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STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello, John?

JOHN: Yes?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll wait till your phone's working.

JOHN: I'm not very technical here, Steve, and things are --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: What's that?

JOHN: I'm not very technical here. I don't know what those buzzers and -- buzzers are for.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Now, it sounds like you've got a real echo there. I guess you've got it on a speaker phone, huh?

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. That's all right. Yeah, I was just talking with David. Apparently, he heard this Dr. Arnold speaking and raising questions, and also saying he had a lot to share. And he said it'd go a long ways to be able to communicate with the man or to dialogue with him.

JOHN: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And a lot of these people were nearby and they said yeah, they'd like to hear that, they'd like to hear another point of view or perspective. They'd like to see questions raised by someone of his caliber. The man also mentioned a

Dr. James Taber (phonetic sp.) from the University of North Carolina, apparently, that's aware of all this and must have heard that 58-minute tape that he did and has a reaction to it. So, I mean, Philip Arnold himself I guess mentioned this man, James Taber.

JOHN: And where is Arnold from?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Arnold, he's from Reunion Institute in Houston.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And I believe -- I don't know if you already contacted him. I mean, you know, I don't know --

JOHN: So we've got Arnold and Taber?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Taber is a man that Philip Arnold -- He was just on the radio about -- I think about a half hour ago or so, and I guess they picked up on that again. The man mentioned another doctor by the name of James Taber from the University of North Carolina. He's apparently a doctor of either philosophy or theology himself.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And he must have heard that 58-minute tape David did and does have a reaction to it. But it sounds like they're both very updated on, you know, the theology of David, or at least they're, they're aware of it and I guess they've made known that

they have a response to it.

JOHN: Okay. Steve, the, the thing that I wanted to mention, Byron I believe has a tape of Dr. Arnold's message or something like that that, that Byron was going to give you, along with answering some of those questions. And it's critical. He's got other information that he wants to give you. You know, he's on his way out there. He'll be there approximately, you know, be ready to meet you approximately 1:00.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well --

JOHN: And he'll pull down the road there --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, John --

JOHN: -- in just the same way as, as the other meeting.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John, wait.

JOHN: Yeah?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: David suggested, for right now, he suggested to me that I wait to hear what the information is before we get to really negotiate or stand and talk again. He says --

JOHN: Steve, let me, let me interrupt you here. It's crucial. Byron has some information -- I'm not privy to it. Can't discuss it over the phone -- to give to you personally. You mentioned the other day that the meeting went well and that you were interested in talking to him, and it's critical that you meet with

him. Okay? Assurances of your safety, you know, are, are there, but he's been in touch with D.C. and he has some information that he wanted to give to you personally and is -- About 1:00 would be good because if you have any other questions, he'll be able to run them down the rest of the day.

He's been running all over the place, but he is en route out there and he's going to meet you at 1.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: When you say critical --

JOHN: Legal items, legal items that Wayne wanted, are one of the things. The tape from Dr. Arnold is another thing. But he's got something else that I'm not privy to that he's received from the command post here that he has to tell you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Wayne Martin's right here. I'd like to have you repeat what you just said to him.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, just a moment.

WAYNE MARTIN: John, I'm listening.

JOHN: Wayne, I was just telling Steve that Byron is available and he'll be out there to meet with you approximately 1:00. He's got some answers to the legal issues that you brought up the other day, and he's also got a tape from Dr. Arnold that some of the people there and David are interested in. And he's also, you know, going to be talking to you about any

other legal issues that you've thought up or thought of in the past couple days.

WAYNE MARTIN: Well, my response to Byron, I'd like to talk to him on the telephone and we already have a well established method of exchanging tapes.

JOHN: Um-hum.

WAYNE MARTIN: I think we should continue exchanging those tapes in the established manner. Our safety is not assured when we go out and speak with you and we are unarmed and we're standing in front of men with machine guns.

JOHN: That was safety, and the safety is guaranteed on, on both sides. I hope that you are aware of that. But this is some critical information that Byron was tasked by the people back in D.C. to give to the people in there and it's going to be held at the meeting. He'll be out there and it's important. The sheriff will be there, also.

WAYNE MARTIN: Well, I, I'd be welcome -- I would welcome calls from anyone in Washington that would like to speak with me, also. But I am still mystified as to why Byron will not get on the telephone with me or these other people in Washington that we have yet to even be given their names.

