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What follows is a transcription of a consensually recorded telephone conversation between SHAWN KENNY and BOB BLACHA, to Mariposa, California, telephone number, (209) 966-3010, from Waco, Texas, on December 2, 1996, monitored by SA JOHN WIER, Waco, Texas Resident Agency and transcribed by SA Edward P. Woods:

"This is John Wier. Today's date is December 2, 1996 and we are about to place a telephone call to a Bob Blacha at area code (209) 966-3010. The call will be placed by Shawn Kenny and the time is 6:45 P.M.

Phone ringing

FEMALE: Hello.

SHAWN KENNY: Is ah Bob there please?

FEMALE: Ah no he's not, he's actually working today.

KENNY: Oh, he is working. Ah

FEMALE: Yeah.

KENNY: Could you tell me a good time to call back?

FEMALE: Well, who am I speaking with?

KENNY: Ah, this is ah Shawn Kenny, uh he called me and I'm returning his call.

FEMALE: Okay, he should be home probably within I say within a couple of hours.

KENNY: Within a couple of hours?

FEMALE: Yeah, he left when I did early this morning so that's about all I know and I'm not exactly sure where he went.

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KENNY: Okay, is there a way or a work phone by any chance.

FEMALE: No, he works for himself.

KENNY: Oh, okay.

FEMALE: So he just goes to other people's establishment so you couldn't reach him there.

KENNY: Okay, ah real quick, um, would you tell him I called and I'll just you know like I said try and call him back.

FEMALE: Okay.

KENNY: Um, but ah I'm trying to figure out where I know Bob from, ah, I got a long distance call ah here in Cincinnati and ah about a week ago. So.....

FEMALE: I have no idea.

KENNY: (Laughing)

FEMALE: But I'll let him know that you called.

KENNY: Okay.

FEMALE: And you'll be at that number that he knows you by.

KENNY: Ah no, no, um, um, I'm out of town but um...

FEMALE: Oh, okay.

KENNY: But I'll have to call him back I really don't have the number right now.

FEMALE: Oh, okay. Yeah I would say if you know um to be safe around 8 o'clock.

KENNY: 8 o'clock tonight?

FEMALE: Yeah, he should be here.

KENNY: Okay.

FEMALE: Okay.

KENNY: Appreciate it.

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FEMALE: Okay, you take care.

KENNY: Bye.

FEMALE: Bye, bye.

Yeah the telephone call concluded at 7:47 er 6:47. Today is December 2, 1996, the time is approximately 8:45 P.M. and Mr. Kenny is about to make another telephone call to the same number.

PHONE RINGING.

BOB BLACHA: Hello?

SHAWN KENNY: Is ah...

BLACHA: Hello.

KENNY: Hello, is ah Bob there please?

BLACHA: Yes, this is he.

KENNY: Ah yeah, this is ah Shawn Kenny, I'm uh returning your call.

BLACHA: Shawn how goes it?

KENNY: Hey, I I I'm feel bad here cause I can't place who you are.

BLACHA: Oh yeah I'm the uh AN Coordinator for California.

KENNY: Okay, I've heard the name, okay.

BLACHA: Yeah, I think we talked a few years back and ah so forth, yeah...

KENNY: Weren't you at Hayden Lake maybe at that time?

BLACHA: Uh, no actually I was out here and this was when um Tim Bishop was just getting going.

KENNY: Uh, okay.

BLACHA: And he stayed up there for about 18 months or so and then he was ousted by this idiot by the name of Jerry Grudel, ah do you know about this situation or no?

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KENNY: Negative, there's so many people that come and go, I'm kinda out of out of the loop for a little while myself.

BLACHA: Yeah, well uh this ah Grudel fellow, I mean he let a ah colored guy and a Jew onto the ah Congress ground and he has pretty much run the whole organization totally ah ah into the ground...

KENNY: Uh huh.

BLACHA: And, uh, I myself at at at the last Congress uh what happened was we had a meeting to go ahead and kind of make end runs this Grudel guy because I mean the guy's just a total idiot, he's...

KENNY: Well how's Pastor doing?

BLACHA: Pardon?

KENNY: How's Pastor doing?

BLACHA: Well, the thing is that Pastor, okay, ever since Betty died he's been you know pretty upset with his heart problems and everything.

KENNY: Yeah.

BLACHA: Ah, he you know hasn't really been up to snuff quite so much...

KENNY: Right.

BLACHA: Uh, have you ever heard of Sherry Seymour?

KENNY: No, no.

