## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HONORABLE EDWARD RAFEEDIE, JUDGE PRESIDING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

NO. CR 87-422(E)-ER

RUBEN ZUNO-ARCE, ET AL.,

DEFENDANTS.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1989, 3:30 P.M. THE CLERK: ITEM NO. 11, CRIMINAL 87-422, UNITED 1 STATES OF AMERICA VERSUS RUBEN ZUNO-ARCE, JUAN JOSE 2 BERNABE-RAMIREZ, AND JAVIER VASQUEZ-VELASCO. 3 COUNSEL, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAMES FOR THE RECORD. MR. CARLTON: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. CARLTON AND MANUEL MEDRANO ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES. 6 MR. MAZA: MIKE MAZA ON BEHALF OF BERNABE-RAMIREZ, WHO IS PRESENT IN CUSTODY. 8 MR. MEDVENE: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. 9 EDWARD MEDVENE ALONG WITH MESSRS. BLANCARTE AND NICOLA FOR 10 MR. ZUNO-ARCE, WHO IS PRESENT IN CUSTODY. 11 MR. NICOLAYSEN: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. 12 GREGORY NICOLAYSEN BY APPOINTMENT FOR DEFENDANT JAVIER 13 VASQUEZ-VELASCO, WHO IS PRESENT IN COURT WITH THE 14 ASSISTANCE OF AN INTERPRETER. 15 (ARRAIGNMENT OF BERNABE-RAMIREZ AND 16 VASQUEZ-VELASCO ON THE FIFTH SUPERSEDING 17 INDICTMENT REPORTED, BUT NOT TRANSCRIBED 18 HEREIN.) 19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP THE 20 MATTER OF UNITED STATES VERSUS ZUNO-ARCE. IT IS THE 21 DEFENDANT ZUNO-ARCE'S MOTION FOR BAIL PENDING TRIAL, WHICH 22 WAS MADE ORALLY HERE LAST WEEK AND WHICH HAS NOW BEEN 23 FORMALIZED IN THE FORM OF A MOTION. 24.

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THE COURT HAS RECEIVED AND READ AND CONSIDERED

THE MOTION FILED BY THE DEFENDANT FOR BAIL PENDING TRIAL AND THE OPPOSITION FILED BY THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING UNDER SEAL -- DECLARATIONS FILED UNDER SEAL IN SUPPORT OF THE OPPOSITION TO BAIL BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE PRETRIAL SERVICES REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN FILED AND WHICH HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DEFENDANT BE DETAINED WITHOUT BAIL, WHICH IS ALSO THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

NOW, COUNSEL, THE FACTS HAVE NOT CHANGED A GREAT DEAL SINCE WE WERE LAST HERE CONCERNING BAIL FOR THIS DEFENDANT AS A MATERIAL WITNESS. AT THAT TIME YOU WILL RECALL I DENIED THE DEFENDANT BAIL AS A MATERIAL WITNESS, CONSIDERING HIM THEN TO BE A FLIGHT RISK.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THAT

TIME, THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED, ARE THAT THE

DEFENDANT IS NOW SUBJECT TO THIS NEW INDICTMENT IN WHICH

HE IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER AS WELL AS THE KIDNAPPING OF

SPECIAL AGENT ENRIQUE CAMARENA IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, AND

WITH OTHER OFFENSES, SEVERAL OF WHICH CARRY LIFE

SENTENCES.

SO YOUR PROBLEM IS THIS: AT THE TIME THAT THIS MATTER WAS LAST BEFORE THE COURT WHEN THE DEFENDANT WAS UNCHARGED WITH ANY CRIME, THE COURT BASICALLY, ON THE SAME EVIDENCE, DETERMINED THAT HE WAS A FLIGHT RISK, AND NOT SUITABLE FOR BAIL PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATERIAL WITNESS SITUATION.

WE NOW HAVE THE DEFENDANT BACK IN CUSTODY

CHARGED NOT ONLY WITH THE CRIME AGAINST AGENT CAMARENA,

BUT ALSO THE CRIME OF PERJURY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, WHICH

IS SET NOW.

DO YOU WANT TO EXPLAIN TO THE COURT WHY THE COURT SHOULD SET BAIL AT THIS TIME WHEN I'T DECLINED TO DO SO UNDER MUCH MORE FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE?

MR. MEDVENE: YES, YOUR HONOR. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY, SIR. WE SAY INITIALLY THAT PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER PAREDES -- AND WE MAKE AN OFFER OF PROOF AT THIS TIME -- IS AN 18-YEAR VETERAN, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

CONTRARY TO THE STATEMENT BY HIS HONOR, ACTUALLY AS I UNDERSTAND IT -- AND I MAKE THIS OFFER OF PROOF -- THAT IF HE WERE CALLED TO TESTIFY, HE WOULD TESTIFY THAT HE IS THE PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER MOST FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATTER.

THE COURT: IS HE PRESENT?

MR. MEDVENE: YES, HE IS PRESENT, SIR. HE WILL
TESTIFY THAT HE IS THE PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER MOST
FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATTER, THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING THE
RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR HONOR, THAT AFTER HIS CONFERENCES
WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND REVIEWING THE MATERIAL THEY
SUBMITTED AND REVIEWING WHAT THE DEFENSE COUNSEL HAD
SUBMITTED, THAT HE FOUND THAT ZUNO-ARCE WAS NOT A DANGER

TO THE COMMUNITY, CONFIRMING WHAT PREVIOUS PRETRIAL

SERVICES OFFICER HOWARD FOUND, THAT HE WAS NOT A DANGER TO

THE COMMUNITY; AND FURTHER OFFICER PAREDES FOUND THAT HE

WAS NOT A FLIGHT RISK UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

OATH -- AND I CONTINUE THE OFFER OF PROOF -- IT IS THAT IF HE WERE CALLED TO TESTIFY, HE WOULD SAY THAT WHAT THE REPORT MEANS, AND AS HE WAS PERMITTED TO WRITE IT, WHAT IT MEANT WAS THAT HE ACTUALLY RECOMMENDED BOND, THE SAME BOND THAT JUDGE TAKASUGI AND THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAD ORDERED, UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT HAD SOMETHING THAT PRETRIAL SERVICES HAD NOT SEEN OR THEY HAD NOT SHOWN HIM AS OF THIS MOMENT. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING AND THAT IS OUR OFFER OF PROOF OF WHAT HE WOULD TESTIFY TO.

THE COURT: YOU ARE SPEAKING NOW OF WHOM?

MR. MEDVENE: I AM SORRY?

THE COURT: WHO ARE YOU SPEAKING OF?

MR. MEDVENE: I AM SPEAKING OF --

THE COURT: THE PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER?

MR. MEDVENE: IT IS OFFICER RON PAREDES,

P-A-R-E-D-E-S. HE IS IN THE COURTROOM.

THE COURT: IS HE PRESENT HERE?

MR. MEDVENE: YES, SIR. I MAKE AN OFFER OF

PROOF THAT THAT IS WHAT HE WOULD TESTIFY --

THE COURT: JUST A MOMENT.

WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE. 1 MR. PAREDES: RON PAREDES. THE COURT: COME FORWARD AND STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. MR. PAREDES: MY NAME IS RON PAREDES WITH 5 PRETRIAL SERVICES. THE COURT: DID YOU HEAR THIS OFFER OF PROOF 7 MADE BY COUNSEL PURPORTING TO CHARACTERIZE WHAT YOUR TESTIMONY WOULD BE IF YOU WERE CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THIS 9 CASE? 10 MR. PAREDES: YES. IN THE REPORT DATED TODAY I 11 INDICATED --12 THE COURT: JUST A MOMENT. DO YOU AGREE THAT 13 COUNSEL CORRECTLY CHARACTERIZED WHAT YOUR TESTIMONY WOULD 14 15 BE? MR. PAREDES: YES, YOUR HONOR. 16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. NOW, WHAT WAS IT YOU 17 WERE GOING TO SAY? 18 MR. PAREDES: I WAS GOING TO INDICATE THAT BASED 19 ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME AT THE TIME OF THIS 20 REPORT, I WOULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR BAIL, GIVEN THE 21 INFORMATION I HAVE AT THIS TIME. 22 THE COURT: YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THE SEALED 23 DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COURT? 24 MR. PAREDES: NO, YOUR HONOR. 25

1	THE COURT: SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT?
2	MR. PAREDES: NO, YOUR HONOR.
3	THE COURT: AND WHAT IS THE BAIL THAT YOU WOULD
4	RECOMMEND?
5	MR. PAREDES: THE BAIL THAT WAS RECOMMENDED ON
6	THIS REPORT
7	THE COURT: AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU ARE
8	RECOMMENDING THE SAME BAIL WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY POSTED ON
9	THE PERJURY CASE WOULD SERVE AS BAIL IN THIS CASE ALSO?
10	MR. PAREDES: YES, YOUR HONOR.
11	THE COURT: SO THAT THE DEFENDANT WOULD BE
12	ORDERED RELEASED WITHOUT FURTHER BAIL, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL
13	BAIL?
14	MR. PAREDES: THAT IS CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
15	THE COURT: BUT YOU DID MARK DETENTION HERE AS
16	ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.
17	MR. PAREDES: THAT IS CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
18	THE COURT: WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
19	MR. PAREDES: BY THAT I MEANT IF THERE WAS ANY
20	OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE
21	NOT SEEN OR ARE UNAWARE OF, WE WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE
22	DETENTION.
23	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY BE SEATED THERE.
24	MR. MEDVENE: IF THE COURT PLEASE, IN ADDITION
25	THEN TO THE CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCE, IN A DIRECT ANSWER TO

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YOUR HONOR'S QUESTION OF WHAT HAS CHANGED, WE HAVE THE PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOW RECOMMENDING THE NINTH CIRCUIT ORDER BEING ADEQUATE.

NOW, WHAT OTHER CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES DO WE HAVE OTHER THAN THE PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAYING THAT HE SHOULD BE RELEASED? THE OTHER CHANGES WE HAVE ARE THAT JUDGE TAKASUGI ORDERED MR. ZUNO-ARCE BACK TWICE. THE RECORD IS THAT COUNSEL FOR ZUNO-ARCE, BEFORE EACH OF THE TWO OCCASIONS, TOLD HIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD REPRESENTED THAT THEY MAY WELL INDICT HIM FOR THE CHARGES THEY HAVE HERE INDICTED HIM FOR.

AND I MIGHT ALSO SAY, YOUR HONOR, AS OUR SUBMITTAL INDICATED, THE NINTH CIRCUIT AS WELL AS JUDGE TAKASUGI HAD BEFORE THEM THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE CHARGES.

THAT IS SET FORTH IN OUR MOVING PAPERS, AND I AM SURE THAT YOUR HONOR HAS READ THEM. RECORDED THE PARTICULAR LANGUAGE OF JUDGE TAKASUGI'S ORDER WHERE HE SAID THAT:

"ONE MUST LOOK IN DETERMINING BAIL AT THE SUBJECT MATTER, THAT IS, THE GOVERNMENT'S ALLEGATIONS OF NARCOTIC INVOLVEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAMARENA MURDER AS THESE THINGS WOULD BEAR ON FLIGHT RISK."

THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAS ALREADY HAD THIS IN FRONT OF THEM.

AT ANY RATE, DESPITE THOSE ALLEGATIONS BEING

MADE AT THAT EARLY DATE, DESPITE COUNSEL'S ADVISING ZUNO-ARCE BEFORE HE APPEARED IN THIS COUNTRY ON BOTH OCCASIONS
THAT HE MIGHT WELL BE INDICTED, AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SO
REPRESENTED, FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CAMARENA TORTURE AND
MURDER, HE APPEARED THE FIRST TIME AND HE APPEARED THE
SECOND TIME.

AND I MIGHT SAY, YOUR HONOR, AND I THINK IT IS

IN THE PAPERS, THE ONLY REASON THE GOVERNMENT KNEW WHERE

TO PICK HIM UP WAS THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL AT MR. ZUNO
ARCE'S REQUEST AND WITH HIS PERMISSION GAVE THE GOVERNMENT

THE DAY HE WAS COMING IN AND THE FLIGHT NUMBER HE WAS

COMING IN ON.

NOW, YOUR HONOR MENTIONED THE LAST TIME, WELL, COUNSEL, ISN'T THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN -- I KNOW YOU MAYBE IMPLICITLY SAID YEAH, THE NINTH CIRCUIT WHEN THEY RULED, THERE WAS A 15-YEAR MAXIMUM. YOU DIDN'T USE THAT LANGUAGE, BUT THE PERJURY INDICTMENT IN FRONT OF YOU, ISN'T IT DIFFERENT NOW THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF LIFE? AND WE WOULD SAY TO YOUR HONOR THAT FOR THIS PURPOSE WITH THIS RECORD THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE.

THE MAN IS 59 GOING ON 60. HE IS VIRTUALLY A 60-YEAR-OLD MAN. A 15-YEAR SENTENCE, AS YOUR HONOR WOULD KNOW, AT THAT AGE IN LIFE FOR THE DEFENDANT IS BASICALLY EQUIVALENT TO A LIFE SENTENCE. IT IS EQUIVALENT THAT HE IS NEVER GOING TO GET OUT WHEN HE RETURNED ON THE PERJURY

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 CASE. HIS YOUNGSTERS ARE 3 AND 7. HE WOULDN'T SEE THEM THROUGH THEIR MAJORITY. HE HAS A WIFE IN HER THIRTIES. HE WOULDN'T SEE HER.

I MEAN, NOBODY COULD REASONABLY SAY THAT

SOMEBODY WHO IS 60 THAT IS GOING TO BE IN JAIL UNTIL MAYBE

THEY ARE 75, WITH THIS HIGH-PROFILE CASE, IS GOING TO MAKE

A JUDGMENT THAT I WILL COME BACK BECAUSE I MAY ONLY BE IN

JAIL UNTIL I AM 70, BUT I WOULD NOT COME BACK IF I MIGHT

BE IN JAIL UNTIL I AM 75, IF I AM STILL ALIVE.

SO THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THAT FACT BECAUSE OF THE MAN'S AGE. IF HE WERE 19 OR 20, IT MIGHT BE

AS WE MENTIONED TO YOUR HONOR, WE HAVE FULFILLED ALL OF THE CONDITIONS. AND WHAT WE DO HAVE? WE HAVE BEEN FOUR MONTHS INTO THIS THING AND THE FIRST ALLEGATION WE HAD THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO PROVE ANYTHING.