JOHN: You know, Wayne, how are we going to establish trust between the two of us if, if you'll

refuse this meeting? It was my understanding the other day in talking to Steven that things went well. He appreciated talking to Byron. It was good to look at him face to face. Byron and he had a good rapport going. You got a chance to raise some questions that he has been running around here checking on.

And, you know, we're trying to keep good faith with this, we're trying to meet you and discuss these issues. And, you know, he's been tasked to personally talk to you out there and answer any questions. And, like I say, the other day you say that it went well and, and it was good to talk to the sheriff. It's, it's from D.C. I'm not privy to it. He was told not to deliver it over the phone, but in, in person. Assurances of your safety, just the same way as the other day You know, that's, that's what I've got.

WAYNE MARTIN: John, you and I really don't know each other. I know Byron. Byron is not getting on the phone with me. It's beginning to look like a trap to me.

JOHN: There's, there's no trap. Wayne, you know, you're an attorney and you know that this thing has gone on, that there's a lot of press coverage. It is not a trap, it's just a face-to-face meeting. It went well the other day. You had some questions, some

legitimate questions. Did we trap you last time?

WAYNE MARTIN: No, it did not happen last time.

JOHN: Okay. And it won't happen this time. We just want to talk to you. He's been tasked. If you don't want to come out, if you want to give the questions to Steve and have him come out, that's fine. But this is, this is not a trap. It's Byron discussing these matters with you face to face.

WAYNE MARTIN: Well --

JOHN: And he is en route out there. He'll be out there about 1:00 and he's got some important information, some critical information that he, he was tasked to deliver in person. And we'll guarantee your safety and you've just got to help us help you.

WAYNE MARTIN: Well, I, I'd like to hear from Byron and know that Byron himself is going to be there.

JOHN: Well, you know, let's put it this way, Wayne. You will see him and he will -- You know, you know what he looks like, you talked to him the other day. It'll be the same way. If it's not Byron out there, you can turn around and, and walk back. And like the sheriff, also, you've talked to the sheriff and I believe you trust him in there. Do you not? I think that's reasonable, the sheriff and, and you and Steve and Byron met the other day.

We got something accomplished and he wants to discuss that with you, plus this other information. Plus, if the tape is as important as Steven says it is, we've got that tape from Dr. Arnold that he can review.

WAYNE MARTIN: Well, I think it's reasonable for me to request to speak with Byron, and, and I'm not going to go any further than that. I'm going to pass this phone call over to Steve.

JOHN: Wayne, why don't we do this? When he gets out there closer to the, to the camp out there, he will call you and assure you that he's going to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Hello?

JOHN: -- meet you at the road? Hello.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

JOHN: All right?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It sounded -- I was listening to the conversation, at least what Wayne was saying, and it sounded very reasonable to me at this point of time.

JOHN: Steve, like I say, it went well the other day. We're trying to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I was, I was quite surprised. They told us, you know, don't be armed. They wouldn't be armed, of course. The reaction of the two men that were behind both Byron and Jack, they had a bullet-proof vest from the neck all the way to their

groin area. They had --

JOHN: Steve, they're there for security purposes.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The way they even acted, seriously, no smiles. They way they were constantly pointing and then were so jittery.

JOHN: Steve, if they wanted to hurt you, they could have. You know that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know that, but, you know, that kind of thing is unsettling.

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, you know, I don't see the necessity my -- I thought that, that Wayne actually explained it very well. I don't see the necessity just yet. Now, it's not that I'm not willing, because I will be at some point of time, but right now, until we clarify a few things, and that can be done, like he said, over the phone --

JOHN: When, when would that be?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That can be today, right now. It can be when Byron calls. I'm anxious, as he is, to hear the information he already has. And if there's a tape, like he said, it's already been established, the very procedure, and it works. And give us a little time --

JOHN: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- to, to look over the information and to make a valuable judgment over that.

JOHN: Okay, listen. Steve, Byron will go up front and he will call you from there. And if you have any reservations, if you see that, that that's not them out there, you have every opportunity to turn around and, and go back.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But what I --

JOHN: This is a good faith effort that we're carrying up there.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I really -- Explain, explain to me, John, why it would need to be face to face or person to person. I don't quite see the need or the necessity of that.

JOHN: If I knew it, Steve, I would tell you. But these are directions that we've received from Command Post and, you know, you yourself said --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: If you could give me --

JOHN: -- the other day --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- a good reason, if you could give me a good reason for it, it would definitely help me.

