2002 05 17 Friday Gabriel the Mercenary Mercenary/Foreign Jailbreaks

AB: “Friday night, Saturday morning version. We're gonna get it on, all right!

I'm not sure where we're headed now, but it's gonna be to a strange place, that much I can tell you.

My guest's name ... he tells us his name is ‘Gabriel’.

Probably isn't ... I don't think it is.

In fact, we'll ask about that.

But he says ‘Gabriel’.

Now, Gabriel is the person that you and your family would, ah, wanta find when all hope is otherwise lost. In other words, you ... you've already ... you’re already given up for dead – D-E-A-D – and there's absolutely no one left to help you, ah, when you're in some foreign jail or taken hostage by guerrillas.

He's engaged in and survived *mortal combat (!)* on a daily basis on almost every continent on the Earth for the past six (6) years. Privately educated and homeschooled in martial arts, close-quarters combat, survivalism, weapons, tactics, drama, trauma, field, ah, medicine, as well as linguistics over the course of thirteen (13) years ... and I bet a lot of drama (!)

Gabriel's interests include Eastern philosophy, mysticism, martial arts *of all sorts*, meditation, traditional Chinese medicine, astronomy, rhetoric and linguistics, verbal and non-verbal persuasion.

(AB laughs). Verbal and non-verbal persuasion (!)

Ancient civilizations and, ah, archaeology, musical performance, musical composition and arrangement, jazz, history, ah, Western medicine, survival skills, tactics, preparedness, [unintelligible], botany, culinary pursuits ...

He's a bad guy!

Ah, or maybe he's a good guy? Really a very good guy ... ah, it depends.

Ah, to some, I guess he'd be considered a terrorist, right?

And to others, he'd be considered angelic (!), ah, going into some foreign country, ah, probably killing people, and getting your loved one out.

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I ... so it just depends on how you look at these things (!)

Anyway, it's gonna be a strange trip, and it's comin' right up!"

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AB: "All right, well, the only name I'm given here, ah, for the man we're about to speak with is 'Gabriel'.

It's kind of a biblical sorta name, actually, when you think about it ... 'Gabriel'. Biblical name.

Ah, so, Gabriel, ah, is Gabriel really your name or just what we're gonna call you tonight?"

GABRIEL THE MERCENARY

GtM: "It's what you will receive tonight."

AB: (grins). "That's what I thought."

GtM: "Um, ..."

AB: "I had a feeling."

GtM: "... Gabriel is a cross between the angel of Death, the messenger of God, the bringer of Truth.

I kinda like to be all those things in one (!)"

AB: "So you think ... yeah, so it's really an accurate, ah ..."

GtM: "An accurate description."

AB: "... of you?"

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "Ah ..."

GtM: "I gotta tell you, I am a true fan of yours."

AB: "Oh, thank you."

GtM: "I listen to you almost every night, because I am a night person."

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AB: “Now, you had a little trouble earlier tonight, right?”

GtM: “Not tonight.

It started, ah ... actually it started after I got off the phone with the confirmation with your producers.”

AB: “Yes?”

GtM: “And the next thing you know, I'm being accosted by about twenty-seven (27) armed men with balaclavas.

I don't know if you know what a balaclava is ... ?”

AB: “No, I don't.”

GtM: “It's, um, what the special forces use to cover their face.

Kinda like a ski mask meant for special forces.”

AB: “Oh, okay. Yeah, okay.

Like ... like the, ah, SWAT [Special Weapons And Tactics] teams use.”

GtM: “That's ex- ... that’s exactly it, sir.

Um, and, ah, they beat the living hell out of me! [GtM grins (!)].

They did a good job!”

AB: “Ah, who-were-they? Do you know? Do you ...”

GtM: “I wish I could ... I wish I could give ya an accurate description.

Um, normally, when you're dealing on the *county level*, ah, you don't get ... you don’t get that sorta response.

Ah, there were literally two dozen (24) men, at least ... and I mean, just little old me.”

AB: “What did they want?”

GtM: “Um, basically me on the ground with my head ... (grins) ... in a hundred (100) pieces.

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Um, they wanted, ah, they wanted to keep me detained. Ah, I can't ... I can't give you a more intelligent explanation than that. I ... I know they planted a couple of guns on me."

AB: "Yeah, but they're ... they're ... they planted guns on you? (!)"

GtM: "Oh, absolutely! I mean, I have all of my [unintelligible] ..."

AB: "They ... they claim to be some police authority of some kind?"

GtM: "Yeah, there was some sort of United States law enforcement.

Um, now, I'm sure there was a conglomeration of, ah ..."

AB: "And they didn't identify themselves?"

GtM: (grins). "Well, when you have, ah, large semi-automatic weapons pointed at your head, you don't hear those sorts of things." (GtM grins again).

AB: "Yeah, I'm sure that's true.

And so they ..."

GtM: "Ah, ..."

AB: "... what? They kept you at that location or they abducted you ... or what?"

GtM: "They abducted me."

AB: *"They abducted you (!)"*

GtM: "Ah ..."

AB: "And you ended up whe[re] ... in what kind of environment?"

GtM: "Ah, I ended up in what I think is a federal prison, ah, somewhere in the area of where I am, which I'm not going to disclose for obvious reasons.

You ... I'm sure you could imagine my trepidation." (grins).

AB: "Yeah, I can sure imagine your trepid- ... well, of course I can!"

GtM: "Um, yeah, it was funny [sic] (?)

I ... I had no armament on me, ah, not even a pocket knife!

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And, ah ..."

AB: "Why ... why not?

I mean, with your record, why don't ... why aren't you armed ... like all the time?"

GtM: "Well, I'm only armed when I go to sleep.

I know that sounds odd, but I ... I'm armed when I sleep.

When I'm walking around in America, there's no need for me ... I mean, there's very few people – or groups of people – that I don't have the ability to handle on a, ah, fisticuff sort of level in a close-quarter combat, open-handed scenario."

AB: "Huh."

GtM: (grins).

AB: "Ah, look, they had to have some motive (!) Ah, ..."

GtM: "Um, the motive ... the motive ..."

AB: "... unless ... unless it was to punish you for an act that you have committed ..."

GtM: "Well ..."

AB: "... ah, short of killing you (!)

Ah, ..."

GtM: "Well, they didn't kill me ... obviously (!)

You're talking to me now!"

AB: "Right. Ah ..."

GtM: "Thank God!"

AB: "Well, that's what I say!

Unless it was something you did that really pissed somebody off, ah ..."

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GtM: "I have a feeling that they were, um, they were after me to keep me detained for a long period of time. It just so happened that they weren't quick enough and i was able to get a call up to my team of lawyers (!)

(GtM grins). And, ah ..."

AB: "And the lawyers ..."

GtM: "Well, after about forty-eight (48) hours – *and three or four (3-4) attempts on my life while I was inside (!)* – and a whole bunch of other interesting things that happened ..."

AB: "Yeah, you told me ... the one thing you told me 'fore we went on the air, and then I said: 'Don't you do it.' ..."

GtM: (grins).

AB: *"'I wanta hear all this on the air (!)* ... I don't want to hear it now'.

You said you got *shanked! (?)*"

GtM: "Yeah, I got shanked in the knee.

Yeah, they ... they did a number ..."

AB: *"You got shanked in the knee (!)*?"

GtM: "Yeah. Yeah, right on the side of the knee ... right near the patella.

Um ..."

AB: "This is like in the last ... how many hours ago now?"

GtM: "Ah, that happened approximately eight or nine (8-9) hours after I got in.

Ah, they ... they leg-shackled me and then double arm-shackled me, and then Cannibal, err, ... Hannibal Lectored my face. (grins).

I guess they were expectin' me to try and take their nose off or somethin'!"

AB: "So what? You're a mess right now?

Your face is a mess?"

GtM: "No, not my face.

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They ... they taped it up and then put a cage over it."

AB: "Oh!"

GtM: "And then, ah, ..."

AB: "So you're ..."

GtM: "... my face isn't a mess, Thank God!

I'm sure they wouldn't ..."

AB: " ... you ... you were being tortured (!)"

GtM: "N-n-n-n ... No. I was being ..."

AB: "No? What word would you use?"

GtM: (grins). "I was being detained upon further investigation of whatever they wanted to do."

AB: *"Yeah, but that's being detained with prejudice!*

You get shanked in the, ah, ..."

GtM: "Well that happened while I was inside.

After I was inside ..."

AB: "When you were inside with other prisoners (!)"

GtM: [Unintelligible].

AB: "What you're saying is it's some kind of federal prison?"

GtM: "Yes."

AB: "And you're ..."

GtM: "Now I know for a fact that they moved me from county – they moved me to another location, and then they moved me back again.

So I know I ... I was within a five to ten (5-10) square mile radius of where I was detained.

That much I can remember."

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AB: “[Unintelligible] look, you have to have given this a lot of thought, Gabe.”

GtM: “Obviously.”

AB: “Ah ... ah, about why they did this.”

GtM: “Um ...”

AB: “So I was off on one scenario there that you pissed somebody off ... did something in the past, and they ...”

GtM: “Or ...”

AB: “Or?”

GtM: “Or somebody else did something and needed a bigger fish to get (!)”

AB: “Somebody else did something?”

GtM: “Somebody else got caught with something or did something, and then decided that they weren't about to handle it, and said: ‘Hold on, I can pass you off to somebody else (!)’

And then ... I got ... picked up.

Now, being picked up, I still don't know where my car is (!)” (GtM grins).

AB: “You don't have your car?”

GtM: “No, no, it's gone! It’s completely gone (!)”

AB: “How old are you?”

GtM: “Um, at this particular moment, I am just below the age of twenty-five (25).”

AB: “How long have you been doing the kind of work you do?”

GtM: “Ah, since I was about eighteen (18) or nineteen (19).”

AB: *“How frequently, ah, in the kind of work that you do, does it require that you kill?”*

GtM: *“Um, all the time ... when I'm out of the country.”*

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AB: “Ah ...”

GtM: “You're gonna have to excuse me ... I'm gonna have to, ah, think before I speak ... obviously.”

AB: “Thinking before speaking is good (!)”

GtM: “Um, I can't just let the answer roll off my tongue like I would normally enjoy doing.

Ah, certain things ... I'm sure there are people listening to me right now – ah, you have a massive listener base.”

AB: “Yes.”

GtM: “Which is part of the reason why I wanted to come on (!)

It's a fantastic way to ... to prove to the world that there are people out there that can help them when the chips are down.”

AB: “All right.

Ah, I guess this is one way of advertising, but since you're, ah, you ... you’re just using a name ... good one – I like ‘Gabriel’ – it's a good name.

But I mean, you're just using a name.”

GtM: “I like ‘Gabriel’.”

AB: “And you're not giving us any ... any way to, ah, for people to contact you.

An obvious question was gonna be, how do you get clients?

How ... how do people come to you or know to come to you?”

GtM: “Usually, um, because of the areas, ah, other places in the world that I would be working in, um, things like this have happened in the past to other people.

And when they happen like that, there sort of becomes, ah ... ah, a phone chain – if you want to ... to say – people that know that this has happened to some people, and then they can put you in contact with other people.”

AB: “Yeah, they start reaching out, ...”

GtM: “Yes, and ...”

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AB: “... and eventually they ... they ... your name gets mentioned somewhere there, huh?”

GtM: “Well, it’s *the idea of me (!)* gets mentioned.

The idea of somebody like that existing, and then they find out who might be exist- ... who might exist like that, and then that's how they find me.”

AB: “What do you think the average longevity for somebody in your business is?

I mean, like, how many years can you do this before you get yourself killed?”

GtM: “Um, (clears his throat), well, there's a ... more than a fifty percent (50%) chance that you won't come back from your first mission.”

AB: “Really?”

GtM: “Yes.

Ah, you won’t ...”

AB: “Now, now ... a typical example:

Let's say, ah, I've got a sister, ah, in jail in, ah, ...”

GtM: “Pick a country.”

AB: “... Mexico.”

GtM: “Mexico is actually very easy.”

AB: “Mexico has ... has real ... they have real serious ... yeah, but they got really stinking jails!”

(Both AB and GtM grin).

GtM: “Um, ...”

AB: “Bad jails in Mexico.”

GtM: “Um, you’d be surprised (!)”

AB: “Bad, bad, bad.”

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GtM: “Some of the ones in the country are weak.”

AB: “Your Bill of Rights in Mexico is just *not, you know, transferable (!)*

I mean, when you ... ah, a lot of people don't understand! When you get arrested in a foreign country ...”

GtM: “... you're done!”

AB: “Well, you're living ...”

GtM: “You have a very good chance you're going to spend the rest of your life in jail, sir.”

AB: “Yeah, you're livin’ under real different rules, that's for sure. Ah ...”

GtM: “The best part is that most people don't know that it applies here too (!)”

AB: “I've heard you can buy your way out of Mexican jails (!)”

GtM: “You can! You can.

It's, ah, it’s not going to be as hefty as some other Middle America, um, or Central American countries or South American countries, for that matter. But, um, Mexico's not as bad as some of the other ones that you could be put into.

You get, ah, Panama and below ... you’re just ... you're asking for problems.”

AB: “Really? ... Brazil?”

GtM: “Um, Brazil, I am lucky enough to have fantastic contacts in.

The police department down there is ... ah, foremost in their mind is ‘helping people’.

Um, you'll find that the amount of mix-ups and miscommunications that are involved are the, ah, are the only – or mostly the only – reasons why you get locked up in Peru ... or I'm sorry, not Peru ... ah, Brazil.”

AB: “Brazil?”

GtM: “Peru is another place that, ah, was on my mind.”

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AB: “Why? Is ... is Peru tough?”

GtM: *“Peru's awful! Peru’s just nasty!”*

AB: “Ah, yeah, you’re at risk when you come.

I mean, even though you've got a passport and you think the embassy ’ll come rushing to your ...”

GtM: “They don't.”

AB: “They ... they don’t?”

GtM: *“No, they wash their hands of you (!)*

Because of the fact that there's so much going on in the international scene these days, they don’t ... they can't ... they can’t use the kind of pull that the United States had before.”

AB: “So unless you're really somebody ... ?”

GtM: “Unless you're a somebody, you’re ... there's a good chance you're screwed.

And then, you get to people like me that might be able to help you (!)”

AB: “How, ah, take Peru, for example.

Um, how corrupt is law enforcement, ah, in Peru compared to, say, America?”

GtM: “I know that ten to fifteen percent (10%-15%) of their own police officers are annually, ah, convicted of, ah, racketeering and such like that off of their own people.”

AB: “Ten to fifteen percent (10%-15%)?”

GtM: “Uh-huh.”

AB: “So ...”

GtM: “And then they get reinstated (!)” (grins).

AB: “So then you could be perhaps put in jail ...”

GtM: [Unintelligible].

