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FEDERAL GRAND JURY  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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PROCEEDINGS HAD BEFORE THE GRAND JURY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN AND  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,  
AT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTHOUSE,  
312 NORTH SPRING STREET, 12TH FLOOR,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ON WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 31, 1990.

PRESENT:

MANUEL MEDRANO  
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

WITNESS: HECTOR BERRELLEZ

REPORTED BY:

MARK SCHWEITZER

1 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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THE FOREPERSON: WOULD YOU RAISE YOUR RIGHT  
10 HAND.

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DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE TESTIMONY  
12 AND EVIDENCE THAT YOU SHALL GIVE IN THE PROCEEDINGS NOW  
13 BEFORE THIS FEDERAL GRAND JURY SHALL BE THE TRUTH, THE  
14 WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?

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THE WITNESS: I DO.

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THE FOREPERSON: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND  
17 OCCUPATION.

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THE WITNESS: MY NAME IS HECTOR BERRELLEZ,  
19 B-E-R-R-E-L-L-E-Z, AND I'M EMPLOYED WITH THE UNITED STATES  
20 DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

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HECTOR BERRELLEZ,

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HAVING BEEN FIRST DULY SWORN,

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WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED

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AS FOLLOWS:

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MR. MEDRANO: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, CAN YOU HEAR AGENT BERRELLEZ IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM?

A JUROR: YES, WE'RE FINE.

MR. MEDRANO: GOOD MORNING, AGENT BERRELLEZ.

THE WITNESS: GOOD MORNING.

MR. MEDRANO: MR. BERRELLEZ, YOU'VE TESTIFIED BEFORE IN GRAND JURY ALREADY, HAVE YOU NOT?

THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

MR. MEDRANO: AND YOU ARE A SPECIAL AGENT WITH THE DEA; IS THAT CORRECT?

THE WITNESS: THAT IS CORRECT, SIR.

MR. MEDRANO: AND YOUR CURRENT JOB RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVES BEING THE GROUP SUPERVISOR OF THE SPECIAL DEA TEAM THAT IS INVESTIGATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT ENRIQUE CAMARENA; IS THAT CORRECT?

THE WITNESS: THAT IS CORRECT, SIR.

MR. MEDRANO: MR. BERRELLEZ, LET ME DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION, SIR, TO A WITNESS THAT I BELIEVE YOU HAVE INTERVIEWED IN THE PAST, AND THIS WITNESS' NAME IS CESAR LARA PERELLA (PHONETIC). DO YOU KNOW THE WITNESS, SIR?

THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I DO.

1 MR. MEDRANO: AND IN THE PAST HAVE YOU HAD  
2 OCCASION TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE  
3 CONCERNING THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION BY THE DEA?

4 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE. I INTERVIEWED  
5 HIM ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS.

6 MR. MEDRANO: WELL, LET ME DIRECT YOUR  
7 ATTENTION TO A SPECIFIC ITEM, IF I MAY. AT ANY POINT DID  
8 YOU EVER HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW MR. LARA PERELLA  
9 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HE, LARA PERELLA, HAD EVER BEEN OUT  
10 IN THE MARIJUANA FIELDS NEAR BUFFALO, CHIHUAHUA IN THE  
11 YEAR 1984?

12 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I DID. HE TOLD ME THAT  
13 LATE IN 1984 HE HAD BEEN BY THE BUFFALO MARIJUANA FIELDS,  
14 AND THAT ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS, HE HAD OBSERVED  
15 MILITARY SOLDIERS THERE.

16 MR. MEDRANO: AND DID HE ADVISE YOU WHAT IT WAS  
17 THAT THE MILITARY SOLDIERS WERE DOING AT THE MARIJUANA  
18 FIELDS NEAR BUFFALO, CHIHUAHUA?

19 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. HE TOLD ME THAT THESE  
20 MEXICAN MILITARY SOLDIERS WERE THERE GUARDING AND  
21 PROTECTING THE MARIJUANA FIELDS.

22 MR. MEDRANO: OKAY. NOW, AGENT BERRELLEZ, LET  
23 ME SHIFT DIRECTIONS, IF I MAY.

24 YOU'VE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
25 TO CESAR LARA PERELLA, HAVE YOU NOT, ABOUT HIS BEING

1 CALLED TO MEXICO CITY BY MANUEL IBARRA HERRERA ON OR ABOUT  
2 FEBRUARY 7, 1985?

3 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. I DID HAVE A TALK WITH  
4 MR. LARA REFERENCING THAT VISIT TO MEXICO CITY.

5 MR. MEDRANO: AND IF YOU RECALL, WHAT WAS IT  
6 THAT LARA PERELLA TOLD YOU THAT MANUEL IBARRA HERRERA TOLD  
7 HIM AND OTHER COMANDANTES OF THE MFJP IN MEXICO CITY?

8 THE WITNESS: WITNESS LARA TOLD ME THAT WHILE  
9 EMPLOYED AS A MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE OFFICER ON  
10 FEBRUARY 7TH, 1985, HE WAS CALLED TO A MEETING BY MEXICAN  
11 FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE DIRECTOR MANUEL IBARRA, AND THAT  
12 DURING THAT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7TH, HE APPRISED HIM AND  
13 OTHER MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT AN AMERICAN  
14 CONSULATE EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN ABDUCTED.

15 MR. MEDRANO: AND AGAIN, THIS IS ON FEBRUARY 7,  
16 ACCORDING TO LARA?

17 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, ACCORDING TO LARA, THAT  
18 TRANSPIRED ON FEBRUARY THE 7TH, 1985.

19 MR. MEDRANO: AND DID LARA INDICATE TO YOU  
20 WHETHER OR NOT IBARRA ADMONISHED HIS COMANDANTES IN ANY  
21 WAY?

22 THE WITNESS: YES. HE TOLD HIS COMANDANTES  
23 THAT THEY WERE NOT IN ANY WAY TO COOPERATE WITH U.S.  
24 GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT COOPERATE  
25 WITH THE DEA IN THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE ABDUCTION.

1 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, SIR, CAN YOU TELL THIS GRAND  
2 JURY TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE WHEN IT WAS THAT THE  
3 DEA IN GUADALAJARA FIRST REALIZED THAT AGENT CAMARENA WAS  
4 MISSING?

5 THE WITNESS: OUR AGENTS IN GUADALAJARA DID NOT  
6 REALIZE THAT SPECIAL AGENT ENRIQUE CAMARENA WAS MISSING  
7 UNTIL FEBRUARY 8TH, AT WHICH TIME SUPERVISORY SPECIAL  
8 AGENT JAMES KUYKENDALL RECEIVED A CALL FROM MRS. CAMARENA  
9 AT 5:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 8TH, 1985.

10 MR. MEDRANO: AND JUST TELL THE GRAND JURY HOW  
11 IT IS THAT YOU KNOW THAT BIT OF INFORMATION AS TO WHEN DEA  
12 WAS ADVISED OF THE FACT THAT CAMARENA WAS MISSING.

13 THE WITNESS: I KNOW THAT TO BE A FACT BECAUSE  
14 I WAS TOLD THIS BY SPECIAL AGENT JAIME KUYKENDALL, WHO  
15 RECEIVED THE CALL FROM SPECIAL AT CAMARENA'S WIFE.

16 MR. MEDRANO: LET ME SHIFT DIRECTIONS AGAIN,  
17 MR. BERRELLEZ. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, IF I MAY, ABOUT A  
18 MAN BY THE NAME OF MIGUEL ANGEL FELIX GALLARDO.

