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JOHN DOLAN: Hello.

STEVE: Hello, Steve here.

JOHN DOLAN: John Dolan here.

STEVE: John Dolan.

JOHN DOLAN: How are you?

STEVE: Not too bad. How's yourself.

JOHN DOLAN: Great. Good to hear your voice.

STEVE: For sure.

JOHN DOLAN: I miss talking with you.

STEVE: Where have you been?

JOHN DOLAN: I've been here. They just assigned me to other duties.

STEVE: I see. I see.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. I've been here. How have you been?

STEVE: Well, it's been kind of an up and down ride here since I talked to you Friday of course.

JOHN DOLAN: Of course. I know. I know.

STEVE: Yeah, things had a different turn there but

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: Is apparently, am I supposed to be talking with Byron still or what's, what's the latest thing? I didn't know if you wanted

JOHN DOLAN: He -- my understanding, Steve,

is he's coming from back from forward up there where he was, or he's still up there.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: But anyway we can work out anything we've got so.

STEVE: I see.

JOHN DOLAN: It's good, good hearing your voice.

STEVE: It is. In fact the truth is I really missed, you know, or missed working with you from that day on and --

JOHN DOLAN: Exactly. Me too. Me too. So hopefully we can work together and --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: We will work together.

STEVE: He had mentioned he was pretty I -- see, when I was -- when David was talking with him which was for quite a while, David was quite quiet while he was on the phone with him. So of course apparently he was doing a lot of the talking. I didn't know what he was saying.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: He asked me if we had a speaker phone. We didn't. He gave when David was done he had to use the facilities. He gave me the phone, disappeared, and so I never really did know what he was

saying other than what Byron told me to some degree. And you know, he was impressing on me too that we all come out today, get in the buses and, you know, that would be that.

JOHN DOLAN: Right.

STEVE: And I mean it was a lot -- for just saying that it seemed like the two of them were on the phone a long time. So I don't know what else was really said in between.

But I did in that period of time which has been the past hour go and talk with the majority or a number of people here. And they said, they reiterated to me that the main thing for them is like what they told me last night, they're waiting upon his God. They believe that there's a commander of heaven, and that's the one they fear. They realize you men have to answers to commanders there. And they --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- they appreciate that. They said it's, it's not to take anything away from you, our lives in this world, yours, your safety, my safety. We've all had desires in this world of things we want to do. But they actually, you know, I can't put it any simpler than they, they fear the God of that Bible but --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: some of the issues I brought up with John earlier in the day. I made a list. I hope that he took them down or that they were recorded. Those were the, some of the major things that bother these people.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: One of the bigger things or issues that came back up and that was brought up last night was the, the hope that like even David brought out earlier with Byron about other theologians dialoging with him where the people could hear.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: I mean if they have answers or if they have another perspective on those seals, he is not who he claims to be, what other -- whatever credibility he has with them is, is nil --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- it's not there. And he walked away implying that even again to me, he said that if they can even equal him, or if they can show something from the book or give a good, give a good account of their understanding. And there's so many theologians much older than him, much more experienced both with many other areas of study. So you know, they would expect that something could be worked out with this professor Philip Arnold from Houston --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- or I believe the other man's name was Taber (phonetic sp.) from north, from the University of North Carolina. Again what they mentioned was

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- they mentioned about the part the ATF is still playing. They're, they're concerned. You know, a lot of them bring that up over and over again. Especially after what they heard at the press conference.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah, Steve. I listened to the broadcast.

STEVE: Did you? Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: It was a tape. I mean I didn't hear the actual broadcast.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: But I heard tape of the broadcast. And you know, obviously I'm not a scholar, and you know more than I do when it comes to that. And I'm certainly glad to admit that. Like I said, it's the straight scoop. You know, you and I talk the straight scoop. And that's why I enjoy talking to you so much.

And it sounded like he was saying to me that, you know, only the Lamb can really come up with, with,

you know, the solution of the seals. And it sounded like that's what was coming across the air. I think it was about maybe, gosh, maybe a 12-minute tape that I heard of the broadcast.

And as Byron mentioned to you, think he was really looking forward to talking to David, which he did, and making some, some real progress in the, in the form of perhaps, you know, some people who maybe don't want to be there or maybe are ill or infirm or, or hurt that they could come out. And I think that would, you know, show some progress that Byron was interested in, in demonstrating.

STEVE: I understand that. See --

JOHN DOLAN: Right.

STEVE: -- but the difficulty lies where even those very people that show an interest since the breakdown Friday after I talked to you.

JOHN DOLAN: Right.

STEVE: And I mean I really -- I mean I can't tell you how much I regret about that 5-hour non-communication which I should have picked up the phone. I, I was thinking that you were going to call me in a few minutes.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, I did. I tried 25 times.

STEVE: And I, and I believe that.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Yeah.

STEVE: There's -- I, I don't doubt that in the least.

JOHN DOLAN: No, I was so --

STEVE: And I feel like

JOHN DOLAN: Go ahead.

STEVE: Yeah, I feel like a lot of that was my responsibility, because I should have had enough sense to pick up the phone to see if there might have been a problem. After that I mean I was still convinced that those three people were going to leave that morning, Saturday morning

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- not even questionably.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum. Um-hum.

STEVE: And like I told these men, I had talked to a number. And it's because too like David said to Byron that there were some problems with us as a group of people from the incident that happened that Sunday. There's certain things we don't do like when, like in the Bible we take things in moderation. So we're not people that are given to heavy drinking. And certain people took advantage of certain situations

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- that were suggested to them. They needed to go out.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum. Um-hum.

STEVE: And so when like I was speaking with you, that was in my mind. Even that Friday --

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- night.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: So that -- and that next morning I was even expecting that there would be quite a number of people and not to say the least the majority coming out.