AND WE WILL GET TO OUR REQUEST IN A MOMENT WHEN WE SEE THE IN-CAMERA MATERIAL. BUT THE FIRST ALLEGATION WE HAD, YOUR HONOR, AND, REMEMBER, THEY SHOWED IN-CAMERA MATERIAL AT THE TIME OF THE MATERIAL WITNESS HEARING, ALL DURING THE TIME AND BEFORE YOU RULED.

I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT JUDGE TAKASUGI WAS SHOWN IN-CAMERA MATERIAL WHEN THE BOND HEARING WAS PENDING. I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT PRESENTED IN-CAMERA MATERIAL TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT ON THE VERY BOND HEARING,

AND I ASSUME IT IS THE SAME MATERIAL THEY ARE NOW

PRESENTING TO YOU. I WASN'T PRIVY TO IT, BUT THEY HAD

MATERIAL BEFORE THE NINTH CIRCUIT WHEN THEY RULED THAT THE

BOND WAS ADEQUATE FOR THIS MAN.

NOW, IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY PRESENTED THAT WE KNOW ABOUT, IN THE INDICTMENT THERE IS ONE PARAGRAPH, AND THAT PARAGRAPH IS THAT IN OR ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY -- AND THIS IS AFTER FOUR MONTHS, YOUR HONOR -- IN OR ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY ZUNO-ARCE WITH QUINTERO AND FONSECA, WHO HE HAS SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW, AND JAVIER BARBA-HERNANDEZ, WHO HE DOES NOT KNOW, THAT THEY MET AND PLANNED, NOT A MURDER, BUT PLANNED THE KIDNAPPING AND INTERROGATION.

NOW, WE MUST LOOK AT THAT AND LOOK AT THE
BACKGROUND AT WHAT THEY START GIVING YOU BEFORE AND WHAT
THEY HAVE COME UP WITH. TAKEN AT ITS BEST, YOU HAVE A
MEETING WHERE -- WHO IS GOING TO TESTIFY TO THAT MEETING?
IT APPEARS FROM THE FACE OF THE INDICTMENT THAT THOSE WERE
THE PEOPLE AT THAT MEETING. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY CLAIM IF
ANYBODY ELSE WAS THERE. IF THAT IS ALL THAT WAS THERE -WE HAVE READ IN THE PAPER THAT QUINTERO HAS MAYBE A 70YEAR SENTENCE IN MEXICO AND FONSECA 60 OR 70 YEARS WHEN
YOU PUT TOGETHER THE 40 YEARS AND THE OTHER SENTENCE THEY

WE UNDERSTAND, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN CHALLENGED,

THAT JAVIER BARBA-HERNANDEZ IS DEAD.

NOW, AT THIS LATE DATE ARE THEY GOING TO COME UP WITH A CONVERSATION OF A DEAD MAN OR SOME INFORMANT THAT THEY HAVE JUST COME UP WITH WHO HAS SAID ON SOME CONSPIRACY THEORY THAT SOME DECLARATION WAS MADE AND TRY TO GET IT IN?

LET'S GO BACK. WE HAVE GOT 4,000 PAGES OF
GOVERNMENT TRANSCRIPT FRIDAY NIGHT ABOUT 6:00 O'CLOCK. WE
HAVE VIRTUALLY BEEN THROUGH THE WHOLE THING. ZUNO-ARCE'S
NAME IS NOT MENTIONED DIRECTLY, AND NOBODY SAYS A WORD
ABOUT HIM. YOUR HONOR SAT AT THAT TRIAL AND KNOWS IF IT
WAS MENTIONED AT THAT TRIAL. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE
MENTIONED IN THE 4,000 PAGES, OR WHATEVER, THAT WE LOOKED
AT.

WE WERE GIVEN THIS MORNING TWO BOXES OF AUDIO
TAPES AND VIDEO TAPES, AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND I
WILL REPRESENT TO YOUR HONOR, THAT TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE NEITHER ZUNO-ARCE'S VOICE, HIS PRESENCE, OR ANY
MENTION OF HIS NAME IS ON THOSE TWO BOXES OF MATERIALS.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE LOOKED AT THREE TAPES OF THE CAMARENA INTERROGATION IN WHICH THERE WERE MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HOUSE IN WHICH THE TERRIBLE ACT OCCURRED, QUESTIONS ABOUT PEOPLE THAT CAMARENA KNEW AND WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT THEM. THERE WAS ROUGHLY -- I DON'T WANT TO BE HELD TO THIS -- 100 NAMES MENTIONED IN THAT

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TAPE, AND NOT ONCE ZUNO-ARCE'S NAME.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN MEXICO THERE WERE MANY DEFENDANTS ARRESTED AND MANY INTERROGATED, IN THE AREA OF 20 ARRESTED AND INTERROGATED, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, WITH DEA PRESENT; AND SOME TURNING ON OTHERS, AND THAT IS HOW YOU GOT THE 23. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NEVER IN THAT INTERROGATION WAS THERE EVER THE MENTION OF ZUNO-ARCE'S NAME AS BEING INVOLVED IN ANY WAY.

NOW, WHEN THE MAN WAS PICKED UP ON THE MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF THEY HAD THIS INFORMATION, THEY WOULD HAVE CHARGED HIM WITH KIDNAPPING AND MURDER ON AUGUST 7TH OR 8TH WHEN THEY PICKED HIM UP. THEY HAD HIM IN HERE ON A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT, AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF THEY HAD THIS INFORMATION, THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM AND THEY WOULD HAVE INDICTED HIM THEN. HE WAS IN JAIL TWO MONTHS BEFORE WE COULD GET HIM OUT.

WHEN WE GOT HIM OUT IN FRONT OF JUDGE TAKASUGI, WE ARGUED BOND, AND AFTER WE GOT BOND -- IT TOOK A WHILE TO GET THE BOND UP -- I SUGGEST THAT IF THEY HAD THIS EVIDENCE, THEY WOULD HAVE INDICTED HIM FOR KIDNAPPING AND MURDER, AND NOT JUST PERJURY.

HE WAS HERE OCTOBER 30TH ON A PRETRIAL HEARING. I WOULD SUGGEST IF THEY HAD THIS INFORMATION, THEY WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH IT THEN.

NOW, JUDGE, I THINK YOU HAVE GOT TO THINK ABOUT

WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. WE CAN'T SAY CAMARENA -- AND I AM SORRY ABOUT THAT -- WE CAN'T HAVE SIX PAGES OF THE BRUTALITY TO CAMARENA AND THINK THAT THAT AUTOMATICALLY MEANS THAT THIS MAN, WHOSE NAME HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED FROM 1985 TO BASICALLY NOW, CAN HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

THEY SAY AN INFORMANT. IS THAT A DIFFERENT INFORMANT THEY HAD FOR THE TRIAL IN FRONT OF JUDGE RYMER? IS IT A DIFFERENT INFORMANT THAN AT THE TRIAL THAT WAS IN FRONT OF YOU? WAS THE NAME MENTIONED IN ANY OF THOSE? IF NOT, DOES IT MAKE YOU THINK IS IT A DIFFERENT INFORMANT? WHEN DID THEY GET THAT INFORMANT? IS THAT AN INFORMANT THAT THEY DIDN'T GET UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 30TH?

