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ANDREAS STRASSMEIR was interviewed by telephone on April 30, 1996 and May 1, 1996. On April 30, 1996, Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) AITAN GOELMAN, SAUSA BETH WILKINSON, STRASSMEIR's attorney KIRK LYONS and the writer were on line with STRASSMEIR. On May 1, 1996, SAUSA GOELMAN, LYONS and the writer were on line with STRASSMEIR. STRASSMEIR was advised of the official identity of those involved in the interview and the purpose of the interview, that being his meeting TIMOTHY MCVEIGH at a gun show at Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1993. STRASSMEIR thereafter provided the following information.

STRASSMEIR advised he met an individual he now believes to be TIMOTHY MCVEIGH, at a gun show in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1993. He was not sure of the date of this meeting, but recalled that it took place sometime between the start of the raid of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, February 28, 1993 and the conclusion of the standoff, April 19, 1993. STRASSMEIR recalled that Waco was the topic of conversation among many people at the gun show. STRASSMEIR could not recall if he attended the gun show alone, but stated that he usually went to gun shows with other residents of Elohim City, where he was living at the time. STRASSMEIR said he attended three or four gun shows a year, in the Oklahoma/Arkansas area. STRASSMEIR also said he resided in Elohim City for approximately four years, having left in August 1995.

STRASSMEIR did not remember meeting MCVEIGH, until he (STRASSMEIR) was interviewed by defense investigator REYNA (phonetic) in October 1995, at Black Mountain, North Carolina. REYNA told STRASSMEIR that MCVEIGH remembered meeting STRASSMEIR and that STRASSMEIR bought items from MCVEIGH. REYNA also told STRASSMEIR that MCVEIGH tried to call STRASSMEIR.

STRASSMEIR advised at the Tulsa gun show in 1993, he walked up to a small table where the individual he now believes to be MCVEIGH was standing. STRASSMEIR did not know if MCVEIGH was sharing this table with anyone else. STRASSMEIR looked over

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the items for sale, which included used BDU (battle dress uniform) pants and shirt and leather gloves. STRASSMEIR was under the impression that MCVEIGH was a local and not a professional exhibitor, in that it seemed like he was selling his own equipment. STRASSMEIR described MCVEIGH as being "squared away" and military like in his demeanor. He described MCVEIGH as being tall, with short blond hair and wearing plain clothes. STRASSMEIR could not recall if MCVEIGH told STRASSMEIR his name.

STRASSMEIR advised he did not purchase any items at first, but continued walking around looking at the various exhibitor's tables. Eventually STRASSMEIR went back to the table where MCVEIGH had been standing. It was during this time that STRASSMEIR purchased the leather gloves. STRASSMEIR also recalled buying the BDU pants and shirt for \$2.00, which he considered to be a very cheap price. STRASSMEIR advised that he sold MCVEIGH a Navy issue combat knife for cash. It was during this time that he and MCVEIGH engaged in conversation, for approximately five minutes. STRASSMEIR could not recall anyone else being present during this conversation.

STRASSMEIR said he and MCVEIGH discussed Waco, but STRASSMEIR could not recall MCVEIGH saying much, other than agreeing with STRASSMEIR's opinion. STRASSMEIR's opinion was that DAVID KORESH may have done some bad things, but the authorities overreacted.

STRASSMEIR could not specifically recall giving MCVEIGH an Elohim City business card. STRASSMEIR said it was more common for him to collect business cards from the various exhibitors, but advised he may have given MCVEIGH a card and told him to call if he was in the area again. STRASSMEIR advised this gun show was the only time he had contact with MCVEIGH.

STRASSMEIR advised he could not recall where he was on April 5, 1995, when a call came into Elohim City for him, but believed he was out working on nearby property, and did not receive the call. STRASSMEIR advised at this time there was one telephone at Elohim City and that would have been in BRUCE MILLAR's house. He advised the call likely would have been answered by JOAN MILLAR, BRUCE's wife, or one of their two teenage daughters.

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On April 19, 1995, STRASSMEIR said he and EDWARD WING were clearing a fence line on property located approximately ten miles from Elohim City. STRASSMEIR could not recall the name of the property owner. He advised at about noon, a neighbor of the property owner walked over and told STRASSMEIR and WING about the bombing in Oklahoma City. STRASSMEIR could not recall the name of this individual, but did say it appeared he had been drinking. STRASSMEIR and WING had to quit working in the afternoon because it started to rain. STRASSMEIR returned to Elohim City that afternoon and saw the media coverage of the bombing on television. STRASSMEIR said he and WING began working on clearing the fence line several days before April 19, 1995, and worked continuously, except for Sunday and Monday which is considered their week-end.

STRASSMEIR said he left Elohim City in August 1995 because he was having problems with the leadership of the church and he did not agree with one of the residents, JAMES ELLISON, therefore he (STRASSMEIR) left the community. STRASSMEIR advised while living at Elohim City, he had a girlfriend VICTORIA MILLAR. VICTORIA MILLAR is Reverend ROBERT MILLAR's granddaughter.

STRASSMEIR advised he had two vehicles during the time he was at Elohim City, a 1983 Chevrolet Malibu station wagon, maroon in color, and a 1983 Chevrolet van, maroon in color.

STRASSMEIR advised he has occasionally stayed with DENNIS MAHON while attending week-end gun shows in Tulsa, Oklahoma. MAHON moved a trailer into the "backwoods" of Elohim City property, and would spend some week-ends there. STRASSMEIR advised he knows of no information that would suggest MAHON was involved or had foreknowledge of the Oklahoma City bombing.

STRASSMEIR advised he does not know ROGER MOORE, BOB MILLER, or KAREN ANDERSON.

STRASSMEIR advised he has never met TERRY NICHOLS or MICHAEL FORTIER.

STRASSMEIR said he was not involved in the planning or execution of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, nor did he have any foreknowledge of the bombing.

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Strassmeir described himself as being 6'1", with a thin build, currently clean shaven with short hair. He advised he off and on grows a mustache.

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