JOHN DOLAN:Yeah. I --

STEVE: But see -- excuse me. I don't know why it happened, how it happened with the commanders over, you know, like yourself, John Cox and so -- or maybe like they said that it wasn't going fast enough to suit them or something.

But I had wished that they had remembered from the beginning what David said they were here in the first place from all over the United States mainly to hear this man, to see him open something. He did do that contrary and overwhelmingly so compared to other scholars and ministers and so forth. So they had gained a conviction that the man had something. See and so that's where the difficulty

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- lies more than any other place is the spiritual conviction, having a fear of a God that

we don't really know but we see in his book. He talks about last day events. And to them it's very clear that after 6,000 years of human history you and I are here. We're finally here.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum. I know.

STEVE: So you know --

JOHN DOLAN: I, I think

STEVE: -- that's where the difficulty lies.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum. I think maybe, you know, I can't speak for what's in their mind and, you know, for anybody's mind except what's, what's in your mind and in my mind. But I, I certainly know that you want to go forward and I want to go forward. And I, I think maybe they want me, put me back, allowed me to go back, however you want to phrase it.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: Because they were looking -- because they understood I think that you and I had, had something really special and that was trust. And you know, when that, when that gets broken it's hard to, hard to restore that unless you know the people involved and get those same two people back together.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: And I think that's what's in their mind at this point. I don't know. Like I said, I can't speak for their mind. It's just a guess. But

you know, they're looking to move ahead. I want to move ahead with you. I think you want to move ahead with me. And I'm glad we're back together getting this done, you know.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: So how does it stand with the people who are like, like you said overdoing the things that should be done in moderation? Are they coming out or --

STEVE: Well, that's -- see that's just right now like David well, see now this is going to be something that you wouldn't believe or would have a hard time buying. But I went and talked with him. He said something was revealed to him. It hasn't been stated to him about his moving out or those that trust in his God not to that. But I went and asked him what's happening. He said something was shown to him about the prophecies. And I went like this, oh good.

JOHN DOLAN: Good.

STEVE: And then he says to me no, not good. He says you people have not been sober and so forth. And so it still comes down to that there are people here that choose or would like to --

JOHN DOLAN: Sure.

STEVE: -- remain here.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: But they may be told to leave anyway.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: So that's like say right now I'm waiting to hear what that's all about myself.

JOHN DOLAN: Well

STEVE: And with some of the others that showed an interest like that you had when you had worked with me, and because of the way you are, your personality, and they saw my response to you, those were the ones that had chosen, those were they ones that were ready to come out. And now they're sitting there really not saying anything even though I've had so many talks with them from the time you left and tried to regain their confidence in what you and I were doing. I've not really been able to do that.

And even after the meeting the day before yesterday with Byron and Jack, they're -- they raised these issues to me now. Issues that they hadn't really talked about to any real degree about the ATF. Because they've been listening to the radio since then being that we were cut off, of course, you know, the electricity, TV.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: They didn't get to see the, the videotapes you people sent.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: You know like Kathy and, and her son and so forth.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: They never got to see that because of the electricity being cut off. So it was some of those things that kind of changed their outlook. And I've been still talking with them. But then they raised me before I came back to talk with John-3.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: I told them about their concern about the spokesperson for the ATF and, and the part they're still playing, what's happening to them right now. They want to hear something on the airwaves that there is an investigation. We've been told that there is. But you know, they hear nothing about it. They're afraid.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: They're actually afraid of a power like that that takes precedence over the press, over every other aspect of American society.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, well, the press asks some hard questions. And you know the, the press in all candor, you can remember back to Watergate. I know you, you were an adult then. And you were watching the news when the press literally took down President Nixon --

STEVE: Um-hum. Um-hum.

JOHN DOLAN: for the acts that he had done in connection with Watergate. And, and if there's an analogy here, if there's any wrongdoing by anybody in ATF, the press is really the person that's going to take them down. There's no question about that. Do, do you see what I mean?

STEVE: I do but I --

JOHN DOLAN: So that's going to happen.

STEVE: don't -- I can't agree with you. Because I think that -- it seems to me that they have folded in. And it doesn't mean to you or to the guys I'm talking to. But it seems to me they are folded into your agency which seems to be more powerful than I ever dreamed.

I mean you -- of course, you already know that your agency takes, has the power and that's been shown to do their will whatever the press is. And the press buckles in. If you said go back 10 miles, I believe they would go back 10 miles. I've heard a lot of things since that time. I never dreamed it was quite like that. And it's not to take anything away from you as a person --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- or your sincerity or some of those that I've spoken with. But you know, we see that as

being a reality.

JOHN DOLAN: Sure. Let me tell you something.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: The FBI has about 10,200 agents roughly. The ATF has 2,000. They're, they're relatively speaking, I mean I know you may perceive them as being larger. They have 2,000 agents for the entire United States of America.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: To give you some contrast, the New York City Police Department has 30,000 sworn officers. So you're talking about a relatively small agency. And as a matter of fact, going back to the Reagan administration, Reagan was talking about combining ATF with Secret Service and with other agencies.

So you know, the fact that you're talking about a very powerful agency, you're talking about a relatively small agency in the number of sworn agents or, or sworn personnel as we say. And you're talking about not a large agency. And you're also talking about an agency that at least in the past has, the President had proposed that they be assumed by Secret Service.

So you know, if you're saying real powerful

and could overcome the press, I really don't think so. I don't think so.

STEVE: Well, I just, you know, I'm concerned with like the, the spokesperson for the ATF when the comments are made --

JOHN DOLAN: I, I understand what you're saying.