JOHN: He has some things to give to you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know, but you've been giving us things right along and it has not been necessary that a -- someone hand it to a person.

JOHN: He wants to give it to you, possibly explain some things to you. Like I say, we've been working with you. You, you know, you agreed to the last meeting and it was productive, was it not?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: True.

JOHN: Was it not a productive meeting?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It was -- Well, in honesty, in honesty, I do see that we could have done the same thing over the phone. But, I mean, I see that it was okay. I didn't really appreciate or enjoy the, the fact that there were the two men so armed, so jittery, pointing their weapons around toward our direction with the attitude they manifested in their faces and stance. But

JOHN: Was there a problem with that? Didn't you return safely, as we had promised?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, that's correct.

JOHN: Okay. And this is -- this will be the same thing. I'm just asking you meet us halfway, be reasonable with us.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll have to call you back on that.

JOHN: What's that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: On my decision.

JOHN: Well, can you tell me when you'll call?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It'll probably be within the next 20 minutes.

JOHN: Is, is that a definite time that you think you'll call or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, 20 minutes from now I'll call you back.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: On this phone?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, bye.

JOHN: Bye-bye.

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STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- with the phone here? I have spent -- You know, I wanted to call you in 20 minutes, but it's been busy until right now, till -- First, it rang just now.

JOHN: Your phone has been busy or ours?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yours. You know, the phone that I've been calling from this morning, normally you pick it up, it's got a dial -- or it starts ringing you right away, right?

JOHN: Uh-huh.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And within 20 minutes, like I told you, I picked the phone up. It's been busy

until right now. It, it just rang 30 seconds ago and there was a bunch of clickings. I put it back down, and then I was able to get through to you. So it must be on your end then.

JOHN: Well, we, we're, you know, we have these technical problems we're just going to have to work through, Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right. Just so you're aware, though.

JOHN: All right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I mean, I did attempt to pick it up at 20 minutes after.

JOHN: You know, these phones and things like that, like the other night with the power down or the line was down because of the rain and stuff like that, we're just going to have to work through that. And if, you know, if we don't hear from each other, we're just going to have to call each other.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah. Yeah. It's not a problem on my part, you know, so it's all right. Okay, I went and David was awake, so I went and spent some time with him 'cause it's been a while since I've heard his reaction to what's on his mind, if God has said anything to him, what his responses about this Dr. Arnold or this Taber, because he did get to hear it. And I wanted to hear what he might have to say,

and a lot of people are waiting to see, you know, if God has said a word to him.

And he mentioned again, like I said, his interest in communicating or dialoguing with anybody like -- if they're a theologian or if they have something in reaction or response to. He said something to the effect that if someone can at least equal his statements on the Seven Seals or give another view that has substance in the scripture, in its context, so he mentioned, he mentioned to me to relay that.

JOHN: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I said where's the Newsweek, Time magazines. I said if there's a tape from Arnold -- he says he still wants to -- he would like to dialogue with the man, but if you have the tape, you know, drop it off. Here's some of his statements. I just sat down and I jotted a few notes down. He said, you know, of course, there's been the lights being brought closer and closer with the Bradleys.

He sees that as an encroachment. He says we've been allowing that, but he says never --

JOHN: I'm sorry, Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

JOHN: -- can you repeat that, please?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes. He said, you know, of course, the Bradleys are bringing the lights and the generators, the speakers, probably listening devices, whatever else, closer and closer. He said that that is an encroachment. We haven't really said much about it, but he says it is an encroachment and we're watching it. It's not that we have said we enjoy it or anything like that, but he, he wanted me to say that God will be doing the same thing. He mentioned that that Sunday that this all came place the innocency on the part of all the people here, sitting here getting ready for a study, he was not happy, as neither were the people, at that press conference today in response to the ATF agent.

Not, not your people as much as when the man gets on and makes some of the statements he did, how they knocked at the door. That is not true. The man did not knock at the door. It's totally untrue that -- what he said about the helicopters. There was -- When you look at the building, you're going to see a diagonal of the way the, the bullets came into his room from a high position, along with -- there was water tanks that were shot.

JOHN: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You'll also see the diagonal from that.

JOHN: I, I understand his concerns and I understand your concerns --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, John --

JOHN: -- with this whole situation.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, but what I'm saying, what I'm saying is here's this man -- Now, here's what he's telling me. Here's what he's telling me. That this ATF spokesperson, here he's making all these statements to the press that are so untrue, and he knows that. I mean, they had -- Never has it been brought up in the press that I have heard that three choppers came around these buildings. There were many witnesses that got to see what happened.

