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10. REPORT RE: Interrogation of Defendant Sergio ESPINO-Verdin by the MFJP

SYNOPSIS

On 5-28-86, at about 2:00 p.m., defendant Sergio ESPINO-Verdin was arrested by the MFJP at Durango, Durango, Mexico. DEA personnel were present during the arrest. Subsequently, ESPINO-Verdin was transported to Mexico City, Mexico, under MFJP and DEA escort where between 0030 and 0400, 5-29-86, the interrogation of the defendant was conducted at MFJP Interpol Headquarters in the presence of DEA personnel.

DETAILS

- Reference is made to all previous correspondence under the above file title and number.
- On 5-28-86, at approximately 2:00 p.m., at Durango, Durango, Mexico, defendant Sergio ESPINO-Verdin was arrested by MFJP agents under the command of 2nd Comandante Arturo Rojas, accompanied by S/A's Victor Cortez and Benito Maestas, of the Guadalajara R.O. Location and subsequent arrest of the defendant was based upon information provided to the Guadalajara R.O. by STE-85-0002.
- Subsequently, ESPINO-Verdin was transported under MFJP and DEA escort to Mexico City via commercial flight for interrogation arriving at approximately 12:30 a.m. on 5-29-86. In the presence of SAC Edward A. Heath and S/A's Robert Castillo and Victor Cortez, ESPINO-Verdin was interrogated by 1st Comandante Miguel Rodriguez-Lorrobaquio and 2nd Comandante Luis Soto-Silva, at MFJP Interpol Headquarters.
- At that time, ESPINO-Verdin admitted becoming a close associate of Ernesto FONSECA-Carrillo after being removed as comandante with GOM Gobernacion during 1983. The defendant advised that he would receive at times up to \$500-800 pesos from FONSECA-Carrillo and subsequently admitted being a

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bodyguard of FONSECA-Carrillo, but denied involvement in FONSECA-Carrillo's ventures in Zacatecas, Mexico, or Rafael CARO-Quintero's at Bufalo, Chihuahua, Mexico.

5. ESPINO-Verdin then advised that approximately at 7:30 a.m., on 2-7-85, he along with FONSECA-Carrillo, Samuel RAMIREZ-Razo aka "Sammy", Lic. Javier Barba-Hernandez, accompanied by additional Mexican males, identified by the defendant as PILIADO (phonetic), three cousins known as "Tierra Libres" and "El Italiano", arrived at CARO-Quintero's residence located at Lope de Vega #881, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. That two late model Ford Marquis, one dark green and the other black in color, along with a silver and black in color Bronco were utilized to transport the aforementioned individuals to the Lope de Vega residence. Once greeted at the vehicle entrance-way (located at the side of the residence) by CARO-Quintero, all vehicles were allowed inside. At that time, ESPINO-Verdin observed inside the premises Francisco Javier TEJEDA-Jaramillo aka "El Paco", Sergio aka "El Chino"; possibly last name of Castillo, "El Fantasma", "Amadito", identified as Jose Luis BELTRAN-Alvarado, and several other individuals whose names are unknown to the defendant, approximately ten (10) in number, and all armed.

6. Lic. Barba-Hernandez, FONSECA-Carrillo, RAMIREZ-Razo, and ESPINO-Verdin then accompanied CARO-Quintero into his bedroom, where a general conversation ensued while CARO-Quintero changed clothes. Shortly thereafter, ESPINO-Verdin advised that all personnel then proceeded to the garden area where a conversation continued without the presence of ESPINO-Verdin. According to the defendant, he remained to one side and subsequently was not able to overhear the conversation between BARBA-Hernandez, CARO-Quintero, RAMIREZ-Razo and FONSECA-Carrillo.

7. ESPINO-Verdin then advised that at approximately 12 noon, either FONSECA-Carrillo or BARBA-Hernandez gave instructions to leave the premises. FONSECA-Carrillo, RAMIREZ-Razo and PILIADO then departed in the dark green Marquis, while BARBA-Hernandez left in a Caribe vehicle accompanied by two of the "Tierra Libres" defendants. That ESPINO-Verdin along with the remaining "Tierra Libre" defendant, remained at the residence with "El Fantasma" and the remaining group of CARO-Quintero. ESPINO-Verdin then advised that a black in color Bronco and a red pick-up remained inside the premises. ESPINO-Verdin identified the red pick-up as the property of a member of CARO-Quintero called "El Piloto". No further description of "El Piloto" was provided by ESPINO-Verdin. Allegedly, ESPINO-Verdin had no knowledge of what was occurring.

