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STATEMENT OF ALEJANDRO JOSE GONZALEZ
TAKEN BY NATHANIEL L. BARONE, JR.
AT THE DADE COUNTY JAIL, TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 1978 AT 4:05 O'CLOCK P.M.

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PRESENT: ALEJANDRO JOSE GONZALEZ
VALENTIN HERNANDEZ
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BARONE: Sir, would you please identify yourself.

GONZALEZ: My name is Alejandro Jose Gonzalez, Jr.,
Date of birth, January 28, 1954.

HERNANDEZ: My name is Valentin Hernandez. I am in the
Dade County Jail, 6th Floor, 6A2 Cell. My date of birth is
November 8, 1942.

BARONE: Mr. Alejandro, is Valentin Hernandez present here
with your consent and permission?

GONZALEZ: Yes.

BARONE: Do you wish to make this statement in his presence
sir?

GONZALEZ: Yes, I do.

BARONE: Do you realize that if you wish, I could have him
excluded from the room and it is not necessary that he be here?

GONZALEZ: Nah (phonetic), he can stay here.

BARONE: Do you have any objection to being placed under
oath to give this statement to me, sir?

GONZALEZ: No, I don't.

BARONE: Alright, please raise your right hand.
Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the
truth, so help you God?

GONZALEZ: I do.

BARONE: Now for the record, please state your name
again.

GONZALEZ: Alejandro Jose Gonzalez, Jr.

BARONE: Alright, sir, are you presently incarcerated
in the Dade County Jail and, if so, for what charge?

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GONZALEZ: For 1st degree murder. One count.

BARONE: Could you give me the case number and the Judge that is currently handling this matter.

GONZALEZ: Police Case Number is 26747-T and I was arrested under Warrant Number 77-198, Violation of the Florida Statutes §782.04 and my judge is Paul Baker.

BARONE: Do you know the case number in front of Judge Baker?

GONZALEZ: No, I don't.

BARONE: Mr. Alejandro, you have an attorney representing you in this matter. Could you give me his name and address, if you know it, sir?

GONZALEZ: His name is Allen Berman, I don't know his address but his phone number is 665-1900.

BARONE: Sir, you realize that if you want you certainly have the right to that attorney or any other attorney being present for this statement. Do you wish to have him present or do you waive such a right.

GONZALEZ: I waive the right.

BARONE: And it is my understanding that you are agreeable to not having an attorney here--is that correct, sir?

GONZALEZ: That is correct.

BARONE: Sir, could you please clarify exactly your attorney's name. Is it Berman or Beckman?

GONZALEZ: Beckman. B-E-C-K-M-A-N.

BARONE: Does your attorney know that you are giving this statement here today?

GONZALEZ: No, sir.

BARONE: When did you first become acquainted with Valentin Hernandez.

GONZALEZ: Uh, approximately A-2, A-2, in the sixth floor, he was placed in the 6A3 Cell and I was in 6A2 and it was on a Monday night. I was fixing to go to Bible Study. I was accidently met him due to the fact that he is Spanish speaking like I am and

we just started conversation. A regular conversation.

BARONE: So, it's then my understanding that you met him here in the Dade County Jail and you did not know him prior to that?

GONZALEZ: That's correct.

BARONE: At any time while you and he have been incarcerated at the Dade County Jail, has he discussed the case or the charges currently pending against him, outside of the fact that he too is charged with First Degree Murder?

GONZALEZ: No, sir. Not at all.

BARONE: Are you two currently physically in the same cell which is 6A2 in the Dade County Sheriff's, uh, ^{or the} Dade County Jail.

GONZALEZ: Yes, we are.

BARONE: And how long have you been in the same cell?

GONZALEZ: Approximately, about four and one-half months.

BARONE: Did there come a time when anyone came to see you to discuss with you certain facts concerning Valentin Hernandez, and if so, explain?

GONZALEZ: Yes. Approximately about four to five weeks before Christmas, Detectives Riva, in charge in my case in company with Fabio Alonso came to advise me of the facts. There was a present investigation concerning 2 more murders count against me and then we just start talking and Detective Riva just mentioned the name of Valentin Hernandez and if I knew him. And I admitted that I knew him, that we was in the same cell at the time. And, then we begin to talk. As a matter of fact, he start talking concerning that if I willing to cooperate; at that point he just didn't mentioned what kind of cooperation he expect me to give. So, I see myself in the hard position due to the fact that he explain to me the situation and charges pending. Like explaining to me that it was a hard charge that I was facing. Not easy to get away with. That they had enough proof to send me to the chair and I that I should help myself; that I was the only one that could help myself and that all my co-defendants is blaming the murder on me. And that I should, you know, cooperate for the benefit of myself.

