

1994 04 08 Friday Charles Duke Colorado State Sovereignty

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Colorado State Representative:

Colorado hereby claims sovereignty to pick and choose among federal laws, and claim exemption to those it opposes under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution

AB: "In a way what you're attempting is a 'bloodless revolution.'"

CD: "What I'm looking for is a strong message to Congress ..."

This is the greatest country the world has ever seen ... even though it may come to some day tearing the whole thing apart.

Need to re-distribute power [between states and the federal government]

Aud: Concerned about activist Supreme Court and lower federal courts

CD: "Don't have to listen to them, we are a sovereign state."

"What do they do if we just ignore them and their laws?" Does not fear federal government troops coming in. No more Waco's.

Has faith in both the Lord and the U.S. Constitution.

AB: Both sides claim to be supporting the Constitution.

Aud: The Supreme Court has no respect for the Constitution.

CD: "The Supreme Court may be a lot of things, but they are not stupid."

Theory: State government is closer to the people than federal government.

AB: What about the federal government cutting off funding to certain states?

CD: Take control of funding within your own state and don't send Washington your tax dollar\$.

A declaration of sovereignty not only to Washington, DC, but to the rest of the world.

Change the decision point to your state capitol, not Washington.

Not claiming anything not already [enumerated] in the Constitution.

Not in favor of a Constitutional Convention to address the problem.

Non-supporters are enemies of patriotism.

Aud: A constitutional convention would result in a more restrictive government.

CD and AB agree.

CD: What made this country great is “the ability to make your own decisions and the ability to suffer the consequences of these decisions.”

AB: “Not sure who said it, but: ‘Our most profound right is the right to be left alone.’”

CD: Repeats a rumor that there is a holding camp or concentration camp up in the mountains – accessible only by air – for the holding of dissidents.

CD: Believes there are 25 to 50 million patriots up against 2.1 million in military service.

AB: Believes CD has “his neck out a mile, but [is] doing a very brave and patriotic thing, and obviously a very many lot of people are very much behind him.”

CD: “Would like to see the state sovereign in most areas.” Federal government would referee between state disputes.

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