH: Yeah. I spoke to you some time ago.

BYRON SAGE: Do you have any idea what all the static would be on the line?

GRAHAM SMITH: Well, it was -- I think it was probably about a week ago, I, I checked outside the door and noticed the line had -- looked like it had been chewed by a dog or it, it either got caught in the doorway.
BYRON SAGE: Right.

GRAHAM SMITH: But as the line was -- the outside insulation was broken (crackling) -- insulation inside was (crackling) -- broken. And I just checked a little while ago and I noticed one line -- sir?

BYRON SAGE: Okay. No, I understand what you're saying. It may be when you -- when we do get permission -- okay. We just got permission for you to go out, but stay on the porch. Are you still there? Graham?

GRAHAM SMITH: I can barely hear you.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. They've given permission for you, but stay on the porch and only touch the phone line. Okay?

GRAHAM SMITH: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: It -- maybe you can elevate it a little bit so the dogs can't get to it.

GRAHAM SMITH: Yeah. I'll try that.

BYRON SAGE: All right?

GRAHAM SMITH: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: Tell, tell Steve, then, after the press conference to give us a call back and we'll be working on our end of the line in the meantime.

GRAHAM SMITH: Okay.
BYRON SAGE: Okay. Talk to you later.

GRAHAM SMITH: Okay, then. Good-bye.

BYRON SAGE: Bye.

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STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello?

BYRON SAGE: Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron?

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. Not much better, huh?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- hardly hear you.

BYRON SAGE: Does --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: We, we, we checked the best we could and, and, and I -- it's got to be your end.

BYRON SAGE: Hmm. Well, I think the tech guys have been checking it from this end, but we'll double, we'll double-check with them again.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: And -- how many people do you have out there, Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm sorry. I can -- (crackling) I'll check again here myself.

BYRON SAGE: How many people do you --

[Dial tone.]

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UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: Gavin called me and
said that they have a tech guy out at CR-1, so maybe we ought to just send him forward, have him just check
the line all the way up.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. We need to do that.

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: (Indiscernible). Did you hear?

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: No. He just came -- he just arrived.

[Gap]
[Telephone ringing.]

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello?
[Noises -- static, clicking.]

BYRON SAGE: Steve? Steve?
[Dial tone.]

BYRON SAGE: Hello?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello. Byron?

BYRON SAGE: Yes.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, it keeps on shutting off on its own.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. I've got a tech guy in the, in the room with me now. He's listening to the connection. I think they're going to have to do some checking from out there from our end at the same time you're doing some checking from yours.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.
BYRON SAGE: Okay. How many people do you have outside the building there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How many people what?

BYRON SAGE: Do you have outside the building working on it?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: There was only myself and Graham. That was it.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Because they had reported somebody was outside hanging a banner or something?

[Noise gone.]

BYRON TO OTHER AGENTS: It's cut off again.

TECH AGENT: It's on his, it's on his, on his -- it's his phone. It's in the connection from that --

BYRON SAGE: Can you hear me?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, now I can hear you a little bet-- a lot better.

BYRON SAGE: Hmm. Well, maybe I'll stay on this particular instrument then.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Hang on here for a minute while I can hear something.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. That the tech agent here seems to think that the problem's going to be at your end.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: He's wondering how exactly the -- is there any kind -- you've got the wire coming in from outside, right?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. Right. Well, see, as far as we -- you know, we told you we wouldn't go much further than the porch, so -- and, plus, by the way, there -- never was there more than one of us out there. I went out there while he was on the phone, and then he was out there while I was inside. So, you know, we didn't -- no more than one person out there.

So -- but from what we can tell, Graham, he looked it over, and he can't see any problems with it from, from the point of just where the porch is to the phone.

BYRON SAGE: Huh. Okay. Well, we'll just -- I guess we'll just continue to use this particular line. Can you still hear me?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I can still hear you yet.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. I can hear clicking on the line, which is not coming from this end.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: Hold on just a second.

TECH AGENT: How is his phone connected (indiscernible)?
BYRON SAGE: How is, how is the instrument you're speaking on connected to the line that we delivered to you?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

BYRON SAGE: How is the instrument that you're speaking on, the phone you're speaking on?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The phone itself has been real good.

BYRON SAGE: Is it a plug in or is it screwed in to the instrument or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's -- let me see here. Let me take a real quick look here. It's, it's right into the instrument.

BYRON SAGE: A plug in or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. It's the other type, where it goes right in.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

TECH AGENT: Hardwired right in.

BYRON SAGE: So, it's hardwired right in to the instrument? Can you wiggle --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

BYRON SAGE: -- wiggle your end of the wire?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right. Okay. Yeah, I'm -- no-- you know, it doesn't -- it's not affecting anything.
BYRON SAGE: Yeah. I don't hear any popping or anything.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No.

BYRON SAGE: I, I hear a rooster going out there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Now, he's, he's trying another spot here. He's -- on the wall he's got it worked out. He's -- a little bit there.

TECH AGENT: Yeah, that's it.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. That sounded like it there. Because we weren't doing anything at this end.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. So far -- he's looking at it right now. There -- yeah, there was a little bit right there. Yeah. Not much though. I mean -- (unidentified voice in background not discernible) -- (indiscernible) it's -- we've got a clearer signal than we've had but it's still not totally clear. (Unidentified voice in background not discernible.) Let's see. I'm not sure. What, what do you think? You, you don't think it's anywhere between like say the porch to where the line is laying on the ground then, huh?

