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1 (Tape 204)

2 BYRON: That, that bothers me, and I know  
3 that --

4 STEVE: Could I -- Let me get a copy of it,  
5 okay? Just hang on one second.

6 BYRON: Sure.

7 STEVE: Let me grab it. [gap] Yeah.

8 BYRON: Yeah.

9 STEVE: Okay.

10 BYRON: You have it?

11 STEVE: Yeah.

12 BYRON: Okay, my concern, Steve, is, and,  
13 and I think it's yours as well, is we're trying to  
14 keep a lid on this thing. We're trying to get it  
15 worked out without anyone being injured and so forth.  
16 And, you know, the whole letter itself is just -- has  
17 a lot of, of direct threats of violence.

18 STEVE: Byron, you guys just don't  
19 understand. We're not talking one human being to  
20 another here.

21 BYRON: Well, this sounds pretty one human  
22 being to me. I mean, if, if the --

23 STEVE: I mean, if there's a God -- You say  
24 you believe in Christ, you believe in the Bible, you  
25 as a person?

1           BYRON: Yes. Yes.

2           STEVE: Okay. If you believe in the Bible,  
3 you know that all the testimony that you and I have in  
4 that book called the so-called Holy Bible came by men  
5 and women that were not accepted in their day. If you  
6 go back and you read about Micah, Hosea, these men  
7 were common people, shepherds, fig pickers, people  
8 that were not accepted by the intelligentsia of that  
9 day. They were not accepted. But they came along  
10 with messages and most of them, if you read Hebrews  
11 11, were persecuted, tormented, killed.

12           I mean, that, that was what happened to  
13 these kind of people. But their statements have never  
14 come to pass, so they're false prophets. But they  
15 qualify their own statements by saying in the last  
16 days, just like in Isaiah 2 and Micah 4. All of them  
17 talk about the final days of earth's history. So the  
18 same spirit I believe in, and you yourself would have  
19 to test David in his spirit by the Bible, the tests of  
20 the Bible, which are Isaiah 8:20, Jeremiah 28, verse  
21 9, Matthew 7, verses 15 through 20, Romans 11:3.

22           BYRON: But Steven, Steve --

23           STEVE: Okay. But here's what I'm saying.  
24 He's got to be tested, but a spirit, inspiration was  
25 shown him, given to him where he wrote this. And this

1 is not only for you, FBI, it's for Steve Schneider,  
2 it's for the world, it's for all. And you guys -- I  
3 will tell you right now you're going to have blood on  
4 your hands if you don't show what he has been showing  
5 in regards to that dam and in regards to the -- And I  
6 take it when it says shaking here it's talking about  
7 an earthquake. It says here, he forewarns you the  
8 Lake Waco area of old Mount Carmel will be terribly  
9 shaken. That's an earthquake.

9 BYRON: Okay.

10 STEVE: The waters of the lake will be  
11 emptied through the broken dam. Well, it's going to  
12 be a strong enough one to break the dam.

12 BYRON: Okay, he's talking about it as the  
13 result of an earthquake, as a natural disaster?

14 STEVE: Positively.

15 BYRON: The fact that he's saying --

16 STEVE: Well, I don't know --

17 BYRON: Wait a minute. When he says --

18 STEVE: Not natural in one way, but natural,  
19 meaning it's caused by divinity or, or divine  
20 intervention.

20 BYRON: Okay, but not an explosive charge or  
21 something like that?

22 STEVE: Posi-- Never. Positively not.

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1           BYRON: Okay. Because let me tell you what,  
2 what my concern was is that this sounded like a very  
3 premeditated warning of, of a criminal act which is --  
4 which could easily result in death for several people.

5           STEVE: Oh, for --.

6           BYRON: See, that's my concern, Steve.

7           STEVE: Byron, how -- I don't see how you  
8 could get that when the whole tenor of the thing is  
9 nothing but scripture. It's nothing but like first --  
10 At least Bob Ricks read it right when he read it in  
11 the first person, as from God. David is saying that  
12 God's name is as it is on the back, and scholars will  
13 tell you -- You should already know yourself there's  
14 four consonants that have been left.

15           Rabbis themselves do not know because  
16 there's not vowels and they have lost the name of God,  
17 how the correct pronunciation is. Is it Jehovah? Is  
18 it Java (phonetic sp.)? Is it Yahoo (phonetic sp.)?  
19 How do you pronounce God's name? In Psalms 150 and  
20 Revelation 5 it says even the animals pronounce his  
21 name. How so? Well, we can show you. It's very  
22 simple and, in itself, is profound. But, I mean, and  
23 the last name, Koresh, also, if you look up the name  
24 and you understand what David's opened up to you, it  
25 is -- he's implying that is God's surname. That's

1 pretty strong.

2           But in Deuteronomy 32, the song of Moses,  
3 which is the most powerful prophecy, going all the way  
4 down to the final days, it says in there how he -- how  
5 God's name will be published. And all the prophets --  
6 If you look up that word "name," you'll see the  
7 importance of a name. After all, your word is only as  
8 good as your name and your name as good as your word.

9           BYRON: Okay. Do, do you notice up there in  
10 the next to the last paragraph where he's talking  
11 about Mount Carmel will be terribly shaken?

12           STEVE: Yes.

13           BYRON: Waters of the lake will be emptied  
14 through a broken what?

15           STEVE: Dam.

16           BYRON: Okay. Spelled D-A-M-N, as in  
17 damnation, verses a dam as in an earthen structure.

18           STEVE: Well, then that's, that's Judy's  
19 mistake. I see that myself. It was handwritten here  
20 and I see that.

21           BYRON: Do you see what I'm --

22           STEVE: Yes.

23           BYRON: Okay.

24           STEVE: That's a mistake.

25           BYRON: All right. I just -- Let me ask you

1 this question then. The -- When Ricks mentioned this  
2 during the press conference, the fact that throughout  
3 this letter David's dictation is, is first person --

4 STEVE: Right.

5 BYRON: -- as far as "mine", "the truth is  
6 mine", "my judgment", "my hand".

6 STEVE: Right.

7 BYRON: "I am". And, you know, it's not  
8 lost on me the fact that "I am" is in capital letters  
9 --

10 STEVE: Right.

11 BYRON: -- as in referring to, to God  
12 Almighty.

12 STEVE: Right, exactly.

13 BYRON: Now, is David claiming to be --

14 STEVE: No, not at all. That's -- In fact,  
15 if you want -- like going through here, it says who  
16 are you fighting against? It starts out saying the  
17 law is mine. This is God. God --

18 BYRON: Okay.

19 STEVE: -- of course, you know, wrote the  
20 law with his own finger.

21 BYRON: Then if this --

22 STEVE: He's the author of life and death,  
23 isn't he?

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1           BYRON: Right.

2           STEVE: Okay.

3           BYRON: If this dictation, Steven, is from  
4 David but it is -- then this is a message from God?  
5 Is this the message we've been waiting for?

6           STEVE: Well, that I don't know. He hasn't  
7 said. In fact, ourselves we're, we're waiting -- By  
8 the way, I've got a second letter that is now finished  
9 that I wanted to give to you from him again, a second  
10 one.

11           BYRON: Okay. Well, I'm, I'm very hopeful.  
12 I, I take this in a -- With what you've told me, and  
13 I, I think you and I have got a straightforward and an  
14 honest relationship here, I take it as a very positive  
15 sign then that -- If, if he is getting this type of a  
16 message --

17           STEVE: I think so.

18           BYRON: -- from God --

19           STEVE: I think so.

20           BYRON: -- then maybe what, what we've been  
21 waiting for and all this will, will come to fruition  
22 after Passover.