BARONE: Now, prior to Detective Charles Rivas and Fabio Alonso coming to see you at that time, uh, did your attorney know that they were coming to see you to discuss these charges currently pending against you and other charges?

GONZALEZ: Well, at the time I could see that my attorney was not aware of that unexpected visting and after we finish the interview, right then I asked one of the jail guards to allow me to make a phone call to my attorney, which he complained about but he let me have it, so I called my attorney, Allen Beckman and I informed him that I had Charlie Rivas and Fabio Alonso right in front of me; that they came looking for some information and tried to scare me a little bit with 2 other counts, murder, and I put Charlie Rivas on the phone and he talked to my attorney, Allen Beckman and they agreed, Charlie Rivas and Fabio Alonso, agreed to pass by my attorney's office the same day.

BARONE: Would that be to discuss your case?

GONZALEZ: I don't know. I belive that was to start working on the cooperation.

BARONE: Approximately. how long did this first interview with Rivas and Alonso take?

GONZALEZ: I would say between 45 minutes and 1 hour.

BARONE: Was there anyone else present besides Alonso and Rivas?

GONZALEZ: No, we got to the point that when I first got down, I started complaining because I did not want to speak to any police without my attorney present and whatever; and they calmed me down and they let me out in the room, in the front lobby, and then just Fabio Alonso and Charlie Rivas, just us three.

BARONE: Did they advise you at that time what Mr. Hernandez was charged with?

GONZALEZ: Yes, Charlie Rivas told me after he mentioned the name Hernandez, if I knew him, and I admit it, then he told me that Hernandez was the one who killed Luciano Nieves in the parking lot of the hospital. In Gables.

BARONE: At that first interview, did Fabio Alonso make any comment about his feelings or sentiment towards Mr. Hernandez?

GONZALEZ: Well, first thing Fabio Alonso started talking is that he start to explain to me what the benefits I will get for my cooperation, he started to explain to me how much immunity go. So he give me the whole explanation, like a new identity, a salary, get me out of town, police protection, and everything involving full immunity. And then, we continued the interview, me and Rivas and at the end he told me that Valentin Hernandez-- to be careful of him because he was a son-of-a-bitch; and that he was a cheapie political, meaning that he like to keep brain-washing to young people like me, to do whatever he please with.

BARONE: Then it's my understanding that they agreed to give you complete immunity on the first degree murder charge which is currently pending in front of Judge Baker, is that correct?

GONZALEZ: Right. In my charge he has told me that that the immunity called for the Valentin Hernandez charge, too.

BARONE: Did they mention anything about the other two cases of murder that they thought you were involved in--if you would have immunity concerning that also?

GONZALEZ: Well, he told me that they will forget about it.

BARONE: Was there any mention made as part of your immunity contract with the Government, would also require you to testify against co-defendants in the case you are currently charged with.

GONZALEZ: Yes, that is one of the main points--to testify against both of my co-defendants and also to testify against Valentin Hernandez.

BARONE: Could you give me the names of the co-defendants in the case that you are currently in front of Judge Baker with.

GONZALEZ: One is Diego Cabrera and the other one is Senen Britos (phonetic).

BARONE: Concerning the Valentin Hernandez case, just what did they expect you to testify to since you have told me you did not know Hernandez before you came to the Dade County Jail?

GONZALEZ: Well, I explained almost the same to Detective Rivas that I didn't have any close relation with Valentin Hernandez and he told me that I don't need no relation with him, that I was pretty smart enough to get in my hands whatever I want and to get together the pieces that I need to cooperate and to help myself. So, I asked him what he really mean about it and from my understanding and my point of view, he means to get like just a little bit and to fabricate the rest so I can put together the statement against Valentin Hernandez.

BARONE: Now, who was making this explanation to you, Rivas or Alonso?

GONZALEZ: Charlie Rivas.

BARONE: Outside of the immunity, did they use any other argument or were you threatened in any other way other than the other two murder charges.

GONZALEZ: Well, yes in this case that I got pending now they are, he told me that there is no way I could away, that it is the chair, the death penalty I could get and that I will get it if I was found guilty on this charge.