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8. According to the defendant, it was approximately an hour later when the aforementioned personnel returned to the Lope de Vega residence. At this time, ESPINO-Verdin observed an unknown individual whose head is covered with a jacket inside a small compact creme in color vehicle occupied as advised by ESPINO-Verdin, by BARBA-Hernandez and two members of the "Tierra Libre" Group. From this compact vehicle, ESPINO-Verdin observed the exiting of BARBA-Hernandez, the two "Tierra Libre" members with the individual whose head was covered with a jacket obviously to have been S/A Enrique Camarena.

9. At this point, the MFJP Comandante conducting the interrogation attempted to establish defendants involved with specific vehicles, which is based upon information developed from prior interrogations of defendants in this investigation already incarcerated. It is apparent that ESPINO-Verdin is confused with the identification of several of the key vehicles utilized in the abduction of S/A Camarena. However, ESPINO-Verdin continued to advise that it had been BARBA-Hernandez and two of the "Tierra Libre", who transported S/A Camarena in the small creme in color vehicle, identified by the defendant as a Caribe. Further that ownership of the vehicle is unknown to ESPINO-Verdin but had been observed by the defendant to be constantly utilized by BARBA-Hernandez. As advised by the defendant, this subject vehicle had been utilized to transport FONSECA-Carrillo personnel to Lope de Vega residence on 2-7-85, at approximately 7:30 a.m. from FONSECA-Carrillo residence.

10. Regarding the dark green Marquis which ESPINO-Verdin advised to have left Lope de Vega #881 at approximately noon, the defendant stated that the vehicle returned to the subject residence shortly after the arrival of the creme compact vehicle and was occupied by FONSECA-Carrillo, RAMIREZ-Razo and PILIADO.

11. ESPINO-Verdin then advised that the unknown individual, now identified to the defendant as S/A Camarena was escorted to the bedroom by RAMIREZ-Razo and BARBA-Hernandez, along with TEJEDA-Jaramillo and "El Fantasma". Not knowing what was occurring, ESPINO-Verdin stated that he remained outside of the house with "El Italiano", and did not enter the bedroom. However, he, the defendant, was later called into the room by RAMIREZ-Razo to which ESPINO-Verdin complied.

12. While in the bedroom, ESPINO-Verdin advised that RAMIREZ-Razo would ask S/A Camarena questions while TEJEDA-Jaramillo and "El Fantasma" would strike and kick S/A Camarena with their fists and feet. ESPINO-Verdin further advised that Sergio "El Chino", now identified by the defendant as Sergio CORONA, was also in the room as TEJEDA-Jaramillo and "El Fantasma". ESPINO-Verdin advised that at one point RAMIREZ-Razo exited the room, at which time

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TEJEDA-Jaramillo, "EL Fantasma" and Sergio CORONA began to strike S/A Camarena severely about his body with their fist and feet. ESPINO-Verdin then stated that at that instant he exited the room to seek RAMIREZ-Razo and have him return. In doing so it is alleged that RAMIREZ-Razo stopped the assault on S/A Camarena and cleared the room of all occupants following S/A Camarena a period of rest, but the line of questioning continued.

13. According to the defendant, BARBA-Hernandez had also partaken in the interrogation of S/A Camarena and when the question was not answered to the satisfaction of BARBA-Hernandez, S/A Camarena would be struck by BARBA-Hernandez. At this time ESPINO-Verdin continuously denied asking S/A Camarena any questions or having any involvement in the interrogation. As advised by ESPINO-Verdin, RAMIREZ-Razo and BARBA-Hernandez were the interrogators while he guarded the door to the bedroom. ESPINO-Verdin further advised that it had been "EL Fantasma" who recorded the interrogation of S/A Camarena. ESPINO-Verdin then denied being referred to as "Mi Comandante" by S/A Camarena as noted on the confidential tapes recovered of S/A Camarena's interrogation. The defendant admitted being referred to as "Comandante" by everyone, but it was RAMIREZ-Razo who S/A Camarena referred to as "Mi Comandante" and not him, as alleged by the defendant.

