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2 JOHN: It was just outstanding. And there
3 were people there from all over this area. They had
4 their families there, their children, and the food --

5 STEVE: Well, what, what are --

6 JOHN: -- was great.

7 STEVE: -- you trying to say?

8 JOHN: It was just a super time. I thought
9 it was something that --

10 STEVE: And are, and are you saying am I
11 going to have that kind of time in jail --

12 JOHN: No, I was just saying --

13 STEVE: -- for a number of years?

14 JOHN: -- it was kind of indicative of
15 democracy, you know.

16 STEVE: Are you saying I'm going to be able
17 to come out there and be a part of such a thing and my
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19 JOHN: No, I'm thinking that you --

20 STEVE: -- family and so forth --

21 JOHN: -- that you've, you've -- that you've
22 lost the realization that the rest of the world is, is
23 going about its business.

24 STEVE: The rest of the whole -- this whole
25 damn world is going to hell in a handbasket, as an

1 attorney friend of mine said years ago. That's what's
2 happening. For those people that choose to look and
3 see why they're even breathing, wh-- what gives you
4 the ability to breathe in the first place? Where does
5 that power come from? How did you get here, John?
6 Because people like yourself don't take an avid strong
7 interest right now today that there is a God and he's
8 into judgment, he's into knowledge, he's into having
9 you know what he knows. And if you avoid what he says
10 he's going to do with this earth, you're go-- you're a
11 lost man. It's like you never lived.

12 JOHN: Hey, Steve?

13 STEVE: You're going to be a blip in time
14 like you never existed, not even a, a remembrance, not
15 a thought.

16 JOHN: Well, yeah. But the --

17 STEVE: See? So, that's --

18 JOHN: -- Bible says something about --

19 STEVE: -- the God that I'm looking at, that

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21 JOHN: -- how short we are --

22 STEVE: They could --

23 JOHN: -- here for.

24 STEVE: Do you know what a --

25 JOHN: But --

1 STEVE: John, do you know what a concordance
2 is?

3 JOHN: No. I know what an accordion is.

4 STEVE: A concordance is a chronological
5 listing of words found in the Bible. If you look up
6 the word "fear" -- you should. Get a concordance.
7 Look up the word "fear." You'll find out through the
8 whole Bible it says fear God and give him glory. Fear
9 God; it's the beginning of wisdom; it's the beginning
of life. I mean, if you put --

10 JOHN: Steve?

11 STEVE: Yeah?

12 JOHN: You asked me how I got here, you
13 know, how did I get on the earth? I, I assume the
same way you did, you know.

14 STEVE: And how are you going to get off
15 this mess -- or out of this mess? Because you're
16 subject to death like I am, to disease --

17 JOHN: Well, sure I am.

18 STEVE: Do you have any children?

19 JOHN: Sure I do.

20 STEVE: They could be hit by a car. They
21 could be taken out by AIDS. I mean, one -- this is
22 why Solomon said it's better to spend your time at a
funeral than it is at a party, because when you go to

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1 a funeral, you see the issues before you of life and
2 death. You start thinking is that, that individual in
3 the casket --

4 JOHN: Well --

5 STEVE: -- could be yourself.

6 JOHN: Let, let me --

7 STEVE: Where is he going?

8 JOHN: -- let me ask you. Let me ask you
9 about credit points here. You know? My, my job as,
10 as, as a negotiator is peaceful resolution. And, you
11 know, this is not the only affair that I've been to
12 in, in this regard. And, and I think I've saved a lot
13 of lives during my --

14 STEVE: How many negotiators are there?
15 Just curious.

16 JOHN: Oh, throughout the FBI?

17 STEVE: Yeah.

18 JOHN: Numerous. And I --

19 STEVE: There are?

20 JOHN: -- and I honestly don't know the
21 count.

22 STEVE: So, is that basically what your job
23 is then? You are firstly a negotiator?

24 JOHN: Well, when it -- when the -- when
25 something calls for negotiators, yeah, that's what I

1 do.

2 STEVE: I see. Otherwise --

3 JOHN: I've got other jobs. But this is
4 probably the most fulfilling. And, and, you know, I
5 think, you know, and I'm not a -- I'm not -- I can't
6 quote scripture to you, but to me that's important and
7 I think that, you know, if, if you want to say God's
8 work or would God approve, I think he would. Because
9 I think human --

9 STEVE: Well, see, it's not a --

10 JOHN: -- beings are important.

11 STEVE: -- guessing -- well, that's where
12 you and I differ. For me, it's not a guessing game,
13 do I think, do I feel, what's my --

13 JOHN: Well, what do you think that it's --

14 STEVE: -- opinion, what's my theory. I'll
15 start quoting to you --

16 JOHN: Do you think God would think that
17 what I do is important?

18 STEVE: Do -- would I think that God think
19 that what you're doing right now is important?

19 JOHN: Um-hum.

20 STEVE: What God thinks is important is that
21 in the final days he's got a revelation of his son
22 that a lot of people in America -- a lot of people

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1 think this -- I don't call this a Christian nation, by
2 the way. A lot of people want to say this is a
3 Christian nation, that's what the Constitution shows.