STEVE: -- that have been made today.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: And I mean if she would only state some general things sometimes when it comes to the actual happenings. But for him to state as a fact what happened. And I was an eyewitness as many -- there were women here that actually looked out windows that got -- and when they looked out the window that Sunday morning, they were shot at. Their honestly should be at least 20 of them dead right now. And when they get to look at where the bullet holes were made and so forth, seriously, John.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah, I know.

STEVE: And I mean, but here's a man saying that they came here. They knocked at the door. They never physically -- he said one man came to the door. I heard the press this morning. He said one man came to the door and knocked at the door. Not so. Not so.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, the pictures in <u>Time</u>

magazine have many, many in front of the front door. You know what I'm saying?

STEVE: Oh, is that, is that why maybe we, they have not yet given those magazines? Is there something that we might see or, or --

JOHN DOLAN: Well

STEVE: -- is it nothing to that or what?

JOHN DOLAN: I'll, I'll try to work on that. Believe me. I'd like to get something going, you know, with between you and me. And, and in getting back to the fact of ATF. You got to understand that the Senate Subcommittee are trying to determine what really happened. So you've got the Senate, the whole United States press corps as well as the United Kingdom press corps --

STEVE: I would sure like to hear something about that. I mean if such a thing's happening, if it's coming out on C-SPAN, I mean if it came through the radio airwaves. I mean I'd like to hear something

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- or anything.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. I just understood now that Byron wanted to talk to you. Apparently he was, had something he wanted to say to you. I guess it's a continuation of the good dialogue that was going on

before. So let me see if I can arrange that. And

STEVE: All right.

JOHN DOLAN: I know that they're trying to arrange that right now.

STEVE: Well, it's always a pleasure --

(Interference.)

JOHN DOLAN: It's a real pleasure talking with you.

STEVE: Yeah, I can't, I can't hear you now. I (indiscernible)

JOHN DOLAN: I think this is part --

STEVE: Hello? Hello?

JOHN DOLAN: A part of the patch. They're -- hello?

STEVE: Hello?

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Steve, they're trying to patch you to Byron.

STEVE: Oh, I see. Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: And he's at a separate location.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: But if we, if we break contact, I just mean telephonic contact by over the phone, we'll get back together. Because I, I do have a lot of things I want to say to you. And I know you feel the same way too.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: And it is very good talking with you. I'll be very candid

STEVE: It is. It is.

JOHN DOLAN: about that. So let's, let's see how we are doing with the, with the patch hookup here.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: But how's Judy doing? And a couple questions I had.

STEVE: Apparently she seems to be about the same. It doesn't

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- seem like it's gotten any worse right now. It's still, you know, a very fat finger. It looks very bad.

JOHN DOLAN: Does it have any odor to it?

STEVE: I haven't check. You know I actually haven't I've been so busy to this morning right through.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: From this morning with listening to -- okay.

JOHN DOLAN: That's just a part of the patch --

BYRON: You there?

JOHN DOLAN: -- so you may just --

STEVE: Yeah, hello.

BYRON: Steve?

STEVE: Yes.

BYRON: Okay. This is Byron.

STEVE: Byron.

BYRON: Yes. Okay. We've, we've got kind of a three-way connection. Because I'm still out right around the corner from you.

STEVE: Oh, you are. Okay.

BYRON: Yeah. Listen I, I don't mean to interrupt your conversation that you got going there with John.

STEVE: Okay.

BYRON: But I wanted to let you know that --

(Push button tones.)

BYRON: You still there?

STEVE: Yeah, I'm still here.

BYRON: Okay. The buses are, are in position. The ambulances I think we just brought a couple of emergency medical teams up so that they can provide proper care including to your wife. And I'm going to be going forward to up by the water tower to just not necessarily to oversee it but to make sure that anything that, that we can do this just as smoothly as possible. We'll live up to our end of the bargain. Okay?

STEVE: I'm not really sure I understand what you're really talking about right now.

BYRON: Well, we're talking about what we were talking about before and frankly what we've been talking about --

STEVE: Which is -- can you just --

BYRON: for 3 weeks and that's the bringing some people out of the, of the compound. We've got, we've got

STEVE: You know, it's the strangest thing that I observed between you and David when you were on the phone. And I mean I don't know how long you were on the phone. I didn't time you. But it seemed like quite a period of time.

BYRON: Yeah, it was about an hour I think.

STEVE: Yeah, and what -- apparently what you were saying was so totally opposite of what he was -- I heard him talking about spiritual things, about his love for your soul, about you understanding something about his commander which he said is his father. He --

BYRON: Right.

STEVE: -- he was getting into what's going to be happening to some degree in this world with all of us. And when he gave the phone to me what I heard you saying, I about fell over to be honest with you. And I went upstairs. I went to talk to a number of

people in this past hour. I went up to talk to him. I says well, what was really stated? And apparently, you know, you didn't really hear anything he said and --

BYRON: Well, Steve, let's, I mean let's, let's just --

STEVE: It seems like it's falling on deaf ears. Can I say it that way?

BYRON: You're, you're exactly right. It's falling on deaf ears. Because -- and not from this end. Because I talked to him, you know, straightforward. I talked to him from the heart that we've, we've got to make a commitment. We've got to be able to see what's, what's he's in a leadership role as are you. You still there?

STEVE: Yes. I'm listening.

BYRON: Okay. And that, you know, we had a good exchange. The fact that we've got -- we've done everything that you all have asked. I've gone out --

STEVE: No, no. Not so. Not so.

BYRON: Let me finish please.

STEVE: Okay.

BYRON: I've gone out and I've, I've rounded up all of these documents and so forth that I went over with you before you handed me off to David which I appreciate by the way the opportunity.

STEVE: Right. I figured you wanted that.

BYRON: But we've, we've got that. We've done it. We've done everything that we can. It's now time to move forward, okay? We've got three buses here. We can accommodate I don't know how many people but probably --

STEVE: I want to -- let's, let's --

BYRON: every bit as many as, as you had talked previously.

