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JOHN COX: -- well, I'll pass it on because I know what David said, that he wanted to --

STEVE: David said --

JOHN COX: -- have a prayer session this evening with people that were going to be coming out and if, if this makes it difficult for the prayer session, it won't be held so I hear where you're coming from.

STEVE: Okay, listen, David just said to me, you know, after talking to John Dolan yesterday, you last night, you know exactly what we're about. We're trying to give people an opportunity -- he's letting them ask their questions, finalizing that with them, that they might be sure in their own mind and confident in why they even came here, that they go out. This of course is creating the opposite effect.

JOHN COX: Okay.

STEVE: So, I mean it's up to them. You know, you give it to them. They can continue with this. It's fine. You know, it's their choice, of course. (Koresh in background not discernible.)

1 Every time -- is John, John --

2 JOHN COX: I'm sorry. Yeah.

3 STEVE: Like David said, every time we've
4 complied with you people and we've worked and every
5 time it starts becoming a snowball effect where we're
6 working harder and harder, something like this comes
7 up and if it's not turning off the electricity and
8 reneging on like the Newsweek and all that sort of
9 thing and like happened a week ago Friday, almost 10
10 days ago. Now here we go again. Anytime we start
11 trying to do and facilitate the very things that Byron
12 is talking about, maybe not 40, 50 or 150 people in
13 the day, but we're working with these people. But
14 this is the sort of thing that is -- (Koresh in
15 background not discernible) -- no, in fact, he told
16 you that last night. He can't even get that many
17 people in his room. And like I made it very clear
18 that day that he came down and took a chance of moving
19 around, he started bleeding all over again. But you
20 know, it's up to them --

21 JOHN COX: Well, let me talk to some people
22 and see what we can do.

23 STEVE: Sure. No problem, you know. But
24 like I'm saying for myself,
25 I --

1 JOHN COX: We're all -- all the people that
2 you're talking to out here are trying to resolve it
3 successfully.

4 STEVE: Well, I have a hard time buying that
5 after our third --

6 JOHN COX: Well, don't. Don't have a hard
7 time because we really are.

8 STEVE: I talked to John. Well, John, today
9 I talked to John-3 all day and the man may mean well.
10 It might be your psychology games you have between
11 you all. I know when a person goes to buy an
12 automobile, there are dealerships set up were one guy
13 comes on real hard and then you get a softie who
14 finally the person turns to that person, almost --

15 JOHN COX: Well, we're, none of us are
16 softies and none of us are hardies. We're all, we're
17 all -- we may have a little different personalities
18 but we're all striving for the same thing.

19 STEVE: Byron and John-3 today -- the way
20 Byron came on in the evening. I mean, well, you know,
21 here we are working with you and Dolan and thinking
22 we're getting somewhere and bingo, I mean, you know --
23 (Koresh in background not discernible) -- it is,
24 that's what I told him. It happened 10 days ago on
25 that Friday night. We were on a roll. Things were

1 starting to pick up and bang. So you know --

2 JOHN COX: Let me go talk to some people.

3 STEVE: Okay.

4 JOHN COX: That's the best option I have.

5 STEVE: All right.

6 JOHN COX: Okay.

7 STEVE: David is here strumming on the
guitar so he'll be awake.

8 JOHN COX: Uh-oh. Don't let him strum too
9 long.

10 STEVE: No, okay.

11 JOHN COX: I'll be back in touch with you.

12 STEVE: All right.

13 JOHN COX: Bye.

14 STEVE: Okay. Bye.

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17 STEVE: David wanted to know if that's the
best your choir can do.

18 JOHN COX: It's that bad. I don't know.

19 STEVE: He doesn't know, he said. Just a
20 minute.

21 DAVID: You've not been privileged to hear
22 this fine selection of music?

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1 JOHN COX: No. No. What is it?

2 DAVID: It goes like this -- it goes [makes
3 noise]. It's Latin but it's like turned down real low
4 and it's got weird sound [makes noise] --

5 JOHN COX: If it sped up a little would it
6 make any sense do you think?

7 DAVID: I believe so.

8 JOHN COX: Oh, Lord. I don't know.

9 DAVID: It might be bat masking but --

10 JOHN COX: I don't know. I don't know.
Listen, I passed on --

11 STEVE: Let them guys know what we're doing.

12 JOHN COX: -- what you said and actually
13 before I could get a response, Steve called about the
14 other music. You know, I thought -- you were talking
about Byron, Byron's --

15 DAVID: Here it comes again. Here it comes
16 again. Hear it?

17 JOHN COX: I can't, I can't hear it.

18 DAVID: Put this phone to the window there -
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19 JOHN COX: I can hear it.

20 (music)

21 STEVE: Could you hear it?

22 JOHN COX: Marvelous, marvelous.

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1 STEVE: John, John --

2 JOHN COX: I could hear it. Let me tell
3 you. I --

4 STEVE: Can I say something?

5 JOHN COX: Go ahead.

6 STEVE: I mean, this is an experience for
7 me. Living in America all these years, to think our
8 founding -- you know, mature men -- this is 1993.
9 We're going into the Dark Ages, aren't we. I mean,
10 you know, you know what the Dark Ages were about --

11 JOHN COX: When David, called --

12 STEVE: -- the persecution of millions of
13 people because they had convictions of conscience and
14 so forth. You know that the prophecies talk about us
15 going back into such a state.