4 It's not so. I believe in the rights of atheists,
5 agnostics, and everybody in between. And when it
6 comes to questions like that, I'm going to always
7 revert back to the Bible. I'll, I'll quote to you
8 what God says about you and me and what we are to have
9 as priorities. If you don't put God first and if you
10 put your family before him or your job or anything
11 else, you're not worthy of that God or of eternal
12 life. There's got to be a trust relationship built
13 upon what God and -- has done in the past, how he's
14 worked with people in the past, so you can see a whole
15 progression.

14 JOHN: You know, Steve, one night we had a
15 -- I got called to a place and a, and a guy had a baby
16 around the neck and he had a butcher knife and he was
17 threatening to kill this little baby. And we worked
18 that out. It took about six hours. But do you think
19 God would think that there was any value to that or
20 was that important?

20 STEVE: God -- look at -- this life is so
21 temporary. God wants to make sure that you put him
22 first. This life is of secondary importance, it

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1 really is. The, the part that God wants you to see is
2 that you actually spend your time searching to know
3 wisdom, searching --

4 JOHN: Well --

5 STEVE: -- to understand what life is all
6 about.

7 JOHN: Okay.

8 STEVE: If you put with the priorities that
9 God lays out first --

10 JOHN: You mean I should have just walked
11 away from that situation?

12 STEVE: Is that what I said, John?

13 JOHN: I know -- I --

14 STEVE: I didn't say that, did I?

15 JOHN: -- I don't think you put much import
16 on it. You just talk ve--

17 STEVE: I put -- I put li-- you know,
18 there's a lot --

19 JOHN: I deal with individuals and --

20 STEVE: -- of importance to life.

21 JOHN: -- human beings. I, I -- you know.
22 I think you're saying that the big picture --

23 STEVE: I'm saying -- yes.

24 JOHN: -- excludes the --

25 STEVE: I, I want you to --

1 JOHN: -- that --

2 STEVE: -- live forever and that little baby
3 and the man that was holding the baby and your job
4 trying to have people have more life so that they can
5 make the decisions that they need to make in regards
6 to eternal things. If that book is true and God
7 worked as he did as history shows in the past, well,
8 then those statements that are called prophetic that
9 pa-- apply in the future, which I believe is today,
10 are going to come to pass. And the judgment is that
11 you and I look at it ahead of time and either come
12 into agreement with a God of that book or we're out of
13 par, out of sink with him. And --

14 JOHN: Steven?

15 STEVE: -- there's something that you don't
16 know that you need to know --

17 JOHN: Well --

18 STEVE: -- and that's what I'm -- that --
19 I've been trying to share with you.

20 JOHN: Well, in to the relation of what you
21 say, what are you doing or, or what can you do to
22 resolve this?

23 STEVE: What can I do to resolve this?
24 Well, I'm -- well, I'm doing what David's God has said
25 to do, to wait.

1 JOHN: Yeah.

2 STEVE: That's all I can do. I mean, I fo--
3 God -- I followed this for six-and-a-half years. So a
4 few more days, what's that to me? Because there's a,
5 a, a judicial system out there? Oh, I'm not -- that
6 doesn't bother me. I'll go through that.

7 JOHN: I'm, I'm --

8 STEVE: And if I'm, I'm -- if I'm left to
9 languish in some kind of a prison cell or if, if they
10 take my life or whatever else, I've got to die anyway.
11 You've got to die. Everybody's got to die. So,
12 that's not where the prob-- I've got to make sure I'm
13 right -- the only thing I've --

14 JOHN: Well, you know --

15 STEVE: -- ever wanted -- I've, I've had a
16 fairly good life so far, and I, and I do enjoy life.
17 I, I don't want to die.

18 JOHN: I, I don't think that you want, your
19 organization, yourself, or anyone, to be characterized
20 like a Jonestown, right?

21 STEVE: Now, what's that got -- what, what
22 are you trying --

23 JOHN: Well --

24 STEVE: -- to say now?

25 JOHN: You know, that -- you know. Faith

1 without movement, you know, without something
2 constructive to show --

3 STEVE: We are doing something very
4 constructive. We're fulfilling God's will.

5 JOHN: Yeah.

6 STEVE: And if you gave me the time, I'd
7 show you clearly and you could not -- I'd even
8 challenge you to controvert that based upon the Bible.