STEVE: It's not going to happen that, it's not going to happen that way. Let, let me -- so I don't give you any kind of false hope or anything unless you choose to force it --

BYRON: Why is it not going to happen that way?

STEVE: Because number one, you heard all the issues I raised earlier I do hope or -- I gave them to John-3. And I believe I started reiterating those statements and those points to you about the ATF, about very issues that Wayne Martin is concerned about when he got on the telephone.

BYRON: Steve, we've addressed all those things is what I'm saying. We're cover -- it -- you're, you're

STEVE: You, you say you've given us every

BYRON: -- absolutely right when you talk about it's falling on deaf ears.

STEVE: No, okay --

BYRON: Because

STEVE: It's you said you've given us everything we've asked for. If you go back 2 weeks ago. And I'm not going to do that right now. But you go back and you listen to what, what was agreed upon. And then picking up even Friday, where are the Newsweeks and the Time magazines? Where, where's the dropping off of the tape of Dr. Arnold? Where's the, some of the --

BYRON: I've got the tape right here of Dr. Arnold. You are the, you are the person, Steve, that did not want to come out and talk in the road.

STEVE: That's true. You're, you're right about that.

BYRON: Okay. And, and you and I -- and that offer is still open. You and I can still communicate straightforward, one to one. Do you know where I'm coming from?

STEVE: Exactly.

BYRON: I'm not going to feed you a line of garbage. But Steve, we're, we're not getting anywhere. We're not moving forward. We're dancing with one another.

STEVE: Well, let me say it this way. In case you missed the point with David. And this is what

he would say. This is what I would say. This is what the people are saying. A couple weeks ago our rights were infringed upon as American citizens. I'm talking about the hundred and about fifty people here or more. I'm talking about this whole --

BYRON: Which was not done by the FBI.

STEVE: Okay. But those rights were infringed upon. We are American citizens.

BYRON: And we stand ready to make sure that your rights are protected. I've told you that time --

STEVE: Okay. But now it's

BYRON: -- and time again. That's why I say we just keep going around the same issues.

STEVE: Okay, but the, the whole thing gets back to, the whole thing gets back to is we have to answer conscientiously first to God. That's what you've got --

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE: -- to understand. It has to do --

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE: -- with an element called time.

BYRON: Steve. Steve.

STEVE: And some of these people -- wait, no. Now I listened to you. Now come on, Byron. Just give me a chance. Give me a chance now. So I've talked to these people. And I've tried to give them every

opportunity. I've shared the things that you've, I've talked with you about to them. I really have. I've given them my perceptions of that meeting, about your personality, about trust, about what took place, what's taken place up to that point of time.

The whole element comes back to this word wait. His God says wait. And that's what the majority want to do. At the same time, there's some that I keep on talking to. Do you understand?

BYRON: Yes, I do.

STEVE: Okay. But at the same time, when you're telling me there's buses up there ready for this whole -- it's not going to happen that way. Not just yet anyway.

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE: Maybe, maybe if you showed me more about the ATF, what they want to see.

BYRON: Wait a minute. Wait. Steve.

STEVE: You show the answers that -- wait, wait. The answers that, that you say you've got for Wayne and myself that we raised along with some of these other things that might seem to be minor or small to you. If we can look at those things, and I can take them to the people, we can talk about those things, then let's see what happens.

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE: Yes.

BYRON: You know as well as I do, and I'm getting hoarse just sitting here talking to you. And I know you are as well. That with the amount of, of authority that you exercise coupled with the, the obvious leadership of David that there are a number of people there -- you've expressed this to us yourself. You, you have said earlier that, that there were people that David was ready to send out.

STEVE: That is correct.

BYRON: Okay. Send out. Then send them out. I mean let's get something going. You need to understand I'm not just sitting here itching because I want to fill up a bus. I'm sitting here itching because I want to continue to be able to go in to my boss and express to him that we have progress. Steve, right now we don't have tangible progress. We've got good rhetoric and we've got

STEVE: Well, you tell your bosses what they did --

BYRON: -- a tremendous dance lesson going on.

STEVE: -- you tell your bosses what they did Friday night they could have done

BYRON: That's history. I'm talking about today.

STEVE: -- no, no, no, no. No, I don't care if it's history. It's still Byron, be real. It gets back to what they chose to do. And I even counted that with Dec -- you listen to that, the tape all day Saturday. I told him they could have done no greater damage. They could have shown some good will by turning the electricity back on to show that they might have made a mistake in their behalf, in their judgment.

BYRON: Steve, I, I don't --

STEVE: Byron, do you understand that?

BYRON: Yeah, I don't, I don't disagree with you.

STEVE: But those men, but those men have not to this time shown that. They've not allowed you and the negotiators to even give a Time magazine, a Newsweek magazine. Which --

BYRON: I'm glad you understand that.

STEVE: -- which by the mail was supposed to be rightfully a couple individuals on the premises theirs anyway.

BYRON: Hey, your, your mail, your attorney, your medical, all those things stand ready. But nothing is going to come in there until this is resolved. You need to understand that.

STEVE: Well, you already --

BYRON: Do, do you understand that?

STEVE: Well, you understand that you people already

BYRON: Steve, do you understand that?

STEVE: -- you already promised us from Friday night the Newsweek, the Time magazine. That was already promised.

BYRON: Well, we promised you that we would try to get a hold of it. And that's --

STEVE: No, they --

BYRON: -- you're absolutely right there.

STEVE: You go back on the tape. They said they already obtained it, a brand new issue, perfectly new --

BYRON: We had to go all the way to Dallas to get it.

