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UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: -- message you have to share is so important that mankind needs to hear it. The reluctance to complete it in the most -- in the fastest means possible and those that'll be lost because of that message not --

DAVID KORESH: You don't have to worry --

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: -- being shared.

DAVID KORESH: -- about them. They're not going to be lost based upon what they don't know. Every man is going to be judged by what he does now. Now, everybody knows that there's this crazy guy here in Waco that's supposed to be teaching the seven seals. They're going to say to themselves: what is that?

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: David --

DAVID KORESH: And they're going all over the place --

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: You have to respond, you have to respond to what you think your level of responsibility is and you have to do that. And --

DAVID KORESH: Well, it's not been easy with you. Because, like I say, I tried to show you some things, and every time we start looking into it -- you just cannot be me and, so, that's where you say that
you discern in your spirit that I'm just trying to deceive you.

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: What, what I want, David, is for you then to complete your manuscript if that's the way you feel led and to share that and to bring your flock out, further share that message --

DAVID KORESH: Well, that's the glory of our generation --

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: -- as quickly as possible.

DAVID KORESH: -- isn't it?

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: And --

DAVID KORESH: To not only stand before God and honesty and singleness of heart, but to be able to stand before men and to let men judge likewise.

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: And I'll see you when you come out, David.

DAVID KORESH: Would you like us to send the tape to you so you can study it more thoroughly?

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: The decision is made that we're not picking anything up like that.

DAVID KORESH: Oh, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: And that's not my decision.

DAVID KORESH: Okey-doke.
UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: Okay?

DAVID KORESH: Okey-doke. Well, I'd better get back to my work then.

UNIDENTIFIED AGENT: We'll look forward to it, David.

DAVID KORESH: And I'll talk to you later then. Bye-bye.

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DICK: Hello?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Good morning.

DICK: Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah?

DICK: Dick.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick?

DICK: How are you doing?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Not too bad. It's been a long time.

DICK: Oh, yeah. Been awhile.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Where have you been?

DICK: Oh, here and there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: So, you haven't been around here then or --

DICK: No, I've been here for, for a little bit.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: So, you're back in then?
DICK: Well, you said you were coming out
af-- so I thought I'd be here for you to come out.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I said I was coming out?

Oh, yeah. I meant, I meant that.

DICK: Just when, right?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. There's always been
that time element.

DICK: Yeah. Well.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: God's watching to see what
everybody's doing and, you know, we've been trying to
communicate as best as we can, but, of course, words
fall on deaf ears.

DICK: Well, I'm not sure what you mean by
that. What words are you talking about and whose deaf
ears?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, you know, they a lot
of times -- a lot of the phone calls lately have been
in the nature where they're, of course, wanting us to
get into the system, which we will be doing. But I
keep on reminding them of the court that I fear more
than any, and that's more for yourselves, you know.
We all will stand in that court.

DICK: Well, you, you know, I know what
you're saying, Steve, but, of course --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I know you do.
DICK: -- we're, we're ready -- I mean, we can deal with that issue ourselves.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, it's an --

DICK: You know.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The reason I was going to give you a ring right now is because one of the Bradleys ran into the building where the children were right in their room there, and I think -- I don't know if one -- if it hit right by the crib or what, but there was a number of them started crying.

DICK: When's that? Now just recently, you mean?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

DICK: Just moments ago?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Did, didn't they tell you ahead of time they were going to do that or --

DICK: Well, I'm not aware of it, but -- you know, it, it's certainly possible. I'm not doubting your word. We -- what happened, now? What side of the building are we talking about?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I, I think you probably know --

DICK: No. I'm, I'm --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: You -- okay.

DICK: -- quite truthful with you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's right in the front.

DICK: Okay. Right in front of the building just moments --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

DICK: -- ago?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

DICK: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They just came and told me that the children were crying. Apparently, there was one that was right there in the room there. So.

DICK: Well, I -- we, we can check on that and, and I'm --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: -- not sure why. But, on the other hand, I, I certainly am not doubting you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. I'm, I'm sure you wouldn't doubt me.

DICK: You know, the -- you, you mentioned earlier that you guys -- you know, you talked about coming out. And, of course, that's, that's the question everybody's asked: when? We all know you're coming out. You have to come out sooner or later.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.
DICK: Obviously. We, we all know that.
And I think that's been the, the issue, that the
people have tried to discuss with you over the last
couple of days, as far as that's -- at least, that's
--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.
DICK: -- been my understanding.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

DICK: And, of course, there's all this talk
about when David's finished writing the -- you know,
his interpretation of the seven seals, that that might
be meaningful. And, of course, someone suggested --
well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Did you get -- Dick, did
you get to hear anything about the conversation you
had with Clint? I mean either comments or the tape
itself or anything?

DICK: No. I, I know that he and Clint
spoke wi-- for some -- what, nearly three hours
concerning --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.
DICK: -- the seals.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Correctly.

DICK: And some of that, of course, we had
gone over, I think, earlier. But Clint was not here
at that time and I -- and to answer your question truthfully, no, I'm not aware of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: -- the total conversation.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I sat, I sat there by the conversation, just to hear what was all said. Of course, for me it was only a one-sided conversation.

DICK: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But --

DICK: Well, I know Clint was -- in fact, I think he tried to call in last night and talk to you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, he did.

DICK: -- for --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They came to get me. It was such a cold night, I says well, how important is it, I asked them. And then I said well, you know, if it's to -- when they mentioned the questions, I was interested. But to sit up when it was so freezing cold, I, I -- so, he wrote them down.