IT IS NOT FAIR, YOUR HONOR. THE MAN HAS CERTAIN RIGHTS, AND YOUR HONOR KNOWS THAT BASICALLY THE LAW IS THAT A PERSON ARRESTED FOR A NON-CAPITAL OFFENSE SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO BAIL. THAT DOUBTS REGARDING THE PROPRIETY OF RELEASE SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN HIS FAVOR AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE A RELEASE WHEN CONDITIONS REASONABLY ASSURE HIS PRESENCE.

WE SAY NOT ONLY WHAT WE SAID, YOUR HONOR, WHICH
THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAD IN FRONT OF THEM, BUT THE OTHER
INDICIA THAT YOU HAVE THAT WE THINK ARE CRITICAL ARE THAT
THIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE ARGUED BEFORE. WE HAD
THE TESTIMONY IN TERMS OF HIM HAVING NO INVOLVEMENT, OF

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DEA AGENT KUYKENDALL, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, AND HE QUESTIONED THIS MAN AND CERTAINLY THEY DIDN'T HAVE THIS EVIDENCE BACK THEN, OR THEY WOULD HAVE ARRESTED HIM.

WE HAVE FORMER DEA AGENT RODRIGUEZ WHO, WHILE HE INVESTIGATED THE MURDER IN 1985, REPRESENTS THAT HE SPOKE TO KUYKENDALL AS LATE AS 1987, AND HE WAS CLEAN.

WE HAVE THE GURULE TESTIMONY WHEN HE TESTIFIED

IN FRONT OF THE GRAND JURY ABOUT KNOWING CAMARENA AND

QUINTERO. HE WAS TRUTHFUL. HOW COULD HE BE TRUTHFUL AND

STILL BE IN A MEETING WITH THEM?

AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, ALL OF THESE MONTHS, ALL OF THESE YEARS AFTER '85, CONVENIENTLY RIGHT NOW BECAUSE HE IS OUT ON BOND SOME INFORMANT FOR THE FIRST TIME APPARENTLY SAYS WHAT HE SAYS. WE THINK IT IS PRETTY THIN. WE THINK IT IS PRETTY THIN. WHETHER IT IS THIN OR NOT, WE DON'T HAVE TO PROVE INNOCENCE OR GUILT, AS YOUR HONOR WELL KNOWS.

WE ARE SAYING WITH THE THINNESS AS WE UNDERSTAND

IT, PLUS THE MAN'S TRACK RECORD OF COMING BACK FOR

KUYKENDALL, COMING BACK TWICE FOR JUDGE TAKASUGI, KNOWING

EACH TIME THAT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, KNOWING IN EFFECT IT IS

A DEATH SENTENCE FOR HIM IF HE GETS INDICTED FOR PERJURY,

AND HE KNOWS JUDGE TAKASUGI WOULD THROW HIM IN JAIL IF HE

LOST THE PERJURY BECAUSE HE MADE HIM COME BACK FOR

DISCOVERY HEARINGS. HE DIDN'T SAY JUST COME BACK FOR

TRIAL, COME BACK FOR DISCOVERY HEARINGS. SHOW YOUR GOOD FAITH, AND HE SHOWED IT.

WE SAY, YOUR HONOR, THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE
ADMITTED TO THE BOND THAT THE NINTH CIRCUIT SET; THAT
THERE ARE NO FACTS THAT ARE ANY DIFFERENT OTHER THAN
PRETRIAL SERVICES NOW THAT THIS MAN HAS THE GUTS TO COME
FORWARD AND SAY, "THAT IS WHAT I THINK." AND I THINK THE
SYSTEM HAS TO HAVE THE GUTS TO LET HIM GO AND GIVE HIM A
CHANCE. HE IS --

THE COURT: WELL, WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING TO THE

MR. MEDVENE: I AM SUGGESTING TO THE COURT THAT
THE BOND THAT THE NINTH CIRCUIT SET BE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE
AND THAT THE MAN BE RELEASED FORTHWITH BECAUSE HE HAS
SHOWN THE SYSTEM HE IS TRUSTWORTHY.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WISH TO RESPOND?

MR. CARLTON: BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR.

MR. MEDVENE: AND MIGHT I ALSO ASK IF I MIGHT REVIEW, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT IS RESPONDING, THE IN-CAMERA MATERIAL. YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW HARD IT IS BECAUSE I DON'T -- THEY HAVE BEEN GIVING IN-CAMERA MATERIAL STRAIGHT THROUGH, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.

THE COURT: I DENY THAT, AND I WILL TELL YOU IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT THE INFORMATION IS.

MR. MEDVENE: YES, SIR.

THE COURT: THE INFORMATION IS BASICALLY THAT 1 YOUR CLIENT HAS BEEN A MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKER FOR 20 YEARS 2 BOTH IN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES AND ON AN 3 4 INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. MR. MEDVENE: YES, YOUR HONOR. 5 THE COURT: THERE IS A WITNESS WHO HAS TOLD THE 6 AUTHORITIES THAT THIS DEFENDANT ORDERED THE EXECUTION OF 7 TWO PEOPLE AT ONE TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THESE EVENTS. 8 THERE IS INFORMATION THAT LINKS HIM TO THE 9 PLANNING OF THE MURDER -- THE KIDNAPPING AND INTERROGATION 10 OF ENRIQUE CAMARENA, AND IT IS GENERALLY IN THAT SENSE. 11 MR. MEDVENE: I UNDERSTAND, SIR. AND YOU HAVE 12 BEEN PATIENT. GIVE ME 30 MORE SECONDS, SIR. MAY I HAVE 13 14 30 SECONDS? THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. 15 MR. MEDVENE: THEY HAVE SAID THAT, JUDGE --16 HONEST TO GOSH, THEY HAVE SAID IT SINCE AUGUST 9TH. THERE 17 HAS NOT BEEN -- THERE IS NOT A MISBEAT. WE HAVE BEEN 18 BEFORE THE NINTH CIRCUIT, YOUR HONOR --19 THE COURT: LOOK. WHAT THE NINTH CIRCUIT DOES 20 HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT I DO, AND NEITHER DOES WHAT 21 JUDGE TAKASUGI DOES. 22 MR. MEDVENE: YES, SIR. I WASN'T ARGUING --23

THE COURT: THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT I

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MR. MEDVENE: I WASN'T ARGUING THE OTHER JUDGE.

I WAS JUST ARGUING THE NINTH CIRCUIT FOR WHATEVER HELP IT

IS.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

MR. MEDVENE: THANK YOU.

THE COURT: COUNSEL, DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

MR. CARLTON: JUST VERY BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR,

YES. YOUR HONOR, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE PROBATION OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION WAS CONDITIONED ON THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION BEING AVAILABLE TO THE COURT WHICH WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I MERELY POINT OUT THAT THE IN-CAMERA FILINGS THAT YOU DO HAVE WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PROBATION OFFICER, OFFICER PAREDES; AND, AS HE TESTIFIED HERE A FEW MINUTES AGO, GIVEN THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE WOULD RECOMMEND DETENTION. AND I SUBMIT THAT THAT IS AN ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY A FEW STATEMENTS THAT MR. MEDVENE MADE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO JUDGE TAKASUGI AND IN THE RECORD BEFORE THE NINTH CIRCUIT CONCERNING THE GRANT OF BAIL THAT WAS MADE PREVIOUSLY. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO JUDGE TAKASUGI THAT IS CONTAINED IN THAT IN-CAMERA FILING OR ANYWHERE ELSE.

