

**In The Matter Of:**  
*AUDIO RECORDED CONVERSATION*  
*DOYLE BECK AND STEVE YATES*

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7 TRANSCRIPT OF AUDIO RECORDING

8 Conversation between Doyle Beck and Steve Yates

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1 this area.

2 **DOYLE BECK:** Huh. Well, you would think that

3 being chairman of the county, they'd work with the

4 chairman, wouldn't they?

5 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. But you can appreciate

6 how much I like people working with me as the

7 chairman of the state too. Yeah. A lot of people do

8 what they do without talking to the chairman.

9 **DOYLE BECK:** Huh. So Ann was telling you

10 about it. Was she part of it?

11 **STEVE YATES:** You'd have to talk to her about

12 whether she's a part of something to flip the

13 precincts. The best I understood it, that Sean

14 Coletti and some others were meeting and talking

15 about folks. And Sean and April had sat down and

16 talked and April had asked him about whether people

17 were organizing, and he said, yes, they were.

18 **DOYLE BECK:** Huh. But you're not part of it?

19 **STEVE YATES:** I'm not. I'm not a part of

20 working on any of the precincts.

21 **DOYLE BECK:** But you're not part of this

22 project, this Prosperity Project?

23 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. I have a data program

24 that runs through the project.

25 **DOYLE BECK:** Who is their consultant, do you

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1 (The audio recording proceeded as

2 follows:)

3 **STEVE YATES:** What's up?

4 **DOYLE BECK:** Not much. How are we doing?

5 **STEVE YATES:** Oh, hanging in there.

6 **DOYLE BECK:** If it doesn't quit raining,

7 we're going to have to do like they do in Utah when

8 it won't quit raining.

9 **STEVE YATES:** What do they do in Utah when it

10 won't quit raining?

11 **DOYLE BECK:** They just let it rain.

12 Have you got a second?

13 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah.

14 **DOYLE BECK:** Do you know anything about that?

15 **STEVE YATES:** (Inaudible).

16 **DOYLE BECK:** What is it?

17 **STEVE YATES:** Let me see. It's a local

18 project to flip the precincts in this area.

19 **DOYLE BECK:** Flip them from what to what?

20 **STEVE YATES:** As best I understand it, to

21 flip it from what they see as the status quo to push

22 for new leadership in the area.

23 **DOYLE BECK:** Who's they?

24 **STEVE YATES:** Well, I heard about it from

25 people that Ann knows. So I assume it's people in

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1 know?

2 **STEVE YATES:** They don't have one.

3 **DOYLE BECK:** It was just part of the plan

4 that didn't work out?

5 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. Dale's had generous

6 objectives to raise money. I'm in the business of

7 being consulted or being the consultant to projects.

8 If you don't pay, I don't work.

9 **DOYLE BECK:** So the consultant they're

10 talking about there was you?

11 **STEVE YATES:** Could have been, but it isn't.

12 **DOYLE BECK:** Because they didn't come up with

13 any money?

14 **STEVE YATES:** Right.

15 **DOYLE BECK:** Huh. Okay. Was that more along

16 the lines of it was going to be, but they couldn't

17 come up with the money?

18 **STEVE YATES:** Well, someone comes to me and

19 says that they would like to take a part of a data

20 program that I have and I talk to them about what are

21 you going to do, what do you have in mind to do, and

22 if it's something I consider to be legitimate, say

23 here's what it would cost. If you come up with the

24 cost and it's a legitimate project, then I do it.

