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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
HONORABLE EDWARD RAFEEDIE, JUDGE PRESIDING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
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RAFAEL CARO-QUINTERO, et al., )  
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Defendants. )  
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Case No. CR-87-422-ER

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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1992; 9:30 AM

2 (Jury in)

3 THE COURT: Good morning. Proceed, Counsel.

4 MR. CARLTON: Just for the record, I don't believe  
5 that Exhibit 27A, the DFS credential, was admitted. I  
6 would move its admission at this time.

7 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

8 (Exhibit 27A received in evidence)

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)

10 BY MR. CARLTON:

11 Q Mr. Godoy, I believe in front of you are two  
12 photographs that have been marked Exhibit 133A and C.  
13 Would you please look at those.

14 A Yes.

15 Q Do you recognize those photographs?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What are they?

18 A It is the American Motors Hotel.

19 Q Where is that located?

20 A On Lopez Mateos Avenue, almost to the corner of  
21 Mariano Otero. It's across from Plaza del Sol.

22 Q You can put the top photograph 133A on the ground next  
23 to you, if you would.

24 Have you ever attended a meeting at that location?

25 A Yes.

- 1 Q When did that occur?
- 2 A It was in the year of 1984 between September and  
3 October.
- 4 Q Did anybody else go with you to that meeting?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Who went with you?
- 7 A Ernesto Fonseca-Carrillo, Samuel Ramirez Razo, Javier  
8 Barba, Eliseo Vasquez-Velasco, Antonio Vasquez-Velasco,  
9 Juan Bernabe, Rene Lopez, Ernesto Piliado Garza, the  
10 engineer, El Juaron, with the group of the sleeping ones,  
11 Ezequiel Godinez, known as El Primo, the cousin. Roberto  
12 Zapada (phonetic), Jose Guadalupe Valencia, Jose Guadalupe  
13 Torres Hernandez and Jorge Fonseca Reva El Juaran, Antonio  
14 Campos, and some other colleagues.
- 15 Q Did you go there in automobiles?
- 16 A In several automobiles.
- 17 Q Now, which automobile did Ernesto Fonseca travel in?
- 18 A In a beige, armored Grand Marque.
- 19 Q Did you travel in that vehicle?
- 20 A No. I was in a black Carry All Ford. Ramero Perez my  
21 colleague was driving, and I was on the right side.
- 22 Q Which automobile went first?
- 23 A Fonseca Carrillo's Grand Marque.
- 24 Q When you arrived at the hotel what did all of these  
25 automobiles do?

1 A We stopped before the entrance on the side street to  
2 Lopez Mateos Avenue.

3 Q What happened then?

4 A Ernesto Fonseca got out and I got out of the van to  
5 follow him and to provide security for him. Then there in  
6 the medium there was another person waiting.

7 Q What happened at that point?

8 A He interviewed the person, and the person was who are  
9 Jorge Garma. He is a Mexican army lieutenant Colonel.

10 Q Where were you at this point?

11 A Two meters away guarding, watching out for Ernesto  
12 Fonseca.

13 Q Where were all of these other people who went with  
14 you?

15 A Samuel Ramirez Razo ordered that we open up in a  
16 circle to protect all the points in the area.

17 Q Now, while Fonseca was talking to Jorge Garma could  
18 you hear what they are saying?

19 A Yes.

20 Q When did you hear?

21 A They greeted each other, and Jorge Garma said to the  
22 man, the gentleman, that the generals were about to arrive,  
23 and Ernesto Fonseca said, "That's fine, please bring them."

24 Then later Fonseca made an about turn and I  
25 followed him.

1 Q Where did you go?

2 A We went into the facilities for parking at the  
3 American Motors Hotel.

4 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, may I ask permission for  
5 the witness to hold up the photographs of the hotel and  
6 indicate to the jury where they went.

7 THE COURT: No.

8 BY MR. CARLTON:

9 Q When you went into the parking area what happened  
10 there?

11 A Mr. Felix Gallardo came out, and he spoke with Ernesto  
12 Fonseca and said that he had the rooms ready; and after  
13 that we went into the rooms in the hotel.

14 Q What rooms?

15 A There in back the suites, suites and a bedroom.

16 Q Now, what floor were these rooms on, the suite?

17 A The same area as the parking.

18 Q That's the first level?

19 A Yes.

20 Q How many doors were there into this suite?

21 A One door goes into the main room and the other one  
22 into the bedroom, the adjacent room. Once you go in, half  
23 away along the wall that divides the room there is another  
24 door.

25 Q So when you walked into the suite which door did you



1 enter there?

2 A Through the left side, the main one.

3 Q How many doors were there into this suite?

4 A Can you repeat the question.

5 Q How many doors into this suite were there?

6 A There were two doors the main one and another door  
7 half way down.

8 Q As you walked into this suite through the left door  
9 what did you see?

10 A First I saw like living room, reception area, and in  
11 the middle there was a bar and in the back a large bedroom  
12 and to the rear, to the right, the door to the bathroom.

13 Q Was there another room in this suite?

14 A Yes.

15 Q How did you get into that room?

16 A As you went into the suite to the right side there was  
17 a door that communicated to the adjacent bedroom to the  
18 right.

19 Q Now when Ernesto Fonseca walked into this suite what  
20 did you do?

21 A Samuel Ramirez Razo asked me to help him get some  
22 things out of the Grand Marque automobile.

23 Q What did he want you to help him with?

24 A To get some bottles of Cognac, cocaine, some  
25 cigarettes.

1 Q Did anyone else help you?

2 A Ramero Perez Aliano. And then after that we went into  
3 the bedroom.

4 Q Which bedroom?

5 A To the main suite and I put the cognac, the bottles of  
6 cognac, on the bar and then I continued to the contiguous  
7 bedroom.