9 But I --

10 JOHN: Right.

11 STEVE: -- know you could not --

12 JOHN: No, I can't do it. Steve, I --

13 STEVE: I know you can't.

14 JOHN: -- I -- that's not my, my position
15 here anyhow. You know, all, all we're trying to do is
16 peacefully resolve this thing. Your faith, I have
17 respect --

18 STEVE: Well, for -- as --

19 JOHN: -- for that --

20 STEVE: I've got peace.

21 JOHN: And, and --

22 STEVE: Well, it's not -- see, it's not
23 resolved in the way that this powerful system is
24 looking at it. Guys like the ATF, these agents, they
25 want our blood. They want our --

1 JOHN: Well --

2 STEVE: -- carcasses.

3 JOHN: Well, we're, we're with the FBI. The
4 ATF isn't, isn't handling this situation. Okay?

5 STEVE: No, no. I know. But, I mean, all
6 you guys have in mind, of course -- I mean, we're not
7 hurting anybody. You're not being -- I mean, that --
8 what, what's really happening here? You know, right
9 now we're a people that came here to study to learn
10 about God, and that's what we're doing.

11 JOHN: Yeah.

12 STEVE: And an incident happened and, and
13 we're going -- it's going to be resolved. There's no
14 question about it. We said we would come out, and
15 that's what we're going to do. But it's --

16 JOHN: Okay.

17 STEVE: -- always --

18 JOHN: Well --

19 STEVE: -- revolved around a thing called
20 time.

21 JOHN: Yeah. Well, you know, I need, I need
22 to deal in realities here.

23 STEVE: Well, that to me is reality.

24 JOHN: Let me just leave you with something
25 from my limited knowledge here. Do you know what a

1 false prophet is?

2 STEVE: Yes. Most --

3 JOHN: And then just --

4 STEVE: -- definitely.

5 JOHN: That's where I want to leave it.

6 Okay? All right? Now, now, what constructively can
7 you do relative to, to giving me some kind of a feel
8 for the time-frame we're dealing with here?

9 STEVE: I, I -- nothing at all.

10 JOHN: Okay. Well --

11 STEVE: I -- it'd just be --

12 JOHN: I need --

13 STEVE: You know, I don't want to be --

14 JOHN: Then --

15 STEVE: -- jerking you along or --

16 JOHN: Steve?

17 STEVE: -- anything like that.

18 JOHN: I need, I need to talk to David then,
19 you know. And it's in his interests also.

20 STEVE: I -- remember, I called you.

21 JOHN: Yeah.

22 STEVE: If you need to talk to him, well, if
23 he wants to talk to you, he, he will. If he --

24 JOHN: Well, you --

25 STEVE: -- don't, he won't.

1 JOHN: I'll tell you what. Have, have him
2 call me. Okay?

3 STEVE: I, I won't have him call you. I'll
4 tell him that I talked to --

5 JOHN: How about asking, asking him to call
6 me. All right?

7 STEVE: That's, that's -- now, we're talking
8 --

9 JOHN: How about requesting that he call me?

10 STEVE: I'll, I'll do that. I will do --

11 JOHN: There you go.

12 STEVE: -- that for you, John.

13 JOHN: Okay. You know. I mean --

14 STEVE: Okay.

15 JOHN: -- there's no reason we can't keep
16 our, you know, our, our human emotions about us and,
17 you know, do something --

18 STEVE: You know, John --

19 JOHN: -- constructive here.

20 STEVE: -- if you really -- if you got to
21 see me face to face, you'd see a smile on my face.
22 You'd see that I genuinely am concerned about you as a
23 person --

24 JOHN: Well, I'm concerned about you too.

25 And, and --

1 STEVE: And, and I really --

2 JOHN: -- you know --

3 STEVE: -- I'd love nothing more in this
4 world than that you make it, that I make it. You
5 might make it one day and I don't, but I'll --

6 JOHN: Well, one --

7 STEVE: -- tell you right now --

8 JOHN: -- one thing that --

9 STEVE: -- today I want to make it. I'm not
10 talking about this earth. I'm talking about --

11 JOHN: Yeah. I, I know what you're talking
12 about, the spiritual. But, you know, what, what if,
13 what if David is wrong? I mean, that, that concerns
14 me, as one human being to another.

15 STEVE: And he may be.

16 JOHN: What, what happens to you?

17 STEVE: Well, I've got to pick up the pieces
18 and go on, don't I? But like I --

19 JOHN: Well --

20 STEVE: -- told you, John, I've always gone
21 by a weight of evidence, not by -- there's no one that
22 has all the answers. I've never been satisfied in
23 this life that someone -- that I've met God. And then
24 meeting God, that I -- every answer has been there.