16 JOHN COX: Listen, when I got the first call
17 to try and --

18 STEVE: What kind of mindset -- I want to
19 discuss this with you guys --

20 JOHN COX: Listen. Listen to me Steve.
21 When I got the first call about the monotonous
22 dialogue that was coming over the recorder, I went
23 back to try and find somebody that could resolve that
24 situation.

25 STEVE: Leave it on because, you know, like

1 David said --

2 JOHN COX: Listen to me. I tried to find
3 somebody that could resolve this thing. So, I talked
4 to somebody and the response was that the person that
5 ordered this done will not be back until the morning -

6 - STEVE: The person that ordered it done
7 won't be back until the morning, he said.

8 JOHN COX: And they made the decision for
9 it.

10 STEVE: And they made the decision for it.

11 JOHN COX: Now, when you called me back and
12 you said this owakanobe music or whatever it is is
13 going on. That's what it sounds like, owakanobe, or
14 something.

15 STEVE: Owakanobe music?

16 JOHN COX: I don't know what it is.

17 STEVE: He calls it owakanobe music.

18 JOHN COX: Well, that's what it sounds like
19 doesn't it? Ow-kan-obe, or something. Anyhow, when
20 you called and said that was going on, I went back and
21 said, well, what can we do. And, the response was,
22 and this was after you told me, hey, nobody is coming
23 out with this, you can play it as loud as you want,
24 ba-ba ba-ba ba-ba, every time we try to comply with
25 something, something goes wrong. So I said, well,

1 | what can we do about it? And, the response was, if
2 | you tell us, give us a commitment how many people are
3 | coming out, maybe we can do something about it.

4 | STEVE: Yeah. He says, if we make a
5 | commitment as to how many people are coming out, then
6 | they'll turn it off. (Koresh in background not
7 | discernible). He said, you know, he's being really
8 | cool and decent about this, with a smile. He says all
9 | of us eventually --

9 | JOHN COX: I know that and you know that --

10 | STEVE: You and I both know this is slowing
11 | the process down. No question --

12 | JOHN COX: I know what you're telling me. I
13 | understand what you're telling me. The question that
14 | was posed to me that I'm posing to you, all right. I'm
15 | the facilitator; I'm the middleman. I'm posing it to
16 | you. How many people are coming out after David has
17 | the opportunity to --

17 | STEVE: You're not --

18 | JOHN COX: Let me, let me just pass on what
19 | I was asked.

19 | STEVE: I know. Go ahead.

20 | JOHN COX: Let me just pass on what I asked
21 | because I already know what your answer is. All
22 | right. But let me pass on --

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1 STEVE: What, that this county is ripe for -
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3 JOHN COX: Let me pass on -- come on Steve.
4 All right. I was asked, after David gets done praying
5 with his people and after they go over Micah and after
6 they go over Nam, if the music is turned off, how many
7 people will come out tomorrow. That's the only
8 question I was asked to ask you, or ask David, either
9 one.

9 STEVE: Well, I just mentioned it to him, so
10 he's not saying anything about it.

11 JOHN COX: That's what I was asked to check.
12 (Koresh in background not discernible.)

13 STEVE: How many were sent out today, in the
14 24-hour period between last night, later than this
15 period of time right now and --

15 JOHN COX: Seven.

16 STEVE: That's correct. Seven.

17 JOHN COX: The two ladies came out about
18 12:15 and then five came out during the day.

19 STEVE: That's right. So that's what David
20 asked.

21 JOHN COX: Huh? Well, I know that. But all
22 I was asked was to have the music turned off to give
23 David the opportunity to spend time with these people,
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1 | what commitment would he make as far as numbers of
2 | people that are coming out tomorrow.

3 | STEVE: David says that he doesn't
4 | understand it because instead of speeding things up,
5 | it seems like they're trying to hinder it. I mean,
6 | honestly --

7 | JOHN COX: I'm not going to argue that with
8 | you. All I, all I was asked is to ask a question and
9 | to get an answer to that so that we can try to work
10 | with this.

11 | STEVE: All I can say is whoever God is or
12 | isn't, all these years, I'm kind of glad for an
13 | experience like this. I really am. I mean, I never -
14 | - can I just talk for a little while?

15 | JOHN COX: Just give me an idea and then
16 | talk and talk and talk. Give me an idea.

17 | STEVE: I don't -- he's not -- I asked him.
18 | He's not --

19 | JOHN COX: Yeah, what did he say?

20 | STEVE: Nothing. He said what I just told
21 | you he said.

22 | JOHN COX: Well, try and help me --

23 | STEVE: Let me just say -- you helped me
24 | once --

25 | JOHN COX: All right.

1 STEVE: I was raised in this country just
2 like you were. I was born here. I went through all
3 the system and everything. I learned about the
4 Constitution. What a great country we have. I always
5 knew that ultimately it would come to this. I saw it
6 eroding years ago.

7 JOHN COX: Where did you see it eroding?

8 STEVE: By certain powerful men in certain
9 positions. Tyranny is what the word has been ever
10 since for 6,000 years from this person Cain, there was
11 Cain and Abel. But here, I don't know, it's still a
12 hard thing to believe that in this country that there
13 are men that do things like this. People sitting in
14 their homes are attacked and ransacked just like the
15 examples given to me about the ATF, the mistakes
16 they've made. They don't get out over the airwaves.
17 There ought to be TV programs about things like that.

