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Dear Tom,

I have been a regular listener to your Saturday night program for about two years. I called in once also, but I cannot afford to call talk shows often, because of the long wait to get on the air. It costs too much in time and money, and I have things that I would prefer to do rather than hold a telephone receiver to my ear while the telephone bill slowly mounts.

This letter is in response to comments (yours and those of your callers) on your show on Saturday, April 29. I also have a few points from previous shows that are related.

Now, just to make sure that you understand what I say in the following paragraphs in a context, and that you do not think that I recently fell off the turnip truck, I will give you some background on myself.

I was born in Pennsylvania into a Roman Catholic family. I am basically, as far as ethnicity goes, about half Irish (both grandmothers), one quarter German (mother's side), and one quarter Italian (father's side, and hence my surname). I have four brothers and a sister. I lived in Philadelphia until age nine, in Levittown, PA until age 18, and then went to Massachusetts for college. I spent six years there, earning two degrees, returned to Philadelphia for a year, and went back to Massachusetts for another seven years, completing a doctoral degree in metallurgy and doing postdoctoral research. I have published twenty technical papers, and was involved in research sponsored by NASA, including Space Shuttle experiments.

I am known for being a no-nonsense kind of guy (I do not mean by this that I do not enjoy anything in life or that I have no diversions or comic relief). I desire to excel in what I do, or I go and do something else. I have tended to be shy around women, and though I have been interested in different women at various times, and vice versa, I have never married. I have never smoked or done any drugs. I have a natural aversion to alcohol, and therefore do not drink at all. I am straight as an arrow, clean as a whistle, and well educated. I was also nearly killed in 1982 in an accident, having been struck by an automobile while riding a bicycle (a skull fracture resulted).

I do not seek popularity or money, but rather truth. I have investigated a number of subjects over the years. I have read the Bible and related books extensively. I studied evolution for about a year. I have collected documentation and done some writing, but never for the purpose of making money (in fact, I generally distribute information at my own cost). I live in meager circumstances, and keep my expenses very low. Otherwise, I would find it difficult to survive at all.

I have tended to be quite conservative in a good sense. I am absolutely not a racist, and I believe that being a true Christian and a racist simultaneously is a contradiction. I have traditional values, I love my country, and used to trust my government naively. I have never owned, used, or even handled a loaded firearm. I have never been violent, nor have I committed any crime. I consider myself a model citizen, causing no unnecessary trouble to anyone.

The course of events that led to where I am today (in terms of politics and government) was as follows. The Boston Globe Magazine had a cover story on Rush Limbaugh in 1992, and a Harvard economics graduate student I lived with pointed it out and said that I would like Rush. I

had never heard of him before, and I read the story. Some time later, I happened to see his television show, and began watching regularly. When I went to visit my parents, I suggested that they tape the show for me, and we watched it together. My parents, two of my brothers, and my sister soon were Rush fans, and they are to this day.

When I moved to Pennsylvania to work, I started to listen to Rush on the radio. I bought a television and VCR, and began to record Rush's TV program (on very late at night at the time). Soon, I began to listen to WWDB more often. For example, I would sometimes listen to Irv Homer after Rush in the afternoon. Later, I found out that you were on on Saturday night, and I have rarely missed your show since.

Now, for the other developments. One day, I caught part of Irv Homer's show at work. His guest was Linda Thompson. I ordered a copy of her videotape (Waco: The Big Lie) because I wanted to see whether the little that I had heard was true. I watched it, and then started going to the library and collecting copies of numerous articles from major newspapers from microfilm. I spent a lot of time doing this, and I took it quite seriously. I wanted to discover how much of what was said on that videotape was documented. I found that much of it was, but not all. I put together more than thirty pages of quotations in January 1994 (enclosed copy). This investigation shattered much of my remaining confidence in the government (from other reading and talk radio, I had begun to learn some things that had already shaken that confidence).

At some point, and quite independently, I happened to find a multi-band analog radio in a dumpster at some apartments near where I lived. It contained shortwave bands, as well as AM, FM, Marine, Weather, Police, and so on. I took it and found that it worked. I bought a small book and an audio tape to learn about shortwave radio, thinking that it might be interesting. I tinkered with it for a while, listened to some programs broadcast from the Netherlands, Israel, Moscow, and a few other places. I mentioned the radio to a long-time Christian friend in California, and he went and bought one. I did not listen to it much for a while after that. My friend looked further into shortwave radio, and told me about certain stations and programs that he had found. I started listening again, and heard some discussion of Waco one day. Well, I believe that the station was WRNO, a station that carries Rush Limbaugh and some religious programs. I later found WWCR, and ran across Linda Thompson again—and later, William Cooper and others. It was different, to be sure, and some of it was interesting.