BYRON SAGE: Now, they're, they're indicating that it sounds like it's at a box, a junction box, or the instrument inside.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon? You said it is hooked ar-- when you look on the ground, you can see that it is hooked around a lot of like rocks and dirt and all that on the -- you know, from the point of the porch --

BYRON SAGE: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to about where they laid it out originally.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. But the -- it's my understanding that they've instructed the, the guys there on the, on the perimeter not to drive anywhere near where the line's laid.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I see.

BYRON SAGE: So, that should --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, see, what I'm con-- Byron, what I'm concerned about is I'm wondering if the dog maybe did chew somewhere else on the line. Because it -- normally, like in the past we -- this would happen once in a great while with the lines that were buried or the other one -- any time it rained, once in a great while you'd get crackling and problems like this.

BYRON SAGE: Right. Right. Okay. Here's -- hold on just a second. What my tech guy is saying is that we may make arrangements to go ahead and bring
in a new line to you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: When they do that, they'll go ahead and approach similar to what they did before in one of the Bradleys --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: -- and we'll coordinate just having you bring the old line out and maybe even take it over -- do you recall where -- was it Graham that went out and picked it up the first time?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It was me.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. It was about, what, maybe 20, 30 feet off to the south of your complex there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. We'll just end up doing the same thing, if that's all right with you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. That's fine.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Because I -- what we need to do is make sure that we continue to have a, a clear, you know, access -- means of communication here, that it's not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: -- not going to be messed up.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.
BYRON SAGE: All right? So, I'll have them to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: By the way -- before I lose you, David was -- he's not -- another reason -- once in awhile he doesn't want to speak with anybody when there's things taking place, like what's happened in the last few days. The guys in the Bradleys have torn up the -- they've gone over the grave of, of Peter Gent and he says the body's probably being crushed even right now, because they keep on running over the top of it and you can see their tracks are going deeper and deeper. It was not a very deep grave in the first place. The first thing he was mad about, he said, was that originally when we called the 911 and initiated this and, and talked to yourself and finally Jim of the ATF, we're the ones that wanted -- and wanted to see the wounded on your side and everybody taken care of. It didn't happen on our side, of course. There was nothing that took place there. But he said -- at the same time, there's been such a disregard of even like -- well, now, originally, we wanted to see what -- how you people would respect or respond to like Peter Gent, who was shot, never had a chance, and I -- and they say in the press conferences that you've offered to take these
bodies off. That is not true. Because we requested, we, we, we did everything we could to ask that that would be done, even while his family was in from Australia.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. Steve, first of all, my recollection -- I got here about noon or 11:30 on that -- on the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.
BYRON SAGE: -- 28th. Okay?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.
BYRON SAGE: My recollection was that right from the, from the beginning, in fact, I know from the beginning when I talked to you that we've, we've tried to get the matter resolved and get appropriate medical care, with the understanding that we can't introduce the medical treatment into that facility. What we'll end up doing is we'll (indiscernible) --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. I --
BYRON SAGE: -- as soon as they come out.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: That, that I acknowledge. That is true.
BYRON SAGE: Right?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's the way I remember it --

BYRON SAGE: Okay.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- also.

BYRON SAGE: And, so, we've, we've been ready to do that. We're still ready to do that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know. But the other part is that, you know, it's -- talking about the body, though, I mean, you know, we -- finally, you guys would not ta-- even though at one or a couple points you told us you would, and then when it came right down to it the agency did not. And, then, since then, of course, we worked it out where he was -- he had to be buried, so he was buried out front.

BYRON SAGE: Right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And then in the process -- now, another -- for -- right up until about or four or five -- four days ago, I would guess, I think it was about then, they'd always run around the grave. But now they're going through it and over the top of it. So, they -- you know -- it --

BYRON SAGE: Well, they may not have -- there may not be a -- wasn't there a flag or something on there --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: There were red --

BYRON SAGE: -- previously?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- flowers on it, and they were there right till the very day that -- people in
the building here observed them going over the top of
the red flowers.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. I don't, I don't think
anybody's purposely trying to desecrate that grave.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, what are they --

BYRON SAGE: But we can --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You can't even find it now
because it's so -- it's bur-- now it's nothing but all
mud and it's tracked and tore up --

BYRON SAGE: Steve, what we need to do,

though, is, is to -- you, you mentioned yourself that
it's probably a fairly shallow grave. We're going to

need to exhume that, that -- the remains of Mr. Gent
anyhow and properly -- provide him with a proper

burial.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. Right.

BYRON SAGE: You know, I, I think that was

the intent all along, that this was --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It was.

BYRON SAGE: -- just kind of a -- an interim

-- and I can remember us talking back and forth as far

as how we can get that accomplished. You're

absolutely right. There was a great deal of, of
discussion about it and so forth. The bottom line is

the only way we can get it handled in a proper fashion
in a long-term fashion is, is when this matter is resolved and we can go ahead and --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Who is -- can I ask you -- Byron, who was the spokesperson for your agency the day of the press conference? Because I -- when I -- by the time I got to it, he had already been introduced.