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AB: "... what ... what amounts ... wait, what amounts to a kidnapping, huh?"

GtM: "Oh, absolutely. Absolutely.

And with the ... with the government the way it is there right now, um, you're ... you're asking for problems."

AB: (exclaims). "Ah, let's say somebody's in jail in Peru."

GtM: "Okay."

AB: "And I don't care whether it's a righteous bust or a ... a ... a non-righteous bust.

Now, by the way, do you care?"

GtM: "Um ..."

AB: "In other words, if they ... they're, ah, kidnapped ..."

GtM: "... I'll tell you what, ..."

AB: "... by some corrupt person or ... or if they went down there and ..."

GtM: " ... then I don't involve myself."

AB: "Let's say they went down there and hit a bank in Peru ... hit a bank in Peru, and they're in jail for bank robbery."

GtM: "Why did they hit the bank?"

AB: "Well, I don't know, 'cause they needed the money ... 'cause that's where the money is!"

GtM: "Well, maybe that's where *their money* was (!)"

AB: "Well ... maybe.

But let's just say they hit a bank. In other words, they committed an actual crime in Peru.

And the family comes to you, ... "

GtM: "[Unintelligible – Sure (?)]."

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AB: "... and they've got enough men.

I assume it takes a heluva lot of money? (!)"

GtM: "It's quite expensive, yes."

AB: "How ... how expensive?

Ah, let's say, just an average, throw a number at me.

You've got somebody in jail in Peru and you're gonna have to go down there and break their asses out of jail.

I mean, break them out one way or the other."

GtM: "Okay, you're gonna be dealing with a certain amount of men and equipment, ... and armament (!)

The men range from six (6) men to thirteen (13) men, being two (2) six (6)-man 'A-Teams' with one (1) team leader.

Those men have to get paid!

Now, these sorts of people don't work for nothing."

AB: "What do they work for?"

GtM: "Depends on where you're going, what you're doing, and how long you're gonna be there.

Also the odds of coming back.

Um ..."

AB: "Yeah, odds of coming back [are] always important."

GtM: "Yes, that's true.

Ah, you're dealing with probably somewhere between fifty to a hundred thousand dollars [$50,000-$100,000] apiece.

If you're going anywhere outside of the Americas, you're gonna be dealing with over $100,000 per man."

AB: "Okay, so we're already up around seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000) ..."

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GtM: “No.”

AB: “... three-quarters of a million dollars or more ($750,000+).”

GtM: “One point ... one point three million ($1,300,000).”

AB: “One ...”

GtM: “One point three million ($1,300,000) for the men.”

AB: “For starters? (!)”

GtM: “Yes.”

AB: “All right.

Ah, equipment, transportation, logistics ... all that stuff?”

GtM: “It's funny that you mentioned that.”

AB: (laughs).

GtM: “There's a great way to be able to move these sorts of things in an expeditious fashion. We do it by, um, using bonded warehouses all across the world (!)

And usually the cost of one bonded warehouse skid for our particular team’s somewhere around seventy-six to eighty thousand dollars ($76,000-$80,000), including equipment.”

AB: “Hmpf.

How do you get into a business like this? (!)”

GtM: *“It's all my mother's fault (!)”*

AB: “Ah ...”

GtM: (snickers).

AB: “... excuse me, (AB grins) your mother? Your mother?”

GtM: “Um ... yes!

Ah, it’s ... it’s funny that you mentioned that.”

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AB: “What did she do? Bounce you on, ah, her knee and say: ‘Honey, you're gonna grow up to be a great, ah, hitman? (!)”

GtM: “No, I'm not a hitman.

A hitman kills people for no reason.”

AB: (laughs). “You know? Or ... or, ah, you ... you ... well ...”

GtM: “I'm a patriot. I'm a patriot.”

AB: “Okay, well, you ... but there are a lot.

You’re ... ah, I'm glad you're a patriot.”

GtM: “ I am an ... all right, let's put it in more terms that you'll ... you’ll ...”

AB: “You're a mercenary (!)”

GtM: “I'm an expeditor.”

AB: “At least you're a mercenary, right?”

GtM: “Okay.”

AB: “I mean, that's not unfair, is it?”

GtM: “No, no, I ... I prefer the term ‘professional soldier’, but ...”

AB: “Professional soldier ... mercenary. Ah ...”

GtM: “At ... at the base level ... at the lowest common denominator, I am an expediter.”

AB: “Yeah ... an ... an ‘expediter’. (AB grins).

Ah, all right, well, let's think about this a little bit.”

GtM: “I ‘organize’. I ‘implement’.”

AB: “These are just words (!)”

GtM: “And I [unintelligible].”

AB: “Yeah, these are just words we're using.

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But ... but basically still, you take a team, ah, if necessary, and you go into a foreign country, and you probably end up in a firefight killing people, and you go get somebody for a whole bunch of money. That's what 'cha do."

GtM: "Yes. We ... we ..."

AB: "Ah, what if ... what if somebody's kidnapped and they're in jail in Peru, and they don't have any money?"

GtM: "They're in trouble."

AB: "Hmpf."

GtM: "They ... they better have ... they better have a damn good reason why they're there.

I don't do *pro bono* work."

AB: (laughs).

GtM: "Or at least I don't do it very, ah, I don't do it with a clear conscience (!)"

AB: "Now you were ... you were blaming this all on your mother ... (!)"

GtM: (snickers). "My mother said when I was very young, she said:

'You will not be a victim.

You will not allow other people to be victims, if you can help it.'

And since that time, since the ripe young age of, ah, I guess about eight (8) or nine (9) years old, I've been bred for this."

AB: "Wow (!)

Like Superman was bred, ah, sort of."

GtM: "Yeah, yeah, if you ... if you wanta say that.

Um, I don't have his superpowers.

It's just kinda tenacity and organizational skills for me."

AB: "I remember in one *Superman* movie, he was coming to Earth – you

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may have seen this – and, ah, he was receiving, ah, some instructions on what he was to be and what he was to do.

I think that was it ... ah, maybe that wasn't ... maybe that was *2001*.

Anyway ...”

GtM: (laughs).

AB: “... in a really cool movie, that happened.”

GtM; “Yes, sir.”

AB: “And so almost, ah, from the womb, you ... you began headed toward what you're doing now, huh?”

GtM: “If ... if not that, as close as you can get to it.”

AB: “Okay.”

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AB: “Ah, stay right there, Gabriel.

That's his ... name he’s using is Gabriel.

He goes into foreign countries and kills people and breaks things (!)”

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AB: “One thing's for sure – there are people out there who do what Gabriel does ... or says he does.

There's no question about that ... there are people who do this.

They, you know, they go into foreign countries and they, ah, they get people out for a price ... a very big, big price, actually.

Ah, whether or not Gabriel is one of these people is for you to decide as you listen to him.

This is very interesting stuff, ah, and particularly appropriate, I must say, for a Friday night, Saturday morning.

We'll be right back.”

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AB: “Okay, ah, once again, here's Gabriel.

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Now, I understand, ah, Gabriel, there are people who do the things that you're claiming that you do.

Ah, I understand there are these people, and they're for real, ..."

GtW: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "... and they're usually real quiet about what they do.

Now ..."

GtW: "Very, very ..."

AB: "... obviously, a lot of people's BS [bullshit] meter is goin' tick-tick, tick-tick, and they're not believin'.

Why should we believe that you are one of these people?"

GtM: "Um, actually, it's not for those people to believe! It's for the people that actually have the issue that I would be able to help them with (!)

Um, for the other people, that's ... that's of no consequence to me.

I can keep on doin' what I'm doin', so ..."

AB: "You could ... you don't care whether they believe it or not?"

GtM: "Oh, I couldn't ... I couldn't care less!

It's for that one or two (1-2) people that are out there in however ..."

AB: "Why ... okay, why would you decide to come on my program?"

GtM: "I was in contact with, um, one of your previous guests. I'm not gonna say who it was, but, um, that particular person put, ah, one of your producers in contact with me."

AB: "Yeah, I know who that is, by the way. Ha-ha-ha."

GtM: "Okay, very good."

AB: "I won't say."

GtM: "Well, I ... I ... I hope so." (GtM grins).

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AB: “I won't say.”

GtM: “Okay.

And, um, he can ... he can vouch for the fact that ...”

AB: “I can vouch for the fact that the guest who put ... put us in contact with you is a reliable, trusted guest who appears on this program.

I could say that much.”

GtM: “Very intelligent person, by the way.”

AB: “So ... oh, yes ... very intelligent person.

Ah, you know, I can say all that much I know is true.”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “So, yeah, that gives you some credibility in terms ...”

GtM: “It ...”

AB: “... of being who you say you are.

For me ...”

GtM: “I ... I understand. It [unintelligible] ...”

AB: “I can't tell the audience, so it might not help them.”

GtM: “It's a difficult thing for somebody to grasp because it's not within their reality.”

AB: “Well, look, a lawyer, ah ... ah, a defense attorney, for example ...”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “... they, ah, they're kinda like mercenaries in a way. They accept, ah ... ah, usually a rather large amount of money ...”

GtM: “Yes!”

AB: “... to get their clients off, whether the client is guilty or not (!)”

GtM: “Yeah!”

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AB: “And ... and basically, you do that, right?”

GtM: “Well, I ... I see where you're going with this.

There are certain things that I don't deal with.”

AB: “Like what?”

GtM: “Um, drugs ... for one.”

AB: “Drugs?”

GtM: “Drugs are a dirty business (!)”

AB: “Oh, man, but at least half the people, if not more, that are in jail not only in this country, but all around the world are there for drugs.”

GtM: “You're right.

How many of those people do you think really, ah, belong there?”

AB: “Oh ...”

GtM: “Ballpark figure.”

AB: “You know, I ... I ...”

GtM: “Out of a hundred percent (100%)?”

AB: “... probably ... probably most of ’em.”

GtM: “Okay.”

AB: “I mean, the ... the people that are popped for marijuana possession ... no.”

GtM: “Well, I am ... I particularly am a very big fan of that particular substance.

I don't drink alcohol and I don't smoke cigarettes.”

AB: “All right, so then suppose somebody's in jail for marijuana possession?”

GtM: “I wouldn't have a problem breakin’ them out.”

AB: “You wouldn't?”

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GtM: “No. I think that that’s, ah ...”

AB: “But ... but anybody, ah, in jail for hard drugs or even ... even ...”

GtM: “They’re dealing with coke [cocaine], heroin ...”

AB: “... even ... even using hard drugs, you wouldn't go get those people?”

GtM: “No. No. Because there's a reason why they're going overseas doing that sort of thing, involving themselves in that ... in those substances.

This isn't a college kid that went on a spring break trip over to ... to Thailand or something like that and then got ... ended up in a jail.

This is somebody that is gettin’ some sort of hard time. [Unintelligible].”

AB: “Well, even ... even so, let's say that you go after somebody who's, ah, in jail for some other reason – I ... I ... I used bank robbery a little while ago.

That ... that would work, right? I mean, if they ...”

GtM: “Hmm, yeah, I ... I don’t see why not. I mean, you can ...”

AB: “All right, if you go into a country and you get this person out of jail and you have to kill in the process of doing that, then – perhaps not from your own point of view nor the point of view of those listening, since, you know, you're a patriotic American (!) – ...”

GtM: (laughs).

AB: “... you're not a hitman, right?

But to the people who got hit with the bullets that you threw, to those people, you're a hitman (!)”

GtM: “I am an expert in less lethal, ah, less lethal tactics.

I don't kill unless I have to (!)”

AB: “Uh-huh.”

GtM: “Um ...”

AB: “Yeah, yeah, but I’m ... we’re ... we’re ... *there are times ... some occasions when you do have to kill, and ...?”*

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GtM: **“And then I have to kill (!)”**

AB: *“Okay, so from their point of view, you're a hitman (!)”*

GtM: “A hitman gets paid money to kill somebody ...”

AB: “Yeah!”

GtM: “... for that particular reason.”

AB: “Yeah!”

GtM: “I was bein’ paid money to break somebody out of jail.

That was the, ah, ...”

AB: “Yeah, but in the process ...”

GtM: “... the broken egg in the omelet.”

AB: “Sure, but in the process that ... process of that, not only the egg got smashed, but that, you know, a bullet went through the head of, ah, whoever stood in your way.

And ... and you had to kill!

I mean, you said it yourself.

You kill if you have to kill!”

GtM: “Whoops.”

AB: “Well ...”

GtM: “I don't feel bad about that.”

AB: “Um ...”

GtM: “I guess.”

AB: “That's ... that’s an interesting question all unto itself.

Ah ...”

GtM: “Why don't I feel bad about that?”

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AB: “Yeah, well ... well, no.

I've never killed. I’ve never killed.”

GtM: “And you were in the service, right?”

AB: “Unlike everybody else in, ah ... I was a medic in the, ah, in the Air Force.”

GtM: “That’s a worthy profession.”

AB: “So I was in the business of (AB grins) patching people back up who nearly got killed.

Anyway, they ...”

GtM: [Unintelligible].

AB: “... *the point is, ah, I've never killed, and so I cannot imagine what it would be like.*

And, ah, I guess only you could, ah ... can you tell us?

What is it like?

Is it, ah, ...”

GtM: “Um ...”

AB: “I mean, you’ve gotta reflect on what you just did!”

GtM: (grin). “I know ...”

AB: “Especially the first time ... ?”

GtM: “Well, I know of some people ... soldiers, that tend to like to walk up on the bodies of the people that they've just taken their lives ...”

AB: “Yeah?”

GtM: “... and see the look on their faces.”

AB: “Yeah? (!)”

GtM: “I don't particularly subscribe to that theory. (GtM grins).

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I'd rather just leave and, ah ... and be left wondering.

That doesn't bother ... I'd rather leave it that way.

I don't need to ... I'm ... I do it as purely a 'mechanical process'.

It's noth- ... nothing else than that.

Somebody attacks you in a ... in a lethal manner, you ..."

AB: "So you take no thrill in killing?"

GtM: "No, I'm not a ..."

AB: "You take no, ah ..."

GtM: *"I'm not a thrill killer. I'll be honest ..."*

AB: "... no perverse pleasure in killing?"

GtM: "Maybe with a sniper scope at a thousand (1,000) yards.

Because of ... because of the, ah, because of the competition involved.

Kinda you and the wind and the elements, and ... "

AB: "Umm-hmm."

GtM: "... you can make the shot (!)

But, um, when you have to get up right behind somebody and ..."

AB: "How ... how were you trained as a sniper?"

GtM: "Ah, privately.

Trained with a .223 and a .308 on Leupold Scope."

AB: *"Boy, you're in some kinda dangerous game (!)"*

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AB: "Ah, how many missions ... ah, lethal-type missions ... have you been on?"

GtM: "Well, as far as, ah, day-to-day lethal or just the actual op?

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I ...”

