

MR. GLICK: The United States calls Ava Avalos.

AVA AVALOS, Government's witness,
duly sworn.

THE CLERK: Please state your name for the record
and spell your last name.

THE WITNESS: Ava Avalos. A-v-a, A-v-a-l-o-s.

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to come to Jesus Grove for a meeting. It was in the
afternoon sometime. And we all -- I walked into Sheela's
bedroom. Sheela was saying to everyone, "If you have any
morality, you need to leave it at the door or don't come to
this meeting."

Q. And what, if anything, took place at this meeting?

A. Well, there was a group of us sitting in a circle. And Sheela said that -- expressed again the same idea that she had expressed back at the hotel, which is that the time had come for us to take the law into our own hands. In order for us to survive in Oregon, we were going to have to start to kill people.

Q. Now, who else, if anyone, spoke at this first meeting?

A. Well, Sheela referred to Su and Su took over the meeting and said that, "I am going to run the meeting so that everyone knows that Sheela isn't forcing us to do this, that everyone is taking responsibility on their own and no one is forcing us to do this."

13 A. In one of the series of meetings that took place,
14 Sheela said that she wanted to create an assassination team
15 and she wanted me, Yogini, Su, Shanti Bhadra and Anugiten
16 to be these five people that our main task would be to
17 participate in this assassination team. And that we should
18 always have -- she would always make sure that we had an
19 open plane ticket in case we had to flee the country at any
20 point. And we would always be provided money and always
21 have money on hand in case this needed to happen. And we
22 should hand all of our responsibilities on the ranch to
23 someone else because we needed to do this full time.

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A. I believe she used the expression "hit team."

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meeting. It didn't really happen all in one meeting. But the first meeting where Su asked us are we in or out, that is when different people objected to the idea of killing people.

Q. And who objected at that first meeting?

A. K.D. objected. Padma objected, Patipada objected. She said, "I can't kill anybody, but I support you if you do it." Bodhi objected, Jayanada objected.

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21 | A. Yeah. Again, within a few days of that first meeting
22 | she went -- Sheela would go and see Bhagwan every morning
23 | and every evening. In the evening she would talk with him
24 | and discuss ranch business and ask him what he would want
25 | done within the commune. And I guess because so many of

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the people that were close to her in that group objected to the idea of killing people, she went to him and asked him what he thought about the need to kill people.

Q. And what did Bhagwan say?

A. Well, Sheela came back from the meeting. She had taken a tape recorder so she could play us the message. She came back to the meeting and said -- and began to play the tape. It was a little bit hard to hear what he was saying. But Param Bohdi, who was one of the people that kind of assisted her in Jesus Grove, assisted her, went and transcribed it. We listened to some of it and he transcribed some of it.

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13 And the gist of Bhagwan's response, yes, it
14 was going to be necessary to kill people to stay in Oregon
15 And that actually killing people wasn't such a bad thing.
16 And actually Hitler was a great man, although he could not
17 say that publicly because nobody would understand that.
18 Hitler had great vision. And --

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She is talking about what she did. She is not talking about what any others did, let alone that Savita or Su participated in them. And she is under specific instructions from me to "just say what you did." And that is what she is doing.

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thought would be the delicate balance that the Court instructed, to stay away from the chronolog and to have the witness describe the criminal activity that they participated in as part of the plea agreement and what they received immunity on. And that is what the witness is

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