STEVE: Okay. But now don't say that, you know, you already have it. You already obtained it that night because --

BYRON: No, I'm confirming that. I'm telling you --

STEVE: Okay.

BYRON: -- that you're absolutely --

STEVE: Okay, and

BYRON: -- right. I'm not trying to feed you any kind of garbage here.

STEVE: John Cox told me, John Cox told me

that Friday night they were going to be dropped off. Friday night. He says it will take about an hour from where I'm at to the place where --

BYRON: Listen. We --

STEVE: -- this is what he said. You go back and listen to the tape.

BYRON: Okay. Okay. Okay. I understand that. And what I'm telling you is that was in earnest. That was our intention and our desire.

But the, the feedback that I'm getting, and again, draw the parallel. Step back and look at this independently. I am in exactly the same boots that you are in. Except instead of you answering to David, I'm answering to my commander. The same exact situation. He's telling me go ahead and secure those magazines. But there ain't nothing going in there until something's coming out. Now I'm just telling you man to man.

STEVE: All right.

BYRON: That's the way things are. And we've got to get --

STEVE: Okay.

BYRON: Listen, if you want us to make progress, and I think you do. And I'm telling you that I, I absolutely do. We have got to find some common ground. Steve, and you and I can do this. You and

John can do this. In fact, I'm getting the high sign that I'm moving up to the tee. Steve, I would want nothing more than to see you come out. We'll discuss this further. But please, please seize upon this opportunity. Because it is in your best interest.

STEVE: See, one thing I, I can't emphasize enough, I don't have the influence you people give me credit for. I see --

BYRON: Steve, I talk to you in the road.

STEVE: They may look at --

BYRON: I think you sell yourself short.

STEVE: But they -- no, they choose for me to communicate because I can to some small degree give out some of their concerns and share those concerns to some

BYRON: Steve.

STEVE: -- to some point of perspective.

BYRON: Steve, I --

STEVE: Yeah.

BYRON: -- understand that, okay? And I, and I respect what you're saying. And I think I know -- I don't claim to know you well.

STEVE: Okay.

BYRON: But I, I know -- you and I have met under circumstances that bond people pretty rapidly. And I think that I know what you're talking about and

I, I understand it. I accept it. But I've got a lot more -- I think I've got a little bit more respect for the influence that you wield than, than maybe even you do.

Listen, I need -- I'm --

STEVE: You must definitely. Because --

BYRON: -- stepping out. I'm going to leave you with John.

STEVE: -- I, I just can't, you know, I don't see what you're saying.

BYRON: I think it's there if you just exercise it. But that's a decision you've got to make. John, are you still there? John?

JOHN DOLAN: Hello?

BYRON: Steve, hold on just a second. I'm --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: Hello?

BYRON: John, you still there?

JOHN DOLAN: I'm here.

BYRON: Okay. I'm going to have to, to step out. I'm going up to the tee. So please, I will be there to do everything I can. We will meet you more than halfway. Let's, let's see this through my friend.

STEVE: Okay.

BYRON: I'll talk to you later.

STEVE: Okay.

(Byron hangs up phone.)

STEVE: John.

JOHN DOLAN: Yes. Byron is -- let me tell you something. He is a totally sincere human being. I mean if you look in his eyes, you can tell he's telling you the truth.

STEVE: I believe -- oh, I wish you could have heard David on the phone, John. I'd give anything in this world. When, when David was talking to Byron, I saw that he was cut off many times. Because you know, the choice by you people for your own reasons of background and ignorance don't choose to hear David speak in a spiritual vein.

But that spiritual vein is also a political vein in that what he's saying, God's going to bring down the, the nations of this world. One is going to be held as an example to the rest of the world because of all that the blessings that have been given to this country to exercise not only its freedoms but to allow for those freedoms and to help others in the world have those freedoms. But to pursue God and to understand the will.

God -- look at, this world's gone on for 6,000 years. People are dying every day. Man can't bring about any solutions. No matter who you vote into office, who isn't, it's just not going to happen.

But the thing here, these people fear God over any other element. Not that they don't also some of them fear man. But the point is when David says that his God tells him to wait, that's still one of the stumbling blocks.

JOHN DOLAN: I appreciate that, that David has, has told us and has told you that that's how he feels. But the children in there do not -- certainly we know that a 4-year-old doesn't decide for itself. We know that.

STEVE: Well, this is true. They don't.

JOHN DOLAN: They don't. I mean they don't, they just don't know enough. And in a sense they are what you might term innocent victims of circumstance.

STEVE: Just like I am.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Of course. So you know, I mean they -- if they are innocent victims of circumstance, why don't we work on you and I and, and just maybe get them out so that they are not innocent, innocent victims anymore.

STEVE: John, I really -- I'll tell you the truth. I really love talking to you. But my bigger, larger concern probably at this time is that there are commanders over you.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, sure.

STEVE: I mean if there were

JOHN DOLAN: Well, that's true.

STEVE: more people like yourself in that bureau that had more power of decision, I think there would be a lot more problems alleviated. And I'm telling you the truth. I sincerely mean that. I think if more people with your understanding and compassion, the way you come across, had any influence of decision or that, the power to make decisions I think this could have -- I already know. I know what would have happened Saturday morning and Sunday because of what David even told Byron in regards to people that were going to be removed from this organization because of abuses of things that, that took place here.

JOHN DOLAN: Let me ask a question. What's going on now with those people? Are they still abusing or what?

STEVE: No, no. That only happened those first couple of days. It didn't happen since that time.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: But he said it looks like they still are going to be have to be sent out.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: But the question -- in fact, he gave them the opportunity to make the choice to even go sooner. See that's what was happening.

JOHN DOLAN: So what did they say?

STEVE: That's why I wasn't kidding you -- but I could have told you that 20, 30 more would have come out. I was but I didn't, because I thought well, let the three go out Saturday morning. I thought I was going to be talking to you Saturday still.