8 Q Now what did you see when you returned to the other  
9 bedroom?

10 A Vasquez-Velasco, the freelander, was in there and the  
11 Italian.

12 Q What were they doing?

13 A And Ramero Perez Aliano they were already preparing  
14 base cigarettes.

15 Q What was your job?

16 A I had to be watching to make sure none of the guys  
17 approached, and at the same time taking some chairs from  
18 the room into the adjacent room, and Samuel Ramirez had  
19 told me to put up ice buckets with ice and glasses for the  
20 people they were awaiting.

21 Q Now did you see anyone else in this main room at any  
22 time?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Who?

25 A I saw Rafael Caro-Quintero arrive, along with Paco

1 Sehadra (phonetic), Juan Jose Contreras Subias (phonetic),  
2 Miguel Juarez Medina, the Phantom. The phantom is a  
3 different person. And Almado Rattan. Manuel Salcido  
4 Uzeta.

5 Q Is that Cochiloco?

6 A Yes.

7 A Sergio Salcido Uzeta, and General Arevalo Gardoqui.

8 Q Let me stop you there for a moment, Mr. Godoy. At the  
9 time that you knew Caro-Quintero did he have a mustache?

10 A Yes.

11 Q I would ask you to look at just below that photograph  
12 of the hotel, at what has been marked as Exhibit 173..

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you recognize that photograph?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Who is that?

17 A Rafael Caro-Quintero.

18 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of 173, Your  
19 Honor.

20 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

21 (Exhibit 173 received in evidence)

22 BY MR. CARLTON:

23 Q Where were you when Arevalo Gardoqui arrived?

24 A I was at the entrance to the other contiguous room.

25 Q Did he arrive with anyone else?

1 A With General Santoyo Perria (phonetic), Jorge Garma,  
2 and some other military people.

3 Q Did you see anyone else arrive?

4 A Yes. Ruben Zuno-Arce with Miguel Aldana.

5 Q I would ask you to look at what has been marked  
6 Exhibit 109.

7 A That's Mr. Miguel Aldana. He was at that time  
8 Interpol Chief.

9 Q And did you see anyone else arrive?

10 A Mr. Enrique Alvarez del Castillo, with Jamin Ochio  
11 (phonetic), Mr. Manuel Bartlett Diaz, with Serjio  
12 Espino-Verdin.

13 Q Mr. Godoy, would you look at what has been marked as  
14 Exhibit 129.

15 A That's Mr. Enrique Alvarez del Castillo.

16 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of 129 and also  
17 109.

18 THE COURT: All right. They may be admitted.

19 (Exhibit 109 and 129 received in evidence)

20 BY MR. CARLTON:

21 Q Now, you mentioned an individual named Manuel Bartlett  
22 Diaz?

23 A Yes. He was then minister of the home office or  
24 office of the interior.

25 Q How did you recognize him?

1 A Because previously we had seen him on the TV news and  
2 in the newspapers.

3 Q I'd ask you to look at what has been marked Exhibit  
4 134, if you would.

5 A That's the gentleman Manuel Bartlett Diaz.

6 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of 134, Your  
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

9 (Exhibit 134 received in evidence)

10 BY MR. CARLTON:

11 Q What else did you see?

12 A Another person who was known as the black one, El  
13 Negro.

14 Q I would ask you to look at what has been marked as  
15 Exhibit 106. Do you recognize that exhibit?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Who is that?

18 A El Negro.

19 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of 106.

20 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

21 (Exhibit 106 received in evidence)

22 BY MR. CARLTON:

23 Q Were you able to hear what these people said while  
24 they were in the room?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And what was your job at this point?

2 A I was supposed to be taking care of everybody.

3 Q Where did you situate yourself?

4 A By the door in the middle which interconnects the two  
5 rooms.

6 Q Did all of these people have a meeting?

7 A Yes, inside and there were others outside.

8 Q Do you recall anything that was said at this meeting?

9 A The drug traffickers started to argue and to ask  
10 Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo and Rafael Caro and they were  
11 asking Miguel Aldana what was going on with the D.E.A.  
12 agent, why were they were losing so many fields, and they  
13 weren't representing all of that money that they were  
14 giving them.

15 They said to Aldana have you already talked to the  
16 D.E.A. person. And Aldana answered that he had gone to  
17 speak with him but that he didn't want to accept the deal.  
18 He didn't want any deal with the drug traffickers.

19 And then Ruben Zuno Arce said that if the D.E.A.  
20 agent didn't want to take anything or didn't want any deal  
21 then it was time to drop him.

22 Q Excuse me, Mr. Godoy. What did you understand that to  
23 mean?

24 A That would be to kidnap him and to kill him.

25 Q Now, did you hear anything else that was said at this

1 meeting?

2 A Mr. Manuel Bartlett Diaz he was telling the drug  
3 traffickers that a solution would have to be made, found  
4 very soon, because he was going to be politically affected.

5 And Mr. Enrique Alvarez del Castillo as governor  
6 of the State of Jalisco said that the solution had to be  
7 quick otherwise they were going to discover all the support  
8 he was giving to the drug traffickers in the State of  
9 Jalisco.