If they would only tell even a partial truth, but these men are totally denying much of what took place. That bothers David. He, he says that does not help in this whole process. These are the kind of things that unsettle people, these are the kind of things I've been trying to explain to the people, that well, let's -- You know, the FBI seems to be the negotiators, but yet, here's a man that seems to have all this room to make these kind of statements.

Wayne Martin, the people here, David, everybody wants to know the part of the ATF in the ongoing investigation. We don't believe that they should even have a part. They should be investigated,

as we should be.

JOHN: But they are going to be, Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but why --

JOHN: They are going to be investigated.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but the point, John, is we're not able to speak to the outside, to the press or anybody.

JOHN: You will be able to. You're going to have a phone --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but wait, wait, John. John --

JOHN: -- wherever you are.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, John, you can understand me. The point is, though, the ATF is able to make all these untrue statements. They should be investigated, they should be closed up right now themselves. All of this --

JOHN: You're going to have every opportunity to dispute that. You'll have every opportunity to dispute that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but, but the point is that there's no fairness right now. They themselves are the ones that came with the intent of murder. This is what David said, this is what his statement is to you people right now. They came with the intent of murder. You can, you can fly a chopper around, you'll

be able to view and see, take pictures of the bullet holes, the diagonals. You can see that ahead of time.

His statement about the chopper and them not firing upon or from the chopper is totally untrue. About knocking at the door, no one knocked at the door. And he said one man came to the door. That is totally untrue. And if this was filmed by anybody, that should be shown, that should be shown. So here are statements being made to the world, to the United States, to the press that are totally false, and the man is allowed to continue to do that. That bothers all of us.

I mean, where is the truth in this? How are you going to go up against an agency like that that is still in such control and able to make any kind of statements they want? Those are the concerns we have. David wanted me to bring that out. And I asked him if there was anything else and he brought up a number of other things. Some of the people came to me just -- meanwhile, before -- since I've talked to you, because they listened to that last press conference.

Some of the things that were said was they brought up again about how no warrant was ever served or seen or stated. There was no statement about it. Another thing was -- Let's see here. I want to look down -- I just jotted a few things they asked me to mention. They mentioned something about how the lights

are placed on the outside to prevent any hostile actions on our part, the occupants inside the building.

They were bothered, of course, by Kathy Schroeder being shackled hand and foot. They're waiting to hear the outcome of that. Another statement by the ATF agent -- Now, this wasn't by you people. Now, that's the point now. But the ATF person, the spokesperson, said that they were fired on from at least 40 to 50 positions from with inside the complex, which is untrue, totally untrue.

Where does he get that from? Where does he get that from? Why don't -- If he makes a statement like that, produce some, some evidence. Anyway, that's another thing that was brought up that they're extremely concerned about. But, see, these, these are some of the issues that they're coming back to me. David again -- I, I gave you the number of things that he's concerned about, the dialogue with Philip Arnold and/or Taber or someone like that, where's the Time and Newsweek magazines. These are the things that David has brought up.

And, of course, his position with his God and his waiting for himself as a person. So I wanted to pass on -- He asked me to go and make these statements to you in, in his behalf. And at the same time, some of the individuals that were listening to the press

conference wanted their concerns to be heard.

JOHN: You know, Steve, this is all the more reason for you to come out and meet with Byron, because he has the answers to all these questions. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, right --

JOHN: And you'll continue to be upset --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John, John --

JOHN: -- about what you hear, unless you come out and discuss it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John --

JOHN: And then you come out and have free access to the press.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- right now I'd rather hear -- Like Wayne said, I'm like Wayne on this point first, I like to be able to digest information and material about, first of all, like hearing some of the answers that Byron might have on tape, like you said. Or those answers that were raised by both Wayne and I on the day before yesterday? I'd like to be able to hear that, sift through it, and understand it to my -- the best I can, and then proceed from there.

And I don't see that it'd be for myself that productive at this point to meet today. Not saying that I'm not going through that, I don't choose to, but as of today I want to see the response and, and hear some of that information first and in a manner, as

Wayne said, that, you know, that we've already established, in fact, which was suggested by yourself in the beginning. And it's worked and I think that's gone a long way to establishing or re-establishing a trust relationship, even with the people that observe these things.