AB: “I ... I don't know ... I ... I don’t know how to qualify this. Ah ...”

GtM: “Okay, I'll ... I’ll ... I’ll ... I’ll answer them both then.

Um, I would say one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), that year ... two (2), three (3) ... less than twenty-one (21).”

AB: “That's a lot of missions still (!) ... *where your life is at risk (!)*

Ah, how many ... you, ah, you form teams you said, right?”

GtM: “Ah, yes, they're usually six (6)-man teams or thirteen (13)-man teams.”

AB: “Okay, how do you find these men?

How do you know these men are loyal to you?

How do you test them?”

GtM: “Um, well, first, you ... you don't know in the beginning.

I mean, these guys are takin’ money to go overseas and kill people.”

AB: “Umm-hmm.”

GtM: “Um, it would be more of a necessity to background check these sorts of people, and we have ... we have ways of doing that.”

AB: “And so what kind of backgrounds do you want? You want ...”

GtM: “Um, we want ...”

AB: “... fast, smart guys? You want Marines? Whadda you want?”

GtM: “Um, I particularly and personally like independent thinkers.”

AB: “SEAL team people, that kind of group?”

GtM: “No, those aren't independent thinkers. (grins).

Independent thinkers are people that, um, were one time in the military, then were discharged. Nobody current.

Um, it's a ... it’s a disability to be a current military serviceman, and ...”

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AB: “Sure. Oh, sure ... sure.”

GtM: “Um ...”

AB: “No, I was ... I was referring to backgrounds!”

GtM: “Um, usually you want someone that's a little rough around the edges – more than a little – ah, but is smart enough to know when to keep his mouth shut and his head down.

Um, you would also want to try and find people that have private backgrounds ... private, ah, private lifestyles. You don't want people that are very uppity, social-butterfly type of people.

You want people that you can pretty much imagine them staying away in their little cabin in Montana or Nevada or Arizona until they come out to do their jobs, and then they go back and go fishin’.

Those sorts of people. You want ‘the quiet life’.”

AB: “So it's like they just take a slice out of their life ... everything changes (!)

They go and do this and then they go back to their quiet life?”

GtM: “That's how it is with me.”

AB: “Huh.

These, ah, kinda people hard to find, Gabriel?”

GtM: “No.”

AB: “No?”

GtM: “There's plenty of ’em.”

AB: “How do you ... how do you test them?

Ah, there ... there must be some, I ... I mean ...”

GtM: “Usually we send them, um, we send them into, ah, a swimming op[eration], ah, underneath, ah, a particular bridge that I know about *that’s shark-infested waters (!)*

And we send them in the middle of the night and they have to cross it, and

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it's usually about ... it's half a mile long.

And if they can get through it, they're tough enough to go with me (!)"

AB: "Without being eaten?"

GtM: "Well, I'm not gonna say they're gonna be eaten, but I've been nibbled on a little bit ... (grins) ... when I tested it out (!)"

AB: "Uh-huh."

GtM: "There was barracuda (!)

There were ... last time I went in it, there were two bull sharks!

Ah, barracuda, it was ... it was nasty!

Terrible rip current, too (!)

You have to go in full BDUs [sic, but s/b BCD (Buonancy Control Device)], ah, rucksack, seventy-five pounds (75 lbs.) of rope, ah, armament ... if you have it with ya.

It's tough. It's tough."

AB: "I take it then, ah, that these men find you in, ah, sort of the reverse way that clients find you.

In other words, ..."

GtM: "Yeah."

AB: "... the word is like out there at some level, and so when somebody wants a job like this and they think they're qualified, they find a way to find you, huh?"

GtM: "They either find a way to find me or another organization like me.

I'm sure there's more of me out there than just me (!)"

AB: "Actually, you must know!"

GtM: "I do."

AB: "Ah, you know something about your competition.

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How much ... how many organizations or groups are there like yours?"

GtM: "In this particular country?"

AB: "Yeah."

GtM: "Okay. There are two (2) sorts of organizations:

You're dealing with a corporate sort of entity, and then you're dealing with a clandestine entity. I'm more in the clandestine side.

I don't like to publicize myself, but there are groups out there, ah, and I'm not gonna say those names, because obviously that ... obviously that's my competition."

AB: "Yeah, don't do that."

GtM: "No, I won't.

Um, but they are, ah, government-funded private organizations that go and ... and take care of these sorts of things, but they do it to their ends."

AB: "How do you manage to live with organizations like, ah, you know, the big ones?

The CIA [Central Intelligence Agency], the NSA [National Security Agency] ... all those guys, ah, who know damn well what you're doing!"

GtM: "I try to stay out of the way."

AB: "Yeah?"

GtM: "Um ..."

AB: "And do they stay outta your way?"

GtM: "Up until a couple nights ago (!) (grins).

Ah, yes.

I ... I never really had this sort of brush. I mean, I don't get arrested in this country. All of my armament and weaponry is legal under my particular name. I have no reason to have illegal weapons or anything like that."

AB: "Hmm."

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GtM: “That sort of thing is provided and procured by the client in an international, outsourced basis.”

AB: “And it's just waiting for you where you ... ?”

GtM: “Wherever we happen to meet up.”

AB: “When they [unintelligible] ...”

GtM: “Sometimes we go through the air.”

AB: “Yeah.”

GtM: “Sometimes we come up on the ... in the water.

Depends on ... we do more than just break people out – we do asset recovery.

Um, I'll give you an example.

There, ah, a lot of times, um ...”

AB: “People's money, in other words?”

GtM: “People’s money ... property.”

AB: “Yeah.”

GtM: “Ah, that's another big thing that I'm into now that I've been doing a lot of is, ah, taking back people's land for them in foreign countries where the dictatorship has taken it from them.”

AB: “How the hell do ya do that? (!)

I mean, if you ... if you, ah, ...”

GtM: “Force.”

AB: “... if you forcefully take back land and you're in the middle of a dictatorship, then you’ve gotta have ... you're gonna have to have a ... a virtual army there to keep that land.”

GtM: “Well, timing is everything (!)

The particular time that you set the operation to happen, um, the cultural and political climate in a lot of these countries is a daily-changing event.”

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AB: “Yeah, that's true.”

GtM: “And you'll find that there's opportune times to do everything (!)”

AB: “Huh.”

GtM: “I, ah, I would call mention to the, ah, the turmoil that's happening in Venezuela and Argentina at this particular time.”

AB: “Yeah, I was about ... -bout ... –bout ... -bout to mention that, yes.”

GtM: “Yes. And it’s ... there are persons ... persons or person that are in there that probably have need of my assistance that I don't even know about yet.”

AB: “So you've, ah, probably always thought – and it may be true – that the agencies ...”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “... would kind of look at what you're doing, ah, with a wink and a nod ... ah, a sort of, ah: ‘Okay, well, ...’”

GtM: “No, I would hope they would just take ...”

AB: “... let these guys take their shot, you know, and if they can get it done, fine, we're not involved’. Ah, ...”

GtM: “Yeah, it's ... it’s almost a freebie for ’em. I mean, who ... who wouldn't take a mulligan if they couldn't?”

AB: (laughs).

GtM: “Especially the U.S. government, who has a history of, um, ...”

AB: “Yep, yep.”

GtM: “... failed black ops.”

AB: “Yeah, sure. Well, I mean, you know, basically, as long as you're serving their purpose in a wink and a nod sorta way, I would imagine they would leave you alone.

GtM: “And I try my best to do that!”

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AB: “But I mean that really does bring us back to what just happened to you.

You got tossed in jail.

Ah, you got shanked (!)”

GtM: “Yeah, I got stabbed pretty good. I got ... they ... that was just ... that was the third (3rd) attempt.

Um, what they do is, ah, when they send you in there, they give you a blanket and they give you a toothbrush and things like that. And they make the tooth- ... they make knives or shanks out of the toothbrushes.”

AB: “Yeah?”

GtM: “And they hit me with one of them suckers (!)

But they weren't smart enough to hit the heart (!)”

AB: (exclaims under his breath).

GtM: *“That was their mistake (!)”*

AB: “Still, you must have really done ... you must have offended somebody very seriously (!)”

GtM: “I'm probably offending them right now!”

AB: “You probably are (!)

But ... but I mean, you must ...”

GtM: “The best part is I don't have any guns here to help me!” (laughs).

AB: “Yeah, you must have, you really ... I just ... I've got to press this!

You've gotta have some clue ... some clue what brought this on?

You ... you must!”

GtM: “I mean, I ... I do. I ... I do in the sense that it’s, ah, a ... it is the ... it’s a cross between Murphy's law and the law of unintended consequences.”

AB: “Ah, yeah, I know about those.”

GtM: “Yes, I do ... and I know you know.

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And it's ... I've been one of those people that when my luck runs good, it's runs great (!) And when it doesn't, it doesn't.

And I guess the pendulum swung the other way on me ..."

AB: "Well ..."

GtM: "... forty-eight (48) hours ago."

AB: "... couldn't you consider this perhaps a message that if you keep doing whatever it is that just got you in trouble, you're gonna die? (!)"

GtM: **"Um, the only way to actually do this work is to consider yourself dead already (!)"**

AB: *"Oh, there's an interesting line (!)* ...

To ... okay, ah, so you mean you sort of ..."

GtM: "I don't have a 'death wish' (!)"

AB: "... you kind of mentally write yourself off?"

GTM: "Yeah. You'll find that it works a heluva lot better than tryin' to get back to your nice, safe wife and kids and home and white picket fence and all that crap."

AB: "You couldn't do it in the ... with the ... do you have that ... all that crap?"

GtM: "No."

AB: "No picket fence, no wife, no family, ah, to speak of?"

GtM: "No."

AB: "Direct fam- ... family, I'm talkin' about, you know, like a ... a wife?"

GtM: "Parents are dead."

AB: "Parents are dead?"

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "Girlfriends ... what about girlfriends?"

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GtM: “There aren't too many of ’em that wanta be around a guy that would rather clean his AR-15 [rifle] than go out to dinner with ’em (!)”

AB: (laughs).

GtM: “I spend a very, very good portion of my time indoors.

I train consistently.

Ah, I read.

Ah, I don't spend a whole lot of time socializing.”

AB: “You gotta figure, ah, at any moment and ... and or all the time, your life is in danger (!)”

GtM: “It's funny that you mention that.

I just had the ... the unwary feeling that (GtM snickers) somebody was gonna come through the door in the next coupla’ moments while I was on hold, and then you'd be dead air getting back, and say:

‘Where did he go?’”

AB: “Yeah. Ah, well, you know in view of what just happened to you, it's somethin’ you can't rule out. And so ...”

GtM: “No, you can’t.”

AB: “ ... so an obvious question is: ‘You know, are you sitting there with a ... you ... you say when you’re in this country, you’re ... you’re not armed – aren't you sittin’ there armed with a gun?”

GtM: “No, no, no ... it’s ...”

AB: *“You’re crazy!”*

GtM: “... you ... you ... you ... you misdirected my words. I ...”

AB: “All right. You are sitting there with a gun, at least?”

GtM: “Um, I’m not gonna say whether I am or not, but I will say that after I was taken to where I was taken, when I got back ... I just got back a coupla’ minutes before you came on the air!”

AB: “Yah?”

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GtM: “In fact, I don't know how the heck I'm talking to you (!)

It has to be divine intervention (!), because I should ... I should:

One, I should be dead.

Two, I shouldn't be talking to you right now – I should at least be back in jail!”

AB: “How do you know after ... not ... after talking to me or during talking to me, as you just mentioned, you might not get [sic] dead?

It's a considerable ...”

GtM: “They're gonna have to ... this time they're gonna have to get a fight!

I'm not gonna go as easily (!)”

AB: “Well, there's nothing wrong with sayin’: ‘I'm ... I’m sittin’ here with a gun.’

I've had a gun for years and years and years! Ever since I was twelve (12) years old, I've owned guns (!)”

GTM: “Good for you.”

AB: “I’ve got a gun sittin’ right here – I wouldn't be without it! Ah ...”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “... I've always had the point of view that, ah, you know, if you live out in the country, the sheriff is going to do everything he can for you, but he's still gonna arrive, you know, in twenty (20) minutes and ... which would be enough time to put ...”

GtM: “After the fact.”

AB: “... to put ... put you know, the chalk line be around your body there (!)”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “That's what the sheriff is gonna be able to do.

So if you're gonna protect your life, you're gonna have to do it yourself!”

GtM: “Exactly!

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You'd be surprised how easily you can protect your life with the lights off and a small knife (!)"

AB: **"Yeah, but never take a knife to a gunfight!"**

GtM: "Oh, you just said the ... you just said the grandest words of all time!

Ah, that's why at this particular moment I could be at a deficit.

They ... they ransacked where I live. *They ransacked it (!)"*

AB: "So they ... okay, wait ... wait."

GtM: "Yeah, you didn't get into that part." (GtM grins).

AB: "So they were looking ... they ... they were what? Looking for some *thing*?"

GtM: "They were looking for some *thing*. Ah ..."

AB: "Do you know what they were looking for?"

GtM: "You got me.

You got me, 'cause they obviously didn't find it.

I mean, they took ... they took armament. The armament was ... armament, ah, was in my name, and I can actually get it, ah, if I choose to go back to the particular places where it is. And I ..."

AB: "All right, all right, all right."

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AB: "Hold on, Gabriel."

GtM: (laughs).

AB: "That's the top of the hour.

You get to rest.

We all get to rest.

I'm Art Bell, and you're listening to Gabriel on Coast."

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AB: “Roaring through the nighttime from the high desert.”

Aud: [AB reading:] “I just heard your guest say somethin’ that tells me he's probably real.

I'm an old, ah, door gunner from ’Nam [United States veteran of the Vietnam War], and I always told myself before going into a hot LZ [landing zone] that I was already dead.

That's real (!)

I don't know ... it's for you to decide.

There are certainly people who do what the man we call ‘Gabriel’ here does. You can be damn sure of that!

Whether he's one of those or not, ah, is in the middle of what I guess you're all deciding right now.

But [Aud] thinks he's for real.

We'll be, ah, right back.”

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AB: “Okay, back once again to, ah, Gabriel.

And, ah, you know ... that seemed like a very real statement, that you almost have to sort of mentally write yourself off, so that if you get in a, ah, if you get in a ... in a situation of mortal combat, ah, you're prepared to die if it comes to that.”

GTM: “It's the easiest way to get out alive (!)”

AB: “Is it really?”

GtM: “It's, um, it’s an old trick used by the samurais of the feudal Japan, where they consider themselves already dead, and then that gave you the ability to fight so fiercely that your lifeforce ... your spirit, ah, basically gave you the power to overcome whatever obstacles or, ah, combat situations that you would be involved in.”

AB: “In ... in these years that you've been doing this, Gabriel, how many of your men have you lost?”

GtM: “More than I can count on two (2) hands.”

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AB: “Oh, my God! Really?”