23           STEVE: Oh, Byron.

24           BYRON: For sure.

25           STEVE: Byron, I mean, I really do like you



1 a lot. I do. And let me -- I can tell by, you know,  
2 your reaction, the tone of voice, what -- the very  
3 things you're saying that you're -- What, what, what  
4 would ever -- what could ever be said or done to get  
5 your attention to see that this could be real? I can  
6 tell in your voice, you know, you don't -- you're just  
7 wanting us to come out. What if this is true, Byron?  
8 What if the guy has this ability --

8 BYRON: Steve, I'm saying, I'm saying both,  
9 okay? I'm not discounting the truth or not --

10 STEVE: You've got to talk to the man  
11 yourself, Byron.

12 BYRON: Put him on.

13 STEVE: Hit him with any kind of a question  
14 you want in this world and see if he can't show you  
15 the answer from your own Bible.

16 BYRON: Is he there? I'm ready to talk to  
17 him.

18 STEVE: He's not here, no.

19 BYRON: Okay. Let me, let me finish my  
20 train of thought there.

21 STEVE: Okay, go ahead. Go ahead.

22 BYRON: I take this letter as a very  
23 positive sign from David, a sign that David is, is  
24 getting, hopefully, this message from, from God that  
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1 he's been waiting on. Which leads me to the other  
2 thing that I wanted to discuss with you this morning  
3 and we've had these -- the phone difficulties and so  
4 forth. Did you hear them mention -- did you hear  
5 Ricks mention to you? Because just before he left, I  
6 asked him to put into the press conference the comment  
7 regarding the, the wire that's going to be placed out  
8 front. Did you hear him mention that today?

8 STEVE: I can't --

9 BYRON: The fencing?

10 STEVE: I don't remember hearing that, no.

11 BYRON: Okay. Well, I wanted him to, to  
12 make sure that you got the message so that it wasn't a  
13 surprise to you. What we --

13 STEVE: Right.

14 BYRON: We're taking you at your word.  
15 We're taking you and, and your attorneys and, and what  
16 you and David have had relayed to us now for 42 days,  
17 that you fully intend to come out, that, that no one's  
18 looking for an armed confrontation or the --

18 STEVE: Never have.

19 BYRON: -- the senseless loss of anyone  
20 else's life or injury. Right?

21 STEVE: It was such a -- Never have and --

22 BYRON: Okay.

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1                   STEVE:  -- it was such a shock to me that  
2 day that it happened.  Such a shock.  Still is.

3                   BYRON:  In order to facilitate that, Steve,  
4 what, what we've done -- And the commanders have  
5 talked to me about it and I've, you know, my feeling  
6 that I expressed to them is exactly what I'm -- I want  
7 to discuss with you.  As I, I've agreed, not that my  
8 agreement made much, much of a difference as far as  
9 decisions to get it down, but agreed with them that,  
10 that we need to, to do as much as we can to get things  
11 in place to help facilitate a safe and an orderly  
12 transition when you all are ready to come out.

13                   STEVE:  Okay.  I don't think that's going to  
14 be a problem, because when we come out we'll do  
15 whatever, you know --

16                   BYRON:  Right.  Just like we have decided on  
17 back on the second --

18                   STEVE:  -- originally.

19                   BYRON:  Okay.

20                   STEVE:  You've got it right.

21                   BYRON:  So let me just explain to you what,  
22 what you're going to see over the --

23                   STEVE:  All right.

24                   BYRON:  -- the next few hours or couple  
25 days, whatever time frame we're talking about.  What

1 they're going to do is -- Now, visualize this, if you  
2 will. The driveway that leads out to your left, if  
3 you're at the front door looking out.

4 STEVE: Right, if I'm looking out. Okay.

5 BYRON: Okay. That driveway is exactly the  
6 route that we've talked about. In fact, that's the  
7 route that everybody's come out safely to this point.  
8 They're going to be laying down some, some wire,  
9 basically just to keep -- for one thing, to, to answer  
10 one of your concerns, is to help secure that crime  
11 scene. They're going to go ahead and lay this wire so  
12 that we don't have anymore unwanted visitors, so to  
13 speak, coming in, like Mr. Amen and Alaniz and some of  
14 these people.

15 But it'll also assist in an orderly exit  
16 route for you all when you come out. You'll come out  
17 the front door, just as we talked before, turn to your  
18 left and proceed down that driveway. That exit will  
19 still be open to you. It's been open to you since day  
20 one. Okay, that'll continue to be open to you. What  
21 they're going to do is they're just going to bring  
22 some wire in and it'll basically ring the immediate  
23 vicinity of the, of the buildings.

24 It's not going to encroach on your buildings  
25 at all or, or your position inside. But what we'll be

1 able to do then is be able to control access into the  
2 facility so that it's, it's going to be very closely  
3 monitored. The rangers are going to be involved in  
4 the, in the crime scene aspect and the supervision of  
5 any of the crime scene search teams. They'll all be  
6 coming through that -- through a singular point of  
7 entry. Okay? So when that's, when that's laid, that  
8 resolves any kind of concern or issue as far as  
9 possibility of somebody coming in the back unobserved  
10 or whatever the situation might be, or the sides or  
11 whatever. The front, for that matter. In addition to  
12 that, they're also going to bring in some metal  
13 detectors so that when, when you all are coming out  
14 you'll be able to walk through metal detectors.

15 They'll be able to determine, you know, that  
16 nobody's got anything on them and vice versa. When  
17 the search teams in the long run are going in,  
18 nobody's going to be bringing in anything that's not  
19 inventoried, which was a concern that you and Wayne  
20 had made earlier, the possibility of, you know --

21 STEVE: Um-hum.

22 BYRON: -- something being introduced to the  
23 crime scene that wasn't there before. Well, that's  
24 not going to be a problem. We're ensuring that for  
25 your, for your safety, to begin with, but also for

1 the, the accurate securing of the crime scene and  
2 what's, what's there is exactly what's there.  
3 Nothing, nothing additional introduced and it won't be  
4 unchanged or anything like that. And, again, it, it  
5 facilitates you all coming out. They're also going to  
6 put -- I think we had decided before that the actual  
7 point of exchange, where you'll be taken into custody,  
8 will be down that road about the place where you and I  
9 had our face-to-face. Okay? So at that point, at  
10 that location, I think they said that's a little bit  
11 further than where the metal detectors will be, and  
12 they'll also set up a, a Red Cross-type flag,  
13 something that you all can visualize where you're  
14 walking to, where there'll be an orderly transition  
15 into a, into a custodial-type situation.

16           And then they'll be searched and moved on.  
17 There's really nothing different. We're just pre-  
18 establishing anticipating an orderly transition out of  
19 there, the points that you all will be able to, to  
20 visualize so that it won't be -- you won't have as  
21 much of a heightened level of anxiety as to what's  
22 going to go on. So, hopefully, it'll give you peace  
23 of mind. But I wanted to explain that to you.

24           STEVE: Well, the truth is, you know, it  
25 doesn't matter to me the way. You know, I mean, if I

1 were -- if something happened to me between here and  
2 there or in the jail or in the process, Byron, you've  
3 got to know it, none of that bothers me. What bothers  
4 me is the letter that I had part of delivering to you  
5 people which is for everybody. That bothers me. I  
6 know that -- by the history of the Bible that any  
7 truth that is rejected that is truth, that is of, of  
8 God, of that book, will one day destroy when rejected.

9 I mean, that's what you see over and over again  
10 throughout the scriptures. That's what concerns me  
11 more than anything.

12 I was concerned when Ricks did not say  
13 anything about -- I thought it was pretty strong that  
14 a man would make the kind of comments as he did about  
15 the Lake Waco area, old Mount Carmel, and the dam.