BYRON SAGE: Today?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

BYRON SAGE: It was Mr. Schwein (phonetic), S A C Schwein.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, Schwein. Okay.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I mean, I was quite amazed at some of his statements, but even the, the spirit and the attitude about getting those that murdered the agents, the four agents --

BYRON SAGE: Well, we all know that there's a loss of life on both sides. Okay? And, and that all needs to be sorted out. I agree with you. I don't think we've ever disagreed on that at all.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'd say -- I'm -- you know, my -- your heart about sinks down to your stomach when you hear -- you see how adamant the guy is, the spirit. I never -- whoever wanted to see one
of those poor human beings die in the first place? Why did they come to take our lives? I mean, I, I got -- I shouldn't be doing this, because the attorneys didn't want me to say anything, but the -- I don't care. Truth is truth. I saw Perry Jones. He, he -- man, he was hit in the stomach and the leg right from the time they fired through the door. The guy never had a chance. Then I find out later about Jadine getting hit right on her bed. And I -- this is what I was telling them the other day. I --

BYRON SAGE: That was --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: To tell you the truth, I wanted to say something from day one, because I was angry. I was extremely mad.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. That was Jadine Wendell that was on --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, it was.

BYRON SAGE: -- the bed?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You bet it was.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: With the four children that came out. She -- I think her children were the second ones to go out.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And, I mean, now -- and
they can say what they want and they don't have to verify -- well, they'll find out it's the truth.

BYRON SAGE: Well, you understand what they're saying there, that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I, I --

BYRON SAGE: -- that there has to be --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's just the attitude and the spirit of the -- I tell you what, it makes me extremely angry.

BYRON SAGE: Hold on just a second. We're getting a lot more static again.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: While I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I -- yeah, excuse me. I don't mean to get that way, but, you know, I knew these people and --

BYRON SAGE: No, I, I can understand fully why you're --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And they were, they were sitting in here that day r-- I -- we heard a report also about the undercover agent mentioned to the -- something to the effect that he wanted to call off or said that the thing should not continue through, that he advised against it.

BYRON SAGE: Uh-huh.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: But I hope --

BYRON SAGE: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that, I hope that's really true, because we -- I'll tell you the truth, Byron, we liked the man, Robert Gonzalez. We liked him. I, I still do.

BYRON SAGE: I understand that. You've mentioned that several times. Steve, hold on just a second.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: The tech guy that's here wants you to, to jiggle the wire again on the phone and then up by --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: You mentioned you had some sort of a box on the wall?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. He does. He tried -- he was trying to make it as stable as possible. So, just hang on a minute. Boy, it's sounding real good here now. No-- I mean, this is --

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. There's, there's not any, any static on the line at all.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, there isn't. That's strange. Just a minute.

STEVE TO UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Where's
Graham?

STEVE TO GRAHAM SMITH: Graham, there's no -- now, all of a sudden there's no -- nothing's changed, but now it's -- we've got a clear signal out of the clear blue sky.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. We haven't done anything here different, Byron.

BYRON SAGE: Hmm. Yeah, I don't why it would be so sensitive all of a sudden.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Exactly. Now -- all of a sudden all the static just, bingo, it's just gone.

BYRON SAGE: It -- there must be some--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Are you sure it's not -- it's got to be outside or your side, because, you know, we're indoors and there's nothing that's changed.

BYRON SAGE: All right. This is a -- it's not a portable phone or anything that you've got, right? It's, it's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. It's the regular table model. It's sitting right -- we've got it -- here it comes -- here comes --

BYRON SAGE: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the static again. I don't get it.
BYRON SAGE: Are you moving at all when you're talking or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No.

BYRON SAGE: -- sitting down?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'm right here in one spot.

BYRON SAGE: Is it -- what type of an instrument is it, a Bell Telephone type instrument or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's a General Electric telephone. It's push-button. It's real solid. It's been used for year -- or, you know, the last two years. We checked them -- all the phones that we had, and this seemed to be the best one, that it was not at all sensitive.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Would, would you send that out for us to look at it if we run the, the new, new line up, just to see what kind of problems there are?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, you're not going to bug it, are you?

BYRON SAGE: No. What we're trying to do is get a clear signal into you so that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. He said -- like he said, Byron, we really don't need a new phone. If
any-- the only thing it's been so far, the only problems that Graham has checked on and found, has been in the lines, the wires itself, right to the phone. Either they're broken, dogs have chewed on them, or, or they're, or they're like the -- they've been cut or run over by the Bradleys.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah. But you're saying that that wire runs actually into the instrument, it's not a clip-in type of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Y-- no, it's not a clip-in. It does run into the phone. Two of the phones that you did send to us, of course, and two or maybe three, were the same. They were not clips or anything. They went directly into the phone.

BYRON SAGE: Hmm. Well, I don't -- as long as it stays halfway clear like this, we can continue to communicate. But --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: What's -- also, in the mornings, I'm here in the morning early. We tried to call you several times this morning before your daily at 9:00.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: But can you hear this -- the phone ringing when we call --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Normally we can. But
there -- apparently there -- I don't know when the
problems started with the phone, because it was clear
yesterday when I was on it, so I, I'm not sure what
took place. It is -- it's definitely strange. Pl--
David, he, he was very unhappy about, you know, what
was stated about him, of course, and that's when the
banner came out. He said let's put a banner out.
This, this has got -- this is enough of this kind of
thing. He's actually --

BYRON SAGE: Is there a new banner out now?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. But it's nothing to
do with the FBI or anything like that. We pulled that
one back up again.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. You -- the last banner,
as I understand it, said something about the FBI and
lies and so forth.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: About what now?