GtM: “Um, you have to be prepared to not have those people come back with you. I mean, you can't take your buddy that you know down the street.

It's not like: ‘Hey, come on, let's go do this’ – it doesn't work like that.

Um, you don't want to make connections with these sorts of people ...”

AB: (exclaims).

GtM: “... even though you're going to be connected to them in a ... in a comrade sort of way ... camaraderie. There's a good chance that a lot of them do not survive the, ah, the ordeal (!)”

AB: “Do you know ... I mean, you must know.

You ... you run the operation, is that correct?”

GtM: “I do. I have ...”

AB: “So then ...”

GtM: “... one (1) or two (2) other people that, ah, do logistical and GPS [Global Positioning System].”

AB: “... so then, you really more or less know, as the person who's running the operation, when you're putting somebody in a probable less than fifty-fifty (50-50) situation?”

GtM: “Um, less than fifty-fifty (50-50) will come out of it, yes.

They ... they know these things up front, and I know it ... sending them into it.”

AB: “Why are there people willing to do these things?

In other words, the ultimate price is life, right?

That's the ultimate price.

So even ... even for heavy money?”

GtM: “Money is the all-encompassing common denominator that drives everything in this world. So ...”

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AB: “It ... it absolutely is.

People can say whatever in the hell they want (!), but you're right! Money drives everything, and it certainly would drive something like this.

And I can understand that!

And I guess I can understand there are people who would go into a situation where there's, ah, less than half a chance they're gonna come out alive for ... a hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), huh?”

GtM: “At least.”

AB: “Situations ... a lot of situations where you have to, ah ... ah, for example, ah, get ... use a Blackhawk or a helicopter of some sort, ah, for insertion?”

GtM: “Yes, you can pick those up pretty cheap, actually. Considering, I mean, when you take into effect their cost, you can get them used ... things like that.”

AB: “Do you fly?”

GtM: “I’m always ... no, I don't. (grins). I don't. I ... I do not.

Um, as many things as I do, and I consider myself to be quite multi- ... multi-faceted ...”

AB: “That's not one of ’em?”

GtM: “No ... no, it ... it never has been.

I'm great with a boat!

I'm fantastic with the boat, but, no, when it comes to that, my ... my area of emphasis is, um, aggressive driving ... offensive driving.”

AB: “So then you've gotta have ...”

GtM: “Things like that.”

AB: “... access to pilots who understand, ah, the tenuous situation they're putting themselves in, right?”

GtM: “Yes ... or you insert in a point that is not, ah, applicable to them. Ah, ...”

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AB: “Are there a lot of pilots?

I ... I have known in my lifetime – I'm not gonna name names – ...”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “... but I've had good friends, who, ah, as pilots, ah, ran drugs and ran, ah, guns.”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “You know, there's a lot of that ... there’s a lot of that that goes on (!)”

GtM: “It's an easy way to get it across.”

AB: “Yeah.”

GtM: “As long as they don't have to stop – they just drop it.”

AB: “So ...”

GtM: “It’s kinda what they do with us!”

AB: “... so I would assume that for the right price, ah, there'd be plenty of pilots out there who would do the kind of work you need done, huh?”

GtM: *“Brother, if the roast beef is right, you can do anything (!)”*

AB: “Ah ...”

GtM: **“The question is gettin’ the money!” (grins).**

AB: “Yeah, well, I ... I take it you get your money up front, of course?”

GtM: “Well, yes and no.” (laughs).

AB: “Really? (!)”

GtM: “Ah, yeah, you'd be surprised.

Um, a lot of times it's half now, half upon completion, with, ah, all proper armament and equipment paid for in advance.

Um, a lot of times ... you always get something up front. I mean, it's ... it’s part of the ... I don't want to say bartering system, but it's part of ...”

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AB: “So you push it how far?

You push it to expenses, equipment, and some percentage of profit?”

GtM: “It's at least half.”

AB: “At least half?”

GtM: “At least half of ... of the profit that would be taken in by the individuals completing the op.”

AB: “How many more years do you think you can do this before your, ah, your number comes up?”

I mean, you must make judg- ... you must think about that a lot, after all.”

GtM: “You wanta know the honest answer?”

AB: “I do, yes.”

GtM: “I'm gonna be real lucky if I come out of this year (!)”

AB: “Out of this year?”

GtM: “Yeah, it's gettin’ pretty warm, especially with the way things are goin’ in the world today.

I mean, it's just ... *it’s awful!”*

AB: “Ah, suppose ... suppose some ultra-right-wing, ah, type came to you and said: ‘Look, ah, here's X number of millions of dollars.’”

GtM: “Ultra-right-wing from where, sir?”

AB: “Well, ah, just ultra-right-wing for ... for America, ah, came to you ...”

GtM: “Okay, that’s ... that's what I wanted to know.”

AB: “... and said: ‘Look, all right, here's several million dollars.

Kill bin Laden (!)

Find ...’”

GtM: “Oh, I would do it for free!

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I've been waitin' for somebody to come up and pay me the money and equipment to take his ass out (!)"

AB: "You'd do it?"

GtM: "Oh, yeah!"

AB: "And you think you could do it?"

GtM: "Absolutely."

AB: "I mean, right now we've got Marines over there searching caves ... cave to cave ... that kind of thing."

GtM: "He's not in the caves!

He's nowhere where they think they are ... where they think he is."

AB: "No?"

GtM: "No, and I'm not sayin' that I have some sort of ... of ... of preconceived or pre-notioned idea from somebody else that has given me his location.

I don't know.

I mean, the guy's ... the guy's a snake hidin' under a rock.

It's just they're not lookin' under the right rocks (!)"

AB: "Well, you know, I can ... one of the problems Americans in Afghanistan have – ah, just the way we had, ah ... ah ..."

GtM: "Vietnam."

AB: "... in ... in Vietnam and elsewhere – is, you know, we ... we look, ah, ..."

GtM: "We stick out like a sore thumb!"

AB: "Yeah, that's one way to put it: 'We stick out like a sore thumb.' That's right."

GtM: "Well, I'm kinda lucky in that sense.

I'm a swarthy-looking individual. Um, come from a Mediterranean background, but when I grow a beard, damn if I don't look Pakistani (!)"

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(GtM laughs).

AB: “Oh, really?”

GtM: “I mean, I ... I ... I'm Italian by descent, but, um, I'm real dark and I grow a very thick beard, so I can pass.

It's your ability to assimilate into other cultures ... and Americans don't like to assimilate. We don't like to assimilate into other cultures – we like to have other cultures assimilate into ours.”

AB: “Yeah, that's ... that’s our ego, all right.”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “That's true.”

GtM: “And you have to be in ... this job involves ego, and it involves the void of ego. You have to know when to shut it off (!)”

AB: *“Well, isn't it time for you to shut off everything? (!)*

In other words, ah, you said you might not make it through this year!”

GtM: “Yeah.”

AB: “Now, you must put ... you obviously ... even though you ... you write yourself off as dead when you're going into an operation, ...”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “... still, in the larger picture, you put some value, I'm sure, on your life?

So ...”

GtM: “Ah, very much so.”

AB: “ ... there's ... there’s gotta come a time when you say to yourself: ‘Too hot! I know I'm dead if I don't stop doin’ this.’

You're pretty close to that time right now, aren't you?”

GtM: “I think so. I think so.

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I, um, I would be ... I would be very, ah, out of line if I said that I could do this for another coupla' years or till I'm thirty (30) or forty (40), and ... and even have, ah, an assemblance of having a chance (!) (grins).

You don't."

AB: "Is this mostly a young man's game?"

GtM: "No."

AB: "Really?"

GtM: "It's a poor man's game."

AB: "What do you mean?"

GtM: "People do this.

Me, I'm ... I'm a 'weird bird'. (grins).

I, um, I don't get the rush out of killing people ... I get the rush out of the complexity and the logistical ridiculousness of such an operation (!)

I ... those are the things that I like.

I, um ..."

AB: "Can you ... all right, all right, all right."

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AB: "Can you take a couple of, ah, operations that are now history and without giving me specific details and names of clients or anything like that, ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "... can you give me ..."

GtM: "Sure."

AB: "... the details of how you executed a couple of operations?"

GtM: "Okay. Um, there are a myriad of particular things that I do; I don't just bust people out of prisons."

AB: "Right."

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GtM: “Ah, I do exceedingly high-risk, personal security work for people that are in imminent danger of losing their lives.”

AB: “Right.”

GtM: “Um, I do asset recovery and hostage rescue, of course. Um, I also do, ah, what you would call rapid deployment and, ah, threat elimination.”

AB: “Threat elimination?”

GtM: “Yes.”

AB: “Let's ... let’s define ‘threat elimination’.”

GtM: “Okay. Ah, threat elimination is particular individuals, may they be businessmen ... businessmen, or, ah, anybody of that sort of nature, who, um, comes in contact with a, ah, a threat that is provocated [sic] towards them, their family, or their property ...”

AB: “Umm-hmm.”

GtM: “... whether it be abroad or in the, ah, domestic United States.

And what you do is, um, you map it out. You see exactly where that threat is coming from.”

AB: “Yes?”

GtM: “You do your, ah, your analysis of how you think it would turn out if your assistance wasn't provided. And then you try and intercept in the appropriate amount of time to produce a, ah, a positive outcome. Um ...”

AB: “You try to intercept the, ah, the ex- ... the execution of a threat?

Is that what you're saying?”

GtM: “Yes. That way you get everybody together ... *bang ’em all at once (!)”*

AB: “So ... liquidation?”

GtM: “You could say that.”

AB: “I did.”

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GtM: “Um, I spent a good portion of time just before talking with, ah, with your producers in a South American country, um, picking off, ah, rebels at a long distance ... *and I got paid by the rebel (!) ... got ya!”*

AB: “Wait ... wait a minute.

Picking off rebels at a distance?”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “And you were paid by ... ?”

GtM: “I was paid for ... by the rebel ... by ... not the rebels.

I was paid ‘by the rebel’.” (grins).

AB: “What do you mean ‘by the rebel’?”

GtM: “Well, you know, you have a head of cattle, you get paid by the head (!)”

AB: “Yah.”

GtM: “Same thing.”

AB: “You were paid by *the rebel* to eliminate his own men?”

GtM: “I was paid by the businessmen who are under attack from the threat of those rebels.”

AB: “Oh!”

GtM: “There are a good portion of these people that, ah, or these groups – let's call ’em factions – that have upwards ... they have thousands (1000s) of men ... thousands (1000s).

And, um, they attack businessmen, whether they be ranchers ... in this case, this was a rancher.”

AB: “Yeah, I've heard there's a lot of businessmen, ah, in foreign countries that really do get ...”

GtM: “They ...”

AB: “... in this kind of trouble.”

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GtM: “They're gettin’ the living hell kicked out of ’em because of the fact that they're such an easy target.

There's such thing as a ... a stationary target – that's called a ‘sitting duck’.

You know what I mean?”

AB: “Yes.”

GtM: “Then there's your hard target.

A hard target is a target that has realized, um, his or her or it ... ah, its vulnerability ...”

AB: “Right, sure.”

GtM: “... and then prepares defenses for such a, ah, an inevitable outcome.”

AB: “Sure. ’Cause then you're facing somebody who's, ah ... ah, gonna be wanting to take you out.” (grins).

GtM: “Exactly.”

AB: “And is gonna be sitting there prepared to do so (!)”

GtM: “I had a rancher in a particular country who was having difficulty with a faction of individuals – upwards of thousands (1,000s+) – and, um, he was a cattle rancher.

And he would move fifty to a hundred thousand (50,000-100,000) head of cattle at a pop by truck (!)

And this is a massive motorcade of trucks (!) ... you could just imagine!”

AB: “I can, yes.”

GtM: “The rebel groups would, ah, intercept these motorcades and burn the cattle alive inside the trucks and kill the drivers.”

AB: “God! ... why? (!)”

GtM: “Ah, why not?”

AB: “Well, because I mean, what does that accomplish?

I could understand ...”

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GtM: **"It accomplishes fear** – fear is the motivating factor."

AB: "So they weren't trying to steal?

They didn't want the assets ... ?"

GtM: "No, they just wanted to kill. They just wanted to ... to take care of it.

Maybe they wanted his land? Maybe if he doesn't have any more cattle, he doesn't have any more land? (!)"

AB: "That's true!

That's absolutely true. So ..."

GtM: "You'd be surprised how quickly those people turn tail when, ah, their guys start droppin' like flies for no reason.

Boom!"

AB: "No, I wouldn't be surprised.

Ah, so you take a team of, what, snipers with you?"

GtM: "I take a team of *individuals (!)*

Ah, on every ... on every team, you have certain people that perform certain operations."

AB: "Right."

GtM: "Ah, you have your intelligence men, your radio men, you have a team leader, you have grenadier men, you have weapons specialists, and demo experts.

And when you take a particular team to a particular area for a particular, ah, op – in this case it was long range – you would have more than one (1+) sniper available, yes."

AB: "And so you just start picking them off and it didn't take too ... too much of that ... too many of their men to be just ..."

GtM: "You'd be surprised!"

AB: "No, I wouldn't!

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Um, ..."

GtM: "Especially when they can't see where it's coming from (!)"

AB: *"It's an absolutely very strong message ... killing ..."*

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "... *you know? Dropping men ... that's it ..."*

GtM: "Leave it alone."

AB: *"... real strong message (!)"*

GtM: "Yeah, let it ... let it go. Find somebody else.

This isn't ... this isn't a, ah, this isn't a victim anymore (!)

Someone's gonna fight you!"

AB: "Yeah, so how do you justify this killing?

In your ... in your own head?"

GtM: "These people are murderers. Cold murderers (!)

These aren't people that are nice and walk down the street, and you see 'em, and they say hello to you.

These are people that make their life by shooting people for no reason – women, children, animals – *for no reason!"*

AB: "Oh yah! There was something about animals.

Ah, you don't kill animals, do you?"

GtM: "No, never."

AB: "Never?"

GtM: "No, I don't hunt.

If it's dead already, there's nothin' I can do about it, and then I gotta eat it ... it's okay."

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AB: (grins).

GtM: “But I can't kill Bambi.

I can't kill something that's defenseless.

There's no ... one (1), there's no challenge in it.

And two (2), it's wrong!”

AB: “Well, it's interesting. I ... I understand that.

I ... I mean, I really do understand that.

When I, ah, when I was twelve (12) years old, my dad gave me a .22 [rifle], and I, ah, I had this big house, and way up on the third floor of this house, I shot a squirrel (!)

And, ah, ...”

GtM: “Nice job, huh?”

AB: “Oh, God!

Ah, I went ... I went down, and the squirrel was on the ground, wasn't dead all the way.”

GtM: (under his breath) “Oh!”

AB: “And, ah, I went ahead and killed it.