And when Dec got on the phone and I said Dec. And no matter what I said I'll tell you the truth. I was totally frustrated. I was disgusted. I felt like the carpet had been pulled out from under me. I had had this awesome relationship with yourself. I was -- I thought even I would be coming out within just a few days.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, I was looking forward that to be honest. And I felt that. And after you talk to somebody for a while and you do establish a relationship as, as Byron said you know what they're thinking about. And I was quite frankly looking forward to that. And I still am. That has not -- I didn't mean to use past tense. I'm looking, still looking forward to that.

STEVE: See, you don't, you don't use -- I can't emphasize enough you don't realize even yourself the damage that, that took place because of that breakdown Friday night. Even John Cox told me we had -- even David had a very good conversation with him

that evening.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: We put the phone down. John was going to call me back.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And it was in regards to dropping off the Newsweek, Time magazines. Then I'm sitting there -- we're talking about John Cox right afterwards. And you know, well, let me say it. You guys had bugs all over the place. And we knew you did. We brought them up in a couple places purposely.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: We thought we'd let you hear what was all going on to some degree. You can, you know, take from that. But at the same time if you were listening very carefully, you would have heard David and I speaking about -- we thought it was a pretty good relationship there with --

JOHN DOLAN: It was a good relationship. And it still is. Still is.

STEVE: And, and then the lights went out at quarter after 11 while I'm sitting there talking to him in a good -- I, I saw him very upbeat. So then right after that he tells me well, call, call back he, we thought the lights, somebody had flipped the switch accidentally here. We never dreamed honestly never

dreamed that that's what had happened.

So when I called John, he said he'd call me back. He never did. Next person I heard that morning was John-3. Then I talked to Dec. And we went round and around. No -- you know, it's just like we weren't getting anywhere. I was telling them I had lost what little credibility I might have had or influence if I -- I never seen --

JOHN DOLAN: I know. Let me ask you a question. Did you --

STEVE: Okay, go ahead.

JOHN DOLAN: -- did you ever make, did you ever have a fight with your wife?

STEVE: Did I ever have a fight with her?

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: No.

JOHN DOLAN: I don't mean a physical fight --

STEVE: No.

JOHN DOLAN: -- a disagreement.

STEVE: No.

JOHN DOLAN: No? Oh, boy. Okay. My parents certainly did. And I certainly have with, you know --

STEVE: Oh, you mean -- are you talking about over the years?

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: Oh, over the -- I thought you meant

just recently.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, no, no.

STEVE: Okay. Well, sure.

JOHN DOLAN: Sure. Everybody has them. I mean it's human nature, because you're made out of flesh and blood. But that doesn't mean that you don't go on with your life and continue doing great things with each other and, and having a wonderful future life, does it?

STEVE: No, but I mean as nice as the analogy is and how you would bring that into this situation, I mean I can see some of the points you might make. But you know, don't forget, I mean there's so many issues here that are --

JOHN DOLAN: I, I realize that. The point is that we've got to go forward. You're a family and in a sense our family. Our family is, is, you know, Byron and me and, and we've got to go forward with this thing together. And, and that's what we want to do is --

STEVE: Are, are you --

JOHN DOLAN: -- we want to get this thing moving together.

STEVE: John, can I ask you --

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- are you aware if they did actually get a tape of this Dr. Philip Arnold out of the Reunion

Institute of Houston?

JOHN DOLAN: Yes. I heard it.

STEVE: Oh, you did hear it.

JOHN DOLAN: The radio station.

STEVE: Yeah. See they -- I mean but did your agency contact him? Was there anything

JOHN DOLAN: Yes. Yes. We played it. It's -- as I said I heard it. It's about 12 minutes long.

STEVE: Oh, I see.

JOHN DOLAN: We -- I'll tell you the exactly way we did it. We just had them play the tape. And it was played over the phone. We put a recorder at this end and recorded it. And I listened to it. It was a real simple procedure. And it runs about somewhere in the 12, 14, you know, somewhere around there.

STEVE: As a response to what we requested last night.

JOHN DOLAN: Exactly.

STEVE: I see.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: We did that. I mean it was done this morning. In fact, I personally, I personally did it. And Byron has the tape.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: So yeah, we did it. I, I -- that's one of the things I helped out on. And, and happy to help out. And I listened to it. And when you hear it, one person is a little bit closer and one person is a little bit further in the, you know, as far as volume.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: I think that's just the way it came across. But you know, I'd like to keep the good, good thing going that Byron established today. And you know, what do you think we can do?

STEVE: Well, I don't know how good it was. I mean I, I see the sincerity of the man. But he's of course he -- it's like he didn't hear or neither did John 3 what I was saying earlier what the concerns of these people are. I'm trying to figure out a way how to reestablish and get moving myself. Byron was very forceful, was very overpowering as the -- I mean he wasn't hearing anything.

So you know, it's like what do you do when the man is almost demanding that we come out right now. I wished it were that easy. I wished it were that easy. If I could convince these people that there was either no God or that they didn't need to have a fear in this God of David, it would be nothing. I mean it would absolutely be nothing for me. But because of

what they've heard and seen from him, there is no way.

You put me in another group of people somewhere else, I could do it thousand times better. But right now because of the Bible that he's opened up to them, the things that he's -- I wished -- I hope that Byron, that which was stated to him by David he hears, you hear. Because that's what these people listen to. And --

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- only they get into deeper, deeper detail.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And they actually fear the God of which he says he is in communication with. How do you get around that? I mean if you go back to the stories in the Bible with Daniel in the lion's den and the Hebrew, three Hebrew worthies and the furnace of fire, you go back to all these things, these people, they're basing their lives on that there's a God that was actually working through the history of man.