BYRON SAGE: About the FBI and us --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It said that --

BYRON SAGE: -- having lied to you?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. What it said was FBI,
God sees your lies. Habakkuk 3, verse 14.

BYRON SAGE: Right. But, Steve, one thing
that, that I'm proud of and that I think I've

mentioned to you several --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, but -- and that --

BYRON SAGE: -- times, both at face to face --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that wasn't --

BYRON SAGE: -- is we have not lied to you.

Everything --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I believe that.

BYRON SAGE: -- we've told you is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, I cannot --

BYRON SAGE: -- is straightforward.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I believe that. I agree with you. I don't believe you have. Seriously. I don't. But there's those that are speaking in your behalf at the press conferences, like Ricks, Schwein and Swenson who are -- they are -- they're like aspiring comedians or something.

BYRON SAGE: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And they've made statements that it's better not to say anything if they don't have the facts. They know that. But if they can bring reproach on us and make us look like the loonies they'd like to have us, and if that's the way we're going to be processed also, well --

BYRON SAGE: Now, Steve, you know the bottom
line on that one, right? If you come out, then you can be making your own statements.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I -- you know, I --

BYRON SAGE: We've asked you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm going to, I'm going to --

BYRON SAGE: -- to do that now for 41 days.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, you, you know, I'm going to be coming out, but I don't -- I really don't believe a whole lot of that. I don't -- I think I'll be stuck in a cell. Press will not have access to me. And even if they did, they're going to --

BYRON SAGE: You've got access --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- they're going to want something --

BYRON SAGE: -- to a phone.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They're going to -- well, Byron, you know they're going to want some sensational (sic) story, sensational, that -- and asking questions that have nothing to do with what we're about and, and the truth of the issues.

BYRON SAGE: But, see, the point is, Steve, that you'll have control of that. We -- our position here is not to be stand-up comedians or anything else. Our position is not to give daily press conferences.
Our position here is plainly and simply to try to get this matter resolved.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And I agree with you.

BYRON SAGE: And as soon as you'all come out, then you can give your own press statements.

We've got --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. I'm -- you know, as --

BYRON SAGE: That's not their job.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- as much as I've got --

BYRON SAGE: Their job is commanders trying to help resolve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: -- this matter. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: As much, as much as there is such a turmoil inside me because of me being innocent, being attacked. My life was on the line.

And now I get to go spend minimum six months in jail, maybe the rest of my life. And for what?

BYRON SAGE: See, we don't know --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because of -- huh?

BYRON SAGE: Steve, you're not going to know that until we -- until you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but I, I --

BYRON SAGE: -- come out and get --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- can already see --

BYRON SAGE: -- this matter into the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I can already see

enough with how, I mean, old ladies are charged, like
Margaret, who is a -- I mean, a nice little Japanese
woman from Hawaii. I've known her for years. And to
think she's been charged with all -- I mean,
incredible. Absolutely incredible.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, everybody's situation in
there is going to be different. You and I both --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah --

BYRON SAGE: -- know that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Mine is going --

BYRON SAGE: In fact --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to probably be one of

the --

BYRON SAGE: Well, wait a minute.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- worst, just because

I've been a spokesperson.

BYRON SAGE: No. I think you've done a
great deal to try to get this thing down the line and
try to get it resolved. And you've done, you've done
a good job of that. But it's time now to, to bring
this to closure. It's time to, to bring yourself out
and the other people out there so that --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I agree with you, Byron.

But, see --

BYRON SAGE: Well, then let's do it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. But the --

BYRON SAGE: Steve, you and I can do that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, but the whole thing --

BYRON SAGE: You and I both know we can.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- yeah, but the whole -- you, you, you don't unders-- I know you're not going to understand until that -- and unless and until hell freezes over that Bible is true. We, we haven't moved. It's not because we don't agree with you, Byron. You've got to understand that. You've got to.

I mean, the only reason why I left my beautiful home in Hawaii to come to this dump is because I do believe in the Bible and I believe that this man -- I can't con-- I honestly tru-- I've never had a problem with taking to task Lutheran scholars, Catholic scholars, Methodists, Baptists. I've had no tr-- I'll sit down with those guys morning, noon, and night.

BYRON SAGE: Well, when will he come out and sit down with them --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, he honestly wants --

BYRON SAGE: -- morning, noon, and night?
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to. I can tell you the
f-- the -- I know he's --

BYRON SAGE: But, Steve, he --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- sincere. I --

BYRON SAGE: Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah?

BYRON SAGE: Do you understand the position
that he continues to place you'all in, by not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I realize that.

BYRON SAGE: -- coming out?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do realize that. But,
look'it, even when the attorneys came, he was so open
and frank and honest with them. They said it's in
your best interests to come out as soon as possible.
Do you know we both agreed with them?

