

# Exhibit 171

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in the case of:

**People of the Republic of Texas  
and the  
Sovereign Nation of the Republic of Texas**

**v.**

**UNITED NATIONS  
(and all it's Political Subdivisions)  
and  
UNITED STATES  
(and all it's Political Subdivisions)**

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**The Waco Massacre - April 19, 1993, from <http://www.magnet.ch/serendipity/waco>.**

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## The Waco Massacre

On April 19, 1993, at the end of a 51-day siege of a dissident religious community at Waco, Texas, it seems that U.S. FBI agents and U.S. military personnel pumped massive amounts of lethal CS gas into the buildings, through holes punched in the walls by tanks. There is evidence that the FBI/military forces then started a fire which (thanks to the holes in the walls, which allowed the wind to gust through) spread rapidly through the complex of buildings. As video cameras filmed the inferno, 74 men, women and children died — including twelve children younger than five years of age. Some people died from gunshots (a possible exit from the fire appears to have been raked with automatic gunshot fire) and some died from the effects of cyanide (produced when CS gas is heated). Here are some documents relating to this horror, which seems to amount to the premeditated murder of innocent civilians by agents of the U.S. government, a crime which many Americans believe could never happen in their country. A look at the evidence in the film Waco: Rules of Engagement suggests that it *did* happen.

- Carol Moore: Overview of Davidian Massacre

Few Americans realize that on February 28, 1993 when BATF agents in National Guard helicopters zoomed in on the Branch Davidians' church and home, Mount Carmel Center, they did so with guns blazing, like Americans raiding a Vietnamese village in that far off war. ... It is likely FBI agents deliberately sabotaged negotiations with Davidians to prevent their exiting Mount Carmel. Their goal was to destroy the building and its damaging evidence, even if that meant the massacre of dozens of men, women and children, all witnesses to the brutal attack.

- Carol Moore: The Davidian Massacre

A new film raises disturbing questions about the government's conduct both during the stand-off and after its fiery end.

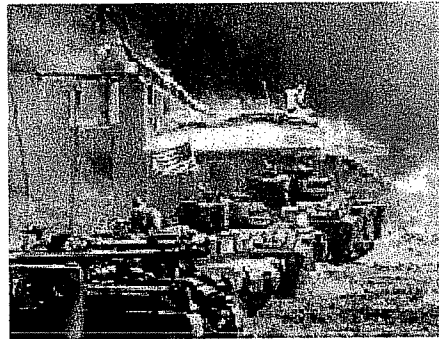
- Robert McCurry: Waco, Texas: Where A Part Of America's Heart And Soul Died

David Koresh and almost 100 other men, women, and children perished in a raging inferno that should never have happened and would never have happened if the FBI, President Clinton, and Janet Reno had not acted in such a needless, senseless, irrational, inhumane, immoral, unconscionable, and reprehensible way by assaulting the Branch Davidian home with tanks and chemical weapons.

- Branch Davidian Victims

- Linda Thompson: What happened at Waco

After the BATF and FBI learned that the American Justice Federation had released a press release stating that the use of military troops against United States citizens violated federal law, specifically, the Posse Comitatus act, the BATF released a cover story, claiming that the tanks were "really" not Army, they were national guard, and had been brought in under the "Drug interdiction act" because they had heard there was a "methamphetamine lab" -- three weeks after the FBI had already publicly announced there was never any question whatsoever of drug involvement.



- Linda Thompson: The Big Lie

- Ace R. Hayes: Waco Whitewash

This includes excerpts from the legal complaint filed by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, including:

"At about noon [19 April 1993] FBI agents on foot entered the Church, and fired shots which struck plaintiffs many of whom were dead, or unconscious from gas inhalation. Several FBI defendants proceeded to the second floor and placed an explosive material on the top of the concrete Church vault [in which women and children were crowded on the floor] at the 2nd floor level. ... At about 12:20 p.m. a huge explosion blasted a hole several feet in diameter ... [in] the concrete ceiling of the Church vault, crushing, cutting, burying and killing or injuring most of the approximately 30 persons in the vault. ... It [FBI] planned to demolish the Church building, to destroy evidence of the ATF attack on February 28, including evidence of the first shots fired by ATF at the front door of the Church and the lethal firing at the Church from helicopters which the ATF' denied."