25 JOHN: Yeah.

1 STEVE: It's not so. So, if you come up --

2 JOHN: Yeah.

3 STEVE: -- with something or you know a
4 theologian, a minister, a layperson, a good old Joe,
5 I'm open. I'm, I'm ready to hear.

6 JOHN: Yeah. Well, what I'm, what I'm, what
7 I'm working here is with common sense and, and, you
8 know, if, if you're not -- you know, if you're not
9 part of the solution, you're part of the problem.
10 That mentality. Okay? And, and, you know, I think
11 you're an intelligent man. You obviously are a peace-
12 loving man. And, and that gives me hope that you'll
13 be part of the resolution, not part of the problem.

14 STEVE: Well, I hope so. I mean, from day
15 one, I mean, obviously no one -- there could have not
16 been anything worse in my -- all my years that I've
17 lived happen as what happened that February 28th. I
18 mean, to see people falling down in blood, la-- I
19 mean, I'm talking about ATF also. I never -- the
20 truth of the matter is I -- you know, I never saw one
21 person? I only saw, out of all those people, I did
22 see one person out of a window laying on the ground.
23 That's all I ever saw. And from what I understand,
24 they did come and pick him up and, and he lived, from
25 what I understand. But, I mean, what took place,

1 those that died inside here, seeing them and my, my
2 good friend Peter Hipsman, who I'm the one that met
3 him in Hawaii and talked with him. He was such a
4 close, close friend. To see him killed like he was,
5 doing nothing, I mean -- you don't think that bothers
6 and affects a person?

6 JOHN: Well, of course it would, you know.

7 STEVE: And you want a peaceful res--
8 resolution? Of course I do. I've never owned a gun
9 in my life. I've never been into, into any kind of
10 instrument that harms or hurts people. I never have
11 been. My dad never owned them.

12 JOHN: Well, Steve, let me, let me ask you
13 something then. So, you know, I've only been here
14 about a week and a half. I think I talked to you when
15 I first got here. What did you see? Describe it for
16 me.

16 STEVE: What do you mean what did I see?

17 JOHN: You know, what happened?

18 STEVE: Well --

19 JOHN: Tell me about it.

20 STEVE: -- I was down at the end of the hall
21 here. I mean, there's a room where we've got some
22 computers and typewriters. And Wayne and I were in
23 there talking. Just before that happened, though,
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1 that Robert Gonzalez had come in and David had sh-- I
2 had sat down with them and listened to what David
3 shared. He made some pretty strong statements before
4 Robert left. And, and I was kind of wondering why he
5 made the statements he did.

6 JOHN: What, what, what were the statements?

7 STEVE: Well, you know, I don't want to --
8 I'll -- they'll -- you'll end up hearing what the
9 statements were, but there was -- you know, statements
10 were made and I thought, well, that's kind of
11 interesting. And then Robert said he had to go over
12 across to his home to have breakfast. And I -- well,
13 as usual, you know, I t-- went to the door with him.
14 He went on outside and, and I noticed he went over
15 there and left within minutes.

16 JOHN: Uh-huh.

17 STEVE: And I thought, well, that's strange.
18 He said he was going to have breakfast. Well, then,
19 Perry Jones reported something to me about something
20 that he saw and observed. And, in the process, that's
21 when we started wondering, well, what's, what's going
22 on here. And after awhile then I went back to the,
23 the room where Wayne was, and he and I were sitting
24 there. And I heard some of the people were running --
25 I heard, I heard a few people running around in the

1 building, but I didn't really -- wasn't too sure what
2 was happening yet. Then all of a sudden I heard
3 someone saying that they heard that someone was, was
4 coming or there was a possibility or something. Next
5 thing I know, I heard David, I heard David, and I --
6 now, remember, I never saw these so-called cattle
7 trucks myself. I never saw them. But all of a sudden
8 I heard David going to the door. And I did hear him
9 open the door. And I, I heard one or two of our
10 people with him. But I never saw. But I heard him
11 open up the door and I heard him say something to the
12 effect of get back, there's women and children here,
13 let's talk. And all of a sudden I heard gunfire from
14 the outside. I, I actually heard it hit the door.
15 Then I heard just bang, b-- b-- b-- bang, like that.
16 And then -- that that's when it all began. And I --
17 that -- already Wayne and I are screa-- what's going
18 on, what's going on, we're yelling. And we grabbed
19 the phone. We're ducking down because bullets
20 actually started coming in through all, all the
21 building through the walls, right over my head. I
22 mean, I, I'm a -- I'm totally amazed I wasn't nailed.
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24 Totally amazed. And, of course, my legs started
25 shaking. And it didn't stop. The firing did not stop
from the outside. Ultimately, people grabbed guns and

1 started firing back. I don't even know if they knew,
2 if they knew what they were shooting at even.