18 It's hard to believe that this was the country that
19 was founded by people trying to get away to practice
20 their religious beliefs and not force them on others.

21 It's not happening any more, is it? Are you there?

22 JOHN COX: I'm listening to you, Steve. Go
23 ahead.

24 STEVE: What do you think about this
25 America, what's happening now? I mean --

1 JOHN COX: I think it's still the best --

2 STEVE: -- this isn't Russia or Siberia.
3 We're not talking about some African nation or some
4 Hindu gurus or something.

5 JOHN COX: Steve, when I've talked to you
6 and when anyone else has talked to you, or to David or
7 to anyone else in there, we want to communicate. We
8 want to get a dialogue going, we want to get a rapport
9 build up --

9 STEVE: Well, I'm actually, no --

10 JOHN COX: -- and we want to resolve this
11 thing.

12 STEVE: Listen, John. Can you give me an
13 answer what you think of this kind of thing and
14 America, you know, the way -- America is over 200
15 years old now.

16 JOHN COX: Well, I'll tell you about this
17 thing. Some people's patience wear thin and their
18 patience wears thin and they say, look, if somebody
19 wants to not move along fast enough, we going to try
20 and assist them in moving. That's why I said, what
21 kind of a figure can I give to somebody -- and if --
22 whatever you want to tell me --

23 STEVE: Round and round the merry-go-round
24 we go.
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1 JOHN COX: Anything that you want to tell
2 me.

3 STEVE: How do you relate this to someone
4 like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson.
5 Is this what you think they had in mind for this
6 country and the peoples of this country and their
7 guaranteed freedom and rights and consciousness and
8 all the rest? Is that what you think? I was sitting
9 here three weeks ago minding my own business and doing
10 nothing illegal nor did I before that day nor since
11 that time. And all of a sudden, I'm to come out, go
12 through prison, probably, who knows what you kind of
13 people are up to. I -- I'll tell you the truth. I
14 have no idea. I don't know.

15 JOHN COX: You know, you know how everyone
16 has been treated that's come out of there.

17 STEVE: I'll tell you the honest truth. The
18 bottom line is, I don't trust the system, period,
19 anymore. Listening to this tells me how far this
20 country has really deteriorated with the men that are
21 in control. No matter what you guys do to me, what
22 happens to me the day I stop breathing, I believe in a
23 God. And all these kinds of things, everything is
24 going to be answered for. Oh, I'm going to stand in
25 the Judgement, John Cox, I am.

1 JOHN COX: Aren't we all.

2 STEVE: You bet.

3 JOHN COX: Sure we are.

4 STEVE: But I don't believe that 99 percent
5 of the people in control believe it. I don't think
6 that they believe in this book call the Bible. I
7 really don't think so. It's been around a long time.
8 There's a lot of people --

8 JOHN COX: Well, I hope they do.

9 STEVE: -- that need a crutch --

10 JOHN COX: I hope you're wrong and I hope
11 they do. I really --

12 STEVE: If there's -- I wouldn't care to
13 live any longer if there isn't justice beyond what we
14 find in America.

15 JOHN COX: Well, Steve, you and I know that
16 the people that have come out of there so far have
17 been treated extremely well --

17 STEVE: John, you --

18 JOHN COX: And the justice system in this
19 country -- we're talking the justice system, is the
20 best in the world and everybody is innocent until
21 proven guilty. We've kicked this around and kicked
22 this around. The only reason I called back in there
23 and I wanted to talk to you is to see if you can give

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1 me a figure. Give me an idea.

2 STEVE: I have been working with you all --
3 John Dolan -- last night --

4 JOHN COX: I'm not arguing that.

5 STEVE: I'm not getting -- John, you guys
6 get to take a break and all that. I haven't, man, I
7 was up all night. You knew --

8 JOHN COX: I'm not arguing that with you.

9 STEVE: I had 2 hours of sleep. I got up
10 and start dealing with John-3, man, the push. It's
11 hard to even think when you're not getting enough
12 rest. How am I going to talk people into leaving here
13 when this is going on out here.

14 JOHN COX: Steve, Steven, I'm not arguing
15 with you, pal. I think you've been doing a remarkable
16 job in there. And, I think you've been very patient,
17 you've been working hard and you've got the right
18 thing in mind. All I'm saying is, I've got to deal
19 with somebody and that person said, can you give me a
20 figure to consider to turn it off.

21 STEVE: No --

22 JOHN COX: And that's all I'm looking for.

23 STEVE: I don't have one, John.

24 JOHN COX: I'm not here to argue with you
25 because --

1 STEVE: I don't have one. I know for sure
2 David's not going to call somebody in tonight and try
3 to compete with all this. I know he's not.

4 JOHN COX: Well, then let me go pass it on.
5 Okay. Let me go pass it on.

6 STEVE: I'm waiting.

7 JOHN COX: Okay. I'll call you back.

8 STEVE: Okay.

9 JOHN COX: Thank you.

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11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello.

12 JOHN: Hello, is Steve there?

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, here he
14 is.