JOHN: Steve, you know, the thing of it is, this meeting with Byron, all right, you asked for some questions to be answered the other day. You came back and you personally said it was good to meet with him and Sheriff Harwell, you think that we got back on track that way. And that's all we're asking, is to meet us again. And if you want -- if you're sincerely interested in getting this matter resolved and you really mean what you're telling me, the you will meet with Byron. You'll see him out there and, you know, these issues can be addressed.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John, how can you be so one-sided as to say that when that can be still answered over the phone? I like Byron. I'd like to be able to communicate with him more frequently myself over the phone and even dialogue with him to see what some of the information he has over the phone. I can tape the phone conversation, I can play it to the rest. Or better yet, he can make it in his own time, drop it off along with the Newsweek and Time magazines, along

with the Arnold tape, along with, with what you might have as a response to David's request for the dialogue with the same person, meaning Dr. Arnold.

This is what I'd like to see, and I think we can start moving right off that. But, you know, as to this point of time, David is -- Even with me, he's suggesting to me Steve, where's the Time and Newsweek magazines? He says such a small little thing has become -- Really, there's a principle involved here. It can, and has to him, become a larger issue. So he wants to see that -- You know, these are the kind of things that started from a couple weeks ago Sunday with our understanding that was brought about with James or Jim and myself that never were really reconciled.

Or on your part, of course, you know, it started out -- I hate to say it again, but it's true, you know, the Bradleys coming closer, closer, closer, even though it was stated by Jim only on the edge of the property. But, you know, those things --

JOHN: Yeah. Steve, look at, look at -- We're beyond that now.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know. That's what I'm --

JOHN: We're beyond that and you keep harping on it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no, no, no. No, no. But don't --

JOHN: It wasn't me.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John, John, don't --

JOHN: It wasn't my decision. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, no. But that's not the point.

JOHN: You'll understand it, I'm sure.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, but that's what, you know, will always be in the minds of those from that first day. So, you know, you can't forget still what -- how this all began in the first place because that's why one is here. You've got to remember, we were here studying the Bible the day we were attacked. We were here studying the Bible, which we still want to do. All of a sudden, the other agency has totally disrupted and interrupted our lives.

And, all of a sudden, they're not on trial, we're on trial. For what? I've got to come out -- These people have got to come out, always remember this, and give up how much time? Days, months, years now. Over for doing what? Studying the Bible in America? And if they had something with David personally, well, why didn't -- you know, the question was why didn't Sheriff Harwell come or -- Everybody has said that across America.

JOHN: And don't you think that they would like to know the answers to those questions?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah, but we still see a very strong part of the ATF being played in this, even with the very -- The arrogancy even, some of these people have suggested, of this man to say the things he has, the total untruth, to be able to come there and be ambiguous with detailed questions asked by the press that he does not even acknowledge. I mean, these are the things that these people are concerned about.

Why is -- What part -- And I want you or someone there in your agency to tell us what part they're playing right now and what effect they're going to have and the authority they have, even now, their total involvement all the way through, because right now they're playing a humongous part as we can observe.

JOHN: That's exactly what Byron is there to address, those questions and the questions you asked the other day.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'd rather, I'd rather though right now, because of all these issues being raised, and I want to clarify them, I want to get them clear, also, for right now today I want some of these answered first before I sit down with him. Plus, when I talk with Byron, I want to be able to sit down with Wayne, who is not finished, but I want to sit down looking at a number of issues, the legalities of this all.

You know, he raised questions, but we've got a, a number of other things we wanted to say in regards to the legal system, and I would like to have that on paper or I'd like to be able to present that, probably, possibly to Byron. But I don't have that yet, so I don't see at this time that I'm quite ready to meet, until I have more substantive information I'd like to discuss with him. I don't see that it'd be that -- that it would avail to that much at this point of time.

JOHN: Well, Steve, he's going to be up-front and he's going to be calling you shortly. All right?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: And you can iron it out. And, like I say, if you really are concerned about these issues, he's going to have that information.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: John, you would know how concerned I am. I've been so concerned from the first bullet that I heard shot through that door that Sunday. I mean, I am. Believe me, I'm concerned.

JOHN: And everybody is anxious to get to the bottom of this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I was concerned when I was laying on the floor and I've been concerned every day, honestly I have been. How could I not be? Here my life is on the line, my life is at stake, my reputation, the future. It's all right here, of

course. My beliefs in God, convictions of the Bible, and all the rest. So, you know, it's, it's a lot to wade through and it's not, it's not an easy thing, especially when there's others, also, so many others involved. So, okay, he's going to be calling here then very shortly?