AS WE REPRESENTED IN THE MOTION, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MR. SCHIFF, WHO IS THE AUSA HANDLING THE CASE IN

JUDGE TAKASUGI'S COURT. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MR. MEDRANO,
THE AUSA WHO HAS BEEN HANDLING THIS CASE AND WAS HANDLING
THAT MATTER. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT NOTICE THAT WAS GIVEN
IN THAT CASE CONCERNING THE MOTION FOR BAIL REVIEW BY
MR. MEDVENE, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO JUDGE
TAKASUGI. ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE IN THE INCAMERA FILING WAS ABSENT FROM THE RECORD BEFORE THAT JUDGE
AND BEFORE THE NINTH CIRCUIT.

SUGGEST THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES YOU CAN'T REALLY
LOOK AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROBATION OFFICE AS
BEING A CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCE. ALL THAT HAS CHANGED FROM
THE BEGINNING UNTIL NOW, ASIDE FROM THE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE IN THE IN-CAMERA FILING, IS THAT
THE DEFENDANT HAS MADE TWO APPEARANCES IN THE PERJURY CASE
UNDER THE ORDERS OF JUDGE TAKASUGI. I SUBMIT THAT THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THOSE APPEARANCES DON'T MANDATE THAT THE
DEFENDANT BE AWARDED BOND AT THIS TIME.

THE CASE IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT, THE PERJURY CASE. MR. MEDVENE KEEPS INSISTING THAT THE DEFENDANT IS LOOKING AT 15 YEARS. REALISTICALLY IT WOULD BE A FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE. ALSO THE DEFENDANT WAS COMING BACK INTO THIS COUNTRY, NOT TO ATTEND A TRIAL OR NOT FOR SOME DISPOSITION ON THE MERITS OF THE PERJURY CHARGE. HE WAS COMING FOR NON-DISPOSITIVE PROCEDURES.

NOW, YES, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY WHEN HE CAME
BACK THAT HE WOULD BE INDICTED, AS HE HAS BEEN INDICTED IN
THIS CASE, BUT I SUGGEST THAT IT IS THE FACT OF THE
POSSIBILITY THAT IS ABSOLUTELY A CRITICAL DISTINCTION
BETWEEN THEN AND NOW BECAUSE NOW THE INDICTMENT IS A
CERTAINTY. HE KNOWS IF HE IS TO LEAVE ON BOND AT THIS
TIME THAT CONVICTION ON ANY ONE COUNT IN THIS CASE COULD
LEAD TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IN PRISON. THAT IS A
SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIMES WHEN HE
RETURNED ON THE PERJURY COUNTS.

YOUR HONOR, MR. MEDVENE HAS MADE REFERENCE TO THE DECLARATION OF SPECIAL AGENT RODRIGUEZ, AND --

THE COURT: WELL, HE MENTIONED THAT THIS IS A
RECENTLY PRODUCED INFORMANT, THAT THIS INFORMANT IS
DESCRIBED AS ONE OF LONGSTANDING. WHY IS IT THAT THIS
INFORMATION JUST SURFACES AT THIS TIME, AND NOT BEFORE?

MR. CARLTON: YOUR HONOR, WHICH INFORMANT IS ONE OF LONGSTANDING?

THE COURT: THE ONE THAT IS PROVIDING THE INFORMATION ON WHICH THIS INDICTMENT IS BASED.

MR. CARLTON: YOUR HONOR, THE IN-CAMERA FILING
REFERS TO A NUMBER OF INFORMANTS. NOT ALL OF THOSE
INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN OF LONGSTANDING, AND I HESITATE TO
GET INTO TOO GREAT A DETAIL ABOUT WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE
IN-CAMERA FILING, BUT I CAN REPRESENT TO THE COURT THAT

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MR. ZUNO-ARCE WAS INDICTED BY A GRAND JURY WHEN THE 1 EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT HE 2 COMMITTED THE OFFENSE BECAME AVAILABLE. IT IS NOT 3 SOMETHING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SITTING ON. BEYOND THAT, I DON'T THINK I CAN GO INTO GREATER 5 6 DETAIL ABOUT IT. THE COURT: THIS IS EVIDENCE THAT WAS JUST 7 8

DISCOVERED THEN AT OR ABOUT THE TIME IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY?

MR. CARLTON: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER?

MR. CARLTON: YOUR HONOR, YOU HAVE AN IN-CAMERA FILING. I BELIEVE THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE REVEALED IN THAT IS COMPELLING. I BELIEVE THAT THE NATURE OF THE CRIMES WITH WHICH MR. ZUNO-ARCE IS CHARGED IN THIS CASE ARE LIKEWISE COMPELLING IN THE SENSE THAT DETENTION IS REQUIRED. HE IS NOT BEING CHARGED WITH BEING A SOLDIER OR A MULE OR A LOW-LEVEL PARTICIPANT IN THIS CONSPIRACY. HE IS CHARGED AT VIRTUALLY THE SAME LEVEL THAT RAFAEL CARO-QUINTERO AND ERNESTO FONSECA-CARILLO HAVE BEEN CHARGED, AND THEY HAVE EACH BEEN CONVICTED IN MEXICO, AS YOUR HONOR IS AWARE, AND GIVEN SIGNIFICANT TERMS FOR THOSE CONVICTIONS.

AND I BELIEVE, YOUR HONOR, THAT GIVEN THE

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GRAVITY OF THE CHARGE AND THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE AND THE DANGER OF FLIGHT RISK THAT THE DEFENDANT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DETAINED.

MR. SCHIFF: YOUR HONOR, I AM SORRY. IF I COULD JUST INTERRUPT. I AM ADAM SCHIFF ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT. I AM REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PERJURY CASE, AND I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY A COUPLE OF REMARKS THAT JOHN CARLTON MADE ABOUT SUBMISSIONS IN THE PERJURY CASE. MR. CARLTON'S REMARKS ARE ACCURATE, BUT I WANTED TO FLESH IT OUT JUST A BIT FOR THE COURT.

AT THE TIME OF THE BAIL HEARING, THE BAIL

HEARING WAS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE, AND THE GOVERNMENT DID

NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILE ANY EVIDENCE CONCERNING

THE PERJURY CHARGE OR ANYTHING ELSE. AT THE TIME JUDGE

TAKASUGI GRANTED BAIL, HE HAD NO EVIDENCE CONCERNING

EITHER THE PERJURY OR ANY OTHER CHARGES.

IN FACT, ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT COUNSEL
RELIED ON WAS THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE. THE GOVERNMENT
NOT ONLY HAD NO TIME, BUT ALSO FOR THE REASON OF THE
SECURITY OF THE CI TO NOT PUT FORTH ANY EVIDENCE
CONCERNING THE PERJURY CHARGE.

WITH RESPECT TO WHAT THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAD, THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAD IN-CAMERA SUBMISSIONS CONCERNING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. IT HAD NO EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE DEFENDANT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER.

SO COUNSEL'S REPRESENTATION THAT THE COURT, THE DISTRICT COURT AND THE COURT OF APPEALS, HAD THE SAME INFORMATION BEFORE THE COURT IS SIMPLY NOT ACCURATE.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

WHY IS IT THAT YOU MADE THAT REPRESENTATION TO THE COURT, MR. MEDVENE?