BARONE: Well, did he give you an indication that if you didn't cooperate and that if you were convicted, he would do all that he could to see that you got the electric chair?

GONZALEZ: From my point of view, yes. As a matter of fact, I got into the argument with him which I first state to him that I don't want to get into my case due to the fact that he already fabricated a statement against me which he say that I made which is not true--that I can prove everything and I can prove and I am willing to prove in the future in the court and I mentioned to him that his partner, the one that went to get me to get me to California for the extradition process, Peter Carrado I read his deposition and he fabricate everything against me, like in a statement that I made; that I made a statement, such things that I had never said to him and I explained to him that situation

that I don't want no more tricks, that I don't want that I've been tricked too many times and he told me that everthing that we talke there he keep it as long as I cooperate. So what I understand fro that point is that if I do not cooperate, he will continue to fabricate or to do anything in his power to go against me.

BARONE: Outside of Mr. Alonso and Mr. Rivas, is there any other persons that have been involved in this effort to get you to testify or to get information against Valentin Hernandez?

GONZALEZ: Well, from what I can see, I believe Bob Kaye, the State Prosecutor who happen to be the same prosecutor is taking care of the charge of Valentin Hernandez, is taking care of my charge too. My lawyer took the position in a situation like a contact person, I wasn't allowed to talk to Rivas or to Alonso any more time. As a matter of fact, a couple of time I asked to my lawyer that I want to talk to Rivas again to see how far these people was willing to go against me if I did not cooperate and he refused to give me contact with these people. All the time he do and say, I'll call him, I'll tell him, I'll ask him, so he was like a third person involved and then he just starting bringing messages from Bob Kaye to me and from me to him, I believe, and because he say, Well, I talk to Bob Kaye today and he told me such and such and that's the people I believe is really involved in this.

BARONE: Now, the messages that your attorney gave you concerning Mr. Kaye, how many times have you talked to your attorney concerning this immunity proposition and if you can remember, how many different conversations did you have with your attorney concerning Mr. Kaye and what is Mr. Kaye supposed to have told your attorney.

GONZALEZ: O.K. First of all, to that day that I had the interview with Charlie Rivas and Detective Alonso, the next day I called my lawyer and he told me that Alonso came by his office alone and that he explained to him what he wanted me to do and then my lawyer talked to Kaye, I believe, to see what I was going to be * Kaye was refusing to go along with Fabio Alonso

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and Rivas concerning the immunity in my behalf and Alonso and Rivas told my lawyer that they will do anything they can to make Kaye, Bob Kaye, give me the immunity, that as a matter of fact, that they put together, I don't know, some kind of paper, might be a motion or might be some petition or whatever, I don't know, he just told me that they put some paper together as a request, that they was going to take it to Attorney General Greskin, at that time he was the District Attorney in Dade and they was willing to do whatever to make Bob Kaye give me the immunity because they really want my cooperation against Valentin Hernandez.

BARONE: Were you told this on one occasion or on numerous occasions?

GONZALEZ: It was on numerous occasions.

BARONE: How many times would you say that your lawyer has talked to you concerning the immunity and you testifying against Mr. Hernandez?

GONZALEZ: Well, I can say from the first moment that Alonso and Rivas came to see me, I used to speak to my lawyer approximately twice or three times a week. Every week. And every conversation is concerning the situation, if I was going to cooperate or if I was ready or if I had an oral statement against Hernandez.

BARONE: Did anybody ever indicate to you how you could obtain a statement from Mr. Hernandez or make any recommendation that you go through his personal papers to get information so that you could make up a statement?

GONZALEZ: Yes, at one time my lawyer came with a deal that Bob Kaye was willing to give me the immunity that if I can get some evidence to incriminate Valentin Hernandez; that he has write, in his own handwriting; and as a matter of fact, I explained to my lawyer that Valentin Hernandez was a very straight person, in the cell, that he don't play around with other inmates; that he don't go into other inmate's bunks, so he told me that that was no problem at all, that he could arrange to have a search done on the cell and have looking like, and make it look like the

Police just came in and got the papers. That all I had to do was just tell them was yes, the papers there, that I saw them.

BARONE: And what about some other source of information which would help you put together a statement against Mr. Hernandez. Did anyone give you any idea how you could obtain that information or if they would supply it to you or if you were to make Mr. Hernandez talk to you--just how was this supposed to come about?