DICK: Yes. Scott did.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Scott did. And --

DICK: And it was answered, I think, to some degree today. Well, how did, how did they leave it in terms of the --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, he --

DICK: -- the conversation today? Was

David --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Of course, he -- well, he
got off pretty abruptly, Clint did. I don't -- you
know, you and I both know that he never calls for the
reason because he really had a deep interest for
himself to --

DICK: That's -- now, that's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- (indiscernible).

DICK: -- that's not at all true. In

fact --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh. Well, may-- well,

maybe it was --

DICK: It was with some interest. In

fact --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I see. Okay.

DICK: In fact, I suggested to him

personally that, that probably it was not a reasonable
thing to do given the period of time we're talking
about, because we had --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

DICK: -- talked before early on in this, in

this thing about those things.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Uh-huh.
DICK: But -- so, in, in fact, Clint is very -- was very serious about --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't --

DICK: -- asking those questions.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You know, you know what? I'm res-- it's like it's -- for myself, I'm resigning myself to believing that mankind does not have an interest in the true realities of the book. I mean, of course, all of us, being that we've come up in America, the majority of us have had some kind of Christian influence in one way or another. And -- but when it comes right down to it, people want to have their plastic Jesus or their plastic Gods or whatever in their imagination they think God is or isn't.

DICK: Well, that's -- is true, I think, but each of us --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You know, but --

DICK: -- has our own --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but the --

DICK: -- belief system.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- only, the only source in the world that ever talked about this person of 2,000 years ago -- I mean, the ca-- Catholicism and all its traditions and rituals, like all the different forms of denominations, no matter which one you look
at, it still comes down to there's only one source, the Bible, that really speaks of this person of 2,000 years ago. And, and not only does it speak about what he did then, it says how he's coming back. And that's where, I guess, all of us -- if, if you -- they were -- if the Jews were taken 2,000 years ago unawares -- and they were. They never expected him to come in the manner he did. If you go back and you take those four gospels and you start looking up "thus was fulfilled," "thus was fulfilled," and you go back to the context of the prophecies, nothing was fulfilled. A verse here, a verse there, but not the context of what the prophet saw. And you find in the final days the Gentiles -- now, 2,000 years old -- later, let's see what kind of -- how we do with information. The Bible's here and a challenge is given to the world. And, sure, it's, it's in a -- it's bizarre in its setting, but since when has God ever worked contrary to that kind of a setting?

DICK: Well, Steve, I understand what you're saying. However, you know, the thing that I guess most of us do not understand is, you know, that's quite apart from the, the events of the 28th and what followed. I mean, we understand what you're saying and your concern and that you have these, these
beliefs. And, of course, again, a lot of us out here have our own beliefs. But --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well --

DICK: -- the central issue here --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- share your beliefs with me, Dick. You --

DICK: Pardon me?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Share your beliefs with me. I, I'd really be interested. I would.

DICK: Well, I -- you know, I -- that's really not what we're --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Maybe, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe if, maybe if one of you would have done that from the beginning, I might have been out of here right then.

DICK: Well, Steve, that's not the issue we're here to discuss though. We are --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But for me it is though.

DICK: -- are law enforcement officers.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah -- I know you are. I realize that. But you've got to remember that religion for some people, not only myself, but in the world there somewhere it is -- it's, it's their whole life. It's -- you can't separate your, your head from your shoulders any more than you can the situation I'm
in. I mean, the body's the body, but for me my life is, is the Bible. It is the book.

DICK: Well, I understand that. But how does that resolve this issue? That's, that's the point. I mean, you can --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, well --

DICK: -- have your system of beliefs --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You're right. But there's a God that -- long before that February the 28th, there was a God that spoke with this person, showed him things. And the proof for me and all those that have taken the time to listen, which is, which is wisdom -- all throughout that Bible, one thing that you learn quickly is wisdom is listening first, two ears, one mouth, and that it is something I finally learned. And in the process of listening, I gave it a fair shake and actually did try to rip it apart over time. Never was possible. It's been a, a day-by-day decision to even be here, from six-and-a-half years ago to this very time. And, and, in all honesty, I've not been able to controvert, so I've gone with it. It's been the most consistent source of information that I've ever seen in my life, the Bible and the person showing that.

DICK: Well, I believe what you say. The
only problem is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I love challenges. I'd give anything if you people could find someone that claims to be a Christian or claims to know the Bible, can -- has four doctorate degrees, can speak 20 languages, has a real memory, a real grasp of the book. If you understand what I'm saying. Because I've gone around the world looking for such an individual or individuals.

DICK: Steve, I hear what you're saying. But, you know, that, that's a subject that you can --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What, what would happen --

DICK: -- we can debate forever and ever.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick? Dick? If the dam goes, there's a good little -- a good earthquake over here in this Waco area, would that have any kind of a bearing with yourself or some of you people, do you think?

DICK: Well, well, when? I mean, you know, eventually, maybe that dam would go --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What if it's tonight?

DICK: Well, if it goes tonight, I'll tell you what, I'll talk to you about the seven seals from now until doomsday. However --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Good. Good.
DICK: -- you know, we can all, we can all, you know, prophesize and suggest that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, we can't. I haven't ever.

DICK: Well, listen. Let me, let me --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: (Indiscernible).

DICK: -- just say this. People can suggest these calamities will come, and eventually they will. I mean, I'm sure that somebody at some point --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I understand.

DICK: -- in time --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Like Nostradamus.