14. ESPINO-Verdin is then asked about "La Calaca". The defendant advised that he doesn't know "La Calaca" nor "El Chango", but is familiar with "El Chavo", "Cuco" and "Carlitos", who were at the house on 02-07-85, along with Rogelio MUNOZ-Rios. According to the defendant, none of the aforementioned individuals entered the room while he guarded the entranceway.

15. ESPINO-Verdin then advised that about 8:00 p.m., he, along with FONSECA-Carrillo, RAMIREZ-Razo, BARBA-Hernandez and RILIADO departed the residence and proceeded to Lic. Jorge SALAZAR's residence where a party was being held. ESPINO-Verdin then denied returning to Lope de Vega residence on the 8th of February, 1985, nor having any further knowledge of S/A Camarena's subsequent murder or having any type of contact with anyone member of the CARO-Quintero and/or FONSECA-Carrillo organizations.

16. ESPINO-Verdin did advise that S/A Camarena was not interrogated continuously, but that a break would occur approximately every half hour or so. Questions consisted of asking S/A Camarena of what specific investigations existed and who were the targets of these investigations.

17. When asked, ESPINO-Verdin admits knowing Miguel Angel FELIX-Gallardo, but not associated with the defendant in any way. ESPINO-Verdin further stated that he did not observe FELIX-Gallardo at the Lope de Vega residence on 02-07-85 at any time. ESPINO-Verdin also denied knowing Jose Luis GALLARDO-Parra, aka "El Guero".

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18. At about 4:00 a.m., it was agreed upon that interrogation of the defendant would terminate until 10:00 a.m., that same date. ESPINO-Verdin was then escorted to his cell at Interpol Headquarters.

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2. Ernesto FONSECA-Carrillo - NADDIS [REDACTED]
3. Rafael CARO-Quintero - NADDIS [REDACTED]
4. Javier BARBA-Hernandez - NADDIS [REDACTED]
5. Samuel RAMIREZ-Razo - NADDIS [REDACTED]
6. Francisco Javier TEJEDA-Jaramillo - NADDIS [REDACTED]
7. "PILIADO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
8. "TIERRA LIBRES - NADDIS [REDACTED]
9. Sergio CORONA, aka "EL CHINO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
10. "EL FANTASMA" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
11. Jose Luis BELTRAN-Alvarado - NADDIS [REDACTED]
12. "EL ITALIANO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
13. "EL PILOTO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
14. "EL CHANGO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
15. "LA CALACA" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
16. "CUCO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
17. "EL CHAVO" - NADDIS [REDACTED]
18. Miguel Angel FELIX-Gallardo - NADDIS [REDACTED]
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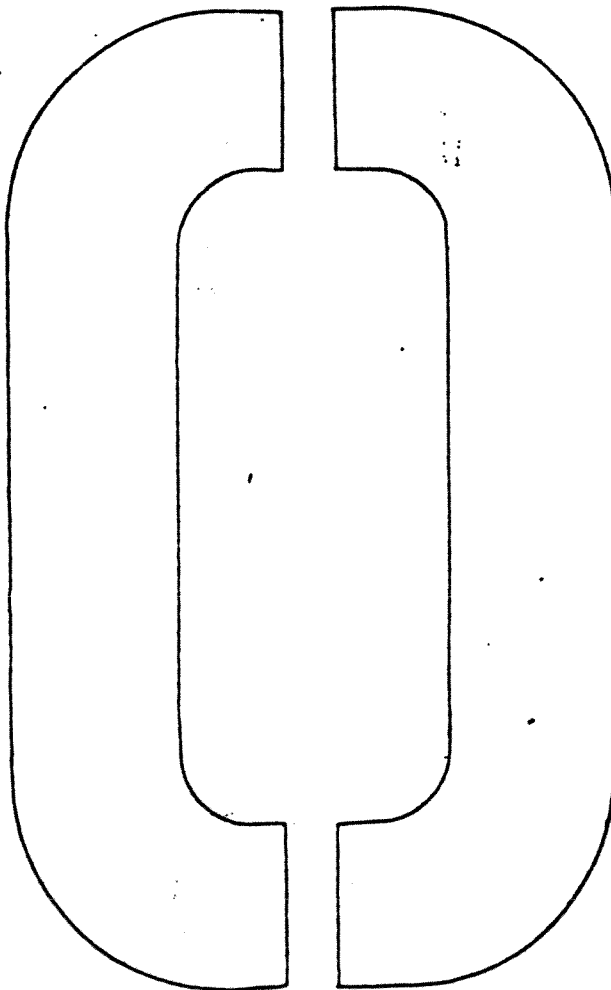
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20. Jose Luis GALLARDO-Parra, aka "El Guero" - NADDIS