10 And Mr. Arevalo Gardoqui said, "I can't do  
11 anything. I have to do what my job is. I had to continue  
12 to destroy the fields because I had a lot of pressure from  
13 the United States and from the D.E.A. people here.

14 Manuel Bartlett Diaz then spoke again, and he said  
15 that the solution would have to be quick because they were  
16 going to discover that he was signing the interior  
17 department credentials that the drug traffickers were  
18 carrying. And that if this came to light it was going to  
19 affect his candidacy to the government of Mexico.

20 Q At some point did you leave these rooms?

21 A Yes, because the situation in there was getting very  
22 hot. They were all arguing and getting together to  
23 conspire.

24 And Samuel Ramirez Razo and then he saw me there  
25 and then he asked me to go outside and to check on all of

1 the guards and all of their positions to make sure they  
2 maintained them and they remained alert.

3 Q Did you do that?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q And did you speak with anyone out there?

6 A Yes, I did. I greeted the director of the judicial  
7 police Mr. Carlos Espasda (phonetic) and Commander Gabriel  
8 Gonzales-Gonzales and the special address state prosecutors  
9 Elgardo Libi Gallardo (phonetic), Armando Quiva, Jorge  
10 Larios. They asked me what is going on inside. And I told  
11 them that the money wasn't sufficient for the protection of  
12 the fields.

13 Q At some point, Mr. Godoy, did you see the people who  
14 were inside this meeting leave?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How long approximately did that meeting last?

17 A Between 45 minutes and an hour until I left.

18 Q Had you ever heard of the D.E.A. at the time of this  
19 meeting?

20 A No.

21 THE COURT: You've answered the question.

22 BY MR. CARLTON:

23 Q Did you make any efforts to find out what it was?

24 A Yes. I asked Samuel Ramirez Razo.

25 Q Did he tell you what it was?



1 A Yes. I asked him what is the D.E.A. And Samuel  
2 Ramirez Razo answered that it was an agency to combat drugs  
3 similar to FBI and the C.I.A. as an example.

4 Q Now, did you ever attend or see another meeting at  
5 which the D.E.A. was discussed?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And when was the next such meeting?

8 A At one of Ernesto Fonseca's houses.

9 Q And how can you identify this house?

10 A It was near Calle Mar Rojo and Jardines Del Country.

11 Q I'd ask you to look at what has been marked Exhibit  
12 135?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you recognize that?

15 A Yes.

16 A That's the Calle Mar Rojo house.

17 Q The one you've just described?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What happened at this house?

20 A We had already been there for about two days and  
21 Rafael Caro-Quintero had arrived that day, and Javier Barba  
22 and El Juaron, the engineer.

23 Q May I ask when this in relation to the meeting at the  
24 hotel?

25 A About two weeks.

1 Q Afterwards?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So what happened?

4 A Then when all the drug traffickers were there meeting.  
5 They ordered us to go into the rooms or into the kitchen  
6 because some people were going to arrive whom they didn't  
7 want us to see.

8 Q Where did you go then?

9 A To the kitchen.

10 Q Even though you were in the kitchen were you able to  
11 see other parts of the house?

12 A Yes. I could see the entry from the right side, and  
13 to the left I can see the living room and the study.

14 Q How was it you able to see these places from the  
15 kitchen?

16 A In the kitchen there is a swinging door with a round  
17 glass window. And through I could see to one side and to  
18 the another.

19 Q Now were there any other people in the kitchen with  
20 you?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Who?

23 A Ernesto Piliado Garza, Juan Bernabe, Rene Lopez  
24 Quadalupe Lopez Hernandez, the petunia and some other  
25 colleagues.

1 Q And you mentioned there was a living room and a study.  
2 What was the configuration of those rooms?

3 A To the left is a living room and adjacent to that the  
4 study. But the whole area is together connected by granite  
5 passageway.

6 Q While you were in the kitchen did you see anyone else  
7 arrive at the house?

8 A Several other people arrive.

9 Q Who?

10 A Enrique Alvarez del Castillo, Mr. Rubin Zuno, Carlos  
11 Hernandez, and Commander Gabriel Gonzales-Gonzales,  
12 Commander Jose Maria Carlos Ochoa, Francisco Ramos-Ramos,  
13 and the special dressed public prosecutors, and Eduardo  
14 Gallardo, Armando Pueya Lopez, and Jorge Larios Valencia,  
15 and other people I don't remember.

16 Q Where did these people go, if you could tell?

17 A To the area of the living room.

18 Q While they were there and you were in the kitchen  
19 could you overhear anything that was said in the living  
20 room?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What was it you heard?

23 A Rafael Caro-Quintero asked Enrique Alvarez del  
24 Castillo whether they already had all the information about  
25 the D.E.A. And Alvarez del Castillo answered, "I already

1 have my people working."

2 Caro-Quintero got angry. He got very angry and  
3 said, "Give me all of the information about these people  
4 very soon so I can solve this problem with these D.E.A.  
5 people."

6 And the governor seemed to be affected and Rafael  
7 continued to pressure him, asking him for all the data.  
8 And Mr. Zuno said, "Calm down, Rafael. Can't you see that  
9 the governor is already getting us all of the information.  
10 This operation has to be done properly and calm, and it has  
11 to be properly planned so that everything works out  
12 properly."

13 And then after that Ernesto Fonseca, seeing how  
14 the situation had gotten so heated up, he said to Samuel  
15 Ramirez Razo, "Please hand me the present that we have for  
16 the governor." It was an AK47. It was gold colored and  
17 engraved.

