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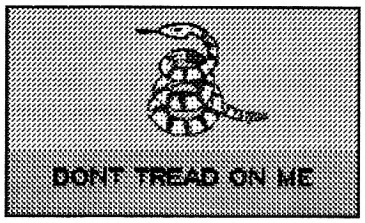

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LINDA THOMPSON, THE BIG LIE CONTINUES

An Objective Analysis of "Waco, the Big Lie Continues"

It is not my intention to mislead anyone regarding certain matters pertaining to the events occurring last year in Waco, Texas nor subsequent events, including two videos produced by the American Justice Federation chairman, Linda D. Thompson, Esq., (LT). My purpose is to bring to light what is known about those events and to expose a fraud of enormous magnitude.

I will begin by expressing my concern over one who has come to prominence in the Patriot Community. Most patriots recognize that many of the evils perpetrated by the government are done so with the blessings of the profession referred to as Attorneys at Law. The source of most of the evils emits from this profession (vocation). One of the classic recent examples was an attorney working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and known to all as Bob Ricks, spokesman during most of the siege at Mt. Carmel Center.

Ricks was a master of spin. Spin, you will all recognize, is the twisting, or spinning, of truth to meet a set of circumstances with the purpose of representing other than what is true. This is accomplished by using sound bites, misrepresenting what others have said and showing visual "bites" and leading those listening to conclude what is "projected" by the spokesman.

Waco, The Big Lie, the video

Last year, around June, I had my first opportunity to see a video that was sweeping the Patriot Community. The video, produced by an attorney from Indianapolis, Indiana, with whom I had some unfortunate dealings with during the siege, represented a very good background of the Branch Davidians, with only a few errors. However when the video represented information regarding the events of February 28 and April 19, it left the grounds of "reasonable" behind in order to promote a "sensationalized" account of the events. This is not to say that many of the conclusions that were represented were not valid, only that the means to reach these conclusions were exaggerated well beyond reason.

The evidence was sometimes available to the public and other times available only to those close to the people involved in the incident. Had LT spent the time that so many other patriot investigators spent on researching, there is no doubt that she would have concluded, as the others did, what follows. Instead she chose to propagate the rumors and lies that had been presented by some over zealous individuals that were among those investigating.

I'll begin by addressing those representations as I did then. The events of February 28, 1993:

Man on the ladder shooting himself in the foot/leg - An agent is suggested to have shot himself in the foot or leg as he was ascending a ladder to the rooftop. This was, most likely, simply a misstep by the man. He appears to have been reaching for his gun and his foot slipped. The video alleges that the gun has no safety. On the contrary, it has a grip safety which would make this sort of accidental discharge very difficult. Further, there is a man holding the ladder from below. He does not react at all to what would have been a gunshot in his general direction from just a couple of feet away. Highly unlikely! Further, we have been unable to identify a wound that would match this scenario.

Agent shooting his buddies - The video suggests that after three agents enter the second story window the fourth agent throws a hand grenade in on them and then he opens fire. In reviewing the video you will see that there is no "blast" from the grenade, as there was earlier when another agent threw a grenade in prior to entry. Also, you will see no shell casings from the rifle, nor any appearance of recoil. His position was unstable and recoil should have been noticeable. Statements made by some of the Davidians present on February 28 is that Scott Sonobe had gone upstairs to get his Glock 9mm (16 rounds), semi-automatic pistol. As he was passing the door to the room these agents had entered through the window he saw a man dressed in black who shot him, with a single bullet, in the left wrist and thigh. Scott then chambered a round with his right hand and began firing into the room at the agents. This action would be consistent with the pattern of bullet holes seen in the footage. There were probably other weapons fired, this, however, will be discussed later. This, also, would explain the actions of the lone agent on the roof. If, when he heard the shot fired at Scott, the agent began to look in to see what was happening, he may have paused, after beginning to stick his hand in, and decided that it would be better to lead with his rifle. As he began, again, to peer in through the window, gunfire erupted from Scott's pistol. The agent, seeing his own men in the way, decided that there was nothing he could do without risking the lives of the other agents. He backed out, behind the wall, and then received a round to

his kevlar helmet causing him to roll to the roof. It appears that he may have, when he got up to descend the ladder, fired a round which struck the roof above him. This, however, is speculation, and probably has more foundation than most of what is presented in the video.

The video also indicates that the three agents were killed inside. A Dallas newspaper reported that the three agents were killed in this room. It is possible that, after the ATF indicated that three of the agents killed had entered the windows from the roof top, an assumption was made that this was the only entry. [*The agents, seen in the video, ascending the ladder to the left were to enter a similar window on the other side of the gabled roof. The 911 tapes indicate that two of these agents were killed, and their bodies remained in a courtyard area until the removal was allowed by the Davidians.*] A slight misunderstanding on the part of a newspaper was blown out of proportion by the patriot rumor mongers in Waco. LT also claims that these three were Clinton bodyguards. She subsequently claimed that Clinton made a speech on March 18 honoring these men and claiming that they were his bodyguards. She does direct us to the archives where videos of this speech may be obtained, however, investigator that she is, she did not obtain this footage to include it in either of her videos - perhaps indicative of the effort that has gone in to presenting TRUTH.

The events of April 19, 1993:

Flamethrowing Tank - This is the most controversial aspect of Waco, The Big Lie. At first everyone wanted to believe that evidence had been found proving the evil misdeeds of the FBI/ATF on April 19, 1993. I remember that my first viewing of this video was in the Brittany Hotel with a number of the Davidians. It wasn't until a few days later that I was able to sit down with a copy and really scrutinize the footage. When I did, I was astounded at what I saw. I will list the discrepancies that I found at that time:

--- There is no high carbon smoke (black smoke) emitting from the alleged flame. Naphtha and petroleum are primary ingredients and there is a tendency to see extreme amounts of black smoke from any flame thrower. This was excused, by LT, as being the result of the wind.