19 NOW, SIR, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DOES THE  
20 DEA POSSESS ANY TAPES THAT WERE MADE OF THE ACTUAL  
21 INTERROGATION OF SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA IN FEBRUARY OF  
22 1985?

23 THE WITNESS: YES. WE HAVE TAPE RECORDINGS  
24 THAT WERE SEIZED FROM ERNESTO FONSECA-CARRILLO BY THE  
25 MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE OF RECORDINGS THAT WERE

1 MADE OF SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA WHILE HE WAS BEING TORTURED  
2 AND INTERROGATED. AND WE ALSO HAVE TRANSCRIPTS THAT  
3 RELATE TO THE INTERROGATION, THE INTERROGATIONS THAT WERE  
4 MADE OF SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA.

5 MR. MEDRANO: SO YOU HAVE HOW MANY TAPES OF THE  
6 INTERROGATION?

7 THE WITNESS: WE HAVE TWO TAPES OF THE  
8 INTERROGATION.

9 MR. MEDRANO: AND THERE NOW EXISTS TRANSCRIPTS  
10 OF THOSE TWO TAPES; IS THAT CORRECT?

11 THE WITNESS: WE HAVE TRANSCRIPTS OF THOSE TWO  
12 TAPES, AND WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL TRANSCRIPT FOR WHICH WE  
13 DON'T HAVE A TAPE RECORDING OF.

14 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, HAVE YOU REVIEWED THIS  
15 ADDITIONAL TRANSCRIPT FOR WHICH YOU DON'T HAVE A  
16 RECORDING?

17 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

18 MR. MEDRANO: AND HAVE YOU, YOURSELF, COMPARED  
19 THAT TRANSCRIPT FOR WHICH YOU DON'T HAVE A RECORDING WITH  
20 THE TWO TRANSCRIPTS FOR WHICH YOU DO HAVE RECORDINGS?

21 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

22 MR. MEDRANO: AND ARE THEY SIMILAR IN NATURE,  
23 THE TRANSCRIPTS, ALL TRANSCRIPTS?

24 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. ALL THREE ARE VERY  
25 SIMILAR IN NATURE.

1 MR. MEDRANO: WELL, NOW, LET ME -- STRIKE THAT.  
2 ON ANY OF THOSE TRANSCRIPTS, DOES THE NAME OF FELIX  
3 GALLARDO APPEAR?

4 THE WITNESS: IN THE TRANSCRIPT OF WHICH WE  
5 HAVE NO TAPE RECORDING OF, SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA IS ASKED  
6 WHAT THE DEA KNOWS OR IS DOING IN ITS INVESTIGATION OF  
7 MIGUEL ANGEL FELIX GALLARDO.

8 MR. MEDRANO: AND THAT'S ON THE TAPE FOR WHICH  
9 YOU DON'T HAVE A TRANSCRIPT?

10 THE WITNESS: THAT IS CORRECT, SIR.

11 MR. MEDRANO: THAT WAS A BAD QUESTION. STRIKE  
12 THAT. WHAT YOU JUST SAID APPLIES TO THE TRANSCRIPT FOR  
13 WHICH YOU DON'T HAVE A TAPE?

14 THE WITNESS: FOR WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE A TAPE;  
15 THAT'S CORRECT, SIR.

16 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, DO YOU KNOW AN INDIVIDUAL BY  
17 THE NAME OF LORENZO HARRISON?

18 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I DO.

19 MR. MEDRANO: AND IS LORENZO HARRISON A PERSON  
20 THAT IS COOPERATING WITH THE DEA IN ITS INVESTIGATION?

21 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.

22 MR. MEDRANO: HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
23 INTERVIEW LORENZO HARRISON ABOUT ANY INFORMATION HE MAY  
24 HAVE CONCERNING THE DEA'S INVESTIGATION?

25 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE. I HAVE SPOKEN



1 TO LORENZO HARRISON ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, AND HE HAS  
2 INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS SHOWN -- HE WAS SHOWN CREDENTIALS  
3 BY MIGUEL FELIX GALLARDO, AND THAT THOSE CREDENTIALS WERE  
4 OF THE DFS, WHICH IS THE DIRRECCION FEDERAL DE SEGURIDAD.

5 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, DO YOU ALSO KNOW A SECOND  
6 WITNESS BY THE NAME OF CARLOS PENA?

7 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I DO KNOW A WITNESS BY  
8 THE NAME OF CARLOS PENA, AND I'VE ALSO SPOKEN WITH HIM.

9 MR. MEDRANO: TELL THE GRAND JURY FIRST WHO  
10 CARLOS PENA IS.

11 THE WITNESS: CARLOS PENA IS ANOTHER WITNESS  
12 THAT HAS BEEN COOPERATING WITH OUR INVESTIGATION, THOSE  
13 THAT MURDERED SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA.

14 MR. MEDRANO: AND HAVE YOU INTERVIEWED THIS  
15 GENTLEMAN?

16 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

17 MR. MEDRANO: AND HAS HE GIVEN YOU ANY  
18 INFORMATION?

19 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, HE TOLD ME THAT BACK IN  
20 1984, '85, HE WAS SHOWN CREDENTIALS BY MIGUEL FELIX  
21 GALLARDO, AND THAT THOSE CREDENTIALS WERE OF THE NATIONAL  
22 DEFENSE OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

23 MR. MEDRANO: AGENT BERRELLEZ, DOES THE DEA  
24 CURRENTLY HAVE IN ITS POSSESSION ANY PHOTOGRAPH THAT  
25 DEPICTS FELIX GALLARDO WITH ANOTHER PERSON BY THE NAME OF

1 JUAN RAMON MATTA-BALLESTEROS?

2 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, WE HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH  
3 WHICH WAS SEIZED WITHIN FELIX GALLARDO'S HOUSE BY MEXICAN  
4 AUTHORITIES IN FEBRUARY OF 1985, AND IN THAT PHOTOGRAPH,  
5 WHICH I HAVE SEEN, YOU CAN OBSERVE MR. FELIX GALLARDO  
6 STANDING IN FRONT OF A VEHICLE. AND ALSO STANDING IN  
7 FRONT OF THE SAME VEHICLE, A ROLLS-ROYCE, IS A GENTLEMAN  
8 WHOM I KNOW IS JUAN RAMON MATTA-BALLESTEROS.

9 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, AGENT BERRELLEZ, I'D LIKE TO  
10 DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION NOW TO ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION OR  
11 EVIDENCE YOU MAY POSSESS CONCERNING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES BY  
12 DEA AGENTS IN GUADALAJARA IN 1984. AND SPECIFICALLY, WHAT  
13 I WANT TO GET INTO ABOUT WITH YOU IS WHETHER OR NOT DEA  
14 AGENTS IN GUADALAJARA IN 1984 CONDUCTED ANY TYPE OF  
15 SURVEILLANCE OF MIGUEL ANGEL FELIX GALLARDO.

16 DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ALONG THOSE  
17 LINES, SIR?

18 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I AM AWARE THAT ON JUNE  
19 OF 1984 SPECIAL AGENT ROGER KNAPP, A DEA AGENT STATIONED  
20 IN GUADALAJARA, CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCE OF THE HOUSE OF  
21 MIGUEL ANGEL FELIX GALLARDO. I HAVE INFORMATION THAT ON  
22 THAT OCCASION HE WAS FOLLOWED BY ARMED BODYGUARD GALLARDO,  
23 AND THAT THESE BODYGUARDS STOPPED HIM AND HARASSED HIM.