16 BYRON: Sure.

17 STEVE: So, I mean --

18 BYRON: Well, another thing is we --

19 STEVE: I will tell you --

20 BYRON: -- wanted to clarify that with you.

21 STEVE: David did want me to make that clear  
22 to you and to Ricks and whoever else. If you don't  
23 make that clear to the people in this vicinity, this  
24 area, it's going to be on you people. And it will be  
25 brought up that you guys were told.

1           BYRON: Okay, that's why I'm going to ask  
2 you again, if he's talking about a natural disaster,  
3 then I understand what you're saying.

4           STEVE: That's what he's talking about.  
5 That's exactly what he's talking about.

6           BYRON: But if he's talking about a  
7 premeditated act of criminality --

8           STEVE: Never has.

9           BYRON: -- that's something we need to, to  
10 figure out.

11           STEVE: We've never heard -- He and myself  
12 and everybody here, anybody to do with us, has never  
13 heard anybody under any circumstance --

14           BYRON: Well, of course, we both know that  
15 there were people hurt on both sides. Right? So --

16           STEVE: That's -- I believe that's probably  
17 true.

18           BYRON: Well, that's -- Unfortunately, it is  
19 true. You all have lost life inside and the ATF lost  
20 life out here.

21           STEVE: I, I do hear the statements made by  
22 Swine and, what's his name, David Troy, that both of  
23 these guys are talking about bringing murderers to  
24 justice. Well, those murderers are still running  
25 around on the loose out there that killed Perry and



1 Jaydean and some of these people. Jaydean, mother of  
2 four, laying in her bed. Never had a chance. Now,  
3 that's murder. That's total murder.

4 BYRON: Windell? Windell?

5 STEVE: Pardon? Wendell, yes. And they are  
6 saying they don't know if it's true. Well, don't  
7 believe me, of course.

8 BYRON: Well, Steve --

9 STEVE: We went and buried Peter Gent who  
10 you guys would not take out. We -- First, you told  
11 the press that you would take our dead and all that  
12 sort of thing. So we decided to see how you were with  
13 one of them, and, and I want to lodge a terrible  
14 complaint against you people. After he was buried and  
15 the red flowers were put on the grave, and it's been  
16 there ever since, and the last five days your people  
17 have run that grave over and definitely the tracks  
18 have sunk a couple feet. The body's probably crushed.  
19 I know it's going to have to be exhumed.

20 BYRON: Yeah. Oh, of course, it'll have to  
21 be exhumed. But I understand that concern and I'm not  
22 saying that --

23 STEVE: I mean, the atti-- And yesterday,  
24 you know --

25 BYRON: Again, Steve, again --

1                   STEVE: Byron, can I tell you something  
2 about yesterday?

3                   BYRON: Yeah, but let me just address that  
4 issue with you. Again, by laying that perimeter  
5 around there, by laying that wire, that'll, that'll  
6 keep that from happening again. And I --

7                   STEVE: Well, it's already happened, though.  
8 Those guys --

9                   BYRON: But, Steve, I mentioned to you  
10 yesterday and I sincerely believe that that wasn't  
11 intentional.

12                   STEVE: But the spirit and the attitude of  
13 these men of yours, they've got to answer to somebody.  
14 I mean, when, when a woman looks out the window, and  
15 this young girl that did that's about 11, 12 years  
16 old, and here you've got a man -- he was wearing -- he  
17 was in black and he was in the Bradley that was by the  
18 south end of the building where the lines are being  
19 laid. He's flipping them the finger. What the heck?  
20 And then he, then he was out there, sitting there  
21 basically doing nothing.

22                   I was told that he -- They came and got me  
23 because they thought you people wanted me. And as  
24 with you and I, I came out on the porch and I put my  
25 hands -- and then do you have the wire? What do

1 you want me to do? And I'm trying to -- I'm asking  
2 like that and, all of a sudden, the jerk throws the  
3 distraction grenade. I mean, you think I'm -- He  
4 didn't see me jump or even more an iota.

5 BYRON: No, I heard about that last evening.

6 STEVE: He, he threw a second one. That  
7 doesn't bother me. How would he like me to grab  
8 something like that and throw it back at him, or worse  
9 yet?

10 BYRON: No --

11 STEVE: What kind of an idiot is this guy in  
12 this Bradley? First he flips the finger. Get these  
13 kind of unprofessional -- If you're a negotiator or  
14 some of these other guys are, get some control over  
15 these young punks you have.

16 BYRON: Yeah.

17 STEVE: I'm serious. I mean, I --

18 BYRON: Steve, I know you're serious --

19 STEVE: It's terrible.

20 BYRON: -- and I agree with you. I'm not  
21 defending any type of -- any kind of action --

22 STEVE: Do you, do you people have any  
23 authority over these guys?

24 BYRON: Steve, can I mention something to  
25 you?

1                   STEVE: These guys are trying to -- are they  
2 trying to create a volatile situation here?

3                   BYRON: No, no. The sole purpose for you  
4 being on the line and me being on the line is to keep  
5 that from happening. And it's counterproductive when  
6 that stuff happens.

7                   STEVE: Well, that's why I was really --

8                   BYRON: Can I mention something to you?

9                   STEVE: And, you know --

10                  BYRON: Steve.

11                  STEVE: Wait, let me just finish by saying  
12 didn't I even say to you yesterday how, how happy I  
13 was and I thought it was great about a man by the name  
14 of Tom, how decent he was?

15                  BYRON: Right, exactly.

16                  STEVE: And it was -- That's why I felt like  
17 I was slapped in the face and insulted, because after  
18 I said that then five people come and reported that.  
19 Five people saw that guy flip the finger like that.

20                  BYRON: Okay, can I mention something to  
21 you?

22                  STEVE: Please do.

23                  BYRON: Okay. And, and I'm not, I'm not  
24 saying that this is absolutely factual, okay, because  
25 I wasn't there to observe it, just as -- I don't know

1 if you've observed the, the people flipping the bird  
2 to you. But what I'm hearing is that some of the guys  
3 have mentioned -- I think it was in the tower that at  
4 least one of your people has done the same thing.

5 STEVE: Never. Never so.

6 BYRON: Well --

7 STEVE: I mean, maybe --

8 BYRON: The point I've gotten -- Steve, the  
9 point I'm getting at --

10 STEVE: They have waved in friendliness and  
11 some of your people have waved back, and they think  
12 that's neat. They think that's really cool.

13 BYRON: I think they were waving with one  
14 finger. But the --

15 STEVE: Byron, we don't do that here.

16 BYRON: I don't either, Steve. What I'm  
17 getting at is that I don't have control of, of every  
18 single one of those people who make some sort of a  
19 gesture like that.

20 STEVE: Well, let me -- the guy that was  
21 dressed in black that did that yesterday and the tank  
22 which was by the building, the south end when the wire  
23 was being laid, and the guy that threw the distraction  
24 grenade was in green fatigues or Army fatigues or  
25 whatever they were. Camouflage.

1                   BYRON: Well --

2                   STEVE: So one was in black, one that  
3 flipped the finger, and the other guy that was so  
4 cool, he's the one that threw the distraction  
5 grenades.

6                   BYRON: Okay. Just, just remember, if you  
7 would, Steve, that just like you didn't have control  
8 over the person that came out arbitrarily on the roof,  
9 I don't necessarily have control over the people that,  
10 that may or may not be making these gestures.

11                   STEVE: Look at things, look at the kind of  
12 things you do, though. I mean, seriously. You want -

13                   BYRON: Let's keep them in perspective.  
14 What we're really here trying to resolve is the issue  
15 of, of the shooting incident on the 28th of February.

16                   STEVE: It looks like they're trying to use  
17 any kind of an excuse or reason they can to show that  
18 they're -- What are they trying to show, that they're  
19 powerful, strong men or something, hiding in a tin  
20 can?