And I ... *in all my life, I've never gotten over that!*

And I ... I would no more kill an animal ...

I would no more ever kill an animal!

I ... I ... I’ve regretted that and felt guilty for that all my life!”

GtM: [Unintelligible].

AB: “And so I ... I understand that.

You know, just an innocent animal (!) ... *and what a stupid thing I did!*

And I'll always for all my life regret that (!), so ...”

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GtM: “There's a purity in animals and children that you can't ... ah, there's something that does not permit me to be able to ... to humanly do that.”

AB: “But ... but even so, ah, it's ... it’s odd to consider (!)

Ah, it's ... it’s an odd thing to consider that you would not kill an animal and yet ...”

GtM: “I’ll kill ... [unintelligible] ... business.”

AB: “... a human being ... a human being, ah, with no problem at all.”

GtM: “Not even a blink of an eye.”

AB: (exclaims under his breath) “Ahh!”

GtM: “But remember, I’m gar- ... I’m garnered by reason and logic.

I don’t kill for no reason.”

AB: “I’m not ... yeah, but I'm not sure ... I don't know if reason and logic, ah, covers that!

You know, you ... you ... maybe it does! (?)

I ... I guess maybe ...”

GtM: “Well, like I ... like I told ... like I told your producers, my ... my logic and my reason might be convoluted to the rest of the world – that's not my problem! (laughs).

I sleep well at night. That's what I know ... well, I sleep at night.”

AB: “Ah, that's another good question, I guess.

When you sleep, you must sort of sleep, ah ... ah, on the one hand, you say: ‘Well’, but, ah, but on the other hand ... ?”

GtM: “Um, it’s ... it’s ...”

AB: “You gotta sorta have like one part of your brain has to be enough, ah, alive ... enough awake ... enough conscious to save your life, if ... and in your circumstance, you might need it, right?”

GtM: *“You always have to be at a high awareness level (!)”*

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AB: “Okay.

Ah, Gabriel, hold on. We're at a breakpoint here at the bottom of the hour.

Gabriel is a man who puts his, ah, life on the line – mortal combat – almost all the time.

Goes out and kills people and breaks things and retrieves stuff ... and people!

And that's the business he says he's in.

We'll be right back.”

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AB: “Gabriel goes out and gets people out of jails. He retrieves people's property, and in doing so, he kills ... and maybe he tortures – I don't know, that's something I'm going to ask him ... I've got so many questions.

We are gonna open the phone lines here though, because I really, really wanta get some of you in on this tonight (!)

And I know a lot of people are sitting out there, and they're making up their minds as they listen. That's what I'm doin’ too!

So more of all of that in a moment.”

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AB: “Boy, I've been down some strange paths of doing this program ... this definitely [is] one of ’em.

I'm gonna ask, ah, Gabriel sort of a series of questions here very quickly, and then we're gonna try and take some phone calls.

Ah, in ... in the course of doing your work, Gabriel, um, have you ever, ah, been in a situation where you had to get information from somebody?

In other words, ah, your only job was not to go and, ah, you know ... you know, and to kill somebody – just straight out to eliminate them – but rather to obtain information.

In other words, I guess ...”

GtM: [Unintelligible].

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AB: "... I'm asking have you ever had to torture anybody?"

GtM: "You'd be surprised what kind of persuasion sometimes is necessary to, ah, ..."

AB: "Surprise me!"

GtM: "Um, that's a good one. (laughs).

Um ... okay. Let's say hypothetically you had somebody somewhere and you didn't know where they were – your intel was not that good. (And intelligence gathering is ..."

AB: "Umm-hmm."

GtM: "... the single most important thing you can do during an operation or to set up an operation.)

Ah, you'd be surprised how quickly people are, ah, are given to give you the proper answers when, ah, there's the threat of a bolt cutter taking off body parts."

AB: "A bolt cutter?

Yeah, that would do it. Ah ..."

GtM: "Or something to that effect."

AB: "So ..."

GtM: "You can get creative."

AB: "... most people ... most people – probably 99% of everybody in ... in the situation with a bolt cutter over a part of their body ..."

GtM: "They're particular anatomy."

AB: " ... they're gonna ... oh!"

GtM: "You always gotta go for the gusto."

AB: "So, ah, yeah, that would be!

Ah, so a very high percentage of the people presented with that situation talk big time."

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GtM: “And then the others?”

AB: “And the others?”

GtM: (laughs). “They end up talking.”

AB: “Ah, but after the bolt cutter has ... has worked once or twice, huh?”

GtM: “I've never had to go past twice (!)”

AB: “Never past twice? ... Yeah.”

GtM: “You always start low and work your way up.”

AB: (exclaims). “Well, ah, what about that aspect of it?

I mean, ah, it's one thing to clean kill somebody, you know, a shot through the head ... ?”

GtM: “That's not my specialty.

I'm a close-quarter combat, open-handed, and bludgeoning and sharp object expert (!)”

AB: “Yeah, you seem to lean toward, ah ...”

GtM: “I enjoy getting my hands dirty.”

AB: “... the cutting tools, huh?”

GtM: “Um ... yes! Yes!”

AB: “Okay.”

GTM: “Ah ...”

AB: “Any idea why?”

GtM: “Oh, absolutely. Just because something may be cleaner or more humane doesn't always mean that it's better or serves the proper end.”

AB: “Yeah.”

GtM: “And sometimes there's a necessity to be quiet.”

AB: “Yeah?”

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GtM: “And even ... even with suppressors, you're not quiet (!)”

AB: “Yah.

Suppose you're in a situation where you have to take on, ah, multiple attackers, ah ...?”

GtM: “By myself?”

AB: “I don't know how often you put yourself in that kind of situation. Ah, ...”

GtM: “Daily.”

AB: “I ... I assume most times you’re with ... ah, daily?”

GtM: “That's part of my practice regimen.”

AB: “But how do you practice?”

GtM: “Um, I spend a great deal of time training by myself, but I tend to put myself in the most realistic, life-threatening situations when I'm going through training, ah, to try and create the realism that I'll deal with on a daily basis.”

AB: “You actually ...”

GtM: “I go out and get ... try ... I go into the worst parts of town and ...”

AB: “... and try to get mugged?”

GtM: “Get mugged. Pick fights.

I don't pick flights, but they just come to me.”

AB: “Oh, if you're lookin’ for a fight ... if you're out there lookin’ for a fight, you can usually find one.”

GtM: “Umm-hmm. And you'd be surprised how many times that the, ah, the safety and numbers routine, ah, camouflages one's own stupidity.” (grins).

AB: “Oh really?”

GtM: “They come after ya, and there's a group of ’em, but I'll tell you what ...” (GtM breaks off).

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AB: "What?"

GtM: "You take out the first two (2), three (3), four (4), or five (5), or however many there are, and the rest tend to run in horror."

AB: "Yeah, that makes sense."

GtM: *"Nobody wants to fight a person that enjoys fighting multiple people at the same time."*

AB: "You enjoy that?"

GtM: "That I enjoy, yeah, very much (!)"

AB: "And you enjoy going out and inviting a mugging, just to test yourself?""

GtM: "Ah, I've spent a good deal of time throughout the ... throughout my training where that's happened, yes. *A good deal of time!*

I would say over, ah, a hundred (100) that you could count, ..."

AB: "A hundred (100) ... a hundred (100) ..."

GtM: "... if you were to call up particular, ah, law enforcement agencies and ... and you had my real name where the things were actually involved in.

You could probably report a hundred (100) ... heluva lot more that you couldn't (!)

I mean, I've been ... done a lot of traveling (grins), so ..." (GtM breaks off).

AB: "So you just do that for ... to keep the edge?"

GtM: "Yes. When you spar somebody or you do some sort of point-sparring or BS [bullshit] like that, that's ... that's kiddies' play. That's not real. That's a ... that's a sheltered environment.

Combat isn't a sheltered situation (!)

It balls out a hundred percent (100%) and the likelihood of you dying is very good!

Now do you want to give yourself a false reality and say that: 'No, I don't need that. I can do it. I can go into the real deal a hundred percent (100%) all the time and come out ... ?'

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Or do you think it would be a more intelligent, prudent choice to test yourself in conditions that you can somewhat control?

You're not in a foreign country ..."

AB: "Or not."

GtM: "... sometimes maybe you are." (laughs).

AB: "Yeah, well, I guess that makes sense.

Ah, what ... what ... what about failed operations?

Have you had any failed operations?"

GtM: "Oh, yeah."

AB: "You have?"

GtM: "Yes."

AB: "What ... what ... what do you think is the biggest cause of a failed operation?"

GtM: "Ah, bad intelligence gathering. Very much so."

AB: "Yeah, you really lay into the intelligence part of this, don't you?"

GtM: "You have to properly ... there's ... I grew up with the seven (7) P's:

'Proper prior preparation prevents piss poor performance.'"

AB: (laughs).

GtM: "I have lived by it (!)

And when circumstances outside of your control come into play, the more organized you are – ah, chance favoring the prepared mind and all – ah, the better opportunity you have to come out.

And I am ... I may have gotten kicked out of the Boy Scouts when I was a kid, but damn if I didn't follow the motto ['Be Prepared']."

AB: (under his breath) "Wow!

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Ah, intelligence ... you ... you keep stressing how important intelligence is. Ah, ..."

GtM: "Be-all ... end-all (!)"

AB: "Yeah, be-all ... end-all.

That costs money, too, right?"

GtM: "Absolutely! That's actually sometimes more expensive than what you get. (grins).

Um, it's ... it's a situation where you have to pay!

And if you don't pay a lot, you don't get a lot.

You get what you pay for, ah, in information retrieved from other sources, whether it be confidential informants.

Um, you could also get it from actually doing the recon [reconnaisance] yourself."

AB: "All right."

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AB: "Ah, here's a question for you."

GtM: "Yes, sir."

AB: "I've done a lot of international travel. I've been around the world several times.

So I've been through customs and immigration of, you know, about every country you can think of ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "... including the roughest ... you know, the communist Chinese, for example."

GtM: "I love the Chinese. I think they're great people (!)"

AB: "You love the Chinese?

All right.

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Well, anyway, they've got some pretty tough customers over there – they ... they look at you *really carefully!"*

GtM: "All over the place!" (grins).

AB: "And here's my point:"

GtM: "Yes?"

AB: "If American, ah ... ah, you know, alphabet agencies are aware with a wink and a nod or whatever ... with some of the things you do, ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: " ... you've gotta pass through customs and immigration, usually I would imagine, or at least in many cases. And ... and the alphabet agencies in these other countries probably are going to be aware of you.

How do you get through?"

GtM: "Quickly, quietly, with cover, concealment, and camouflage. (laughs).

You go in under different pretenses – it's called a pretext.

Um, private investigators use it in this country all the time.

You're the pizza guy goin' to the door ... you know what I mean?

You're the ... the guy that they would normally see.

Who is that? ... American businessman.

Um, you get in that particular way ... you get in however you can!"

AB: "Do you have to use subterfuge to get in as ... beyond, you know, the American business?

I mean, after all, your face ... your identity would be known to certain foreign agencies, right?"

GtM: "I would think so."

AB: "Yeah, ..."

GtM: "If they ... if they were any good."

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AB: "... I would think so, too.

So what are you saying: That they're not that good?"

GtM: "No, some of 'em are very good, but they are not as good as me ... I sure hope!

I mean, that's why I'm still alive (!)"

AB: "Okay."

GtM: "Um, let me give you an explanation.

A lotta times when you go into these particular places, you're coming from an area that's quite friendly."

AB: "Right."

GtM: "You can, let's say you've gotta go to Cuba.

You might come from Florida (!)"

AB: "Right."

GtM: "It's only ninety (90) miles."

AB: "Yeah."

GtM: "That can be done without difficulty.

You come in through a scenario that would give you the availability of having that cover and concealment.

Come in through the sky! High altitude, low entry."

AB: "How really good or bad is the security in most countries?

Ah, I ... I mean, I ... obviously ..."

GtM: "You wanna start with this one [the USA]?"

AB: "... it varies.

Yeah, sure, start with this one."

GtM: "Um, we're lousy, (grins), as far as the airports and things like that?"

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AB: “Yes.”

GtM: “Okay, we're ... we’re not that good.

We, ah, we want to get great things done, but we don't wanta pay anybody. That sort of thing doesn't warrant a prepared individual, who knows what to look for.

I was at an airport no more than three (3) weeks ago where an eighty (80)-year-old lady was basically deflogged! I mean, it was ridiculous.

And there were two (2) really swarthy-looking individuals there, who I would have stopped, and they got through without even gettin’ checked!

Now what's the problem here?”

AB: “Yeah, if you do ... if you do a lot of flying, there are a lot of things you wonder about.”

GtM: “Yeah, and you see these things ... you see them on a daily basis.

That's scary, considering the amount of ... of things that can come into this country on any given second.

Our borders are very porous and ... and ...”

AB: “... very long.”

GtM: “Yeah. Yeah, they are.”

AB: “Ah ...”

GtM: “That's a ... that’s a very scary thing to undertake.”

AB: “Now, how would you compare us to the Israelis?”

GtM: “Israelis are tough, tough, tough!

I love ’em! They're the best!”

AB: “They're the best?”

GtM: “They don’t ... they don't take any crap from anybody.

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They will ... they will sit your butt down and they'll keep you there for ten (10) years, if they don't think you should get on that plane.

Not only that, but ..."

AB: "Suppose, ah, somebody comes to you with X numbers of millions of dollars ($1,000,000+) ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

AB: "... and asks you to go get an Israeli out of Damascus."

GtM: "They're not gonna be there."

AB: "I ... I beg your pardon?"

GtM: "They would never survive."

AB: "The Israeli would never survive?"

GtM: "No.

Sadly enough, the ... the Is- ... the Israelis are a marked people.

You can pretty much tell an Israeli. I mean, if ... if he's undercover, chances are he might be able to infiltrate somewhere in the Palestinian area, but that's still very close.

The odds are you could not get an Israeli out – he'd be dead."

AB: "So that would be something you would decline?"

GtM: "No, I wouldn't decline it.

I would take an educated guess and say that that particular individual is not gonna be alive ... alive at the time that I would try to extract him."

AB: "You believe in God?"

GtM: "Oh, yeah. I believe in ..."

AB: "The Devil?"

GtM: "Yes! Absolutely.

He tries to work through me all the time."

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AB: “Then you believe in life after death, right?”

GtM: “I believe in life after death. I also believe in reincarnation.”

AB: “In reincarnation, really?

Ah ...”

GtM: *“There's no way that I could have built up all this stuff that I have in my mind and in my soul and in my spirit without having many lifetimes to build upon (!)”*

AB: “There's gotta be a big part of you that likes aspects of what you do or you wouldn't do it!”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “Ah ... it's either that or you just do it for the money.”

GtM: “No.”