GONZALEZ: O.K. First, they told me that I could make Mr. Hernandez, like make a confession to me, and I insist that that was impossible because my relationship with Valentin Hernandez is just concerning, practically we can say is educational relationship because we just base as conversation in history and books or movies, just routine, nothing concerning any case that we are involved this time, so I explained all that over and over and over and my lawyer once told me that it is hard to believe that he, Valentin, did not make a confession to me, that he hasn't played the macho part, you know, making the confession, so then I remember that with the interview Rivas told me that I could obtain the information just by it look like a helping him and read over his statement or whatever papers he has so I can obtain the general idea and to forget about the rest, because by the time I get to Court to testify I will be prepared enough to cooperate to do the things right.

BARONE: In other words, you would be well prepared so your statement would be believable, is that what you're saying?

GONZALEZ. Yes. Exactly, that's what I mean.

BARONE: Now, during the time of your first interview with Alonso and Rivas, has any pressure been increased upon you to give this statement or has it been just something that's been quiet? Could you give me the benefit of that?

GONZALEZ: Well, I believe there has been a lot of pressure due to the fact that any time I make a phone call to talk to my lawyer, just a routine phone call, what I can say, just to find out how my case is going, whatever, the first thing to come up, do you got, have Valentin made the statement, do you got anything yet, as soon as you got anything ready, let me know, I will

put this wheel going on, and things like that and recommendation and my lawyer, he is very straight person, I cannot say that he is part of this gang or this injustice gang, what I say, he just made the recommendation that if I can really obtain the information from Valentin Hernandez, that I just go right ahead and do the deal, that it would be a fair deal.

BARONE: Then to your understanding if you were to make a statement against Mr. Hernandez, you would in fact then receive immunity. Have you been promised that or is it something that is a supposition on your part?

GONZALEZ: Well, first of all it was a promise because they made the promise of the immunity with my full cooperation which consists in the statement against Valentin Hernandez, information concerning the situation and location of Jesus Lazo and concerning the case of Periyeros and Gonzalez Cartas, too.

BARONE: In other words, they wanted you to obtain additional information other than Hernandez' possible involvement in the Nieves case, such as a murder involving one Periyeros, one Jose Gonzalez Cartas, also some information concerning the possible whereabouts of the co-defendant in Hernandez case known as Jesus Lazo, is that correct?

GONZALEZ: Yes, it's correct. As a matter of fact, they offered me all the help I could use to obtain that information from Jesus Lazo. As a matter of fact, they informed me that they knew that Jesus Lazo was under the protection of some other government and that he was hiding around here some place in the Dade County area, from the Ambassador from Chile, they just want me to verify if that was true so that they can go and take him away from there. And, right now to this point, I'm in the position that everybody is waiting on me, Bob Kaye is just waiting on me, all I have to do is just call my lawyer and tell him that I've got what they want and he be right here quick, Fast in a Hurry, to give me all kind of supplies or whatever I need to obtain the information.

BARONE: Well, what do you mean by supplies or whatever you need to obtain the information?

GONZALEZ: Well, what I mean is they told me that if it was necessary for me to fake like I was getting out on bond or like

I was going to get another lie detector test or if I was going to go to the eye doctor, or some kind of excuse I could make to get out of the cell for a day and Valentin Hernandez don't see me like I look suspicious. They will be come and get me and get me out to whatever the location; as a matter of fact, they told me to work on, to talk to Valentin, that I was going to get a bond so to see if he give me some information that I can get in contact with some people, to see if I can get to right location of Lazo; that they was willing to get me out of here, from the Dade County Jail and escort me to wherever Lazo was; they go with me so they can make the arrest and after that, that they won't bring me back to Dade County Jail, that they will put me in a Federal facility or some other place until the deal is worked over.

BARONE: I assume that since you're giving me this statement, that you have declined to get involved on this Federal Protection Plan and the testifying against Mr. Hernandez. Is that correct?

GONZALEZ: Well, that's correct. I played the game along with these people, like I say before, because I want to find out exactly what they want from me so after they insist from all that information I keeping refusing and telling them the truth that Valentin Hernandez hasn't made any statement to me to incriminate himself whatsoever; he hasn't told me than he is charged with the same charge I am, First Degree. He hasn't told me one word concerning the Nieves case or the Periyeros case or Gonzalez Cartas or Lazo; he hasn't mentioned any of those people. We haven't talked about them so I tried to explain to my lawyer that it is hard for me to get that information; that I did the best I could, that I couldn't get it and then a new deal came up.