Hayes writes:

"The FBI murdered everyone they could and destroyed as much evidence as possible. This was the issue that screamed for investigation. The Joint Committee spent its ten days spreading whitewash. Anyone who watched and/or listened to the hearings, as PFP did, clearly noted the Alice in Wonderland quality. The two Davidians and their two attorneys gave a clear and consistent story of ATF, FBI and military aggression and Davidian self-defense. However, every person on the imperial payroll told a story that was the exact opposite."

- Ten of the Most Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Waco

This document (full of misinformation) is a good example of how the U.S. media (in this case FRONTLINE) are complicit in the whitewash of government crimes.

- Waco: The Inside Story according to FRONTLINE.

- Alan A. Stone, M.D.: Report and Recommendations Concerning the Handling of Incidents Such As the Branch Davidian Standoff in Waco Texas

- Alan Stone, M.D.: Burned by Waco

"Touted as a legitimate inquiry into possible abuses by federal agencies, they [the House Waco hearings] amounted to nothing more than posturing, evasive Q and A's and partisan grandstanding."

- Carol Moore: Report On Senate Waco Hearings
- Carol Moore: Waco Questions Congress Refuses to Answer

- The Official Movie Homepage of *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*

For those who more or less know what happened at Waco this film supplies impressive visual corroboration, from footage of David Koresh (not a wild-eyed madman) explaining the *Book of Revelation* to his followers to pictures of the charred and contorted corpses of the Branch Davidians who died in the inferno (some apparently poisoned by cyanide gas). For those who don't know what happened - those who still believe the stories put out by various U.S. federal government agencies - this film will at the very least induce a re-evaluation of those stories, perhaps even a realization that the U.S. government lied in its account of its role in this matter. (There is an order form for the video on this site.)



- Alan A. Stone, M.D.: Sifting Waco's Ashes

Why on earth did the ATF go ahead? The most realistic answer I have heard is that the ATF ... wanted to pull off a bold military-style coup that would be widely publicized on television and allow it to display a huge collection of illegal weapons confiscated by its competent and courageous agents. Such a coup, it was thought, would strengthen and protect the ATF, impress Congress, enhance the agency's prestige, perhaps even increase its budget allocation.

- Jon Lebkowsky: Waco, Cults, and Ordinary Madness  
A review of *Waco: Rules of Engagement*
- Ian Goddard: Review of *Rules of Engagement*
- Comments on *Rules of Engagement*
- Fiona Hughes: Unsettling Waco uncovers truths media reports left out  
A review of *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*.

Using 911 tapes, infrared surveillance footage, televised congressional hearings and survivor testimonies, the filmmakers mount a strong case against the ATF ([Bureau of] Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) and FBI, and paints them as cold-blooded murderers who clearly had the intent of killing people who stubbornly stood up to them. The FBI gassed the people who remained in the Branch Davidian compound and then let them burn to death.

- Roger Ebert: Review of *Waco, The Rules of Engagement*

Those who attack the government are not simply lawyers for the Branch Davidians or muckraking authors (although they are represented) but also solid middle-American types like the county sheriff, the district Texas Rangers, the FBI photographer on the scene, and the man who developed and patented some of the equipment used by the FBI itself to film devastating footage that appears to show its agents firing into the buildings--even though the FBI insists it did not fire a single shot.

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- Roundup of Books on Waco
  - Carol Moore: Abuses of the BATF
  - ABUSES: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
  - Waco Holocaust Electronic Museum  
Mirrored at <http://38.244.146.3:80/WacoMuseum/>
  - Ms. Valentine's WacoMuseum Hoad
  - Waco Museum responds to Moore
  - Gary Null: Holocaust at Waco
  - Karen L. MacNutt: Waco, A Political Event?
  - Egon Richard Tausch: The Branch Davidian Trial
  - Dean M. Kelley: Waco: A Massacre and Its Aftermath
  - Seventeen Little Children
  - Transcript: Book of Revelation Discussion

- David Koresh: Commentary upon the Book of Revelation  
This is what David Koresh was working on, from 1993-03-02 until his death on 1993-04-19. It was his intention to surrender upon completion of this commentary but the FBI attack occurred first.