21                   BYRON: I, I normally find that people that,  
22 that have to do something like that are just the  
23 opposite. So I agree with you.

24                   STEVE: I, I find a guy that was in there  
25 was lacking in common sense, wisdom, and sound

1 judgment. That's what I see.

2 BYRON: Okay. Well --

3 STEVE: When I came out there pointing to  
4 the cord and, and obviously wondering -- In fact, they  
5 came to get me because the tanks, the Bradleys, sat  
6 there and sat there and sat there and revved the  
7 motor, revved the motor. And that's what they thought  
8 maybe he was trying to get my attention. I don't know  
9 if they have horns or anything else. And I know that  
10 your own loudspeaker, your, your bullhorns, whatever  
11 they're called, like yesterday when I walked over to  
12 the Bradley the, the people who were in there didn't -  
13 - I couldn't hear a thing.

14 The Bradley is running. You've got those  
15 stupid sounds going off like you always do. I  
16 couldn't hear a thing. And then, finally, I see  
17 someone stick a part of one of those horns out, and  
18 then, finally, I could hear a little bit of something.

19 BYRON: Yeah.

20 STEVE: I mean --

21 BYRON: Well, I'm sure it's difficult to  
22 communicate. I, you know, I can hear it in the  
23 background now. But what I'm, what I'm getting at is  
24 that we need to focus on the, on the critical issues  
25 here.

1 STEVE: That is critical. I'm telling you -

2 - BYRON: Let me finish for just a second.

3 STEVE: Okay.

4 BYRON: The people coming out on the roof,  
5 you know, us not being able to coordinate every,  
6 every -- or orchestrate every single action, to some  
7 extent we're going to have to live with that.

8 STEVE: Well --

9 BYRON: You and I can work through that.  
10 I'm not justifying it.

11 STEVE: Where did he come out, by the way?  
12 Where did he come out at? I haven't --

13 BYRON: Oh, it was --

14 STEVE: -- talking to him myself.

15 BYRON: All I heard was on the roof. It  
16 sounded like you had -- somebody had confirmed who it  
17 was or what they were doing.

18 STEVE: Yeah, I know who it was.

19 BYRON: Okay. Who was it?

20 STEVE: It was Dave Jones.

21 BYRON: Okay. Was he -- is he related to  
22 Perry?

23 STEVE: Yes.

24 BYRON: He's the mailman?

25 STEVE: That's his son. That's his son.



1                   BYRON: Okay. Yeah, I've, I've talked to  
2 him a couple times on the phone.

3                   STEVE: He's an extremely nice person.

4                   BYRON: You may just -- He sounds like it on  
5 the phone. You may just mention to him that we really  
6 need to, to try to coordinate and cooperate --

7                   STEVE: I'll find out what he was doing. I  
8 don't know what, I don't know what he was doing. I'll  
9 find out what he was doing.

10                  BYRON: Okay. You know, it gets back to the  
11 same things that you and I have discussed before, and  
12 that's those safety rules. And they're, they're in  
13 effect to, to protect you, and also to keep from  
14 anymore of these unnecessary incidents as far as, you  
15 know, like the flashbacks and so forth. I'm sure -- I  
16 am absolutely convinced that was just a lack of  
17 communication as to what, you know, what you were  
18 doing outside. You thought you were there to accept  
19 the wire, which you and I had worked out. And it's  
20 just a matter of not being able to work it out.

21                  STEVE: David actually had a pretty strong  
22 statement to make in reaction to the guys doing those  
23 kind of things.

24                  BYRON: What'd he say?

25                  STEVE: Well, the warning, you know, it's a

1 strong warning, don't do that kind of thing again like  
2 that unless you want to change the whole procedure and  
3 how things have been going thus far. I mean, if  
4 people want to start doing that kind of thing and  
5 going out of their way to either injure or intimidate  
6 or threaten or anything else -- You people have told  
7 us from the beginning it's been -- It's been a one-way  
8 street, you know, we're not to do this, we're not to  
do that.

9           The same better from now on hold true on the  
10 other side also. I mean, there are people here -- I  
11 can't, like you know, I can't control everybody. I  
12 don't know where they're always are, I don't know what  
they're doing. I'm serious.

13           BYRON: Well --

14           STEVE: I need to know one can say to people  
15 don't -- Like with this incident on the roof, I knew  
16 nothing about it. No one here did.

17           BYRON: Well, that's the point, though,  
18 Steve, is that you knew nothing about it.

19           STEVE: But your guys, there are times you  
20 haven't known about things that these guys are doing,  
also. That's what I've been telling you.

21           BYRON: Right, but you're in a position to  
22 try to reign that type of thing in, and I'm going to

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1 try to do the same thing. But we need -- you and I  
2 need to make sure that we continue to have control  
3 over what's going on there and people don't take --  
4 unilaterally don't take action on their own, without  
5 having checked with you or David. And, and we'll  
6 continue to march according to, to our rules. Now,  
7 flipping the bird or, or, you know, shooting the moon  
8 or whatever the situation is --

8           STEVE: I want to know about that next time,  
9 seriously.

10           BYRON: Well, I'm going to do some checking  
11 for you. But the key thing here is --

12           STEVE: I mean in regards to if someone does  
13 it on our side I want to know about it.

14           BYRON: That's why I told you. That's why I  
15 told you.

16           STEVE: Okay, good.

17           BYRON: It offended you.

18           STEVE: It does, it offends --

19           BYRON: I can tell it offended you.

20           STEVE: I'll see what David -- I mean,  
21 myself, David, everyone here, they wouldn't -- no one,  
22 no one would ever be for such a thing. We're the  
23 opposite. I like these guys. I happened to look out  
24 the window one day and, and I saw them off to the  
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1 horizon. I mean, I don't have a problem with any of  
2 these guys. That's why I was actually very, extremely  
3 happy to see a person with the attitude and spirit of,  
4 of Tom. And I would have expected that just from my  
5 own understanding of the -- your agents, see, I would  
6 have expected that's the way it's always been.

7           BYRON: Well, basically, that is the way it  
8 is, and I think you'll find out when you all come out  
9 that, that you are dealing with individuals that are  
10 professional and that will treat you in a gentlemanly  
11 manner. The way that, the way that they would expect  
12 to be treated if they were in the same situation  
13 you're in. But the key here is that, is that you all  
14 hold the key as to when you come out. You can come  
15 out --

16           STEVE: God does.

17           BYRON: -- right now.

18           STEVE: God does.

19           BYRON: You're right. And, and you know as  
20 well as I do that you can come out right now and we  
21 stand ready to live up to the same promises --

22           STEVE: Why -- Okay.

23           BYRON: -- and agreements that we've made  
24 for these last

25           STEVE: Hopefully --

1                   BYRON:  -- 42 days.

2                   STEVE:  Hopefully, Ricks will allow that  
3 letter to get out.  Hopefully he will, 'cause it's for  
4 everybody.  It's not for just the FBI.  When it says  
5 "friends" on there, that's the way God views everybody  
6 right now, as long as they hear.

7                   BYRON:  Well, there was quite a contrast,  
8 though, between the envelope that says "friends" and  
9 some of the, some of the comments that are, that are  
10 inside.

11                   STEVE:  Not so.  Not when you think about  
12 it.  Don't you remember Noah warning people for a  
13 number of years?  What he warns about is very  
14 intimidating.  It, it is that way.  God says I'm going  
15 to do this and that to you, but here's a way out.  
16 There's an ark of safety.  Here's what you need to  
17 know.  God's going to do what God is going to do, what  
18 he says he's going to do.