MR. MEDVENE: I REPRESENTED TO THE COURT -- AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE SUBMITTED. I HAVE REPRESENTED TO THE COURT THAT THE GOVERNMENT AT THE BAIL HEARING HAD AN IN-CAMERA SUBMISSION TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT BECAUSE WE RECEIVED A DOCUMENT SAYING THERE WAS AN IN-CAMERA SUBMISSION TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT. I REPRESENTED THERE WERE IN-CAMERA SUBMISSIONS TO JUDGE TAKASUGI.

THE COURT: NO. YOU REPRESENTED THAT THOSE
COURTS HAD BEFORE THEM EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE BEFORE ME.

MR. MEDVENE: I SAID THAT I WOULD ASSUME THAT
THEY HAD IT BEFORE THEM BECAUSE, AS JUDGE TAKASUGI SAID,
THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO HIM OF
CAMARENA'S -- OF RUBEN ZUNO-ARCE'S INVOLVEMENT IN NOT ONLY
NARCOTICS. BUT IN THE CAMARENA MURDER AND TORTURE.

NOW, THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED THAT TO JUDGE
TAKASUGI. THEY MADE AN IN-CAMERA SUBMISSION TO THE NINTH
CIRCUIT. I WOULD ASSUME THAT THAT IS WHAT THAT DEALT
WITH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAD, BUT IF
THEY REPRESENTED IT TO JUDGE TAKASUGI, I ASSUME THEY

REPRESENTED IT TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT.

I WOULD ALSO SAY, YOUR HONOR, THAT THE

GOVERNMENT SAYS -- AND IT STRAINS BELIEF -- THAT THIS MAN

IS NOW AT THE SAME LEVEL AS QUINTERO AND FONSECA. WHY IT

STRAINS BELIEF IS, CAN YOU IMAGINE A SCENARIO WHERE THERE

IS AN INVESTIGATION AS EXTENSIVE AS THIS IS FROM '85;

THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A TRIAL BEFORE YOUR HONOR; THERE

ARE 4,000 PAGES OF TRANSCRIPT; THERE ARE 20-SOME PEOPLE IN

JAIL IN MEXICO; LOTS OF INTERROGATIONS THERE, AND ZUNO
ARCE'S NAME DOESN'T APPEAR. NOW, HOW COULD THAT BE?

AND IN ANSWER TO YOUR HONOR'S QUESTION, IS THIS

IS A RECENT INFORMANT OR A NEW INFORMANT, I DID NOT HEAR A

CLEAR ANSWER. IF IT IS AN OLD INFORMANT, WHEN DID HE COME

UP WITH THIS TESTIMONY AND WHY DIDN'T HE COME UP WITH IT

BEFORE TEN DAYS AGO, AND DOES THAT CAST SOME SUSPICION —

DESPITE THE TERRIBLE THINGS HE SAYS — DOES IT CAST SOME

SUSPICION?

IF IT IS A NEW INFORMANT, IS THERE ANY

EXPLANATION HOW COME HE IS JUST SURFACING NOW, AND AS VAST

AS THIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN, WHY NOT BEFORE?

AND I MIGHT SAY ONE OTHER THING. THE GOVERNMENT QUOTES IN A CAUSATIVE NATURE THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND QUINTERO AND FONSECA AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY IN JAIL IN MEXICO. WELL, YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT BOTH WAYS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO, WHO, I TAKE

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IT, PUT THOSE PEOPLE IN JAIL AND OTHERS, HAS SAID, AND WE 1 HAVE IT BEFORE YOUR HONOR, THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS 2 ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE AGAINST ZUNO-ARCE. 3 NOW, THEY CAN'T PICK AND CHOOSE. THEY CAN'T PICK THAT THEY PUT THEM IN JAIL, AND THEY ALSO SAID THEY 5 HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ANY KIND AGAINST ZUNO-ARCE. 6 NOW. IN TERMS OF ANY QUICKNESS OF ANY HEARING, 7 WE BRIEFED THIS, YOUR HONOR, AND I WON'T BELABOR IT. 8 THE COURT: I THINK THAT IS ENOUGH ARGUMENT. 9 MR. MEDVENE: BUT I HAVEN'T RESPONDED TO 10 EVERYTHING THE GOVERNMENT SAID. 11 THE COURT: WELL, I THINK YOU HAVE, AND I HAVE 12 READ YOUR MOTION, WHICH HAS RESPONDED AND ANTICIPATED 13 14 EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID. MR. MEDVENE: WELL, YOUR HONOR --15 16 THE COURT: AND YOU HAVE SAID IT BEFORE TO ME, AND YOU TEND TO REPEAT SOME THINGS THAT YOU SAY. 17 18 GOT OTHER MATTERS HERE TO TAKE OF. SO I AM GOING TO RULE ON THIS. 19 20 MR. MEDVENE: I WOULD ASK AGAIN, YOUR HONOR, MAY 21 WE SEE --22 THE COURT: THE ANSWER IS NO. 23 MR. MEDVENE: YES, SIR. 24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. A DEFENDANT MUST BE RELEASED ON BAIL SUBJECT TO REASONABLE CONDITIONS. UNLESS

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THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES UNDER THIS STATUTE THAT THE

DEFENDANT IS A FLIGHT RISK OR A DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY

AND NO CONDITION OR COMBINATION OF CONDITIONS WILL ENSURE

THE DEFENDANT'S PRESENCE AT TRIAL OR THE SAFETY OF THE

COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING THE

RISK OF FLIGHT BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE, AND

DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY MUST BE SHOWN BY CLEAR AND

CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

NOW, IN MY VIEW -- AND MY CONCERN IS THIS:

BASICALLY ON THE SAME FACTS AND SAME EVIDENCE, WHEN THIS

MAN WAS JUST A MATERIAL WITNESS, I HELD HIM WITHOUT BAIL

HERE AS A MATERIAL WITNESS BECAUSE I CONSIDERED HIM TO BE

A FLIGHT RISK. AT THAT TIME I HAD IN MIND THE FACT THAT

HE WAS A MEXICAN NATIONAL. HE WAS A PERSON WITH NUMEROUS

POLITICAL CONNECTIONS AND INFLUENCE IN MEXICO. HE WAS

REPUTED TO BE A MAN OF GREAT WEALTH. HE IS A LICENSED

PILOT AND APPARENTLY HAS FLOWN HIS AIRPLANE OVER AND

ACROSS THE BORDER TIME AND AGAIN, AND HE HAS VERY FEW

CONTACTS WITH THIS AREA OF THE TYPE THAT YOU GENERALLY

LOOK FOR THAT WOULD ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF A DEFENDANT

WHEN REQUIRED TO BE IN COURT.

ALL OF HIS SIGNIFICANT TIES ARE BASICALLY IN

MEXICO. HIS BUSINESSES ARE THERE. HIS HOLDINGS ARE

THERE. HIS FAMILY IS THERE. HIS CHILDREN ARE THERE. ALL

OF HIS ACTIVITIES ARE BASED IN MEXICO.

HE HAS NOW BEEN CHARGED WITH THESE MULTIPLE

FELONY CHARGES THAT HAVE BEEN FILED IN THIS FIFTH

SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT. NOW, THERE IS EVIDENCE PRESENTED

TO THE COURT. HOW GOOD IT IS -- WE CANNOT DECIDE THE

MERITS OF THIS AT THIS TIME. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT

EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY, AND TO

SATISFY THEM OF THE NUMBER OF THINGS THAT ARE ALLEGED, AT

LEAST THERE IS CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT IS

GUILTY OF THE OFFENSES WITH WHICH HE HAS BEEN CHARGED IN

THE INDICTMENT.