3 JOHN: Where, where were you, Steve?

4 STEVE: Huh?

5 JOHN: Where were you safe?

6 STEVE: Well, no, I wasn't safe, because
7 there's no safe place. Well, where, where are you
8 going to be safe?

9 JOHN: Yeah. I think probably down in a
10 hole somewhere, you know.

11 STEVE: Well, exactly. I mean, you know, if
12 I had been a gopher, I might have been safe.

13 JOHN: Well, where were you?

14 STEVE: I was down at the end of the -- in a
15 room with Wayne, and we were -- had been talking. And
16 immediately we hit 911. Wayne is the first one that
17 started saying: Call them off. Call them off. Let's
18 talk. We've got women and children here. You know,
19 that he was -- his voice was higher than I'd ever
20 heard before. He was excited. And it wasn't long
21 before we talked to Larry Lynch, who's talking so calm
22 and like nothing's go-- like -- you know, it was
23 obvious he knew about these things in advance. And
24 that was irri-- very irritating, and the gunfire
25 just kept on going on. I expected to be taken out any

1 time. So did Wayne. Because they had shot out so
2 many windows and were shooting through the walls and
3 -- indiscriminately. So, I expected to be tak-- I
4 honestly thought they were going to take all of our
5 lives. I really did. I'm not joking. If you would
6 have been here and seen how this whole thing began and
7 how it progressed --

7 JOHN: You know, I don't, I don't -- to try
8 to get a feel for, you know, your perspective, I
9 don't, I don't know what the compound is like inside
10 or anything, you know. Could you describe where you
11 were?

12 STEVE: No. You know, you guys will be able
13 to walk in here. The Rangers will. They can look it
14 over and draw -- make drawings of it and all the rest.
15 But why -- what's to be gained --

16 JOHN: Well, you, you won't be --

17 STEVE: -- for that now other than logistics
18 for you to --

19 JOHN: Well, you won't be there then.

20 STEVE: -- maybe form something to storm us
21 and attack us or whatever.

22 JOHN: Oh. Oh. Well, I'm not --

23 STEVE: I'm not talking about you as
24 negotiators. I'm talking about these --
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1 JOHN: Yeah. I'm not, not going anywhere.

2 STEVE: -- these people that --

3 JOHN: I'm staying right here.

4 STEVE: I'm talking about -- no, no, no. I
5 know. You -- when I say you, you know I'm talking
6 about the agency.

6 JOHN: Yeah.

7 STEVE: I'm talking about these guys --

8 JOHN: Well --

9 STEVE: -- with the itchy fingers on the
10 outside that got into the Bradleys like last night and
11 were revving them and, and acting like they wanted to
12 run the fence and come right in, into the compound.
13 You should have seen this guy last night in his
14 Bradley --

14 JOHN: Steve, can --

15 STEVE: -- in front of the building.

16 JOHN: That, that can be a, a -- just a bad
17 memory when this thing is resolved, you know, you
18 know.

18 STEVE: And you -- did you hear about -- I
19 reported to a few guys last night how these guys have
20 been flipping the finger to women here and things of
21 that nature. I mean, that's why I was asking them.
22 These are FBI? I can understand when you've got young

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1 kids in the military, but these are pro-- supposed to
2 be professional agents, men of years and experience
3 and -- I mean, you -- it's something I guess you just
4 don't expect. I mean, you know, it's quite an
5 experience, I must admit. It is. It's been quite an
6 experience.

6 JOHN: Yeah, there's no, there's no excuse
7 for that, right?

8 STEVE: Well, if you ever have the
9 opportunity, why don't you have a, a father-to-son
10 talk with these boys?

11 JOHN: All right. We'll, we'll both do
12 that. All right?

13 STEVE: I must say, there's -- let me say
14 something positive about one of the guys. His name is
15 Tom. And, and there was a day where I did talk to
16 Byron Sage. I was standing on the porch. He was in a
17 Bradley. I never saw him. But later on when they
18 came to lay a new telephone line, I did speak with a,
19 a guy that was very courteous. He called my name. He
20 was very decent. Great appreciation for someone like
21 himself. I asked him his name. He said his name was
22 Tom. If you ever talk to a Tom again, tell him -- I
23 mean, when this is all said and done, I'm talking
24 about when God brings the end to all things, I hope
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1 good things for him, just because in his courtesy -- I
2 mean, number one --

3 JOHN: Well, if the, if the --

4 STEVE: We're, we're all at different places
5 when it comes to God.

6 JOHN: If what you say is --

7 STEVE: God only judges you according to
8 what light came to you, what you did or said. And if
9 you know nothing else about God, if you're just decent
10 to your fellow human beings, that has a long way to go
11 for you in eternal life.