BYRON SAGE: Okay. But then --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And then they said to us
we realize you've got a thing here with God, it's a
religious thing. We see that. And they says well,
can you ask your -- it was on that Thursday. Can you
-- a week ago. Can you ask your God -- can you, you
-- and he says I'm going to. I will most definitely.
He says I want to myself. And, so, then -- and he
did. He called me in and said Steve, wouldn't you
know, it's the same answer I've gotten. Well, and I
know it's true, because, see, be-- long before this happened, long before this happened, I've travelled with the man. And he won't do anything without being advised by the very one that showed them all of the prophecies back in '85. It was a, it was a supernatural experience he had. But who's going to believe that? Only those that take the time to hear if it's verified by the very book he says he believes in.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, who are you waiting on? Are you waiting on --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'm waiting --

BYRON SAGE: -- on God or are you waiting on David?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm waiting on God. But, see, if you read throughout the Bible, you know, the prophets were the ones that came to Israel who thought they knew God and had to walk with God, but the prophets came saying you're, you're this, you're that, God's going to destroy you. And God -- if you look at Second Peter, Chapter 1, verses 19 through 21, those three verses, Byron, you'll find out that God has chosen men and women, contrary to what you and I think, throughout the ages, given them inspiration, and it has always been in line with those that have
preceded before them, the prophets, the apostles of old. So, if David's out of sink with the apostles and prophets, there are tests in the Bible, Isaiah 20, Jeremiah 28, verse 9, Matthew 7, verses 15 through 20, that test this kind of phenomena by those that came before, those that have preceded. So, I've tested and retested this man over and over again and I can't find -- I mean, and I've tried. Like I've told many other negotiators, this is a day-by-day thing with me. I don't make up my mind adamantly, you know, like say a month ago or yesterday. It's a new day today. I'll look at the facts, the information I have, and, and make a decision based on what's before me. And like what you're bringing up, I agree with you. I, I think you have been honest. I think you've been -- I really believe that. I think you've been sincere. I know that, of anybody I've talked to, you've been very on-the-line, very clear in your language, your speech, and so forth. I think you've made as much or more of an attempt than anybody.

BYRON SAGE: Well, I think you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And --

BYRON SAGE: -- and I have got a great deal invested in this. Okay? And I still stand ready to do whatever I can to meet --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I believe that Byron.

BYRON SAGE: -- meet you more than halfway down the road.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I believe that.

BYRON SAGE: But we've, we've -- you know, it -- I, I've really got a genuine concern, Steve, that either, either God, as David perceives him, has abandoned him, which I don't believe, or David has --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, because he's still --

BYRON SAGE: -- abandoned God.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- he's still speaking to me. He's told me -- it's, it's --

BYRON SAGE: He's getting audible messages from God?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Audible --

BYRON SAGE: Is that what you're saying?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you -- like you are -- like you're talk-- I -- I've -- years ago I asked him. I said, look'it, I says, David, I don't believe in this kind of phenomena. I says, I've always been skeptical of people claiming to have dreams and visions and -- I said all my life I -- when I hear people talking in that manner, those are the ones I look at like they're off the wall, and I says -- and that's the way I treat you also. So, I says, so,
what's your experience? Describe to me how you get messages or how you're -- because one thing is true. One time I sat down with him in Carolina and he opened up the most deep, most awesome logical study, and everybody there, three or four ministers, they were all astounded. Later on in the evening when I was alone with him with another person, we said to him what's it like? How are you able to do this? I mean, how possibly? And he went on to say it's like while he's given a study, it's like he's looking at a colored vision with the sounds, the smell -- it's like being there. And he's describing what he's seeing. Then he went on to say how he -- it's like hearing an audible -- he hears an audible voice. He'll ask God what shall I do about this, what shall I -- God'll usually say -- tell him -- or the most frequent answers he's gotten through the years of: trust, my son. Or he'll be told: wait. Or a third thing, I can't remember what it was, but mostly trust and wait are the two that he gets more than anything. And, of course --

BYRON SAGE: We need him to get into a mode of come out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I know that.

BYRON SAGE: You know, face --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: He realizes --

BYRON SAGE: I mean, even --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He realizes that himself.

BYRON SAGE: -- even -- Steve. Even Christ went forward to, to meet with the magistrate, with the Sanhedron, with the, you know, with Pontius --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But --

BYRON SAGE: -- Pilate and so forth.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But do -- wait, wait, wait, now. And I'll -- in response to that, Byron, now, you're someone at least believes in the Bible, so if you take a concordance and you look under the word w-- "time," you'll -- and look that word "time" up in relation to the book of John, which gets into Christ being taken and going before the political sphere, you'll find out that the word "time" is repeated so many -- Christ says my time is not yet, my time is not yet. How did he know? How did he know, day by day, when his disciples wanted him to do certain things? He even said to -- in Matthew 16 to Peter, get thee behind me, Satan, because moments before he had said upon thee is my church founded and so forth. He was really talking about himself. But Peter had said you are the son of God. You are the one. And then later on -- and just moments later, he says get thee behind
me, Satan. Because he said, you know, he had to do
certain things, certain things were going to happen to
him. He was aware of those things in advance because
he was inspired. So, see, the same with David. There
is a time for all this. There's a 6,000-year
timetable that's coming to -- is winding down right
now. David's totally into --

BYRON SAGE: Steve? Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: You understand that we don't
have a 6,000-year time-frame. Do you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no --

BYRON SAGE: -- have any kind of a context
as to what --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. I'm, I'm telling you
that it's -- that's 6,000 years --

BYRON SAGE: No. I, I know exactly --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- is (indiscernible) --

BYRON SAGE: -- what you're referring to.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- over.