19                   BYRON:  I don't see a reference in this  
20 letter, though, about any type of an exodus or an  
21 orderly departure from that -- from your facility.

22                   STEVE:  Well, this is exactly what he was  
23 shown, though, Byron.  Remember that.  This has -- I'm  
24 not talking to you about any kind of an exit from the  
25 building.  God showed -- This is one of the first

1 things he's shown him after all this time. And now  
2 I've got a second letter to be delivered.

3 BYRON: Okay, where, where do you propose  
4 delivering the letter?

5 STEVE: It's up to you. Whatever is --

6 BYRON: Okay.

7 STEVE: See, nothing bothers me.

8 BYRON: Wait, wait a minute. If it's up to  
9 me, line up all the women and children, give the  
10 letter to them and walk them out. And let -- make us  
11 show to you that we mean business. If they come out  
12 safely and they're handled properly, then that will be  
13 a message back to you that, that we, we have nothing  
14 but the, the safety and the welfare of those people in  
15 mind.

16 STEVE: Byron, as a fact before the living  
17 God, all these people have freedom of choice. They  
18 all can choose to leave when they want. Anybody can.  
19 Just like Jesse. Jesse chose to leave. At that  
20 point of time, he chose to leave.

21 BYRON: Okay, Steve, can you then -- It's  
22 been -- I don't how long -- What has it been, seven --  
23 I'm not, I'm not counting Amen into the, into the  
24 equation here, but it's probably been seven, eight  
25 days or better since, since anyone has come out of

1 | there.

2 |           STEVE: I would guess at least ten.

3 |           BYRON: Okay. Can you check and see if  
4 | there's someone that wants to bring that letter out?  
5 | We would love to receive them. Including yourself.  
6 | That pizza offer still stands.

7 |           STEVE: I, you know, myself, I've really  
8 | looked the issues over. This letter is so strong and,  
9 | and pertinent that I, I take it like you do. And it  
10 | means me, also. And you'll find the same kind of  
11 | language employed by all the minor prophets, all the  
12 | major prophets, and it's all actually seen and  
13 | summarized in Revelation, the last book of all.

14 |           BYRON: Okay. Do you think anyone's ready  
15 | to bring that out?

16 |           STEVE: Oh, Byron, I know you don't buy or  
17 | believe any of this and you see us as a bunch of  
18 | loons.

19 |           BYRON: That's not the case.

20 |           STEVE: I know -- I mean, if you go back  
21 | into the Bible and you take a look and you see how the  
22 | messages have always come, it's always contrary to  
23 | what people think truth should come. If God --

24 |           BYRON: But it also comes through a  
25 | messenger. I'm asking you if you have --

1                   STEVE: That's true.

2                   BYRON: -- any people in there that want to  
3 come out as the messenger.

4                   STEVE: I'm sure they don't.

5                   BYRON: Including yourself.

6                   STEVE: I'll ask them, but I, I really have  
7 my doubts.

8                   BYRON: Steve, you sound like you've given  
9 up on the whole concept of anyone else coming out of  
10 there.

11                   STEVE: Not at all. But I, I, I know right  
12 now --

13                   BYRON: I'm glad to hear that.

14                   STEVE: Listen. I know as a reaction to  
15 this letter, they all kept on asking me yesterday, all  
16 wanted to see it and read it after it was written. So  
17 they've all been able to hear and see it and they're  
18 amazed by it --

19                   BYRON: Okay.

20                   STEVE: -- because they know David does not  
21 write. And they remember the last time he did write,  
22 and it's like six years ago. And when this came, he -  
23 - in fact, he wanted it exactly as it came to him. He  
24 was real funny about that.

25                   BYRON: Um-hum.



1                   STEVE: And I even asked him a number of  
2 questions about it and he says this is exactly the way  
3 it came and I don't want anything changed on it. So  
4 that's exactly what -- except for that word "damn." I  
5 went over it real quick, you know, I wanted to get it  
6 out as soon as he was ready.

7                   BYRON: Okay.

8                   STEVE: And I should have, I should have --

9                   BYRON: But he did not --

10                  STEVE: -- spotted it. Huh?

11                  BYRON: He didn't mention -- I mean, he did  
12 not convey that in the terms of damnation?

13                  STEVE: Oh, no, positively not.

14                  BYRON: And let me ask you one more time.

15                  STEVE: Yeah.

16                  BYRON: He did not mean that as any type of  
17 a threat of premeditated criminal activity?

18                  STEVE: Most definitely not. I mean, there  
19 could be nothing --

20                  BYRON: Okay.

21                  STEVE: -- from what those statements are.

22                  BYRON: I'm, I'm glad to hear that. Let me  
23 ask you this.

24                  STEVE: I was extremely disappointed that it  
25 could have even, even been seen that way at all, you

1 know, at all.

2           BYRON: Well, we're trying to explore every  
3 possible -- See, if we don't have someone that can  
4 come out -- And here's, here's another avenue where  
5 you would be very, very helpful. If you could not  
6 only bring forward the letter, but convey its genuine  
7 meaning, that would serve a great purpose.

8           STEVE: Byron, not today. You know, I'm  
9 going to be in communication with him, of course, you  
10 know, right on through the day, tomorrow. And with  
11 this new letter --

12           BYRON: When do, when do you want to bring  
13 this letter out?

14           STEVE: Pardon?

15           BYRON: When do you want to bring the letter  
16 out?

17           STEVE: Whenever you're ready to take it.  
18 I'm, I'm not going to bring it out. I'll hand it or  
19 drop it off so you can pick it up safely or whatever.

20           BYRON: Are you absolutely certain that  
21 nobody wants to bring it forward?

22           STEVE: Well, there's how many -- there's  
23 about four people sitting by me right now. Let me ask  
24 them. In fact, I'll just hold the phone a little  
25 away, so it's not loud. Does anybody here want to

1 bring the letter out that is now finished and go out  
2 and take the letter and explain it? Or just, I mean,  
3 take it to them? Does anybody want to leave? Does  
4 anybody want to take the letter out?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Nooo.

6 STEVE: How about you?

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: No.

8 STEVE: How about you?

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Noooo.

10 STEVE: Are you sure? Okay,  
they're -- I don't know if you could hear any of them.

11 BYRON: I could hear them. It sounded like  
12 a, a chorus of clones.

13 STEVE: Well, there's -- He says that you  
sounded like a chorus of clones.

14 BYRON: Steve, if that could be said --

15 STEVE: Then come on.

16 BYRON: Well, that's what I'm saying, come  
17 on. Come on out and let's discuss this.

18 STEVE: But, see, that's it. They believe  
19 in these words on this page as the Bible, but you  
don't. It's only a theory for you, Byron.

20 BYRON: Okay. Let me, let me go check right  
21 now.

22 STEVE: All right.

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1                   BYRON: I know that you have your dailies  
2 what, at 3:00. Is that correct?

3                   STEVE: Exactly. Exactly.

4                   BYRON: Okay. Tentatively, until I get --  
5 just to kind of discuss this thing through with you --

6                   STEVE: Okay.

7                   BYRON: -- how about having them maybe take  
8 it out to the, the horse walker again?

9                   STEVE: Okay.

10                  BYRON: Remember where we did that before?

11                  STEVE: Right.

12                  BYRON: That, that bank of lights?

13                  STEVE: Yes, I do.

14                  BYRON: And drop it on there, we'll have a  
15 Bradley go down and, and pick it up.

16                  STEVE: Okay.

17                  BYRON: Then let's -- let me get --

18                  STEVE: Clear it first.

19                  BYRON: Let me get --

20                  STEVE: You want me to hang on here for a  
21 minute?

22                  BYRON: Pardon me?

23                  STEVE: You want me to hang on the phone for  
24 a minute?

25                  BYRON: Sure.

1                   STEVE: Okay.

2                   BYRON: I enjoyed talking to you and I'm  
3 ready for that pizza, you know, huh?

4                   STEVE: Well, not just yet. I'm looking at  
5 this letter in my lap here, Byron.

6                   BYRON: That's your, that's your  
7 opportunity.

8                   STEVE: I wished you saw it as I did. I'd  
9 be more than happy to come out if -- Byron, can't you  
10 tell it's not me that I'm concerned about? I, I mean  
11 it.