18 Q Had you ever seen this gun before?

19 A Etched.

20 Q Had you ever seen this gun before?

21 A Yes.

22 Q When?

23 A When the brother-in-law of Ernesto Fonseca had  
24 delivered that weapon to Ernesto Fonseca at another time  
25 because the brother-in-law was in charge of plating them in

1 gold and in silver and doing the engraving. And Ernesto  
2 Fonseca saw this too pacify the situation. He gave that  
3 present to the governor.

4 At that time when he was handing it to him, Rafael  
5 Caro-Quintero went into the kitchen. Then when we saw him  
6 returning, we retreated from the kitchen so that he  
7 wouldn't see that we were there seeing what was going on.  
8 And Rafael came in very angry. He said, and he was  
9 shouting saying, "I don't want to become famous. This is  
10 going to be a very difficult fight. And I'd rather you  
11 guys become the famous ones because I'm under a lot of  
12 pressure."

13 Q What happened then?

14 A Then we noticed that all the people who had been there  
15 were leaving and Enrique Alvarez del Castillo put on the  
16 AK47 on his right side, and then he left there. And then  
17 when all of the people had left and only the drug  
18 traffickers were left, Rafael Caro left and went towards  
19 the living room where the group of drug traffickers were.  
20 And after that I went out to the parking area. Then I  
21 don't know anything else about what happened inside there.

22 Q You ever heard while you were working for the Fonseca  
23 organization any reference to El Buffalo?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What was it you heard about that?

1 A That there was very large planted field and if that  
2 field were successful that it was going to make a lot of  
3 money. I heard that at a very large estate by Puerta  
4 Grande. It was at the party when the Dr. Antonio Fonseca  
5 was married.

6 And later we were at the aqueduct plant.

7 Q Let me draw your attention to Exhibit 136 if I might.  
8 Do you recognize that?

9 A Yes. That's the aqueduct plant which is near the  
10 University of Guadalajara.

11 Q Was that a residence of some sort?

12 A Yes. Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo, one of many he had.

13 Q And what happened there that you were just describing?

14 A All of Ernesto Fonseca's body guards, including me,  
15 were there because the Senor was not there and neither was  
16 Samuel Ramirez Razo.

17 And then about eight or nine at night the phone  
18 rang and I happened to answer it. They were asking for Mr.  
19 Fonseca. They asked whether he was inside. I said, "Who  
20 wants him?" And he said, "The phantom."

21 I said, "No. He's not here right now. This is  
22 Godoy."

23 He said, "Well, get in touch with him, it's urgent  
24 because the El Buffalo has already gone down. The army has  
25 already arrived. They made many arrests."

1           And the phantom had managed to leave and that's  
2 the way he managed to speak on the phone. Later I got on  
3 the walkie-talkie to Sammy and I asked him to call me on  
4 the phone to the aquaduct camp and he did.

5           Then when he called me I told him about the  
6 Phantom calling from the Buffalo in Chihuahua. And I said  
7 it was worth nothing.

8       Q     Now, Mr. Godoy, let me draw your attention to what has  
9 been marked Exhibit 172.

10      A     Yes.

11      Q     Do you recognize that?

12      A     It's the Quinta at Tonalá. It belongs to Javier  
13 Barba.

14      Q     Did you ever attend a meeting at that location in  
15 relation to the D.E.A.?

16      A     Yes.

17      Q     When did that occur?

18      A     Around the end of October of 1984.

19      Q     And did any other people go with you to that location?

20      A     Yes.

21      Q     Who?

22      A     Ernesto Fonseca, Samuel Ramirez Razo, Romero Perez  
23 Ariano, Rene Lopez, Jose Guadalupe Valencia, Jorge Fonseca,  
24 El Juaron, Roberto Zapada (phonetic), Rene Lopez Romero,  
25 Juan Bernabe, and El Primo, Antonio Vasquez-Velasco, the

1 Freeland, and several other colleagues.

2 Q How many cars went to this location?

3 A We were in three cars, vehicles.

4 Q Now when you got to this location how did you enter  
5 it?

6 A We went through a side entry to the quinta.

7 Q Let me stop you there. Would you please look at what  
8 has been marked as Exhibit 137.

9 A Yes.

10 Q And do you recognize that?

11 A Yes. It's La Quinta de Tonalá belonging to Javier  
12 Barba.

13 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I would move the  
14 admission of this exhibit and the prior one, 137 and 172.

15 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

16 (Exhibits 137 and 172 received in evidence)

17 MR. CARLTON: May the witness step down from the  
18 stand for a moment to indicate various places on the  
19 photograph that he may be talking about.

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 BY MR. CARLTON:

22 Q Mr. Godoy, would you please step over to the  
23 photograph.

24 Could you please indicate with your hand what this  
25 property consists of.



1 A This is the main entry from Tonalá Avenue  
2 (indicating). This is the side entry to the left  
3 (indicating), and we went in here through this large door.  
4 Here he had cattle. He had Bromo bulls. And at that time  
5 this area was in construction. Ernesto Fonseca with his  
6 Grand Marque car stopped here. And we in the Carry All,  
7 the one I was going in, the black one, we stopped here on  
8 this left side (indicating), and the other Carry All van  
9 stopped behind us.

10 Ernesto Fonseca and Samuel got out. Here at the  
11 entrance Javier Barba was already waiting with Vasquez  
12 Velasco, the frelander, and the Italian. After that they  
13 greeted one another and I personally greeted Javier Barba  
14 and the frelander.

