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DAVID KORESH: Hello?

BYRON: Yes, sir?

DAVID KORESH: Well, what, what I'm hearing is that you never requested for Wayne, you just requested for Steve to come out.

BYRON: No, we asked for -- This morning -- Now, if it was a misunderstanding, then that's my apology. David, I'll meet with you out there. I'll meet with Wayne out there or I'll meet with -- If it'll do me any good, I'll talk to these black cows that are out here in the, in the field. I just want to get this thing resolved. And let me apologize to you right now. If I got a little heated and it sounded to you --

DAVID KORESH: Not heated, just zealous. We're both zealous. We understand that. No, no problem.

BYRON: But please understand this. Being zealous is fine if it's for the protection of people, and that's all I'm asking you to do.

DAVID KORESH: I understand.

BYRON: Okay? We can, we can work this out, but we have got -- You need to understand, and I think that, that Steve may have jumped to the wrong conclusion or whatever. I'm telling you that, that this is not a forever-lingering situation, that we're

going to be here, you know, pardon the pun as I'm looking out the window here, till the cows come home. We need to get this resolved now. People are hurting in there. You're hurting in there, David, and I'm concerned about that. We need to get this done.

DAVID KORESH: Well, what, what breaks my heart, Mr. Byron, Byron --

BYRON: Sage.

DAVID KORESH: Byron --

BYRON: S-A-G-E, as in wise one, which I don't live up to.

DAVID KORESH: Okay. Well, what breaks my heart --

BYRON: Is that a signal to you? You're getting this message from a sage, okay?

DAVID KORESH: That, that's fine.

BYRON: Okay. Let's, let's get this done, David.

DAVID KORESH: Things are only as good as the spirits that they, that they --

BYRON: I couldn't agree with you more. Then, David, be a leader of men.

DAVID KORESH: I am a leader in one respect, and that's something that you don't understand, 'cause I know you don't want to get into a religious discussion. But here's the think that I'd like to say.

What hurts my heart is that there is a wealth of information that must be known and there are two ways it can be known. First of all, by the mediation of giving the information, which is the continuation of the gospel.

In other words, since 1985 I've gone to colleges, churches, to try to present to them in the most sober and plainest statement that there's necessity now to bring all the churches into unity. There are many different churches in this country, many different faiths, many different aspects of knowledge, which is the fulfillment of the gospel. You receive Christ (indiscernible). Not everybody has the same knowledge, not everybody has the same development or level of understanding.

Well, what is designed in heaven, the place that I know more of than a lot of people --

BYRON: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: -- is that there is one thing and only one thing that can bring the minds and spirits of men into one bond of unity, and that is the knowledge of the Seven Seals. That's my job.

BYRON: I appreciate that.

DAVID KORESH: And the thing of it is is that it's only one man's job, as you already see yourself and bear witness within your own spirit.

BYRON: That's right.

DAVID KORESH: No man but the Lamb can reveal these things. Of course, you know, the sad thing of Matthew 24 is Christ begins to tell the disciples about the abomination and desolation spoken by Daniel the Prophet, but he ends with the statement that when (indiscernible) stays in the desert, go not forth. When (indiscernible) stays in the secret chamber, believe it not. I mean, it's not hid. The coming will be like (indiscernible) to the west. But the sad statement is that wheresoever the carcass is, is this implying that Christ might be killed when he comes again? That Moses smite the rock twice? These are things that we hope not.

We hope that mankind, we hope that the men of this world and this generation learn from the stumbling blocks of yesterday to make these stumbling blocks stepping stones for the time in which the gentiles are to be judged. Only one judgment, one truth, one God, one faith, one baptism, one Lord, one knowledge, Seven Seals.

BYRON: I agree.

DAVID KORESH: And we want to work this out with you in the greatest concern. I love you, I love everyone on the outside here. I don't seem -- I don't wish to seem that I'm being arbitrary or obstinate.

It's just I have a chain of command, too. I do only -- Well, like it says in the oath of the Book of John -- When you read the Book of John, what's Christ? Always trying to tell the Sanhedrim and Pharisees, my doctrine is not my own but that which I received of my father.

And so we know what happened to him and so we know that when it comes around again in the last days --

BYRON: Let me talk about that for a second.

DAVID KORESH: Sure.

BYRON: Okay, we know what happened to him. We know that, that you have your mighty men. We know that you're in a position, and I'm sure you perceive it to be a defensive position, but -- And again, I'm not trying to debate you religiously. You would leave me in the dust in a heartbeat as far as specifics --

DAVID KORESH: Can I explain those mighty men?

BYRON: Pardon me?

DAVID KORESH: Can I explain the mighty men?