15 STEVE: Hello.

16 JOHN: Steve, this is John.

17 STEVE: John, how's it going?

18 JOHN: Good. How are you doing?

19 STEVE: Tired. I've about lost my voice
20 here.

21 JOHN: Yeah. You lost your voice?

22 STEVE: Oh, yeah, from all the talking.
23 Yes, I was up quite late.

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1 JOHN: Steve, there was some mention of the
2 music. We got that turned off last night.

3 STEVE: Oh, did they? I didn't even realize
4 it. I must have fallen asleep when it was going.

5 JOHN: Yeah. Okay. Have you been talking
6 to anybody today, Steve?

7 STEVE: No. In fact, I just woke up about a
8 few minutes ago.

9 JOHN: Okay. Do you plan on speaking to
10 anybody?

11 STEVE: First I've got to get my head
12 together here.

13 JOHN: Okay.

14 STEVE: Oh, man.

15 JOHN: Okay. I know you were working hard
16 yesterday.

17 STEVE: I was quite surprised about that
18 music, if you want to call it music.

19 JOHN: That was one of the --

20 STEVE: Did you get to hear it yourself?

21 JOHN: No, I didn't. What was it?

22 STEVE: Are you sure you haven't heard it?

23 JOHN: I'm telling you, I haven't heard it.
24 I wasn't here last night. Gongs? Somebody said it
25 was gongs?

1 STEVE: It was what?

2 JOHN: Gongs or chanting or something?

3 STEVE: What do you call it, gones?

4 JOHN: G-O-N-G-S.

5 STEVE: G-O -- oh, gongs. No, it sounded
6 like a slowed-down version of Gregorian chanting or
7 something like that, or something from a monastery.

8 JOHN: We got that turned off, right?

9 STEVE: I don't know, I guess. As I was
10 sleeping, it was going, so I don't know.

11 JOHN: About 1 o'clock. Do you have anybody
12 that's interested in listening to what you have to say
13 today, Steve?

14 STEVE: What I need to do is go and see what
15 David is doing and --

16 JOHN: What's David doing now?

17 STEVE: I don't know. He's probably
18 sleeping. I don't know. So I'm going to probably get
19 up here in about a second and start moving around and
20 see what we can get going.

21 JOHN: Okay, Steve, was there a Schider that
22 you mentioned?

23 STEVE: It was a David Scheidler. I guess
24 he had called from what I'm told.

25 JOHN: We're trying to run that down and

1 find out what the conversation was or what the contact
2 was.

3 STEVE: I see. Okay.

4 JOHN: So what's the attitude in there?

5 STEVE: Well, you know, with last night, I
6 talked with just a couple of people because of
7 whatever that was and everybody was like, This is
8 America? This is the United States? Who's in control
9 here? You know, everybody starts, like me, like I
10 talked to John Cox. I said, John, I don't mind. They
11 can turn it up loud and play it morning, noon and
12 night, but is that what this country has degenerated
13 into. A couple of hundred -- here we have a couple
14 centuries that have gone by. You think of people like
15 Madison and Jefferson, and founding forefathers,
16 Abraham Lincoln and I think they'd roll over in their
17 grave, to tell you the truth. I really would -- John,
18 I'm shocked. I really am. This is my country, the
19 country I grew up in? So proud and happy over the
20 Constitution and the way this country has always been.
21 I don't know. I really -- I tell you the truth. You
22 know, the reason why I'm here, and I'm not going to
23 get into some long spiel. I'll just tell you real
24 quick, because of the Bible. It's the only thing
25 that's consistent for answers for me. It is. I

1 really believe that this country, this world is ripe
2 for judgement. I really do. All these years, man's
3 filled up his cup with iniquity. We've all done our
4 own thing. We're proud and arrogant. Everybody is.
5 Even though all we are is dust. Even though we're all
6 subject to death every moment of every day. I tell
7 you what, I can't wait until it's all over. I'm
8 talking about everything. There's got to be a better
9 way than this. Mankind doing what he does to one
10 another. I came here to study the Bible, not to be
murdered Sunday, February 28.

11 JOHN: Yeah. Steve. That -- I just wanted
12 to clarify something. That music was the idea of one
13 of the tactical guys and I didn't agree with it
14 because you know that if I wanted to talk to you and
15 get some things going, I'm here. You know that.
Right?

16 STEVE: Yeah.

17 JOHN: Okay. We appreciate your efforts
18 anyhow. I know you were trying hard yesterday and I'd
19 like you to continue if you would then maybe we can
20 more forward from here. Okay?

21 STEVE: Sure. All right. So I mean, has
22 that been used on others also? Is that a common thing
23 that the FBI does?
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1 JOHN: I haven't heard of it and I don't
2 think it is.

3 STEVE: I'll tell you the truth. I never in
4 my life, I mean I could understand if it was the KGB
5 or something in Russia, it makes sense to me.

6 JOHN: Steve, you know, I'm negotiating with
7 you. You know that?

8 STEVE: Um-hum.

9 JOHN: As has John Cox and John Dolan.

10 STEVE: Right.

11 JOHN: All right. And we're all friends.
12 And Byron. Okay. And we all feel that we can work
13 this out successfully but you know, as well as I do,
14 that there are two factions here. Do you know what I
15 mean?

16 STEVE: You bet I do.

17 JOHN: And you working with us gives up more
18 input to the bosses. They don't tell us everything
19 that they've got planned and that they've got in mind.
20 Now, yesterday, they told us about the music -- or
21 the moving of the stuff and I told you that. I wanted
22 to be up front with you --

23 STEVE: I don't remember you telling me
24 about any music.

25 JOHN: No, I mean the moving of the

1 vehicles.

