

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, §
§
Plaintiff, §
§
V. §
§
TIMOTHY McVEIGH, *ET AL.,* §
§
Defendants. §

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CRIMINAL No. CR-95-110

STATEMENT OF ANDREAS CARL STRASSMEIR

My name is ANDREAS CARL STRASSMEIR and I am a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany and a resident of the City of Berlin. I am 36 years old and fully competent to make this statement. I am making this statement for the purposes of the United States Government's investigation into the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 19, 1995.

I came to the United States for the first time in 1988 when I attended the 125th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. Thereafter, I made several trips to the United States, finally coming to live at a religious community near Muldrow, Oklahoma, known as Elohim City. Elohim City is group of families, most related to each other, who bought property in Eastern Oklahoma during the 1970's; it is run by Robert G. MILLAR and his sons. Elohim City is not a white supremacist, white separatist, or neo-nazi community as it has been described. At one time there were people of Chinese and American Indian descent living there. Moreover, people of

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all denominations and races were free to visit Elohim City and frequently did. I was at Elohim City on and off for about four years, from 1991 until August of 1995.

During the time I lived at Elohim City, I became active in trading militaria. Pursuant to this, I routinely attended gun shows in the Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma areas. One of these shows is a large one held twice a year in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was at this Tulsa show that I believe I met a man now identified as Timothy McVEIGH. Prior to a visit from an investigator for the McVEIGH defense team, who told me that McVEIGH remembered me, I did not recognize McVEIGH from any photographs or television news video.

The Tulsa gun show where I met this man identified to me as McVEIGH was held in the spring of 1993, perhaps late April or early May. This was just a few weeks after the fire that destroyed Mount Carmel Center in Waco, Texas. I remember that it was just a few weeks after because the news media had come to Elohim City immediately after the fire to ask for comments on the Waco tragedy.

During this gun show (it was a large one with over 3,000 tables), I stopped by a table of a man, later identified to me as Timothy McVEIGH, who was selling fatigues and military clothing. I sold him a U.S. Navy combat knife with a sheath. Later, I returned to this table and bought a shirt, pair of trousers, and a pair of leather glove shells from him. During this transaction, we discussed the events that transpired in Waco, Texas, as it was being discussed by nearly everyone at the gun show and was so close in time to the event.

This man, who I remember as a clean-cut white male in his early twenties, seemed to be a nice person and a moderate. By moderate I mean that he made no radical statements to me concerning Waco or the United States government in general. As near as I can remember, we both agreed that

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it wasn't right for the government to use such force against a religious group or to kill them for what they believed in. Moreover, we both agreed that David Koresh had probably done some things which were not right but such did not excuse the government from using tanks to run over women and children. We also agreed that it was upsetting to see this happening in the United States. Because I am a German citizen, I am extremely sensitive to these types of governmental actions.

The entire conversation could not have lasted for more than five or ten minutes and transpired while I was bargaining with him for the military clothing. I told him that I had also been in the military. I am a former lieutenant in the West German armed forces (Bundeswehr) but did not relate this information to McVEIGH. I had no reason to remember the conversation because it was one of a hundred I had on that particular day. I do remember that I may have given McVEIGH a card belonging to Elohim City and Robert G. MILLAR and that I may have told McVEIGH my first name, Andy.

I have now been told by investigators for the McVEIGH defense team that a call was made to Elohim City by McVEIGH a few days before the bombing. At the time, Elohim City, which consists of about 70-100 individuals, had only one phone. Therefore, it is impossible for anyone to call into Elohim City without others knowing about the call. No one at Elohim City ever told me that someone had called for me at this time. In fact, it was only after the FBI allegedly confirmed that a call had been made to Elohim City that it was remembered that an unknown male subject telephoned and asked for "Andy." I was not at home at the time so I did not talk to the person who called. Again, no one even told me that I had received a call.

I learned about the bombing on April 19, 1995. I was working with another individual mending a fence. Someone, a neighbor, walked up to us on the road and said that there was a

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bombing in Oklahoma City and that he had heard it on his radio. Later that afternoon, I saw the news reports on television. This is all I know about Timothy McVEIGH and the Oklahoma City bombing.

While at Elohim City, I became involved in the security patrol which had been established prior to my arrival. Because of my military background, I was asked to assist with the training of the individuals involved in security. The security was necessary because of the extremely remote location of Elohim City and because of poachers and people planting illegal marijuana patches on Elohim City land. It could be considered similar to a neighborhood watch program. In addition to security, people were also trained in first aid and in fire fighting. I was not the "Chief of Security" at Elohim City; this position has always been held by ZERA PATTERSON, a former Marine and elder in the church. I was only responsible for the training.

In my last year at Elohim City, I met DENNIS MAHON from Tulsa, Oklahoma. MAHON had heard about Elohim City and had come there because he was interested in their religious doctrine. MAHON eventually moved a mobile home (trailer) on to the property belonging to Elohim City. On several occasions, I stayed with MAHON in Tulsa while attending gun shows or traveling in that area, possibly three to five times in over a year. To my knowledge, MAHON had never heard of McVEIGH prior to the news reports about the bombing.

I do not have any personal knowledge about any of the facts concerning the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. My only connection is a chance meeting with a man, now identified as Timothy McVEIGH, at a gun show in Tulsa two years before the bombing. I have never been to the United Kingdom and do not know anyone in the United Kingdom. I do not know and have never met John Tyndall or David Irving. I have never been to the State of Idaho and have never

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been to the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, Aryan Nations in Hayden Lake, Idaho. I was a spectator at the Ku Klux Klan protest in Houston, Texas, in the summer of 1989. The Klan was protesting the Economic Summit and President George Bush. I did not participate in the rally and did not know anyone in the rally. I found out about the rally because my attorney, Kirk Lyons, was representing the Klan for the purposes of obtaining a permit to march.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct within my personal knowledge except where such is based upon information and belief, in which case I believe it to be true. Signed this _____ day of February, 1996.

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