BLACHA: Well anyway she she is a gal who used to be a journalist up here in a Mariposa.

KENNY: Right.

BLACHA: And she uh went ahead and she started making all these maneuvers against me and all this kind of thing and asking, you know we just had we just had a meeting there at Congress and uh I didn't want to go ahead and give any names because I knew that, okay, ah, in terms, okay we we we had a meeting, okay we had the meeting and we didn't like Grudel and and we (inaudible)..

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KENNY: Is is ah, Louis Beam (inaudible) I thought he was ah gonna move up there (inaudible)

BLACHA: Oh, in fact, uh the the thing that that really irritates irritates about this is that ah Jerry Grudel he bought a computer um um system from Louis Beam.

KENNY: Right.

BLACHA: And even though he uh he let the nigger and the Jew reporter on you know ah, Grudel did, uh Beam said oh that's not too bad, I'm thinking well what do you mean it's not it's not a bad thing, you know.

KENNY: That's one guy that would never change.

BLACHA: Uh huh, right, no, this is kind of ridiculous and then um I start getting letters supposedly from Pastor Butler and then uh I noticed that none of them were actually signed by him they were all stamped with his name on it. And I thought hey what in the world is going on here and then I got one thing ah a fax supposedly from Pastor Butler kicking me out of Aryan Nations, and I just say I'm not I'm not accepting this at all. And then also, this ah Grudel guy had um Terry (inaudible) who is the chief of security supposedly kicked out AN and uh Terry wrote Pastor Butler uh a letter and says hey you can't kick me out of Aryan Nations because I'm an Aryan, you he said you can (inaudible) in the church if you want to.

KENNY: You can stop sending me the newsletter maybe but ...

BLACHA: Right, but, yeah..and that's

KENNY: (inaudible) white skin, huh?

BLACHA: Yeah, right, and so that's what I pretty much told them, I said hey ah I said Betty you know before Betty ah before she died she was the one who who sewed on my rank emblems and all this kind of thing and so you can't take that away from me and I told the guys at headquarters that you guys can do whatever you want up there, but hey I am still major and I'm still the state coordinator for California and that's the way it is and you know of course they didn't like too very much and so um uh apparently you know I'm out of there particular loop and so forth but uh otherwise

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everything's going pretty good because you know Bobby Norton although he was recently um you know about that thing with Southwell and the Southern Poverty Law Center, don't you?

KENNY: Uh, no like I said I've been kinda out of the loop for awhile.

BLACHA: Okay, yeah well apparently uh the Southern Poverty Law Center was sued by a the militia leader who had been stigmatized by um Morris Dees by saying that...

KENNY: (Inaudible)

BLACHA: Dees said oh yeah he went to all these AN meetings and he actually hadn't, and so ah Bobby Norton got you know he he got they took depositions and all that kind of thing from him and you know there there pretty much harassing him and all this sort of thing, but I mean he's he's still good man, he's still with it, it's just that ah he's been you know harassed..

KENNY: Right.

BLACHA: And so forth by this by this case here which is you know kind of undermining his capabilities and so forth, but he's he's still there and then of course Chuck Mangles out of um out of um Montana, he's the state leader, you know everything is going strong there um, ah what's his name uh Vince Reed, our aid ambassador, you know everybody on the field is going you know we're going fine.

KENNY: Right.

BLACHA: It's just that the you know Pastor Butler does not feel well anymore and he has a couple of guys who are absolutely jackasses up there who are totally screwing everything everything up and so forth.

KENNY: (Laughing)

BLACHA: And uh...

KENNY: Are they living in that little bunk house?

BLACHA: Pardon me?

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KENNY: They living up in the bunk house or something...

BLACHA: No, no, um ..

KENNY: (Inaudible)

BLACHA: That Grudel is is is living where Wayne Jones used to live.

KENNY: Okay.

BLACHA: And so..

KENNY: Hey what's up with the Montana group, them guys?

BLACHA: Oh which ones?

KENNY: Um, I can't think of the guys name. Ah fuck.

BLACHA: Ah General Miller?

KENNY: No, way, this is a couple of years back.

BLACHA: Uh huh.

KENNY: Uh, what's the guy's name, and there were about ...

BLACHA: McCurry?

KENNY: No, I can't think of the guy's name, but anyway, they (inaudible) and they stole a bunch of books and stuff and then they (inaudible)..

BLACHA: Oh yeah, Carl Franklin, yeah.

KENNY: Carl Franklin.