I also had begun to record and watch several Sunday morning and afternoon programs regularly (Meet the Press, Inside Story, Face the Nation, This Week with David Brinkley, The McLaughlin Group, Firing Line), and also Washington Week in Review on Friday evening. When I was not watching and listening, I did other reading. The list includes 1984, Brave New World (because Hillary Clinton said that this book had a major impact on her views), The Communist Manifesto, The Federalist Papers, The Anti-Federalist Papers, The Gulag Archipelago, and so on. From the shortwave radio programs, I began to hear about federal laws and documents. I have looked into the United States Code, the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and other publications for specific laws, discussions, executive orders, treaties, and so on. I have done far, far more research than the average person, and without compensation. I am not just fooling around, and while I will admit that I know little compared with what there is to know, I am much more aware of what has been done and what is going on than most people. And, frankly, I have repeatedly been shocked to discover things I never expected could be true. At this point, I do not believe that anything I will ever read will ever genuinely surprise me again.

Some of my conclusions about Waco are that the BATF raid was plotted a long time in advance and was intended to be a major media event, not the serving of a warrant and the arrest of David Koresh; that BATF leaders knew that their plans had been botched and continued anyway, putting the lives of their agents in harm's way; that no attempt was made to serve the warrant,

and that it was not even brought to the site; that BATF agents fired first and that the Branch Davidians lawfully returned fire in self-defense; that BATF leaders lied and tried to cover up the evidence after the raid had failed; that the FBI came in, removed the press from the scene, and controlled all outgoing information for the remainder of the siege; that, in addition to negotiations, the FBI employed (perhaps experimented with) all manner of psychological warfare techniques, even calling upon Russian scientists for assistance; that the FBI knew that there were FCC licensed amateur radio operators and equipment inside Mount Carmel and jammed all communications, including SOS signals, in violation of federal and international laws; that numerous lies and other propaganda were spread concerning child abuse while favorable information was withheld from the public; that the CS gas used is not tear gas, is not non-flammable, is not non-lethal, and is banned by international treaty as a chemical warfare agent; that ethanol (intoxicating and highly flammable) was probably the carrier for the CS to be pumped into the building; that most of the evidence left after the fire was systematically destroyed, a crime known as obstruction of justice; that the Justice Department did its own investigations and more or less absolved the BATF and FBI of nearly all responsibility for the numerous and serious criminal allegations that could have been raised; that BATF and FBI employees who were censured or suspended either retired on full pension or were rehired and/or reassigned with full back pay, so that there was essentially no penalty to anyone for all of the violations of law that occurred. There is no justice in this case.

As for William Cooper, he is certainly a curious person. However, to characterize him as a nut simply because he has discussed and speculated on UFOs on occasion is unfair. The term "UFO" was probably invented by the government, and UFOs exist. The question is, What are they? It is a definite fact that the federal government has produced loads of documentation on UFOs, and has released quite a bit as well. People who attempt to discover what is going on in this field (and I am not one) find that most of each page is blacked out "for security reasons." As Senator Moynihan said on one of the "talking heads" shows today (April 30), there is an enormous amount of secrecy, and this fuels suspicion of government. This is not Bill Cooper's fault. A substantial portion of the American people believe in such things as alien beings and spacecraft, and the federal government, for one reason or other, leaves the question hanging by its behavior.

Bill Cooper, on the other hand, provides much valuable information on other matters, and cites the law and relevant government documents and other published sources of information to support his claims about what is happening. He also warns about others on the same shortwave station who are not providing accurate information or who have provided verifiably false information concerning their own backgrounds. He has stated that a couple of them are agents provocateur. For example, Cooper has warned against Bo Gritz, Mark Koernke, and Tom Valentine (the last of whom has a show supported by The Spotlight, which I know you despise). On these points, you must admit that you agree with him. Cooper also emphasizes that racism is not to be tolerated in militias, and that any suspect characters, or anyone who has a criminal record, must be excluded. He is very strong on these points, emphasizing the laws and impeccable character and behavior. He does not advocate violence, unless in self-defense. He does say that it will be inevitable unless the tyranny of an increasingly abusive federal government is stopped. This is fast becoming the majority opinion of the American people, because it is true.

