TAPE #154

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9:33 a.m. - 7:28 p.m.
(Tape 154)

(Phone ringing)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello? Hello?
KAREN: Hello? Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.
KAREN: Hello. Good morning. My name is Karen. I'm calling from the "Waco Tribune" and I'm just calling to see did you get a copy of the Waco newspaper delivered to your home this morning?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Pardon me?
KAREN: Do you get the Waco paper?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Who is this?

Hello?
KAREN: Hello. I'm calling from the Waco paper, the Waco newspaper.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: For the "Waco Tribune" or from it?
KAREN: From the "Waco Tribune."

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, I'm sorry, I don't think so.

KAREN: Okay. Thanks.

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(Pause)

JOHN: (Indiscernible) a little bit.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah?

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. So what's new there, John?

JOHN: I don't know. I was about to ask you the same thing. How is David doing today?

MR. SCHNEIDER: He was a very unhappy camper.

JOHN: He was?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN: Boy, he was spinning the last time I talked to him about 4:30 this morning --

MR. SCHNEIDER: He was, huh?

JOHN: -- when he was keeping you awake too.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Boy, I can hardly remember.
Starting to lost it here. Not enough sleep.

JOHN: Playing the guitar and singing songs and --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, yeah, that's true.

JOHN: He was on a roll.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, this morning it was he that -- I talked to Livingston Fagan and he talked to him and it was decided by Livingston he wanted to go out --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and then I, I started talk with of course the wife and the mother and --

JOHN: Of Livingston?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And then we had all those problems. And from there --

JOHN: What was, what was the difficulty there?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, the problem was when I was talking with Byron we had agreed on a number of issues --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- that revolved around Livingston and some of the things he would be allowed
to do and so forth and then I get this report back that he had showed an attitude and, and it's not at all the person I've ever known.

JOHN: Really?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I've never seen him ever do anything like that. So and then of course Byron accused that these people didn't have freedom of choice so -- and before that came about of -- you've heard it many times listening to the tapes, but the issue came up that I was telling him how he speaks minimum three-quarters of the time when I'm on the phone with him and I -- it's very difficult to react to. And so I mean I told him and Dick that I know he means well and so forth but it's not helping the situation and even though they want a million people out a year ago, I mean --

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I mean, it's still -- it's hard because it's a spiritual thing, for you people it's, it's something else totally different. And, you know, the -- the issue always gets back to the same thing.

JOHN: Well, did David have the opportunity to pray with a lot of folks today?

MR. SCHNEIDER: No. In fact, he got so mad
that because of the reaction of everything he just
basically -- I haven't even talked to him. Hours and
hours have gone by since I've -- I saw him this
morning about the time Fagan was going out.

JOHN:  Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER:  I talked to him after that.

Yvette was going to follow right after.

JOHN:  Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER:  In fact, three times I
talked to her. She was going to be on her way out
almost immediately and the mother and then the, the
problem developed with, with Byron and the
communication with Fagan. And, you know, first she
let me know that we could probably do it, it seemed
like it was going to happen and then when he was out
there and then something about his muddy shoes and
that he said he didn't want to do a damn tape, and he
used that word damn --

JOHN:  Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER:  -- and acted like he had --
you know, that one word, all the profanity and the
attitude. But if that -- I told him I wanted to
really hear what -- somebody take notes, I said --

JOHN:  Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER:  -- tape it and play it to me
because I've never seen him like that. I don't -- I personally can't understand that something like that would happen with (indiscernible) Fagan.

JOHN: Well, I can't tell you anything from first-hand knowledge because --

MR. SCHNEIDER: You weren't around there.

JOHN: No. I left probably, I don't know, 9 o'clock, something like that --

MR. SCHNEIDER: You know --

JOHN: -- 9:30 --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- Byron --

JOHN: -- but I heard that that's what happened. I was talking to someone on the phone here and, and they said the, the guy was just really upset, was really, you know, almost belligerent would have been a word for it.

MR. SCHNEIDER: It's hard to believe because I've never -- honestly, the guy's not a guy given to emotions. He's a very deep thinker. I, I -- you will find that out, very deep thinker.

