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TAPE #154
March 23, 1993
9:33 a.m. - 7:28 p.m.

1 (Tape 154)

2 (Phone ringing)

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello? Hello?

4 KAREN: Hello? Hello?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

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

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Pardon me?

11 KAREN: Do you get the Waco paper?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Who is this?
13 Hello?

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

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: For the "Waco
17 Tribune" or from it?

18 KAREN: From the "Waco Tribune."

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

21 KAREN: Okay. Thanks.

22 (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)

23 (Pause)

24 (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)

25 (Pause)

1 (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)
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3 (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)
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5 (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)
6 (Pause)
7 (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing) (Busy
8 signal) (Dial tone) (Phone dialing) (Phone ringing)
9 (Pause)
10 JOHN: (Indiscernible) a little bit.
11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah?
12 JOHN: Yeah.
13 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay. So what's new there,
14 John?
15 JOHN: I don't know. I was about to ask you
16 the same thing. How is David doing today?
17 MR. SCHNEIDER: He was a very unhappy
18 camper.
19 JOHN: He was?
20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.
21 JOHN: Boy, he was spinning the last time I
22 talked to him about 4:30 this morning --
23 MR. SCHNEIDER: He was, huh?
24 JOHN: -- when he was keeping you awake too.
25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Boy, I can hardly remember.

1 Starting to lost it here. Not enough sleep.

2 JOHN: Playing the guitar and singing songs
3 and --

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

5 JOHN: He was on a roll.

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

10 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

13 JOHN: Of Livingston?

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

15 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

18 JOHN: What was, what was the difficulty
19 there?

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

23 JOHN: Uh-huh.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- that revolved around
25 Livingston and some of the things he would be allowed

1 to do and so forth and then I get this report back
2 that he had showed an attitude and, and it's not at
3 all the person I've ever known.

4 JOHN: Really?

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

17 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

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

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: No. In fact, he got so mad

1 that because of the reaction of everything he just
2 basically -- I haven't even talked to him. Hours and
3 hours have gone by since I've -- I saw him this
4 morning about the time Fagan was going out.

5 JOHN: Um-hum.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: I talked to him after that.
7 Yvette was going to follow right after.

8 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

19 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

24 JOHN: Um-hum.

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- tape it and play it to me

1 because I've never seen him like that. I don't -- I
2 personally can't understand that something like that
3 would happen with (indiscernible) Fagan.

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

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: You weren't around there.

7 JOHN: No. I left probably, I don't know,
8 9 o'clock, something like that --

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: You know --

10 JOHN: -- 9:30 --

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- Byron --

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

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

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

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well -- he --

25 JOHN: -- everything's, everything's fine or

1 a message for his wife or a message for his mother,
2 that kind of thing.

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

5 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

8 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

16 It doesn't --

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

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

21 JOHN: Hey --

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

24 JOHN: I was out there walking in it last
25 night --

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: You were in there --

2 JOHN: -- pretty muddy.

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

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

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: You were, huh?

8 JOHN: Yeah.

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: What time was that?

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

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Are you serious?

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

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

16 JOHN: -- the end of the building?

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

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

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah, I did.

23 JOHN: About 500 yards away.

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

25 JOHN: But you wouldn't come out and say

1 hello.

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

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

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

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

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: You guys know --

10 JOHN: -- a couple miles away.

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

14 JOHN: I know.

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

19 JOHN: Well, that's important.

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

25 JOHN: Those, those in charge I guess --

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

2 JOHN: -- or those that we answer to.

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

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

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Like --

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

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: Sure.

1 JOHN: -- everybody wants to get it resolved
2 safely.

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

6 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

9 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

18 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

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

24 JOHN: We all know that because --

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

1 don't --

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

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

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

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, the way these guys
9 were damaging all the property so freely and all over
10 the place. I mean, they definitely didn't care about
11 any communication so I don't know, I don't know what -
12 -

13 JOHN: Yeah.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- army they belonged to.

15 JOHN: No army, no army.

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

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

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

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

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, I, I -- extremely
25 frustrated --

1 JOHN: You know?

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

4 JOHN: But that's human nature.

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

10 JOHN: Well --

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

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

15 MR. SCHNEIDER: John Cox --

16 JOHN: Go ahead.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- I like Dolan. We were
18 working with these guys. Why is it when we start
19 picking up and we're starting to trust them again they
20 can't see that all it takes is a little time to, to
21 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.