12                   BYRON: Oh, no, I believe that. In fact, if  
13 you'll recall, I'm the one that mentioned to you that  
14 I had the -- that I could perceive that you were  
15 genuinely concerned about a number of people that you  
16 had, had helped to, to bring to David. And I, and I  
17 appreciate that. I respect that. But what I'm  
18 telling you is that, is that you also have a, a  
19 leadership role, whether you've, whether you've  
20 brought it on yourself or it's been brought onto you,  
21 where you have the influence and I think that you  
22 could demonstrate a -- All I'm looking for is an  
23 opportunity for you to, to hold us accountable to what  
24 I have, have guaranteed you for the last 42 days, that  
25 you can come out, that you'll be treated humanely and

1 professionally, that we'll get you, you know, we'll  
2 hook you up with, with Zimmerman or, or --

3 STEVE: Right.

4 BYRON: -- whatever legal counsel that you  
5 wanted to, to have represent you and so forth. We're  
6 ready to do that. I get the impression that you don't  
7 believe me. You don't believe us.

8 STEVE: Well, no, I, I know you're sincere.  
9 I believe that you believe that. And to some degree,  
10 I do, too. But, of course, I've got some  
11 apprehension. Of course I do.

12 BYRON: Sure.

13 STEVE: 'Cause I've seen in the past the  
14 system where things were promised to criminals, you  
15 know.

16 BYRON: That's why I'm telling you that --

17 STEVE: And if they come out, they're thrown  
18 around, they're not given what they were promised. I  
19 mean, that's what -- you and I both know that for a  
20 fact that's happened. I'm not saying with the FBI. I  
21 know that in, in regards to certain sheriffs'  
22 departments and so forth.

23 BYRON: Okay.

24 STEVE: But, I mean, one never knows those  
25 things. Once you have us all, there's no bargaining

1 chips or anything else.

2 BYRON: No, we're not -- Let me mention this  
3 to you, Steve. If we lied to you, we're on the --  
4 we're in the national eye, okay? Everybody's watching  
5 this.

6 STEVE: But they're not getting to hear what  
7 we're --

8 BYRON: Well, they will be able to when you  
9 have your day in court, which I hope that you, you  
10 know, you have soon.

11 STEVE: But, plus, Byron, that's not the --

12 BYRON: But if we lie to you, Steve --

13 STEVE: No, I agree. You know that's not  
14 the --

15 BYRON: -- then our credibility --

16 STEVE: Byron --

17 BYRON: -- would never be the same.

18 STEVE: -- that's really not the problem, in  
19 the first place, because I think, God being in  
20 control, when I come out, and I'm coming out, when I  
21 come out whatever's to happen to me I believe is to  
22 happen to me anyway.

23 BYRON: Okay.

24 STEVE: If, if the worst comes to me --

25 BYRON: And you and I both know that God

1 will watch over you.

2           STEVE: If the worst comes to me that I'm to  
3 lose my life, so be it.

4           BYRON: That's, that's not --

5           STEVE: The world I'm looking for is not  
6 this world, in the first place. Byron, I really don't  
7 really like this world. I really don't.

8           BYRON: Steve, let me, let me put you on  
9 notice of something, okay?

10           STEVE: I like you, I like people, but I  
11 want to see you have a good time, be fulfilled,  
12 completely happy forevermore, never to lose your  
13 children, your family.

14           BYRON: I, I couldn't agree with you more.

15           STEVE: And that's what I'm into --

16           BYRON: But, Steve --

17           STEVE: -- number one.

18           BYRON: -- let me respond to one question --

19           STEVE: Go ahead.

20           BYRON: -- or one statement you just made.

21           STEVE: All right.

22           BYRON: The only way that if you came out  
23 that you were to lose your life, the only way that  
24 would happen is if you, if you were to initiate it.  
25 Do you understand that?



1                   STEVE: No, I don't. Explain yourself, what  
2 you're --

3                   BYRON: What I'm talking about is when you  
4 come out and, and everybody complies with the  
5 surrender plan that we've gone over --

6                   STEVE: Okay.

7                   BYRON: -- for all this time, no one will be  
8 hurt. That's the sole purpose of putting that into  
9 place.

10                  STEVE: I believe, I believe that. I  
11 believe that.

12                  BYRON: The only way that anything like that  
13 could happen is if you or someone else in there --

14                  STEVE: No, I -- when I --

15                  BYRON: -- were to -- some type of an armed  
16 confrontation.

17                  STEVE: I understand. No, no, no, no. What  
18 I said, I said -- I'm talking about after going  
19 through the system, if they'd even want to --

20                  BYRON: Oh, okay. Okay. I thought, I  
21 thought you --

22                  STEVE: No, no, no.

23                  BYRON: -- were expressing concern about --

24                  STEVE: Oh, no, no, not at all.

25                  BYRON: Okay.

1                   STEVE: I'm not concerned about that.

2                   BYRON: Because I want you to be absolutely  
3 assured that that's not going to happen.

4                   STEVE: I believe that. I'm not concerned  
5 about that.

6                   BYRON: Okay. Okay.

7                   STEVE: I'm talking about after going  
8 through the legal process and all that. I mean, who  
9 knows anything these days? I mean, after I've seen  
10 what the other agency did and in the manner they did  
11 it, I mean, nothing would surprise me. That's what  
I'm saying.

12                   BYRON: Well, I've -- I think I've got, I've  
13 got more exposure to the system than, than you all  
14 have had --

15                   STEVE: I say --

16                   BYRON: -- and I realize that.

17                   STEVE: I, I really believe that a man like  
18 David Troy is a corrupt man, he's a liar.

19                   BYRON: Did you also hear him saying that,  
20 that he is not going to be participating in the press  
21 conferences from now on?

22                   STEVE: I'm happy to hear that.

23                   BYRON: Okay.

24                   STEVE: Extremely happy.

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1 building, we'll coordinate, okay? So you can rely on  
2 that. That's a benchmark for you. That's an absolute  
3 given.

4 STEVE: Okay. I mean, but, you know, the  
5 difficult thing is a lot of times when the phone has  
6 gone dead --

7 BYRON: Right.

8 STEVE: -- and you're saying pick up the  
9 phone, I mean, what good does that do, I mean? You  
10 know what I mean? You can pick it up all day long --

11 BYRON: That's very true.

12 STEVE: -- and it takes you guys hours to  
13 figure out that we, we're not able to do anything.  
14 You know, and what can I --

15 BYRON: Steve --

16 STEVE: So that's why today I thought, well,  
17 you know, you want to shoot me, go ahead. But I stuck  
18 that --

19 BYRON: Steve, come on, we're not --

20 STEVE: No, but listen, listen -- Well, I  
21 know that.

22 BYRON: Where was, where was the problem?  
23 Where was the problem today?

24 STEVE: Well, it apparently was with the --  
25 some part of the line being pinched or something.

1                   BYRON:  Where?

2                   STEVE:  Graham?  Where's Graham?  I don't  
3 know.  He, he just told me something.

4                   BYRON:  It was in there?  That's what I'm  
5 getting at.  Sometimes, you know --

6                   STEVE:  It did sound like this time it was  
7 in here.

8                   BYRON:  Yeah, I think so.

9                   STEVE:  I'm pretty sure.

10                  BYRON:  But we can work through those things  
11 is what I'm getting at.  You know, there's -- it  
12 doesn't do anybody any good to point fingers back and  
13 forth.