25 **DOYLE BECK:** Huh. Okay. Well, I guess it's

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1 something I ought to start finding out more about.  
2 STEVE YATES: Sure. Sure.  
3 DOYLE BECK: All right.  
4 STEVE YATES: Do you work in the precincts?  
5 DOYLE BECK: As far as Bonneville County  
6 precincts?  
7 STEVE YATES: Yeah.  
8 DOYLE BECK: Work in them for what?  
9 STEVE YATES: You don't look for people to  
10 run and try to get people that agree with you to run?  
11 DOYLE BECK: Well, we had the vacancies that  
12 occurred that we've been working, trying to fill.  
13 But to me it's a long ways out on running. I mean,  
14 that's -- when somebody's sitting as existing  
15 precinct committeeman, how do you work on getting  
16 somebody to run against them?  
17 STEVE YATES: Right (inaudible).  
18 DOYLE BECK: They're serving.  
19 STEVE YATES: Yeah.  
20 DOYLE BECK: Well, that may happen maybe  
21 around election time.  
22 STEVE YATES: Right.  
23 DOYLE BECK: But that's --  
24 STEVE YATES: My sense is that's what people  
25 have in mind, but I have no clue. I am famously not

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1 STEVE YATES: So who do you think are people  
2 that might have an interest in where things are going  
3 in more than one county in Region 7?  
4 DOYLE BECK: Well, by the name, Prosperity  
5 makes me think IACI.  
6 STEVE YATES: I have heard nothing about IACI  
7 being involved in anything since they humiliated  
8 themselves. I'm sure they're going to be involved,  
9 but my guess is IACI doesn't have any reach over this  
10 part of the state except through Melaleuca.  
11 DOYLE BECK: Huh. And so who would you think  
12 might be doing this then that's more than just  
13 Bonneville County wide?  
14 STEVE YATES: Well, it has to be people that  
15 care about the direction of the region. So my sense  
16 would be I would look at who lost the region.  
17 DOYLE BECK: Marsha Bjorn.  
18 STEVE YATES: Well, I assume she would have  
19 an equity in where things go.  
20 DOYLE BECK: So you think this is more of a  
21 region thing than -- but the two counties is what  
22 they see as controlling the region?  
23 STEVE YATES: Yeah. That's the sense I have.  
24 DOYLE BECK: I mean --  
25 STEVE YATES: If someone had come to me about

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1 deep roots here to even come close to knowing people  
2 in all precincts, even in the county in which I  
3 reside.  
4 DOYLE BECK: Huh.  
5 STEVE YATES: But there are an unending  
6 number of people that come to me with: We'd like you  
7 to help with this or we think you should do that.  
8 And you would be deeply impressed with the low number  
9 of things that I end up doing because everyone has an  
10 idea of what I should do for them for free and none  
11 of them do anything for me.  
12 DOYLE BECK: Is this just a local function?  
13 STEVE YATES: As far as I know, I've heard  
14 of things that are up north, but I don't hear of  
15 anything of any consequence up there. John Cross has  
16 things very clearly in hand up there. You hear of  
17 things around the Boise area, but I hear of nothing  
18 organized.  
19 DOYLE BECK: This -- I mean, I wouldn't be  
20 surprised if Sean would be involved in something like  
21 that, but this seems to be a bigger function because  
22 it's a two-county -- it's targeting two counties, not  
23 just, you know, Sean and Bonneville County or in the  
24 precincts around him. It's like the whole county and  
25 twofold counties.

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1 this, this project isn't even necessary. The region  
2 is going to flip in the next election no matter what,  
3 even if no one did anything.  
4 DOYLE BECK: And that is because --  
5 STEVE YATES: Because the majority of the  
6 counties in the region are unhappy with what's going  
7 on in the region without anyone having to do  
8 anything. And it's over simple stuff that's easily  
9 solvable: Communication, coordination. Nothing I  
10 have heard since becoming chairman has been about  
11 anything ideological or anything policy. Every one  
12 of the contentious issues that have come to me have  
13 been very small things that have been blown up into  
14 big things because of very small people. And it's  
15 almost 100 percent along those lines.  
16 It's people who want to say I know this  
17 person is that kind of person and this person is  
18 that. And it's not -- I'm trying to get something  
19 through the legislature that will do this or that on  
20 education. I'm trying to do something in the  
21 legislature that will do this or that on taxes. Or  
22 I'm trying to come up with a way to better protect  
23 the family or religious freedom or whatever else. It  
24 all comes down to: I don't like this person and so  
25 and so did this in a meeting and so and so is