15 At that time the doors were still opened because  
16 as I said they were building there and then another Grand  
17 Marque came in and it stopped behind the Senor's car.

18 Mr. Rubín Zuno-Arce came out of the rear Grand  
19 Marque and with Miguel Aldana and after that they greeted  
20 one another. And they headed along the left side here  
21 (indicating).

22 And Samuel Ramírez Razo ordered the other people  
23 in the group to go to the game room. There were pool  
24 tables there and also little toy football games. And there  
25 was a large bar with many drinks.

1           And Samuel Ramirez asked me to help him with a  
2           briefcase. Then we walked behind the group of Javier Barba  
3           and Ernesto Fonseca, Ruben Zuno Arce and Miguel Aldana.

4           Here is the room where Javier Barba slept  
5           (indicating). And right next to it there is a large room,  
6           and next to it another room. And then there was another  
7           room there where you could play handball, a handball court.

8       Q     Mr. Godoy, you can return to the seat now.

9           Now what was it you did when you entered this  
10          house?

11       A     I went to Samuel Ramirez Razo carrying a briefcase.  
12          We went through the living room and into the adjacent room.

13       Q     What was in this briefcase?

14       A     Cocaine and cigarettes and a modica for preparing  
15          base.

16       Q     What is "base"?

17       A     Base is a cocaine derivative, derivative which you mix  
18          with a cigarette, with tobacco, and it is smoked.

19       Q     So what happened next?

20       A     Samuel Ramirez Razo asked me to remain there with  
21          Vasquez Velasco, the freelander.

22       Q     Where was it he asked you to remain?

23       A     To a room that was adjacent to the living room.

24       Q     What were you suppose to do there?

25       A     I was going to be guarding the cocaine to make sure

1 that no one stole it with Vasquez-Velasco and the Italian.

2 Q And then Samuel Ramirez went out into the living room  
3 then I noticed for a couple of minutes that they were in  
4 there preparing the cigarettes and since before the Italian  
5 and I had -- there had been some friction between the  
6 Italian and myself before.

7 Q What happened?

8 A The Italian said, "What the fuck are you doing here?  
9 That's Javier Barba's house." He said, "Get out of here."

10 Q What did you do?

11 A Then I picked up the briefcase with the cocaine and  
12 said, "Excuse me," and left.

13 Then I went into the living room where Samuel  
14 Ramirez Razo and Ernesto Fonseca were and Ruben Zuno, then  
15 after I was inside the room I saw Mr. Bartlett Diaz and  
16 Serjio Espino-Verdin and Enrique Alvarez del Castillo.

17 Q Then what happened?

18 A There they were arguing about what had happened with  
19 the people from the D.E.A.

20 Q What were you doing?

21 A Samuel ordered me -- while I told Samuel that the  
22 Italian had thrown me out of the room. He said, "Stay here  
23 at the door to make sure that the other guys don't  
24 approach."

25 And in the middle there is a garden and there was

1 a gardener there who was cutting the grass and he didn't  
2 want him to approach either so that he wouldn't listen to  
3 what they were talking about. At that time I heard Rafael  
4 Caro-Quintero he said, "What is happening with that dick of  
5 the D.E.A.? Why hadn't he gotten all of the data, all of  
6 the information."

7 Q Who was he talking to?

8 A Miguel Aldana. The whole group that was present there  
9 was talking.

10 Q Did you hear anything else?

11 A I heard Ruben Zuno say, "That fucking Gringo, what is  
12 he doing here in Mexico. It's not his fucking country. We  
13 have to pick him up."

14 And also Enrique Alvarez del Castillo was arguing  
15 for a prompt solution. At that time everybody was getting  
16 high drinking and smoking base cigarettes.

17 The Italian went out and bought a pack of  
18 cigarettes and he said, "What the fuck are you doing here?"  
19 He said, "Go away from here."

20 Q He was talking to you?

21 A Yes. And Samuel Ramirez Razo heard that. He says,  
22 "You better go there where the guys are and tell them to  
23 just remain there alert."

24 So then I went over to the game room where they  
25 were playing pool and I saw the guys there and they said,

1 "What is going on?" I told them the same thing about the  
2 D.E.A.

3 Q How long did you stay there?

4 A We were there for about 40 minutes.

5 Q And did you see anybody leave?

6 A All of the politicians who arrived left. From the  
7 game room they have some large windows and from there you  
8 have perfect vision to see outside.

9 Q Did you attend -- or did you attend any other meetings  
10 at which the D.E.A. was discussed?

11 A Yes.

12 Q When was the next occasion?

13 A At the beginning of the month of December.

14 Q And did anyone else go with you to this meeting?

15 A Yes. We were at one of Ernesto Fonseca's houses over  
16 by the Loma Bonita Apartments and then Samuel and Ernesto  
17 Fonseca came out and said, "Godoy, come along with us."  
18 And the rest of the group in the van.

19 So then I got into the Grand Marque with them and  
20 we left. Then at that time Samuel on the Walkie-Talkie was  
21 talking with -- he was asking where was the meeting to be?  
22 Was it going to be at the Tonalá estate?

23 And he said, "No, it's going to be at the office,  
24 before you arrive at the Tonalá estate."

25 Then heading along the road towards Tonalá, Samuel

1 pulled over and stopped and he said to the others guys and  
2 the other cars to wait right there and to be very alert and  
3 ready and from there we left. Then we arrived at a large  
4 gate and Samuel Ramirez hit the horn and then someone who  
5 was wearing a little cap opened up the big doors and he had  
6 a rifle and a pistol and we went inside.