BARONE: Which was what?

GONZALEZ: Well, they told me to forget about the handwriting of Valentin Hernandez incriminating himself, to forget about the location of Lazo; that all I had to do was just to make that statement and testify against Valentin Hernandez and I will get 18 months sentence on my charge, counting the

time credit for time served which is 11 months. As they made me understand that I only had 2 or 3 months left in the sentence; that I will be free like a bird and after I made the deal that the Homicide Dept., which I believe was Charlie Rivas and Alonso, want to talk to me about some other case for whatever information I can give them concerning Valentin cases and some other cases.

BARONE: Have you accepted that last proposition or do you intend to decline that?

GONZALEZ: Well, I intend to decline that proposition; there is no way I can commit the same injustice they are doing but to this point, I'm still playing the game along with them and the last time I talked to my lawyer, I told him that I haven't make up my mind yet; that I don't know, that I haven't got the information yet, that I might get it, that as soon as I get it, I'll let him know and he told me that that would be fine; that I got his phone number from home, that as soon as I get it to call him and let him know so he can get this wheel going.

BARONE: Has your case ever been continued or postponed for any reason that you know of?

GONZALEZ: Well, my case has been continued and postponed a number of times for unknown reasons, like they play some games, like I believe my lawyer told me that (unintelligible) to take the test, on things that I got on this First Degree Murder case which I agree on it because that is part of my defense to prove my innocence in this case, and I went and took the lie detector test; I passed from the beginning to the end and he told me that I would be held for a bond, for my defense and all that thing, and after all this has been going, I have come to the conclusion that the only reason they sent me to the lie detector test was to see if I was capable to tell the truth or maybe to pass it so in case it was necessary for me to take a lie detector test on the Valentin Hernandez case.

BARONE: How did the police officers, or how did your attorney indicate to you that they planned to make your statement hold up in court.

GONZALEZ: Well, my lawyer told me that maybe, maybe, that I might take a lie detector test to pass whatever information I give concerning Valentin Hernandez case, but probably that won't be necessary and he also told me that if I can get him to talk about the case, that I could let him know and I could be wired and walk into my cell with a microphone on my chest so they can record Valentin Hernandez conversation to incriminate himself.

BARONE: Did anybody ever give you an inclination or ever make a direct statement that if you needed additional information concerning Valentin Hernandez' charge, that they would supply it to you.

GONZALEZ: Well, from my understanding, yes. Charlie Rivas told me that if I need any additional information, I can go through his paper and at the same time after I put the statement together by the time I get to court, I will be ready for my statement to be good enough, and my testimony to be good enough to go against Valentin Hernandez.

BARONE: Has all this pressure that you have been subjected to end of tape.

THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE STATEMENT OF ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ, TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 28, 1978 BY NATHANIEL L. BARONE, WITH VALENTIN HERNANDEZ PRESENT.

BARONE: Allright, so would you please continue. Allright please state your name again and continue with the last question that we were on before the tape ended.

GONZALEZ: O.K. My name is Alejandro Jose Gonzalez, Jr. and will you repeat the question.

BARONE: Yes, do you feel that this pressure that you have been subjected to has had any effect upon you mentally or physically?

GONZALEZ: Yes. Yes, to the point that before all this cooperation deal came up, I was very allucinated (phonetic) like you can say, that my lawyer one time he even told me to call my people and have my people ready to put my bond, that he was going to get me a bond, that it was easy to do, they throw the grand jury indictment away, that Baker should, don't refuse to give

me a bond and all that I was, like we can say, dreaming. After this deal start, all hopes for bond and probably for trial, for a speedy trial has been over.

BARONE: Mr. Gonzalez, we didn't include this on the beginning of this tape but I would like to verify again for you this tape, as you know, is a statement given by you under oath. Any statement made by you, even to an attorney other than your own, could be admitted in court against you and could be incriminating if you made any admissions or any statement concerning your case. Do you understand that?

GONZALEZ: Yes, I do understand.

BARONE: And we did discuss that prior to this statement being given, is that not correct?

GONZALEZ: Yes, I do understand. That's correct.

BARONE: Now, did you make this statement freely and voluntarily and of your own free will and without out promise or without any threats?