BYRON SAGE: I understand exactly what
you're referring to. But we're looking at 41 days now
and there's, there's a limit to the time-frame that
you and I are faced with. Do you have any feel, and I
mean genuinely, do you, Steve, have any feel for what
type of a time-frame that, that David's looking at?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Not even in the -- he doesn't even, because I've asked him repeatedly. On a day-by-day basis I'll go and sit down with him and he'll open up studies that continue to astound me, but at the same time he says he is anxious himself. And, in fact, I'll tell you the truth, he keeps on -- he'll get into the past. He'll get into how he's been led. He'll get into details. It doesn't matter if he experienced embarrassing thing that are, are embarrassing to talk about to other individuals. He'll -- he, he do--- he exposes himself. He'll open himself up. But he -- because he wants to get to the bottom line, what's the truth. What, what's God going to do? What of all the prophets? What are their testimonies? How do they harmonize? What, what's God's ultimate message to a lost world that thinks they know God but their lives don't show it? What's God going to do with us all?

BYRON SAGE: Steve, let me ask you to do --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: -- something, okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: Just picture in your own mind. Step back from this, from the position that you find
yourself in. Put yourself in my position for a moment.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I have.

BYRON SAGE: And I, I've tried --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Many times.

BYRON SAGE: -- to do the same thing with you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I believe that.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Step back and look at this. Is it not -- don't you feel that it is, that it is very comfortable for David to be in a position where all he has to say is: my God hasn't spoken to me yet. So, he doesn't have to face up to the fact --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course I've -- Byron, of course I've thought --

BYRON SAGE: Well, but do you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Frequently.

BYRON SAGE: -- realize, do you realize what a position it puts you and the people that you help to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I most certainly do.

BYRON SAGE: -- to facilitate ge-- being inside?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But you've got to remember I --
BYRON SAGE: Judy?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do.

BYRON SAGE: I mean, you know, you've got to think about the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, I have.

BYRON SAGE: -- people that you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do -- you don't think I do -- listen, I've been with this man for six-and-a-half years, so I know --

BYRON SAGE: I know you've got quite --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do you --

BYRON SAGE: -- an investment, but you need to realize --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, not only -- I'm not talking about the -- in regards to investment. I'm talking about if a person even has any intelligence at all, any insight, any -- by observation -- now, you've got to remember, I've dealt with people from all walks of life, like you have. And one of the first things that'll pop into your mind or my mind is what is a person's motives when they give the body language they do, when they speak in the manner they do. I mean, I'm always wondering what's the motives. You're always looking and -- for insight into another individual. So, with David I've been extremely
critical through the years. That has not even stopped as of even two nights ago. I mean, I'm listening to him open up something from the Bible, but inside -- I mean, I'm still this human being that I've always been. On the other hand, I want eternal life, but I'm still a realist. But you have to understand how, how it's based on the Bible, even though it seems so strange to you. But the truth is I've been around him enough to see -- and how he operates, what he does, why he does. I believe he is sincerely ge-- if you could hear him -- or if you go back to some of those tapes, the one thing that'll always perk him up is if he can not tell you about the Bible but show you how it fits together. He wants you to surpass this earth and, and all that it has. He wants you to have the glories that never end. So, the truth is he himself -- he was telling me he is anxious himself to come out. He can -- you -- the only rest he ever got in his l-- in the last ten years, he told me -- now, you can take it or leave it -- was when they were arrested in '87. He -- the, the one good solid night's rest he had was when he was in a jail cell.

BYRON SAGE: I understand.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And he, he told me the other night he was looking forward to that aga-- he
speak -- and that's why he keeps on presenting this
before God, over and over again. And, no, he -- there
is nothing he is staying in here for. There is
nothing to be gained.

BYRON SAGE: Then let's come out. Let's get
this resolved. We can get it --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But he has --

BYRON SAGE: -- done right now.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You, you -- see, you don't
understand. He had an experience between '81 and '2
that -- I'll let him tell you about it. It was the
most terrifying, horrible experience. It lasted for
about a year. And he says that he'd never wish it on
any human being. He doesn't have an enemy in this
world that he'd ever wish that experience on any one.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, is he there? Let me
talk to him.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's not. No. I'm, I'm
-- in fact, I'm down near the door right now.

BYRON SAGE: Well, how far away can he
possibly be?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You --

BYRON SAGE: Let me talk to him. We need to
get some things resolved here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, he's quite a
distance. And he already told me when -- I asked him, I says, do you want to talk with them? And he says, no, I don't. But he says, you go ahead or --

BYRON SAGE: How do we get anything accomplished, Steve? You and I have, have a good rapport, but rapport is not going to get you out the door. Okay? It may help. It may lead us to the door, and it has done that before.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's told me he does not want to talk to anyone unless they --

BYRON SAGE: Well, then, he doesn't want to get it done.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no.

BYRON SAGE: He doesn't want --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He -- no, wait --

BYRON SAGE: -- to get this matter resolved.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You didn't let me finish. Byron, you didn't let me finish. Unless he can bring in what he is, and that's the Bible. I mean, he'll talk about that, but always in relation to the Bible so you can understand where and why.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, let me explain something to you. If it hasn't been done -- I know I haven't done it, at least not recently. So, let me explain something to you --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: -- for my own sake so that you and I are on an even keel here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Go ahead.