7 Q Let me stop you there for a moment. I'd ask you to  
8 look at a photograph that's been marked 139A. Do you  
9 recognize that?

10 A Yes. That's the office. It's there on the street of  
11 Felice Avenue (phonetic) and the highway to Tonalá.

12 Q That's the house, the location you've just been  
13 describing?

14 A Yes. It was Javier Barba's house.

15 Q All right. And I'd like you to look at the photograph  
16 that has been marked 164. Do you recognize that  
17 individual?

18 A Yes. He has a sunken forehead. He was the person who  
19 opened the door to us.

20 Q Had you known him before this occasion?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How so?

23 A He was on the anti riot detail facing our office.  
24 Once we had a problem at a restaurant, he and I.

25 Q Now, I'd also like you to look at what has been marked

1 as Exhibit 171. Does that photograph mean anything to you?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What does it depict?

4 A The office and the Quinta.

5 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of this  
6 photograph, Your Honor, and ask permission for the witness  
7 to step down from the stand and indicate to the jury where  
8 on this photograph the office is and where the Quinta is.

9 THE COURT: You may do so.

10 THE WITNESS: This is the highway to Tonalá.

11 And this is the Felice Avenue. This is the office which is  
12 a block away from the Quinta. Both belong to Javier Barba.

13 BY MR. CARLTON:

14 Q You may return to the stand.

15 After you entered the gate at this location what  
16 did you do?

17 A The señor got out and Samuel Ramirez and I, too,  
18 behind them. Then we entered towards the house and Samuel  
19 Razo with his hand indicated that I should wait. And I  
20 stopped at the entrance. And at that time I heard that  
21 another car was sounding its horn at the door. They opened  
22 up and another white Grand Marque with darkened windows came.  
23 And Hamín Lochar (phonetic) was driving.

24 And on the other side Enrique Alvarez del  
25 Castillo, the governor quickly alighted.

1 Q And what happened that you saw?

2 A He came out and ran in very fast or almost running and  
3 shouting.

4 Q Where were you?

5 A There at the door, I had to move to one side so he  
6 could go in.

7 Q Was anyone in this room that he was entering?

8 A There were quite a few people there already.

9 Q Anyone you can recall?

10 A Ralph Caro-Quintero, Mr. Rubin Zuno, Miguel Aldana,  
11 Manuel Salcido Uzeta, Juan Gilberto Hernandez Parra, Miguel  
12 Aldana, and other people who were inside there.

13 Q Were you able to hear what Enrique Alvarez del  
14 Castillo said as he went past you?

15 A He went in shouting couldn't they handle that fucking  
16 Gringo, if not that he would have to do everything.

17 Q Did you hear anything else?

18 A He was addressing rather Rafael Caro-Quintero. And  
19 Rafael answered, "You can see, sir, that we are already  
20 working. You already saw that we shot at a D.E.A. car and  
21 it escaped."

22 Q What else happened, if anything?

23 A Then after that Ruben Zuno-Arce, because then there  
24 was more discussion, and Miguel Aldana what was happening  
25 with the information, why didn't they have the information.



1 THE COURT: Question.

2 BY MR. CARLTON:

3 Q Did anyone else say anything that you heard?

4 A Then at that point they were all kind of high and they  
5 all wanted to pick up the people from the D.E.A., and I  
6 preferred to get away from there, everything was heating up  
7 quite a bit. They were very nervous, very angry.

8 Then Ernesto Fonseca and Samuel Ramirez Razo came  
9 out and we got into the Grand Marque and we left and we  
10 went over to where our colleagues were standing and then on  
11 walkie-talkies he said "follow us." Then we went up to the  
12 central market.

13 Q Now, Mr. Godoy, at some point did you stop working for  
14 the Fonseca organization?

15 A Yes.

16 Q About when was that?

17 A At the beginning of the month of December, more or  
18 less right after that meeting.

19 Q What was it that you did?

20 A I left them and went to the town of San Juan de Los  
21 Lagos.

22 Q Do you have medical problems?

23 A Yes, my back.

24 Q What were you doing about those?

25 A We were at the Loma Bonita apartments and Dr. Altonio

1 Fonseca saw that I was hurting. He took me to a doctor to  
2 check me out and to after that take medicine.

3 Q Now, how long did you stay in San Juan de Los Lagos?

4 A Through Christmas and New Years.

5 Q And then where did you go?

6 A I returned to my home in Guadalajara.

7 Q And how long did you stay there?

8 A Almost the whole month of January.

9 Q Did there come a time when you got back in touch with  
10 the Fonseca group?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Why?

13 A Cause I needed money. I had no means of support any  
14 more.

15 Q What was it that you did to get back in touch with  
16 them?

17 A I called Ernesto Piliado Garza and I asked them if  
18 they had given their Christmas and New Years money. He  
19 said they had. He said if you like, why don't you come  
20 over and we'll talk to Senor and see if they give you  
21 something. Since I needed money for my chiropractic  
22 treatments for my back.

23 Q So did you go back?

24 A Yes. Around the end of January of 1985.

25 Q Did you meet with Ernesto Fonseca at that time?

1 A That day I did in the morning.

2 Q What did he tell you to do?

3 A I just arrived and greeted and he greeted me and he  
4 said he'll be with me in a moment. And then I went out to  
5 the parking area at the Loma Bonita apartments. Then after  
6 that they came out and Ernesto Rafael and Samuel Ramirez  
7 Razo.