2 STEVE: I thought what you said was they
3 were going to move things from the front and not the
4 go-carts and so forth. They crushed three go-carts
5 and there is an Airstream trailer that belongs to an
6 older woman that's not even here right now -- it's
7 about a \$30,000 trailer and they -- I mean, it looks
8 not even like an accordion now.

9 JOHN: Steve, you know that the civil courts
10 and civil process can handle that and you'll have
11 every opportunity.

12 STEVE: Is that true?

13 JOHN: Yes, it is. You know, Wayne would be
14 able to advise you on that. You can bring civil suits
15 against the government for all of that damage.

16 STEVE: I guess I'm just lacking in
17 understanding about those kind of things.

18 JOHN: Well, Steve, if you came out and
19 brought up those questions and got an attorney.
20 You've got two attorneys that have been retained by
21 your sister to represent you, Zimmerman and Levine,
22 who have a great reputation and they could help you
23 with that stuff and help the other people in there
24 too.

25 STEVE: Well, like you and I know, I've been

1 definitely taking about everybody there is here and
2 working on it. I don't -- I really didn't understand
3 the tactics yesterday and --

4 JOHN: As I don't either.

5 STEVE: All the way through, I mean,
6 especially when I thought it was the best day. There
7 was seven people in less than 24 hours and I never
8 quit. I never quit.

9 JOHN: Steve, I appreciate your efforts.

10 STEVE: When they wanted everybody, like I
11 told you, even yesterday, I was willing. What should
12 I do, grab somebody by the neck or the collar, or
13 something and try to pull them out? I mean, I
14 wouldn't have gotten very far.

15 JOHN: Do you remember yesterday when we
16 first started talking and I mentioned the word
17 imperative and critical? Okay. Those weren't my
18 words. Those were the words that I was told to tell
19 you. Those weren't my words and they don't tell me
20 everything that they have going but they said it was
21 imperative and critical that a substantial progress be
22 made yesterday and then when it wasn't, it's out of my
23 hands. So, you know, the best deal for you is dealing
24 with us and showing us some good faith.

25 STEVE: Well, I thought that's what I've

1 done.

2 JOHN: I know, you've been working and I
3 appreciate that but if you would continue to do that,
4 we can get forward from here and resolve this.
5 Nobody, nobody likes it.

6 STEVE: Whether it seems like it or not, I
7 mean, we're all fallible as human beings, but my
8 intentions -- I've always wanted to be straightforward
9 and honest and so forth, and what's happened here
10 since that Sunday on through. I mean, like I said,
11 I'm coming out and I know it's all going to work where
12 everybody does come out but I really believe that
13 there's going to be charges manufactured beyond
14 anything of my control or belief that such a thing
15 could happen. I really do. But I mean, it's not
16 going to -- I'll still come out. Whatever this
17 government wants to do with me, I mean, it's fine.
18 It's going to have to be.

19 JOHN: Steve, you've got good attorneys to
20 represent you.

21 STEVE: I'll tell you the honest truth,
22 John. I don't trust too much in anything anymore. I
23 mean, that -- right up until that Sunday I did. I
24 had, you know, I've heard things through the last
25 number of years by being in contact with different

1 professors at universities, from their connections and
2 awareness of what goes on behind the scenes and you
3 know, you always kind of keep -- well, you kind of
4 wonder about those things. So that's why since being
5 in conversation with many of the negotiators, you're
6 in a position where you can know a lot and so that's
7 why I raised a number of questions about different
8 things I've heard about to hear some kind of a
9 response to really see what you guys think about it
10 all.

11 JOHN: Steve, I wouldn't be here talking to
12 you if I didn't want to resolve this peacefully and
13 have everybody come out of there and go through the
14 system and be represented in court and --

15 STEVE: Can I ask you a question again.
16 What kind of a system do those -- somebody made some
17 mistakes in the ATF. Someone really did and if they
18 don't come to the conclusion that they fired first and
19 what they did by shooting at David's room from the
20 chopper, if that doesn't come out and it's suppressed
21 and that wouldn't surprise me if it was. But what's
22 going to happen to some of those individuals if by
23 chance that is a total honest organization and they
24 find the facts as they are and they are brought out.
25 What's going to happen to some of those? Those that

1 | fired first? If it was a mistake or whatever else. I
2 | mean, it would be a mistake in the first place. A
3 | chopper -- three of them coming in flying toward the
4 | building and you'll find out again. I'm going to tell
5 | you. At least you people will know that bullets came
6 | from a high diagonal through the water tanks and they
7 | were drained immediately. You're going to find
8 | something else out when you come and check this place
9 | out, if it's left standing or whatever else. If
10 | there's someone that's unbiased that comes in, like
11 | the Rangers, if they are. I mean, I don't know
12 | anything for sure anymore, but I'm hoping that the
13 | truth will come out. I really am.

14 | JOHN: Steve --

15 | STEVE: And if we're at fault or whatever
16 | else, well, I mean, then, that's the way it's got to
17 | be. But so far, there were too many witnesses from
18 | what I've talked to and so forth. I don't know. I
19 | just don't see any agent from the ATF though that's
20 | going to be in trouble.