GONZALEZ: Yes, that's correct.

BARONE: Who, in fact was it that advised Mr. Hernandez of the proposal that had been made to you about this immunity proposition and all the facts which you have testified to here now? Who advised Mr. Hernandez of the immunity that you were offered? How did Mr. Hernandez find out?

GONZALEZ: Well, first, I wait far as this go and I went to Hernandez and I told him that I want to speak to him and his lawyer at the same time; that I want his lawyer to be present, that I want both to be aware of some situation that has come up concerning some cooperation in his case involving me.

BARONE: And is it not true that based on that request by you that I come by, that you did in fact come down to be interviewed by me with two other attorneys, which would be Attorney John Berk and Bruce Wagner.

GONZALEZ: Yes, that's correct.

BARONE: And is it not a fact that you discussed what you have testified hereto with those two lawyers outside of the

presence of Mr. Hernandez and myself.

GONZALEZ: Yes, that's correct.

BARONE: And after, I don't know what they discussed with you, but after that conversation, that's when you came into the interview room and advised myself and Mr. Hernandez as to these promises of immunity and threats against you for the electric chair and possibly prosecution into other homicides, is that correct, sir?

GONZALEZ: Yes, that's correct.

BARONE: Now, on the case which you are currently standing trial on, or facing trial on, in front of Judge Baker, is there anything in relation to the proposition made to you by Alonso and Rivas that you want to discuss or that you would care to call to my attention?

GONZALEZ: Well, I feel that when they first getting to my case in the conversation concerning my case, that I explained to Detective Rivas concerning Detective Peter Corrado about his false statement against myself and all the evidence that he fabricate. He told me that, don't worry about this, that Peter Corrado won't testify, that he is out of the department and I explained to him that and told him that don't try to make me afraid about this electric chair because they has make a lot of mistake in my case. Like, number one, before I was arrested, the two witnesses that I got against myself, they positively identify another guy by the name of Enrique Maures (phonetic) which Judge Ellen Morphonious let go and after that she ordered a new photograph lineup, in the one my picture I assume was there, and the witness again once more identify another person which happen to be me, and I explained to him that the witness has made six different statements concerning this case and they have said different situations concerning this case and concerning me; for example, like at first they say that I shot once, then in the second one they say, they don't know for sure if I shot, then on the other one, they say that I did not shot, and so on, and on

and on. And, they both took a lie detector test and they flunk it too, they didn't pass. I Pass mine. One of my co-defendants out on a \$20,000 bond; I haven't been able to get a bond, either that amount or higher or lower or whatever, they haven't give me a bond and my other co-defendant is here, he has been getting in touch with me at least maybe once a week or once every two weeks and he insists in talking to me, like to see what he can get out of me some information concerning family, concerning myself, concerning this case, he's trying to keep me brain-washed or, I don't know, I just feel scared to this point, I don't know who to trust, who to talk to, who to believe, or who not to believe.

BARONE: Were you ever given any reason why you were denied a bond by your attorney or by the court itself?

GONZALEZ: Yes, he gave me a reason--a very poor reason. Uh, he said my co-defendant, Diego Cabrerra, they give him a bond because he had local ties, which I'm not, and that's what he believed because I was extradited from California. It's true that I was living in the State of California, I live in the State of California for 100 days; I have been in this country since 1968 and all that time, 7 years or more, I have been living in the State of Florida, in Dade County, in Miami, and I do got local ties.

BARONE: Have you ever jumped bond or failed to show up in court if you were on a bond before?

GONZALEZ: Yes, I was on a bond once. I jumped bond, I mean they put it like I jumped bond. I went to the State of California for two week vacation and when I came back, my bondsman revoked the bond and I went back to Court in front of Judge Alfonso C. Sepe; I proved to him that I made several phone calls from the State of California to my bondsman to aware him that I was in the State of California; that I was willing to coming back, that I was coming back in the week coming and didn't believe so and when I came back, I went to straight to see him

to let him know, to let him see me physically, that I was here in Dade County again and just revoked my bond, but after two weeks incarcerated Alfonso C. Sepe, he let me go again.

BARONE: Let me ask you this Mr. Gonzalez, you speak with a heavy accent. I assume that you are foreign born, is that correct?

GONZALEZ: Yes, that's correct. I'm born in Havana, Cuba.

BARONE: And did you ever go to school or attend school in the United States of America?

GONZALEZ: Yes, I got as far as two years college.