24 I ALSO HAVE INFORMATION THAT IN JULY OF  
25 1984, SPECIAL AGENT JIM KUYKENDAL, WHILE CONDUCTING

1 SURVEILLANCE OF MR. GALLARDO'S RESIDENCE, WAS ALSO  
2 FOLLOWED AND STOPPED BY ARMED BODYGUARDS, AND HE WAS  
3 HARASSED.

4 I HAVE INFORMATION THAT ON OCTOBER 10TH,  
5 1984, SPECIAL AGENT ROGER KNAPP'S CAR, A WHITE FORD, THE  
6 SAME CAR THAT HE HAD BEEN USING TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE,  
7 THE SAME CAR, A DEA GOVERNMENT CAR, ON OCTOBER 10TH WAS  
8 SHOT OUT BY MACHINE GUN FIRE IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE.

9 I ALSO HAVE INFORMATION THAT TWO DEA  
10 SPECIAL AGENTS, ONE BY THE NAME OF HECTOR SANCHEZ AND  
11 ANOTHER BY THE NAME OF TOM GOMEZ, WHILE CONDUCTING  
12 SURVEILLANCE OF GALLARDO'S HOUSE WERE ALSO FOLLOWED. THEY  
13 FLED AND HID AT AN AIRPORT BECAUSE THEY WERE BEING  
14 FOLLOWED BY ARMED GUARDS THAT WERE UNDER THE EMPLOY OF  
15 MR. FELIX GALLARDO.

16 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, LET ME DIRECT YOUR  
17 ATTENTION, MR. BERRELLEZ, TO ABOUT FEBRUARY 9, 1985.

18 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.

19 MR. MEDRANO: AT THAT TIME, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE,  
20 WAS THE DEA MOBILIZED IN GUADALAJARA ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE  
21 ITS MISSING AGENT?

22 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. ON THAT DATE, FEBRUARY  
23 9TH, NUMEROUS AGENTS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE CITY OF  
24 GUADALAJARA TO ASSIST IN HELPING FIND SPECIAL AGENT  
25 CAMARENA. ON THAT DATE, WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES,

1 THEY INTERCEPTED A RADIO CALL IN WHICH FELIX GALLARDO  
2 ORDERS THAT MONEY BE DELIVERED TO THE GUADALAJARA AIRPORT.

3 AFTER RECEIVING THAT INFORMATION, THE  
4 AGENTS, ALONG WITH OTHER MEXICAN AGENTS, PROCEEDED TO THE  
5 AIRPORT, AND IT WAS ON THAT DATE THAT SUSPECT RAFAEL  
6 CARO-QUINTERO WAS ALLOWED BY THIS MEXICAN OFFICIAL, WAS  
7 PERMITTED TO FLEE.

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8 MR. MEDRANO: AGENT BERRELLEZ, EVERYTHING  
9 YOU'VE JUST TOLD US AS IT RELATES TO THE SURVEILLANCE OF  
10 FELIX GALLARDO, AND THEN YOUR TESTIMONY THAT AGENTS WERE  
11 STOPPED AND QUESTIONED BY BODYGUARDS, AND THEN FINALLY THE  
12 FACT THAT A RADIO TRANSMISSION REGARDING FELIX GALLARDO  
13 WAS INTERCEPTED ON FEBRUARY 9, ALL THOSE ITEMS OF EVIDENCE  
14 THAT YOU'VE TESTIFIED TO, IS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR  
15 YOU, EITHER YOUR INTERVIEWS OF THE AGENTS WHO WERE  
16 ACTUALLY THERE, OR YOUR ACTUAL REVIEW OF DEA REPORTS THAT  
17 WERE WRITTEN ABOUT THE INCIDENTS?

18 THE WITNESS: IT'S A COMPILATION OF AGENT  
19 INTERVIEWS, WHICH I HAVE CONDUCTED AS THE SUPERVISOR OF  
20 THIS INVESTIGATION, AND ALSO OF REVIEWS OF INVESTIGATIVE  
21 REPORTS.

22 MR. MEDRANO: NOW STILL ADDRESSING MIGUEL ANGEL  
23 FELIX GALLARDO, I'D LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION, IF I  
24 MAY, TO ABOUT NOVEMBER OF 1984.

25 NOW, BEFORE I GET INTO THAT, DO YOU KNOW

1 A COOPERATING WITNESS BY THE NAME OF ANTONIO GARATE?

2 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I DO.

3 MR. MEDRANO: AND HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO  
4 INTERVIEW ANTONIO GARATE ABOUT ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE  
5 ABOUT FELIX GALLARDO?

6 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

7 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, WAS ANY INFORMATION CONVEYED  
8 TO YOU BY ANTONIO GARATE ABOUT AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED  
9 AT THE GUADALAJARA AIRPORT IN OR ABOUT NOVEMBER OF 1984?

10 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. MR. GARATE TOLD ME  
11 THAT IN 1984 ON AN OCCASION THAT HE HAD BEEN AT THE  
12 AIRPORT, HE HAD GONE BY THE HANGAR OF MR. GALLARDO'S, AND  
13 THAT WHILE THERE, HE OBSERVED GALLARDO AND SOME OF HIS MEN  
14 LOADING COCAINE, A LARGE QUANTITY OF COCAINE, ONTO AN  
15 AIRCRAFT. HE TOLD ME THAT GALLARDO HAD INFORMED HIM THAT  
16 THE COCAINE WAS GOING TO BE FLOWN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR  
17 DISTRIBUTION.

18 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH A  
19 PERSON BY THE NAME OF JUAN GILBERTO HERNANDEZ-PARRA?

20 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I AM.

21 MR. MEDRANO: AND WAS ANY INFORMATION CONVEYED  
22 TO YOU ABOUT HERNANDEZ-PARRA RELATING TO THAT NOVEMBER 4  
23 INCIDENT?

24 THE WITNESS: YES. MR. GARATE TOLD ME THAT ON  
25 THAT PARTICULAR OCCASION WHEN GALLARDO AND HIS MEN WERE

1       LOADING THE COCAINE ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT, THAT AN MFJP,  
 2       MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE AGENT BY THE NAME OF JUAN  
 3       GILBERTO HERNANDEZ ARMED WITH AN AK-47, A MACHINE GUN, WAS  
 4       PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THESE TRAFFICKERS WHILE THEY  
 5       LOADED THIS COCAINE ABOARD THIS AIRPLANE WHICH WAS GOING  
 6       TO BE FLOWN OVER HERE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR  
 7       DISTRIBUTION.

8               MR. MEDRANO:   NOW, LET ME ONCE AGAIN SHIFT  
 9       DIRECTIONS WITH YOU, IF I MAY, AGENT BERRELLEZ.   LET'S  
 10      TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT JUAN RAMON MATTA-BALLESTEROS.

11               NOW, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, SIR, ON THE  
 12      BASIS OF YOUR OWN INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE, ARE YOU  
 13      AWARE IF JUAN RAMON MATTA-BALLESTEROS GOES BY ANY ALIASES?

14               THE WITNESS:   YES, SIR.   I KNOW THAT HE IS  
 15      REFERRED TO AT TIMES AS EL COLOMBIANO.   HE ALSO IS KNOWN  
 16      AS EL NEGRO.   AND HE IS ALSO KNOWN AS EL NEGRO JOSE.