--- A flamethrower has a tendency for the flame tip to rise , or arch upward(from the heat). The video showed just the opposite.

--- The flame from a flamethrower generally drips, or dribbles, large amounts of burning naphtha (napalm) which is used to cause the fire to stick to individuals and objects. There is absolutely none apparent.

--- If you look closely you will see that there is a sheet (approx. 4 x 8) of building material extending up and left from the "flame". This material can be seen to break away and fall even on the LT video. The "flame" appears to be a portion of this material, reflecting sunlight. Some have argued that the brightness is indicative of flame. Flame, especially the relatively low heat of a flamethrower, is more orange and not brilliant, as the "flame" is. There is also a flicker to flame, which is not apparent in the video.

--- You can see, if you watch closely, that the "flame" appears a straight line, on the upper side, as if the "flame" is coming out of the shadows. There is an irregular shape to the left of the center but it is consistent with the hole in the eave of the

roof created by the CEV's boom.

--- As the tank withdraws there is no indication of fire. The entry was made at about 11:25 PM, April 19, 1993. This is nearly 35 minutes before the fire began, just after noon. If you view the fire you will note that this location (center of West side of building) and the north end of the building are the last portions of the building to burn. There is no evidence that a fire begins at this location by any account, nor is there any reason to believe that this entry point was one of the sources. In fact, nearly one hour later there is finally a fire at this location.

When the C.O.P.S. video is viewed it becomes obvious that this "flame" is a reflection on a piece of building material. There is no flickering or fluctuation of the "flame" and a small piece remains, intact, on the tank after the remainder falls to the ground in a rather un-eventful climax.

Agent on the roof - The "agent" on the roof is Renos Avraam, a convicted Davidian. He had been on the roof for a few minutes prior to the beginning of the Thompson footage. You may remember he appeared further to the right and moved a couple of times until he was in the position in which the BIG LIE footage begins. It appeared that he refused a "lift" down from a Bradley. The news footage shows a Bradley which appears to drive up to the building to allow him to use it to climb down. Because of the distance from the camera and the perspective it is difficult to tell if the Bradley was close enough for this to occur. This, however, is similar to what occurred in the "flame" sequence where the video was "clipped" to exclude proof to the contrary of the allegations made by LT's video. Renos was reluctant to reveal that this was him because he threw something away while walking away from the building. He was afraid that the FBI might notice it. This was dispelled after he saw the devastation to the site when the FBI was done. He was carrying no rifle, as was suggested in the video. The footage suggests that he is removing a flame retardant mask. This is suggestion and speculation. The footage is not clear enough to determine whether he is brushing ashes out of his hair or removing a mask.

Fire in the underground bunker - This "fire" had none of the characteristics of a fire. It had the appearance of a heavy concentration of CS gas. This is enhanced by the fact that most of two cases of CS canister grenades were missing when the cases, left by the FBI, were entered into evidence. Word from inside indicated that there were little, if any, canisters thrown inside. The primary means of gassing was the M-5 dispersal system used by the CEV's and the ferret grenades shot in through the windows and the walls. The concentration was probably nearly lethal. This is confirmed by statements made by David Thibodeau (David lost his wife, Michelle, and his three children in the fire) who said the FBI asked him where the children were when he left on April 19. He said that he didn't know, but they may be in the underground bus. The FBI responded that they could not be, the underground bus had been gassed. This information has been available since just after the fire.

Who really started the fire, and did others try and escape?

Let's begin by playing FBI. Our objective is to burn the building down, and trap as many as possible inside the building. We are pretty sure that those inside will allow the children to leave once the fire begins.

We know that the battery of video cameras has been reduced to the hard core. Most of the reporters and crews left on April 15 and only a handful remain. Obviously we must avoid being seen while completing our objective.

What means do we have to accomplish the task?

- Flamethrowers, both backpack and tank mounted
- Gasoline dropped from helicopters.
- White Phosphorous (Willie Pete) grenades
- Incendiary grenades

What do we know of the objective?

- It is in a very exposed area with no obstruction to the winds that frequent the area.
- It is made from old wood taken mostly from buildings that existed here many years before.
- There is no fire protection system
- Kerosene and Coleman lanterns are being used to provide light inside of the blackout curtains
- There is no running water (We've taken care of that already.)
- Koresh had always been concerned over fire safety, this confirms what we needed to know.

Evaluation!

Flamethrowers are designed to evacuate people from bunkers, caves and other structures. These are not made to be incendiary devices, but may work to accomplish the task. Ignition may take much longer, especially because of the wind conditions. Observation by the press is a sure thing and we would be exposed. Recommendation - Too obvious, and probably ineffective.

Gasoline dropped in tanks or bags onto the roof would definitely cause ignition. This may have been tried at Ruby Creek (Randy Weaver) but was abandoned because of the high visual exposure. More effective than flamethrowers, but also more observable. Too obvious.

White Phosphorous grenades are excellent in causing ignition. They explode and shower burning phosphorous over a large area. Intense heat and a sure source of fire. Unfortunately these are very obvious/visual because of the brightness and explosive characteristics. Effective but too observable.

Incendiary grenades are designed to cause ignitions in situations such as this. They are long burning, emit little smoke, generate high heat and can be deployed with a minimum of observation. Perfect choice (as, I'm sure, the designers intended)! These can be deployed through an opened tank hatch without observation by the peering eyes of the press. If we fail to get ignition, additional grenades can be thrown into the same locations, but this is very unlikely. This will be <u>our</u> means to <u>their</u> destruction!