DICK: Yeah. They were forecasting Mount St. Helens would blow. Well, eventually it did blow. All these natural events or these disasters, these calamities, I mean, eventually you're going to be right. But the, the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I agree on -- with you on that. I really do, Dick. But the difference is, you know, in honesty, the seven seals, no one's ever really understood -- you know, let's look clearly, like at Isaiah 20, 21, '2, '3. Give your interpretation of that to me if you -- I mean, you couldn't -- it'll be mumble-jumble --

DICK: No. It's not that I couldn't --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, you --
DICK: I'm --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well --
DICK: I, I won't. But, now listen --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I know you won't.
DICK: -- I might give, I might give --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know you won't --
DICK: -- my own --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- because you --
DICK: -- interpretation and it may not be the same as yours --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, it wouldn't be --
DICK: -- and it sure isn't going to be the same --
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because I don't --
DICK: -- as David's.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. It wouldn't be, because you can read it all day long and you're not going to understand --
DICK: Okay.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the language employed --
DICK: I understand.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- in the first place.
DICK: Absolutely. I may not understand all
that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And if you do belong to a church and you've got 100 members, you're not going to give one -- get 100 of the same answers.

DICK: Absolutely.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You're going to have a --

DICK: That's my point. That's the whole point.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But that's not the (indiscernible) --

DICK: Theologians --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the body.

DICK: I understand --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This is a body.

DICK: -- that, Steve, and -- but listen, you're, you're suggesting that, you know, there are people -- that you would like to talk to other people.

Well, in fact, we have talked to people and they suggest to us that David's interpretation of the seven seals is certainly different than those folks that we've talked to and they suggest that, that we will never ever be able to understand what it is that David says because David's interpretation is different than others. Now, that's not saying that somebody else is right and David's wrong, but we're not going to debate
that point. What we're here to do --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. I know what you're here -- if you --

DICK: And you know that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You know what's funny? Is you keep on --

DICK: I -- but we-- well, listen --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- like myself --

DICK: Listen to me. Let me just -- let me finish what I was saying. I understand that you guys would love, you and David and, and, and others out there --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know what you're going to say before you say it, but go ahead.

DICK: No. I'm saying that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's --

DICK: -- you guys would love to speak about those kinds of issues and -- forever. And, and, you know, that's fine. That's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't think it's going to be, though, do you, Dick? I really don't.

DICK: Well, let me put --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think --

DICK: -- let me tell you this ti-- it's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think that --
DICK: -- been a long time.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- mankind wants to see something spectacular, just as the movies, the television, the, the --

DICK: Well, what's that supposed to mean? You mean spectacular means they want --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I think they --

DICK: -- to see more bloodshed?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- they would like to see God shake this whole world that they live in. I think they want to see Isaiah 24 actually take place before they acknowledge that there's a God who after 6,000 years is going to say okay, folks, I want your attention. It's now time to, to give ear and to give a verdict, to give a judgment. There's a truth that has come that can't be controverted. We are saying -- and if one listens to it too trite, to rip it apart. I have -- every -- if there -- if you're, you're concerned about how you got into this world and if you've got enough wisdom, you'll be concerned how you may get out of this play, if at all.

DICK: Well, I think all of us have those concerns at --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't think we all do.

DICK: -- at some, at some point in our
life. But maybe --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: At some point is right.

DICK: But --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But some -- for some of us it's ongoing, like myself.

DICK: Absolutely. It, it certainly is, Steve, and I'm -- I can't quarrel with that, because that's the truth that you're looking for. I am not at this point in my life as concerned about that as you are.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

DICK: And, and others are certainly not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: At least you're definitely an hon-- I like that. And I give you more credit than a lot of people that sit in a -- on a pew once a week and, and get absolutely nothing other than feelings.

DICK: Well -- but, but, still, for them that might be the right thing. And, you know, all of us have that, have that -- you know, that's our right --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It is a right.

DICK: -- in this country to have.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I agree with you on that.

I totally, 100 percent agree with you.

DICK: So, I mean, for, for someone out
there or someone to -- here, to try to force our views, whether they be religious --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: We would never --

DICK: -- or other views --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, you know that never would one ever force one's view, but one loves human beings so much that when you do see something -- and the only way that there would ever be a possibility is if people choose to hear. But, of course, like you say, you know, no one has to and that's -- I'm, I'm glad it's that way. But I'm not happy one would bury their head in the sand, and that's basically what it is.

DICK: Well, I -- you know, I guess, Steve, the question is what do we do -- I mean, what do we do here, what do you folks do there, to, to get this thing resolved. And, you know, we know --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: We believe we're led by the Spirit of God. We believe that -- like before the February 28th incident, before that, we have seen much -- so much opened up to us from that book. We've heard lectures on science. We've heard and seen so much that deals with the why this, why that, the deepest questions men have ever asked. We've seen answers come from the book. So, that's why people are
not so apt to up and run off at this point of time
till they finally see -- now, we've seen the first,
second, third, fourth, fifth seals opened, the sixth.
The seventh has been the final one, and the picture
has not been that clear to those that are here still.
So, it's being and has been developed. And all of a
sudden, of course, that statement came out -- well, it
-- now, it's about two-and-a-half days ago, I guess.
But that statement came out the morning before and it
was the first thing I've seen since this incident took
place about at least some kind of direction from God
other than just wait, wait, wait. And, I mean, other
than those two letters -- I mean, that was the first
time --

DICK: Okay. What, what are you
specifically referring to?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, first of all, you
know, there was -- Friday and Saturday those letters
came.

DICK: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And then the morning
before yesterday he gave me a piece of paper, of which
on there was written some statements to DeGuerin. And
before he came down to speak with DeGuerin himself, I
read those statements to DeGuerin, and that was the
first I got to hear and see of it. And I had
mentioned it to some of the negotiators today for a
little bit. I talked to, to Wayne and John-5 and
Rick. But, anyway, in the process I went through a
little bit of that with them, about how all of a
sudden he's now supposed to publish the seven seals in
manuscript form or in a written form.