BYRON: Well, let me just, let me just -- I am very interested in --

DAVID KORESH: Go ahead.

BYRON: -- your explanation of it, but let me finish this train of thought. When, when Jesus went through some of the same hardships that you've been

through, as far as the, the, the arduous times and the, the anguish of Gethsemane, when the betrayers brought forth the, the soldiers, the Roman soldiers to, to break him in to stand charges, he had his mighty men, too, basically. He had -- And again, you're talking to a layman and I don't claim to be preaching to you.

DAVID KORESH: Go ahead. I understand what you're saying.

BYRON: But when, when he was arrested, one of his disciples also stood and attempted to take offensive action, and maybe he perceived it as defensive action, but it was still an act of violence in cutting off the ear of the Roman soldier, right?

DAVID KORESH: Exactly.

BYRON: Okay. What did Christ tell his disciple to do?

DAVID KORESH: He reminded him of the legions of angels.

BYRON: And to lay down his arms, right? Lay down his sword, this was not the time for violence. That's exactly -- And again, I apologize coming to you as a layman like this, but I'm telling you that that's what you need to do. You need to address your mighty men to lay down that sword and to give yourself that opportunity to, to have your day before Pilate. Okay? Take this before the, the appropriate judicial

proceedings to work through this.

Have the opportunity to allow the crime scene search to be conducted, the, the facts as you saw them, because right now all that we have is what we've been able to deduce based upon the, the evidence as we know it from the outside. Independent law enforcement, independent investigation has got to come in, thoroughly evaluate -- You keep referring to, to -- Or Steve, I should say, refers to shots being fired from helicopters.

Now, they mentioned during one of the press conferences that there were three helicopters in the area, but all that they had in it was command personnel and, and I think a camera. And not a media camera, but a camera documenting the progress of, of the planned raid, which, believe me, was not -- Well, from my understanding, okay, you don't have to believe me at all, but from my understanding, it was not intended to do anything but attempt to secure the premises.

Now, you have reason to believe, according to Steven, that there may have been shots fired from a high angle, which would indicate an aircraft or, or a helicopter.

DAVID KORESH: Well, Peter Gent was killed by the -- It was full of ATF agents and they were full armed. They were trying to land. They were back and

forth. As a matter of fact, when the news media -- When they landed, they said the helicopter barely made it and it landed --

BYRON: Right.

DAVID KORESH: -- it was full of ATF agents. They were fully armed.

BYRON: Okay. Let me, let me just mention this. David, that's what we need to be able to determine by coming in and doing the type of crime scene search that you yourself were asking for. If that's the case and it's in conflict with what's been represented, then that type of information needs to come forward to fully air all aspects of the investigation.

DAVID KORESH: Well, I, I agree with you.

BYRON: There's a, there's another famous quote that I think you and I both live by, and that is that the truth will set you free.

DAVID KORESH: Exactly. If you continue --

BYRON: Let it set you free, David. Let it set you free.

DAVID KORESH: If you continue in my doctrine, then you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

BYRON: And the truth shall set you free. That's exactly right.

DAVID KORESH: And the Seven Seals is what he was referring to. I know, I was there.

BYRON: Okay. Then it's time to be here now.

DAVID KORESH: Okay. Another, another reminder is that as Christ stood before Pilate, Pilate also made the statement that he had power to destroy Christ or set him free. Remember?

BYRON: Yes.

DAVID KORESH: He asked if Christ was the king. Christ says, Say this of thyself or did others tell thee of me? Then Christ stated that yes, he was born for this purpose, but he also stated that my kingdom is not of this world, which it wasn't. The manifestation of power definitely showed a difference between the humanity of Christ and that of other men. But he says if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I would not be delivered unto the Jews. Remember that statement?

BYRON: I do vaguely. I don't claim to, to know the scripture.

DAVID KORESH: He says but my kingdom is not from him. But when the Lamb comes with the Seven Seals, the unfolding of those seals, not stated by me -- Remember, you can't -- don't believe me, forget me altogether. Forget my voice, forget my image. I mean, I, I, I am nothing, okay?

BYRON: David --

DAVID KORESH: As far as you can see. But now, here's the thing. When the seals are opened to you, when I do come out and I do show you these seals, remember, with the strictest sense of respect to God who sits on the throne, 'cause remember, God who sits on the throne still rules over the sons of men.

BYRON: Absolutely.

DAVID KORESH: You know, God's kingdom --

BYRON: All of us.

DAVID KORESH: The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my foot stool. God still has jurisdiction on this little ball out here, right? Remember that the seals will testify by the prophets and they will give you the details of the work and mission of Christ. There's one of the Psalms that says, you know, that they set themselves against me 'round about. It says they now come past us in our steps and their eyes are towards us, bending downwards to earth so they know not the thoughts of the Lord. It says, you know, put my fears into thy bottle and they're not written in thy book.