BLACHA: Yeah, he's there are, he's like living in a motor home somewhere in Montana but he is no longer, ah I mean he's no longer extent in terms of being a Christian Identity Minister, except in his own mind, and we're kinda thinking that this Grudel guy is pretty much going to go the same way um, a few guys want to get together and have another night alone, as I was saying, well no we don't want to do that because he probably, this ass will probably end up suing us and you know turn into another Floyd Crochran type of individual.

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KENNY: Right, now.

BLACHA: So, so it's kind of ridiculous but..

KENNY: So so what happens when you all put your heads together you just uh I mean trying to get old members back together (inaudible).

BLACHA: Yeah, yeah, we want we want to just keep on going and ah although this Grudel guy is is trying to tell Pastor Butler that we're treated as well what we're seeing is that okay we can't except Grudel or anything along those lines, and if Pastor Butler backing Grudel well we can't back that so what we're saying is that we are loyal to Pastor Butler's vision you know for an establishment of an Aryan state and we just let it go at that you know we don't even mention that, that anymore we don't encourage anybody to talk to headquarters in fact uh your wife mentioned that you were in the military well hey, I would, if I were you I would definitely discourage anybody that you know who is in the military who has any (inaudible) association do not call Hayden Lake. Because we, you know, in fact, Bobby Norton says he does not send any reports up there because he does not know whose hand there gonna who who's hand there gonna end up in. You know?

KENNY: Right.

BLACHA: Then the Sherry Seymour lady she uh wrote.

KENNY: I tell yeah when I lived up there I mean you just walk in and do whatever you wanted and..

BLACHA: Yeah, yeah, I mean it it it's even worse now and so forth so uh..

KENNY: That really surprises me that Louis Beam ain't taking a more of an active role, is he living up there in the area now?

BLACHA: Yeah, yeah, he actually he he lives up in ah Sam Point and he's buddy buddy with this one Sherry Seymour girl who is a former journalist and all this sort of thing, we're kinda of wondering an well you know is is sure just writin writin a book about Aryan Nations or something along these lines, and you know trying to uh

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uh because the thing is that she wrote a book on Colonel Galliard (phonetic), do you remember him?

KENNY: Oh yeah, yeah, I saw a poem, a little (inaudible) poem um.

BLACHA: (Inaudible) states...

KENNY: Right, (inaudible)

BLACHA: Yeah, yeah she she wrote she went ahead and wrote a book that was published by Vanity Press, no actual real publisher would touch it.

KENNY: Yeah, I've seen the book, it didn't have too bad of a spin, but.

BLACHA: Uh huh, yeah she uh she is the one who who pretty much you know try maneuver me out of you know being the state coordinator and everything and the guys in Montana they think that the reason why she did that is because maybe there's some kind of a skeleton in her closet here in Mariposa and you know she's just afraid that we find it out or something, you know not that I would find it out and broadcast it or something along these particular lines.

KENNY: Um. Is um....

BLACHA: I was also wondering now do you think that those the comrades out there in the ah New Vienna, Ohio, bunch, do you think they are aware of what's going on at headquarters or?

KENNY: Um, I don't know, you talkin about Tim Beam and them? Uh he's pretty tight with Bobby Norton, uh Norton, who keeps in contact so I'm sure he probably would know, he's probably hearing whatever Bobby has to say.

BLACHA: Alrighty.

KENNY: Uh, from last time I talked with him which has been for awhile...

BLACHA: Uh huh..

KENNY: They basically had there own like kind of like a small minded study group and uh doing uh doing uh too much

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you know outward except you know just kind of worried about their own area so to speak.

BLACHA: Right, uh huh.

KENNY: So, uh, yeah, it seem like they were doing pretty good. I think they actually had a building uh that they were using for meetings.

BLACHA: Uh, wow.

KENNY: Yeah, sounds like there doing pretty good.

BLACHA: Well, that's good, well I'll try and uh you know go ahead and get in contact with uh Bobby and you know just to make sure that these guys don't go uh contacting headquarters and so forth because like I said you know we don't know who is up there or and there's also this guy, his name is Mike McNab and Ed Novac of the Illinois Klan said well that this guy was you know he was viewed by the Nazi Party, you know, kind of as a gopher and a jerk you know this kind of thing and we went up there you know, guys tryin, you know the Illinois state leader, the Iowa state leader, myself we went up there and knowing this and we found that this Grudel guy had made this guy into a captain.

KENNY: (Laughing)

BLACHA: But also, there was this Jew up there named Sisko (phonetic) who who Grudel made into a Lieutenant, so we're wondering well what in the hell you know, what's up with guy, you know, I just like kick his ass, (inaudible)...