The above is a logical conclusion of intelligent men bent on destroying others and realizing that the scrutiny of the scene has, to date, been well beyond what was ever anticipated. These men are not stupid, nor were they arrogant enough to mock us by their obvious

intentions. These men are calculating, well trained, and desirous of implicating the innocent and assuring their cleanliness. Let me ask if you, the reader, might come to these same conclusions?

The Trial

During the trial in San Antonio, Texas, testimony added to the evidence of what truth really was in Waco. In order to make it appear that the truth (spin) that LT wanted to be understood as credible, it was necessary for her to discredit all of those testifying, government agents, law enforcement and Davidians, alike. She set this up by alleging that she had proof that some of the Davidians were government agents. These included Rita Riddle, who was shunning Ken Fawcett, LT's primary source of information, video footage and rumors from Waco. At one point LT suggested that Ruth Riddle, Rita's sister in law, was being charged because Rita was an agent and was not cooperating with the government. We will discuss Rita's role more, later.

I was not able to attend the trial. However, I had a friend who was covering it daily. Dick Reavis, who is currently writing a book about the Davidians and Waco, was meticulous in his note keeping. Dick has confirmed that testimony by Davidians. The government indicates that no agent shot himself while climbing a ladder, that only one agent entering through the window was killed and that the events described by LT did not occur. There was no flame throwing tank and the fires started in three locations, all remote to the area of the tanks entry. That the "agent" on the roof was, in fact, a Davidian named Renos Avraam. There was no fire in the underground area. The statements made by David Thibodeau were true and the smoke was from a high concentration of CS gas.

So, now we have LT standing alone, being absent from Waco all but a few days during the siege, claiming that everyone else is lying and that only she knows the truth. She has relied upon video footage to determine what she has presented as "fact" rather than investigating by speaking to those who know. She has propagated rumors into truths for the sensational (and, perhaps, monetary) value. She has created a division in the Patriot Community by her ramblings, half truths, accusations and outright lies. And, who better to know what is truth than a BAR attorney?

"Waco, The Big Lie CONTINUES"

Finally, we have before us a new video. LT, after months of very hard work, and we're sure some adjustment to compensate for blatant and obvious errors, has finally produced a video that exceeds "Waco, The Big Lie", in absurdity.

The video begins, "In this update we're going to examine a few, though certainly not all, of the lies told by the ATF and FBI in their "official", independent investigations of Waco. We invite inquiries from the media. In fact, we dare the media to finally publicize the truth."

We will be assessing the video in sequence with the presentation. The first sentence will, in each case, be to cue you in to the portion of the video, "Waco, The Big Lie Continues", that we are addressing. We may not address certain portions of the video that pertain to lies by the government. Their role in the cover up of the events during the siege are obvious, their deceit a foregone conclusion. Our concern, here, is to expose the truth as misrepresented by LT and her particular "spin" toward sensationalism and away from truth. Minor comments regarding factual misrepresentations will be preceded with an asterisk (*).

The front door with the child shown - Clearly this footage is not clear. LT represents that there was an attempt to blur the features of the child. This is self-serving, but you may also note that the "child", as seen through the windshield of the vehicle, is far wider than it is tall, and appears to be rather triangular in shape. Is it right, then, to suggest that this is a child, and use the excuse of doctored video to lead you in to a false conclusion? What this object is we do not know, what it is not is clear, IT IS NOT A CHILD. The Branch Davidians have accounted for all of the people inside. There was no child killed, or kidnapped, that first day. Be objective in your analysis of this segment and judge for yourself, not out of desire, rather as one seeking truth, then you judge, as well, who has "stooped" to cover up the truth.

LT suggests that, "the child has been identified as probably being Cyrus Koresh (Cyrus was shown on Prime Time Live, alive, in the footage that came out during the siege)." We would submit that this is probably not a child.

The agents running toward the ambulance appear to be, first, an agent with a severely injured arm, using his right hand to hold the injury (perhaps this is agent Jordan, with his arm bleeding profusely, this will be addressed more later.). The second agent appears to be applying his left hand to the first agent's injured arm (applying pressure, for those who understand stopping the bleeding in first-aid). The ambulance would be the logical destination in this event. Hey, no body, no murdered child. Judge for yourself.

LT states, unequivocally, that other children were killed that day by helicopters firing into the house. She supports this conclusion by stating that Annetta Richards stated that they were fired down upon by the helicopters. Annetta never said that any children were killed, nor did LT make this claim of her. She, rightfully, points out that the children drew pictures for the psychiatrist, but the children never claimed any of their friends were killed. Dick DeGuerin, attorney, did say that he saw the bullet holes in the roof. However, we have only LT's word that he said that a nursing mother and child were killed. When Jaydean Wendel was killed by a bullet from above, she may have been nursing, but her child was not killed. David Koresh did, on at least two occasions, state, "you've killed my children." However, this has been taken by most to indicate the attitude a pastor would have for his congregation, rather than the more pragmatic interpretation of LT. So it is clear that the helicopters WERE firing down upon the building, and continued to do so until two of them were disabled by fire from within the Center. This does not lead any but the foolish to believe that any children were killed that first day. [I will state here that the Outpost of Freedom, on a few radio broadcasts, indicated that David's two year old son had been killed. This had been confirmed by other sources at the time, but has been disproved since then. gh]

* **Helicopter (huey) with United States Army markings** - Three helicopters were used in the initial assault on February 28. Of the three, two were disabled and had to force land before the assault was over. There is no reason to believe that the helicopter shown in the video was one of those used that first day.