BYRON SAGE: I've got a great deal of respect for your beliefs. I have -- one of the main things that I've committed my, my life to as an FBI agent is to be able to protect an individual's right to have a freedom of religion, freedom of speech, all the Constitutional rights that you and Wayne and --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I like what you --

BYRON SAGE: -- I discussed.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- say more than anybody I've -- I'm, I'm glad you're able to speak like you are in the manner you are. I, I --

BYRON SAGE: But --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- and (indiscernible) --

BYRON SAGE: -- what I'm telling you is, is common with everybody that's, that's been here trying to work with you over these last six weeks. I guar-- I, I absolutely guarantee that. But the point is that no one is here trying to interrupt that right. Do you understand? Nobody is here trying to interrupt that right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, what --
BYRON SAGE: Just because we --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I hear to --

BYRON SAGE: -- don't, just because we don't want to sit down --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: When I hear those spokesperson for yourself -- I mean, now, it's different talking to you and talking to some of the negotiators. Well, when you hear some of these people like Ricks or especially these ATF agents --

BYRON SAGE: Now, now, we're getting a little off --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hold --

BYRON SAGE: Let me, let me explain to you what I was trying to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Man.

BYRON SAGE: -- to, to get at.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I didn't see, I didn't see in those men --

BYRON SAGE: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- any kind of respect or concern for the Constitution and its principles whatsoever.

BYRON SAGE: Well, that may be your perception. I don't think it's accurate, but the -- you know, you've got your right to believe that.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: How well do you know the ATF, though?

BYRON SAGE: Well, I'm not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How well do you know these men?

BYRON SAGE: Steve, I'm not speaking -- I never have been here speaking for the F-- or the ATF. What I'm speaking for is the FBI. Okay? Let me tell you this --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: David has said good things about your agency. In fact, even a couple nights ago we were talking and -- at times you wonder, because of some of the things you hear through the press conferences --

BYRON SAGE: Steve, let me --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Go ahead.

BYRON SAGE: -- let me get back to what I was trying --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: -- to explain to you before.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON SAGE: When, when David wants to come to the phone and, and discuss religion and we tell him that we're not here to discuss religion, that's not because we don't have a respect for it. It's
because --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. I -- no, believe me --

BYRON SAGE: Let me, let me finish. Let me finish.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: It's because we're here trying to resolve a, a standoff. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But he's telling you you can't do that without the Bible, because we were here before we were attacked February 28th for certain reasons based on the Bible, Byron.

BYRON SAGE: And, and Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You've got to understand that.

BYRON SAGE: Steve. Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON SAGE: You could -- you will be there after this is resolved addressing your --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I won't be.

BYRON SAGE: -- your -- let me finish.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll probably be --

BYRON SAGE: Let me finish.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Go ahead.

BYRON SAGE: You will be there after this is
all resolved and you all can get back to a normal life. You can continue --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh --

BYRON SAGE: -- with --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- Byron.

BYRON SAGE: Let me finish. You can continue with your exercise of re-- of religious beliefs. Nobody's trying to interrupt that. What we are going to have to do, and if, and if you're a realist, and I think you are, you realize that we've got to work through some of the problems that were created that were created on the 28th of February.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm not getting back here.

BYRON SAGE: What did --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Life imprisonment without parole at best, probably.

BYRON SAGE: Do you know that as a matter of fact? Is that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You bet.

BYRON SAGE: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Unless -- I mean, I'll tell you the truth. What I'm seeing and hearing right now and how the powerful -- how powerful these agents are, like the ATF and so forth, how adamant they are -- I mean, there was a time when this Constitution
guaranteed all our rights, but --

BYRON SAGE: And it still does, Steve. The Con--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I see --

BYRON SAGE: Let me--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- I seen a --

BYRON SAGE: Let me express this to you--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Fourth -- Second and Fourth Amendments have been so trompled-- trampled on and, and changed and -- go ahead.

BYRON SAGE: It's not -- that's not -- I'm sure that's your perception from the--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, it, it has--

BYRON SAGE: -- position that you find yourself in now.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. But it's for years. I've seen that for years.

BYRON SAGE: I don't think so, because I've been, I've been with the FBI for 24 years. I'm telling you that, that we--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The IRS, how it was--

BYRON SAGE: Let me, let me--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- created.

BYRON SAGE: -- finish. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.
BYRON SAGE: I'm telling you that we will ensure that you've got the right to counsel. In fact, we facilitated getting attorneys in there to, to talk to you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All --
BYRON SAGE: I'm hoping that that's done some good, Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, it has.
BYRON SAGE: Okay. Then we need to cap-- they, they themselves, they're working for you, Steve. They're not working for us. If they've --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know they are.
BYRON SAGE: -- told you that it's in your best interests to come --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, you guys are working --

BYRON SAGE: -- out and get this matter resolved --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, Byron, you know they're working in their own interests --

BYRON SAGE: -- then let's get to the -- let's get it resolved.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, you know they're working in their own interests also. They're being catapulted into the limelight. They're going to have
exposure you could never buy.

BYRON SAGE: We can't -- we're not
controlling that. Okay? And I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The most, the most --

BYRON SAGE: -- I know exactly what you
mean.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that these guys want --
in fact, it came out in the press -- how did they, how
did they -- the -- unless the lawyers themselves said
something, what is this figure of 2,500,000?

BYRON SAGE: I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll come right out and
tell you what they want to charge me for getting --

BYRON SAGE: Steve, that's none of my
business. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I want you to know,
four hundred and fif--

BYRON SAGE: Steve? Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Four hundred and --

BYRON SAGE: Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- fifty thou-- where am I
going to get $450,000, Byron, to be represented?

Where am I getting that kind of money?

BYRON SAGE: I have absolutely no idea, and
it's really not any of my business. I, I -- let me,
let me mention --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, it is. What's happened to --

BYRON SAGE: Hold on. Hold on --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the justice system?