12 JOHN: Well, I think I've got a little edge
13 on him, then. Because, you know, I think that this
14 business that I'm in is -- it makes me a few points.

15 STEVE: Well, you may have.

16 JOHN: I mean, you said be decent to other
17 human beings.

18 STEVE: But you also have the opportunity to
19 hear a man who says he knows something like no one's
20 ever seen or heard before in the 6,000 years of human
21 history.

22 JOHN: Well, he should come out and tell the
23 rest of the world about that.

24 STEVE: You can hear about it now, John. It
25 has everything to do with your life and your

1 children's lives.

2 JOHN: I think I -- I'm --

3 STEVE: If you look at Isaiah 49, if you
4 make it, you're care -- your children are guaranteed
5 eternal life. You look at Isaiah 49, the last ten
6 verses. You'll see that plain and clear. Do you want
7 to know whatever happens to children? But God -- wait
8 till you see what happens to the wicked's children,
9 because they're, see, just like themselves. God's
10 very clear in the book what's going to, going to
11 happen to two groups of people. I mean, I didn't, I
12 didn't create the book, but I do believe in it. I
13 believe that there's something to that. You know, I
14 mean, you can know things right now when it comes to
15 physics, the different sciences. Right now you can
16 know things to show that this guy is beyond anything
17 you've ever heard before in your life. Ask him any
18 question you want. Anyway, I won't keep you on much
19 longer. I've got to -- what ti-- it's getting
20 probably near time here to eat anyway, isn't it?

21 JOHN: Yeah. It's getting near noon. Yeah.

22 STEVE: I'm definitely getting hungry.

23 JOHN: What are you going to have for lunch?

24 STEVE: Probably some -- I don't know. I
25 haven't decided. Maybe beef stew.

1 --

2 JOHN: Yeah, not a native, though. You can
3 probably tell by my accent.

4 STEVE: Yeah, I know. I can tell.

5 JOHN: But that's where I'm stationed now.

6 STEVE: I see.

7 JOHN: Yeah.

8 STEVE: Where are you from originally?

9 JOHN: New York.

10 STEVE: Oh.

11 JOHN: Not the city though. Not the city.

12 STEVE: No, no. Upstate.

13 JOHN: Yeah.

14 STEVE: Well, one of the guys here, that
15 he's from upstate also, actually, from Syracuse. And
16 he definitely loves the state. I took -- my wife and
17 I went through there on our honeymoon --

18 JOHN: Finger Lakes.

19 STEVE: Exactly.

20 JOHN: Yeah. Oh, yeah. It's beautiful up
21 there.

22 STEVE: Yeah, it is.

23 JOHN: Winter's a little tough, you know.

24 STEVE: Oh, I know. I've spent some time in
25 Wisconsin. I hate winters with a passion. That's why

1 I was living in Hawaii. I swore I'd never come near
2 any cold place again.

3 JOHN: Um-hum.

4 STEVE: But, anyway, you were talking about
5 food. You wanted to ask me something else about food?

6 JOHN: Yeah. I was just, I was just going
7 to get you about the MREs and the si--

8 STEVE: Hey, they're not bad.

9 JOHN: -- just --

10 STEVE: Yeah, I --

11 JOHN: Well (indiscernible) --

12 STEVE: I, I'll tell, I'll tell you the
13 truth, I could live a long time on them. So, that
14 it's not a pro-- I, I'm not a person --

15 JOHN: You know, I was going to offer you a
16 change --

17 STEVE: -- hung up on food.

18 JOHN: I was going to offer you a change of
19 diet, you know.

20 STEVE: Well, if you --

21 JOHN: You know?

22 STEVE: -- want to send in a couple of
23 pizzas or whatever else --

24 JOHN: Well, you come out and I'll buy the
25 pizza. You know, I, I'm not --

1 STEVE: Ice cream and pizza.

2 JOHN: This is crazy but, you know, when we
3 get together at the end of the day, we usually eat
4 together, a bunch of us, and, and --

5 STEVE: Are you telling me you and I would
6 sit down for -- now, how would that come about? Are
7 you saying in a cell or what?

8 JOHN: No. You want to make a deal, shoot,
9 I'll go to Pizza Hut with you. I mean, you know, you
10 come out of there --

11 STEVE: Well, how am I going to eat if I've
12 got my hands shackled behind me?

13 JOHN: Well, I'm not going to go into Pizza
14 Hut with some guy with shackles on. You know. I
15 don't want my reputation to suffer in Waco.

