

# Separatist predicts 'blood in streets'

## Says war in U.S. is coming

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KINGMAN — He still calls himself a white separatist, yet says his Hispanic neighbor is "as fine a person as I've ever known."

The "skinheads" still go to his isolated, mile-high ranch at the headwaters of Knight Creek, but "they end up saying, 'Heil Yahweh,' rather than 'Heil Hitler' by the time they leave."

So, is Jack Oliphant, one of the godfathers of the Arizona militia movement, lightening up?

Hardly.

Oliphant, 71, says that if Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh had chosen the middle of the night to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, "he would have been a national hero."

He also says that a guerrilla war against the federal government is coming, and that there will be "blood in the streets."

Oliphant, who peppers his speech with obscure biblical references also says that if armed FBI agents come onto his

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ranch again, "I'll shoot them."

Given his past and his friendship with white separatists such as Randy Weaver, who was involved in an August 1992 shootout with federal agents at his Idaho cabin, Oliphant figured he would undergo the interrogation of a lifetime after the FBI discovered that McVeigh had lived in Kingman before the bombing.

After all, an undercover FBI agent recorded Oliphant and his associates in the so-called Arizona Patriots talking about plans to blow up an Internal Revenue Service building in Ogden, Utah; a synagogue; and the



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Federal Building in downtown Phoenix.

In 1986, Oliphant was sentenced to four years in prison for plotting to hijack a Brinks armored truck from

the casinos of Laughlin, Nev. The robbery was supposed to finance a white-separatist compound at his ranch.

Oliphant said it didn't help that a "longtime KKK man" who owns the Michigan farm where two accused of being McVeigh's co-conspirators lived, helped support Oliphant's wife while he was in prison.

So when McVeigh's Kingman connection surfaced, Oliphant decided to beat the FBI to the punch.

He and his wife hopped into his battered pickup with his pit bull and drove 50 miles to the FBI office in Kingman.

"I said, 'I don't even have to ask if

you want to see me,'" Oliphant said. "But it was a pleasant surprise. All they asked me was whether I knew McVeigh, which I don't.

"Then, they showed me some pictures of (militia) camps in the area and asked me if I was familiar with what was stored there, which I'm not. It only took 10 minutes."

It was a far cry from December 1986, when 75 FBI agents swooped upon Oliphant's ranch after the undercover agent said Oliphant was the mastermind of a plan by the Arizona Patriots group to rob the Brinks truck.

Oliphant said he was accused by the agents of having "10,000 Laws

Rockets in the area" and of putting out land mines for protection.

"I had all these cattle grazing on the side of the hills. Yeah, right, like I would put out land mines," Oliphant said. "They were convinced that I had a tank, too."

Oliphant said that talk was ridiculous, given that he'd had almost all of his right arm blown off in an accidental shotgun blast.

He also believes that the speculation about McVeigh being part of a right-wing conspiracy is off the wall.

"The government did plant that microchip in McVeigh's butt. They can control behavior through that, you know," said Oliphant, who said

he is a former CIA operative who trained guerrillas from around the world in the use of explosives.

Oliphant said the bombing didn't have the trademark of a group such as the Aryan Nation because "they have the technology to build a much more powerful explosive, and they wouldn't have killed all the innocent people."

It's a pity, Oliphant says, that he wasn't able to talk to McVeigh beforehand about the bombing, which he said "set the Arizona Patriots movement back 15 years."

"I would have tried to talk him out of doing it," Oliphant said. "But I would have never talked to the federal government about it."