8 Q When you refer to Ernesto Rafael is that Ernesto  
9 Fonseca?

10 A Yes. His whole name is Ernesto Rafael Fonseca  
11 Carrillo.

12 Q And then what happened?

13 A They ordered us into the cars and that we should  
14 follow them. So we left the Loma Bonita apartments and  
15 headed along Lopez Matoes to arrive at the La Longosta  
16 restaurant.

17 Q I'd ask you to look at what has been marked as Exhibit  
18 138. Do you recognize that photograph?

19 A Those are Loma Bonita.

20 Q I'd like you to look at Exhibit 140A.

21 A That's La Longosta.

22 Q Had you ever been to this restaurant on prior  
23 occasions?

24 A Yes. I had gone to pick up seafood for Ernesto  
25 Fonseca and after that we had gone there to eat there with

1 Ernesto Fonseca.

2 Q When you arrived on this occasion that you are  
3 describing, what happened?

4 A We arrived and went inside and as we entered Ernesto  
5 Fonseca went over to the right side table and he said that  
6 all of us could have something to eat and something to  
7 drink. And Ernesto asked the person in charge of the  
8 restaurant whether Caro had arrived. He said he'd be there  
9 presently.

10 Then a little while Rafael Caro showed up with all  
11 of his retinue of guards.

12 Q And where were you while this was happening?

13 A I was at the bar by the entrance.

14 Q What kind of doors did this restaurant have?

15 A The short, swinging doors, the ones that open out to  
16 the side.

17 Q Did you see anyone else arrive while you were there?

18 A Javier Barba with Eliseo Vasquez-Velasco the  
19 freelander.

20 Q Do you know an individual named Javier  
21 Vasquez-Velasco?

22 A He was from that same freelander group.

23 Q Was he present also?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What else happened?

1 A After that Ruben Zuno arrived with another person. I  
2 don't remember who it was.

3 Q What did he do?

4 A Then he sat down there with Ernesto Fonseca, Rafael  
5 Caro-Quintero and Javier Barba and Eliseo Vasquez-Velasco,  
6 and Mr. Zuno was serving them, he was bring them some  
7 Pacifico beers.

8 Q And Eliseo Vasquez did he do something at this point?

9 A Yes. He very cordially greeted with Zuno.

10 THE COURT: We will take our morning recess at  
11 this time.

12 (Recess had)

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14 THE COURT: Proceed.

15 BY MR. CARLTON:

16 Q Mr. Godoy, after this meeting at the La Longosta  
17 Restaurant did you return to your house?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And did you continue to work for Ernesto Fonseca?

20 A Yes, a while later.

21 Q When was it that you went back to work for Ernesto  
22 Fonseca?

23 A More or less at the end of February.

24 THE COURT: What year?

25 THE WITNESS: 1985.

1 BY MR. CARLTON:

2 Q So how much time past from this incident at the La  
3 Longosta Restaurant until you actually went back to work  
4 for Ernesto Fonseca?

5 A Approximately a month.

6 Q Why did you stay away so long?

7 MR. RUBIN: Objection; relevance.

8 THE COURT: Sustained.

9 BY MR. CARLTON:

10 Q How was it that you went back to work for Ernesto  
11 Fonseca?

12 A Because Rene Lopez Romero went to get me out of the  
13 house. He told me that El Senor was calling me. And he  
14 told me I better go because they were using all of the  
15 people. Eventually I went with Rene Lopez and with Roberto  
16 Zapada.

17 Q Now during the time that you were not working for  
18 Fonseca did you hear about the abduction of Agent Camarena?

19 A Yes, in the newspapers, the television.

20 Q When you returned to work for Ernesto Fonseca where  
21 did you go?

22 A On a house in Eldago Avenue (phonetic).

23 Q And why was it, if you know, that Fonseca wanted  
24 everyone back?

25 MR. RUBIN: Objection; calls for speculation.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 BY MR. CARLTON:

3 Q At some point after your return to work for Ernesto  
4 Fonseca did you move to the Loma Bonita Apartments?

5 A Yes.

6 Q About when?

7 A The beginning of March.

8 Q Cf?

9 A 1985.

10 Q And did you see a meeting at that location while you  
11 were there?

12 MR. BLANCARTE: Objection; leading.

13 THE COURT: Overruled.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. CARLTON:

16 Q When did that meeting occurred?

17 A In the month of March.

18 Q Beginning? End? Do you know when?

19 A More or less the middle of March.

20 Q And what did this meeting concern?

21 A The D.E.A. agent, Armanda Quiva, Jorge Larios, the  
22 agents of the Federal Police, Juan Gilberto Hernandez  
23 Parra, Alfonso Lopez Vasquez-Velasco. They were from the  
24 Federal Judicial. And eventually I took them to Ernesto  
25 Fonseca's bedroom.

1 Q Where was that bedroom?

2 A The apartments of Loma Bonita, the second floor.

3 Q What happened up there?

4 A They were having a conversation whether to get the  
5 bodies out or not. And the agent from the D.A.'s office  
6 suggested they be dumped out of the state of Jalisco so the  
7 problem could be taken to another state and the City of  
8 Guadalajara and the state of Jalisco would be free of any  
9 problem.

10 Eventually Rene Lopez went into the bedroom saying  
11 that he had a family problem. Ernesto Fonseca told him to  
12 go take care of it and Samuel Ramirez Razo ordered me to go  
13 with Rene Lopez.

14 Q Did you go with Rene Lopez to his house?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you then return to Fonseca's group?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did you stay with them for the next month?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And during that period of time what were you and the  
21 group doing, generally?