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1 violating this or that.  
2 And so the sense I've had -- the  
3 communication that's come to me from the region  
4 without even asking for anyone to communicate to me  
5 has been dissatisfaction. But my equities have been  
6 almost everywhere else in the state. We've got  
7 battles to fight in the greater Boise area, trying to  
8 tend to things in the north. Things are contentious  
9 in Bannock County, but they can't even form a quorum  
10 to expend any money for picnics on Lincoln Days  
11 because they can't get enough people to attend their  
12 central committee meeting to constitute a quorum.  
13 **DOYLE BECK:** Hum. Well, that can be hard at  
14 times.  
15 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. Yeah.  
16 **DOYLE BECK:** They all want to be something,  
17 but they don't want to do anything.  
18 **STEVE YATES:** They don't mind having a name  
19 on a ballet and have the affirmation of someone voted  
20 for them. But somehow showing up to even half of the  
21 meetings in the calendar year is too much. So I --  
22 **DOYLE BECK:** You know, this seems to have  
23 tracks beyond Marsha, Sean.  
24 **STEVE YATES:** Okay. Seems to have, so --  
25 **DOYLE BECK:** I mean, it's almost like

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1 somebody outside coming in versus somebody inside  
2 working it.  
3 **STEVE YATES:** Uh-huh. Well, it could be. I  
4 don't have any idea who's going to actually work  
5 this. I also don't have any idea whether somebody is  
6 going to actually work this.  
7 **DOYLE BECK:** So they could --  
8 **STEVE YATES:** You've probably seen more  
9 proposals for projects that didn't come to fruition  
10 than did come to fruition.  
11 **DOYLE BECK:** I've never seen sophistication  
12 like this ever in a party.  
13 **STEVE YATES:** It's targeting the party, but  
14 it doesn't necessarily mean it's in the party.  
15 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, I don't know. It sounds  
16 awful similar to what IACI done over on the other  
17 side of the state last election.  
18 **STEVE YATES:** Right. But that would be a  
19 similar example of a group that is not in the party  
20 doing something to influence what's in the party.  
21 **DOYLE BECK:** Right.  
22 **STEVE YATES:** That could be. I have no idea  
23 who the patrons of this party are. But, I mean, you  
24 go down and look at that bottom line, there are not  
25 very many people in Eastern Idaho or the entire state

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1 that would put up that kind of money for any project.  
2 And I don't know that there's anyone that would put  
3 up that kind of money for this project.  
4 But if I read this and it was something  
5 that was targeting me or targeting equities that I  
6 cared about, I don't think there's any amount of  
7 money that's going to be work what the precincts are.  
8 You know, if there's people going around with cash  
9 money for someone to run, that's one thing. I  
10 haven't seen that in this. But there wouldn't be  
11 anything stopping you from doing this exact same  
12 thing or anyone else from doing this exact same  
13 thing.  
14 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, I presume that --  
15 **STEVE YATES:** Even improve upon the strategy  
16 if you wanted to.  
17 **DOYLE BECK:** How would you improve on it?  
18 **STEVE YATES:** I don't know. I never said I  
19 was a genius, but look through and say, okay, this is  
20 what they did. You're saying this is a very  
21 sophisticated thing, but there's no perfect plan.  
22 You have the added benefit of reading the game plan,  
23 so what would you do if you got somebody else's  
24 playbook before the game started? You'd say, shoot,  
25 that's no fair.