16 STEVE: No, I don't blame you. I don't
17 blame you. It's not as -- really --

18 JOHN: I, I'm kidding. But I want to be
19 reasonable, you know, and I want to treat you like a
20 decent human being that I think you are.

21 STEVE: I believe you do. I believe you do.
22 And for that very reason, I almost feel like coming
23 out today. (Laughter.) No, I mean, you know, it
24 really -- honest--

25 JOHN: Steve, don't tell me what's --

1 STEVE: I'm not. No, in truth, though,
2 John, in truth, you know what it has to do with. I
3 mean, I can't -- I don't want to be repetitious. But
4 I, I do --

5 JOHN: Yeah.

6 STEVE: -- believe in the God of that book
7 and I'm waiting. I am.

8 JOHN: Somewhere in here --

9 STEVE: And, you know, I don't have a lot of
10 patience, and maybe it's, maybe it's for me this has
11 happened or something. I, I don't know. I, I, I need
12 a lot of virtues.

13 JOHN: Some-- somewhere in here, you know,
14 there's middle ground where reasonable people can, can
15 agree.

16 STEVE: Well, I'm hoping so. I, I believe
17 so. I mean, I don't have -- I have more trust in you
18 and what you're telling me than I do in the justice
19 system. I'll tell you that. I don't see that I'm
20 going to -- I don't believe I'm going to be getting
21 the greatest shake in the world, but, whatever -- I
22 mean, I'm still choosing to come out into the system.
23 I am. You know, and everybody else will and they're
24 going to. And even though it doesn't look good, I
25 don't like what's happened to some of those out there

1 already, I would like to be able to squawk hard and
2 loud and long, I really would --

3 JOHN: That's, that's your --

4 STEVE: -- about Constitutional --

5 JOHN: -- privilege.

6 STEVE: I would rather -- I actually
7 wouldn't mind giving up my life if ever -- everybody
8 else could benefit by having --

9 JOHN: Nobody's asking you to give --

10 STEVE: No, no. But, you know --

11 JOHN: -- up your life.

12 STEVE: -- I'm just saying -- I'm an
13 idealist. If that would guarantee the rights of
14 everybod -- of yourself for your own freedoms, like
15 originally as this country was founded. I miss the
16 principles and the statements of people like Jefferson
17 and Lincoln and these men. I mean, they came out of a
18 system of Europe, you know, of course, that was very
19 -- well, is sure was not inducive (sic) to creativity
20 and, and other freedoms.

21 JOHN: Well, you know, you guys are probably
22 going to have more PR opportunity to get your point
23 over than, than anyone else --

24 STEVE: I --

25 JOHN: -- I can ever think.

1 STEVE: -- doubt it. Usually -- and, nah, I
2 really doubt it. Because once people come out, you
3 know, they're not heard of. They get -- they --
4 you're, you're brought into the system, the court
5 system. You can't speak there. You're -- it's a yes
6 and no --

7 JOHN: Yeah. That's why all this media is
8 here, Steve, you know, because nobody cares --

9 STEVE: What actually (indiscernible) --

10 JOHN: -- about what you guys want to say.

11 STEVE: -- the media is going to be able to
12 come into the jail -- to the cell where I'm at and,
13 and dialogue with me all day long?

14 JOHN: The possibility exists. You know.
15 Those are things we can discuss, just like, you know,
16 they offered David a forum.

17 STEVE: Yeah.

18 JOHN: I think there's some -- there -- talk
19 of a movie and a book and TV and all kinds of other
20 stuff.

21 STEVE: Do you know that David's not
22 interested in any of that -- in honesty, should I tell
23 you the --

24 JOHN: Well --

25 STEVE: -- truth? You know, Ricks has

1 talked about how David wants notoriety or he wants --

2 JOHN: Well, I'm not talking notoriety. I'm
3 talking about --

4 STEVE: No, no, no, no. But you -- what I'm
5 -- let --

6 JOHN: -- spreading --

7 STEVE: Hear me. If, if I ever -- when I
8 met David, the guy was already an awesome musician.
9 In his own right, right now, he's got the ability as a
10 guitarist, a singer, a songwriter. He's got to be one
11 of the most creative musicians I've ever heard of in
12 my life. When it comes to that style of music, you,
13 you and I might not be into it, but he can play
14 ballads, rock and roll, everything in between. But
15 he's in a caliber -- like -- and I'm sure, because
16 you're not into rock and roll --

17 JOHN: How do you know that?

18 STEVE: Well, you might be, but I, I can't
19 imagine you would be.

20 JOHN: I've got to admit I'm, I'm prejudiced
21 towards certain years, you know.

22 STEVE: Well, there's a man by the name of
23 Steve Vy (phonetic), another one by the name of Joe
24 Satriani (phonetic). These two men are unquestionably
25 the best guitarists in the world. And David I believe

1 is in their category, the difference being he's more
2 creative. On his own he would have already become
3 famous if he would have wanted that.