There is plenty to question or doubt about William Cooper. Everyone I know who listens to him has such doubts and questions, but they look up the documents and study the matters that he presents. These are not ignorant people, and they are not on the "fringe of the extreme right." I do not know your information source(s), but I suspect that you have not listened to those whom you criticize for any period of time, nor have you done the legwork required to determine whether what they say is true or has a basis in the government's own documents. I have done these things.

Let me give an example of something that was reported on Bill Cooper's show one night some time ago. I checked on this report myself, because it sounded outrageous, and I verified that what was reported was factual. The Rainier Police Department (Rainier, WA) invited Special Forces and FEMA (and possibly other federal agencies) to stage a takeover of the town, with the mayor and schoolchildren being taken hostage as though by terrorists, followed by house to house searches and a rescue operation (complete with road blockades and martial law), followed by psychological testing to see how the people reacted. I called Information and obtained the business telephone number of the Police Department there. It is (206) 446-2245. I spoke with the officer in charge of emergency preparedness exercises (who was primarily responsible for all of this), and he said that this would have been very beneficial to the town for emergency preparedness, but the townspeople strongly objected when they learned of it (after plans had been made), and that the media had blown it out of proportion. When I asked him whether he thought that this was legal, he seemed to find no problem with staging a mock invasion of his town. I was speechless. I could not believe that he could think and behave in this way, without the people's consent.

A few quick comments on other points. You mentioned the Conference of the States recently, and indicated that you are aware of Senate Resolution 82, introduced by Senators Hank Brown and Jesse Helms (I have included a copy that I reproduced from the March 2, 1995 issue of the Congressional Record). You said that you were going to check on this, but I have not heard anything more. I still have heard no explanation for this apparent attempt to hold a Constitutional Convention, which is explicitly mentioned in Senate Resolution 82 in no uncertain terms. As far as I can tell, this is evidence that the Conference of the States is not simply a matter of the States trying to rein in the federal government, but has other motives.

Some weeks ago, I met Troy Underhill of Tree Top Communications, Inc. (publisher of Media Bypass magazine) at the Valley Forge Convention Center, and suggested that he listen to your show. He called in (I did not suggest this), and there was obviously a confrontation, based largely on misunderstanding. Media Bypass contains articles contributed by Walter Williams and Thomas Sowell each month, in addition to other writers, so I would not be too quick to condemn the publication out of hand. Interestingly, much of what is published in it can be heard on talk radio, but especially on certain shortwave radio stations.

As for the "paranoia" about United Nations peacekeeping forces, and their activities in the United States, the government has some explaining to do. I called your show once about this, and you discounted it. I have enclosed a copy of several documents, including the Blueprint for the Peace Race, Freedom from War, and a couple of pages from a publication of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the Congressional Record. I would sure like to have anyone deny that what is being carried out by the present and previous administrations is exactly what is laid out in these documents. George Bush defined the "New World Order" as involving a strengthening and expansion of United Nations peacekeeping activities, and this is exactly what is happening, while our own military forces are being reduced, our own bases are being closed, and our own troops are being sent around the world to serve the interests of the United Nations. On top of this, they insult us by expecting to pay for this surrender of our own sovereignty. This is exactly what is laid out in the documents I have enclosed. How can anyone deny this?

Finally, I have included a copy of a Waco videotape that you may not have seen. It was made within Mount Carmel about ten days after the BATF raid. It shows many of the actual people who were there, and who died in the fire some weeks later. This is not propaganda or interpretation, but a home video made by the Branch Davidians themselves. This tape was not shown to the public, because the FBI thought there would be public sympathy for the Branch Davidians, and they did not want that. Why not? Was it not consistent with their goals in the

siege? Might it have caused public outrage and stopped them from completing the project? Will we ever find out?

I will continue to listen to your show, because I believe that you provide much good information, and many of your callers are interesting. I would hope that you would accept the fact that there are legitimate concerns of intelligent, well-informed, active citizens when it comes to the federal government and the direction our country is being manipulated. Law after law, one treaty after another, our freedoms and sovereignty are being stripped or given away. The economic turmoil is great, and the future is uncertain, to say the least. We are headed for economic disaster due to NAFTA, GATT, and similarly stupid agreements. Despite the changes proposed by the Republican Party, we will continue to plunge in debt under their policies. If the American people do not shake off the chains and shackles and solve the mounting problems before it is too late, then some kind of conflict will be inevitable, and we will end up with a police state. We can see it already in many countries. And consider this—the patriots in the 1770s did not wave British flags.

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