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1 **DOYLE BECK:** It would depend on who it is.  
2 You know, if this was Sean Coletti and he's trying to  
3 get more RINOs involved, he does that all the time.  
4 **STEVE YATES:** Now, technically, someone  
5 that's elected a precinct committee officer in the  
6 Republican party, are they really a Republican any  
7 longer?  
8 **DOYLE BECK:** Sean Coletti, yeah, he is. I  
9 mean, I like Sean, but he's -- look at everything he  
10 does. He wants to eliminate the primary because he's  
11 not happy with the closed primary. He wants to just  
12 have the shotgun effect where just the two highest  
13 vote getters. That's not Republican.  
14 **STEVE YATES:** Well, I don't care about it  
15 because it will never have the votes. I mean, it's  
16 crazy. We've got a very well-meaning 80-year-old  
17 couple from Bear Lake that's going to bring this  
18 issue to every state central committee meeting. They  
19 mean it in the nicest, most sincere way that we've  
20 always had it a certain way and it just don't feel  
21 right that we have to affiliate -- I'm thinking,  
22 you're the chairman of the Republican party of your  
23 county. Yeah, you should be okay with getting people  
24 to affiliate with the party. But that's where he is  
25 and there's seemingly no other issue that matters.

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1 But in my estimation, it could be  
2 completely wrong. What do I know about all of these  
3 different people in our state central committee? I  
4 don't think they're anywhere close to the votes to  
5 make a change on that in terms of where the party is.  
6 I don't see the legislature as having any interest in  
7 touching that. And the governor wants to plant a  
8 flag before he's out of office of going back to the  
9 open primary, and it's not going to happen.  
10 **DOYLE BECK:** You say he does want to?  
11 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. He probably dreams of  
12 other things succeeding too. It's not going to  
13 happen. But if this is IACI, you couldn't have asked  
14 for a greater gift. Everything they touch is going  
15 to smell like that e-mail.  
16 **DOYLE BECK:** That's what I would -- I would  
17 have thought they'd have sense enough to get rid of  
18 that guy.  
19 **STEVE YATES:** I would have thought he'd have  
20 self-respect enough just to leave. We don't pay  
21 enough in Idaho. Go to Florida and live out his  
22 days. Yeah. I was having lunch with one of the  
23 nifty critters of Boise and out of the back room of  
24 that restaurant walks Alex LaBeau. Comes up, pats me  
25 on the shoulder and wants to shake my hand.

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1 The only interaction I've had with him  
2 is his coming into the party office not long after I  
3 was elected and trying to bully me into doing grunt  
4 work for the Otter for Idaho Campaign. We didn't  
5 have friendly words then and we've had no words  
6 since. He didn't even speak a word when he asked to  
7 shake my hand.  
8 Talk to those guys. I don't -- I don't  
9 know what Mark Dunn and other people have in mind to  
10 do for their cycle. They had some retreat in Sun  
11 Valley. I can't even remember if it was the end of  
12 summer or if it was in September. Somewhere in  
13 there. It was more than a few weeks ago.  
14 **DOYLE BECK:** So you foreseen this from Ann?  
15 **STEVE YATES:** Uh-huh.  
16 **DOYLE BECK:** And so someone had given it to  
17 her. Have you seen it anywhere else --  
18 **STEVE YATES:** No.  
19 **DOYLE BECK:** -- or heard of it?  
20 **STEVE YATES:** No. I mean, I know it exists.  
21 I have no idea whether they've gotten their money or  
22 whether they're working it or what.  
23 **DOYLE BECK:** Huh. And you don't mind if I  
24 talk to her and ask her about it?  
25 **STEVE YATES:** She's a grown-up woman. I

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1 don't tell her what to do or who to talk to. I don't  
2 know that she would take my instruction on who to  
3 talk to and what to talk about.  
4 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, I didn't want -- you're  
5 the one that told me that she had it and was involved  
6 in it. I don't want her getting mad --  
7 **STEVE YATES:** I don't know that she's  
8 involved. I know that --  
9 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, that she's aware of it.  
10 **STEVE YATES:** She's aware of it.  
11 **DOYLE BECK:** How long ago? How long has this  
12 been out?  
13 **STEVE YATES:** I don't know. Weeks, I guess.  
14 **DOYLE BECK:** You talked to her two, three  
15 weeks ago -- two weeks?  
16 **STEVE YATES:** I talk to her every day  
17 (inaudible).  
18 **DOYLE BECK:** I mean about this.  
19 **STEVE YATES:** I can't think of the last time  
20 I talked to her.  
21 **DOYLE BECK:** Weeks or months or --  
22 **STEVE YATES:** Really, what difference would  
23 it make?  
24 **DOYLE BECK:** I just wondered how long they've  
25 been working on it. They talk about in July and