JOHN: Well, you know, normally when we ask somebody to make a tape it's merely to make a tape so that the people on the inside know that --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well -- he --

JOHN: -- everything's, everything's fine or
a message for his wife or a message for his mother, that kind of thing.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, John, the reason being is there was about four or five issues there --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- requests that he had made and he wanted me to talk on the phone.

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Which I did do. I went through and reiterated those with even Dick. And apparently they started being scrapped from the moment he had an experience with, with a Bradley or the men thereof. I don't know. I'm, I'm guessing. But from what they are telling me about muddy feet, I can't imagine he'd say anything about that or why he would. It doesn't --

JOHN: Kind of hard not to have muddy feet out there isn't it?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, yeah, especially what they've all done to the roads and with the --

JOHN: Hey --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- Bradleys and the tanks and --

JOHN: I was out there walking in it last night --
MR. SCHNEIDER: You were in there --

JOHN: -- pretty muddy.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- you were out here walking in it?

JOHN: Well, I told you I was outside your front door.

MR. SCHNEIDER: You were, huh?

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: What time was that?

JOHN: How about from 7 o'clock last night till 8 o'clock this morning?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Are you serious?

JOHN: Well, didn't they throw you a telephone that went in a side door out there --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN: -- the end of the building?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

JOHN: Well, only had so much wire on that thing. Up pretty close talking to -- you thought I was kidding when I told you I was outside your front door?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I did.

JOHN: About 500 yards away.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah. So you --

JOHN: But you wouldn't come out and say
hello.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you didn't ask me to.

JOHN: Well, I said look outside. You seem to be reluctant to do that.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Not in the least -- I -- not in the least (indiscernible).

JOHN: No, but now we've got it hooked so we're, we're back to normal and --

MR. SCHNEIDER: You guys know --

JOHN: -- a couple miles away.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- you guys know I trust you to the point where I'd walk right out there and like I have.

JOHN: I know.

MR. SCHNEIDER: I'm not bothered. I mean, I really do. I'm not concerned about that. I'm concerned about keeping a good rapport going like you and I and Dolan had.

JOHN: Well, that's important.

MR. SCHNEIDER: And I was -- you know, I can't -- there's -- with Byron I can't seem to convey that to him no matter how hard -- I mean, I know he's reacting and in a large sense because of the commanders, commandos, whatever, and I realize that.

JOHN: Those, those in charge I guess --
MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

JOHN: -- or those that we answer to.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, this is why David has been adamant about bypassing you negotiators if you have no influence or input in the first place. What's the sense in it? I mean, if these are --

JOHN: Well, the bottom line is there are a lot of parts of the puzzle, right? And we've got -- the people that are dealing directly with you and then the people that are up there on the perimeter and that there, there are legal people, there are other people and all of these people have input into those that make the decision. And there's, there's no real one person that makes the decision, it's, it's several people get together and make a decision. And a bunch of us all have input into that group of individuals and then they make a decision. And sometimes they, they're weighing maybe more heavily on one side and sometimes on another. But I think --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Like --

JOHN: -- they try to assess it from the information that's provided to them and, and off they go. And the bottom line is, you know, as I've told you a hundred times --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.
JOHN: -- everybody wants to get it resolved safely.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, this is where -- what you and I and David were working on when that seven came out that day --

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- there was a pause because of us being tired but I was monitoring the man --

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- trying to make sure that I'd be right there when we woke up and we were going to pick up even more so. I, I mean, I thought that was a very good gesture, I knew we were going to be doing better, and he even implied it to me, there, there was no question in my mind. And again, you know, the tactics, that was the night, the night before last, when the weird music first started.

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: The next day they cut our phones and --

JOHN: Well, believe me, the, the phones getting cut was an accident.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I'm not -- I don't --

JOHN: We all know that because --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I don't know, I don't, I
don't --

JOHN: -- it put us in a tough --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- but I'm, I'm hoping that's true, but how would I know that?

JOHN: Hey, it put us in a tough bind because we couldn't talk to you and we didn't know what the problem was and --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, the way these guys were damaging all the property so freely and all over the place. I mean, they definitely didn't care about any communication so I don't know, I don't know what --

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- army they belonged to.

JOHN: No army, no army.

MR. SCHNEIDER: But I mean it -- you know, it, it seems like somebody from some perspective is not getting this all coordinated too well.