AB: I mean, there's gotta be ... there’s gotta be a deeper-seated reason in your psyche why you do this stuff (!)

You ever ...”

GtM: “You get off on it.” (laughs).

AB: “You get off on it?” (joins in laughing).

GtM: “Yeah.”

AB: “Well, that's straight out! ...”

GtM: “I, um ...”

AB: “That’s for sure.”

GtM: “... I could not be an accountant working nine (9) to five (5).

One, I couldn't get up at nine (9) in the morning (grins) – that’s when I go to bed (!)

Um, I couldn't sit behind a desk.

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I've tried it.

I've done it.

Um, it's not ..."

AB: "... not you."

GtM: "No! I'm ... my purpose in life, that God has given me, is to help the people that can't be helped and to die trying."

AB: "That's a really thin line that you walk, though. And as I ... as I mentioned earlier, you're kind ... you're more or less a mercenary.

And, ah, I mean, have there been times that you have been fooled?

If somebody presents you with a ... a project to go get somebody, ah, who really ought ... who does deserve to be in jail. I mean, I'm sure they put a good story ... a good wrapping on it for you ..."

GtM: "Which ... [unintelligible]"

AB: "... if they ... if they think you need that to proceed!"

GtM: "Well, the nice thing about it is, most people don't know me at all when they meet me, so that they don't know what is perceived and not perceived."

AB: "How do you handle contact with these clients? Ah, is it by telephone?"

GtM: "Very carefully.

No, it's not by telephone.

As ... as certain recent occurrences have proved, the telephone is not exactly the safest, ah, safest mode of, ah ... of, ah, information transfer, especially since that it can be traced."

AB: "What is safe?"

GtM: "Face-to-face contact ... whether they know it's you or not.

That remains to be seen."

AB: "Ah ..."

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GtM: “You get a-hold of them!”

AB: “You ever been ... you ever been double-crossed?”

GtM: “Oh, yeah.

Absolutely.”

AB: “How so?”

GtM: (exhales audibly). “Ah, you usually find it ... you don't so much find it with the client, because you do enough, ah, early recon to be able to figure out if they're genuine or not.

Plus, you'd be surprised, the people that aren't genuine are the ones that don't want to give the money up front (!)”

AB: “Huh.”

GtM: “If somebody is in dire need of your help, they don't have a problem with puttin’ money down on the table to show that they're sincere.”

AB: “Yep, if they've got it ... that's right.”

GtM: “Even if they don't (!)”

AB: “Even if they don't ...?”

GtM: “They get it.”

AB: “They ... they find it somehow, huh?”

GtM: “That's the biggest deciding factor ... *if they can get the money (!)*

Not that if ... I wouldn't take it if they couldn't get the money, ’cause there have been times where I've worked on very little.”

AB: “Well, that's almost *pro bono*.”

GtM: “It is *pro bono*. ...”

AB: (laughs).

GtM: “And like I said: ‘I don't do *pro bono* unless extreme circumstances are, ah, are in play’ ... *and I haven't encountered many of them (!)”*

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AB: “How many people do you have that you could, ah, reliably – right this second, for example, pick up ... God, I guess I shouldn’t say – ‘pick up the phone?’ ...”

GtM: (laughs).

AB: “... Contact in whatever way you contact them and say: ‘Look, we're on for the following ... ?’”

GtM: “Um, I contact three to four (3-4) major people and each one of them have one or two (1-2) people to contact ... and then you get your team.

And that’s what ...”

AB: “And then you get your team.

Do ... do you train ...”

GtM: “All the time!”

AB: “... for a ... the specific operation coming up?”

GtM: “Hmm ... there is a ... a multi-tiered aspect to it.

You're always training. I train every day, all day, constantly.”

AB: “Yeah still, but there are details in any specific operation.”

GtM: “Exactly.

Once you figure out the logistics and geographics of it, and then you get everything into play, you can then, ah, go on to sort of, ah, figure out exactly what sort of situation-specific, ah, intricacies that you need to train on.

If there's a particular house that you're going into, what the map of a, ah, a prison might be like ... things like that.”

AB: “Have you got enough money to retire for your ... for the rest of your life right now if you want to?”

GtM: “No.”

AB: “No?”

GtM: “No.”

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AB: “That's kind of surprising!

For the number of operations you've been on and the amount of monies involved, ah, that’s ...”

GtM: “It takes a lot to retire.”

AB: “... it’s ... well, it takes a lot, *but that's still an interesting answer!*

What have you done with your money?”

GtM: “Oh, I ... I squander it religiously (!)”

AB: “You do?” (laughs).

GtM: “Um, sadly enough you'll find that when you can make money at such a ridiculous clip like I can sometimes ...”

AB: “Easy come, easy go.”

GtM: “You got it.”

AB: “So what do you do?

Tend to gamble?

Women?”

GtM: “No, no, no, no. I do not gamble.

I don't drink alcohol. I don't smoke.

Nothing like that. No drugs.

I, um ... (grins) I give it away (!)” (grins more).

AB: “You give away money?”

GtM: “I ... I help people that need it.

I took care of my family ...”

AB: “So now on top of everything else, you're Robin Hood?”

GtM: “Yeah, Robin Hood, Prince of Stupid (!)” (grins).

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AB: “Prince of Stupid (!)

Ah, well, alright, Prince of Stupid, ah, Gabriel.

Hold on. When we come back, we are going to open the lines, and this is going to be extremely interesting! I mean, really interesting!

I’m Art Bell.

You're in the place where you can expect anything (!)

This is Coast to Coast AM.”

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AB: “Tonight with Gabriel, actually.

Good morning, everybody. I’m Art Bell.

It's all for you to decide for yourselves with respect to what you're hearing.

And, ah, I'm doing that myself as I'm listening, learning all of this, ah, for the first time right along with you and, ah, sort of balancing it all in my mind.

I know for sure there are people who do what Gabriel says he does ... *there’s no question about it!*

These people exist.

Whether he's one of them or not, I guess you're making up your mind as we go.

And, it's a very interesting program! I’ve ... I've always wished for diversity on this program and this is certainly no disappointment!”

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AB: “All right, I'm about to open the phone lines, Gabriel.

Ah ...”

GtM: “Moment of truth.”

AB: “... yeah. What ... what do you think you're gonna get?”

GtM: “Oh, I'm gonna get a lot of interesting calls (!)

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(grins). Um, I'm sure I'm gonna get skeptics."

AB: "Yah!"

GtM: "I mean ..."

AB: "Yep, you're gonna get skeptics. I'm sure of it."

GtM: "But, like I said, the ... the point is not so much the skeptics ... to try and prove the skeptics [wrong?].

I mean, I ... I go out and prove it to myself every day, so that's ... you have to be ... you have to be stable enough within yourself to be able to ... to accept people coming at you, because of what they don't understand.

But the interesting thing is, in my line of work you have that ... you have that shield of anonymity and, ah, the cloak of, ah, of obscurity around you. I'm kind of opening myself up, so ..." (trails off).

Aud: [AB reading]: "Doesn't, ah, Gabriel ... does Gabriel trust the telephone he's using right now to talk to you?"

GtM: "Not a second ... no. (grins).

Not as far as I can throw it, and I can heave it an awful distance." (laughs).

AB: "So telephones are, in terms of security, not worth ..."

GtM: "Telephones are bad!"

AB: "... a damn?"

GtM: "No, not at all.

They can triangulate your ... your ... your appropriate [sic – approximate?] location wherever you might be when on a telephone."

AB: "After you've done these operations, Gabriel, there's gotta be people out there in different parts of the world that would love to skin you alive (!)"

GtM: "Hmm ..."

AB: "Right?"

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GtM: "... sure. And then eat me afterwards (!)"

AB: "I know!" (laughs).

GtM: "Um ..."

AB: "All right.

Ah, I promised to go to the lines. I gotta do that."

GtM: "I understand."

AB: "So let's ... let's ... let's rock!"

GtM: "All right."

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Aud: "My God, this has gotta be the most interesting guest ever on talk radio!"

(AB and GtM both laugh).

AB: "Well ..."

Aud: "I've got to admit, you outdid yourself, Art, this time!"

AB: "Ah, I ... well ... sir?" (AB laughs more). ...

Aud: "I just said ... 'It's great!'

So, you know, it's really hard to prove either way, but I've ... I've been around some military personnel ... some, you know, people who like to talk about stuff. He's used a lotta keywords that I've heard – I don't know of anything.

But really, ah, Art, you might laugh at this. You might think: 'Well, I'll get sued' or, I mean, you know, you'll get sued if you take up my proper position here."

AB: "Don't ... don't ... please don't get me sued (!)"

Aud: (laughs). I was thinkin' ... look at this:

This guy, apparently, he knows what he's doin'. He has connections, right?

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Our military right now – I don't know what's wrong – but they're no much [sic] ... our military is no much [sic] (grins) gonna get, ah, bin Laden than, ah, Saddam ... than he is ... than we are to get Saddam Hussein.

I think ... you have millions of listeners! If we sent you money, Art Bell, you know, at least $10 ... I'll give $100 of my own money.

If you put it in a bank or somethin', and we got at least half a million ($500,000) or six hundred thousand ($600,000) to give to this guy to get bin Laden's head in a jar (!) ..."

AB: "Don't you put me in the middle of this!"

GtM: "I'll tell you what ... that's true patriotism!"

Aud: "Art, think how popular you would be!

Art, if we could get bin Laden's head in a jar, you know, then we could put it in the ... when anybody walks in the Pentagon, they'll see it!

And you'll all be, you know, us, the listeners of Art Bell, we paid this guy to get bin Laden."

AB: (laughs).

Aud: "It'd be great!"

AB: "Oh, yeah (!)"

Aud: "Hopefully he's the right guy?

You know, I heard that the people who attacked us were pretty much from, ah, Egypt a lot, but they think it's bin Laden, so I'll just ... [unintelligible]."

GtM: "Many of them are from Egypt."

AB: "And Saudis, too."

Aud: "Right."

GtM: "The Saudis are scum too."

AB: "Ah ..."

GtM: "Sorry. I'm not ... I may ... I may be a polite individual, but I'm not exactly politically correct."

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AB: “You're ... you’re not even close.

What you ... you ... so you ... you ... oh God!

So you're ... you’re saying: ‘Saudis are scum’. You ... you mean all Saudis?”

GtM: “No, not all Saudis.”

AB: “Okay.”

GtM: “The Saudi people are ... are a wonderful, warm people, and I know them personally. I have done high-risk protection work for some families in Saudi Arabia. So I know intimately the ... the Saudi people.

Their leadership are a pain in the ass (!)”

AB: “All right.

The leadership is a pain in the ass.

You know what?

You're right about that. They are (!)

And, ah, actually, the American people don't know a lot about it because they're not told! But the Saudi leadership more or less hates our guts.

Now ...”

GtM: “They do.”

AB: “On the surface, ah, they, you know, they're selling us oil and they're doing business with us, but they really hate our guts. That's the truth.

And the truth might hurt, but ... and I know Washington smoothes it over.

But the fact of the matter is the Saudis don't much want us over there at all!”

GtM: “Uh-uh.”

AB: “And don't like our presence ... don't like our women ... don't like anything about us.”

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GtM: “Not a bit.”

AB: “That's the truth.”

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Aud: “And all I can say is to help validate your point, Gabriel:

The thing[s] that you're talking about in my mind are more true and more true. And the last conversation you had is the political people, your hierarchy ...

My sister in 1990 was part of a group of professional photo people here that you would maybe see her name on billboards.”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

Aud: “And a high group of people were taken to Japan on a big contract.”

GtM: “Yes.”

Aud: “The problem was, once she got there, it ended up into a sex slavery.”

GtM: “I am very familiar with that particular ...”

Aud: “... case?”

GtM: “Ah, maybe not your sister, but ...”

Aud: “You’re familiar with what I’m talking about?”

GtM: “Oh, absolutely. And ...”

Aud: “We had ... we had to extricate her out (!)”

GtM: “Yes. And I have actually done operations because of those ... just the exact thing that you talked about.”

Aud: “So what I'm trying to say is the political knowledge that our family had and maybe with the contact of someone that you do is more than just finding somebody with ... with courage or patriotism, *or wants a dollar to go in (!)”*

This ... this is really a sophisticated thing through it, because you're talking a hierarchy in Japan that ... that got to somebody that got to somebody else. And it really ... no ... no ... I feel sorry for the people that we couldn't get out.”

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GtM: “Yes.”

Aud: “Because I could only get out my sister.”

GtM: “Well, there's ... there’s always, sadly, you're always gonna leave somebody behind.”

Aud: “And secondly, I was just sittin’ here thinking, you know, maybe ... maybe what had happened to you, happened to you to stop you from doing something in the future, maybe from something in the past, because maybe just talking to someone like me over something that could be or would be or, you know, just ... ?”

GtM: “You mean a potential?”

Aud: “Right.”

GtM: “Potential operation, something like that nature.”

Aud: “Right.

Maybe you know something that you don't even know you know, but somebody knows that you know it (!)”

GtM: “Ah, there’s, you know, there's a damn good possibility of that.

You’re ... you could have hit the nail right on the head ... and I just don't know (!)

I mean, the events that transpired for me in the last forty-eight (48) hours are ... took me completely by surprise. *Completely by surprise!*”

Aud: “Because, ah ... and because of my involvement like that I had with my sister and someone like you ...”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

Aud: “... people know of that involvement in it ... *and it's a small circle (!)* ... and ... and I can honestly say, after that happened, a couple years later, I had an episode happen, and I get a phone call from someone, and they ... they need some help!”

GtM: “Exactly. And that’s how my ...”

Aud: “And it was just a ... it was just a product procurement of ... of a this and a this and a this and a this and a this.”

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GtM: “That's the story of my life, sir.”

AB: (laughs).

Aud: “And then I just hear all of a sudden who's involved!

I said: ‘Oh, yeah, I know this guy from way, way back ... way, way back. And the next thing you know ...’”

AB: “Yeah, you’re involved.”

Aud: “‘... you're involved!’”

AB: “Okay, I ... I get the picture.

And you know, I understand also what this man is saying ... a lot of Americans don't understand what's going on in Japan.

There's a very ... there’s an incredibly large amount of money.

There's a large Japanese mafia.

There is a large ...”

GtM: “Yeah, the Yakuza [unintelligible].”

AB: “There is a gigantic ... gigantic sex trade in American and Western women in Japan!”

GtM: “Oh, yeah, they love ’em!”

AB: “They ... that's right. That really is true.

Now, there are a lot of American women over there that are just voluntarily making money, dancing topless ... that kind of thing.”

GtM: “Obviously, yes.”

AB: “In Tokyo.

Ah, but there's also a[n] actual slave sex trade, isn't there?”

GtM: “Yes. They keep them in extremely close conditions ... awful, like, ah, dungeon sort of conditions, and they let them out to, um, service their potential clients, wherever they might be.”