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1 September, I mean, so it kind of seems like it  
2 predated June.  
3 **STEVE YATES:** Uh-huh. I didn't even look at  
4 the dates but logic would suggest that -- although I  
5 have seen a document from Lance Earl that has  
6 completely false dates on it. So dates on a paper  
7 don't --  
8 **DOYLE BECK:** Who's Lance Earl?  
9 **STEVE YATES:** You don't know who Lance Earl  
10 is? He's saving the republic one man at a time. He  
11 writes columns for the Idaho State Journal. He was  
12 elected a precinct committeeman in Power County and  
13 had an argument with Barry over the people that  
14 represented Power County at the convention. Power  
15 County was among those that weren't recognized, never  
16 attended a central committee meeting after that, but  
17 has filed a complaint asking for a reorganization of  
18 the county, even though the county's been reorganized  
19 since then. He would have known that if he ever  
20 attended. But he writes regular columns with the --  
21 that highly credible outfit in Pocatello that seems  
22 to be an open mic newspaper for whoever can put words  
23 together.  
24 **DOYLE BECK:** Okay. Well, I'll do a little  
25 more digging and see what I can find out. If this is

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1 somebody outside of the county, I'm irritated.  
 2 STEVE YATES: Yeah. What do you want me to  
 3 do about you being irritated?  
 4 DOYLE BECK: Help me feather it out and  
 5 extinguish it.  
 6 STEVE YATES: Uh-huh. And why should I do  
 7 that?  
 8 DOYLE BECK: Well, do you think it's good for  
 9 somebody outside of the party to come in here and try  
 10 to meddle with what's going on in the party?  
 11 STEVE YATES: Well, what I care about is how  
 12 much I can raise and how much I can build for the  
 13 state party.  
 14 DOYLE BECK: So that's not on your radar?  
 15 STEVE YATES: This -- I mean, I have other  
 16 fish to fry. Is there a reason that this should be a  
 17 fish that I fry?  
 18 DOYLE BECK: Well, I don't know. We've been  
 19 pretty good at paying our dues because of the success  
 20 we've had. We've probably paid more in dues in the  
 21 last -- since I've been in than we did before.  
 22 More --  
 23 STEVE YATES: You have no complaints from me  
 24 on that.  
 25 DOYLE BECK: But we can't do it for fighting

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1 shit like this.  
 2 STEVE YATES: I think you can. I'm pretty  
 3 sure that you contribute money to organizations that  
 4 are not just the Bonneville County Central Committee  
 5 or the Idaho Republican Party.  
 6 But to me if I was on the receiving end  
 7 of something like this, who's my troops and where's  
 8 my ground game? Work the ground game. I'd consider  
 9 it a blessing to have received some indication of  
 10 what people calling plays against me had in mind to  
 11 do. What resources do I have to go and win this fair  
 12 and square?  
 13 I see my role -- I don't see anything in  
 14 this or anything I know of what you're doing that is  
 15 a violation of our rules. It's not my role to tilt  
 16 the playing field one way or the other. If someone  
 17 wants to bring game in, bring game in and win.  
 18 You've got game at home, win at home. You'd think  
 19 you'd have an advantage. You've got a central  
 20 committee that elected you already. It would be  
 21 awfully hard to change that.  
 22 DOYLE BECK: Well, it may be, but if  
 23 someone's willing to come in and spend \$100,000 and  
 24 do what they say in here, that may change that. It  
 25 did in Boise.