JOHN: Hey, we try, we, we try to do the best we can. You know, a lot of people --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

JOHN: -- get frustrated, you get frustrated in there, David get frustrated.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, I, I -- extremely frustrated --
JOHN: You know?

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- after working so well with you --

JOHN: But that's human nature.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and Dolan and then all of a sudden all of this sort of thing from the night before and yesterday. And now I've lost -- you know, now David's got a different attitude even from last night. He's not -- I'll tell you what, he's not a happy camper.

JOHN: Well --

MR. SCHNEIDER: He's saying why is this now? Here we're working (indiscernible)

JOHN: How many people out here do you think out here are -- go ahead.

MR. SCHNEIDER: John Cox --

JOHN: Go ahead.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I like Dolan. We were working with these guys. Why is it when we start picking up and we're starting to trust them again they can't see that all it takes is a little time to, to work on that and it, and it's going to happen? But every time it starts like that they do the strongest negative things against us in reaction.

JOHN: Um-hum.
MR. SCHNEIDER: This is what I was telling Dick and Byron. I mean, you can say something with your mouth, but people see the actions loud and clear.

JOHN: Well --

MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean, and you've got to deal with these people and say, you know, close your eyes, don't look at that kind of stuff, ignore that, that that's really happening: it doesn't work.

JOHN: Well, you know, David's got his agenda, I'm sure of that, and --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, his agenda is for himself he's waiting on God, but these people here, they will go --

JOHN: Well, nobody -- nobody can put a clock on that, nobody can put a calendar on that. You know it and I know it, right?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I mean the thing is you might have to --

JOHN: However, he can sit down and talk to the people and, and go over the, the parts of the Bible that he wants to go over with them and, and be encouraging with them and, and he has. You know that --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you know --

JOHN: -- and I know it. You know, he --
MR. SCHNEIDER: You and I both know he didn't react well to that letter. I mean, that was something that I was actually working out with Byron.

JOHN: Well, what was the big problem there?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I don't -- well, I really don't know if he didn't trust that they would follow through to do that.

JOHN: I thought --

MR. SCHNEIDER: He definitely --

JOHN: -- thought it was going to be fine.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, he was definitely suspicious. Number one, he never did -- it was me that brought out the concept about him being able to speak to his people and I've always known that as a major thing. So I was --

JOHN: Well, didn't you think -- that sounded like an important issue didn't it?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, it, it most certainly is, it most certainly is because as you know he himself has said that these people want their questions answered --

JOHN: Sure.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and so forth and I thought well, if there was some way to continue with this to do it in that -- I mean, I was open to hear.
But the second part of that --

JOHN: Well, he turned off on that right away didn't he?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, well, no, not really, not really.

JOHN: Well, he thought it was a trick.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, no -- well, I -- just for a moment, but the second part being to get his message out, he's never relied on, on men of the world or whatever else. I mean, if there's not a living God and if he's not speaking in behalf of opening up the seven seals with that God it's, it's foolishness. And if God can't move his message to the world in the way he has told the prophets which is clear to us and we have not said much about it to you people but this is why he does not need to do some bizarre thing to get press coverage (indiscernible).

JOHN: Yeah, but he kept talking about a lack of contact with the press.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's because --

JOHN: Well, that's the simplest thing to do.

MR. SCHNEIDER: That's because of the issues -- the ATF and the misrepresentations of your spokesperson at press conferences. Those are --
JOHN: Well, what, what easier way would he have to do it when he comes out and you have a press pool of people to talk to?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you, you know that, that, that horse has been beat a million times and I've heard the issues. You, you and I both understand them well and --

JOHN: What do you think he really wants though, Steven? I mean you've got a better --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, he wanted -- no, no, what he wants --

JOHN: -- you've got a better handle on it than I'll ever had.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. What he wanted was to continue on from what he -- remember how he said to you that those seven people came out because of you in a, in a spirit of (indiscernible).

JOHN: Well, I, I can't believe they come out because of me --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, no, I'm --

JOHN: -- you know?

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- saying when he gets a good working relationship going with someone that actually -- whether -- it's hard to sit there for hours listening to a, to a Bible study or whatever how
you view it --

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- at least you're a human being that is really showing an effort to do something that you might even not want to be doing.