The tank collapsed the underground bunker trapping anyone inside - Rodney Crowe, of the coroner's office, did state that three children had blunt force trauma deaths. When he described the eight foot diameter hole in the top of the bunker he was referring to the concrete building called the "cooler" by the Davidians, and the

above ground bunker by the FBI. The "bunker" that stood so starkly alone after the fire had been at that location since well before the building as we knew it from news coverage. The "bunker" was the "safe" in the old church office which had been destroyed by another fire many years before. The fire caused the collapse of a large portion of the ceiling, which was subsequently repaired. This repair is probably what fell and killed those children. There were only four bodies recovered below ground level. Those four, Perry Jones, Jaydean Wendel, Peter Hipsman and Peter Gent, were killed in the original raid. As was pointed out previously, access to the underground area was denied by virtue of the heavy concentration of CS gas. Peerwani also speaks of the collapse of the bunker, but, again, he is referring to the "cooler." So, who is lying here?

The land was not "completely flat" as indicated in the video - If you visit Mt. Carmel Center you will see that, because of trees, an embanked pond and lightly rolling hills, you are not able to see very far. And in some directions, even the approach of the ATF from the town of Elk could not be seen and identified until within a few hundred feet of the driveway.

"The ATF is lying when it claims they lost the element of surprise." - The ATF was not lying when they made this statement. They lost the element of surprise when they announced to certain press that they were going to conduct the raid. The team was notified that the element of surprise was lost when they were suiting up for the raid. Testimony in the trial makes clear that the element of surprise was lost. The LIE here is the claim made in the video. The Davidians, however, were NOT waiting in ambush.

*** The large hole in the upper right corner of the left door is larger and appears to be the one commented on by Dick DeGuerin when he said that it appeared that there was an attempt to execute David Koresh during the original assault.**

Claim that the footage of the "rooftop scene" has been edited - In "Waco, The Big Lie", even more footage is shown than the "bites" shown here. Is this an effort to deceive the viewer when all evidence, other than the claims of LT, indicates that this is the entire footage? John MacLemore testified that this was the entire footage during the trial. Virgil Teeter, if you do call him, will tell you that this is the entire footage. The video is attempting to imply that he would be lying. There is nothing other than the claim of LT to suggest that this is true. Mr. Teeter did say to myself, and others, during the siege, that he had released all of the footage of the raid.

Agent tosses something into the room - The actions of this agent are explained in "Linda Thompson, The Big Lie." There is nothing that causes an objective individual to make any determination consistent with the "hype" presented by suggesting that there was a grenade thrown in the room, and then the agent fired into the room. Look closely and you will not see the "blast" of the grenade, as was apparent in the first grenade toss. You will also see no indication that there was any gunfire by the fourth agent.

The suggestion that the variation in sound was a result of editing is easily explained when you understand how a condenser microphone works. Nearer

sounds adjust the microphone to those sounds. In their absence the acuity of the microphone increases. Perhaps this might better explain the audio differences indicated.

Somehow LT has been able to determine the source of all of the bullets fired. Unfortunately for her, the number of bullets is very consistent with the number that may have missed their mark if Scott Sonobe did fire all sixteen rounds from his Glock. To determine that four shots came from above is a bit miraculous. It is even more so when you consider two aspects of this claim. First, the gunner on the helicopters were extremely accurate. Being able to place SINGLE SHOTS (based upon the firing timing) in this type of pattern from a helicopter would make the gunner the envy of the military. Second, the wire projections, if projected out the distance the helicopter would have been from the rooftop, would mean that the helicopter fire was from two different locations, widely separated. Or, we had two very enviable gunners. Putting both of these circumstances together exceeds miraculous. Or perhaps, all of the shots came from the inside.

To suggest that the TV station, or the FBI, was able to edit the sound on this footage within hours of the assault stretches the imagination more than suggesting that, perhaps, the sounds were all emanating from the vicinity of the room. Sound travels at just over one thousand feet per second. Figure it out for yourself.

When Keith Constantino was interviewed he did state that he was a part of a three man team entering the window where agents were killed. This is consistent with trial testimony and the 911 tapes which indicate that the three man team that entered the window across the gabled roof from the one shown in the video was the entry point for the agents who were killed, and where Constantino entered. The courtyard referred to earlier can be seen just to the right of the four story tower in the aerial shot.

Three of the four agents killed that day had been President Clinton's bodyguards - This claim is made again, and then we go to a nice picture of Clinton walking through the garden. How quaint! But where is the speech that LT claims is available? She has managed to acquire footage (very good, and interesting, I might add) that we have never seen before but she doesn't seem to be able to find what she needs to prove this point.

All of the agents that died had an asterisk by their names - The report reads, "* NA- means Not Applicable, treated by EMT at scene, or by private physician." The subtle suggestion of a private physician being used when the wounds were fatal is ludicrous. From the autopsy reports:

Robert Williams - "Aspiration of blood"; "Cause of Death: . . . due to high velocity gunshot wound of face/neck." [consistent with wound expected of someone wearing body armor, death was probably soon after wound and did not warrant subsequent treatment. gh]

Steven Willis - "Entry of gunshot wound of left temple (gunshot wound #1)"; "entry of gunshot wound of left malar eminence (gunshot wound #2)"; "(consistent with AK 7.62)"; "aspiration of hemorrhagic fluid."; "Cause of Death: Collapse of cervical vertebrae with transection of spinal cord due to gunshot wound of left face." [consistent with wound expected of someone wearing body armor, death was probably soon after wound and

did not warrant subsequent treatment. gh]

Conway Lebleu - "Entry of gunshot wound of left ear with exit of occipital scalp"; "Cause of Death: Craniocerebral trauma due to high velocity gunshot wound of head" [consistent with wound expected of someone wearing body armor, death was probably soon after wound and did not warrant subsequent treatment. gh]

Todd McKeehan - "Entry gunshot wound of upper right chest with: A. Laceration of upper pulmonary lobe. . . D. Focal laceration of left pulmonary artery. . . E. fractures of left lateral T7 through T9 vertebrae."; "Cause of Death: Transection of thoracic aorta and left mainstem bronchus due to gunshot wound of right upper chest."; "There is evidence of therapeutic intervention with cervical C-collar, a bag valve with mask, an oral endotracheal tube, and three EKG pads over the body surface." [consistent with wound expected of someone NOT wearing body armor, death was probably soon after wound. Medical attention administered at site. gh]

So, why must this be blown up into some great conspiracy? Three of the agents died soon after they received their injuries (suggested to appear to be consistent with assassinations, but also very consistent with wounds anticipated with body armor, and, just think about it, head wounds are the most common in combat). One received field medical attention, however the wounds were too severe to save his life. The video, however, spins you into believing that the agents were treated by a private physician to add a sinister plot to what has no abnormal appearances to it.