Everything about Christ is contained in the shadow of God's hand. The mission, the work, the purposes, the doctrine is all found in the testament of the prophets.

BYRON: David --

DAVID KORESH: Sir?

BYRON: -- you're a gifted man. You've got a message to bring forward. We are providing you with a vehicle to do it. I know you don't need that vehicle, but you've asked for it, we stand ready to provide it. Now, I, I have one question of you.

DAVID KORESH: Sure.

BYRON: You mentioned fishing. It's time to, to fish or cut bait. I stand prepared to accept whoever you want to direct out of that compound, and I'm hoping that you will lead your flock. But if you, if you elect not to, we'll respect that. But what I'm telling you is it's time to show the truth of your words. You have said that the people there are free to come out. They also respond.

David, you and I both know that if you say go forth, they will go forth. It's time for you to direct them to come out. Now, let me, let me explain something to you, man to man. I need something to hang onto here. I've been out scurrying around for a day-and-a-half, convincing my, my commander that I think that we've got a good opportunity here to meet this man halfway.

He is convinced that, that that's a good idea, that it's something that should be done and has

been done in good faith. Now, I stand ready. I'll be -- They've got those, those blasted speakers out there, right? I'll get on the speakers and I will, I will be there to assure you that, that the buses are there, they're ready to accept your people. David, please, I'm, I'm asking you, send your people out. Bring yourself out.

Let us get you into the proper forum. You're a gifted man, you're an orator. You claim to be a prophet. Prophesize --

DAVID KORESH: I am not a prophet.

BYRON: -- to the people that will hear it.

DAVID KORESH: I'm not a prophet. I never claimed to be a prophet.

BYRON: Okay. Then, then that's my misinterpretation of what you've said. You are a gifted man.

DAVID KORESH: But, remember, only the Lamb can reveal the Seven Seals, you know. I may be greater than a prophet, I may be the genuine. You never can tell unless you learn the seals.

BYRON: Okay. And I -- Believe me, I've done more (indiscernible) --

DAVID KORESH: Are you going to kill me?

BYRON: -- in the last three weeks than I have in, in all my life. So if you, if you've

attempted to accomplish something, you've done that. Now really go forward. You've, you've reached out and you've contacted a, a myriad of, of negotiators here. You've talked to people who were genuinely interested in you and hopefully we will continue to talk to you. But I want to talk to you face to face.

I want to talk to you during the -- during your court process to assure you that we will continue to stand by you as an ally, not an adversary. And we're ready to do that if you will just allow us to do it.

DAVID KORESH: Well, like I said, are you going to kill me?

BYRON: Are we going to kill you?

DAVID KORESH: Right.

BYRON: No.

DAVID KORESH: How do you know?

BYRON: Well, let me, let me rephrase that. You have, and we have expressed to you, some very specific rules of safety. Those, those rules are still in effect. That will cause a, a complete, no-questions-asked understanding between your people and the people out here that have to safely supervise the exit of your people, including yourself, from that compound. I can assure you, I do assure you that it is not the intention, we are not here to execute you,

we're here to help you.

We're here to extract you from there, not to force any kind of a confrontation which ends in, in more blood shed. David, I can't tell you that any more from the heart than that.

DAVID KORESH: I believe you.

BYRON: I'm talking about in the word of, of who you and I both know to be our, our salvation, that's the way it is. So you asked the question straightforward, I just gave you the answer straightforward.

DAVID KORESH: Can I -- Can, can we like have a conversation later on today? I'm fixing to -- See, my, my side -- I'm sitting up right now. I came down from where I was at.

BYRON: I understand.

DAVID KORESH: And my physiological being is, is, like I say, is just like yours. We have, we have certain things we've got to do and we've got to do.

BYRON: I understand.

DAVID KORESH: Could we possibly get on a conversation some time maybe not far from now, to where I can possibly show you some of the things that I teach the people here?

BYRON: David, that would be fine --

DAVID KORESH: Just between me and you?

BYRON: -- but I prefer to do that man to man, okay?

DAVID KORESH: Well, that's what I'm saying. I'm saying I'd like to kind of like predestinate you earlier so you can see where I'm coming from.

BYRON: Are you -- You come out and I'll meet you anywhere.

DAVID KORESH: Well, I can't do that until my father says it's time to go.

BYRON: Okay. Then let me -- I respect that, okay?

DAVID KORESH: I mean, that's just where -- My my, my --

BYRON: David --

DAVID KORESH: -- ardent way is I always obey.