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: But the truth is you know he loves your soul whether he's a maniac and insane, whatever, the guy to me is logical because of the issues he deals with. But, you know, I mean, I -- you, you've got to of course judge for yourself, but he truly likes you, he likes the rapport he's had with you, he's got a confidence in you more than a lot of the others. And for that reason when he started -- when it was working out with those individuals going out he wanted to build on that, he told me that. So he laid down to take a rest for a little bit. He was going to wake right back up and I knew he was --

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and he was going to pick up on where he left off. But then of course the strange sounds, the running --

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- over of all these different material things out here. I mean, you know,
we got all these different confusing signals at the same time again. So, right away the people in here show a response -- like when Byron was on the phone he said that I was keeping the, David was keeping them from making their choices, that they weren't free to choose and there were six people standing right there. Man, so many came around immediately. I held the phone away from me I -- and I said very loudly what was stated by Byron, I said, I'm going to walk away and cool off, I'm getting, I'm getting actually frustrated and, and I'm not too happy about the way he is, Byron that is. I says anybody here, you talk to him, you tell him what you want, I don't want -- I don't even want you to see my face, I am not going to have anything to do with any influence with or, or on you or anything else.

JOHN: Um-hum.

MR. SCHNEIDER: So, that's when about at least 10 of them got on there and I don't even know -- they told me some of them what they said but I wasn't around to hear any of it. So I mean these people, you know, they're here because they believe in a living God and I can't stress it enough and the world can --

JOHN: Well, you know, the thing, that's their home -- you know, that's --
MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, wait now, wait now.
The whole world --

JOHN: -- their home, their church and their belief, right?

MR. SCHNEIDER: (Indiscernible) yeah, and your -- and you know, what's contrary to the word given to us that they're going to have a home to come back to, they know that's a bunch of nonsense. I mean, they're destroying whatever was here in the first place. They told me they would not destroy the go-carts and the bikes and I -- not that I asked or cared about it in the first place. That was voluntarily given to us, that information, and then right away they're out there doing -- well, I don't know what that was about. Why tell me that? Why call me up and say they're going to do something, they're not going to do something else and they do it anyway? I don't, I don't understand.

JOHN: Well, you know that anything that's destroyed in there, anything that's destroyed in there, is, is going --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Uncle Sam will pay, huh?

JOHN: -- is going to have to be rebuilt at our cost, I presume. But that's a legal issue that's going to have to be handled in court and that's what
lawyers are for. A civil action is going to have to be filed.

MR. SCHNEIDER: How would you ever put a value on personal art? How do you ever go back (indiscernible).

JOHN: The same way that you put a value on, on a civil litigation where somebody says they suffered pain --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

JOHN: -- and other types of mental anguish and suffering. You know how it goes.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I'm going to still -- John, I'm going to still work with these people and try to point that the government is better than what they've shown themselves to be.

JOHN: Well, I know you will.

MR. SCHNEIDER: But I tell you what, my major concern is still -- and I mean it is a major concern --how the ATF is still involved with even having a part to play with picking up individuals as they leave this complex, and also how they're going to be involved in the investigation of this property when people are gone. I mean, that -- I mean (indiscernible).

JOHN: Well, like I told you last night and
I told David last night, I'm not aware of their involvement in --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I just found out from Byron that it is true. Byron said yes.

JOHN: In the building out there per se. I was, I was under the impression and, and I haven't been told otherwise that the --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Texas Rangers you and I know would be fine (indiscernible).

JOHN: They have the primary investigative responsibility.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Primary -- if that's all that's needed?

JOHN: I'm sorry?

MR. SCHNEIDER: In fact, they -- why, someone speaking to you?

JOHN: No, I was speaking at the same time you were speaking and I didn't hear what you --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you know -- but, but you know, the point being, and you've heard it over and over again, I mean having the ATF involved in the very thing that was perpetrated by them in the manner they did, I mean I'm terrified of what they might do with evidences that are laying around that are obvious that are everywhere. I've -- you know --
JOHN: Well, the bottom line is the Texas Rangers have the investigative responsibility of, of Mt. Carmel and they I know have requested the assistance of some FBI laboratory personnel. You know, I can't tell you names --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's (indiscernible)

JOHN: -- I can just tell you the areas because we have the largest laboratory of its type in the world and they have requested the assistance of FBI fingerprint investigators. To my knowledge, those are the only individuals who will be conducting the initial investigation at Mt. Carmel.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you -- why do you -- you just qualified yourself by saying initial. But you can't --

JOHN: Well, that's the crucial thing.