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AB: “Yeah. Yeah, I ... I really am aware of that.”

GtM: “Right.”

AB: “And ... and you have been involved in operation ...”

GtM: “Yes.”

AB: “ ... in that?

Oh!”

GtM: “Absolutely.”

AB: “How ...”

GtM: “And that's one of those things I take pride in doing.”

AB: “Ah, you know, that's tough stuff, because again, in Japan, you'd stick out like a sore thumb. Ahh ...”

GtM: [Unintelligible].

AB: “... any ... any American in Japan sticks out like a sore thumb. And you start approaching areas where women are kept in slavery like that, and you're in immediate, absolute, life-threatening danger!”

GtM: “Yes. Yes, sir.”

AB: “So ...”

GtM: “That would definitely be the case.”

AB: “... so how would you get a girl out?”

GtM: “Ah, you strike hard, you strike fast, and you strike at night.”

AB: “Hard, fast, and at night.”

GtM” “Umm-hmm.”

AB: “And you just take out whoever's in your way to get to ...”

GtM: “Everybody.”

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AB: "... to get to her ... *and that's it (!)*

You takin' out every- ... you take out everybody in ... in her ... in the path?"

GtM: "Everybody that you can.

I mean, there's no reason to leave somebody behind if you can, but you can't take everyone.

It's just ... an impossibility.

I wish I could (!)"

AB: "Yeah, I understand."

GtM: "I mean, it's one of those things."

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Aud: "Listen, Gabriel, ah, I have a question for you ... and I know this may seem a little bit off the wall.

And ... and initially, I know that ... that you haven't been in this business long enough to know the answer specifically to this, but like in my case, I'm an accountant ..."

GtM: "Okay."

Aud: "... and I picked up a lot of analytical skills from doing auditing and things like that. And that applies across the board to other things then (!)"

GtM: "You'd be surprised – the ability to track a paper trail is one of my most reliable assets (!)"

Aud: "Well, then, I think you may have some pretty good insights as to what I'm gonna ask you."

GtM: "Yes, sir."

Aud: "All right ... Vince Foster (!)"

GtM: "Okay."

Aud: "I wanta know what you think about the way he was killed, who or what group it was that may have been the contractor on that, and who might have contracted that?"

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AB: “Now, Vince Foster ... so strange ... much strange about the Vince Foster death.

You know, the gun was a compilation of different guns.

There were a lot of things wrong with the way the death was, ah ... ah, the death scene laid out.

There were just a whole lot of things wrong (!)”

GtM: “I remember the gun was, ah, put together from separate pieces.”

AB: “That's ... that’s right. It was a compilation of other guns. It was ...”

GtM: All right, let me explain why that was.

Um, a lot of times when you are doing that sort of operation, um, you have one particular piece of a firearm that has, ah, a traceable serial number, and you have to replace that particular piece with other pieces. *The reason for that is obviously the traceability factor (!)*

Um, now as far as I'm not ... I’m not very specific with the ... with the details other than the gun – I know that the gun was a ... a bunch of different pieces put together.

Normally, if I were to do, ah, a job, it would be your armament would be stock ... that's just the way I like to do it.”

AB: “Well, I'm sure he wanted you to answer who killed Vince Foster and probably, you know, who was on the grassy knoll and whatever else you could tell us, but there's no reason why you would know that necessarily is there?”

GtM: (laughs). “Well, as far as the grassy knoll (both GtM and AB laugh), um, no, I do not know who killed Vince Foster.

I would never have ... I ... I don’t even have the foggiest. *I know it wasn't me!”*

AB: “There you go.

GtM: “Yes.”

AB: “All right.”

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Aud: “Ah, my question is, do you plan on having a family when you retire?”

GtM: “No.”

Aud: “And do ... oh!”

AB: “Really?”

GtM: “No.”

AB: “No!”

Aud: “The next question would be ...”

AB: “Well, wait a minute. Hold on ... hold on to your next question.

Why not?”

GtM: “Ah, it's not in my projection.”

AB: “Never to have a family?”

GtM: “No.

I'm gonna ... I’m going to drift off into obscurity.

Maybe be a ... a warrior monk in China somewhere.”

Aud: “Ohh ...”

AB: “Next question, caller?

Aud: “Oh.”

GtM: “Even bad weather messed you up, didn’t it?”

AB: (laughs).

Aud: “It was all part of the one thing.”

GtM: “Let me ... let me tell you why.

Um, it just doesn't seem to be in the cards for me.”

Aud: “Yeah.”

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AB: “In ... in other words, there's something, ah, in your ... (AB exhales) ... I don’t know, in your psyche that would allow you to do what you do, [but] that wouldn't let you get that tied down ever?”

GtM: “No, I wouldn't. I would never get that tied down.

I love kids! I think kids are just the most pure, beautiful things in the world.

And, um, I wouldn't have a child and I wouldn't have a family, because I know what the world really is. I know what it's coming to (!) I know how it's funneling out of control or spiraling out of control as we speak.

And I would never wanta bring a new child or a new life into that world and people here, as it is (!)”

AB: “We do have a lot of people, don't we?”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.

I mean, it's not one of those things where I would love ... I would love to say: ‘Oh, we ...’”

AB: “Do you ... do you think that evil in the world, Gabriel, is increasing?”

GtM: “Yes ... exponentially.”

AB: “Why do you think that is?”

GtM: “Observation.”

AB: No, no, no!

I ... I understand your observation.

But I mean, why ... why do you think evil is so ... is so much on the increase now?

What is changing in the world? Do you ...”

GtM: “Um ...”

AB: “... this is a very abstract question, okay?”

GtM: “You know, well, let me see if I can answer it for you.

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You know how you talk about 'The Quickening' and how things are ... are coming to a more, ah, interconnected end?"

AB: "Yeah, well, everything is quickening!"

GtM: "Ah ..."

AB: "I ... I don't ... the argument over that one's over (!)"

GtM: "How can ... how can you have events quickening without things like good and evil quickening and increasing?"

AB: "So you think both good *and* evil are increasing?"

GtM: "Umm-hmm. I think it's occurring in an exponential fashion."

AB: "Where do you think it's all going?"

GtM: (exhales). "Ah, straight to hell." (grins).

AB: "Straight to hell!" (grins).

GtM: "No, it's, um, I think it's gonna come to a cataclysmic, ah, end ... honestly.

I think we're gonna go ... we're pushin' ourselves so far forward that we're gonna go right back to where we started."

AB: "Hmpf. Back to where we started from, yeah."

GtM: "Which could be a good thing in and of itself."

AB: "Oh, well, I was talking to a, ah, theoretical physicist last night.

Ah, by the way, how long were you in custody ... totally?"

GtM: "Ah, I listened to a little bit of the show.

I was in custody for almost forty-eight (48) hours.

No light, no water (!)"

AB: "Wow!"

GtM: "Yeah, they ... they de- ... I'm sittin' here with an ice cold jug of water. They dehydrated the heck out of me (!)

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Which didn't make, ah, my ability ... my awareness very good, which is why I took one in the leg."

AB: "Okay, well, ah, so they know where you are!"

GtM: "Yeah, yeah, they do now!"

AB: "Right, they know where you are."

GtM: "Well, whoever 'they' is."

AB: "Whoever they are, they know where you are ... and if they want you again and they wanta do worse than they did in the last forty-eight (48) hours ..."

GtM: "Come and get me."

AB: "Come and get 'cha?

You're not afraid?

In other words, ah ..."

GtM: "Why should I be afraid?"

AB: "Death (!) Dismemberment (!)

Come to mind?"

GtM: "I've already dealt with dismemberment (!) (grins).

I've been shot; I've been stabbed; I've been drug along the ground; I've been beaten up by multiple people (!)

I mean, I'm no ... I'm no, ah, invincible human being that can take out the world.

I mean, I get scraped up and ... and banged around. And I mean, I ..."

AB: "So you get a lotta scars?"

GtM: "Yeah, I fought off three (3) life-threatening attacks in the past forty-eight (48) hours.

One of 'em that ... that wounded me, and the other one that just gave me a nice headache (!)

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And, ah, they paid for it, but damn if I didn't come out scathed (!)"

AB: *"Boy, do we live different lives!*

Holy mackerel!

Most people ... I ... I think one of the reasons, Gabriel, that most people, um, are probably saying: 'Oh, come on, this has got to be BS [bullshit] is because this is so ... what you do is so far out of their frame of reference!"

GtM: "But they have no idea what they're lookin' at?"

AB: "That it sounds like science fiction (!)

You know, it sounds like a James Bond movie!"

GtM: "Ah, James Bond is docile (!) – he gets to mess around with women and gamble all the time."

AB: "Yeah, that's true, he does do that."

GtM: "I don't get any of that crap.

I get ... I get to make little tents in the friggin' desert in the middle of the night and sweat during the day and hump a hundred and fifteen (115) pound (lb.) packs all over the place.

It's not exactly the most fun in the world (!)

But if you like what you do, then you do what you like (!)"

AB: "So it's not exactly like the movies, huh?"

GtM: "Uh-uh. No, no, it's not."

AB: "You ever gonna write a book or write about your experiences?"

GtM: "I've had ..."

AB: "It's certainly an option!"

GtM: "... so many people come and ask me to write ... and write a book about me."

AB: "I can imagine, yes!"

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GtM: “Um ... no.”

AB: “You’re gonna ... you're not gonna do it?”

GtM: “No.”

AB: “Huh.”

GtM: “What I do, I do for people.

I ... I don't do for myself (!)

I mean, I make a living out of it and I take care of myself.”

AB: “That's an interesting response, too, from a guy who gives away money!”

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AB: “Hold on. We're at the bottom of the hour.

This ... this is really something!”

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AB: **“I try and not tell you what to believe (!)**

I try and let you figure out what to believe all on your own based on what you're hearing.

My guest calls himself Gabriel.

The things he does, most of us – even though we watch them on TV and in the movies – when we consider them in actual life, ah, we consider them probably repulsive ... killing, maiming, torturing, ah, to the good sometimes to try and get somebody out.

But again, you know, it's ... it’s all perspective (!)

I mean, one person's hero is definitely another person's terrorist.

So it depends on your perspective.

Tough work!”

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AB: “One of the, ah, I feel I'll just tell you this: One of the people who screened this man, ah, in pre-interview for this program, ah, was himself in a, ah, a real serious intelligence agency (!)

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I won't say any more about it than that.

I'll just ... I'll just tell you that, ah, part of the screening process that this man, ah, went through included somebody, who, ah, was himself, ah, in an operational sort of unit for a long time. So, ah, for whatever that means?

Ah, the man's name is Gabriel, and, ah, you've been listening to what he does.

We're continuing to take calls, and, ah, so Gabriel, here we go!"

Aud: "Um, I was curious ... I was wondering if you have ever been approached by maybe a certain individual or organization to perhaps seek out, ah, an American politician?"

GtM: "Ah, as far as threat ... threat elimination?"

Aud: "Yes."

GtM: "Never."

Aud: "Okay, I was hopin' that, ah, didn't come about!"

GtM: "No, I, ah, like I said, I'm a patriot.

I love the United States of America.

I love our armed forces.

I love what our country stands for.

Ah, it's funny, I was laughing during the commercial break. A friend of mine sent me a T-shirt. I just opened it now because of my, ah, interesting set of circumstances in the last couple of days.

It says: 'The Second Amendment ... and it ain't about duck huntin'!" (grins).

Aud: "Exactly."

AB: (laughs).

GtM: "That's what our country is about (!)

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It's about the freedoms that we take for granted, 'cause we don't have 'em in other countries."

AB: *"Boy, that's ... that's the damn truth (!)"*

GtM: "It is!"

AB: "Thank you very much, caller.

Yeah, you travel around the world – that's the one advantage of traveling."

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Aud: "[AB reading]:

'Why did Gabriel opt to appear on this program tonight?

Why are you doin' this?

Ah, you're not selling a book.

You're not selling anything, in fact.

Why are you here?'"

GtM: "After the event that happened in Pakistan ... after Mr. Pearl was, ah, brutally, brutally killed.

I know 'brutal' ... and that was brutal (!)"

AB: "Umm-hmm."

GtM: "They almost cut his damn head off.

And that was a situation that could have been prevented (!) ... with somebody in my line of work helping.

He had a bunch of Pakistani bodyguards that didn't give a crap about him ... **and he died for that (!)**

Now, his company ... his news agency had the funding to hire the proper security force ... *and they didn't do it!"*

AB: "And they didn't do it, huh?"

GtM: "No.

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And if there's people out there that are considering this sort of, ah, this sort of thing – you want to go overseas – you better find somebody like me!

Don't have to be me. I could care less if it's me or not."

AB: "How many ..."

GtM: "Find somebody!"

AB: "... how many 'you's' do you think there are out there?"

GtM: "Not enough."

AB: "Not enough?"

GtM: "Well, let me be clear about that.

There are plenty of people in the world that will kill you with a moment's notice!

Plenty. But ..."

AB: "People ... people are killed, you know, in our cities.

They're killed for, you know ..."

GtM: "Nothing."

AB: "... forty bucks ($40) ... forty bucks ($40).

Ah, nothin'!

I mean ..."

GtM: "Um, hopefully, maybe I can get the word out that the people cannot be ...

Oh! ... I guess you shouldn't be a victim.

I ... I grew up with it ingrained in my head that the 'victim status' is something that is just not ... shouldn't be tolerated.

And maybe if some people out there – you don't have to become what I am – but maybe if they get a hint or a clue, who knows?"

AB: "So the people ... the conservatives who say, ah, you know, things like, ah ... ah, well, let's see, what is one of the great sayings?

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"That, ah, the unarmed man is a subject,' and, ah ..."

GtM: *"The unarmed man is a subject (!)"*

AB: **"Yeah, ah, and ... and that's how truly, ultimately, totally important the Second Amendment is (!)**

They didn't mean it ... mean anything other than what it does, and that is you have the absolute right individually to protect your own life and that of your family."

GtM: "Life, liberty, and property."

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Aud: "Good morning."

AB: "Good morning."

GtM: "How are you, sir?"

Aud: "Well, I'm pretty good for an old man.

I've been living with distrust of our, ah, government in some ways, ah, fifty-eight (58) years of my life.

I'm one of those that know that there are extraterrestrials (!) – I seen [sic] flying saucers back in 'Forty-Seven' (1947).

And I ... recently in my investigations, I'm finding that there's a complete underground, ah, portion of our government that [are] not even elected.

And I don't know how to get the word out to the people (!)

I've got a month- ... or weekly internet show that I started about six (6) weeks ago pertaining to what I know.

Ah, I'm one (1) of two (2) people still alive here at Pendleton, Oregon that seen [sic – saw] flying saucers in 'Forty-Seven' (1947).

I put a book out last year which doesn't seem to be taking locally, so I got frustrated and went worldwide on the Internet.