JOHN: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: You know Byron, you met him the other day. I think you understand that he's a good guy.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I believe that.

JOHN: And he, he's -- feels the same way everybody does here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Good.

JOHN: And, you know, the important thing is that that was a productive meeting the other day. When I first talked to you, you came back and said gee, it looks like we're getting things going here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's true, that's true.

JOHN: And that's what we want to continue.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

JOHN: You understand that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But remember, you know, some of these issues that I've raised are -- have always been on the back burners. They, they don't dissipate. Along with, you know, when you hear press

conferences with this man, this spokesperson for the ATF and his statements, they're --

JOHN: We don't have a lot of control over that. Do you understand that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I know, but, but it's -- No. All I need to do then, John, is hear from you people a little more information about them, their part to play.

JOHN: That's exactly what we're trying to do, Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, good, good. Okay, that's going to help.

JOHN: Do you understand that?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. That's why I'm raising the question, John.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's why I'm raising the question. John --

JOHN: Yeah?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- Wayne would like to speak with you.

JOHN: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Just a moment.

WAYNE MARTIN: John?

JOHN: Yes, Wayne.

WAYNE MARTIN: This is Wayne.

JOHN: How are you?

WAYNE MARTIN: John, I'm sitting here as an inmate in the federal penitentiary of Mount Carmel and I have a constitutional right to legal counsel. Now, you say I'm not under custody. I cannot walk away from this place.

JOHN: When you come out, Wayne --

WAYNE MARTIN: No, no, no, not when I come out. I want legal counsel yesterday.

JOHN: Well --

WAYNE MARTIN: That is the number one legal demand.

JOHN: It's not going to happen until you come out, Wayne.

WAYNE MARTIN: I'm not going to sit here and do research for you people. I want access to counsel, and then my lawyers will speak to you about the legal issues. And that's the way it's going to be.

JOHN: Well, Wayne, like I say, you have immediate access to counsel when you come out of there, and you've got immediate access to the press.

WAYNE MARTIN: Yesterday, John --

JOHN: And I know with your legal background, you know, that you'll be very effective. But, you know, it's going to happen when you come out.

WAYNE MARTIN: I cannot be effective when I'm

sitting in a federal penitentiary. I cannot be anybody's lawyer that way, not, not, not to mention my own lawyer. I'm refusing to be my own lawyer, John. I'm not a fool.

JOHN: Wayne, can I tell you something?

WAYNE MARTIN: I'm not a fool, John.

JOHN: I understand that. I understand that you're a well educated man. But the thing of it is, the federal judge has already ruled on that.

WAYNE MARTIN: I've asked that federal judge to be -- to recuse himself. He needs to get off the case. We need --

JOHN: All right.

WAYNE MARTIN: We need another court to be in charge of this matter. That is not the only federal judge in the land. We reject him as a federal judge. He's unconstitutional.

JOHN: Well, Wayne, listen, we've talked to Steve and we've told him that Byron is going to call, and if, you know, like I say, if there's some problem with you going out there, you know, maybe Steve could go out and discuss it for you with, with Byron. But he will be calling there shortly and maybe we can get some things resolved that way.

WAYNE MARTIN: Maybe.

JOHN: Okay?

WAYNE MARTIN: Okay.

JOHN: All right. We're -- You know, we're working and, and we've just got to have you work also.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay, go ahead.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Hello?

BYRON: Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON: Sound like you're down at the end of a hole here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It's down at the end of a tunnel, huh?

BYRON: I've been -- I can relate to that. I've been sitting out here in this, in this Bradley for a while.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Oh.

BYRON: Listen, I'm, I'm -- My spirits are up, I'm a little excited. I think we've been able to get you some answers to some of the questions you had a couple days ago.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: But I think you'll find very receptive -- We're ready to go, right around the corner from you. So what kind of time frame do you want me to tell these guys?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, like I was saying, if

you listen -- I was just talking with John for at least probably 20 minutes, a half hour, laying down some of the concerns of David. Some of the people came to me, we talked about the press conference today, the ongoing statements by the ATF spokesperson. That is -- That, that has been a great concern also from the beginning.