MR. SCHNEIDER: I would like to --

JOHN: I mean, initial can be -- can mean a week, it can mean two weeks. You know, it can mean quite a while.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Let's, let's -- you know, the whole thing bothers me that -- in fact, I don't even believe that. I think they're going to be involved from day one, personally.

JOHN: Who? Who?
MR. SCHNEIDER: The ATF from day one with this whole business here.

JOHN: Well, from a federal stand point in - -

MR. SCHNEIDER: The FBI --

JOHN: -- in United States District Court they had a search warrant issued to them and they had an arrest warrant issued to them, all right? And, and we know what happened on the 28th and there's no sense kicking that around again.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I don't know that you do -- I, I really don't think you do know, John. I mean, that's --

JOHN: Well, I've heard it so many times.

MR. SCHNEIDER: You've heard what we've said and I've heard what -- said in the press conferences.

JOHN: I have not discussed it, I have not discussed it with any of their personnel because I don't want to discuss it with their personnel. I, I want to very open-minded about our dialogue.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, when I see a man that is able to speak in behalf and say what he wants to the world --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- the spokesperson for them and the statements he has made which are totally
untrue, and unless the man was here --

    JOHN: Well, the only way somebody's going
to change those statements --

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, they're not going to be
changed, buddy, and that doesn't (indiscernible).

    JOHN: -- is to sit down with the media.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: I'll just let mankind do
what man needs to do to me until the day I have my say
in the court of God. I mean, that's the only thing
that I'm hoping for and (indiscernible).

    JOHN: Well, you'll probably have your say
in a court of law first though.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: I have my doubts, I really
do.

    JOHN: You don't think so?

    MR. SCHNEIDER: I think this country is --
again, like I told you last night --

    JOHN: Why do you say that?

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Because I've been watching
(indiscernible).

    JOHN: I mean, I'm really serious. All the
conversations you and I have had with one another, why
-- hey, if I can't be candid with you --

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Because I've watched the
judicial system, I've seen --
JOHN: Huh?

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- such even in, in small cases of things as small as minor things like traffic violations (indiscernible).

JOHN: But you have not been in the federal judicial --

MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I haven't.

JOHN: -- process. And I'm telling you it's not Judge Wapner on TV. It's a very --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I wouldn't mind Judge Wapner being the one involved to be honest with you.

JOHN: -- very serious, austere setting where everybody's rights are preserved and you know I've told you that before and I, and I've been pretty clear about that --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's what the ATF --

JOHN: -- and you told me that you didn't do anything wrong I accept what you tell me. But I also accept that it's all going to be settled in court and you've got legal representation as I mentioned to you, your sister Sue has obtained legal representation for you.

MR. SCHNEIDER: It's it awesome that I've got to pay thousands of dollars for --

JOHN: You may not have to pay thousands at
MR. SCHNEIDER: It is amazing that I have to go through (indiscernible) like this --

JOHN: It depends how it's resolved.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- in the first place. Oh, I'm innocent, you'll find that out one day. But at the same time, I mean, the whole -- this whole situation and that -- and to think that there are ATF people out there running around with the kind of attitude. I mean, we heard as (indiscernible).

JOHN: Yeah, but you're not dealing with ATF.

MR. SCHNEIDER: We heard that they were in bars around Waco talking about what they were going to do the next day when this all came about and they were overheard by other people in those bars (indiscernible).


MR. SCHNEIDER: Everything, because I --

JOHN: No, it doesn't.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- because I'm going to be forced to face the (indiscernible).

JOHN: I mean, you're, you're going back to square one where I'm trying to sit down and talk to
MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, I'm not, because I'm talking about --

JOHN: -- about how to put this thing on track.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I'd like to still someone with kind of authority keep that agency out of this totally --

JOHN: Hey --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- because they've got their biases of course.

JOHN: Steven, you be reasonable and I'll be reasonable.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, it might not (indiscernible).

JOHN: You know, you know -- you -- you're -- you sound like you're about spring-loaded now too.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, that's because of the lack of sleep (indiscernible).

JOHN: Just slow down now. You got an awful lot of sleep last night.

MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I went to bed at 5:00, by the way.