JOHN DOLAN: Well

STEVE: And still does.

JOHN DOLAN: Where, where can we go from here? Where do you plan to go from here just

STEVE: Well, I guess where we can go from here, the main thing is, you know, always from the

beginning. The number one thing, and that has never changed. And the only way I can figure out to change that would be okay, number one, here's what I'm talking about. David says just give these people a little time. It's not, it's not that they disbelieve in their government. It's not that anything else. But they came here with freedom of choice to come into this place to hear him and hear something about his God and that information. And because of what's happened, they believe that their rights were infringed upon.

So they need time. He said some of them and in fact that's what he said. Give them a little breathing room. And that's the way a lot of them may be.

Unless if you want to speed the process up, the best way to do it is let some theologians discuss or dialogue with David. I could put it on a speaker phone. These people can come around to hear. And if they can hear these men at least raise questions that he can't answer or they're saying ah, could be, that's all it would take. If all he's got is a could be and he can't show it. And these people have a lot of insight. They come from many denominational backgrounds.

JOHN DOLAN: All right. Let's just take the other side of the coin and

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: and let's, let's say that, that none of these guys can create a doubt. Then where does that put the situation?

STEVE: Well, I, well, I guess what it, where it put the situation is they would probably believe that the man does have something that -- he said only the Lamb can open the seals, show where they're literally located in the Bible. If that's true and what he was saying to Byron.

But he's always opened to let any man show anything. And let the people make a decision. Like in the, in the book of I think it's first Kings where Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal, 400 of them.

JOHN DOLAN: I, I know. But you know, by the same token, you know, we've got to address the court system. And we've got to address the crime scene. The crime scene out there --

STEVE: Agreed.

JOHN DOLAN: the older it gets in a sense the less significance it has. Because I mean just --

STEVE: How so?

JOHN DOLAN: because rain washes away, washes away things that are on the outside like cartridge casings, you know. So the older it gets, the worse it gets. So the more it deteriorates, I mean the

rain, the mud. It's harder to find things. The sooner we get there, the better that crime scene will speak to what you, what your testimony is to what occurred by ATF. So the, the sooner the Texas Rangers get to it, the better it is. The better it's going to speak to, to what happened out there.

STEVE: And I see, I -- and you know what? I totally concur with you. I see your point. And it's, and it's an awesomely good point. In fact, probably if anything I, I believe it would be to our advantage or to -- in fact, no, definitely, positively to our advantage.

JOHN DOLAN: It's absolutely to your advantage. It's, it's -- that land there to which everyone can return, of course, is testimony to what occurred. And --

STEVE: Truly it is.

JOHN DOLAN: -- the sooner the Texas Rangers can get onto that land, conduct the crime scene, the, the more truthful it's going to reveal itself --

STEVE: John, can I say one thing though? Byron told me now this is contrary to what you and John Cox told me Friday and Friday night.

JOHN DOLAN: What's that?

STEVE: About the Newsweek, the Time magazines being delivered here. Now he's saying that

have people come out and we'll do that. And that's what -- David is insulted. I'm insulted. The people are insulted by something that was agreed upon, something that was so lightly and, and warmheartedly offered to us that that would be done. I mean and all of a sudden now that's used as some kind of a bargaining chip or, or a carrot in front of a pole, a string. I mean you know

JOHN DOLAN: I know what you're saying about that. And I think, you know, I think in all candor it's just

STEVE: I think

JOHN DOLAN: kind of, kind of to get something going. You know what --

STEVE: I think it would help to have those along with his answers on tape along with the tape of Arnold to let these people, let them look at that. Let them look at it. Unless you think it's detrimental. Maybe there's something in that Time and Newsweek that you guys are afraid of or pictures that may look contrary to our wanting to come out that we'll get a fair shake. Is that what the reasoning is or

JOHN DOLAN: No, no. I'll, I'll be honest with you. And you know I've been honest with you all along.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: And I'm going to tell you straight. I just

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: don't dance around issues. And I think that's one of the reasons you, you kind of appreciate --

STEVE: I do. I do.

JOHN DOLAN: -- appreciate our relationship.

STEVE: I believe --

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- what you're telling me.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. I'll tell you straight from the shoulder. Those Time, Newsweek magazines, which are the original copies which were driven down from Dallas which

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: were sold out here, they won't be delivered unless there's some significant movement going. Okay, and that's what they're telling me. So I'm going to tell you straight out. It's not, it's not something that's my decision --

STEVE: Can I make a statement? And don't like, like --

JOHN DOLAN: No.

STEVE: -- for instance, Byron gave a statement to me earlier. And he says don't be -- he

said to me I don't -- he didn't say that it was meant to be a threat. But he gave a pretty strong statement. You can ask him word for word what that statement was. But let me just say David did want me to say something to the agency, to your agency because you're in control. Now it's not from me. It's -- but I, I this is what he --

JOHN DOLAN: Go ahead. Go ahead.

STEVE: Okay. What the statement is, he says that for him he's got to wait. He mentioned about how the rights of the American citizens were infringed upon. He says if they want to do other than that, they come in and kill us all. That's what he said. Now that's a pretty strong statement. But he

JOHN DOLAN: Nobody wants to do that. Nobody wants to

STEVE: No, but he said if they, if they feel that's what they've got to do, that's what they need to do. If these people can't be given time to -- I mean this is an important thing to them. They fear God. They believe that God can take their souls. So I mean secondarily to that is their human life. They've already come here because they want eternal life. And so --

JOHN DOLAN: I appreciate that. But David --

STEVE: Okay. But, but you don't understand

how powerful that statement really is. And their belief, their performance and so forth, I want -- that's what I'm trying to tell you.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: So that's why David gave the statement if they, if they want to and force or if they're threatening or whatever else they feel they've got to do, well, just tell them he said that he has a commander he's got to answer to like he told Byron. And that's what he will, and that's what he has to do.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: For the people it can be different. They have to make their own decision. See that's the thing.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, how, how -- when you said you were going to contact the people today, how did that go as far as contacting the people?