KENNY: Hey, what you know you can't when you're dealing with a group like Aryan Nations you know you can't see who these people are, I mean,

BLACHA: Uh huh.

KENNY: Yeah, that's the biggest problem.

BLACHA: Right.

KENNY: Who ah who took over for ah Louis Beam down in Austin. Wasn't he, didn't they have a what was it the Waco Nights or that, I mean (inaudible).

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BLACHA: Oh I think he has pretty much jettisoned that particular viewpoint and he is he's more taken the viewpoint that uh you know we should go ahead and not not even mention the Jews quite so much, but you know just go ahead and attack Washington D.C. which is which is okay with me because ..

KENNY: Yeah, I think I seen him aligning with the black separatist and stuff there on some issue a while back (inaudible) and taken on the David Duke kind of ploy, I guess.

BLACHA: Right, right. Well alrighty...

KENNY: Well let me know how's it gonna work, well I appreciate the heads up and uh let me verify your address and stuff here.

BLACHA: Okay, its' up P.O. Box 1 4 8 6.

KENNY: 1 4 8 6.

BLACHA: Mariposa, M A R I P O S A.

KENNY: M A R I P O S A.

BLACHA: California.

KENNY: CA.

BLACHA: 9 5 3 3 8.

KENNY: 9 5 3 3 8. So how are you guys doing?

BLACHA: Well, uh actually, uh due to the fact that this Grudel situation, we haven't been doing any recruiting ah mainly due to the fact that we don't want to uh send any money up there to Grudel who uses it just you know go to the Owl Cafe. (Laughing) you know.

KENNY: (Laughing).

BLACHA: So, we're you know, we we have a good group down there in Southern California under ah ah Colonel Newman Britton..

KENNY: Oh yeah, I met him, a real good guy.

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BLACHA: Yeah, yeah, and well and then with this Grudel thing to is that Newman Britton he called up Pastor several times and wanted to talk to him but Grudel says oh he's not available but his wife ..

KENNY: That's ridiculous.

BLACHA: Yeah, yeah...

KENNY: If I remember he was one of the most articulate uh energetic speakers I've ever uh I've ever got the fortune to hear, besides Louis Beam, I guess.

BLACHA: Uh huh, uh huh.

KENNY: Him and Louis Beam was probably ah ah pretty close.

BLACHA: Yeah and yeah this Grudel guy he can't even speak at all, and so well the thing is is that okay Grudel is he's he's in his late fifties early sixties and of course Pastor is in his seventies and uh this guy has latched on to Pastor Butler ever since uh Betty died and he kinda become like a confidant and all this sort of thing and Pastor Butler um you you remember John Burk?

KENNY: Uh huh.

BLACHA: Okay, yeah, he met with Pastor Butler last week and Pastor Butler said oh well they knew about all the difficulties and all this sort of thing and uh John Burk and some of the guys from Montana and so forth are starting out a new church but out there in ah Noxin (phonetic).

KENNY: Is that the ah Vegas uh, they had a big Christian Identity crew now cause I remember when...

BLACHA: Yeah, Christian Identity Skins, Johnny Bangener (phonetic) and those guys?

KENNY: Right, yeah, I met I met em at one well it wasn't a Congress it was like a it was a Canadian Thanksgiving or something out there.

BLACHA: Uh huh, uh huh. Yeah so, so you ever hear hear anything more about that Fred Crochran character or no?

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KENNY: No, last time was on that TV show and he looked like he had Aids and he's probably dead by now...

BLACHA: (Laughing) yeah.

KENNY: (Inaudible) I don't know.

BLACHA: What a fag you know, what an idiot. But oh well, I guess what we have to ah you know contend with uh but ...

KENNY: (Inaudible)

BLACHA: On the other hand, I kinda think that the further we go along you know the more and more people are seeing the truth and the correctness of our position you know?

KENNY: If we hold out long enough the rest of all of us will die of Aids man.

BLACHA: (Laughing) yeah, who knows, who knows...

KENNY: Hey listen, I'm gonna cut this short here.

BLACHA: Alrighty.

KENNY: Ah but I got the number, I got the address and uh like I said once I get myself substantiated I'm kinda of between uh stations right now and we'll get a lot of field time coming up so I'll be out of the loop ah for a little while longer but uh and I'll stay in touch.

BLACHA: Hey thanks a million.

KENNY: Take care.

BLACHA: Okay, God bless you in your victory.

KENNY: And you.

BLACHA: Okay, bye.

(End of conversation)