JOHN: I won't tell you how much I got. I got less than you did.
MR. SCHNEIDER: Went to bed at 5:00 and was awake at 7 o'clock and away I went to get two hours for a couple two, three nights already and, and I'm wearing out.

JOHN: But, but see, you had a chance last night but you had to come down and listen to that guitar picking to me, didn't you?

MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, really, I'll tell what it was.

JOHN: Huh?

MR. SCHNEIDER: The sounds outside, they make you stop for a moment and right away awake again.

JOHN: Oh, they're probably soothing sounds.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Always in the morning so, you know, I mean when I finally was ready to turn in after talking to you and so forth, we got off the phone, that's when that beautiful music started up again.

JOHN: (Laughter)

MR. SCHNEIDER: So I mean, you got me in the state of -- you got me in the state of mind you want me.

JOHN: Hey, the, the bottom line is we got to get the train back on the track don't we?

MR. SCHNEIDER: John Cox, I tell you what: I
mean, I can picture you --

      JOHN:  I'm a pretty patient guy.

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  -- as a, as a human being, I
tell you what, I wouldn't mind sitting down with a
drink with you and just relaxing.

      JOHN:  It's been a long time since I've had
one of those too, believe me.

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  Oh, well, root beer would be
fine for me.  (Laughter)

      JOHN:  (Laughter) Well, that has a head on
it.

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  Anyway --

      JOHN:  What are we going to do --

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  I don't know.

      JOHN:  -- to get the train back on the
track?

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  The last issue, the main
issue --

      JOHN:  Uh-huh.

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  -- seriously where --

      JOHN:  Well, you know, let me, let me ask --

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  (Indiscernible)

      JOHN:  -- let me ask --

      MR. SCHNEIDER:  Go ahead.

      JOHN:  -- you about the letter.  You know,
you thought the first thing in the letter was a pretty good idea and I read the letter out there this morning and --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, it's not (indiscernible).

JOHN: Seemed to be when we're talking communications and, and the desire to maintain the communications, seemed to be a pretty good idea and a pretty good issue and, and, you know, he was talking about that he --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, he --

JOHN: -- that he heard that some people's Bibles were taken away from them.

MR. SCHNEIDER: It was that along with the distrust that was brought.

JOHN: You want me to tell you why their Bibles were taken away?

MR. SCHNEIDER: No idea.

JOHN: Did somebody tell you today why they were taken?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, Byron said probably for the very reason to take a look at something being hid in there or their notes or maybe there was some, something (indiscernible) or --

JOHN: I -- listen, I, I won't lie to you, I
won't lie to you.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, tell me.

    JOHN: They're, they're being given other
Bibles, and the Bibles were taken away from them
because one had a bullet hole in it and the other one
had --

    MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah, I think it was
Ophelia's.

    JOHN: -- and the other one had some notes
written in it that were pertinent as far as the
Rangers were concerned. So they said we are seizing
these, we are going --

    MR. SCHNEIDER: So when I come out --

    JOHN: -- we are going to provide them with
other Bibles.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: So when I come out the most
important thing to me -- I'm familiar with the
patterns (indiscernible).

    JOHN: These are, these are not personal
notes.

    MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no --

    JOHN: I don't want you to get the
impression that it's a note from a mother --

    MR. SCHNEIDER: -- understand --

    JOHN: -- to a son or something like that.
MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, no, understand though from myself -- 

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- when I come out -- 

JOHN: Yeah.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I want my own -- the one I'm familiar with, I can get around it. You've got to understand (indiscernible).

JOHN: Is there any reason in the world that it should be taken away from you?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, what about -- 

JOHN: You're the just judge of that.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- just describe to me -- I'm sure you don't want to take a look at mine, for what reason I don't know, unless you want to learn the seven seals.

JOHN: No.

MR. SCHNEIDER: But that (indiscernible).

JOHN: I, I've got a pretty good grasp on, on those from the beginning. But I'll be very candid with you: you will come out with your Bible, somebody is going to look at that Bible. They will look at it from an evidentiary stand point and if they look at your Bible and they say hey, there's no cryptic messages in here, there's nothing that seems to have
been written as part of a criminal activity, your Bible goes with you.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Criminal -- what --

JOHN: Well, I'm going to tell you --

MR. SCHNEIDER: (Indiscernible)

JOHN: -- I'm going to tell you why the second Bible was seized. I told you why the first one was seized, it had a bullet hole in it.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, why was the second one seized?