STEVE: I went walking around this building here. They're all over the place. And I started saying I just talked to Byron for -- first David did for some time. Then I got on the phone. He's got white vans out there waiting to take you all, to get this whole thing settled and done with. He promises you that nothing will take place or against your person bodily or any other way. They're anxious to get this thing done and alleviate it. I told them that. I says

do you want to go? They're ready to fill and do anything that's necessary to get this thing complete.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And they all told me no, no, no all the way through.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: But I mean but how can you get another answer when you just say that many statements, true? And it took me almost an hour to get all the way through and to, to raise that question.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, I understand that David is telling you that he needs to, needs some sign from, from God, okay. I understand he's telling you that.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: But what about the innocent victims who are in there simply because of their tender ages? Now, now you and I could work to get the innocent victims

STEVE: Okay, well, let me start working on that. Let me, let me write even the question down on a piece of paper. Okay. The young, the small innocent.

JOHN DOLAN: They're innocent. They're victims of circumstance and time.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: They're not -- they haven't done anything. They're totally innocent. Why can't we get

those innocent victims out of there, out of harm's way in a sense because of the cold, because of the weather, because of the heating problems and so on. Why don't we get them out of harm's way? I mean that would be a good thing for, for you and for me to do.

STEVE: Okay. I'm going to -- I'm jotting that down right now as a point to be taken to them. I can take it to the mothers, those, and the, you know, the fathers, those involved.

JOHN DOLAN: I mean that would, you know, what Byron was, was really saying was I want to show some significant sign from David, from Steve, from both that this matter is moving even though while David is waiting.

STEVE: I'll

JOHN DOLAN: You know what I mean?

STEVE: John, I really, I do really like you. And I appreciate

JOHN DOLAN: Vice versa.

STEVE: -- all you're doing and your honesty. But you know, the hard thing is if it could have been you and I right on through without any other influence. These commanders. I mean they're the ones that have messed it up. I, I can't tell you anymore. But they have -- whoever made that decision Friday night, they don't realize -- they will realize. This could have

been resolved much sooner. And, and they don't want to hear it.

JOHN DOLAN: Remember --

STEVE: That's, that's the truth. But now it's so much harder --

JOHN DOLAN: Right.

STEVE: -- to work. Because it seems like they're -- even though you're the mouthpiece and as a human being, as a person, you do very well. You're an honest person. I think you will tell me the truth. But they're ultimately in control. They're ultimately in control. Their will is done over and over again contrary to your, what you might have to say about it, your recommendations and so forth. And these people are seeing that. And that's

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- the harder thing for me to, to get around when I'm talking with them.

JOHN DOLAN: I know. Well, use the analogy of, of having a disagreement with your spouse or your significant other. Because I think that's a good one. Sometimes, you know, I've seen policemen get calls that they hate because they're domestic disturbances, because they are the most violent type of calls. And they are between two people that really care about each other. And they get things resolved, and they go on

with their life and the future.

So what we've got to do, you and I, even though there's some, been some bad things between the people back east, the commanders and some things out here, that doesn't mean that, that you and I can't move forward and go forward from the past disagreements even --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: they weren't between you and me personally.

STEVE: Well, let's start really trying. And I'm going to, I'm going to tell you I'm going to try to do everything I can.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: I'm going to try to get the points laid down, the issues. I'll tell you the response when I talk to these people. If there's anybody slightly showing an issue, I'll, I'll allow them to come and talk to you on the phone. Not only allow. Let's use the word encourage.

JOHN DOLAN: Urge.

STEVE: Urge is right, you know.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Okay. They're going to be making some public address announcements. They've got some

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: -- PA speakers out there. And they're going to be making some PA -- they're --

STEVE: Are you talking about speakers that have been set up around the, the complex here?

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Yeah. And

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah, so that's, you know, they're going to start. But you know, like I --

STEVE: When is this, when is this going to start?

JOHN DOLAN: I don't know. But I just wanted to tell -- you know, like I said I'm, I'm a straight shooter with you. And I'm, I'm going to tell you the bottom line.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: And the bottom line here is, is I -- and Byron was telling you this. Call it -- it's not a godlike thing. But it's, it's just a fact of the court system, a fact of, of law enforcement system. They need to get some people out there and show progress is being made towards a peaceful, successful resolution. That's what they're looking for. And I know --

STEVE: Well, what do I, what do I do? Go eenie, meany, miney, mo

JOHN DOLAN: No, no.

STEVE: -- and tell a person you've got to get out of here now --

JOHN DOLAN: No, no. Send, send out the --

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: yeah, send out the kids. You can do that with the kids. Eenie, meany, miney, mo would be fine.

STEVE: You know I can't. You know I can talk the issues to them though.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, we've got, we've got what, 19 children left in there?

STEVE: Probably something like that I would imagine. I don't even know for a fact. But that sounds about right.

JOHN DOLAN: Why don't, why don't we go ahead and start working on those children. Because that's a really -- that would be a wonderful

STEVE: Okay. Let --

JOHN DOLAN: -- thing to do.

STEVE: -- let me call you back, and it will be sometime in the next number of hours, okay? It won't be real late or anything. It will be in the next few hours or so. But give me some -- and you know this -- I'll tell you what. You know, this is not easy.

JOHN DOLAN: Steve, I wouldn't ask you to do

something that was easy. Not under these circumstances. You know that.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: And I don't think you'd ask me to do something that was easy under these circumstances. This is, is one of the most unique situations in your --

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