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2 [dialing/ ringing]

3 JOHN: Hello.

4 BILL: Hey John, this is Bill.

5 [REDACTED]

6 BILL: Ah, not much. I didn't have any success in contacting anyone today, so –

7 JOHN: Oh, Steve Hall?

8 BILL: Yeah.

9 JOHN: I di – I thought he might be at work, but I guess he's off.

10 BILL: No. He's ah –

11 JOHN: In lawyer land.

12 BILL: No, he's off. Collin's off.

13 JOHN: That's cool.

14 BILL: He's off and ah, Collin I'm going to meet with tomorrow at, ah, 4:40 – or 4:30

15 JOHN: Yeah. Or you can talk to Greg about it I guess if you wanted to. He may be
16 off too, but it's up to you, man, at this point and Greg, I guess – I guess that's who I
17 would check with if I was you.

18 BILL: Yeah.

19 JOHN: Ah, he's easy to reach, but ah –

20 BILL: Yeah, he is.

21 JOHN: I can call him or you – I guess you can give him a call and see what he wants
22 you to tell the man, because you're going to meet with him tomorrow, right?

23 BILL: Yeah, I'm going to meet with him tomorrow.

24 JOHN: OK.

25 BILL: And I'm going to go over the review and then he'll probably get a pretty clear
26 idea comin' out of the review how things are going to go, but ah, you know, gotta
27 give him a chance, see how the review goes.

28 JOHN: Yeah. Well, you mean the, the review of the um, things that he had to work
29 on?

1 BILL: Yeah, the directives.

2 JOHN: Yeah. Cool. All right, well, I would call Greg and see what he wants, you
3 know. He – he may – I don't know why he – he probably would refer y – you to
4 [inaudible]. We talked to him about this already though.

5 BILL: Yeah.

6 [REDACTED]

7 JOHN: Yeah, I think so. They must be upset about LSU. But, uh, anyway, I'd
8 check with Greg and, and see what --

9 BILL: I think --

10 JOHN: -- he wants to do.

11 BILL: Yeah, Greg's opinion was the tag thing sounded good, but I'm not real high
12 on that.

13 JOHN: Yeah, OK. Maybe you'd do it in the interim and see if it works and then
14 hope --

15 BILL: Till things cool off a little?

16 JOHN: -- something comes up better. Yeah. I don't think things are gonna cool off
17 for a couple years, man.

18 BILL: Really?

19 JOHN: Yeah. I mean as far as the legal aspects of it.

20 BILL: That should last a couple weeks. [laughs]

21 JOHN: What's that? [inaudible] No. Antibiotics won't get rid of it. So, um, I don't
22 think it's gonna be, um, it's gonna go on and on. I've been in kind of a similar
23 situation.

24 BILL: Really?

25 JOHN: Yeah. It's what I think.

26 BILL: You mean?

27 JOHN: It's worse case, I'm throwin' at you again.

28 BILL: OK.

29 JOHN: But um --

1 BILL: When do you think we can take the shackles off and get after it again?

2 JOHN: Um, um, um, um, um – that’s gonna have to come from -- you know what I
3 would do if I was you?

4 BILL: Yeah.

5 JOHN: I would say – the frustration with me has been with the liability issue, the
6 personal liability issue? What I would do for you, what I would say to you is, uh, um,
7 to have them tell you. ‘Cause they were real wishy-washy with me – you know, like, I
8 don’t know man –

9 BILL: Yeah.

10 JOHN: I wouldn’t do that if I was you, but – hey, you know, then again, I’d do that
11 and then again, I wouldn’t do that. You know? So I didn’t feel comfortable about it,
12 especially with the new year and me not being there racking up some problems.

13 BILL: Yeah, I can understand that I guess.

14 JOHN: That was, yeah, and now you’re in the same situation. So if there’s
15 something you really want to do, you say, hey I want you to tell me yes or no. But
16 you know why they won’t do that? *[laughs]* ‘Cause they don’t want to be the one.
17 *[laughs]* They don’t want to be the one making the decision. But Wolfe, you know,
18 he’ll say, “Yeah, do it!” If you talk to him a little bit, he’ll say “Nah.” It’s a real weird
19 situation. So I’m sorry I don’t have any answers for you. I would say immediately on
20 the call-in thing, I would call Wolfe and say what your concerns are.

21 BILL: OK.

22 JOHN: And that, and tell him further that, once again, that the attorneys don’t think
23 it’s a good idea if we let anybody walk at this point.

24 BILL: OK.

25 JOHN: Maybe there’s something else – maybe there’s something else there, try in
26 management or something. But it, it’s gonna be a real sticky thing, ‘cause nobody’s
27 gonna want to take you in, I know that story, unfortunately. It’s another reason for
28 keeping your plans close to the vest.

29 BILL: *[laughs]*

1 [REDACTED]

2 JOHN: [REDACTED] Well, I really have no advice for you, unless it's just, just call
3 Wolfe and have him make a call on that. And then I would meet with him and say,
4 "When are we gonna be let off the leash?" And then kind of, you know, nicely turn it
5 on them and ask, ask them to tell you how much you can and cannot do – you know,
6 at this point.

7 BILL: They [*inaudible*] back and forth and say something different every time I talk
8 to them.

9 JOHN: Yeah. Yeah. The attorneys do that too, man. But it's kinda fun if you, if
10 you go and, it was kind of fun for me to know which way I could make a move. Just
11 for fun, I'd just say "Hey, I don't think it's a good idea." And they'd go, "You know,
12 you're right." I think it's a great idea – yeah, you're right!

13 BILL: [*laughs*] Yeah.

14 JOHN: Try it a little, it's kinda fun.

15 BILL: Uh, let's see, we just had a big problem – just spent 45 minutes trying to fix a
16 problem from last night –

17 JOHN: Is that right?

18 BILL: Uh, because we ran, if we'd run a [SAR] instead of a [CARP], it would have
19 caught it.

20 JOHN: Yeah, the [CARP] this time of year is not the thing to –

21 BILL: Well, what do you think about switching to the [SAR] instead?

22 JOHN: Yeah, I was always liking the [SAR].

23 BILL: All right, I'll we'll get that going then.

24 JOHN: There's some instances where the [CARP's] the better, but during this time
25 of year, when you're back on standard time, the, um, [SAR] seems to work better,
26 especially when you're doing El Paso reconciliations. But, um, you guys already have
27 that covered with some reconciliation page, but, um, but, uh, the SAR has always
28 worked better for me. The [CARP] always had problems.

29 BILL: Got monkeyed up?

1 JOHN: Yeah, it got monkeyed up somehow.

2 BILL: All right.

3 JOHN: Some way and I didn't feel like messing with it, so I was always using the
4 [SAR].

5 BILL: OK, we'll do that.

6 JOHN: So, my dirty work.. Cool.

7 BILL: Um –

8 JOHN: But, um –

9 [REDACTED]

10 BILL: And I'll, uh, talk to uh, Mr. Wolfe, I guess.

11 JOHN: OK. Well, give me a call back if you have any questions or anything I can
12 guide you to or *[inaudible]*

13 BILL: I should be all right.

14 JOHN: Yeah, I know you will be. All right, man. I'm gonna run.

15 BILL: All right, have a good new year.

16 JOHN: OK, you too.

17 BILL: I'll talk to you later.

18 JOHN: I'll see you.

19 BILL: Bye.

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