17               MR. MEDRANO:   AND THE BASIS FOR THIS  
 18      INFORMATION IS WHAT?

19               THE WITNESS:   INTERVIEWS OF WITNESSES,  
 20      INFORMANTS, AND ALSO MY PERUSING OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS.

21               MR. MEDRANO:   NOW, LET'S TURN OUR ATTENTION TO  
 22      CERTAIN ITEMS OF EVIDENCE THAT WERE SEIZED AT 881 LOPA DE  
 23      VEGA IN 1985.

24               NOW, SIR, HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO  
 25      REVIEW ANY REPORTS THAT DESCRIBE SPECIFICALLY EVIDENCE

1 THAT WAS SEIZED AT THE LOPA DE VEGA RESIDENCE BY FBI  
2 TECHNICIANS?

3 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

4 MR. MEDRANO: AND ON THE BASIS OF YOUR REVIEW  
5 OF THAT REPORT -- STRIKE THAT. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DO YOU  
6 KNOW APPROXIMATELY WHEN IT WAS THAT THE FBI TECHNICIANS  
7 SEIZED CERTAIN ITEMS OF EVIDENCE AT THE LOPA DE VEGA  
8 RESIDENCE IN GUADALAJARA?

9 THE WITNESS: IT WAS AROUND APRIL OF 1985, SIR.

10 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AMONG THE  
11 ITEMS FOUND AT THE LOPA DE VEGA RESIDENCE BY THE FBI, DID  
12 THEY INCLUDE HYPODERMIC NEEDLES?

13 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. IN THEIR SEARCH OF THE  
14 881 LOPA DE VEGA RESIDENCE, THE LOCATION WHERE SPECIAL  
15 AGENT CAMARENA WAS TORTURED, THEY FOUND TWO SYRINGES. ONE  
16 SYRINGE WAS FOUND IN THE GUEST HOUSE ITSELF WHERE WE ALSO  
17 FOUND HAIRS MATCHING THE HEAD OF CAMARENA.

18 THIS ONE SYRINGE, THE ONE THAT WAS FOUND  
19 IN THE GUEST HOUSE, AFTER THEY DID A CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF  
20 THE CONTENTS, FBI TECHNICIANS FOUND TRACES OF LIDOCAINE  
21 AND CHEMICAL MOIETIES ASSOCIATED WITH B VITAMINS.

22 MR. MEDRANO: LET ME STOP YOU THERE.

23 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.

24 MR. MEDRANO: THAT ONE SYRINGE THEN IS FOUND IN  
25 THE GUEST HOUSE AT LOPA DE VEGA?

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1 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.

2 MR. MEDRANO: AND IN FACT ISN'T IT FOUND IN A  
3 SPECIFIC ROOM IN THE GUEST HOUSE?

4 THE WITNESS: IN THE BATHROOM, YES, SIR.

5 MR. MEDRANO: AND I BELIEVE YOU'VE TESTIFIED IN  
6 THE PAST, HAVE YOU NOT, THAT THERE'S FORENSIC EVIDENCE  
7 THAT INDICATES THAT SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA WAS AT ONE  
8 POINT IN THAT GUEST HOUSE?

9 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, WE HAVE. WE'VE  
10 COLLECTED HAIR SAMPLES FROM THAT GUEST HOUSE TO MATCH  
11 SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA'S.

12 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, WAS THERE ANY OTHER  
13 HYPODERMIC OR NEEDLE FOUND AT THE LOPA DE VEGA RESIDENCE?

14 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. THE SECOND HYPODERMIC  
15 NEEDLE THAT I ALLUDED TO WAS FOUND IN THE TENNIS COURTS OF  
16 THAT SAME RESIDENCE. THAT SECOND SYRINGE, CHEMISTS  
17 DETERMINED CONTAINED TRACES OF AN AMINO ACID, GLYCINE.

18 MR. MEDRANO: AND SO A TOTAL OF TWO HYPODERMICS  
19 AND/OR NEEDLES FOUND AT LOPA DE VEGA IN APRIL OF '85; IS  
20 THAT CORRECT?

21 THE WITNESS: THAT'S CORRECT. YES, SIR.

22 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, I'D STILL LIKE TO ADDRESS --  
23 STRIKE THAT. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, IF I MAY, ABOUT DR.  
24 HUMBERTO ALVAREZ-MACHAIN.

25 NOW, LET ME TAKE YOU BACK FOR A

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1           MOMENT -- STRIKE THAT.   HAVE YOU INTERVIEWED ANY WITNESSES  
2           OR INFORMANTS THAT HAVE CONVEYED TO YOU ANY INFORMATION  
3           ABOUT DR. ALVAREZ-MACHAIN?

4                   THE WITNESS:   YES, SIR.   I HAVE SPOKEN TO  
5           WITNESS FEDERICO CASTEL DEL ORO, WHO INFORMED ME THAT  
6           DR. MACHAIN HAD ADMITTED TO HIM THAT HE WAS AT THE LOPA DE  
7           VEGA HOUSE WHEN KIKI CAMARENA WAS BEING TORTURED.   HE ALSO  
8           TAPE RECORDED A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HE AND THE DOCTOR, A  
9           CONVERSATION WHICH I HAVE REVIEWED AND HEARD WHERE THE  
10          DOCTOR ADMITS TO FREDERICO CASTILLE DEL ORO THAT HE WAS AT  
11          THE HOUSE ONCE WHILE KIKI WAS THERE -- EXCUSE ME, THAT  
12          SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA WAS THERE, BUT HE WAS THERE AT  
13          ANOTHER OCCASION -- THAT HE HAD BEEN AT THE HOUSE ON TWO  
14          OCCASIONS WHILE OUR AGENT WAS BEING HELD THERE.

15                   I HAVE ALSO TALKED TO WITNESS ANTONIO  
16          GARATE, WHO HAS TOLD ME THAT DR. MACHAIN PROVIDED SERVICES  
17          FOR THE TRAFFICKERS, THAT HE WOULD -- HE WAS KNOWN BECAUSE  
18          HE PREPARED VITAMIN B COMPLEXES CALLED MACHAIN COCKTAILS,  
19          WHICH HE WOULD ADMINISTER TO THE TRAFFICKERS WHEN THEY HAD  
20          AN OVERDOSE OF -- OR NOT AN OVERDOSE, BUT THEY WERE VERY  
21          HIGH ON COCAINE.

22                   MR. MEDRANO:   NOW, YOU SAY THAT HE WORKED FOR  
23          TRAFFICKERS.   DID ANTONIO GARATE SPECIFY ANY PARTICULAR  
24          TRAFFICKER?

25                   THE WITNESS:   YES, SIR.   HE TOLD ME THAT TO HIS

1 PARTICULAR KNOWLEDGE HE WORKED FOR ERNESTO  
2 FONSECA-CARRILLO, AND THAT ON OCCASION HE WORKED FOR  
3 RAFAEL CARO-QUINTERO.

4 MR. MEDRANO: DID THE NAME OF EMILIO QUINTERO  
5 PAYON EVER COME UP?

6 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. AND ALONG WITH WORKING  
7 FOR RAFAEL CARO-QUINTERO, HE WORKED FOR CARO-QUINTERO'S  
8 COUSINS, EMILIO QUINTERO PAYON AND JUAN PAYON.

9 MR. MEDRANO: WERE YOU EVER TOLD BY ANTONIO  
10 GARATE THAT DR. MACHAIN ALSO TOOK CARE OF FIELD WORKERS OF  
11 EMILIO QUINTERO PAYON?