DICK: Well, I, I think one of the questions
was asked, of course, is that, you know, the seven
seals are not new to you folks out there, and all of a
sudden he's waited till this point in time to go ahead
and, and, you know, put some, some of his thoughts
down on paper. You know, frankly, my, my belief is
this is nothing more than a stalling technique. I
mean --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh -- okay --

DICK: -- I, I believe that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- okay, okay --

DICK: I believe that that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick? Can I react to
that?

DICK: Certainly.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. I'll tell you the
way these people are, including myself. If you want a
stalling tactic or something of that nature, I'll tell
you what I would be by nature. I'd just put that -- pull the cord right off the wall. I could give a crap. Sir, now listen to me. And that's the way these people are. When we believe in God, we look and see and we've seen things unfold and so forth. If you think you're stalling, what that tank just did, you can go get the big -- you can get the Abrams. Go get 10 of those, if you'd like, and run right through the entire building.

DICK: We--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You will see people -- and I'd come out screaming and all the rest. If you think we're stalling, do what you feel or you know that you need to do, Dick, and I'm not --

DICK: Well, remember, Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Listen to me. Dick?

DICK: -- we to-- we talked about --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick?

DICK: -- that before.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know.

DICK: We don't want to do that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick, Dick. And it's not changed. You're going to get to see what the substance of these people are, what they're really made out of.
DICK: Well, I don't doubt that they're may have --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I'm, I'm telling you something. I'm, I'm going to say, about this whole stalling business. If, if you -- if we did not believe in God and were waiting on him, I'd just come right out and --

DICK: Steve, I don't --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- face it.

DICK: I don't take (indiscernible) --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I won't say to you, hey, you're going to -- it'll be a cold day in hell before -- I'll come right out and tell you. But that's -- I'm being honest with you. That's not the way it is.

DICK: I don't doubt --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: People --

DICK: -- that you believe in God, that you have a great --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: These people --

DICK: -- belief in God.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no, but, Dick, these people do expect to come out. And if you think it's a stalling tactic, well, that -- you know, think what you will. But I'm telling you that is not so.
DICK: Let me ask you something, Steve. You know, all of you -- no -- nobody's going to question or quarrel with your belief in God. If this same God is, is watching out for you and others, why not let -- put your -- you know, that -- your future in his hands --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That -- and --

DICK: -- and, and come -- and --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, Dick, don't you unders--

DICK: You're saying you'll do that at, at a particular point in time.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm saying that God's already -- we've already put ourselves in his hands and this is his will. Why do you think he's allowed, when you read the stories of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, all that he's allowed with his so-called people? They've always been a minority. And I'm not even saying that makes -- that we are -- or that we're trying to create a -- in -- for ourselves martyrdom. On the contrary, not at all. I want life. I want quality life here and now and going right on into a better one that doesn't end. But at the same time, of course, there is a way to get out some truth to the world. and if it's going to be like in the days of Noah, only eight people out of billions listened or
chose to hear that truth for that day. It doesn't look good ever with mankind in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. Five cities of the plane. Three people walked out of that. In the days of the Exodus experience, Caleb and Joshua out of over two to three million people made it into the promised land. What is wrong with mankind? They want it their way. They want their religious social clubs. They want to, to -- b-- mouth religion, maybe one hour out of the week. The rest is -- of the time is their own. It's never -- me, I'm either 100 percent into something or I'm back into Hawaii to live for Steve Schneider and nobody else, nobody. It'll be just for me, what I can get out of this world, like everybody else. Eat, drink, and sleep, for tomorrow we die. That's the attitude.

DICK: Well, it certainly is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But for me I'm --

DICK: -- for a lot of people.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: For me, it's one extreme or the other. Either -- if there is a God and that Bible is true, well, then here I am. But if it's not, I'll come out and you can do with, with me what you want. And I am anyway. But I'm talking about either giving up on this whole religious thing totally.
DICK: Well, why is it -- why do you have to do one or the other? I mean, why -- this isn't --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, because that's (indiscernible) --

DICK: -- an either/or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because there's a -- for me, Dick, and I, I -- you're -- really, I like a lot of things about yourself as a person. I mean, you do at least listen enough to at least -- I, I really think you do understand where I'm coming from. I really do. But because for me, because of the time I've taken to listen, there is a weight of evidence there. There is a weight. And when I look at the testimony of the prophecies and see that in fact after all these years they do harmonize, which when I was in other religions before, different denominations, they did not. You know, Christians will go and say well, the Bible harmonizes. But when you really put them to the test, I don't care what denomination, they can't prove that to you. There -- none of them can. None of these scholars can. What Joel saw, what Amos saw, show that in light of --

DICK: Well, you can't prove it. You --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, I can. It's simple. But you're not going to, like you say, give me an
opportunity on the phone. You, you're an FBI agent that, you know -- someone's belief system or their, their thoughts and spiritual realms is not what you're there to hear in the first place.

DICK: That's true. I understand.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean -- so, obviously, I've never -- the only one that has ever really listened to any degree has been Rick, I think it's Rick-2, and I think it was only because of courtesy that, that maybe he might here something to do with time or maybe something else. I mean, you know, I mean, obviously, he's going to have motives that I'm wondering about myself. But --

DICK: Excuse me.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- at the, but at the same time, we here -- oh, God, if I could only ma-- if I could only have hours to develop without interruption, I think you'd totally see and you'd have -- you would start wondering. I believe the God of that, of that book is a rational, reasonable God that, as in Isaiah 1:18, says come, let us reason together, sayeth your God. So, I mean -- and this is the way we have been from day one. If, if you would have heard the conversation of David and Clint, Clint obviously did not want to hear David. That wasn't his reason or --
DICK: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- motive for calling.

DICK: But was it, was it --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because he --

DICK: Now, listen --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- he'd ask him questions.

DICK: Now, listen. Let me, let me respond --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Go ahead.