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10. REPORT RE.
Continued Interrogation of Defendant Sergio ESPINO-Verdin on 5-30-86

DETAILS

- Reference is made to all previous correspondence made under the above file title and number.
- On 5-29-86, arrangements were made by Inspector Mathew Maher, [REDACTED], to have photographs of defendant Rene Martin VERDUGO-Urquidez forwarded to DEA/Mexico City Country Office. On 5-30-86, S/A's Robert Castillo and Dale Stinson received the subject photographs via commercial flight. Request had been made by S/A Castillo to 2nd Comandante Luis Soto-Silva, MFJP Interpol, Mexico City, to have defendant Sergio ESPINO-Verdi available on or about 7:00 P.M., this date, for further interrogation. Request had been honored.
- On 5-30-86, at approximately 7:30 p.m., photograph of VERDUGO-Urquidez was shown to ESPINO-Verdin by Comandante Soto-Silva in the presence of S/A's Castillo and Stinson. At that time, ESPINO-Verdin advised that he recalled seeing the individual on several occasions in Guadalajara but did not know the name of the subject depicted on the photograph. When asked, ESPINO-Verdin advised that to the best of his knowledge he did not see the subject individual of the photograph at the Lope de Vega #281 residence at any time on 2-7-85. When asked by S/A Castillo, ESPINO-Verdin advised that he did not know of any one individual called "LA RANA".
- Espino-Verdin was then asked by S/A Castillo if he was acquainted and/or associated with "EL NEGRO", Miguel Angel VIELMA-Heras, ex-Comandante with the MFJP and DFS "Madrina". At that time, ESPINO-Verdin advised that he knew of VIELMA-Heras when stationed at Guadalajara, Jalisco but at no time was associated with the individual. Acknowledging the identification of VIELMA-Heras, ESPINO-Verdin, when asked, advised that VIELMA-Heras was not seen by him on 2-7-85 by the Lope de Vega residence at any time. When asked by S/A Castillo if he knew a Rene Martin VERDUGO-Urquidez, ESPINO-Verdin advised that he had never heard of anyone by that name. Again, ESPINO-Verdin advised that he could not identify the individual depicted in the photographs.

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Comandante Soto-Silva then advised S/A's Castillo and Stinson that a declaration of ESPINO-Verdin had already been obtained and that in his statement, ESPINO-Verdin advised that in fact Miguel Angel FELIX-Gallardo had been in the Lope de Vega #881 residence during the evening hours of 7-7-85. At that time, Comandante Soto-Silva outlined the declaration of ESPINO-Verdin containing the aforementioned and showed only that portion of the declaration to S/A Castillo and S/A Stinson. The declaration denoted ESPINO-Verdin stating that while on guard at the bedroom which contained S/A Camarena, the defendant heard a familiar voice suspected at that time by the defendant to have been FELIX-Gallardo's voice. Shortly thereafter, FELIX-Gallardo came into the bedroom and proceeded to ask S/A Camarena several questions. Once answered, FELIX-Gallardo departed the room and was not seen again by ESPINO-Verdin. The defendant denied knowledge of FELIX-Gallardo's presence.

Comandante Soto-Silva then relinquished to the Special Agents complete finger and palm prints of the defendant, which subsequently have been forwarded to LEYENDA TEAM/Headquarters for Examination/Comparison. No further pertinent information was obtained at this time.

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