BYRON: I understand that and I'll respect that, and I'm sure my commander will. But I need to show him some progress here. Okay?

DAVID KORESH: Well, here --

BYRON: And I think we've made a tremendous amount of progress just through this conversation. And again --

DAVID KORESH: You know, you know from the bug that you had in our building here, you know that we've had a crisis amongst us. You know that, don't

you?

BYRON: Yes, I do know that.

DAVID KORESH: Now, you know that in Levitical law that liquor and things like that in small moderation are acceptable to God. You know that, don't you? As it says, it's according to Deuteronomy and the Laws of Moses, thou shall tide the liquors and thy strong drink. You know that?

BYRON: Yes.

DAVID KORESH: God does not condone drunkenness.

BYRON: I agree.

DAVID KORESH: God does not condone anything that's in excess.

BYRON: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: Okay. Well, what took place was in the initial confrontation, some of the people that are laying hoe to the promises of God and the seals took liberties to, to -- You know, I've been shot. They took liberties to indulge themselves in some of the, in some of the store.

BYRON: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: And we had small amounts, you know. And in so doing, it created a problem on our side because, like I say, God is not to be trifled with and this is a violation of God's mandate and God's law.

BYRON: Okay. And that's for your supervision. I understand that.

DAVID KORESH: Yeah.

BYRON: I understand.

DAVID KORESH: And so -- But, see, these people, you know, as Christ told us, as your Christ has told you what is written in the book, you know, fear not ye that can kill the body. Let me tell you who to fear. Fear him that after he has killed the body can cast the soul into hell.

BYRON: Absolutely.

DAVID KORESH: Now, this is where my first and foremost comes to front. I love these people in here more than you could ever understand. I love you more than you can understand.

BYRON: I do understand that and I appreciate it.

DAVID KORESH: But here's the thing. This is something that according to the jurisdiction of God and according to the, to the wave sheaf that are in heaven, it's something that's an extreme violation. It's also been forewarned according to the -- in your Bible, it's the 22nd chapter of Isaiah, forewarning of this confrontation. But the thing of it is it does create a great problem with us as a body that we have to resolve. And --

BYRON: David, do me a favor.

DAVID KORESH: Yes?

BYRON: Please. This is a request. While you are consulting, while you are, are at the book, while you're taking care of your own personal needs, let's start the process. Let's, let's send that sign to, to my commanders that, that we haven't reached an impasse, we now have an understanding based upon mutual respect. Take charge of the people that you have there, their best interests, and go ahead and, and let's start some people out. Let's get -- We've got three buses here.

If we've got to jam them to the gunnels, we'll do that. We'll accommodate as many people as you can send out. And I would love for that first person to be you and I would -- I will move heaven and earth to try to get you out of there safely. But if we can't do that because of your, your conviction to remain there and take care of matters that are at hand right now, let's at least start getting some of these other people out.

Let them be a testament to what you stand for and let them testify to you as to, to what I'm standing for, the fact that they'll be treated properly and they'll have the, the things provided to them that we promised you and I intend to insure that we live up to.

Let's do this, let's do it now. I just got the message that the buses are here, so they're here before 3. And if you think that's because we're anxious, it's because we're committed.

DAVID KORESH: Well, you also know -- Have you ever heard of the daily?

BYRON: Pardon me?

DAVID KORESH: Have you ever heard of the daily?

BYRON: Daily devotionals? Yes, sir.

DAVID KORESH: Right. In other words, according to the, to the commandments of, of (indiscernible) it was commanded that from the sixth hour unto the ninth hour there's to be a worship to God where the Lamb is offered twice a day for the mediation of all of Israel as a nation?

BYRON: Yes.

DAVID KORESH: You know Christ took that mediation to heaven, right? Instead of sacrificing animals, they will keep the bread and the wine twice a day.

BYRON: Yes.

DAVID KORESH: This is something that was done away with, something -- the daily was done away with according to the prophesies of Daniel and also throughout the scriptures, but it's been reinstituted

in the latter days. The mediation of Christ and the heavenly saints for the new covenants, the Seven Seals, which Peter said will be revealed in the latter days. The church is supposed to be ready for this when it came. All the New Testament writers write about this, you know, Christ mediates.

What does he mediate? He mediates the Seven Seals. What are they? Peter says in the last days you'll know.

BYRON: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: But anyway, during these hours between 2 and 3 is the evening part of that worship. So, you know, it's something that --

BYRON: That's some coincidence here, David.