DICK: -- to that. Give me a chance.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I stood here and I'd see David starting -- let me just say, I was right here, and he would start to read something to clarify and explain and show. And at the same time, then all of a sudden he would -- it was cut off and he would be quiet for quite a period -- some periods of time. So, it was obvious that for -- to me, from what I could deduce from it all, that he really did not want to hear or see this developed --

DICK: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- his questions.

DICK: I, I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: From the Bible --

DICK: You know, I wasn't here. I was not here.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: I was though.

DICK: But I do know Clint, and Clint has got very strong religious convictions of his own, and perhaps he doesn't agree with what David has to say.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, David ans--

DICK: There's room for that, isn't there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But Da-- yeah -- oh, sure there is. But David then asked him well, then you show me the seals. And he told David he knew them. Well, if he knew them, why didn't he express and show --

DICK: Well, he may well know --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- them to Da--

DICK: And I -- again, I don't know what he knows about the seals. I, I do know that there's a lot of written word on the seals, much of which doesn't have anything to do with what David Koresh says -- they represent. And, so, that's, that's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, now, what --

DICK: -- an argument that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- interested --

DICK: -- we don't need to enter into, because --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, but, Dick, if you want me -- I'll come right out tonight, right now. I
won't get any clothes or anything. I will just come out as I am right now if this man knows something about the seals and it's clearly for me to be seen in the Bible. Maybe he does. If he does, why didn't he -- by all means -- I, I was on the phone with him for one or two minutes there, making small talk until David got to the phone, and I could tell he didn't have a -- an appreciation -- it was not me he wanted to talk with. That was obvious. Whatever kind of a Christian he was or is and what his beliefs are, I guess they're not worth sharing with anyone else. A true Christian, according to the Book of Acts and the gospels is ones that, that -- one that gives their total time to spreading those beliefs that others might have eternal life. That -- Christ was not interested in this world. The apostles, those that they reached, none of them were. But this -- we're living in a generation like in the days of Noah where all you have is -- are forms and rituals and, and a lot of mouth service. But that's as, as the prophet said it would be. So, we're, we're -- you know, we're fulfilling the very things that they foresaw in the final days. People are into things, material things. They're into the here and the now, what they can get out from under the sun.
DICK: Well, it looks to me like -- let me, let me address that point for just --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Sure.

DICK: -- a second. You know, I keep hearing these material things you have no interest -- and I don't mean you, I mean the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no --

DICK: -- collective you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: I mean the collective you out there. But, yet, you know, I see boats. I see, I see, you know, little four-wheel buggies and those kinds of things, which most of us would accept them to be, you know, material things, at least of some interest there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Did I say material things?

DICK: Oh, yes, you certainly did. You had no --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: -- interest in things material is exactly what you said. And that's just obviously --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I really don't.

DICK: -- not true.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, we've got these things here, but you -- should I tell you why they're here?
DICK: Well, go ahead.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They're here because when new people come and so forth -- of course, they need -- you know, a lot of people need recreation. And we see recreation usually as work, where you're actually involv-- like the Bible shows. These things are for those, until they have an opportunity -- it's like where they can get into -- where they have a, a total program, where we get some exercise. I mean, it's obviously not good to sit there for hours and (indiscernible).

DICK: You don't get a lot of exercise riding your --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Exercise in my --

DICK: -- Harley, do you?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Huh?

DICK: You don't get a lot of exercise riding the Harley, do you?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: In the -- the truth of the matter is, they have ra-- if you look at the miles on the speedometer, you're going to see that there's not many at all.

DICK: Well, I understand. But, you know, years ago, it was my understanding, you used to lo-- like to spend some time on that Harley, you and Judy
both didn't -- kind of enjoyed that, isn't --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, no, I never had a
Harley. Well (indiscernible) --

DICK: Well, I saw your bike.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Huh?

DICK: Your bike.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, yeah, mine was a, a
used Magna that I got for like $1,100.

DICK: Well, whatever the case was, you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And it was --

DICK: -- apparently at one time enjoyed
that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- little period of time
or -- yeah. There was a little bit of time where we
did use it, but at the same time, you know, and I --
no, no one's ever to be condemned for any of that.

DICK: No. I, I'm not suggesting that at
all. I'm just --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm sorry --

DICK: -- saying all of us have some
interest in things material --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, yeah.

DICK: -- to a degree.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Which is -- but -- which
is fine. But at the same time, the day comes where
there's some information that's being offered to the world and it's either true or it's there or it's not or it's the very thing that the prophets talk about. And I, I think that if you heard for a half-hour to even an hour you'd see a very clear strong connection there. I really believe you would.

DICK: Well, I think I have heard that for, you know, what -- early on in this thing. As you remember, I was one of the early people that talked with you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

DICK: -- at some length, both you and David.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick, we're still stuck because we do believe in it though. That's the whole thing. We do believe in it.

DICK: Let, let me offer to you why I think we're stuck. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: I have absolutely no quarrel with your religious convictions. Nobody does. But I'm just talking about me specifically --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. Right.

DICK: -- right now. You are welcome to all those thoughts, and I, I can appreciate your having
those thoughts. I have my own set of, of thoughts as it relates to religion and, and other things. But that's all well and good. However, that is, you know, a collateral issue. And, of course, my belief is that this has to get -- we have to move on in this issue. You have those opportunities, we've talked to them at length -- we've talked about them at length, to, to preach, to pass the word, to witness --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, see, that's where --

DICK: -- to do those kinds of things.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- that's where you don't understand this group, because it's always been direct -- the people that have come here to hear the Bible given as it is has come from a man that has had supernatural revelations, divine revelations. Or, on the other hand, he's deluded or he's -- you know, sniffing birchbark or something. But the, the truth of the matter is for us he has been very consistent and concise and clear and -- with all that he's presented, and we've not found fault with that information. On the contrary, it's been clear and it's been something that we have taken to heart and lived by, even before the incident.