JOHN: Because there were some notations in there that the Texas Rangers deemed were pertinent to their investigation that had nothing to do with religious connotations at all, and for their reason they felt that it was significant and these Bibles were going to be replaced.

MR. SCHNEIDER: So, everybody lost their own then, huh?

JOHN: No, no, just three people as far as I know.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Three people?

JOHN: Yeah. Either two or three people.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Probably it's three or more.

JOHN: Hey, I'm not going to sit here and lie to you, I don't have any reason to. I know that
Kevin still has his. So I, I just think it was two.

MR. SCHNEIDER: This is so hard to believe that this kind of thing is happening in America.

JOHN: Did, did Livingston --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Huh?

JOHN: Did Livingston come out with a Bible?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes, he did.

JOHN: Did he? Well, I haven't, I haven't heard that it was taken away from him.

MR. SCHNEIDER: My major interest where this all seemed to slow down today extremely --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- was the break-off of communication with Livingston Fagan, someone who I love to communicate with. I mean, I was so --

JOHN: Well, he wanted -- we asked him to communicate and apparently for whatever reason --

MR. SCHNEIDER: That -- I, I wanted to talk to him to find out why because I want to hear it for myself, what are you doing, Livingston (indiscernible).

JOHN: Well, what can I tell you? They asked the guy, they said --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Huh?

JOHN: -- would, would you like to make a
tape to send it back inside so that you can communicate with people on the inside?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Maybe he was offended because it was to be -- that he was -- to be able to talk directly as was accepted by Byron and myself. We worked it out. I said, Livingston Fagan is ready to come out, he's chosen to come out.

JOHN: He, he -- from what I understand he took the attitude as I'm not going to do anything, I've got nothing to say to you, I've got -- you know, it was very offensive and they said well, okay, if you don't want to, fine.

MR. SCHNEIDER: That was not offensive. So far you know what Byron told me? I don't see no offense in that.

JOHN: Hey, I wasn't there.

MR. SCHNEIDER: You know, what does the --

JOHN: All I can tell you is what I heard.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- what does the constitution guarantee?

JOHN: What?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean about freedom of speech and expression and so forth? If the guy says something like that or if he says hey, I (indiscernible).
JOHN: Well, there, there is no right --
when you come out you're in a custodial situation,
there is no right --

MR. SCHNEIDER: There are no rights?
JOHN: -- to call back inside. That's not a right.

MR. SCHNEIDER: To call back inside?
JOHN: There's no right there at all.
MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, if you give him your word --

JOHN: There's something that we're telling --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and you -- isn't that true?

JOHN: -- somebody we're going to let them do if they'd like to.

MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I mean if you agree to it. I mean, I suppose you can go back on your word like I would imagine.

JOHN: He didn't want to. The man didn't want to. The man said I have nothing to say, I'm not going to communicate with anybody. I mean --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, I know that's not true with me because I know for sure, he made it very clear to me when he left that that was a major deal with him.
to be able to --

JOHN: Steven --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- communicate with me.

JOHN: -- we can muddle over this until the cows come home. All I can tell you is what I was told.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, but I'm going to wait until --

JOHN: I haven't had any reason to lie to you before, I'm not going --

MR. SCHNEIDER: Or me --

JOHN: -- to do it again.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, for my work, for my work, what I've been doing here for weeks is --

JOHN: Oh --

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I need to talk to him before I do anything else.

JOHN: Tell me what can we do to get this train on track with David?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I --

JOHN: Obviously --

MR. SCHNEIDER: I suppose I'm going to try to put you in touch -- in a communication with him, you can talk to him on the phone because the truth is I don't know myself, I really don't.
JOHN: Obviously you thought you had a good idea going with the maintaining the communications and he just didn't accept that. And the second issue about the Christian Broadcasting System, I mean it was like he said hey, this, this piece of paper is a bunch of trash and I mean it wasn't something that we just thought up ourselves, it was between you and Byron.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Ophelia, Ophelia has a daughter here that wonders why her mother didn't call back.

JOHN: Who?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Ophelia has a daughter here --

JOHN: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHNEIDER: -- that wondered why her mother did not call back in.

(End Tape 154)