4 JOHN: Um-hum.

5 STEVE: On his own. He's got -- right now,
6 because I've been managing music with him and have
7 been involved in the purchasing of instruments and
8 things of that nature, negotiating in the realms of
9 music. When I'm in Hollywood, which is the place for
10 musicians in America, when I'm in Hollywood --

11 JOHN: Wait a minute. What about Nashville?

12 STEVE: Oh, well. Yes. That's --

13 JOHN: I just say that because that's where
14 I'm stationed.

15 STEVE: I know. I know.

16 JOHN: Yeah.

17 STEVE: But, anyway, out there --

18 JOHN: Got to put a plug in for my state.

19 STEVE: -- people have to pay to play in the
20 area of Hollywood in, in many of these venues, but
21 David does not have to. He's been given invitation.
22 So, when I heard Ricks saying some of things he is,
23 I'm thinking -- well, whatever he wants, whatever he
24 wants, of course. Whatever he thinks it, it takes to
25 do whatever he wants to do. But the truth of the

1 matter is, no, David, he, he could have made it any
2 time as a musician. And he loves music. He has an
3 awesome -- his lyrics are very deep. They're very
4 deep. They're very intriguing. And he, he has the
5 ability to put together rhyming words very quickly in
6 songs.

6 JOHN: Um-hum.

7 STEVE: But, anyway, you know, I've been on
8 the phone here for a long time. I know you need to
9 get to eat also. So, we'll be in contact.

10 JOHN: Yeah.

11 STEVE: We'll be in the contact. So -- and
12 when I know anything, like I've always told you, I'll
13 let you people know.

14 JOHN: All right. I appreciate you asking
15 Dave to give me a call.

16 STEVE: Okay. I will pass that on.

17 JOHN: Okay?

18 STEVE: And I'll do that right away.

19 JOHN: All right. Thank you, Steve.

20 STEVE: Okay. Sure, John. Talk to you
21 later.

22 JOHN: Bye-bye.

23 STEVE: Good-bye.

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1 BYRON: Hello?

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Have you got a
3 dial tone?

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No.

5 BYRON: No. Why me? Why me?

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hang up. Look
at your phone --

7 [Pause, clicking.]

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I think you've
9 got to flip that off.

10 [Pause.]

11 [Telephone ringing continuously.]

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Well, we
13 better get a new negotiator. They're not answering
you now.

14 (Asides.)

15 [Telephone continues to ring.]

16 [Busy signal.]

17 [Telephone dialed, then ringing (sounds
different).]

18 [Telephone ringing (different than
19 preceding).]

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: He may be out of
21 the room now, but there was somebody --

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Maybe

23

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1 (indiscernible).
2 [Telephone continues to ring.]
3 [Clicking, dial tone.]
4 BYRON: Hello? Hello?
5 [Dial tone, clicking.]
6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Dick --
7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I think they
8 picked it up.
9 [Telephone ringing continuously.]
10 [Pause.]
11 [Hollow sound.]
12 BYRON: Hello?
13 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: (Singing.)
14 BYRON: Hello? Hello? Hello?
15 [Dial tone.]
16 [Telephone dialed, then ringing
17 continuously.]
18 BYRON: I've got 8:45.
19 [Telephone continues to ring.]
20 (Asides.)
21 [Telephone continues to ring.]
22 BYRON: We might as well give it a full-
23 blown effort here.
24 [Telephone continues to ring.]
25 BYRON: They start their dailies at 9.

1 [Telephone continues to ring.]
2 BYRON: Come on, Steve.
3 [Telephone continues to ring.]
4 (Asides.)
5 [Telephone continues to ring.]
6 [Busy signal.]
7 [Clicking.]
8 BYRON: Hello?
9 [Pause, clicking.]
10 [Telephone ringing continuously.]
11 STEVE: Hello?
12 (Crackling on telephone line.)
13 BYRON: Steve?
14 STEVE: I can hardly hear you.
15 BYRON: Yeah. That's --
16 STEVE: I don't know what's wrong with this
17 thing.
18 BYRON: Well, we had the same problem
19 yesterday early on. This is Byron Sage.
20 STEVE: Let me try -- let, let me try
21 calling you right back, okay?
22 BYRON: Good. Okay.
23 STEVE: Just a minute.
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25 [End of tape 200]