14                  STEVE:  No, no.  I mean, I -- if the blame's  
15 on this side and I know for a fact, I mean, obviously  
16 --

17                  BYRON:  We're going to work through blame,  
18 okay?  We're just going to get this resolved.

19                  STEVE:  Yeah, I, I really don't think you  
20 guys would want to break the lines, in the first  
21 place.  I don't believe that.

22                  BYRON:  No.  I guarantee you --

23                  STEVE:  The only time, the only time I did  
24 wonder was the day we sent out 7 people in 24 hours,  
25 and just after that both lines of ours were -- in the

1 process of all the destruction and in the process of -  
2 - And that's when, of course, this whole -- Graham,  
3 what actually was the problem with the phone lines?  
4 Just now when it wasn't working, when finally we did  
5 get this all connected now?

6 GRAHAM: I don't --

7 BYRON: Steve?

8 STEVE: Yeah.

9 BYRON: I think what's, what -- I'm getting  
10 some feedback as far as we're, we're receptive to  
11 picking the letter up, but I think it's going to be a  
12 little while because they're going to start --

13 STEVE: That's fine.

14 BYRON: -- they're going to start putting  
15 down some of that fencing we were talking about  
16 before.

17 STEVE: Okay.

18 BYRON: Probably while they're up there  
19 fooling with that we can coordinate with you --

20 STEVE: All right.

21 BYRON: -- as long as you've got some people  
22 standing by to, you know, be responsive to the phone  
23 lines and so forth.

24 STEVE: Right.

25 BYRON: We, we do want to get it picked up,

1 | though. We're anxious to, to go ahead and, and, you  
2 | know, review the letter, see what, what we can do.  
3 | Because, frankly, I'm, I'm excited that, that David's  
4 | going to live up to what we've -- what you and I have  
5 | been working forward to for 42 days. And that's he'll  
6 | get his, his message, the message will be --

6 |           STEVE: Well, it -- Oh, Byron, it's not --  
7 | the guy's not looking for fame and fortune.

8 |           BYRON: I'm not talking about fame and  
9 | fortune.

10 |           STEVE: No, I know you're not.

11 |           BYRON: I'm talking about --

12 |           STEVE: No, no.

12 |           BYRON: -- 100 people inside that building  
13 | that I want to see come out safely, soundly, in an  
14 | orderly fashion and nobody else get injured.

15 |           STEVE: -- the Bible. Well, nothing.  
16 | That's okay. (Talking to someone else.)

17 |           BYRON: Know what I mean?

18 |           STEVE: Yes. Just a minute. Let me hand  
19 | you -- Graham, I'm coming right back. Just let me  
20 | hand it to him for one minute.

20 |           BYRON: Okay.

21 |           GRAHAM: Hello, Byron?

22 |           BYRON: Yes.

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1                   GRAHAM: Yeah, I, I was just talking with  
2 one of the other guys about our little problem. He  
3 has knowledge in this area, also, and he said he  
4 thought that -- 'Cause normally you only need two  
5 lines for voice communication on a phone system, but -  
6 -

7                   BYRON: I mentioned this to Steve. And,  
8 again, realize you're talking to an absolute ignorant  
9 when it comes to electricians.

10                  GRAHAM: Yeah.

11                  BYRON: Electronics.

12                  GRAHAM: Yeah.

13                  BYRON: Well, you didn't have to agree quite  
14 that fast, but --

15                  GRAHAM: Yeah.

16                  BYRON: -- anyhow, what my rad-- or my phone  
17 guys here have told me is that they've -- what they've  
18 got written down here is that they have doubled up the  
19 pairs to give you a better audio path. Does that make  
20 sense to you?

21                  GRAHAM: Double up --

22                  BYRON: Because it lowers the resistance on  
23 the line.

24                  GRAHAM: Okay, yeah.

25                  BYRON: Okay? So apparently -- You know, I



1 | didn't -- I don't know what they've got as far as the  
2 | number of pairs and so forth in the line, but they've  
3 | -- what they've said here is that they've doubled  
4 | up the pairs --

5 |           GRAHAM: Yeah.

6 |           BYRON: -- to give you a better audio path.

7 |           GRAHAM: So do you know which, which pairs  
8 | they're talking about?

9 |           BYRON: I have no idea. But I can tell you  
10 | that whatever you did to fix it, it's just as clear as  
11 | a bell.

12 |           GRAHAM: Yeah.

13 |           BYRON: So don't touch it.

14 |           GRAHAM: Yeah. I, I --

15 |           BYRON: You know.

16 |           GRAHAM: I just sort of suspected they might  
17 | because we're using four, you know, four wires. And,  
18 | normally, those -- the other two wires are used for  
19 | some sort of data communication. And I thought since  
20 | you guys were recording --

21 |           BYRON: What they've done --

22 |           GRAHAM: -- the conversations that you might  
23 | have been using those wires to run a tape machine or  
24 | something like that.

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1                   BYRON: No. I think what they're doing is,  
2 is like his note here says that they doubled up the  
3 pairs to give you a -- apparently, a clearer  
4 reception. 'Cause this -- Whatever you did in there  
5 to fix it --

6                   GRAHAM: Yeah.

7                   BYRON: -- this is the best, the clearest  
8 line that we've had with, with Steve.

9                   GRAHAM: Yeah.

10                  BYRON: So you did a good job. If you need  
11 a job when you get out of there, let me know.

12                  GRAHAM: Yeah, okay.

13                  BYRON: All right?

14                  GRAHAM: I'll hand you back to Steve.

15                  BYRON: Sure you don't want to bring that  
16 letter out, huh?

17                  GRAHAM: I'm quite sure I don't.

18                  BYRON: Okay.

19                  GRAHAM: I'd like to just have a bit of risk  
20 at the moment.

21                  BYRON: Whereabouts in Australia are you  
22 from? I've always wanted to go to Australia.

23                  GRAHAM: I'm from Melbourne. Just about all  
24 the people from Australia that have been over here  
25 involved in this, this, this situation has come from

1 Melbourne.

2           BYRON: Yeah. I once put in for a posting  
3 in Canberra, as the legal attaché at Canberra.

4           GRAHAM: Yeah, yeah, that's probably  
5 equivalent to Washington.

6           BYRON: Yeah, exactly. Exactly. But it  
7 would have given me the opportunity, you know, to  
8 travel throughout your country.

9           GRAHAM: Yeah.

10          BYRON: I almost had a chance to do that one  
11 time when I was in the service. We were supposed to  
12 go down there for what we called R and R.

13          GRAHAM: Yeah.

14          BYRON: But we didn't make it. I mean, we  
15 went to Hong Kong instead.

16          GRAHAM: Yeah. Oh, that's a shame.

17          BYRON: Yeah, I would have preferred  
18 Australia anytime.

19          GRAHAM: Well, it's not all that much  
20 different than here, but, anyway, I better give you to  
21 Steve.

22          BYRON: Okay. Good talking to you, Graham.

23          GRAHAM: Okay. See you again.

24          BYRON: All right.

25          STEVE: Hello, Byron?

1           BYRON: Yes, sir.

2           STEVE: Yeah, what I was last wanting to  
3 read to you is in Acts Chapter 5, just a couple  
4 statements 'cause this is really what we're about.  
5 You remember the incidents, how after Christ went back  
6 to heaven the Apostles, Peter, were given power? They  
7 healed and even in one instance in Chapter 5 where  
8 Peter's shadow passed over a person that was sick,  
9 they were healed.