12 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. MR. GARATE TOLD ME  
13 THAT WHEN MARIJUANA FIELD WORKERS UNDER THE EMPLOY OF  
14 EMILIO QUINTERO PAYON WOULD GET SICK OR NEEDED MEDICAL  
15 ATTENTION, THAT IT WOULD BE DR. MACHAIN THAT WOULD BE  
16 SUMMONED TO THOSE FIELDS OR TO WHEREVER THEY WERE TO  
17 PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO THESE FIELD WORKERS.

18 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, DID ANTONIO GARATE EVER  
19 DISCUSS WITH YOU AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF JUAN  
20 ESPARRAGOZA MORENO, WHO I BELIEVE IS ALSO KNOWN AS EL  
21 AZUL?

22 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, HE TOLD ME THAT ONE OF  
23 THE ESPARRAGOZA'S MEN OR BODYGUARDS HAD BEEN SHOT, AND  
24 THAT DR. MACHAIN HAD TREATED THIS BODYGUARD. AND THAT IT  
25 WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT THIS DOCTOR WOULD TREAT EMPLOYEES OF

1 THESE TRAFFICKERS AND NOT REPORT HIS SERVICES TO POLICE  
2 AUTHORITIES.

3 MR. MEDRANO: WELL, SPEAKING OF THIS EL AZUL,  
4 MR. ESPARRAGOZA MORENO, ISN'T IT MORE ACCURATE,  
5 MR. BERRELLEZ, THAT THE PERSON THAT WAS SHOT WAS AZUL?

6 THE WITNESS: IT COULD HAVE BEEN HE THAT WAS  
7 SHOT, BUT HE ALSO DID TELL ME THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAD BEEN  
8 SHOT AND THAT THE DOCTOR HAD TREATED THEM ALSO.

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9 MR. MEDRANO: AND DID ANTONIO GARATE TELL YOU  
10 HOW IT WAS THAT THE DOCTOR, ALVAREZ-MACHAIN, WOULD THEN BE  
11 PAID FOR HIS SERVICES?

12 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. HE TOLD ME THAT ON  
13 OCCASION THEY COULD PAY HIM WITH COCAINE VERSUS MONEY AS  
14 DR. MACHAIN HIMSELF USES COCAINE IN LARGE QUANTITIES.

15 MR. MEDRANO: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME JUST  
16 ADMONISH YOU AT THIS POINT THAT WHETHER OR NOT A TARGET OF  
17 THIS INVESTIGATION USES ANY DRUG IS IRRELEVANT. ALL YOU  
18 ARE CONCERNED WITH IS WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S PROBABLE  
19 CAUSE AS TO THE CHARGES IN THIS CASE, BUT PERSONAL  
20 CONSUMPTION OF NARCOTICS IS REALLY IRRELEVANT AND SHOULD  
21 HAVE NO BEARING ON YOUR PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION.

22 NOW, AGENT BERRELLEZ, LET ME CLOSE WITH  
23 THE FOLLOWING. AT ANY POINT, HAVE YOU HAD AN OPPORTUNITY  
24 TO SPEAK TO A COOPERATING WITNESS BY THE NAME OF ENRIQUE  
25 PLACENCIA AGUILAR?

1 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I HAVE.

2 MR. MEDRANO: AND HAS THIS WITNESS EVER  
3 IDENTIFIED ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANY INDIVIDUALS IN THIS  
4 INVESTIGATION FOR YOU?

5 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, HE HAS.

6 MR. MEDRANO: CAN YOU TELL US WHAT PHOTOGRAPHS  
7 HE'S BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY?

8 THE WITNESS: HE'S BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE  
9 PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARO-QUINTERO, MIGUEL FELIX GALLARDO,  
10 ERNESTO FONSECA-CARRILLO, ANTONIO VASQUEZ, JR..

11 MR. MEDRANO: IS THAT ANTONIO VASQUEZ-OCHOA?

12 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, OCHOA, JUNIOR, AND  
13 OTHERS. I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT OTHERS AT THIS POINT, SIR,  
14 BUT HE HAS IDENTIFIED NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS FOR ME, YES,  
15 SIR.

16 MR. MEDRANO: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME ASK  
17 YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR AGENT BERRELLEZ AT THIS  
18 TIME?

19 A JUROR: I HAVE A COUPLE.

20 MR. MEDRANO: YES, MA'AM.

21 A JUROR: WHEN MR. LARA WENT TO MEXICO CITY AND  
22 THEY WERE ADVISED NOT TO HELP THE DEA, WAS HE GIVEN A  
23 REASON WHY NOT TO HELP?

24 THE WITNESS: NO, HE WAS NOT. THEY WERE JUST  
25 ORDERED THAT THEY WERE NOT TO COOPERATE.

1 MR. MEDRANO: AND IN THE TRANSCRIPT THAT YOU  
2 HAVE NO TAPE FOR WHERE FELIX WAS ON THERE, IN WHAT CONTEXT  
3 WAS HE IN THE TRANSCRIPT?

4 THE WITNESS: THEY ARE INTERROGATING SPECIAL  
5 AGENT CAMARENA AS TO WHAT THE DEA OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
6 KNEW OF DIFFERENT TRAFFICKERS OF MEXICO, AND THEY ARE  
7 ASKING HIM TO PROVIDE THEM WITH INFORMATION OF OUR  
8 INFORMANTS THAT ARE INFORMING ON THEM.

9 AND ALONG THOSE LINES AND IN THAT  
10 CONTEXT, THEY ASKED HIM WHAT THE DEA KNEW ABOUT MIGUEL  
11 ANGEL FELIX GALLARDO AND ALSO IF WE WERE INVESTIGATING  
12 HIM. AND IF WE WERE, WHO WERE OUR INFORMANTS.

13 A JUROR: AND WHO ARE LORENZO HARRISON AND  
14 CARLOS PENA?

15 THE WITNESS: LORENZO HARRISON IS OUR WITNESS,  
16 WILL BE A WITNESS IN THIS CASE. A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON  
17 MR. HARRISON. HE HAS LIVED IN MEXICO FOR OVER 20 YEARS.  
18 WHILE DOWN THERE, HE BECAME EMPLOYED BY THE DFS, WHICH IS  
19 THE MEXICAN CIA, AS A COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR, AND HE  
20 WORKED FOR THEM, AND HE ALSO WORKED INSTALLING  
21 COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE TRAFFICKERS. AND HE INSTALLED  
22 COMMUNICATIONS FOR RAFAEL CARO-QUINTERO, MIGUEL FELIX  
23 GALLARDO AND ERNESTO FONSECA-CARRILLO.

24 A JUROR: AND MR. PENA?

25 THE WITNESS: MR. PENA, ANOTHER WITNESS IN THIS

1 CASE, AT ONE POINT WORKED FOR THE STATE RIOT SQUAD IN  
2 GUADALAJARA. AND IN THAT POSITION, HE ALSO BECAME  
3 ACQUAINTED WITH TRAFFICKERS, AND ALSO RENDERED HIS  
4 ASSISTANCE TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS TO INCLUDE RAFAEL  
5 CARO-QUINTERO AND ERNESTO FONSECA-CARRILLO.