BYRON: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And they're --

BYRON: I saw just bits and pieces of the press conference today, so I'm a little bit at a disadvantage.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. Well, see, that, that is playing a big part. And the question always arises of their involvement in all this and their ongoing involvement, where David made some pretty strong statements he wanted me to relay today to either yourself or to John.

BYRON: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And --

BYRON: Let's go ahead and do that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. I'll try to go through the whole list again, as I did with John. I know he recorded it, but --

BYRON: Well, wait a minute.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: Steve, I've got, I've got a bunch of

people that are basically waiting on me and I've kicked them out of, out of a little phone booth here, basically, to -- just to use this for a little bit. I don't think I'm going to have access to this phone for too long. But I've got, I've got the -- I've got some documents that I think you're going to definitely -- you and Wayne or you -- It's fine with me, I can talk to both of you or just you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON: -- that I think you'll find interesting. And instead of just getting it word-of-mouth from me or John or, or whoever, I went ahead and made a point of, of -- I've been to the U.S. Attorney's Office, I've been to, to -- down to the federal courthouse and, and so forth, trying to get specific documents so that we can bring them out and give them to you, so that you can, you know, take those back in, show them to David, show them to Wayne, put them in your file, whatever you want to do, to show you hard and fast proof that what I'm telling you is accurate.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay. Well, let's let, let the established procedure by right from Jim on those first nights and days that we worked with you all, you know, the suggestion was also on your part that -- where the drop-offs would be, how the procedure would go. That has worked very well and --

BYRON: Yes, it has, but in this instance --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Pardon?

BYRON: In this instance, Steve, we've got a situation where I need to be able to point out certain things to you in the documents. And I got kind of an indication from, from John that, that you might be a little concerned that there's some shenanigans afoot. That, that is not the case. I mean, I -- The sheriff and I came out in good faith, what, two days ago. We were ready to go yesterday.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON: Stand there talking to you in the middle of the road, I mean, I'm not going to put myself in that kind of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, see, all, all the issues that, that I need to talk to you about and what -- that which I've already relayed to John here --

BYRON: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- are things that I want you to be able to look at and hear. One of the greatest concerns has always been, and still is, if not all the more so, the involvement, even up to this point of time, of the ATF spokesperson of that agency.

BYRON: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And David -- See, this is why he wanted me to relay clearly again, especially as

a reaction to the press conference and so forth. He says like, you know, here we were that day getting ready to study the Bible in innocency. We were here by choice to, to look at God's word, to gain information, to live our lives accordingly, when all of that was disrupted.

BYRON: Yeah.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Not by any choice or part of any of the persons here.

BYRON: Right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And from that point of time, now, all of a sudden, we're being hurled into a system which is going to take days, weeks, months, years of our life, and why is this?

BYRON: Well --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, see -- And the point being, here's a person in behalf of the ATF giving statements that are totally untrue. He says that they did not fire from the helicopter. All it would take is a ballistics test, or all you have to do is see the diagonal of, of the bullets and how they entered into the building --

BYRON: Exactly.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- from, from the heights above.

BYRON: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The water tanks that were shot from a diagonal, from also the chopper and so forth. There were three choppers obviously involved. We've never even heard that on the news or given from a press conference. See, these are the kind of statements, and when he says that a man, one man, came to the door and knocked at the door, that is not at all true. So here's someone that came, David believes, with the intent of murder by just what the helicopters did, by what happened at the front door, he's able to speak.

BYRON: Um-hum.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's able to disseminate whatever kind of information he chooses. He's got an open line to the press, to the world. We don't.

BYRON: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: So here's somebody that actually came and, and Perry Jones was killed. He was shot.

BYRON: Steve. Steve, let me address --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: You know, it's --

BYRON: Let me address that issue with you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I just want to say, you know, this is -- these are the things that they're extremely -- And this man is there talking day after day, in the morning, ambiguous to detailed questions

from the press.

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The press themselves --

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah?

BYRON: Hey.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah?

BYRON: Take a breath, let me just interject a couple of thoughts.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right, go ahead.

BYRON: I understand exactly what you're saying. That's why --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: -- I've been running around trying to get these things resolved.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Great, great.

BYRON: You have a valid point. Okay? We've never debated that with you. In fact --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right, you haven't.

BYRON: -- working through these issues and finding the common ground is why we're here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: And I think that we've made significant strides in, in being able to relay some things to you that, frankly, we could, we could run things forward, we could, you know, do drops and so

forth, but there are some specific things that I want to point out to you in some of these documents. And, by the way, I was able to get a copy of -- Actually, it's an original fax directly from the U.S. Attorney of the search warrant and the arrest warrant so that you can look at those.