DICK: But we won't quarrel with that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but --
DICK: Nobody quarrels with that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- you're talking about the coming out. But it's not for that -- that God has not shown to him that we are to leave yet. That is the whole thing. I mean, for my own reasoning, I would say yes to what you're saying, Dick. I, like you, see it the same way you do, especially from a carnal vantage point. I positively, clearly do. But, at the same time, I'm not here for that reason. I was here because I want to know God. I want to know his will and I want to do his will. And right now I believe that, that's what we're doing. And, in the process, I can see good that has come out of our being here longer than, say, three days. I have seen that issues have been raised by Americans all over. There are -- you know, the -- pro and con. But at least the issues have been developed that can be looked at very openly and honestly, both in the religious bent and also political. And I -- so, I see that it's, it's healthy. There's been a, there's been a lot of dialogue, maybe not as much as there could have been, but, still, there's been a reaction and, and I don't see that to be unhealthy. I know that you've got a job to do and you would like to see us into the system. Carnally, I'd like to get into it and get
done with it myself. But, again, I'm not here, nor
did I ever come here for any other reason but to know
the Bible, and I believe that God does deal directly
with him. So, that's why my decision has been to this
point of time to stay until I hear or know exactly
what it is that God wants him to know --

DICK: Well, you still have to deal with the
laws of man, do you not, Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do. I do. But God I
fear first though, Dick.

DICK: Well, I'm --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Way beyond man.

DICK: -- not suggesting you shouldn't.

Nobody would suggest that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, that's the reason
I've not come out. That is the only reason. There's
no excuses I have. I don't have an excuse. The only
thing is the reason is is because that God I believe
has showed him things that has showed me things
thereby. And the very things that he has shown me,
I've never been able to controvert. So, for that
reason I keep on moving along with the program.

DICK: That's fine. You know, you don't
have to controvert anything. Nobody has to do that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, but that's what I'm
saying.

   DICK:  What --

   STEVE SCHNEIDER:  But, but that God is saying -- telling us not to go out right now. That's the point.

   DICK:  I'll tell you. Let, let me just --

   STEVE SCHNEIDER:  The latest thing that that God has said is to, to publish or to write out those seven seals.

   DICK:  And then to edit those seven seals --

   STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Yes. To get out of here then.

   DICK:  -- and those kind of things. Well, I have not heard even anybody say that. I heard --

   STEVE SCHNEIDER:  Really? Well, you know, that's what it was -- I read it right, you know, directly off the page.

   DICK:  Okay.

   STEVE SCHNEIDER:  And I was quite surp-- I'll be honest with you. I was surprised because he didn't tell me ahead of time that's what was happening. You know, he just handed me the paper.

   DICK:  Well, I can see. Let, let me just throw a little --

   STEVE SCHNEIDER:  All right.
DICK: I can understand when you say when you're done -- or when he's done he will come out. But that doesn't say today, tomorrow, next week --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's -- you're correct on that.

DICK: -- next month, next year.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You're right.

DICK: So, I mean, that's not an answer. I mean, that's not an acceptable answer. It may be an answer and --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh, I -- it will.

DICK: -- the only one you plan to give.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Like you say, maybe it's not acceptable to yourselves.

DICK: Well, let me say this. Now, what -- is, is God -- God's request or God's wish is that he go ahead and write these things down and publish them and give a copy to, to Dick DeGuerin and two copies to these other two fellows, and then he's saying it's time to come out? Or is he just saying that --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's what I'm understand.

DICK: -- after that point --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. That's what I've understood.
DICK: Well, but, but --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just -- what you asked is what I've understood.

DICK: Well, what's the time-frame, though?

That's what everybody --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't know.

DICK: -- asks. And, see --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This I don't know.

DICK: -- nobody knows that. And, Steve, this, this is what we've been talking about for umpteen days now, the time-frame, the time-frame. God will tell you to come out. When is God going to tell you to come out? You're going to wait five --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How, how would one know --

DICK: Well, that's our question.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean -- but it's always also worked that way with the Bible being opened up to -- one is looking at issues or is looking at some specific topic, and it doesn't come immediately. One has to wait. And all of a sudden, bingo, there's all this light. He opens up some kind of a, a fantastic, awesome study. I've been with him, now remember, for six-and-a-half years. And from the, the beginning that I met him, the information he has now is a thousandfold over those beginning days of my meeting
with him, which was so beyond the scholars of that time even. I mean, I tested and tried by travelling around the world, by going to professors of a number of universities. I sat down with numerous, numerous ministers and priests and, and ultimately rabbis. And -- I mean, he was so beyond. It's like taking someone out of a sandbox that's four or five years old and, and run into a guy that has 10 doctorate degrees. It's that much of a difference, apart from -- I don't care if they're scholars with degrees. If that --

DICK: Yeah, but nobody under-- let's face it. Nobody understands what that man has to say.

Now --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do.

DICK: Well, you, you --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I think you --

DICK: -- you're an exception then.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. Dick, you would yourself if you listened, but you haven't chosen, obviously --

DICK: Well, listen --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to listen.