21 | JOHN: Steve, can I tell you something?

22 | STEVE: Sure.

23 | JOHN: The laws of this land are for
24 | innocent citizens --

25 | STEVE: Well, you and I know we're guilty

1 until proven innocent. We know that for a fact.

2 JOHN: Listen to me. Let me just tell you
3 that the laws apply to everybody. Okay. They apply
4 to the citizens and police as well. Okay. All right.

5 And these lawsuits and inquiries and things that are
6 going on in this investigation is being looked at by
7 the world and it will be gone through with a fine-
8 tooth comb.

9 STEVE: Aren't you kind of bothered by that
10 Rodney King incident?

11 JOHN: Yes, I am.

12 STEVE: Man, I tell you what.

13 JOHN: I saw that video tape.

14 STEVE: It amazes me. It really does.

15 But --

16 JOHN: Who is prosecuting those people?

17 STEVE: But --

18 JOHN: Steve. Let me back up to Rodney
19 King. Who is prosecuting those people right now?

20 STEVE: I really don't know. I haven't
21 really followed it too close in honesty.

22 JOHN: The Federal Government is processing
23 those people. The policemen.

24 STEVE: Can you tell me something. I don't
25 have much access to information any more. What is

1 Interpol? I've heard that name used and I wondered
2 what it was.

3 JOHN: It's an information exchange system
4 among international police agencies.

5 STEVE: What -- I mean, international police
6 agencies. What is, I mean, what -- like the CIA or
7 something?

8 JOHN: Scotland Yard, FBI, Germany, you
9 know. And all they do is exchange information.

10 STEVE: I see. I just heard that word used a
11 few times and I wasn't aware of it.

12 JOHN: Steve, it's 9 o'clock now, 9:15.
13 Okay. STEVE: Uh-huh.

14 JOHN: Why don't you talk to some of the
15 folks there and see if we can get working and we'll go
16 forward from today. I'm here. I'm trying to work
17 with you and if I can show them something that will
18 keep the -- the people on the outside are frustrated.

19 Okay. And if you can work with me --

20 STEVE: I can't understand why.

21 JOHN: And if you can work with me, then,
22 you know, I can keep things that disrupt this from
23 happening.

24 STEVE: I'm working. I'm working.

25 JOHN: It's been 22 days and we appreciate

1 your efforts. Believe me. I know we may have some
2 differences and maybe you doubt my sincerity but I can
3 tell you, I wouldn't be here if I wasn't interested in
4 trying to help the situation out. And I mean that.

5 STEVE: Hey, I do believe that. I do.

6 JOHN: I mentioned yesterday, I've got a 6
7 year old that said he hasn't seen me for a while. He
8 said he forgot what I look like. But -- and that goes
9 for a lot of the people that are here and in there.
Okay.

10 STEVE: Yeah.

11 JOHN: Okay, so, want to give you some time
12 to get going and we'll --

13 STEVE: John, do you mind if I ask you a
14 couple of personal questions? You might not want to.
If you don't want to, it's fine.

15 JOHN: Hey, if I don't want to, I'll tell
16 you I don't want to.

17 STEVE: All right. Religiously, what kind
18 of a background have you had? Have you had any?

19 JOHN: I'm Catholic.

20 STEVE: Okay, so do you think there is a
God?

21 JOHN: I sure do.

22 STEVE: You do?
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1 JOHN: I spent 13 months in Viet Nam, Steve,
2 and it made a believer out of me.

3 STEVE: Really. Okay. I just wondered
4 because a lot of people out there are atheists and
5 agnostics and all the rest but, you know, but I mean,
6 with a Catholic background not many were encouraged
7 from the time they were small to look at the Bible or
8 to study it or anything, but, it's a lot of traditions
9 of men and opinions about God.

9 JOHN: Steve, let me just tell you that I'm
10 not here to be converted but I'm here to help you.
11 Okay.

12 STEVE: No. No. I'm not -- I know that.
13 Listen, you don't understand also that what my work
14 has been up until that Sunday is, I talk to people
15 from all walks of life, from everywhere. I've been --
16 I might not seem like it, but I've been quite a
17 listener. If someone has something to say that
18 pertains to my well-being, my safety, my advancement,
19 fulfillment in this life and want to come, I think
20 there is something to come. I really do. I mean,
21 we're just too complex of beings to have got here
22 through a process of evolution. I don't have that kind
23 of faith to buy evolution. But, my major concern is
24 that --
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1 JOHN: I agree with you.

2 STEVE: -- I really see that these prophets
3 and dying and leaving a testimony, many of them
4 persecuted and so forth for what they had to say in
5 their day and their testimony has been brought down to
6 this final, this generation. You and I know every
7 generation people think they're living in the last
8 days and that's been going on as long as mankind has
9 been wondering what death is all about. But finally
10 the book talks about a man that comes that can't work
11 miracles but he can open up what the testimonies are
12 and make it clear. Like a lot of pieces of a puzzle,
13 one big clear picture. And I believe that's here.
14 I've seen and watched people trying to convert--
15 controvert the man. It's not happened but I'm
16 concerned about you as a person. I've talked to you
17 eleven of you people. I like you all. I really do.
18 And I know that even though with your physical
19 eyesight and so forth you look at this world and its
20 makings and what's happening and your job and your
21 family and all the rest. I look further, beyond that,
22 all the time because I know that any day I can answer
23 before God. I believe there is a God of mine, a
24 Supreme Being and I believe there will be a judgement.
25 The whole system of the world, of America that the