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1 STEVE YATES: It can. I have no idea how  
 2 much money they spent in Boise and I have no idea how  
 3 much money the people involved in this are actually  
 4 going to be able to raise or what they're going to be  
 5 able to do. But they got at least one thing by  
 6 putting a document out there in circulation. It's  
 7 pretty much up in your head at this point. And if I  
 8 were doing this, that would be victory. So if I were  
 9 you, I would get it out of my head and go do my  
 10 thing. But I'm not you. You're not paid to -- you  
 11 don't pay me to take advice.  
 12 DOYLE BECK: Well --  
 13 STEVE YATES: And if there's something that  
 14 is a -- there's no violation of the rules for anyone  
 15 to organize people and train people to run for  
 16 precincts. Literally anybody can do it.  
 17 DOYLE BECK: Well, no question, particularly  
 18 in the county. But if this is somebody like IACI  
 19 or --  
 20 STEVE YATES: You have my word that I will go  
 21 and I will ferret out whatever IACI is up to the best  
 22 I can. They are not in the business of sharing with  
 23 me what they do, but I try to be as obnoxious as I  
 24 can to the people who fund them to try to let me know  
 25 what's coming at the party.

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1 DOYLE BECK: I mean, if nothing else, even  
 2 the people in Bonneville -- if this is an outside  
 3 influence, the people in Bonneville County deserve to  
 4 know what's going on. If somebody is willing to come  
 5 in here and spend \$100,000 to change -- what do they  
 6 say -- the landscape of the area.  
 7 STEVE YATES: Uh-huh.  
 8 DOYLE BECK: We don't need anybody outside  
 9 coming in here changing anything. We are what we  
 10 are.  
 11 STEVE YATES: But you also have to have  
 12 evidence to do anything with who's doing what. I  
 13 mean, anybody can make an accusation. Anyone can  
 14 write a document. Anyone can --  
 15 DOYLE BECK: This is a little more than an  
 16 accusation and it's more than just writing something  
 17 up. I mean, it's -- it's pretty sophisticated.  
 18 Somebody's, you know, put time and effort into that.  
 19 And it isn't Ann Rydalch and it isn't Sean Coletti.  
 20 STEVE YATES: Okay.  
 21 DOYLE BECK: I mean, they could be  
 22 participating in it, but they're not behind it. I  
 23 mean, they haven't drafted this and come up with this  
 24 plan. And if they would, why would they move into  
 25 Madison County?

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1 STEVE YATES: Uh-huh.  
2 DOYLE BECK: I mean, they're Bonneville  
3 County.  
4 STEVE YATES: Uh-huh. Well, Madison County  
5 is in the region.  
6 DOYLE BECK: So it's maybe more regional  
7 directed than county directed, but it's got to be  
8 county directed to be regional directed?  
9 STEVE YATES: You're asking me for things  
10 that I can't give you. I mean, I don't have the  
11 evidence of who is doing what to whom. But I also  
12 know what I don't care to be a part of and I also  
13 know what I have to spend my time doing, and this is  
14 not my time.  
15 DOYLE BECK: This program, you mean?  
16 STEVE YATES: What is happening in Region 7  
17 is not my time. There's seven regions of the party.  
18 There's a convention to plan. There's an enormous  
19 amount of money to raise for a general election  
20 campaign. If someone could promise me multiple  
21 willing participants to divvy up the amount of money  
22 that has to be raised to have a plant legislature  
23 support the things that we want them to do, to work  
24 with a governor who is partially checked in part of  
25 the time to get things done and a congressional