22 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

4 JOHN: Well, what was the big problem there?

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

8 JOHN: I thought --

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: He definitely --

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

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

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

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

22 JOHN: Sure.

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- and so forth and I
24 thought well, if there was some way to continue with
25 this to do it in that -- I mean, I was open to hear.

1 But the second part of that --

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

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

6 JOHN: Well, he thought it was a trick.

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

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

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

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

23 MR. SCHNEIDER: That's because of the
24 issues -- the ATF and the misrepresentations of your
25 spokesperson at press conferences. Those are --

1 JOHN: Well, what, what easier way would he
2 have to do it when he comes out and you have a press
3 pool of people to talk to?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 JOHN: -- you know?

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

1 | you view it --

2 | JOHN: Yeah.

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

6 | JOHN: Yeah.

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

19 | JOHN: Um-hum.

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

23 | JOHN: Um-hum.

24 | MR. SCHNEIDER: -- over of all these
25 | different material things out here. I mean, you know,

1 we got all these different confusing signals at the
2 same time again. So, right away the people in here
3 show a response -- like when Byron was on the phone he
4 said that I was keeping the, David was keeping them
5 from making their choices, that they weren't free to
6 choose and there were six people standing right there.
7 Man, so many came around immediately. I held the
8 phone away from me I -- and I said very loudly what
9 was stated by Byron, I said, I'm going to walk away
10 and cool off, I'm getting, I'm getting actually
11 frustrated and, and I'm not too happy about the way he
12 is, Byron that is. I says anybody here, you talk to
13 him, you tell him what you want, I don't want -- I
14 don't even want you to see my face, I am not going to
15 have anything to do with any influence with or, or on
16 you or anything else.

17 JOHN: Um-hum.

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

24 JOHN: Well, you know, the thing, that's
25 their home -- you know, that's --

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, wait now, wait now.

2 The whole world --

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

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

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

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: Uncle Sam will pay, huh?

23 JOHN: -- is going to have to be rebuilt at
24 our cost, I presume. But that's a legal issue that's
25 going to have to be handled in court and that's what

1 lawyers are for. A civil action is going to have to
2 be filed.

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

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

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well --

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

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

16 JOHN: Well, I know you will.

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

25 JOHN: Well, like I told you last night and

1 I told David last night, I'm not aware of their
2 involvement in --

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

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

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

10 JOHN: They have the primary investigative
11 responsibility.

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

14 JOHN: I'm sorry?

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

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

19 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, you know -- but, but
20 you know, the point being, and you've heard it over
21 and over again, I mean having the ATF involved in the
22 very thing that was perpetrated by them in the manner
23 they did, I mean I'm terrified of what they might do
24 with evidences that are laying around that are obvious
25 that are everywhere. I've -- you know --

1 JOHN: Well, the bottom line is the Texas
2 Rangers have the investigative responsibility of, of
3 Mt. Carmel and they I know have requested the
4 assistance of some FBI laboratory personnel. You
5 know, I can't tell you names --

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

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

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

16 JOHN: Well, that's the crucial thing.

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: I would like to --

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

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

25 JOHN: Who? Who?

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: The ATF from day one with
2 this whole business here.

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

4 - MR. SCHNEIDER: The FBI --

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 JOHN: Uh-huh.

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- the spokesperson for them
25 and the statements he has made which are totally

1 untrue, and unless the man was here --

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 JOHN: You don't think so?

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

18 JOHN: Why do you say that?

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

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

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Because I've watched the
25 judicial system, I've seen --

1 JOHN: Huh?

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

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

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, I haven't.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 JOHN: You may not have to pay thousands at

1 all.

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: It is amazing that I have to
3 go through (indiscernible) like this --

4 JOHN: It depends how it's resolved.

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

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

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

18 JOHN: What's -- hey, what's that got to do
19 with today? Nothing.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: Everything, because I --

21 JOHN: No, it doesn't.

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

24 JOHN: I mean, you're, you're going back to
25 square one where I'm trying to sit down and talk to

1 you --

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, I'm not, because I'm
3 talking about --

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

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

9 JOHN: Hey --

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 JOHN: I won't tell you how much I got. I
25 got less than you did.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: Went to bed at 5:00 and was
2 awake at 7 o'clock and away I went to get two hours
3 for a couple two, three nights already and, and I'm
4 wearing out.