David Koresh

- James Trimm: A Doctrine Unto Death: Branch Davidian Theology
- Porter Broyles: A Brief History of the Branch Davidian Seventh Day Adventist
- Seven Seals Revelation
- Seven Seals Revelation — Book Two
- Transcript of Waco Negotiations  
Peter J. Boyer: The Children of Waco  
John Orr: Waco: A musical in three acts  
Kevin S. Van Horn: Assault on Waco
- Questions for Congress About "Waco"  
BATF AND FBI Crimes Against the Branch Davidians
- The Waco Affidavit  
A transcript of the affidavit used by the BATF in order to obtain a search warrant of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco.
- Mount Carmel Center  
The survivors' home page; has many links and the Branch Davidian Trial Transcripts.
- CAN and the Branch Davidians
- Koresh Research Homepage
- Waco Never Again!
- The Ashes of Waco: An Investigation
- Waco Home Page
- Remember Waco  
Has links to seven articles on the same site.
- Carol Moore: The Branch Davidian Trial and Appeals
- The Branch Davidian Allocutions

- Livingstone Fagan
  - Jaime Castillo
  - Renos Avraam
  - Kevin Whitecliff
  - Brad Branch
  - Paul Fatta
  - Graeme Craddock
  - Ruth Riddle
- Branch Davidian Prisoners' Addresses
  - Ian Goddard: Appeal Fails: ATF/FBI Victims to Stay in Prison

To this day the crime of aggression against the few surviving Branch Davidians continues. Not only were over eighty lives snuffed out, but nine lives continue to be slowly snuffed out in prison. For these Davidians the vicious aggression of Feb. 28th 1993 has continued without a single pause. Free the Branch Davidians.

- For further articles concerning Waco, TWA Flight 800, the Oklahoma City Bombing and the Drug War see: Ian Goddard's Anti-Authoritarian Journal.

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## Waco Questions Congress Refuses to Answer

by Carol Moore  
 member of the Committee for Waco Justice  
 and author of "The Davidian Massacre"

In early 1995 many Americans held high hopes that Republican-promised "Waco hearings" would finally expose federal agents' crimes against the Davidians and the government coverup of those crimes. The House of Representatives held ten days of "Waco" hearings in the summer of 1995. The Senate held two days of such hearings in the fall. The hearings did reveal over-aggressiveness and duplicity by agents and officials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). However, Congress' final conclusion followed the party line -- the Davidians ambushed BATF and committed mass suicide. Questions of crimes by these agents were rarely raised and evidence of such, when alleged or chanced upon, discounted.

Nevertheless, citizens continue to produce new books and films cataloguing compelling evidence that hyped-up BATF agents shot first as David Koresh opened the front door, even as other agents shot from helicopters, killing four Davidians. BATF left ample bullet hole evidence in the walls and roofs of the building of this indiscriminate and illegal gunfire. The Davidians repeatedly told negotiators that when this evidence was discovered Davidians would be freed and federal agents would be prosecuted. Fearing they were right, and angry at the deaths of four BATF agents, FBI Hostage Rescue Team agents deliberately destroyed evidence of BATF gunfire outside the building. And they repeatedly sabotaged negotiations and pushed for a gas and tank attack that could -- and ultimately did -- destroy the building and its incriminating evidence.

Many Americans believe the U.S. Congress cares more about protecting these federal agents from prosecution than about protecting the American people from such agents. If Congress is to reassure the American people this is not true, it must re-open hearings on Waco to answer the questions below and/or call for a special prosecutor. For action call or fax:

House Judiciary Committee	202/225-3951	fax-225-7682
Senate Judiciary Committee	202/224-5225	fax-224-9102

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### QUESTIONS ABOUT FEBRUARY 28, 1997

1. House investigators determined that "someone" at BATF lied to the military about the Davidians being involved with drugs in order to get U.S. Army Special Forces and other military aid. Instead of pulling out the stops to discover who lied, investigators only whined about the fact that military staff at Fort Bragg were not made available to them or had been pre-interviewed.