6 A JUROR: AND IN REGARDS TO THE HYPODERMIC  
7 NEEDLES, DID THEY FIND ANY FINGERPRINTS ON THOSE?

8 THE WITNESS: NO FINGERPRINTS WERE PICKED UP  
9 OFF OF THOSE HYPODERMICS, UNFORTUNATELY.

10 A JUROR: AND WERE ANY OF THE INGREDIENTS IN  
11 THE HYPODERMICS FOUND IN KIKI?

12 THE WITNESS: THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE  
13 THAT BECAUSE OF THE DECOMPOSITION OF THE BODY. HE HAD  
14 BEEN DEAD FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

15 MR. MEDRANO: AND IN ADDITION, AGENT BERRELLEZ,  
16 IS IT ACCURATE THAT NO TYPES OF TESTS WERE CONDUCTED ON  
17 AGENT CAMARENA TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY SUBSTANCES  
18 IN HIS BODY, OR WOULD YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT?

19 THE WITNESS: YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE, AND I'M NOT  
20 REALLY SURE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN DEAD  
21 FOR SO LONG, THAT THEY DIDN'T CONDUCT THESE EXAMINATIONS.

22 MR. MEDRANO: THEY DIDN'T CONDUCT THOSE TYPES  
23 OF TESTS?

24 THE WITNESS: THEY DIDN'T CONDUCT THOSE TYPES  
25 OF TESTS, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, BECAUSE OF THE LONG PERIOD OF

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1 TIME THAT HE HAD BEEN DEAD.

2 MR. MEDRANO: AND ALSO, THE BODIES OF AGENT  
3 CAMARENA AND THE PILOT ZAVALA, AN AUTOPSY DID REVEAL, DID  
4 IT NOT, SEVERE PHYSICAL TRAUMA TO THE BODY?

5 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. SEVERE PHYSICAL  
6 TRAUMA.

7 MR. MEDRANO: AND PARTICULARLY TO THE SKULL AND  
8 THE FACIAL AREAS?

9 THE WITNESS: A LOT OF FRACTURES TO THE SKULL,  
10 FRACTURES TO THE BODY, TO THE DIFFERENT LIMBS, YES, SIR.

11 MR. MEDRANO: ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS FOR  
12 AGENT BERRELLEZ?

13 A JUROR: IS THERE ANY LINK BETWEEN THE  
14 HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND AGENT CAMARENA OTHER THAN BEING IN  
15 THE SAME LOCATION?

16 THE WITNESS: WELL, I WAS TOLD BY WITNESS  
17 CASTILLE DEL ORO, WHO WAS A COMANDANTE, A COMMANDER OF THE  
18 MEXICAN CIA, THE DFS, THAT IT WAS HIS EXPERIENCE THAT WHEN  
19 SUSPECTS WERE TORTURED BY THEM TO TRY TO GET THEM TO  
20 CONFESS TO DIFFERENT THINGS, THAT WHEN THE TORTURE GOT SO  
21 SEVERE THAT THEY WERE -- THAT THEY WOULD GO UNCONSCIOUS,  
22 THAT THEY WOULD BRING A DOCTOR IN TO ADMINISTER LIDOCAINE,  
23 AND THAT LIDOCAINE WOULD CAUSE THEM TO REGAIN  
24 CONSCIOUSNESS SO THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE IN THEIR  
25 INTERROGATION.

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1 SO IF THERE'S ANY LINK THERE, YOU KNOW,  
 2 IF IT WAS USED ON CAMARENA, HE'S TELLING ME IT WAS USED  
 3 FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE, THAT WHEN THE BEATING WOULD GET  
 4 SO SEVERE, AND HE WOULD GO, LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS -- BECAUSE  
 5 A BODY CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH PAIN. AND AFTER YOU GET TO  
 6 THAT THRESHOLD OF PAIN, ONE TENDS TO PASS OUT -- AND THEY  
 7 ARE IN THEIR HASTE TO TRY TO WITHDRAW INFORMATION, TO KEEP  
 8 THEM CONSCIOUS, AND HE COULD HAVE BEEN INJECTED, WHICH HE  
 9 SAYS HE HAS SEEN IT DONE TO OTHER SUSPECTS.

10 THEY WOULD INJECT THIS LIDOCAINE, WHICH  
 11 IS AN ANESTHETIC, TO BRING THEM BACK. AND IT MAKES THE  
 12 HEART PALPITATE FASTER TO BRING THEM BACK, SO THAT THEY  
 13 CAN CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION.

14 MR. MEDRANO: AND, AGENT BERRELLEZ, OTHER THAN  
 15 WHAT YOU'VE TESTIFIED ABOUT, THERE IS NO OTHER INFORMATION  
 16 THAT LINKS THE HYPODERMICS TO AGENT CAMARENA? IS THAT A  
 17 FAIR STATEMENT?

18 THE WITNESS: THAT'S A FAIR STATEMENT. THAT IS  
 19 CORRECT, SIR.

20 MR. MEDRANO: YES, MA'AM.

21 A JUROR: WHAT IS GLYCINE USED FOR?

22 MR. MEDRANO: LIDOCAINE.

23 A JUROR: GLYCINE, THE AMINO ACID?

24 MR. MEDRANO: OH, THE AMINO ACID.

25 WELL, LET'S ASK AGENT BERRELLEZ IF HE



1 HAS ANY IDEA WHAT AMINO ACID GLYCINE WOULD BE USED FOR.  
2 DO YOU KNOW OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD,  
3 AGENT?

4 THE WITNESS: I'M NOT THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY,  
5 BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT'S THE AMINO ACID GLYCINE HAS TO DO  
6 WITH A B-12 VITAMIN, I WOULD SAY KIND OF LIKE TO ASSIST  
7 THE BODY IN SOME FORM. AND NOT BEING A DOCTOR, I REALLY  
8 DO NOT KNOW IN WHAT FORM, BUT IT'S FOUND IN B-12 VITAMINS,  
9 AND I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WOULD USE THAT.

10 MR. MEDRANO: THANK YOU. OTHER QUESTIONS FOR  
11 MR. BERRELLEZ AT THIS TIME?

12 SEEING NO HANDS, AGENT BERRELLEZ, COULD  
13 I ASK YOU TO STEP OUTSIDE FOR A MOMENT.

14 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, THANK YOU.

15 (THE WITNESS WITHDRAWS FROM  
16 THE GRAND JURY ROOM.)

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(THE WITNESS REENTERED THE  
GRAND JURY ROOM.)

THE FOREPERSON: YOU ARE STILL UNDER OATH.

THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.

EXAMINATION (RESUMED)

MR. MEDRANO: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME TELL  
YOU WHAT I'VE BROUGHT UP HERE. I HAVE BROUGHT UP HERE  
COPIES OF GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS DATING BACK TO NOVEMBER  
30, 1989, AND LET ME IDENTIFY WHAT THESE TRANSCRIPTS ARE  
SO THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU RIGHT NOW, AND SO  
THAT IF WE HAVE A BREAK WHILE WE ARE WORKING ON THE  
INDICTMENT, YOU CAN LOOK THROUGH THEM IF YOU SO DESIRE.

THE FIRST ONE IS NOVEMBER 30, 1989,  
GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPT OF HECTOR CERVANTES SANTOS;

1 DECEMBER 6, '89, HECTOR BERRELLEZ; JANUARY 10, '90,  
2 FREDERICO CASTILLE DEL ORO; JANUARY 10, 1990, HECTOR  
3 BERRELLEZ; JANUARY 17, 1990, HECTOR CERVANTES SANTOS;  
4 JANUARY 17, '90, HECTOR BERRELLEZ.

5 NOW, WHAT I DON'T HAVE THE TRANSCRIPTS  
6 FOR RIGHT NOW ARE YOUR LAST WEDNESDAY, AND THE WITNESSES  
7 AT THAT TIME WERE CERVANTES SANTOS AND JAMES SPURR.