BYRON SAGE: -- just a second. Let me mention something to you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON SAGE: Myself and anyone else that you speak to on this phone is not in a position and we are not asking for any particular insight or any information regarding what you and your --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, no, no --

BYRON SAGE: Let me finish. What you and your --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's not true.

BYRON SAGE: -- attorney has discussed. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, that's not true. I've had a number of the nego-- not yourself, but there's a, a couple of the Johns have asked me specific questions. They really have. Even though I told them that the attorney said we're not to talk about these any more. In fact, in the first place, my rights are violated because there was no -- I mean,
right from day one information's been exchanged back and forth. And the most pertinent --

BYRON SAGE: Well, what I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- questions have been asked of me.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, what I'm telling you and what I'm telling you on behalf of myself, what I'm telling you on behalf of the other negotiators, the FBI, right on down the road, is that we don't have an interest in nor do we have any reason -- in fact, we don't want to know anything that has to do with your defense plans.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Can I ask you something?

BYRON SAGE: Do you understand that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Ca-- yes.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Can I ask you something about the ATF? Are they allowed and privileged to also hear the phone conversations we have? I know you tape them all, but are they allowed to review and listen to them also?

BYRON SAGE: Yes.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, brother.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Now, I'm, I'm not -- now, I've told you right --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know you're honest.

BYRON SAGE: I'm -- I've told you right from day one that I'm not going to lie to you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, good.

BYRON SAGE: What we're conducting in here as far as the negotiations are concerned is, is also reviewed by the ATF. It's also reviewed by the Ranger Service. The reason for that is that every agency has a, has an aspect of involvement in the ongoing efforts to get this resolved and to conduct the investigation afterwards. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, you know yourself all the information that we've spoken about on the phone they're going to use against us, they're going to twist. That helps them prepare their case against us, of course.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, let me --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And, and --

BYRON SAGE: -- let me tell you this, okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Listen. After, after Troy has said all that he has, and, and if he's listened to all this information, then he still has blatantly lied like --

BYRON SAGE: I can't speak --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- he has.
BYRON SAGE: -- for Troy. I can't --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I can.

BYRON SAGE: -- speak for Troy. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I can. I was here when

that shootout took place. Troy, when it comes to, to

specific questions asked by the media, the guy always
go into a mode of ambiguity. He, he never answers
clearly and concisely, only when he has got some
state statement to make, to slander us again.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Every --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Outright lies.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, everything that I've

heard him say, and I think I've been listening to the

same press conferences, the indication to me -- and

maybe it's just my standpoint, okay? My perspective

from, from being involved from a law enforcement

standpoint. He's withholding several of the

statements that can't be brought forward until all the

facts are known. Now, whether you can understand this

or not, that's also --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON SAGE: -- in your best interests.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. Byron, you're

wrong.

BYRON SAGE: You, you've complained --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. No, Byron --

BYRON SAGE: -- right from day one that it's only one side.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, he's made statements per-- that were -- that are totally, in relation to the, the circumstances and events that have taken place, he has given his opinion, because that's, that's what it is, but he's acted like it was the facts, the truth. There was no truth to it. No, he has taken liberties he should not have taken. He'll do it sometimes. And other times you would expect them to do the same, then he'll clam up.

BYRON SAGE: How do you suggest to contradict that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How do I suggest? I don't think I'll ever be able, to be honest with you. I, I'll come out into the system, but I, I see myself -- like the scriptures show in the final days, judges do all that they do for a reward, it says in the Bible. If you read Micah, Chapter 7, read what it says about the judges and the leaders of the earth in the final days.

BYRON SAGE: Okay. Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Unless, unless you were born like, like an ostrich with your head in the --
under the sand, you know, open your eyes. See what's happening to this world (indiscernible) --

BYRON SAGE: Steve, I don't, I don't think that I'm walking around here with my eyes closed or my head in the sand.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You know this is these powerful merchants that are after a one-world government. There's no question about it. The, the United Nations and all of that. There's no --

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- question.

BYRON SAGE: And I've heard you made ref-- make reference to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You'd have to be totally an igmo not to, to see what's happening in this world.

BYRON SAGE: Well, I'm many things, but I don't think I'm an igmo.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Ten, ten years of Vietnam, no declared war, you couldn't bomb north of the parallel. I mean, for years that used to bother the heck out of me. It didn't matter if Nixon got in or a Democrat.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, were you there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No matter what their rhetoric-- rhetoric was. My many friends were. I had a
friend that had his whole pelvis blown out. He's still living. You ought to see what he looks like. And I was, by the way -- they, they were trying to draft me.

BYRON SAGE: Okay.

STEVE SCHneider: I wouldn't have minded giving my life for my country if you were fighting for your country, but to, to back some powerful merchants that were making billions of dollars out of --

BYRON SAGE: Well, I don't know that --

STEVE SCHneider: -- the war --

BYRON SAGE: -- that's exactly it.

STEVE SCHneider: I do know that. I've talked to an admiral of the United States Navy that is now retired. He had documentation. And I heard about the Rockefellers backing Hitler's war machine with their oil back in the Second World War.

BYRON SAGE: Steve, I wasn't at the Second --

STEVE SCHneider: That's mud on the road --

BYRON SAGE: Steve --

STEVE SCHneider: -- here, by the way.

BYRON SAGE: Steve. I wasn't in World War II, but I was in Vietnam twice. And I can't tell you that, that I didn't come back a different guy than
when I went over.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Too many dimensions are missing and, and --

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