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

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

10 JOHN: Huh?

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

13 JOHN: Oh, they're probably soothing sounds.

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

19 JOHN: (Laughter)

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

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

25 MR. SCHNEIDER: John Cox, I tell you what: I

1 mean, I can picture you --

2 JOHN: I'm a pretty patient guy.

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

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

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

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

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Anyway --

13 JOHN: What are we going to do --

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: I don't know.

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

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

19 JOHN: Uh-huh.

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- seriously where --

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

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: (Indiscernible)

23 JOHN: -- let me ask --

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Go ahead.

25 JOHN: -- you about the letter. You know,

1 you thought the first thing in the letter was a pretty
2 good idea and I read the letter out there this morning
3 and --

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

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

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, he --

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

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

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

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: No idea.

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

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

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

1 won't lie to you.

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Okay, tell me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 JOHN: These are, these are not personal
20 notes.

21 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no --

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

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- understand --

25 JOHN: -- to a son or something like that.

1 MR. SCHNEIDER: No, no, no, understand
2 though from myself --

3 JOHN: Yeah.

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

5 JOHN: Yeah.

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

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

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, what about --

12 JOHN: You're the just judge of that.

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

17 JOHN: No.

18 MR. SCHNEIDER: But that (indiscernible).

19 JOHN: I, I've got a pretty good grasp on,
20 on those from the beginning. But I'll be very candid
21 with you: you will come out with your Bible, somebody
22 is going to look at that Bible. They will look at it
23 from an evidentiary stand point and if they look at
24 your Bible and they say hey, there's no cryptic
25 messages in here, there's nothing that seems to have

1 | been written as part of a criminal activity, your
2 | Bible goes with you.

3 | MR. SCHNEIDER: Criminal -- what --

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

5 | MR. SCHNEIDER: (Indiscernible)

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

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

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

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

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

21 | MR. SCHNEIDER: Three people?

22 | JOHN: Yeah. Either two or three people.

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

24 | JOHN: Hey, I'm not going to sit here and
25 | lie to you, I don't have any reason to. I know that

1 Kevin still has his. So I, I just think it was two.

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

4 JOHN: Did, did Livingston --

5 MR. SCHNEIDER: Huh?

6 JOHN: Did Livingston come out with a Bible?

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: Yes, he did.

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

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

12 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

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

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

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

24 MR. SCHNEIDER: Huh?

25 JOHN: -- would, would you like to make a

1 tape to send it back inside so that you can
2 communicate with people on the inside?

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

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

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

16 JOHN: Hey, I wasn't there.

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

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

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

21 JOHN: What?

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: I mean about freedom of
23 speech and expression and so forth? If the guy says
24 something like that or if he says hey, I
25 (indiscernible).

1 JOHN: Well, there, there is no right --
2 when you come out you're in a custodial situation,
3 there is no right --

4 MR. SCHNEIDER: There are no rights?

5 JOHN: -- to call back inside. That's not a
6 right.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER: To call back inside?

8 JOHN: There's no right there at all.

9 MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, if you give him your
10 word --

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 to be able to --

2 JOHN: Steven --

3 MR. SCHNEIDER: -- communicate with me.

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

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

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

11 MR. SCHNEIDER: Or me --

12 JOHN: -- to do it again.

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

15 JOHN: Oh --

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

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

20 MR. SCHNEIDER: I --

21 JOHN: Obviously --

22 MR. SCHNEIDER: I suppose I'm going to try
23 to put you in touch -- in a communication with him,
24 you can talk to him on the phone because the truth is
25 I don't know myself, I really don't.

1 JOHN: Obviously you thought you had a good
2 idea going with the maintaining the communications and
3 he just didn't accept that. And the second issue
4 about the Christian Broadcasting System, I mean it was
5 like he said hey, this, this piece of paper is a bunch
6 of trash and I mean it wasn't something that we just
7 thought up ourselves, it was between you and Byron.

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

11 JOHN: Who?

12 MR. SCHNEIDER: Ophelia has a daughter
13 here --

14 JOHN: Uh-huh.

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

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