8 THE FOREPERSON: THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS SPECIAL  
9 AGENT JIM SPURR. THAT WAS LAST WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH, AND  
10 MR. CERVANTES TESTIFIED.

11 WERE THOSE THE ONLY TWO WITNESSES?

12 A JUROR: AND ANTONIO.

13 MR. MEDRANO: AND ANTONIO GARATE. THOSE THREE  
14 HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED YET TO ME BY THE COURT REPORTER.  
15 IF YOU WANT THOSE, THOUGH, I MEAN, WE CAN HAVE THEM BY  
16 TOMORROW, AND WE CAN COME BACK TOMORROW FOR YOU TO REVIEW.

17 BUT FOR NOW, LET ME JUST STATE THAT I  
18 HAVE THESE, AND WHY DON'T I JUST PUT THEM ON THIS CHAIR  
19 RIGHT HERE FOR YOU TO REVIEW IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

20 AND WHILE I'M HERE, WOULD ANYONE LIKE ME  
21 TO PULL AND TO BRING TO YOU RIGHT NOW ANY GRAND JURY  
22 TRANSCRIPTS FROM BEFORE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY REVIEWED,  
23 BECAUSE I HAVE THOSE DOWNSTAIRS ON THAT CART YOU MAY  
24 RECALL? AND I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BRING ANY OF THOSE  
25 TRANSCRIPTS UP IF YOU WOULD LIKE. SO LET ME THROW THAT

1 QUESTION OUT.

2 ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO HANDS, LET ME ALSO  
3 IDENTIFY SOMETHING ELSE FOR THE RECORD THROUGH THE  
4 ASSISTANCE OF SPECIAL AGENT HECTOR BERRELLEZ.

5 AGENT BERRELLEZ, LET ME GIVE YOU TWO  
6 TRANSCRIPTS WHICH I'VE IDENTIFIED AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST  
7 PAGE OF EACH AS EXHIBIT 1 AND EXHIBIT 2.

8 DO YOU SEE THOSE TWO ITEMS?

9 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR, I DO.

10 MR. MEDRANO: WHY DON'T YOU TELL THE GRAND JURY  
11 WHAT EXHIBIT 1 IS FIRST.

12 THE WITNESS: EXHIBIT 1 IS A TRANSCRIPT OF A  
13 TAPE RECORDING IN WHICH SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA IS TORTURED  
14 AND QUESTIONED, AND WE DO HAVE A TAPE RECORDING TO THIS  
15 TRANSCRIPT.

16 MR. MEDRANO: AND, OF COURSE, THE TAPE ITSELF  
17 IS IN SPANISH; IS THAT CORRECT?

18 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR. THIS IS ALL IN ENGLISH  
19 AND HAS BEEN TRANSLATED BY TRANSLATERS.

20 MR. MEDRANO: WHAT IS EXHIBIT 2?

21 THE WITNESS: IT IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE  
22 SECOND TAPE. IT'S ALSO IN ENGLISH, AND IT ALSO DEALS WITH  
23 THE INTERROGATION AND TORTURE OF SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA OF  
24 WHICH WE HAVE A TAPE ALSO.

25 MR. MEDRANO: AND FINALLY, LET ME PLACE IN

1 FRONT OF YOU WHAT I'VE IDENTIFIED AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE  
2 AS EXHIBIT 3. WOULD YOU TELL US WHAT THAT IS.

3 THE WITNESS: EXHIBIT 3 IS A TRANSCRIPT ALSO OF  
4 THE TORTURE AND INTERROGATION OF SPECIAL AGENT CAMARENA.  
5 THIS ONE WE DO NOT HAVE A TAPE RECORDING OF.

6 MR. MEDRANO: NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WITH  
7 YOUR PERMISSION, WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS AT THE CONCLUSION  
8 OF OUR APPEARANCE TODAY, I WILL MAKE PHOTOCOPIES OF  
9 EXHIBITS 1 THROUGH 3 AND ATTACH THE PHOTOCOPIES OF THESE  
10 ORIGINALS TO THE GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPT THAT WILL BE  
11 GENERATED BY THE COURT REPORTER.

12 IS THAT OKAY, MR. HUIE?

13 THE FOREPERSON: YES, SIR.

14 MR. MEDRANO: SO I WANTED TO COME BACK UP AT  
15 LEAST TO GIVE YOU THESE ITEMS FOR YOU TO LOOK OVER SHOULD  
16 YOU DESIRE.

17 NOW, WHILE I WAS DOWNSTAIRS, RATHER  
18 UPSTAIRS, I WAS ALSO CHECKING INTO THE STATUS OF THE  
19 INDICTMENT. IT'S VIRTUALLY ALL COPIED NOW, AND IT'S ABOUT  
20 TO BE REVIEWED BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY. SO I HAVE NOW ABOUT  
21 TWENTY OF NOON. I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU HOW YOU WOULD LIKE  
22 TO PROCEED, BECAUSE I THINK THAT INDICTMENT IS ALMOST  
23 READY FOR ME TO COME BACK UP AND TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU  
24 FOR YOUR DELIBERATIONS, OR YOU CAN BREAK. WHATEVER YOU'D  
25 LIKE.

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A JUROR: HOW LONG WILL THE PROCESS TAKE IF WE DO THE ENTIRE PROCESS BEFORE LUNCH?

MR. MEDRANO: IF WE GO THROUGH LUNCH, LET'S SAY, I CAN GET BACK HERE TO YOU NO LATER THAN NOON WITH THE INDICTMENT AND COPIES OF THE INDICTMENT. THEN WHAT I NEEDED TO DO WAS TO REVIEW THE INDICTMENT WITH YOU.

NOW, BECAUSE I'VE MADE ENOUGH COPIES, I DON'T HAVE TO READ THE WHOLE THING INTO THE RECORD, BECAUSE YOU WILL HAVE COPIES OF IT. BUT I DO WANT TO SUMMARIZE EACH COUNT IN THE INDICTMENT, AND THEN WHAT I ALSO WANT TO DO IS JUST BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WITH YOU A SUMMARY OF WHAT MY RECOLLECTION IS OF THE EVIDENCE THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED TO YOU AS TO THESE NEW ADDITIONAL SIX DEFENDANTS THAT HAVE BEING CONTEMPLATED. AND THAT WOULD BE VERY BRIEF, BECAUSE IT'S YOUR RECOLLECTION THAT CONTROLS AS TO THE EVIDENCE, BUT I JUST WANT TO SUMMARIZE IT FOR YOU.

SO LET'S SAY THAT THAT PROCESS STARTING AT NOON TAKES 15 OR 20 MINUTES, AND THEN AFTER THAT, MYSELF AND THE COURT REPORTER WILL LEAVE, AND YOUR DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN AT THAT POINT. AND, OF COURSE, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW LONG THAT'S GOING TO TAKE. THAT IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU AND AT YOUR DISCRETION.

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1 SO THAT'S SORT OF HOW I SEE IT PLAYING  
2 OUT.