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1 delegation that sometimes hits on some issues we care  
2 about. And aside from all of that, I'm trying to run  
3 a small business, keep my family afloat.  
4 DOYLE BECK: Well, you're in the money-making  
5 business, aren't you?  
6 STEVE YATES: Well, I don't -- I have not  
7 found a -- I don't have a printing press in here.  
8 DOYLE BECK: I thought you were a TV  
9 personality.  
10 STEVE YATES: That doesn't pay anything. I  
11 mean, the TV studio stuff barely covers the cost of  
12 having the studio. Networks don't pay for people to  
13 be commentators unless they live in New York or D.C.  
14 That is just something that is a privilege to do and  
15 doesn't do a whole heck of a lot.  
16 The studio in Boise works a lot better,  
17 but that's because Mike Baker has movie star looks  
18 and a former CIA background and has amazingly good  
19 contacts with people in New York. He does a ton of  
20 business through our Boise studio. But TV for  
21 everybody else doesn't pay. It pays something, but  
22 it doesn't pay enough to move the needle.  
23 DOYLE BECK: Okay. Well, I'll keep digging  
24 and see what I can find, because it just smells to me  
25 like it's more than Sean Coletti.

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1 STEVE YATES: Yeah.  
2 DOYLE BECK: I mean, I don't -- I don't have  
3 any question they would probably participate in it.  
4 I mean, there's --  
5 STEVE YATES: Think through this. Say you  
6 find out everybody that's involved. Say you  
7 publicize what's involved. What do you accomplish by  
8 doing that? In some ways --  
9 DOYLE BECK: It depends on who it is.  
10 STEVE YATES: Well, in some ways you might be  
11 giving the greatest gift to the person that just  
12 climbed into your head, giving them free advertising  
13 for a project. And for all you know, it might  
14 actually encourage people to show up for the other  
15 folks.  
16 DOYLE BECK: If it's something they want,  
17 they can have it.  
18 STEVE YATES: I know.  
19 DOYLE BECK: I just do what I do because I  
20 worry about my grandkids. If somebody don't want me  
21 in charge, then I won't be in charge.  
22 STEVE YATES: Well, it comes down to votes.  
23 DOYLE BECK: Yeah.  
24 STEVE YATES: So if you've got them, you've  
25 got nothing to worry about. If you don't got them

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1 and you don't care about that, then you've got  
2 nothing to worry about. There is no amount of money  
3 in play here that's going to make the difference.  
4 DOYLE BECK: I am just an alternative because  
5 there's too many people didn't like Don Shanz because  
6 he was like a bull in a China closet and they weren't  
7 about to go for, you know, some RINO.  
8 STEVE YATES: Uh-huh.  
9 DOYLE BECK: So I was just the --  
10 STEVE YATES: You were the lucky last man  
11 standing, huh?  
12 DOYLE BECK: I was the best available option,  
13 let's put it that way.  
14 STEVE YATES: I think some people say the  
15 lesser of two evils.  
16 DOYLE BECK: Same thing. Yeah. Because I  
17 wasn't no RINO, but I was no Don Shanz.  
18 STEVE YATES: I've heard things about him. I  
19 have never talked to him. Don't know much about it,  
20 but people -- there's a certain amount of talk that  
21 people engage in about things in the past that I just  
22 sort of file away. This doesn't tell me anything  
23 useful going forward. But --  
24 DOYLE BECK: All righty.  
25 STEVE YATES: I don't think you have anything

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1 to worry about myself. If you worry --  
2 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, you never know. It  
3 depends on who it is.  
4 **STEVE YATES:** The greatest gift you'll give  
5 to the people that are behind this is publicizing it.  
6 **DOYLE BECK:** Maybe. Maybe that's --  
7 **STEVE YATES:** The other greatest gift you'll  
8 give them is that it bothers you because you've  
9 clearly bothered them.  
10 **DOYLE BECK:** The only thing that bothers me  
11 is if there's somebody outside trying to come in  
12 here. That's the only thing. But if this is just  
13 strictly a Sean Coletti, let them have it. If they  
14 can find enough people that want a closed primary and  
15 all the things he wants to get precinct people  
16 elected and run us out of -- run me out of office and  
17 the central -- and the executive committee, more  
18 power to him. They can do it. But that's -- I'm  
19 just concerned that this is way beyond that. You  
20 know, it's almost like Governor Otter solicited IACI  
21 to come over here and stomp on Bonneville County.  
22 **STEVE YATES:** Well, I think he would like to,  
23 but have you watched him since the beginning of the  
24 year?  
25 **DOYLE BECK:** What --