But there are certain aspects of those things that I want to go over with you, so that it's perfectly clear in your mind, you don't misunderstand any statements, you pick up on all the pertinent issues --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I understand.

BYRON: -- and so forth.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: At this point of time, because I want to be able to digest information, even some of the answers you have, I, in honesty, am not willing right today to come walking out there. But I, I would have you to drop that information off and dialogue with you over the phone if I have questions or if you have any --

BYRON: Steve, wait, Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: -- personal points to make in regards to this.

BYRON: -- I'm right around the corner, okay? The Bradley's sitting here idling. I'm, I'm five minutes from your location probably. I don't understand why if, if you and I --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: See, I don't see a necessity at this point of time, until I can gain more information from you --

BYRON: But that's what I'm trying to do, is give you the very information that you want to be able to go over. And I want you -- I want to be able to stand there with you so that you can look me straight in the eye and I can tell you the truth --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Honestly, I, I trust you enough, but I -- at this time, I don't see it necessary or a necessity to, to stand out there, when you can tell me over the telephone.

BYRON: Steve, here's one of the critical problems that, that we're having. Not necessarily you and I, but basically David and us trying to get this thing reserved -- resolved. Okay? And that is that, that everything has been 100 percent your call. And we've tried -- Believe me, this is -- I'm between a rock and a hard spot here as far as trying to relay this in a palatable fashion to the people that I report to. The commanders have -- I think have demonstrated -- You've got to admit that they've demonstrated a great deal of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the first big -- You said --

BYRON: -- resolve in trying to work this

thing out for going on three weeks now.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The first statement you made, though, before you said between a hard place and a rock. You said something, that we've had it our way. Is that what you said?

BYRON: Basically, yes. I mean, you've, you've called times, you've called locations and -- Now, let's, let's you and I continue on the premises --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No. Let's, let's, let's you and I -- Byron, let's you and I say it this way. The ATF has -- they've had it their way from day one. Let's you and I say that.

BYRON: Yeah. I'm not debating that with you at all.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: They're the ones that started this thing, they're the ones that are still totally involved in this, they're the ones making untrue statements at which -- And they're allowed to do that, whether it's by your agency, with your agency, if the government's allowing it. One thing that's for sure, you, the FBI, have definitely cut us off from any kind of -- being able to express opinions, statements, statements of facts or anything else.

So that, of course, terrifies people within here. Of course it would.

BYRON: Steve, I have --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: The very ones that came to do us harm have all the advantage and opportunity to say anything they want to do. And the man even states it like he's after blood. You'd have to be an imbecile not to see what's coming through the man, what he, what he's stating to the press about gaining even -- or getting ahold of people who might have given information from the news or that gave us information. We told them in honesty from the beginning no one even called us.

BYRON: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But, anyway, I can see the man, what he's got in mind, what he wants to do. He's involved in this. It's going to be his way. He shouldn't even be involved. There should be such an investigation by the government that the press knows about to bring these men to justice. And if there's people on our part that are involved, well, that should be also. But I would like to see -- They've already got the -- have the ability to pick up these men and to do something about it now.

Let us be able to see the ones that came to attack also are having a definite investigation. I'm not hearing anything in the press about the ATF being investigated, nothing whatsoever.

BYRON: Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That bothers me.

BYRON: Steve! Let me talk once in a while, okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: You know, why don't you record it and send it in?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, I just wanted to, you know, get the point out as clear as I could.

BYRON: And I understand your point. I'm not, I'm not disagreeing with --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: -- with anything you've said so far.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, go ahead.

BYRON: What I'm trying to tell you, those are the very issues that I want to be able to talk to you about, but, frankly, I don't like talking over a phone.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I don't mind, I really -- I don't mind.

BYRON: Okay, you don't mind and it's -- frankly, for the long term, it's the best way to handle it, is to continue to have you calling in and talking to the guys that, that have direct access to a myriad of information that we can try to get answers for you. But what I'm telling you is -- Basically, what you're telling me is you don't really give a flip about the

fact that I've been running around for a day-and-a-half collecting this information.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's -- Byron, that's --

BYRON: Let me finish, please. I'm trying to impart this information to you and I think there's some, some information here that's very valuable for you. There's information that I've had to, to --

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