DAVID KORESH: -- we hope that you respect and I respect because, like I say, I don't condemn you for your worship. I don't condemn anybody or any religion. They don't know what they're doing, that's what my statement is. They don't know the seals, they're not completely complete in Christ, they still need grace. And this is what's being mediated in regards to our position is what are we going to do, what's my position with God, what have I learned in 33 years of life, what is it really like down here, you know, what is the problem with the minds of men in this generation?

You know, this is the way God is. This is the ministration of Melchizedek, God in the flesh, you know. What's it really like from your point of view?

BYRON: David, you, you mentioned that it's -- that your daily devotional is between 2 to 3. It's, it's not -- Are you there?

DAVID KORESH: I'm here.

BYRON: It's not pure coincidence that we, that we came upon the time of 3:00. That's out of respect for your devotionals.

DAVID KORESH: Right.

BYRON: Okay? Our buses are here. The drivers are not in devotionals, but I guarantee you that we're devoted to a safe resolution of this matter. Three o'clock, three-thirty if need be. In fact, you are still -- you're in a position where you can, you can go into those devotionals -- I don't know if they're, if they're individual devotionals or as a group.

DAVID KORESH: I've not been able to teach classes lately.

BYRON: Okay. But now is your opportunity to teach a very important message, and that is going to be trust, and we will live up to that trust. But let's get some of those people coming out. And again, I personally wish that you were at the, the head of this,

this first group. But I, I can understand that.

DAVID KORESH: Mr. Byron, just be sure as you, as you review the, the book that you, that you say you believe

BYRON: I don't say I believe it. That comes from my heart, not from my --

DAVID KORESH: Well, I know. What I'm saying is I'm saying that, you know, I, I believe that what you're saying is in sincerity, but what I'm saying is that it comes to the point of understanding what we're reading. And it just so happens that God tells the prophets to seal their book till the time of the end. A lot of things in the prophesies that is not given to men to understand until the time.

BYRON: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: So that's just the truth.

BYRON: I understand that.

DAVID KORESH: And that's why the seals are so important. So in all due respect, please, in behalf of God, the part of God you don't know yet, and no man knows God totally, we all agree on that --

BYRON: Okay.

DAVID KORESH: -- make sure that in your own personal experience you're not found fighting against God, because, you know, I, I would love to show you these seals. And in all due respect, respect one thing

of us, and that is when I say that my God's told me to wait, I have to wait.

BYRON: That's --

DAVID KORESH: And the thing of it is is that those who are waiting on my God have to make their individual decision.

BYRON: David --

DAVID KORESH: There are people here who are afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid of you, man, or anything.

BYRON: I understand that. I respect that.

DAVID KORESH: But they are being tested likewise because there were some who did choose to come out. They are afraid, you know. They, they are not confirmed in every respect to what God has stated.

BYRON: And if they, if they are strong in their faith, let them, let them show that by having the, the strength to come out and, and test what I'm telling you. I'm telling --

DAVID KORESH: Well --

BYRON: Please, let me finish. We need to get something going today. This -- You and I both need to demonstrate that we can get this thing moving. We've, we've been at a stalemate, basically, and I'm not saying that it's, that it's your fault. Maybe, to a large extent, it's our fault, but we've been at a

stalemate for the last basically two weeks. You, you, you are the leader that saw fit to ensure the safety of those children. You are the leader that saw fit to ensure the safety of the two elderly ladies that came out that were -- All of them have been testaments to the quality and the teachings that you have.

Bring forth more and the time is now. Okay? We've got the -- The buses are here. I will personally oversee -- I'll be on the microphone, for crying out loud, showing you that, that these people are, are -- that we're ready to receive them. We'll, we'll work out whatever is best for you as far as, as trying to, to have a safe, I stress safe, and orderly exit of those people that, that you direct to come out of that compound.

Now, David, you know as well as I do, you know as well as I do that if you instruct them to go, they will go forth. There's no question in your mind, there's no question in mine.

DAVID KORESH: If I received that from my father, that's what they would do.

BYRON: Right.

DAVID KORESH: But I have not received --

BYRON: David --

DAVID KORESH: -- that call.

BYRON: David, please, you need to realize --

And I respect what you're saying, but you need to realize that we need to find some common ground here.

DAVID KORESH: Yes, we do.

BYRON: We need to show that there are still options open, that they didn't close up two weeks ago because of, of whoever's actions. That's history. We're talking now.

DAVID KORESH: Yeah, we are talking now.

BYRON: Okay? The buses are here. The medical treatment is, is available. We are ready to live up to our end of the bargain. Let's meet halfway.

DAVID KORESH: Why don't you talk with individuals here? Like I said, I, I've got, I've got to leave. Not that I'm trying to cut you off, it's just that it's, it's a biological thing. A physical thing.