1 judgement that we have, the attorneys, the mediation,
2 all that. That's something that's based upon the
3 Judaic-Christian thing that goes back about 4,000
4 years but it goes back further because that's what God
5 is all about. And you and I will stand there -- I
6 want to live forever. I'd like to see you live
7 forever. If you ever have the time and you read in
8 Isaiah 49, you'll find out if you make it, John, do
9 you know that your son is guaranteed eternal life? If
10 you read those last ten, fifteen verses of Chapter 49
11 of Isaiah, Isaiah 49, you'll find that if you make it,
12 you do it right, your son is guaranteed, or your
13 children. I like those kind of promises. God knows
14 and sees the innocency of children.

13 JOHN: Steve. Steve, I've got my faith and
14 you know what, I've got faith that we're going to work
15 this out and we can start today and if you start
16 working, we'll do it.

17 STEVE: Well, -- John, I'm going -- I'll be
18 coming out. There is no question about that, but the
19 truth of the matter is I don't think -- I mean, I'll
20 come out. I don't think I'll be getting a fair shake.
21 I'll tell the world, hey, I'm innocent. I was here
22 to study the Bible. I was in a room from the time I
23 heard bullets riddling the front door area. I mean,

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1 that's all I can be saying. I never say anybody, the
2 truth is. But immediately, I'm on the phone saying
3 stop. Whoever it is, stop. Let's talk. There's
4 women and children. Wayne and I both -- you know, you
5 have all the tapes. But I still believe that they'll
6 manufacture probably a hundred things for me --

6 JOHN: Steve --

7 STEVE: Seriously, I mean, I'm talking to
8 you straight right now.

9 JOHN: I know you are. I know you are.
10 You're concerned.

11 STEVE: And the only thing that my innocence
12 one day will only be shown in the light of the
13 judgement of God. I'm serious. I believe that. I
14 don't think this agency, this federal agency that came
15 here for whatever purpose and intention, nothing is
16 going to happen to them. I know they want blood.
17 I've seen it in the eyes. I've seen it in the
18 demeanor and in the statements of the spokesperson for
19 them. And I'm afraid because you're a sister agency
20 that somehow or other, you're going to be involved
21 more -- producing evidence. Maybe even suppressing
22 it, I don't know. I hope not. I can't imagine that
23 would happen but when I heard the music last night.
24 If you want to call it music or whatever it is. And -

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JOHN: Steve, let me just stop you one second on that point. Okay.

STEVE: I hope this is being taped and I hope you don't destroy any of the tapes. One day I'd like to hear it all again myself.

JOHN: Steve. This is evidence. Okay. And I want to impress something else on you. Yesterday, you worked and talked to people and got seven people out of there. All right. Don't you think that would give you some credit?

STEVE: I don't --

JOHN: I know how hard you've been working in there.

STEVE: I think that that all will be passed off and it's not a big deal anyway. I'm serious. I don't think that's going to be any big deal.

JOHN: Steve, you know, you don't trust the system but it does work and --

STEVE: Well, I did but as time goes on -- I'm glad I told John Cox last night -- I was glad for living in this century at this time and experiencing even like last night. I mean, I've been a person like yourself, well, not like yourself. I don't know what you've done. You've been involved in a lot of things

1 that I haven't but I've sat in a nice home and so
2 forth and only looked at the TV what the news has. Is
3 the press going to have access? Will they have been
4 able to have heard the sounds that were played last
5 night? I wonder if Americans sitting in their nice
6 cozy homes know what's all going on.

6 JOHN: The press probably heard those
7 sounds.

8 STEVE: Probably. I hope they have but
9 maybe not. I do know that you people, John, you
10 people have so controlled them beyond anything that I
11 thought was ever possible in America. That scares the
12 heck out of me for America at large. It does. I've
13 always been concerned because of Abraham Lincoln
14 saying that this country never would be taken from the
15 outside but the inside. Man, in his selfishness, in
16 his innate selfishness. You can look at the fall of
17 the Roman Republic, which was once a republic, became
18 a democracy -- did you know that this country when it
19 was founded was really a republic? And now it has
20 moved to a democracy, ultimately socialism, tyranny.
21 That's the direction we're going, John. I'm sure --

20 JOHN: Steve, listen --

21 STEVE: John, do you mind if I just talk for
22 a little bit, unless you don't -- I mean, I'm going to

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1 get off the phone, of course. But, this is my
2 concerns, you know, I'm for your freedoms. I'm for
3 you being able to express yourself or worship or not
4 worship. Or believe that there is no God or whatever
5 else you might be into, I mean, I'm not a person that
6 wants my will enforced upon another. I never have
7 been that way. But, I'll tell you the truth, like you
8 and I are talking here and I don't have any -- not too
9 much faith anymore in this system, in this society we
10 have here. It was warned by God in the writings of
11 the Bible and by great men like Abraham Lincoln and
12 Jefferson, Madison, what could come of this country if
13 the men and women of this country weren't vigilant for
14 freedom. You know, government has taken control and
15 it's taking greater control, more freedoms are being
16 taken from us, you and I. Let me say, I'll probably
17 be in trouble for it but I believe ATF has been
18 brought about as an agency to take away those freedoms
19 slowly but surely, insidiously. And I see that's what
20 happening, John. I believe that, unless somebody --
21 I've got open ears. You can show me something else.
22 But I feel over time it's going to be to the place
23 where they're going to push for gun control. No one
24 will have any guns. I think that the founding
25 forefathers wanted individuals to be allowed to have

1 guns against the tyranny and the possible tyranny of
2 their own government. Just like what happened in
3 Europe for centuries and centuries. Well, what do you
4 think about that, John, what I just stated? Do you
5 see that as a possibility or no or what?