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1 **STEVE YATES:** Tell me what he has done in any  
2 organized way since the beginning of the year.  
3 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, I don't think he was ever  
4 organized.  
5 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah.  
6 **DOYLE BECK:** And the street talk at the time  
7 of the election was he had dementia or something and  
8 he was just trying to turn it over to Little, but  
9 I've not seen that happen either.  
10 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. Well, if he likes Brad  
11 Little, he won't do that. But I don't know. I've  
12 seen basically a guy that has put it into a slow  
13 gear, let a staff that is not the greatest in the  
14 world do more than they're capable of doing. They  
15 botch a veto here, botch an issue there, end up in a  
16 special session here, other kinds of stuff.  
17 **DOYLE BECK:** He -- there's this much, that he  
18 wants horse racing back.  
19 **STEVE YATES:** Does he?  
20 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, he come out --  
21 **STEVE YATES:** That's a weird way of doing it.  
22 **DOYLE BECK:** -- with a special letter. Well,  
23 yeah. He -- I mean, he threw it out the window --  
24 **STEVE YATES:** All he had to do was make sure  
25 he got that veto in, if that's what he wanted.

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1 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, I think it's what he  
2 wanted. He just was asleep.  
3 **STEVE YATES:** I don't know. Well, that --  
4 again, so a guy that's asleep letting this stuff go.  
5 You want to meet a mad man, go talk to Harry Bettis.  
6 He had the biggest business stake in that decision.  
7 He gave tons of money to Butch's campaign and a  
8 number of other lawmakers.  
9 **DOYLE BECK:** Is he a horse racing guy?  
10 **STEVE YATES:** Yeah. And he was out of  
11 banking, but he's one of the major owners of Les Bois  
12 Park, and he's furious. Furious. Furious. Furious  
13 at two things: All Republican politicians, but  
14 especially the Mormons. So sick and tired of the  
15 Mormon leaders from the east coming in and getting on  
16 their high horse about this or that. It's our legal  
17 right to do this.  
18 **DOYLE BECK:** You mean all those legislators  
19 from Eastern Idaho?  
20 **STEVE YATES:** Talking about the senate  
21 leadership, primarily, and then the speaker from  
22 almost Eastern Idaho.  
23 **DOYLE BECK:** Well, according to Marty  
24 Trillhaase, he did change his -- the speaker did  
25 change his policy. Now he has the Bedke rule.

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1 **STEVE YATES:** I don't even read Marty  
2 anymore. That guy is like --  
3 **DOYLE BECK:** Yeah. What are you going to do  
4 without Cory?  
5 **STEVE YATES:** I just saw the newspaper today,  
6 that they -- they've got a replacement. I'm sure  
7 she'll be amazing.  
8 **DOYLE BECK:** She said she was a Republican,  
9 but she's left of center, whatever that means.  
10 **STEVE YATES:** I think she meant to say left  
11 of the center within the Republican party, but I have  
12 no idea what she meant. I also think it's going to  
13 work out great for someone who's been writing in New  
14 York to come to Idaho Falls and write the lead  
15 editorials. It appeared that's where she was coming  
16 from.  
17 **DOYLE BECK:** Yeah. From some magazine or  
18 something, wasn't it?  
19 **STEVE YATES:** I couldn't -- all I saw was NY  
20 in there. I assume she's coming from New York.  
21 **DOYLE BECK:** Okay. Thanks.  
22 **STEVE YATES:** All righty.  
23 **DOYLE BECK:** See you later.  
24 **STEVE YATES:** Take care.  
25 (The audio file concluded.)



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