I'm totally blind and I'm 67 years old, and I'm very angry with the cover-up!"

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AB: “So, so really, ah, your question involves the entire underground government?”

Aud: “Yeah, I find that there is an underground basis [sic? – or bases?].”

GtM: “Let me ask you a question, sir:

Is your particular life in jeopardy at this ... at this time?”

Aud: “I don't know!”

GtM: “Well, have you had ... have you had ...”

Aud: “I haven’t had any ... ah, I went public on the radio on the twenty-second (22nd) of this month.”

GtM: “Okay.”

Aud: “Also a year ago, I had to put the book together, over the number of people that have come forward to me right here locally within forty (40) miles of Pendleton with their information ... their stories ... their abductions (!)

And it's quite interesting to find out that there are so many people, but they're afraid to say anything unless they talk to me!”

AB: “All right.

Well, let me, ah, look, let me modify this ...”

GtM: “You know, I know what you mean by that!” (laughs).

AB: “Let me ... sure, but let me take his question ... change it a little bit.”

GtM: “Yeah.”

AB: “Ah, there are many, many Americans who believe, *even though we've got the best government (!) -- and I'm ... I’m ... boy, I'm totally behind that!*

We do!”

GtM: “I do as well.”

AB: “But there are ... there are many Americans, Gabriel, who believe that there's a power structure beneath and aside from and separate from, ah, elected ... the elected officials we know that operate outside – totally

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outside – the bounds even within this country of, ah, every civil right you think you have (!) A total underground government that exercises its own justice for its own goals, whatever, you know, people believe those to be.

Do ... do you think there is such an operational, ah, reality in this country?"

GtM: "Yes."

AB: "You do?"

GtM: "Do I think that they're working against our greater good?

No.

I believe that these groups – group ... individuals ... whatever you want to call it – it has a certain fundamental humanity that they have to live by.

People can be evil people, but you don't wanta take all the air out of the world or else you can't breathe yourself ... you know what I mean?"

AB: "Yes."

GtM: "It's the same sort of logic.

They're not gonna go against fundamentally what they know to be, unless something else is a ... a ... a greater motivating factor and that's usually money (!)"

AB: "Actually, that was a really good line!

And you don't ... you don't want to ... say it again!

You don't want to take the, ah, the air away ..."

GtM: "You don't wanta take the air away from the world, because then you wouldn't be able to breathe anymore!"

AB: "Yourself?"

GtM: "Exactly!"

AB: "So ... so in other words, you've got to have some ..."

GtM: "There's some common denominator."

AB: "... standard at least ... yeah, I'm ... I'm with you there ... sure!"

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GtM: “There's always some common denominator.

As evil as you think people are, ...”

AB: “Uh-huh.”

GtM: “... or as anybody might think people are, there is a common denominator that's going to drive that.”

AB: “Yeah, that makes sense.

All right.”

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Aud: “Listen, I've been listening ... ah, rather interesting guest.

He's very articulate and, ah ... ah, knows a lot of buzzwords and ... and so on.

But I ... I have a military background that's fairly specialized, and I do have some, ah, background in ... in advanced marksmanship.”

GtM: “Fantastic!”

Aud: “Yeah, now ...”

GtM: “That's not where mine is.”

Aud: “Well, we'll find out, because I'm hoping that I can sort of resolve in my mind the extent, ah, to which you're ... you’re being truthful about all this by just simply talking shop with you for a minute.”

GtM: “Sure.”

Aud: “You mentioned that, ah, you have, ah, some specialized sniping, ah, background or some training that you received in the private sector.

I thought, ah, you had made a mention about, ah, operating, ah ... ah, a three-[zero]-eight (.308) rifle at a thousand (1,000) yards? (!)”

GtM: “Ah, a three-[zero]-eight (.308) *bolt*, yeah. It’s, ah ...”

Aud: “Why don't you ... can you tell me what bullet weight you would use at that, ah ... ? Or let me ask ... let me start off, ah, an even more obvious point:

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Anyone trained in the discipline of sighting can tell me in an instant what the bullet drop is gonna be for their bullet, say a hundred and sixty-eight (168) grain match, boat tail ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

Aud: "... at four hundred (400) yards.

If you can tell me that?"

GtM: "Ah, if I'm usin' ... if I'm usin' PMC [Precision Made Cartridges] ammo, um, it's going to be ..."

Aud: "Well, if you're sitting there with a box of PMC ammo looking at the information ..."

GtM: "No, I wish I had one."

Aud: *"Why don't you tell me instantly?*

You ... you ... you just were down in South America or Central America taking pot shots at ... at bad guys."

GtM: "Yep."

Aud: "What was your hold, ah, at four hundred (400) yards or four hundred (400) meters?"

GtM: "I zeroed out and then ..."

Aud: "Not zero. What was your hold?

You're gonna obviously ... why don't you tell me what your normal zero is and you can tell me what your hold is?"

GtM: "My normal zero ... what yardage, sir?"

Aud: "What? Why don't you tell me ... what do you zero it in for?

You're ... you're sniper-trained ..."

GtM: "I zero ... I zero it in first at, ah, between three-fifty (350) and five (500) [unintelligible] ..."

Aud: (interrupting). "So you don't ... *you don't zero a rifle in for a range!*

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Any sniper-trained person knows you zero a rifle at a specific distance (!)"

GtM: "Yes. You zero it from fifty (50), a hundred (100), a hundred and fifty (150) ..."

Aud: "No."

GtM: "... two hundred (200), ..."

Aud: "You are not sniper- ..."

GtM: "... three-fifty (350), five hundred (500), eight-fifty (850), and then a thousand (1000)."

Aud: *"*You are not sniper- ... *you are not sniper-trained!"*

GtM: "Really? (!)"

Aud: "Why don't you tell me what the wind deflection would be at four hundred (400) yards with a ten (10) mile an hour wind?

The most basic question that you have to be able to answer in ... in any sniping, advanced marksmanship situation."

GTM: "Umm-hmm."

Aud: "What is the wind deflection of a hundred sixty-eight (168) grain bullet or a typical match load?

You said you used PMC ammunition, which is of generally such poor quality, that I ... I can't even imagine why anybody would use that for a sniping application (!)

But maybe you could tell me what the ten (10) mile [unintelligible] ..."

GtM: "It's what you have available, sir."

Aud: "Say again?"

GtM: "It's what you have available."

Aud: "Okay, typically then you're going to have a hundred-sixty (160)-plus grain ball ammunition available ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

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Aud: "... ah, from various military sources.

What would be a ten (10) mile an hour wind?

You're sniper-trained?

This is ver- ... very basic.

I'm not hitting you with a twenty (20) or thirty (30) mile an hour wind."

GtM: "That twenty (20) or thirty (30) mile an hour wind, I wouldn't be shooting, sir."

Aud: *"Well, you can ... if you're, ah, sniper trained!"*

GtM: *"No.*

Listen, you're ... you are taking ... listen ..."

Aud: "Let's address the ten (10) mile an hour wind issue, which is very basic, and you're ... you talk ... you specifically mentioned that you enjoyed doping the wind ... that you enjoyed working with the wind at thousand (1000) yard shots – I'm cutting that by sixty percent (60%).

I'm trying to give you an opportunity ..."

GtM: "Why don't you [unintelligible] ... okay."

Aud: "... to establish that you actually trained in this discipline because I am ... !"

AB: "All right. Slow down."

GtM: "Please."

Aud: "Yes, I'll be more than happy to slow down."

GtM: "Not a problem."

AB: "Okay."

GtM: "All right. You can stop for one (1) second ."

AB: "All right. I'll stop him.

He ... he didn't want to stop, so I'll stop him."

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GtM: “No, he didn't want to.”

AB: “Go ahead.”

GtM: “All right.

In a nutshell, I am *not* the greatest sniper in the world ... I don't plan ... I don’t claim to be!

Once you zero out of scope, okay, you can shoot it.

If you get around three (3) rounds off, you can generally center yourself ... okay?

My specialty is getting up real close behind somebody and cutting their throat (!)”

AB: “Yeah, you ...”

GtM: “Sticking a knife in their tonsils!”

AB: “Yeah, you made that very clear earlier.”

GtM: “Yes!

He didn't wanta recognize that ... but I will be more than happy on a dark alley some night to show our ... our friend on the other line what I do best!”

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Aud: “How you doin’?”

GtM: “Ah, not too bad!

I was expectin’ a ... a few toughies – that was one.

We got another one for me?”

AB: (grins).

Aud: “Well, I wanted to tell you that, ah, what happened to you in the last forty-eight (48) hours, ah, I hope it's settin’ off some bells ... but I have ... I have another question. I ...”

GtM: “Yeah, sure.”

Aud: “... actually I ... actually I just got back from, ah, Colombia.”

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GtM: “Yes, sir.”

Aud: “And, ah ...”

GtM: “What part?”

Aud: “Ah, that’s ...”

GtM: “North or south?”

Aud: “... classified at this moment.

Right now I do contract work, but I'm retired from a government agency.

But I also worked in Brazil, ah, fifteen (15) ... sixteen (16) years ago training the police.”

GtM: “Oh, really?

I know a good portion of the police force outside of, ah, outside of the Sao Paulo area.”

Aud: “Very good.

Ah, when you were down there, ah, do you have any trouble, ah, with the language ... speaking Spanish to ’em?”

GtM: “Ah, I speak Spanish very well, except for the fact they speak Portuguese (!)”

Aud: “Good answer!”

GtM: “Yeah.”

Aud: “That's about where I wanted to put ya, Gabe. Good night!”

GtM: “Yeah, I know. They speak ... have a good night, sir.”

Aud: “Yep.”

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Aud: “Ah, I just wanta say to Gabriel – ah, ...”

GtM: “Yes, sir?”

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Aud: "... I didn't catch all the program, but what I've heard thus far – all I wish is the best of luck to you, sir, and thank you for your ... for your endeavor and what you are doing."

GtM: "I appreciate that."

AB: "Okay, thank you."

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Aud: "Um, anyway, ah, what I simply really wanted to say, first, my God (!) ... you know, that ... that guy, obviously, when he just called you, obviously had it in for you before, ..."

GtM: "Well, lemme ..."

Aud: "... you know?"

GtM: "... lemme go so far as to say that he knows a lot about sniping (!)"

Aud: "Sure!"

GtM: (with sarcasm) "That's great ... I'm for happy for him."

Aud: "Yeah, and the ... but the first thing you said, of course, was that that was not what you did ..."

GtM: "No. ..."

Aud: "... your favorite thing ..."

AB: "No, and ... and ... and ..."

GtM: "... I have done it! I don't do well, but ..."

AB: "... he laid that down very early in the show, actually."

Aud: "Yeah, exactly!

So anyway ..."

GtM: "He didn't wanta hear that.

He was in the [unintelligible – thicket (?)]."

Aud: "But I personally wanted to say that, you know, with our other dangers that are goin' on with the, ah, with ... that the government are tryin' to hide from

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us with this terrorism stuff and the shadow government, does ... doing what they think, I suppose – I would like to think – you know, is best for us and all this other stuff we don't know that's going on, and, ah ... but some of us that do and have connections to the underground and know what's up and, ..."

GtM: "Umm-hmm."

Aud: "... you know, it's ... it's really the people like you, and – for all the skeptics out there – people that, you know, are like you, if they don't think it's you."

GtM: "Which is fine."

Aud: *"Ah, that, ah, you know, it ... you know, you guys are the protectors (!)*

You're the other heroes of America (!) ..."

GtM: "Thanks."

Aud: *"... you know?*

You guys are the fighters ... **the ultimate fighters [for] freedom!**

You put yourself ... you put your lives on the line, you know, and you have to do what's necessary.

And what you do is no different from what our own government does.

You know?"

AB: "Yeah, well that's sure probably true."

Aud: "Yeah."

AB: "All right, listen, ma'am, I've got to run. We're almost out of time.

Thank you very much for the call."

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Aud: "Ah, I've got a question, um, actually concerning Bangladesh.

How ..."

GtM: "Ah, that's ... it's so funny that you mentioned that.

That is the most impoverished area on Earth at this particular time."

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Aud: “Is it?”

GtM: “Umm-hmm.”

Aud: “Um, can you answer me?

Is the government there and ... and the police officials, are they considered part of the actual, um, politician government?”

GtM: “Um, clarify your question, please.”

Aud: “Okay. Um, as far as like ... my understanding is like, um, the chief of their police is actually considered, um, an official government as ... as like our ... our governors are.”

AB: “All right. Well ... well I think where she's going here is, ah, yes, in many countries ...”

GtM: “Yes, that is ... that is the case.”

AB: “Ah ...”

GtM: “Also the case in Colombia and many South American countries.”

AB: “The police are a direct arm of, ah, ...”

GtM: “Correct.”

AB: “... political will.”

GtM: “Umm-hmm. Absolutely.”

AB: “Be one way ... [unintelligible].”

GtM: “And enforcement.”

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AB: “So, hey, Gabriel, ah, the show's coming to an end.”

GtM: “It is, sir.”

AB: “Ah, I hope your career isn't, or maybe I should be hoping your career *is*, and ... and that you, ah, get to go, ah, fishing ... or you know ... I mean, what do ... you’re ... you’re just gonna, ah, like go off into a cabin somewhere and, ah ...”

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GtM: “And play some really cool Miles Davis albums.”

AB: “Yeah, that's, ah, that’s how you want to end it up, huh?”

GtM: “Yeah, you got it. Absolutely!

Either that or in some Chinese temple somewhere off in the distance.”

AB: “Trouble ... only trouble is, you're probably gonna need ... you’re gonna need some money to do that.

I mean, everything ... you better than anybody ... even though you might give it away, you know, ah, things cost money (!)”

GtM: “Well, if there’s somebody out there ...”

AB: “Pri- ... privacy ... *privacy costs money (!)”*

GtM: “That's ... that’s absolutely true, sir.

If there's somebody out there that is in the kind of trouble that they know that I can get ’em out of, well, they know I exist.”

AB: “You're saying what ... there's a way to find you?

There's gonna be a way to find you if they want to?”

GtM: “Where there's a will, there's a way, sir.”

AB: “Huh.

Sure has been an interesting interview, Gabriel (!)”

GtM: “I wish you the best of health and many years of incredible radio!”

AB: “Oh, well, the same to you ... short of the radio part (!)

Ah, the very same to you, Gabriel.

Ah, it's probably unlikely, but I wish you the same.”

GtM: “I hope to be in touch with you at some point in the future.”

AB: “Good night, my friend.”

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GtM: “Bye-bye.”

AB: “Well, I don't know.

You all can make up your own minds.

That was really interesting, wasn't it?

Anyway, that's the week from the high desert.

I'm Art Bell.

Temperature normal. Feeling so much better!

It’s ... you have no idea how great it is to be here!

And I mean ... **Here!**

Good Night!”

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