BYRON: David, I'd be happy to, to talk to those people, but let me, let me do this. I'll talk to those people when they come out. Okay? I've got -- Believe it or not, I can directly relate to what you're talking about 'cause I have the same particular call of nature at this moment.

DAVID KORESH: Right.

BYRON: Let's get this resolved. Let's bring the people out. We'll meet them, we'll take care of them, we'll -- If you want a representative, you name

him, we'll have him give you a call back and ensure that they give you the same indication that they've been treated properly. What we've told you, David, we stand behind. I've not lied to you. None of the negotiators have lied to you, nor will they.

DAVID KORESH: We never got our magazines.

BYRON: We, we never got your departure from the --

DAVID KORESH: Uh, uh, uh, that was far after that.

BYRON: Pardon me?

DAVID KORESH: No, no, no. The magazine deal was an agreement made far after that event.

BYRON: I -- Let me tell you this. If we can show some progress on this, I am absolutely certain that I can convince --

DAVID KORESH: Here, here's Steve. I've got, I've got to go. I'm sorry, I don't mean to be rude, but I have to go for right now. Okay?

BYRON: David, do we have an understanding.

DAVID KORESH: Yeah. Well, I understand what you're saying and I hope you understand what I'm saying.

BYRON: Do we have an understanding? Can we get some people out? I need to be able to show my boss --

DAVID KORESH: Here, here's, here's Steve real quick.

BYRON: -- we've done something. [gap] Steve? Hello?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: Steve?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

BYRON: Interesting discussion. Is this on a speaker phone? Could you understand what we were talking about?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I couldn't. I didn't hear anything, other than, you know, what he was saying. It's not on the speaker phone.

BYRON: Okay.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But what I heard --

BYRON: I'm hoping, Steve, that we, that we came to an understanding where we can get something started, that we -- The buses are there right now. You can look out the window. They're down by, what do you call it, the Y or the T or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: Actually, I think we've got, we've got enough buses positioned in both places to ensure that you can see them. Do you remember where we had the safe and orderly transition of a number of children?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

BYRON: A number of children, down by the water towers?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes, I do.

BYRON: We can do it there. You, you call where, where you want it and we will work with our people to ensure mutual safety and we'll get this done. But we need to do it now. Kids, women, men, yourself. You and I have talked eye to eye and I'm telling you that -- I'm assuring you that I'm telling you the truth, but I -- Steve, are you in a position to talk there or are there several people around or --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes. No, no, I'm listening. In fact, you know, I don't want to interrupt you when you're, you know, opening it up and laying it out.

BYRON: Okay. Well, let me lay this out for you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON: You and I are in the same boat. You're between a rock and a hard spot trying to get things accomplished, and I genuinely believe that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: You've got to deal with your commander, be that David, God, whatever. I'm dealing with my commander who's not quite as powerful, but

almost. All right? I've got to show him that we're making progress here in order -- And please listen to this and understand this is not a threat.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

BYRON: But there -- I have got to be able to show him that we still have some options, that things have not closed, whether it was our fault, your fault. Who cares? That's history. I've got to show him that the options are still there, 'cause, Steve, if we don't get off the mark, those options are closing for you and for me. I don't want to see that happen. But we haven't demonstrated -- we, you and I, have not demonstrated other than the fact that both of us have enough testicle fortitude to meet out in the middle of a road, however -- whatever that displays.

That we've got mutual trust in one another, that's good. I'm not downplaying that. But we don't have -- We haven't gotten anybody else out of that compound now, nobody, in days. And when I go in hat in hand saying look, we're having wonderful conversations and I've made a new friend, well, that's, that's all warm and fuzzy, but that is not progress as far as my commanders are concerned, that, that they want to accept this as the best we can do.

Now, I may be happy about it and I may be proud of it, but we've got to get some people out of

there. And I have absolutely no problem in meeting you and facilitating getting them out. We've got buses here, we've got medical attention here. And I apologize if I'm repetitious because I don't know how much of it you heard when I was talking to David.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I, I actually didn't hear anything. In fact, from what I'm hearing from you now is something that I wouldn't have guessed he was replying to by the things he was saying. So this, you know, I couldn't tell what you were actually saying at all.

BYRON: Okay. What I told him, Steve, is that we have arranged for buses. We've got three buses we can bring more.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Were you telling him that then?

BYRON: Yes, sir.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And how was he reacting to that?

BYRON: He, he was reacting, I'm hoping, favorably, until the call of the wild hit him, and I'm sitting here --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON: -- resisting it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Which is true. You know, he did have to go use the facilities.