THIS COURT HAS SEEN AND HEARD DURING THE TRIAL

OF THE CAMARENA CASE THE GREAT DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING

INDICTED DEFENDANTS FROM MEXICO. MEXICO HAS NOT HONORED

THE EXTRADITION TREATY THAT IT HAS, AND IN THIS INDICTMENT

WE HAVE, I THINK, NOW 13 INDICTED DEFENDANTS, A NUMBER OF

WHOM ARE IN MEXICAN CUSTODY WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN RELEASED

OR EXTRADITED TO THIS COUNTRY BY MEXICO TO FACE THOSE

CHARGES.

THE CONCERN OF THE COURT IS THAT THIS DEFENDANT,
GIVEN HIS WEALTH AND HIS INFLUENCE AND HIS POLITICAL
CONTACTS IN MEXICO, WOULD, IF HE CHOSE NOT TO RETURN,
PRESENT AN INSOLUBLE PROBLEM. THE GOVERNMENT, IN MY VIEW,
COULD NEVER GET HIM BACK HERE. THAT IS WHAT MY CONCERN
IS.

IT IS TRUE THAT HE HAS MADE TWO APPEARANCES

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BEFORE JUDGE TAKASUGI IN CONNECTION WITH NON-DISPOSITIVE MATTERS. I COMMENTED ON THAT AT THE LAST HEARING. I DIDN'T VIEW THAT AS BEING PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THEY WERE THE TYPE OF APPEARANCES WITH WHICH THE DEFENDANT COULD EARN SUBSTANTIAL CREDIBILITY WITHOUT TAKING ANY RISK. HE WAS NOT APPEARING FOR A SENTENCING. HE WAS NOT APPEARING FOR TRIAL. HE WAS SIMPLY APPEARING ON PRELIMINARY MOTIONS AND KNEW WITH CERTAINTY THAT HE WOULD BE FREE TO LEAVE WHEN THE MOTIONS HAD BEEN HEARD. SO I DON'T CONSIDER THAT AS VERY SIGNIFICANT.

THE EVIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE

COURT IN CAMERA, AND YOU MAY FIND FAULT WITH IT, AND IT

MAY PROVE ULTIMATELY TO BE OF LESS VALUE THAN THE

GOVERNMENT THINKS IT IS, NEVERTHELESS, IT IS EVIDENCE THAT

IS BEFORE ME TO CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BAIL

MOTION. IT IS EVIDENCE, IF TRUE, THAT WOULD JUSTIFY

HOLDING THIS DEFENDANT WITHOUT BAIL.

IT IS MY VIEW THAT BALANCING THE EVIDENCE WHICH
HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THAT WHICH
HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE DEFENDANT AND ON HIS BEHALF, AND
WEIGHING THOSE TWO IN THE BALANCE AND HAVING IN MIND THE
COMMENTS THAT I HAVE JUST MADE, IT IS THE COURT'S VIEW
THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE
EVIDENCE THAT THIS DEFENDANT POSES A FLIGHT RISK. INDEED,
IF THE EVIDENCE THAT WAS PRESENTED IN CAMERA IS BELIEVED

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OR IS TRUE, THAT IS SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE AS WELL THAT THE DEFENDANT COULD BE A RISK TO THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY.

BUT IN MY VIEW, THE BASIC REASON FOR DENYING
BAIL AT THIS TIME IS THAT I BELIEVE THIS DEFENDANT IS A
SUBSTANTIAL FLIGHT RISK FOR THE REASONS THAT I HAVE
MENTIONED, AND THAT IS THE ORDER OF THE COURT, AN ORDER
FOR DETENTION.

MR. MEDVENE: IF THE COURT PLEASE, WOULD YOU
CONSIDER THE REQUEST DIFFERENTLY IF THE REQUEST WERE TO
RELEASE THE DEFENDANT TO THIS AREA, TO LOS ANGELES AND TO
A PARTICULAR HOUSEHOLD IN LOS ANGELES? HE COULD STAY
THERE. ON BALANCE, WOULD YOUR HONOR CONSIDER THAT? IT
SEEMS THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR HONOR'S REMARKS ARE THAT
HE MAY NOT COME BACK FROM MEXICO, AND IF ONE BALANCES —
WE HAVEN'T HAD A TRIAL, AND SINCE THE EVIDENCE IS AT LEAST
SOMEWHAT SUSPECT IN TERMS OF TIMING AND LATENESS, WOULD
YOUR HONOR CONSIDER A BALANCE TO KEEP HIM LOCALIZED TO LOS
ANGELES, AND NOT INCARCERATED AS HE IS NOW?

THE COURT: THE ANSWER IS NO. THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR THIS GENTLEMAN IS TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A SPEEDY TRIAL SO THAT THESE CHARGES CAN BE SWIFTLY LITIGATED AND DETERMINED.

MR. MEDVENE: MAY I ASK ONE FURTHER COURTESY?

YOUR HONOR, SINCE YOU RELY ON EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVEN'T

SEEN, WOULD YOU AT LEAST CONSIDER, BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW

IF IT IS DIRECT OR CIRCUMSTANTIAL, WOULD YOU AT LEAST

CONSIDER, IF IT HAD TO BE, AN IN-CAMERA HEARING WITH THE

REPORTER SO THAT SOMEBODY HAS TO SAY WHAT THEY CLAIM THEY

SAW OR DID, AND YOU CAN AT LEAST DETERMINE, EVEN IF WE ARE

NOT THERE, IF IT IS ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE.

I MUST SAY, YOUR HONOR, IN THE PERJURY CASE,
WHEN WE TALKED DISCOVERY -- AND I ASSUME IT MIGHT BE THE
SAME EVIDENCE, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT KNOW -- THE GOVERNMENT
SAID THEY DON'T WANT TO PRODUCE ANYTHING UNTIL THEY
RELOCATE THEIR WITNESSES. JUDGE TAKASUGI SAID, "WHEN WILL
THEY BE RELOCATED?" THE GOVERNMENT SAID, "EITHER
NOVEMBER 7TH OR 8TH."

NOW, IF IT IS THE SAME WITNESS AND THE WITNESS
IS RELOCATED, THERE SHOULD BE NO CONCERN ABOUT AT LEAST
GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE MATERIAL.

BUT IF YOUR HONOR DOESN'T WANT TO DO THAT -- IT
IS PRETTY TOUGH JUST TO STAY IN JAIL REALLY IF YOU ARE
INNOCENT AND YOU OUGHTN'T TO BE THERE. COULD YOUR HONOR,
AT LEAST IN CAMERA, IF YOU DON'T WANT US TO BE THERE, MAKE
THEM TELL YOU PRIVATELY UNDER OATH WITH A WITNESS, "I SAW
HIM DO THIS. I DID THIS, OR I DID THAT."

I MEAN, HE IS STILL INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN

GUILTY, YOUR HONOR, AND TO SAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE HIM AN

EARLY TRIAL, YOU KNOW, WE ARE MONTHS AWAY. IT WILL GET

CONTINUED WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS, AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE

MOTIONS. AT LEAST WOULD YOU HEAR IT IN CAMERA. LET'S

JUST SEE IF THEY HAVE GOT A WITNESS, AND PUT HIM ON THE

SCENE AND WHAT HE IS GOING TO SAY. WE COULD JUST GIVE HIM

TWO QUESTIONS. "WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US BEFORE, FELLOW?"