6 JOHN: Steve, we aren't far apart on that
7 all but what I wanted to mention to you is that you're
8 going to have every opportunity to make all your
9 statements --

10 STEVE: What do you think about -- no, I
11 know. I don't believe that's true John. I'll tell
12 you right now I don't believe I will be able to, but,
13 you know, that's irrelevant. I told you, I'm coming
14 out. You know, I am. And, you know, but the things I
15 just said --

16 JOHN: When are you thinking of coming out,
17 Steve?

18 STEVE: Well, you know, after getting to
19 work with these people and getting at least a good
20 majority or a large number of them moving, that's what
21 I'll do, so --

22 JOHN: Will you continue to work on it with
23 me today and we can resolve it?

24 STEVE: Yeah, I will be but I'd sure like,
25 you know, I've made some statements, I've asked you

1 some questions and, you know, some time throughout the
2 conversations of the day, if you would, or if you -- I
3 mean, I'd like to have you to react to some of the
4 things I've said. Even if it's your own opinion.

5 JOHN: Steve, but my personal feelings
6 aren't the issue here, okay. I'd tell --

7 STEVE: That's what I'm telling you though,
8 John, neither or mine. This only helps me take just
9 kind of a little breather or a break because, you can
10 tell my mouth is already dry. I'll be, I mean, I'm
11 telling you, you'll see in the judgement one day, I
12 mean, I really did talk to these people. And, for a
13 long, long, periods of time. And I told you again,
14 I'm going to be doing my work, but in honesty, I'm
15 just curious --

16 JOHN: And I'll be here.

17 STEVE: -- about this government of mine.
18 That I thought was mine, I was a part of this system,
19 of American freedom and the greatest nation that the
20 world has ever seen. But it's being brought down.
21 I'm concerned about that too, John. I mean, I believe
22 my eyes are open. I think I've seen enough through
23 life to see a direction of this country that I really
24 don't like and I'm convinced that I can't do anything
25 about it anyway. If Revelation 18 says in the final

1 days of the earth's history that the merchants were
2 the great men of this earth and by their sorceries,
3 they deceived all of the earth, I believe that is a
4 very solid statement. I think that the evidence is
5 there to show that and I don't think one has to look
6 very long and hard to find it. I really don't. Even
7 though yourself, you're in an agency that seems very
8 honorable and I always thought it was, but to tell you
9 the truth, I mean, last night, it shows you something.
10 I don't know, it just makes you wonder. Definitely
11 makes you wonder.

12 JOHN: Steve, Steve, if I wasn't concerned
13 about all of you in there, I wouldn't be talking to
14 you. You know it and I know it. Okay. Can we start
15 today?

16 STEVE: You know, like it -- I'll tell you
17 the truth. You know what I was concerned about
18 yesterday, from the time the seven people did come
19 out, I mean, I told you I worked hard --

20 JOHN: I know, I could hear you.

21 STEVE: -- and then all of a sudden -- still
22 whether they forced you to do it or whether it was
23 your choice, or the way you use psychology or whatever
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25 JOHN: Steve.

1 STEVE: Wait, wait. Let me just say John
2 that, you know, there was such a, I mean, I could
3 hardly talk to those people very long at all and you'd
4 be back on the phone. And like I told you, because I
5 was drawn away so frequently, they were gone. I got
6 back and the 30 to 40 people, half of them were gone
7 and the rest -- you know, they don't -- they get to
8 the place they don't want to hear me and hear what
9 I've got to say. David can open up physics and
10 sciences and sociology, education, all these topics
11 out of a book called the Bible. They're interested in
12 that. They're interested in being guaranteed eternal
13 life because whatever you people do to them and they
14 know they're going into the hands of a dragon. They
15 do know that. Revelations 13 says John sees the time
16 of this earth's history when all the world wonders
17 after the beast and worships the dragon. Everybody
18 has got their feelings and their opinions and -- but
19 they don't know the mind of God, the will of God.
20 They don't know his will. They don't know that in
21 Chapter 50 of Jeremiah that God's got a snare for
22 Babylon and this world is going to be taken unawares.
23 It's going to be like in the days of the flood.
24 Everybody's eating and drinking, giving in marriage
25 and we're all concerned about what we see with our

1 physical eyesight, the carnality --

2 JOHN: Steve, hold on. Somebody just walked
3 in with a note here.

4 STEVE: All right.

5 JOHN: Brad and Kevin are on a radio talk
6 show from their cells as we are talking right now.

7 STEVE (aside): Brad and Kevin are on a
8 radio talk show from their cells right now.

9 STEVE: Thanks. I'll talk to you in a
10 moment.

11 JOHN: Steve. 1190.

12 STEVE: Thank you. Bye.

13 JOHN: Okay. Bye.

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