2. One of the chief raid planners was William Buford, Special Agent in Charge of Little Rock BATF and a personal acquaintance of President Bill Clinton. The day after the February 28

raid, then-Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman visited the injured Buford in a Texas hospital. Congress never asked about this visit or whether Clinton or his staff had any foreknowledge of the raid.

3. During the House hearings it was revealed that imprisoned Davidian Brad Branch, who was standing behind the unarmed David Koresh at the front door, claims he saw an agent shoot a dog as other agents rushed the door. He claims one approaching agent panicked and started shooting at Koresh, wounding him and mortally wounding his father-in-law. Why did congressional investigators merely whine in their report that the Treasury Department did not let it interview agents before the hearings? Why not grill them now?

4. Why doesn't Congress methodologically investigate the copious forensic and eyewitness evidence that BATF agents in the Blackhawk helicopter shot at Davidians? Instead it quiescently accepts the denials of two BATF agents and three National Guard helicopter pilots -- who themselves may have shot or covered up others' shooting. Such evidence includes: BATF discussions of using helicopter gunfire as a diversion; an agent in the helicopter admitting agents were armed and permitted to fire in self-defense; the government's allegations Davidians fired at helicopters, which might have triggered such a "self-defense" response, even before such gunfire began; BATF video from inside the helicopter showing the closeness of the approach to the building and containing sounds of close-up gunfire; television video showing bullets entering the roof from an almost perpendicular angle; two Davidians' complaints to 911 officers during the raid about such firing; thirteen Davidian survivors' testimony about it; Davidian attorneys and a prosecution witness' testimony about bullet hole evidence in the highest roof; autopsy evidence indicating four Davidians probably were killed by gunfire from above.

5. Why didn't Congress do a systematic investigation of the "second shooting" of Davidian Michael Schroeder as he approached Mount Carmel several hours after the raid? There is evidence that BATF agents, angry at BATF agents' deaths, gave scant warning as they opened fire on Schroeder, who died of three wounds to the back and two to the head. Troubling evidence like shooting heard after the incident and Schroeder's missing cap suggests that agents then approached and "finished off" the wounded man with shots to the head. The FBI would not allow Texas Rangers to investigate the area for ten days after the shooting, making it impossible to check for footprints.

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT SABOTAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS**

6. Why didn't Congress grill prosecutors and federal agents about the moving and destruction of automobiles, trucks and a trailer during the siege? Why hasn't Congress asked FBI siege commander Jeff Jamar and chief negotiator Byron Sage -- as well as Hostage Rescue Team commander Richard Rogers -- about their reactions to the Davidians' allegations that bullet hole evidence in the building would lead to Davidian acquittals and convictions of agents? These questions must be asked in light of Jamar and Sage's conflicting or dubious explanations to Congress about why they withheld from their superiors and Attorney General Janet Reno important information which would have scuttled the gas and tank attack that they supported.

7. During the Senate hearings FBI Waco negotiator Cliff Van Zandt confirmed an allegation by a Davidian hearing witness: every time Davidians cooperated with the FBI by releasing

people, the Hostage Rescue Team would punish them with acts like destruction of property, turning off electricity, or escalated harassment. Why hasn't Congress grilled Hostage Rescue Team commander Richard Rogers and all Hostage Rescue Team members about this phenomenon?

### QUESTIONS ABOUT APRIL 19, 1993

8. While FBI agents claim Davidians threw their phone out the window on April 19, Davidians deny this, asserting that a tank cut the phone wire before the gas attack began. This made it impossible for Davidians to negotiate a safe surrender. The same agents claim Davidians immediately fired on the tanks, which Davidians also deny. This gunfire allegation gave the FBI the excuse to speed up the gas attack and quickly proceed to the demolition of the building -- and an excuse not to fix the phones. Such actions and lies by the agents ensured that the building would be destroyed. They also ensured Davidians would be terrified of exiting and being shot, even as they hung a banner asking that their phones be fixed. Why doesn't Congress take every FBI agent at the scene aside and grill each about the events of that day?