BYRON: I understand that. That's fine. We've all got human needs. We want to be --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: He's very --

BYRON: Steve, we want to be able to address all of your human needs. We want to get you -- That place can't be comfortable. It's been cold.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right. He started, he started bleeding I think probably, 'cause he did get up and start walking around. He walked down to the phone where I'm at here, and just now he said he had to leave. He said he was bleeding. So I, I didn't realize that.

BYRON: Steve, you all are, are over your daily devotionals at 3:00. Is that correct?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's correct.

BYRON: Okay. I told him that the buses would be here by 3. They're already here. You can look out the window, you can see them at the -- down at the Y and down here by the, by the water towers.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And when you said that to him, what did he tell you?

BYRON: He was receptive to that. Now, I, I hope he's receptive to it -- And I'm not going to stand here and tell you that he said fine, we'll fill them up, but I tell you -- I'm telling you, just as I told him, we need to show some motion here. We need to show

some movement. And, Steve, let's, let's cut to the chase here. You know as well as I do that if David says, and probably if you say, any of you that, that are ready to go, let's go.

And those that have some resistance, if he instructs them to go, they're gone. Well, we're -- we stand ready to receive them. We also stand ready to, to, to try to help Judy out with her, with her hand and finger and, and everything else. Can you hold on just a second?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Sure.

BYRON: Hold on. [gap] Steve, are you there?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yes.

BYRON: Just got a message handed to me, and I'm out -- I'm right around the corner from you, so I haven't gotten this directly from downtown, but I'm informed that Kathy Schroeder was just released on bond. Now, I'm sure you have an interest in that.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

BYRON: This, this should just be a further testament as to the treatment, the fairness of the system.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Who did he -- Who was she arraigned before? Who did she come before as a judge?

BYRON: I think she went before -- And it's

my understanding all of her proceedings have been before Dennis Green, who is the magistrate that signed these -- And again, I'll digress.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: Among the things that I have brought out here that I wanted to be able to give to you face to face, and I still want to --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: -- are copies of the search warrant. Have I mentioned this to you?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

BYRON: Search warrant and arrest warrant.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON: They're signed by Dennis Green. Both of them -- Let me double check to make sure I'm accurate. Both of them on the 25th.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Twenty-fifth of February? Both arrest -- Both the search warrant and arrest were signed by -- both warrants by Dennis Green then?

BYRON: That's correct.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: On the 25th of February, well in advance of the anticipated raid. That's when everything was -- That's when the affidavit which supports the search warrant and the arrest warrant was sealed. Now, Wayne had expressed a concern about the

sealing of these documents and so forth.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's my understanding.

BYRON: As a violation of his constitutional rights. The only thing that's sealed, and remains sealed until you all are arraigned, taken before the appropriate magistrate and arraigned and your identities substantiated and the specific charges read to you and, and your counsel appointed and everything else, that -- the only thing that's sealed is the affidavit. And the reason for that is, is concern about the ongoing safety of like the undercover agent, that you already know apparently, and I don't know.

I've never talked to the man. But you've told me more times than I've heard from anywhere else about the fact that there was an undercover ATF agent.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

BYRON: And I've, I've glanced over the, the affidavit as part of the, the general investigative package that's available to the commanders, just so that we'll know, so that my commander is fully informed as to the lawfulness, and I stress this, the lawfulness of the search, or the attempted search, and the lawfulness of the attempted arrest warrant. Because if it was unlawful, that'd be an area we'd have interest in investigating ourselves.

But anyhow, that's still, that's still

sealed. So what I'm able to bring forth to you is a copy of the arrest warrant and the search warrant. Now, she's been, she's been released on bond as of -- I mean, I just got the message when I asked you to hold on.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: What we need to do --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: How much -- What's her bond?

BYRON: I didn't get a, I didn't get an indication as to how much the bond was, but she, she's out on bond. May well have been on her personal recognizance, but I don't know and I'm not going to tell you something I don't know. I'm not --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Well, you know, of course, he would be interested to know even that.

BYRON: Sure.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And where she might -- Is she -- Where is she at now? Did she leave the premises of the county jail or --

BYRON: Steve, yes, she's out on bond. She's sure not going to -- I don't think she's going to recreate at the county jail.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Do you know where she might be headed or --

BYRON: We can try to find out. Or better

yet, you can find out when you all come out. We'll reunite you. And, and that's not a, that's not a frivolous statement. ready to do that. But talk's cheap. You know what I mean?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

BYRON: It's time now to come forward so that I can, I can continue to deal with good faith with you, but I can continue to walk in the door without getting my head bit off by my -- by the commander of this thing. Let's get something done. We've got the buses here, we've got the ambulances ready, we've got legal counsel and representation waiting for you. Your daily devotional is over in 15 minutes. We're here, we're ready. I don't know what else we can do. All right?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: Okay. The negotiators are -- And I'm still on a patch with you, so the negotiators are still back at the command post. Steve, please, now we've had misunderstandings before as far as who's going to call who and what kind of time limits. Get back to us. It's 10 minutes of 3. Get back to us by -- What's, what's good for you, 3:10?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: That's a little bit soon because, remember, there's a lot of people here.