DICK: Let me tell you something. I have --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: -- talked to a number of people that
have come out of that compound. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: When I wasn't here, I was dealing with some of those people, none of whom understand what he has to say, some of whom have been in there for years. And they will all say that they like what he has to say, they believe what he has to say, but none of them can follow what he has to say.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They can, but they can't, they can't definitely repeat it. It sa-- it says only the Lamb. It's say on-- what -- you can't even look thereon, it states in that chapter fi-- I'll have -- I'll tell you the truth. I could make a lot of sense of it. You'd have a much easier time of me because I can express myself a little better than they can. At the same -- a lot of these people that have come out, like you can mention like, say, Brad or Kevin, these are hard-core type guys that have come directly out of the world and, and with no real religious influences whatsoever. They've never been communicators, of course. So, by going to certain individuals, you know, they, they know what they've seen and what they've heard. It's, it's very logical and clear to them. But for them to repeat a message that only David really has the ability under all circumstances
to open up and to answer any and all kinds of questions, like Clint, when he was dealing with him, if you've got that -- a, a tape from that, listen to it. Because I think they're -- it's very logical and clear. I think you would understand what he is saying when he is speaking. I, I'm serious.

DICK: Okay. Let me ask you this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Sure.

DICK: Why do Biblical scholars differ in terms of the seals then, i-- with some of the --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I don't know how they do because I haven't heard any since we both came --

DICK: Well, I can tell you. I've talked to a couple of them personally and they differ --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, what have they said?

DICK: -- from what he has to say.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'd like to know what they've said. I don't have the foggiest --

DICK: Well, I mean, that's not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- idea.

DICK: Again, I, I'm not here to repeat what they said. We just have done some work on this and, and, of course, early --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Has it been very different
from what you've heard? I mean, because I don't --
you know, if you could --

DICK: Well, there -- difference in

substance, certainly. But, the fact of the matter is
we're not going to get anything done by discussing
those things. It's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This is --

DICK: -- it's an impact --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: This is --

DICK: -- on what, what needs to be done.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, Dick -- I know --

DICK: Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I understand. We're,
we're, we're stuck because you're in one vein and
we're in another. This is a religious thing. We're,
we're here because of the Bible, because we believe in
God --

DICK: It's a religious thing in part,
Steve. It's a religious thing in part, and we're not
quarrelling with that part. However --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but -- I mean, you --

DICK: -- however -- let me, let me --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

DICK: -- continue, please. And then you
can go ahead.
STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: What has happened here is there have been four Federal agents killed. There have been many Federal agents wounded. There have been folks inside there, the, the exact number --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, why is it that the --

DICK: -- we're not sure --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- four -- why do you mention the four agents first when they in fact killed three --

DICK: Okay. I'll mention your --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- people in here first.

DICK: I'm just summarizing what has happened. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. I, I know that --

DICK: When you say the (indiscernible) of it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Because of this powerful government, which has gotten so out of -- damn out of hand, so out of hand that it's not the people in control anymore, but it's, it's powerful men in positions that should have never been, that the Con-- Constitution guaranteed that that would not take place. We can't -- I can't even vote someone like
yourself out of that powerful office.

DICK: Now, hold it. I'm, I'm not in a powerful office. I do a job --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no, no. No, no.

DICK: Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm talking about the IRS -- the I-- all these ser-- agencies that are -- that come directly out from the executive and judicial branches. We, we the people of America don't have any access to, to reprimanding these groups. The ATF is known by those Americans that are awake and watchdogs. They've abused the rights and the freedoms of many.

I mean, I, I was aware of that before this, but I never still knew that much about them, but I knew they were definitely abusive and they got away with their, their atrocities, I mean, long before this. So, when this took place, it didn't surprise me. It surprised me that they went so far as indiscriminately shot at any place anywhere in the building and it didn't matter who was where. And, I mean, when they killed a woman laying in bed and they killed another guy beside his bed just getting out of bed -- and you will get to see that. These people are already dead. I gave their names. I wanted to give them from the beginning, but a few people thought it wasn't right or
good at that time. It was my idea. I wanted to
plaster it to the press immediately, five people dead
inside here. And the -- one of them a close, close
friend of mine from Hawaii who never hurt a fly, never
had a record in his life, never did a thing. The guy
ne-- man, he always -- he was a very humble guy. He,
he's always had the best intentions of people
everywhere. I mean -- and then you're talking about
four Federal agents. Well, I cry and I, I mourn for
them too. And, and their families. But who did what
here? I didn't see no sheriff. I didn't hear of any,
anybody coming to the door and knocking and, and
saying they had any -- a whole mob of hundreds of guys
started running to the door with guns pointed and they
started firing. And people -- Perry Jones dropped
dead, for crying out loud. I mean, I was down the
hallway. He was in the hallway. He got it
immediately. Hello, Dick? He g-- this guy got it
imme-- who shot who here, Dick? The guy didn't have
no gun on him. None of these people did. You --
there's -- Troy says that we ambushed these -- the,
the, the people out here. Women were looking out the
window to see the trucks come driving in. They were
wondering what on earth they were and what was going
on. You'll find that out. Let God bring it out into
his court. And if I'm going --

DICK: And that's what we said.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to be reprimanded -- I mean, I'm serious, Dick.

DICK: Steve, have we not said that all along?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, no. I was here on the press conferences and what you say -- you talk about four dead agents. What about these people who -- they weren't doing a damn thing, Dick.

DICK: Steve, I have never ever brought this subject up without mentioning the people that are inside there. Never. You cannot say one time --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But what do you --

DICK: -- when I didn't --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- think about an agency like that, though? I mean, these people didn't even have a chance.

DICK: What I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What -- wait, wait a minute. Can I ask you something?

DICK: Certainly.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And let's -- it doesn't even have to be ATF/FBI. Say you were in your home and some other agency of the Government that -- you
know, you're the FBI. But say, say the INS had some kind of power as a police force or something and, and they just come to your door and start shooting, and you did have a gun somewhere, would you go and try to get it out, hoping that as a last resort -- you didn't want to use it, but, in case you did, would you defend yourself, your wife and your children, whoever would be left?