AND "WHAT PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE TO YOU?" THAT IS ONLY

TWO QUESTIONS, AND JUST ON BALANCE, JUDGE, WHAT WOULD BE

THE HARM OF DOING IT?

THE COURT: WHAT ABOUT THAT, COUNSEL? WHY
SHOULDN'T THE COURT HEAR THESE WITNESSES? AFTER ALL, YOU
ARE PRESENTING THEM SECONDHAND TO THE COURT THROUGH THE
TESTIMONY OF AGENTS.

MR. CARLTON: WELL, YOUR HONOR, I BELIEVE THAT
THE INFORMATION THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE IN-CAMERA FILING
RESPONDS TO VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE CONCERNS THAT MR. MEDVENE
HAS, OTHER THAN YOUR ACTUALLY SEEING THESE INDIVIDUALS IN
PERSON AND --

THE COURT: AND HAVING THEM TESTIFY.

MR. CARLTON: PARDON ME, YOUR HONOR?

THE COURT: HAVING THEM MAKE THE STATEMENTS.

MR. CARLTON: WELL, YOUR HONOR, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SUBMIT THAT THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO YOU THROUGH THE MECHANISM THAT IT HAS IS ACCURATE.

MAY I HAVE JUST ONE MOMENT, PLEASE? (DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD.)

THE COURT: WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR IS THAT YOU

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ARE TRYING TO HAVE ME DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THESE

ALLEGATIONS, WHICH IS THE LEAST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN

DETERMINING BAIL RELEASE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY

MERIT TO THE CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT.

MR. MEDVENE: BUT YOU DON'T HAVE -- YOU KNOW,

JUDGE, IN ALL FAIRNESS, WE BEAT THEM EVERYWHERE. THE ONLY

THING THEY BEAT US ON IS WHAT THEY CLAIM THEY GAVE YOU. I

MEAN, THEY DON'T BEAT US ANYWHERE ELSE. PRETRIAL SERVICES

SAYS HE IS NOT A DANGER. HE IS NOT A FLIGHT RISK. I

MEAN, THEY DON'T BEAT US ANYWHERE ELSE. THEY BEAT US WITH

WHAT THEY GAVE YOU AND WE CAN'T SEE. ALL WE ARE SAYING IS

THAT AT LEAST YOU COULD QUESTION TO MAKE SURE IT IS HEAD

TO HEAD.

THE COURT: IS THERE ANY REASON YOU CAN'T PRODUCE THESE WITNESSES?

MR. CARLTON: MR. MEDRANO WILL RESPOND, YOUR HONOR.

MR. MEDRANO: YOUR HONOR, VERY BRIEFLY. THE
COURT MAY RECALL THAT MR. GREG NICOLAYSEN, COUNSEL FOR
JAVIER VASQUEZ, FILED A SIMILAR MOTION FOR BRINGING FORTH
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS. WE OBJECTED TO THAT STRENUOUSLY,
YOUR HONOR, BECAUSE OF THE SAFETY CONCERNS IN LIGHT OF
THREATS TO THOSE WITNESSES.

I SAY THAT PRELIMINARILY, YOUR HONOR, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON: THAT CONCERN OF POSSIBLE THREATS TO

WITNESSES IS EVEN MORE PARAMOUNT, MORE SIGNIFICANT, WHEN 1 YOU ARE DEALING WITH A PERSON OF MR. ZUNO-ARCE'S CALIBER. 2 HE IS NOT A SOLDIER, ET CETERA, BUT HE IS SOMEONE WHO IS 3 ON AN EQUAL PLANE WITH CARO-QUINTERO AND FONSECA-CARILLO. IN ADDITION, YOUR HONOR, I THINK WE SHARE THE COURT'S CONCERN THAT TO ENGAGE IN THIS TYPE OF ENDEAVOR 6 BASICALLY TRANSLATES INTO A MINI-HEARING. 7 THE COURT: WHY SHOULD THE COURT ACCEPT THESE 8 AFFIDAVITS THAT YOU HAVE FILED? 9 MR. MEDRANO: FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS, YOUR 10 LET ME STATE THAT WE ARE PERMITTED BY NINTH 11 CIRCUIT LAW TO PROCEED IN THAT FASHION IF YOU EVEN WANT TO 12

CONSIDER THE IN-CAMERA FILINGS.

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THE COURT: BUT THE NINTH CIRCUIT LAW PERMITS

THE EXAMINATION OF THESE WITNESSES BY THE COURT IN CAMERA.

MR. MEDRANO: THAT IS TRUE, YOUR HONOR. IN
ADDITION, THE COURT, HOWEVER, IN YOUR RULING RIGHT NOW
TOUCHED ON A PANOPLY OF ISSUES OR REASONS AS TO WHY
DETENTION WAS APPROPRIATE. NOT ONLY WHAT YOU REVIEWED IN
CAMERA, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE WHICH, I SUBMIT, IS EVEN MORE
SIGNIFICANT, AMONG THEM THE FACT THAT MR. ZUNO-ARCE IS AN
ALIEN AND NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS AREA.

SO IT IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL FACTORS, YOUR HONOR. I MAY BE MISTAKEN, AND OBVIOUSLY THE COURT KNOWS BETTER, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT YOUR RULING OF DETENTION

TURNS ENTIRELY OR ONLY BECAUSE OF AN IN-CAMERA PLEADING THAT THE COURT REVIEWED.

AND, FINALLY, AS TO THE REASON -- AND PERHAPS
THIS IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT REASON WHY THERE IS A

DIFFICULTY IN THIS IN TRYING TO SEE HOW I CAN COME CLOSE
TO THIS WITHOUT SAYING TOO MUCH ON THE RECORD IN LIGHT OF
SAFETY CONCERNS. A GOOD PORTION OF OUR GOVERNMENT
WITNESSES, YOUR HONOR, ARE EITHER IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
RELOCATED OR HAVE BEEN RELOCATED, AND THIS RELOCATION,
YOUR HONOR, IS A DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS.
OUR FEAR AND CONCERN IS THE TYPE OF TIMETABLE THAT MIGHT
BE ENTERTAINED HERE FOR THIS KIND OF IN-CAMERA REVIEW
WOULD MAKE THAT KIND OF PRESENTATION OF WITNESSES WHO HAVE
TO BE RELOCATED --

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

MR. MEDRANO: -- VERY DIFFICULT.

THE COURT: I WANT YOU TO SHOW CAUSE IN WRITING
IN FIVE DAYS BY FILING A SEALED DOCUMENT SHOWING CAUSE WHY
THESE WITNESSES COULD NOT BE PRODUCED FOR AN IN-CAMERA
HEARING WITH THE COURT IN RELATION TO THE STATEMENTS THAT
THEY ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE.

AFTER I RECEIVE THAT, I WILL DETERMINE WHETHER

OR NOT TO ORDER THEIR APPEARANCE, AND IF I DO, I MAY

REOPEN THIS MATTER.

MR. MEDRANO: VERY WELL, YOUR HONOR.

1	THE COURT: BUT IN THE MEANTIME, THE DEFENDANT
2	IS ORDERED DETAINED.
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