Agents pinned down behind the shed - Being "pinned down" is a very subjective matter. With gunfire going on, a non-combatant (nurse) will always stay under cover. Also, there is a suggestion that the agent (Jordan) on the ground is in a body bag. Is there really a body bag, or is this the power of suggestion? Special agent Griffin compressed Jordan's wound with her hand. Perhaps this is the agent we see running toward an ambulance in one of the first scenes, with someone else holding pressure on the arm.

Agent throws grenades in chapel window - Or was he breaking the window so that he could hear what was going on inside, where another team was supposed to be by now? If you remember the flash-bang thrown in the upstairs window by the first agent on the rooftop scene, there was a billowing of the curtains as the expanding gas exited the room. Wouldn't these jagged, broken windows have shattered from the blast? Trial testimony included a lady who had her arm severed from her body by a flash-bang.

Suggestion that Starleen Riddle is Ruth or Rita Riddle - I have nearly twenty hours of recorded conversations with Rita Riddle. Although Rita has an accent similar to that of the person on the 911 tapes, she speaks much more slowly and with a bit more drawl (perhaps the difference between a Texas and a North Carolina accent). This person does not sound a bit like Rita. Ruth Riddle's voice is not even similar to the one on the tapes. Rita left Mt. Carmel Center on March 21, Ruth left on April 19, out of the fire. Kinda makes you wonder who the "agent" really is, doesn't it?

Listen to David dial 911 on the cell phone - I listened to the video and heard four digits pressed, then a fifth a few second later. On my phone I was able to identify the tones as 4-2-7-7 and the 0. This was rather confusing so I went to the 911 tapes (tape 3, side 1, channel 19) where I found that much more was recorded. Lynch asks if he needs to dial a 9 to get out. He is trying to call David back because they were disconnected. He makes a few mistakes in dialing (based upon the tones and silences) and gets at least one call complete with a ring (this sounds like 9-7-4-4-2-7-7-0, which is the number Wayne had given earlier on tape 1), then there is no answer. From the time line provided by Waco Police Department, "*10:40:50 Call disconnects from caller's end.; 10:41 - 10:42 Lt. Lynch and Pace try 3 times to call Koresh using number provided by Martin at 10:35, but get no response.; 10:42:31 Pace answers in bound 9-1-1 call. David Koresh speaks. Lt. Lynch gets on line. Koresh refuses medical assistance for their wounded in the compound.*"

Remember, the 911 tapes record virtually everything on the lines. If someone in the 911 office were to dial out, that would be recorded on the tape. If the producers of this video are willing to lie to you (fraud) to suggest that there was a tap on the phone, what other extremes will they go to?

So, we have a situation just like the flame throwing tank (more on that later) and Renos Avraam on the roof where cutting significant portions of the video, or audio in this case, is done to establish a different picture than the WHOLE truth. Again, sensationalism out of a normal occurrence.

Mike Schroeder, Woody (Bob) Kendrick and Norman Allison (Delroy Nash) were stopped at a road block - I have heard no testimony that the three were stopped when they attempted to return to Mt. Carmel. They were stopped on Old Mexia Road. This means that they were stopped on a road that does not go to Mt. Carmel Center. They were on their way to the Jones' house where they parked their truck and began walking, cross country, the nearly three miles, not passing any checkpoint, up along a creek, toward Mt. Carmel Center. They were set upon by the ATF near the neighbors hay barn, where Mike was killed, Norman arrested and Bob escaped by hiding. Testimony does not support the continuation of the ATF's original story that the three were trying to shoot their way out of the Center. What is "obvious" here is the spin, again being misapplied to the circumstances and the facts.

Mike Schroeder's body was carried off in a helicopter "like a side of beef on a meat hook" - The picture in the video has none of the characteristics of a body. It is not dangling, nor is it more than two or three feet high. This object appears to be some piece of equipment rather than a body - another spin?

*** When Linda Thompson was leaving the press area in Waco she took a picture. This incident warranted a full article in July, 1993 Soldier of Fortune magazine., it is also covered in "Linda Thompson, The Big Lie."**

The FBI jammed radio communications from Mt. Carmel Center - The only indication of this jamming that we have been able to find is Linda Thompson's allegations of this fact.

FBI SWAT team home video with "surprising intelligence information" - Not much different than the old 8mm home movies from Vietnam. I'm still trying to find out what the "surprising intelligence information" is. It appears that LT expects the FBI SWAT team to be serious all of their waking hours.

"A government agent is seen testing the wind and using a smoke grenade" - The press conference the morning of this event explained that the Davidians had asked to be allowed to burn something in observance of a religious celebration. Ricks indicated that they had been granted permission. This, by itself, might lead one to be suspicious, however, of Steve Schneider coming out the front door, lighting the orange smoke and then returning. This entire event was recorded for posterity by most of the news media present.

*** The sniper nests in the "motorcycle barn" are three of seven we have found on the site**.

Reporters announced escapes before the fire - Jaime Castillo said that he saw James Riddle outside during the fire. James Riddle was found inside with a rifle wound to the head. Later another Davidian informed myself and two other people that people had left the East side during the fire. Upon receiving rifle fire they fled back into the building to die in the fire rather than the gunfire. This is something that we will be following up on to see if proof exists of these claims.