DICK: Well, let me ask you a question. How was it that all -- that many of the folks inside there happened to be standing there with guns at the time ATF came up the, up the roadway? How did that happen?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I have no -- in fact, I don't know th-- anything a-- I'll be honest with you. I don't know that for a fact at all. That, that's --

DICK: Well, let me ask you this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- the first I've heard of it.

DICK: You -- do you regularly carry guns around while you walk inside that building?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Never. Never ever --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- never.

DICK: How is it, then, that bullets came out through the d-- through the sides of the walls
just as they were pulling up or after -- shortly after --

STEVE SCHNEIDER:  That never happened.

DICK: Well, did --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- (indiscernible).

DICK: Were there weap-- was there return fire from you folks inside?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know that there was.

DICK: Okay. Certainly you know that there was. What does that indicate? It indicates people had weapons, does it not?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: There are weapons in this place.

DICK: All right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: We never had said that there wasn't, Dick.

DICK: What, what I'm saying, then, then obviously you knew the ATF was coming at some point in time because you -- people were waiting there with weapons.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They were --

DICK: Are you suggesting to-- that they ran up and got their weapons once ATF hit the front porch? Is that what happened?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You're going to get to see
the whole report. In fact, I -- you know, I, I want to tell it to you in detail right now, but I've been advised -- you -- not -- in fact, you know, I've said way more than I should. But I don't care, because the truth is the truth. I'm trying to tell these attorneys well, you know, I understand all that, but, still, the truth will prevail whether I do or not or whatever happens to me.

DICK: Well, let's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I --

DICK: -- let's talk about the truth.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Dick, I know for a fact where I was and what happened and --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You know. And I, I'll -- I've told you before, I saw nothing. I was in a place where the fir-- the first things I heard was, was gunshot from the outside. That is true. That is positively true. And then after --

DICK: How could you tell where the gunshots were coming from?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I was right down at the -- I'm, I'm fe-- I was feet away. You'll get to see, you know, by the diagram of the building, ultimately, like where I was standing, the very position. I mean, I
mean, all -- it was a shocker, Dick. I'm telling you the truth. I mean, I did hear something about somebody coming, but I never -- I thought it would be like someone knocking at a door, something of that nature. Seriously.

DICK: Well, what were people doing then? Waiting? If the knock didn't come then they were going to just shoot people? I mean, te--

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Never. There -- you're going to find out there was no plan. There wasn't --

DICK: Okay. Steve, listen --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Nothing was (indiscernible) --

DICK: People had to be standing there with weapons to return fire. I, I -- say, for instance, if, if ATF did fire first. Okay? As you are suggesting. Then people had to be standing there with weapons waiting in, in order to return fire. Is that not true? In other words, you didn't run up and get guns out of the arms room up there in Da-- near David's bedroom. The, the people already had the guns down there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, number one, see, there's some things you're going to learn that I -- it's -- I -- it seems like you've got information, but
your information is inval-- it's not so. But, anyway, you know I don't want --

DICK: Well, straighten me out, then, on that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, I'd better not do it now. Because if I'm going to come out into a court of law, which I've got to do, I'd better save that for the courtroom. Isn't that, isn't that not true? I'd like to tell you the details right now, but I, I can tell you only my witness. I can tell you what people have told me when and where, where -- but you'll get to hear that anyway.

DICK: I'm sure we will, and that's what --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But --

DICK: -- we suggested --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- but you will find out --

DICK: -- that you come out and tell us.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I hope that the ATF themselves did take a video even before the first shot, because that'll exonerate us. It will. And I hope that the press were here. I, I did see cars there later after everything settled. When I did finally start looking out the window, I saw two, of course, vehicles on that road in front of the complex.
And I'm, I'm hoping that there's going to be a lot of press that got a lot of videotape, both for sound and pictures.

DICK: Well, certainly there's some of that. But I'm going to tell you the truth, the press is, as you can -- you've heard these press conferences, I'm sure, haven't you, the last few days?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, y-- some of it. You know, what's happened is a lot of times I've either been late. I, I've --

DICK: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- missed like a lot of the beginnings, so I've not heard everything.

DICK: Well, it's very, it's very clear, listening to these press conferences -- I've, I've not been there in person, but I do listen to them and I do watch them. It's very clear that the interest in this matter is waning. I mean, it absolutely is. People are fed up --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm s--

DICK: -- with this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm sure. I am s-- I, I wouldn't be surprised.

DICK: They are completely fed up with this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Rick (sic), I don't doubt
it. But, see, my, my decision to be here in the first place was never for any reason of, of the world, for humanity. It was first because I believe in this God that I believe spoke through all the prophets about this very --

DICK: Steve, I don't doubt --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- time.

DICK: -- I don't doubt that. That's why you, you ended up there to begin with. However --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But that's why I'm --

DICK: However --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- still here, Dick.

DICK: -- we've got this event that had transpired and we've got to deal with this. My belief, my personal belief, is --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

DICK: -- that a lot of David's reluctance or, or a lot of this -- these -- you know, this waiting for, for God to tell him to do these kinds of things is, is this reluctance to come out and face what he knows he has to face. Now --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's not a man that fears death, I can tell you that --

DICK: Well, we're not talking about death.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He does-- he doesn't
fear --

DICK: I'm not talking about death here. We're talking about coming out and standing up in a court of law and telling his story.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's been in those kind of, in those kind of environments and situations before. He's had death threats for years. I've been with him. I've had death threats.

DICK: Okay. Nobody's threatening your life.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John, John Pazano, who is a musician that we brought here in the month of November, I think it was the last part of November, I, I believe about the time, but he called into one of these radio talk shows. I got to hear what he had to say. And he said -- in fact, you know, he has not -- no affinity of, of one way or the other with us other than he saw David as a musician. He's a musician. And he gave his honest opinions, whether good or bad, about us or David or wa-- the situation, the place. You know, he gave us what he --

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