3 A JUROR: HOW AVAILABLE ARE THE MAGISTRATES  
4 AROUND NOON?

5 THE WITNESS: THEY ARE PROBABLY -- AT 12:00,  
6 PROBABLY AT LUNCH.

7 A JUROR: LET'S GO TO LUNCH.

8 THE FOREPERSON: LUNCH.

9 A JUROR: IT SOUNDS LIKE WE MIGHT AS WELL GO TO  
10 LUNCH.

11 A JUROR: LET'S BREAK FOR AN HOUR AND COME BACK  
12 AT 1:00.

13 MR. MEDRANO: OKAY. WHY DON'T WE DO THIS,  
14 THEN. WE'LL COME BACK HERE AT 1:00. I WILL KEEP  
15 POSSESSION OF THE GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS AND EXHIBITS 1  
16 THROUGH 3. AND THEN WHEN WE COME UP AT 1:00, I'LL  
17 DEFINITELY HAVE ALL THE INDICTMENTS READY, AND WE CAN  
18 DISCUSS IT AT THAT TIME.

19 A JUROR: I HAVE A QUESTION.

20 MR. MEDRANO: YES.

21 A JUROR: AGENT BERRELLEZ, WHEN YOU WERE  
22 TALKING TO MR. CERVANTES SANTOS, HE MENTIONED THAT  
23 MR. WALKER WAS KILLED BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT HE WAS A DEA  
24 SURVEILLANCE PERSON.

25 WHAT DID THEY BASE THEIR EVIDENCE ON OR

1 THEIR INFORMATION, MR. HERNANDEZ AND MR. OCHOA?

2 MR. MEDRANO: THAT'S ASSUMING THAT  
3 MR. CERVANTES TOLD YOU, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO  
4 SPECULATE. BUT IF HE TOLD YOU, YOU DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER  
5 TO THAT QUESTION?

6 THE WITNESS: NO, I REALLY DO NOT. I DON'T  
7 KNOW WHAT THEY SPECULATED ON.

8 MR. MEDRANO: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

9 A JUROR: CAN YOU LEAVE A TRANSCRIPT HERE  
10 DURING LUNCH?

11 MR. MEDRANO: OH, MOST DEFINITELY.

12 A JUROR: WELL, I WILL BE HERE, SO WOULD YOU  
13 PLEASE LEAVE THEM.

14 MR. MEDRANO: WHY DON'T I LEAVE THE GRAND JURY  
15 TRANSCRIPTS AS WELL AS EXHIBITS 1 THROUGH 3. AND THEY  
16 WILL BE LOCKED UP HERE, OF COURSE, JUST FOR YOU, THE GRAND  
17 JURORS, AND NO ONE ELSE.

18 YES, SIR.

19 A JUROR: TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WERE MR. WALKER  
20 AND HIS FRIEND INFORMANTS OR AGENTS OF THE DEA?

21 THE WITNESS: NO, SIR. THEY WERE NOT. WHAT I  
22 UNDERSTAND MR. WALKER WAS DOING IN MEXICO, HE WAS WRITING  
23 A BOOK.

24 A JUROR: I REMEMBER THAT.

25 THE WITNESS: AND SUPPOSEDLY THE BOOK WAS ON



1 THE MEXICAN MAFIA. AND IT COULD HAVE BEEN, AND I'M JUST  
2 SPECULATING --

3 MR. MEDRANO: I DON'T WANT YOU TO SPECULATE.

4 THE WITNESS: OH, OKAY.

5 MR. MEDRANO: BUT LET'S BE MORE SPECIFIC.

6 TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ON THE BASIS OF  
7 YOUR INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE, ARE YOU AWARE IF  
8 MR. RADELAT OR MR. WALKER WERE EMPLOYED IN ANY WAY BY THE  
9 DEA?

10 THE WITNESS: NO, THEY WERE NOT, SIR.

11 MR. MEDRANO: IN FACT, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, THEY  
12 WERE EITHER STUDYING OR WRITING A BOOK OR SIMPLY RESIDING  
13 TEMPORARILY IN GUADALAJARA AT THE TIME?

14 THE WITNESS: YES, SIR.

15 MR. MEDRANO: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME?

16 A JUROR: WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT THIRD TAPE THAT  
17 YOU HAVE TRANSCRIPTS FOR BUT NO TAPE?

18 THE WITNESS: WELL, WE NEVER GOT THAT THIRD  
19 TAPE PROVIDED TO US BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

20 MR. MEDRANO: IT WAS THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT  
21 THAT GAVE YOU THE TAPES ORIGINALLY; IS THAT CORRECT?

22 THE WITNESS: RIGHT.

23 MR. MEDRANO: AND THEY GAVE YOU ONLY TWO TAPES?

24 THE WITNESS: TWO TAPES IS ALL THEY GAVE US.

25 MR. MEDRANO: RELATING TO THE INTERROGATION?

1 THE WITNESS: RIGHT.

2 MR. MEDRANO: AND NO TAPE WAS EVER GIVEN TO YOU  
3 FOR THE TRANSCRIPTS BY WHICH WE DO HAVE?

4 THE WITNESS: RIGHT. OF THE THIRD TRANSCRIPT.  
5 THEY NEVER GAVE US THAT TAPE. SO ALL WE GOT WAS THAT ONE  
6 TRANSCRIPT.

7 MR. MEDRANO: WE GOT JUST THE TRANSCRIPT, NO  
8 TAPE?

9 THE WITNESS: THAT'S ALL WE GOT, YES.

10 MR. MEDRANO: YES, SIR.

11 A JUROR: WAS THERE A REASON OR SOMETHING  
12 PERSONAL THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT?

13 MR. MEDRANO: WELL, LET ME INTERJECT, AND I  
14 APOLOGIZE FOR INTERJECTING WHEN I DID, BUT I JUST DON'T  
15 WANT THE AGENT TO SPECULATE BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT  
16 WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE, IT SHOULD BE ON HARD CORE  
17 EVIDENCE AS OPPOSED TO WHAT ONE PERSON THINKS IS GOING ON  
18 IN THE MIND OF ANOTHER; THAT'S SPECULATION.

19 AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE THE  
20 AGENT NOT TO SPECULATE.

21 A JUROR: DO WE KNOW IF MR. WALKER WAS WRITING  
22 A BOOK? DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS BOOK OR HIS  
23 TRANSCRIPT? JUST CURIOUS.

24 THE WITNESS: NO, WE DO NOT.

25 MR. MEDRANO: AND ALSO LET ME REMIND THAT YOU

1 WHEN WE COME BACK AT 1:00, AGENT BERRELLEZ WILL BE  
 2 AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS; SO HE'S GOING  
 3 TO BE WITH US ALL DAY TODAY IF IT'S NECESSARY.

4 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS JUNCTURE?  
 5 I'LL SEE YOU IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND 15 MINUTES. THANK YOU.

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 7 (WHEREUPON THE WITNESS WITHDRAWS  
 8 FROM THE GRAND JURY ROOM,  
 9 AND A RECESS IS TAKEN.)

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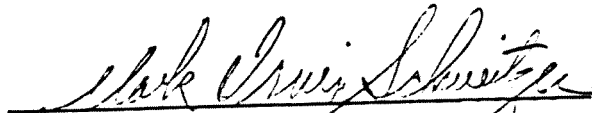
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, MARK IRVIN SCHWEITZER, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD AT THE TIME AND PLACE THEREIN SET FORTH, AND WERE TAKEN DOWN BY ME IN SHORTHAND AS GIVEN AND THEREAFTER TRANSCRIBED BY MEANS OF COMPUTER-AIDED TRANSCRIPTION:

THAT THE FOREGOING TRANSCRIPT CONTAINS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPTION OF MY SHORTHAND NOTES SO TAKEN.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND AFFIXED MY SEAL ON THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 1990.



MARK IRVIN SCHWEITZER

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