BYRON: Right.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: And there would have to be

a lot of conversation. They're all over the premises.

BYRON: Well, let's get -- Gather them -- Steve, we're not, we're not trying -- This is not any kind of -- to try to get them all in one space, but get together with these people and let them know. We stand ready to accept them right now and treat them properly.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll tell them that.

BYRON: Let's, let's get them -- Let's get this worked out. And I want to, I want to help participate in this thing. Okay? I will be, I'll be, I'll be in a position to -- You can tell I've got a couple of --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right.

BYRON: -- conversations going here.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Right, I can tell.

BYRON: I'm in a position to be able to, to announce this, to, to help coordinate it from out here. I'm already here. I'm out here right around the corner, waiting to work with you on this thing. So whatever I can do to facilitate it from this end, I'll do it. The negotiators that are also on the line down there at the command post, which is, is down in Waco, they stand ready to facilitate it and coordinate it, just like you were able to do so skillfully early on in this thing, when you and I walked those people out.

And you remember that and so do I. We can do

it again, and it's time to do it right now. But we'll give you time to go talk to the people, but, please, Steve --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: -- it's getting dark. We want to do this in an orderly fashion where you all are comfortable and we're comfortable. One of the reasons for those lights that are out there --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Um-hum.

BYRON: -- remember all the, the misgivings that you all had when we were trying to get the -- I think it was the fifth and sixth child released? Nobody wanted them to walk down to that -- to the T in the road -- road because you guys were seeing what you thought were, were, you know (indiscernible) the dark and we were seeing the same thing.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Byron, you know that's not the reason why the lights are like 50 feet away from the building.

BYRON: Steve, that's part of it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: But you know that's not

BYRON: And it might be hard for you to understand, but --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: It is not, it is not, not because the children needed to walk down a road and get into a, a vehicle or anything. It's -- You have other

motives and reasons for it. I don't know totally what they might be, but I could second guess --

BYRON: Steve, the bottom line, the bottom line is safety, and that's what I'm telling you.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: For who? That's the question.

BYRON: For everybody.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: We're here -- I'm committed -- We're all here committed to try to get you all out of there safe, without any harm coming to either side. There's already been enough harm. There's already been enough blood shed. There's already been enough loss of life. We don't need any of that anymore. You don't need

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Never wanted it.

BYRON: -- and we don't need it.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Never wanted it.

BYRON: Hey, everybody that's involved in this thing now is in the same boat. You didn't bring it on yourself, we didn't bring it on. You've got the FBI here handling it now and we will ensure to you an orderly transition of this matter. Let's get it into the court system. Talk to your people. It's almost 5 minutes of 3 now. What do you think, 3:30? Time's --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Four o'clock.

BYRON: Steve, 4:00 is too late because it starts getting dark at 6.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: There's over 100, there's over 100 people here, though.

BYRON: Can't you gather them together? Don't you have a --

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, because they're all over the place and the program here is, you know, that hasn't been done, nor will it be done at this point of time. So I'd have to go one end to another and all over.

BYRON: David -- David, excuse me. Obviously, he's on my mind, too. Steven, 4:00 at the latest. Okay?

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON: And that's not an ultimatum, that's a plea.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: No, I know. I --

BYRON: Because -- Now, please bear this in mind, okay? These -- I think -- I haven't seen them, but they're -- Oh, I do see them. They're like school buses, so that's the size that you're talking about.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I've seen them also from, you know, in the distance many times.

BYRON: Good.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I do know what you're

talking about.

BYRON: So, so that's -- Basically, you're talking about several people per bus. So, please, let's, let's put a significant effort into this and you and I, I think, can start the, the flow that we were trying to do before. And whether we, we messed it up, again, that's history. Okay? Let's, let's not mess it up today is the point.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll talk --

BYRON: Please.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, I'll talk to you at 4.

BYRON: Okay. Go ahead and call the normal number and they can -- And I'll tell you, I'm going to go ahead and stay on here forward, so that I can help facilitate this thing.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: All right.

BYRON: But, Steve, let's do this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I will do what I can.

BYRON: You and I can do this.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: I'll be doing my part.

BYRON: Okay, buddy.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay.

BYRON: Talk to you later.

STEVE SCHNEIDER: Okay, bye.

BYRON: Bye.

(End of Tape 6x.)