9           BYRON: Um-hum.

10          STEVE: Okay, but in verse 29, after they  
11 were scolded by the authorities of that day, Peter  
12 said to them we ought to obey God rather than men.  
13 So, obviously, God comes first. You and I know that.  
14 Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's --

14          BYRON: Right. But where was Peter when  
15 that -- place.

16          STEVE: Okay, now, listen. Here's the  
17 point, though. I didn't finish it. Then, of course,  
18 they wanted to scourge these men, they wanted to  
19 persecute them. And verse 34, a very learned doctor  
20 there by the name of Gamaliel stood up and had  
21 something to say. And what he said is now I say unto  
22 you refrain from these men and let them alone for if  
23 this council or this work be of men, it will come to  
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1 naught.

2 BYRON: Right.

3 STEVE: But if it be of God, you cannot  
4 overthrow it less happily you be found even to fight  
5 against God.

6 BYRON: Okay.

7 STEVE: And so in this case, with this, this  
8 letter that we sent out yesterday and the one to be  
9 sent out today, all that you have to say I consider, I  
10 hear it, I know your perspective, I understand what  
11 you're saying very clearly, as do these people. But,  
12 again, we need to obey God rather than men. See, they  
13 know so much more than you could ever dream. I'm  
14 talking about science, I'm talking about religious  
15 issues, I'm talking about principles of God, what his  
16 foundation is. I'm talking about all these kind of  
17 things.

18 BYRON: Steve?

19 STEVE: Yes? And this is the reason why  
20 this comes first. This is the reason.

21 BYRON: I understand what you're saying.

22 STEVE: And we're coming out, but the most  
23 important thing is that this gets out to others.

24 BYRON: Okay.

25 STEVE: You can do what you want with it,

1 but, at the same time, like I said --

2 BYRON: Well, this isn't --

3 STEVE: -- the blood'll be on the hands of  
4 those people that have copies of this and don't tell  
5 the residents of Waco --

6 BYRON: Steve.

7 STEVE: -- about the catastrophe that's  
8 definitely going to happen.

9 BYRON: Steve.

10 STEVE: Go ahead.

11 BYRON: This isn't some doomsday letter  
12 that's sent out and then, all of a sudden, you'll  
13 elect to go back on everything, every precept that  
14 we've discussed, is it?

15 STEVE: Explain -- I'm not sure I know what  
16 you're saying.

17 BYRON: I'm, I'm talking straightforward  
18 about doing injury to one another, to yourself, to  
19 others in there.

20 STEVE: Oh, oh. Well, no, you know that's -  
21 - How many times -- I don't -- Do you need to have me  
22 reiterate those things everyday to you?

23 BYRON: Well --

24 STEVE: We're not a suicide bunch. We love  
25 life.

1           BYRON: Steve.

2           STEVE: We hold life so highly. That's why  
3 I want it eternally. And no one cannot go break the  
4 commandments by taking their own life --

5           BYRON: Okay, that's, that's --

6           STEVE: -- because that's blasphemy against  
7 the Holy Ghost.

8           BYRON: I understand.

9           STEVE: One cannot --

10          BYRON: I, I agree with that and I'm glad to  
11 hear you say that.

12          STEVE: Well, I've said it almost -- I have  
13 to say frequently --

14          BYRON: Okay, but let me ask you this.

15          STEVE: -- because people on that end of the  
16 line are not understanding plain English.

17          BYRON: Steve, let me tell you why this  
18 concerns me. Let me, let me tell you why this  
19 concerns me. You mentioned Peter going out and  
20 spreading the word. Christ didn't send out a letter,  
21 he sent out a, a missionary, right?

22          STEVE: If you want to get -- Hey, I'll give  
23 you -- You and I --

24          BYRON: Isn't that right? I mean, I'm not  
25 trying to debate theology with you.

1                   STEVE: You know, every generation --  
2 Remember this, Second Peter 1:12 --

3                   BYRON: Steve, just answer my question.

4                   STEVE: I am.

5                   BYRON: Did he send out a, did he send out a  
6 letter --

7                   STEVE: I'm answering your question.

8                   BYRON: -- or did he send out a missionary?

9                   STEVE: Let me --

10                  BYRON: Come out, be the missionary.

11                  STEVE: Listen now. That's, that's Byron  
12 Sage speaking. What God required in the days of Noah  
13 he does not require today, does he, Byron? You and I  
14 are not going to go build a wooden boat and --

15                  BYRON: We're not talking the days of Noah.  
16 You're talking about a message from Christ.

17                  STEVE: God has shown this man that's in  
18 this building what to do on a day-by-day basis. And  
19 as it says in Second Peter 1:12, it were to be  
20 established in the present truth. You, Byron Sage,  
21 I'm here to tell you unless you can show me plainly  
22 from the Bible, you don't know what the present truth  
23 is for 1993. You don't know it. If you do --

24                  BYRON: Steve, with all due respect to you,  
25 Steve, and to David and so forth, I'm not here to



1 defend my salvation with you or David or anyone else.

2           STEVE: Well, you don't have to. No, no,  
3 you don't have to defend it. If you --

4           BYRON: I'm, I'm firm in it. What I'm  
5 telling you --

6           STEVE: No, no --

7           BYRON: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

8           STEVE: Wait till God in his plan shows --  
9 Byron. So I can live and you live.

10           BYRON: Steve, Steve, what I'm telling you -

11           STEVE: The -- you to the truth, are they?

12           BYRON: Steve, Steve, are we talking at each  
13 other or to each other?

14           STEVE: No, no, no. I'm just --

15           BYRON: Then let me finish a thought here.

16           STEVE: Then let me finish, 'cause you  
17 interrupt me before I'm able to finish my statements.  
18 You know that.

19           BYRON: Okay. Tag, you're in, you finish.

20           STEVE: No, no, you go ahead now.

21           BYRON: You're sure?

22           STEVE: Yes.

23           BYRON: Okay.

24           STEVE: Then you give me the opportunity to  
25 respond to you.

1                   BYRON: I'll be happy to.  
2                   STEVE: Okay, go ahead.  
3                   BYRON: That's called conversation.  
4                   STEVE: It used to be. Go ahead.  
5                   BYRON: Steve, you've been in there too  
6 long, buddy.  
7                   STEVE: Maybe so.  
8                   BYRON: Well, again, you know, I don't offer  
9 pizza this many times to --  
10                  STEVE: Okay, well, I appreciate that.  
11                  BYRON: Okay.  
12                  STEVE: Go ahead.  
13                  BYRON: What I'm getting at is that when,  
14 when Christ had a message, he didn't send a letter to,  
15 to Gethsemane, he went himself. If David has a  
16 message, have him bring it forward.  
17                  STEVE: I can't -- If he ever went contrary  
18 to what God said -- In some instances, I can't --  
19                  BYRON: God is saying thou shalt not leave  
20 the Branch Davidian --  
21                  STEVE: Let me respond to you. Byron, let  
22 me respond to you. I can give you 30, 40 examples  
23 right off the top of my head how God has worked  
24 different with one prophet on a day-by-day basis. One  
25 day he might have the prophet screaming, next day he

1 might have them writing a letter, the next day like in  
2 Isaiah Chapter 20, he'll have the guy take off all his  
3 clothes and go nude and barefoot, like it says. Take  
4 a look at that, verse 4 to 6. I'm serious. You take  
5 a look at Isaiah 20. So God works -- I mean, divine  
6 inspiration, as Paul says in Corinthians, he goes on  
7 to show that Paul -- he said of himself was God's bond  
8 man.

8 He answered directly to God because he had a  
9 telephone line directly to God. Where the others in  
10 his church, there are those that he was instructing  
11 that could not have that kind of inspiration.

12 (End of Tape #204.)  
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