22 A We were there to receive orders from Ernesto Fonseca  
23 and we were on maximum alert since supposedly the Marines  
24 from the estates were going to go there to take all the  
25 drug traffickers out of the state of Jalisco.



1 Q Where did you and the group stay?

2 A In a farm of the Casta del Terra on the road to  
3 Tapala.

4 Q And at some point did you stay at other locations  
5 also?

6 A Yes, in other houses.

7 Q At some point during this period did Ernesto Fonseca  
8 mention Hotel La Fyatt (phonetic)?

9 A Yes. He wanted us to go to the Hotel La Fyatt to  
10 fight the D.E.A. agents and Ernesto Fonseca ordered us to  
11 go because they had killed Commander Gabriel  
12 Gonzalez-Gonzalez and he wanted us to avenge his death.

13 And Ernesto Rafael Fonseca came downstairs from La  
14 Casa del Terra and got into the red Mustang and then he  
15 just managed to get one foot in because the rest of the  
16 group did not want to go with him.

17 Then he asked us what kind of people did he have  
18 with him. We were all very coward. And then eventually he  
19 was talking to each one of us, him and Javier Barba, to ask  
20 us if there was one who was pointing the finger inside.

21 And they asked me who among the group of my  
22 colleagues was the one. And if I point to someone he was  
23 going to order him to be killed.

24 And what Ernesto Fonseca wanted to do is for us to  
25 fight among the group because he was so an angry that none

1 of us wanted to go with him to fight against the D.E.A.  
2 agents.

3 Q Mr. Godoy, at some point did you and the group go to  
4 Puerta Vallarta?

5 A Yes, beginning of April 1985.

6 Q Where did you stay there?

7 A In a house that belonged to Candalario Ramos. And in  
8 front of the Sheraton.

9 Q At any point during the time that you went back  
10 finally to Ernesto Fonseca's group did you see him  
11 listening to any tapes?

12 A Yes. Except that at the time he saw us we would  
13 approach him, he would turn off the recorder. Eventually  
14 at Puerto Vallarta at the house where we were at the  
15 gentleman was rather drunk and I had to go to his bedroom  
16 to take a lamp and I managed to hear what the cassette was  
17 saying. It was the voice of Espino-Verdin and Agent  
18 Enrique Camarena.

19 The agent was telling him, "Please, don't torture  
20 me any more. Let me go and there won't be any problem."

21 And Espino-Verdin would tell him, "Nothing else is  
22 going to happen to you. We are going to let you go home."

23 But you could also hear the moaning as if he was being  
24 beaten. And he was asking them with a broken voice to  
25 please not torture him any more.

1 MR. MEDVENE: Objection, Your Honor, the  
2 transcription speaks for itself.

3 THE COURT: Well --

4 MR. CARLTON: We will move on, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 BY MR. CARLTON:

7 Q How many times did you hear these tapes, Mr. Godoy?

8 A I had heard them before but only like whispering and  
9 at that time in Puerto Vallarta was when I managed to hear  
10 that portion that I just explained.

11 Q Were you arrested in Puerto Vallarta?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Was the rest of the group arrested as well?

14 A Yes, but one was missing. He had escaped from there.

15 Q Who was that?

16 A Rene Lopez Romero.

17 Q How was it that you and the group came to be arrested  
18 in Puerto Vallarta?

19 A It was because other colleagues were drunk and they  
20 had some problems with other people in Puerto Vallarta.  
21 Then the Federal Security who was with us Ralph Luis  
22 Velasco, Jorge Salizar and Elisio Martinez went to see the  
23 colleagues that had had a fight and took them home. Then  
24 we found ourselves surrounded by the agents of Federal  
25 Security and by the army.

- 1 Q At that point everyone was arrested?
- 2 A Yes. They made us turn ourselves in. Ernesto Fonseca  
3 said that everything was arranged, to give ourselves in,  
4 not to worry.
- 5 Q Now were charges filed against you to your knowledge?
- 6 A Three charges.
- 7 Q What were those?
- 8 A Carry guns, deliserious (phonetic) conduct, and import  
9 of prohibited weapons.
- 10 Q Were you put in prison?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q When were you released?
- 13 A Around September 1987.
- 14 Q Were any of these charges dismissed at that time?
- 15 A Only carrying weapons and I was released on bail.
- 16 Q Now, did you get a job after you were released from  
17 prison?
- 18 A Brother-in-law and myself set up a restaurant.
- 19 Q How long did you have that job?
- 20 A Until the middle of 1991.
- 21 Q When did you come to the United States?
- 22 A End of August 1991.
- 23 Q Do you have an agreement with the government?
- 24 A They granted me immunity, protection for my family  
25 because it's logical in Mexico they wanted to kill me.

1 Also immigration because what I am doing now is being taken  
2 in Mexico as our governors over there they do whatever they  
3 please. And in Mexico it is prohibited that a person --

4 MR. RUBIN: Move to strike as non responsive.

5 THE COURT: Sustained. State another question.

6 BY MR. CARLTON:

7 Q Are you receiving any money from the government?

8 A Yes.

9 Q How much?

10 A \$3,000.

11 Q How often?

12 A Every month.

13 Q Do you have any understanding as to how long that will  
14 continue?

15 A No, I don't know.

16 MR. CARLTON: May I have just a moment, Your  
17 Honor.

18 (Pause in proceedings)

19 Nothing further at this time. Thank you.

20 (Further proceedings had)

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