Shots can be heard firing at the house - This conclusion is drawn from audio tapes only. A proper investigation would include interviews, which may become available after the trial appeals are completed. Speculation, from the audio tapes only, is the weakest form of proof.

*** Many of you will recognize that a 40mm grenade is NOT a mortar round, it is fired from an M-79 grenade launcher, or comparable.**

"This now well known scene of a flamethrowing tank was shown in 'Waco, The Big Lie'" - Nearly correctly indicating that the tank was seen at 11:40 AM (20 minutes before the fire) we see footage very much like what was shown in "Waco, The Big Lie." Before I go further, has anyone who has seen both videos noticed any difference? If you watch very closely you note that there are about five additional seconds shown in this footage that were not shown in "Waco, The Big Lie". I'll get to the significance of this in a few minutes.

From here we go to a scene of another tank where we can see flames, or is this just (exhaust) smoke (and mirrors)?

Then we see what we are led to believe is smoke coming out of the back of the building where the flame throwing tank was earlier. We could not place that tank at the location suggested. The smoke, however, appears to be drifting over the building. First, let's remember the very smokey fire in the second floor window. The smoke slid right over the roof, blown by the strong Texas wind that day. This wind also is bending the antennae, with flag mounted, on the tank in the scene. So, where is this smoke coming from? If you watch closely you will even, occasionally, see the smoke drifting downward as it comes over the building. As the camera

pans back you can clearly see the source of the smoke. No mirrors, just smoke drifting right over the building from the second floor window.

"At the same time this fire was already breaking out in the back of the house". Well, wait a minute, there was flame coming out of the window when we saw the fire at the back of the house. But now, the fire in the second floor is gone. But we do see a tank back out, with an alleged flame on it's front. I wonder why it did not ignite the curtain billowing out from where the tank just exited? Perhaps the reason is that this entry is many minutes before the fire broke out in the second floor window. Remember, we just had a few seconds between the two, according to the narration on the video. But, something is missing, or should we say, not missing. If you look behind this tank at the front door you will see that the wall corner to the right has not yet been damaged. You might also note that the "flame" shooting from the front of it is very similar to the "flame" shooting from the top left of the turret, or is that just a reflection of sunlight?

The body on tank barrel - Now the tank goes to the side to break out the corner of the building. This is the location that we feel incendiary grenades were thrown in to start, and spread, the fire. But we have a claim that there is a body speared by the barrel of the tank. The video also claims that John (R.J.) Craig was the operator of this tank and this was supported by testimony at the trial. The video also claims that Craig was the one who said a Davidian started the fire. Trial testimony indicates that John Morrison was in the house next to the undercover house with an M-60 machine gun. He saw someone moving his hands in a circular motion and then puffing on a fire to start it. He radioed to see if anyone else saw this and received a negative response. Craig has never confirmed that he saw a Davidian start a fire. Of course the 600-800 foot difference makes it a lot more plausible as presented in the video, but not factual.

There was also no testimony by Craig, or anyone else, including the autopsy reports that indicated that anyone was speared by a tank barrel. Can you imagine what impact force would be necessary to impale someone with a tank barrel more than six inches across? Perhaps, what we are seeing is a portion of the wall section hung on the barrel, and, just maybe, what is claimed to be fire is the same color as the paint on the walls? Now, do you really want to believe this nonsense?

The agent on the roof - Here we go again with claims that Renos Avraam is an agent. The video claims that Kenneth Lancaster testified about an "agent" that looked like Elvis. Kenneth Vincent, FBI sniper from New Jersey confirmed that it was Renos on the roof. As you watch Renos walk away from the building, just before he gets to the dark structure under the lights, you will see him turn and toss something behind him. This is the reason Renos took so long to admit that he was the one on the roof. I must admit that my eyes are not capable of discerning the hood that he is supposed to be wearing.

"Watch as this tank backs out and the area above the gun simultaneously begins to burn" - Well, finally we have ignition from the famous "flamethrowing tank" shown in "Waco, The Big Lie." It is later than 12:15 at this point. So, what the tank could not accomplish back at 11:40, required it to come back and finish at 12:15. That's thirty five minutes to get a fire started in a "tinder box." What is wrong with this picture?

"Mrs O'Leary's Cow Theory" tape, aka C. O. P. S. (California Organization for Public Safety) video - The "Waco, The Big Lie Continues" video (video) claims that just two weeks before the Branch Davidian trial (which began January 10, 1994) this new C.O.P.S. video (tape) surfaced exposing that there was just debris on the tank, not fire. Interestingly I received the tape on November 21, the release date on the tape and attached press release. Mike McNulty, of C.O.P.S., had completed putting the video together after going to the sources of the video, not using home made copies, as Ms. Thompson did in "Waco, The Big Lie." This was nearly two months before the trial, and was four months after I began exposing the falsehood of the "flamethrowing tank."

The C.O.P.S. video does not claim that the fires were accidently set, it SHOWS where the first fire began in the gymnasium after a major portion of the gymnasium collapsed. It makes very clear that the FBI was in "control" of the three areas where the fires started. Our research, the video and finally the trial have all located the fire starting locations. None of these are consistent with the LT theory of flamethrowing tanks. The evidence supporting the beginning of the first fire in the gymnasium is indicated by the infra-red imagery that "Waco, The Big Lie" made such an issue in support of. The video implies that the infra-red imagery, made by Forward Looking Infra Red (FLIR), was from C.O.P.S. In fact this imagery appeared in the Justice Report.

If you can recall the corner to the right of the front door, where the "body" was impaled on the barrel of the tank, is where the tank took out a portion of the building corner. The gymnasium was undermined by continual assault of the tanks similar to this, and eventually collapsed, as indicated in the tape and on the FLIR imagery.