BARONE: Do you feel that you have not understood any of the questions that I have asked you or do you feel that it was necessary for you to have had an interpreter present here today?

GONZALEZ: No, I understand perfectly every word you said and I am capable to write and read in English, too, as well as Spanish, and I feel that it is not necessary to have an interpreter it's just my accent, my Spanish accent, in the English language.

BARONE: Do you have any objections if this tape is played by me to any third party other than those here present today, such as a Judge, or some prosecutor, or some Federal investigator?

GONZALEZ: No, I don't have no objection at all, you be able to use this tape as whatever you believe is correct to bring justice in the Hernandez case and probably in my case, too.

BARONE: Mr. Gonzalez, in your talk with Detective Rivas and Alonso, did they indicate to you that this type of situation that you were going to become involved in had been used before?

GONZALEZ: No, they don't advise me that happen before, but during to the period of time that I has been incarcerated in Dade County, I has been able to witness for myself a similar situation to the one I'm facing myself at this time.

BARONE: Do you know who the officers were who were involved in that case?

GONZALEZ: Well, in my cell, 6th floor, A-2, I happen

to be the House Man of the Cell and we had a guy named Steve Stanley which was charged with 2 counts First Degree Murder and we had a guy by the name of Gary Mitz (phonetic) which was doing, I believe, was 10 Years for probation violation and had a murder charge pending and one day I found out through the Officers Frank, an officer from the department that work here, that Gary Mitz was testifying against Steve Stanley, that Steve Stanley making a statement incriminating himself to this guy, that he was his companion inmate in the cell and he went to, through the Prosecutor or his lawyer, or whatever I don't know how, and told them that Steve Stanley has make a confession. So one day the guy walk into the cell with a microphone hiding, nobody knew, nobody was aware of that, into, after they moved the guy from the cell, Steve Stanley went to the court one day and when he come back, they didn't let him into the cell, they just call me as a House Man, to get his property ready, that he was going to be moved to another cell. And then I was informed of that happening and right away I put a request to remove that inmate from my cell so that way couldn't be no more trouble, couldn't be no more involvement on other things happening like that.

BARONE: This statement is now being concluded at 5:00 o'clock P.M. on February 28, 1978. Valentin Hernandez was present during the entire taping of this statement by Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez, since we have concluded the tape, you have called to my attention one particular matter which you feel may be of some importance and you would like to get that on the tape. Please bear in mind that you are still under oath and that this additional bit of information is subject to the same penalties of perjury. Did Detective Rivas, Charlie Rivas, make any statement to you about any other statement that had been obtained by other persons against Mr. Hernandez while he was in the Dade County Jail?

GONZALEZ: Yes, he told that Jorge Gonzalez and Antonio

de La Coba was in process to obtain some information from Valentin Hernandez to do the same cooperation that I was going to do.

BARONE: Did they give you any idea whether the statements were of any use to the Sheriff's office?

GONZALEZ: No.

BARONE: Is there anything further that you wish to advise me of prior to concluding this tape?

GONZALEZ: No, that's it.

BARONE: Alright, thank you, Mr. Gonzalez.

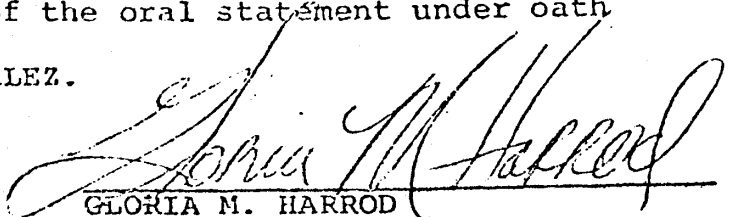
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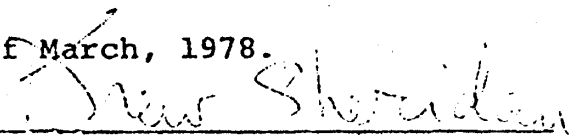
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I HEREBY CERTIFY and acknowledge that I have transcribed the foregoing oral statement of ALEJANDRO JOSE GONZALEZ taken by NATHANIEL L. BARONE, JR. from a tape thereof made on February 28, 1978, to the best of my ability and that the transcript is an accurate representation of the oral statement under oath made by ALEJANDRO JOSE GONZALEZ.


GLORIA M. HARROD

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 2nd day
of March, 1978.


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