9. During the House hearing Representative Howard Coble complained that the U.S. Army had not yet provided to the Committee any evidence of alleged damage to army tanks from Davidian gunfire on April 19. One staffer told me they did finally receive that material from the army. However, if so, it was not included in the transcripts, as requested by Mr. Coble. Is the House investigating committee hiding evidence that there was no Davidian gunfire?

10. Before Attorney General Janet Reno left the FBI Operations Center in Washington on April 19, around 11:00 a.m., she had a telephone conversation with Bill Clinton, one she mentioned during the 1993 House hearings. Incredibly, in neither these nor 1995 hearings did representatives question her about the content of this conversation. Reno left soon after and put then-Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell in charge. Representatives did not ask her questions about what communication she had with Hubbell in the next two hours that passed before the fire. Nor have they asked if wealthy Waco businessman Bernard Rappaport -- who paid Hubbell \$18,000 after he resigned in disgrace from the Justice Department -- might have had any input into Justice Department or White House decisions on Waco. Nor have they asked Lisa Foster why one reason she believed her husband, White House counsel Vince Foster, killed himself was he felt guilty about "Waco."

11. Will Congress finally dispute the FBI and Justice Department claims that nearly two dozen Davidians were on the first floor but refused to leave the building? Davidians claim these men and women were trapped on the second floor because the tanks destroyed the stairwells.

12. Former U.S. Army and BATF fire investigator Richard Sherrow testified at the hearings. He later signed an affidavit for the Davidian civil suits stating that there is a strong probability that an FBI tank started at least one fire on the second floor that, fed by strong winds through long hallways, quickly spread to the rest of the building. He notes suggestive evidence that FBI agents shot an incendiary "flash bang" into the gymnasium after the first fire started. Will Congress finally take this evidence seriously -- even it means the U.S. government may lose 1.5 billion dollars in lawsuits?

13. Why did several FBI tanks continue ploughing burning, bullet-pocked walls and other evidence into the fire for at least ten minutes towards the end of the fire, as seen on television videos? (During the hearings one FBI tank driver volunteered a dubious answer, a possible attempt to pre-empt such a question.)

14. The controversial new film "Waco: The Rules of Engagement" provides evidence relevant to most of the questions above. It also presents infrared video experts who opine that there is clear infrared video evidence that FBI agents shot at Mount Carmel, perhaps at escaping Davidians, during the fire. Will Congress take these allegations seriously enough to grill FBI agents about this?

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT IN BRANCH DAVIDIAN TRIAL**

15. Confidential memoranda and handwritten notes revealed during the 1995 House Waco hearings exposed the fact that the Treasury Department, under pressure from the Justice Department and Webster Hubbell, halted its post-February 28 raid shooting review because agents' stories "did not add up." In fact, interviewers were generating "exculpatory" material that could help the Davidian defendants at trial. Hubbell promised to produce his "Waco files" to Congress, but did not do so. Does Congress condone this unconstitutional Justice Department practice of squelching evidence that might help defendants?

16. The Department of Justice would not allow a company chosen by House investigators to independently test the Davidians' guns to see if they really are illegal machine guns, or if the FBI was falsely claiming this. It then claimed the Department could not afford to independently test them. Considering recent findings of faulty FBI lab work, and even evidence of fabrication of evidence, this FBI allegation, which has led to 140 year sentences for six Davidians, must be independently verified.

Former Los Angeles police officer Mark Fuhrman said on his infamous tapes, "cops" don't need to conspire together to protect each other when they commit crimes, they know what to do. The same goes for federal agents, even from competing agencies like BATF and FBI. These are "cover your butt" conspiracies. However, a truly committed Congress can break through law enforcement's vow of silence. Otherwise "Waco" will remain a prime symbol of the crumbling legitimacy of the federal government.

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