The video indicates that the tanks have a "bright hot spot" across the entire end. Well, LT mocked the imagery of the collapsed gym, and the Soldier of Fortune's acceptance thereof, so, obviously, she does not understand infra red imagery. You don't see black and white, you see hot and cold. The bright spot on the rear of the tank indicates that the tank has had it's motors running. But, then, that makes sense if the tank is running around the area. Just as the "white" area shows in the gymnasium as a hot spot through the debris, the heat of the engines shows through as a hot spot. Cold, of course, would show darker.

Let's look at a subtle subterfuge, one even more subtle than the child at the beginning of the video. Remember, we told you we would get back to the "flamethrowing tank" later. Well, it is later than you think. Remember we said there was an extra five seconds added to the scene from when it was first shown in "Waco, The Big Lie?" Those of you who have "Waco, The Big Lie" may just want to go back and confirm this. You will see that in the first video the "flame" scene was cut just after the maximum length of the "flame" was visible. Maximum enhancement, you might say. Well, why are we now having the suggestion made that there was more footage than was shown before? Follow me carefully and you will understand. If we had seen "Waco, The Big Lie" we would surely remember the "flame" scene. It is the most touted scene in Waco history. In fact much of this second video continues to ride the coattails of that scene. But do we remember exactly what we saw? Probably not exactly. For example, if you watched the video before you read this you wil surely have convinced yourself that this was the exact scene that you had seen before. But, now, you know that it is different. You might

say that this is not significant, but follow a little longer. The change from the suggested first "flamethrowing tank" scene seen in this video is not nearly as much as it would have been if LT had used the exact same footage. Therefore it is easier for this little deception to allow us to "buy" the banter about digitized and edited footage in the C.O.P.S. tape. In fact, if you go back and look at the first scene in this video very carefully you will see that LT's own footage clearly shows the board falling and the "flame" taper off to a fixed triangular shape. It has none of the characteristics of a flame. But, if you didn't catch this on your own, you would still be convincing yourself of the virtue of LT.

Let me tell you what really happened back in June, 1993. LT had been working with Ken Fawcett. Ken is the same person who was watching the satellite dish antenna move in response to queries posed by Ron Engleman with KGBS radio in Dallas. Ken showed LT the same footage that you see in the C.O.P.S. tape, in it's entirety. LT commented that the reflection sure looked like a flame, but was reassured that it was not by both Ken Fawcett and Mark Lucas. Linda, against the desire of Ken and Mark, decided that the footage would be the key to selling a lot of tapes to a lot of people. Those who were hungry for information that would prove what they already believed, that the government was a bunch of lying, self serving murderers, which they are, would be willing to line her pockets, even though she knew it was a fraud. What she failed to use in making this decision was INTEGRITY. She saw dollar signs, and nothing else. Speaking of Patriots for Profit, here we have the epitome of this ilk.

I have covered most of the fraud in this video. There are others which I am sure you can find if you look, objectively, at what is presented. You will also see how subtle the deception can be. For example, in the accounts of testimony you will note that the correct first name was used in presenting incorrect information. The assertion that the child was <u>probably</u> Cyrus Koresh, when she must have know that he was alive. The subtle change to the "flamethrowing tank" footage yet another. Subtle implications suggested by certain wording, contrary to the evidence to lull you into a sense of belief. All the work of masters of deception.

Many in the Patriot Community have seen through this fraud long before now. Every one of them who has spoken out has been labeled a "government agent" by LT. She has created a division in the Patriot Community larger than the government could ever hope for, or am I wrong on this one? The question I leave you with in this commentary is, what was her real motivation?

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FREETHINKING

I had a rather interesting experience this past Saturday. I had attended a talk in Winter Park, Florida, my home town of over twenty years. The speaker was someone I had met in Waco, and have since wondered what I had done to be the recipient of a call from her last March.

It began on March 13 when I received a call. I had acquired the Power of Attorney from David Koresh as a result of the efforts of two fine Americans from Dallas. Ron Engleman hosted a talk show on station KGBS, and Ken Fawcett, who we referred to as "the video man" until I finally met him face to face, collector of satellite tv footage feeds from day one of the now famous siege. Ken observed the rotation of the satellite dish while Ron asked the questions. I still work with Ron and Ken as all three of us are seeking to expose the truth of what really occurred February 28 through April 19, 1993.

There was an event which occurred on March 20 that began painting a picture of what was to come. Linda thompson, a Bar attorney from Indianapolis, had convinced me that she and I should enter the Mt. Carmel Center on the authority of the Power of Attorney, as well as the two I executed, at her request, from myself and David Koresh to her. *{NOTE: Linda has asserted variations of the scenario where I attempted to contact her and then begged to be added to the Petition for Writ of Mandamus that we filed.}* We went to Kinko's, which had become my office away from home, to prepare the Powers of Attorney from Koresh and myself to Linda Thompson, as she had requested. While John Baird, her partner and ex-FBI candidate, prepared the POA's she typed out a press release announcing that we were going into the Center that evening. She then asked me to run the release out on APFN, without copies to government officials, which I did. She had, unbeknownst to me, rewritten the release to include only me as the one "going in." We then got in her rental car and travelled toward the checkpoint at FM 2491. On the way Linda began suggesting that she should not go in with me because if I were to get arrested she would handle the legal work outside. John suggested that he might handle it, but Linda (who we have found became a member of the Indiana Bar on June 12, 1992) insisted that he did not have the experience necessary. When she finally stated that she wasn't going in, I said that I was also having second thoughts, but agreed to go to Satellite City and see how it felt before making my final decision. When we arrived at the checkpoint we presented our AEN (Linda's computer network) press credentials, which were honored. While there Linda got some good pictures of the agents, State Troopers and their dog. Then on to Satellite City where Linda began, immediately, passing out the press releases. One of the eager young reporters, who also knew Linda and spoke with her in a very friendly manner, ran, with the release, to the State Troopers who guarded access to Mt. Carmel. Within a few minutes three new Troopers arrived and they continued to stare at a piece of paper, and us, the rest of our stay. My senses indicated that I should not enter Mt. Carmel that night. I imagined Mike Schroeder's body hanging over a fence for days, and chose then not to enter. Linda's anger at my decision was obvious. As we began driving back toward the checkpoint I told John and Linda that we would be stopped on the way out. It had become obvious why we were there. We were stopped and an ATF agent appeared to unlock the safety of his MP-5 and point it very nearly at John Baird's head (John was driving, I was in the back seat). Linda, courageously, took a picture of this event. The agent then moved to the right side of the car and told us to get out. After Linda resisted we emerged and stood where directed.

The agent then picked up my camera and began to open the back. I said that he had the wrong camera and film. This reaction was an attempt to retain the pictures I had taken over the past week, or so. After he had ruined my film and began to rummage in the car I told him he had what he wanted. He said that I had told him it was the wrong film. I responded that I was trying to keep him from exposing the film. Proof exists that I was not trying to get Linda's pictures taken away. If that were my purpose she surely would not have gotten away with the film. *{NOTE: Linda claims that this was her first evidence that I was a government agent. I feel that my film was as important to me as hers was to her.}* While at the checkpoint, we were detained by FBI agents and questioned. Linda acted as my representative, or council, during the questioning of me. The press credentials were seized as falsified and retained by the FBI. My press credentials, Outpost of Freedom, which were not used that evening, had been recognized by the FBI when I was challenged at a press conference a few days earlier. We then left the checkpoint.

This addresses one of many claims as to who I am, all made by Linda Thompson, a Bar attorney. Now, I know that many will say that being a Bar attorney does not make one bad. I agree, however for the past few years most patriots have said that they would be very cautious when listening to a Bar attorney. What has happened to that caution? Now we have a Bar attorney going around the country saying that she knows everything that went on in Waco, however she spent less than ten days in Waco during the siege. She has come out accusing virtually everyone who doesn't agree with her as being a government agent. She makes many claims that I know to be false, and most of which can be easily disproved. Yet the waiting audience listens intently to her speak and response in frenzy to her remarks. Those remarks led to calling for a lynching of me, because Linda claims I am a government agent. Nobody asked for proof of her allegations, they simply responded to someone telling them what they wanted to hear, and such has been the nature of the problem that has caused this country to slide into the abyss from which we are trying to remove ourselves. Dan Rather has nothing on Linda Thompson as those who respond to her cry for blood have anything over Joe Sixpack.

We have got to learn NOT to follow leaders. We have been conditioned to look to someone else (generally government, Bar, AMA, or other acronyms) to answer our questions for ourselves. We have learned to assume that others have mastered areas of our lives better then ourselves. We have learned not to think for ourselves, but rather to find someone who we are convinced is capable of telling us what truth is. We have lost the ability to seek truth for ourselves, for this requires that we look at all sides prior to making a judgement. We have decided, rather, to look for a person who makes judgements, whether they be true or false, consistent with what we would prefer the judgement to be. Then, when that "mentor" gets into areas where we have little knowledge we allow them to "evaluate" the information available and then respond with strong emotional response to the thoughts of that mentor. We have allowed others to lead us down whatever course we wish them to take us. We don't even allow that more than one might better serve us with conscientious decisions, we have become slaves to the very concepts that have led us into slavery.

Freethinking is probably best defined as thinking for ones self rather than relying upon others to do your thinking for you. Perhaps a goal we should all seek during the struggle to regain our Constitution.

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Perhaps "Waco, The Big Lie" and "Waco, The Big Lie Continues" have served a purpose that nobody every realized would occur. While we may never be sure of what motivated the production of these videos, or even who was behind it, we do know that they have probably become the best selling private videos in history. They have provided, however, means for us, the Patriot Community, to judge ourselves and how much we have succumbed to the evils promoted by our government. We were so desirous of accepting anything discrediting the government in their actions in Waco, especially on the heel of the little-publicized murders of the Weaver family in Idaho, that we failed to recognize the deceit and fraud perpetrated on us by one who claims to be one of us. We bought this line as surely as most law enforcement people bought the Bob Ricks, FBI line on the evening news. We allowed ourselves to fall prey to mongers of rumors,and money - the Money Merchants.

The time has come for us to recognize, and admit, what has occurred. Over a period of 9 months we were overcome by the sirens song, but, as Ulysses, we have escaped the evil that could have befallen us. Slowly, those who had grown close to Waco, continued to find truth among the myriad of lies propagated by the government. They began to expose the evils that continued to be directed at us. One by one these investigators of the Patriot Community realized the LIE, and came forward, against all sorts of hostile allegations and attacks. As time went on the numbers of those seeing through the fraud grew. Like a cancer being cut from the body, the evil was reduced to less and less as every day went by. We had learned to discern, and to heal ourselves, and now we may forge ahead stronger than ever before.

Surely the Founding Fathers faced many tribulations in the course of creating this great nation. These they overcame until the birth of the United States of America - and it vindicated all the errors they made on the way. Just as surely, we have come out stronger and wiser. And, just as surely we will prevail, for we have right, and we have truth, and we have God on our side.

Luke 11:45-54 *- One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also." (46) Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them. (47) Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who killed them. (48) So you testify that you approve of what your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. (49) Because of this, God in his wisdom said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they kill and others they will persecute' (50) Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, (51) from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the alter and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be responsible for it all. (52) Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge, you yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering." (53) When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, (54) waiting to catch him in something he might say.*