

TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONE CALL
PLACED BY EDUARDO AROCENA
TO FBI SPECIAL AGENT LARRY WACK
ON JANUARY 12, 1983

LARRY WACK (L) Hello.

EDUARDO AROCENA (E) Hello Larry?

L Eddie!

E How you doin'?

L How are ya?

E Fine and you?

L Fine.

E Uh listen, the reason I call you, I have to be brief on this, uh, uh, we have started okay? Again. Like I told you before, I'd let you know when we have started? So those things that was happening in Florida?

L Yeah.

E They belong to us.

L How come?

E Well uh, see, the guys from Florida, you guys, make too much pressure and uh, I don't think, uh, you can offer anything now but uh, it could be good for us anyway, so.

L Eddie.

E Yeah.

L Listen to me will ya?

E Larry, I ain't got too much time.

L Eddie, this isn't the answer.

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E Well, uh, I wanna be truthful to you.
I told you when we are started I tell
you.

L Yeah I know, the honeymoon's over?

E Well, looks that way, yeah. Because
uh, I know you don't try to do anything
against us, but your body in Florida
tried to, ya know, too many dirty things,
uh, and that's no good.

L Eddie, Eddie, listen to me a minute
will ya?

E No, listen the reason I call you was
just to tell you that. Alright, So,
maybe in a, in a couple of weeks, I'll
call you again. So if you wanna know if
we really are the guys, I'll tell you
the thing they got, they found out
without, exploded, it was in a, a,
a, napkin case, a little big (unintel)
in the middle, the batteries were
wrapped up inside?

L Yeah.

E And uh, just about the same watch that
you got from the Nicaraguan Embassy.
Okay? Uh, probably I will call you
some, some other day.

L Hey Ed, Eddie.

E Sorry Larry I gotta go.

L Eddie!

(End of phone conversation.)

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EDUARDO AROCENA (E)

(Conversation already in progress)
you guys were calling myself and my
people and uh, you know, they started,
you know, getting, itching about it.

LARRY WACK (L)

Yeah

E

And uh, because of that, a lot of things
have been destroyed and I raised hell
because that don't supposed to happen.
And uh, you know, many thing has been
destroyed like uh, you know, uh, many
many things we been being gathering
through the years.

L

You mean your stuff or their, or Remon

E

Our stuff, our stuff, so I found out
ya know, they have, every, a lot of
thing have been to move and uh, you
know, it's a shame, because
I have pretty good things if I
hand it to the right person, uh, it will
be the job very easy. So, uh

L

Whose job?

E

Your job. Not mine, ya know.

L

I was, I've been waiting for the report
you were gonna send me.

E

Yeah, but uh, I got mad last time before
and uh

L

(laugh)

E

Yeah, yeah well. I know I can do a lot
of things, but uh, I'd prove it to you
if I want, but uh, ya know.

L Yeah.

E I know I can do it. And uh, right now

L Let me

E I tried to

OPERATOR (O) Please deposit one dollar and thirty-five cents. One dollar and thirty five cents for the past five minutes.

L There you go with your phone booths again.

E Yup, got to be the way (deposits money in phone).

O Thank you.

L You should've called me collect Eddie.

E - No I can't do that no more because uh, I know you have a job to do and probably your chief told you next time I talk to you uh, try to uh, to nail me because I know you need me.

L No no no.

E (laugh)

L No, the only thing, the only

E I understand that

L No listen.

E It's a part of all the games ya know.

L No listen to me. The only thing my chief has told me is uh, is try to do something with Remon and those guys before they get out and that's what I'm trying to do. That's what we're all trying to do.

E So let them out so we can take care,
we can take care of them. That's no
problem, no problem at all believe me

L Eddie

E Yes

L You gotta promise me one thing.

E Yes, what is it?

L If they get out

E Uh huh

L As we spoke before, uh, you gotta let
the uh, let history take its course
and don't take the law into your own
hands.

E No we only, we only, we try probably
to do is protect ourself ya know.

L Yeah.

E And in fact, uh, you can't do nothing
about it because they laughing about
in the face of the law. So uh

L They are?

E Well, you can't touch it because you
don't have nothing to prove to to them.

L Yeah but listen.

E That's what they, that's what they
laughing about, that's why

E Hey do you

L Yeah but listen Eddie

E Could you find out something because we was trying to get uh, proof but it take a while. Do you know the guy, uh, uh, the partner of uh, uh, of Sanchez? Lino?

L Gonzalez, yeah.

E Right. A source, uh, tell us, he was marching with the Communist Party in Miami?

L He was?

E Right. He was marching in the protest, in the protest march, with the problem they got in Miami with the, the black community. Ya know, the problem they got there.

L Yeah.

E There was a march, a protest march, and uh, someone spot him there. So I know was a

L I heard, I heard that.

E It was a lot of pictures taken, so, but uh, right now we cannot uh have any any, any, any we need that kind of proof, ya know, because that way we can point it to our community the real reason with those guys, ya know, that if they try to play like they are democrative, ya know, but in the underground what they really are is a, ya know, Commies that's all.

L Yeah I heard, I heard about that Eddie, but ya know, speaking about Communism and all that stuff, we've been talking to obviously, I'm sure you've heard, we've been talking to a lot of people in the community, both people who know you and people who know Remon and Sanchez and them

E Uh huh.

L And uh, we're hearing the same thing from everybody. That they're leftists.

E Larry, it was your idea that thing that came out in the newspaper about me?

L No no no.

E Alright, I though it was uh, you know

L You mean the news article?

E Right.

L No Eddie.

E Well. I thought maybe you

L You have my word we had nothing to do with that thing.

E Yeah. We'll find out somebody from our our people supply information to someone to reach those guys.

L You found out somebody in your organization?

E Yeah, we we take care already of that matter you know, I know, we know who was, but sometime the people uh, you know, get greedy with money and they sell out. See, that's the only problem we got now. Just a little bit tight, economy tight. Well, I think the economy is a problem through the nation too.

L Yeah.

E Why you got some problem too in your budget and thing like that.

L (laugh) Oh you got budget problems too?

E Oh yeah.

L (laugh)

E You know how many people we have to support?

L Yeah.

E Many people. So far how many you

L You're not supporting these guys are you?

E Which guys?

L Remon and them?

E No no no.

L Where are they getting their money?

E Hey, well, those committees? They getting money from those committees.

L Yeah.

E My people get, you know they get mad, I said, hey don't take no money from no committee.

L Yeah.

E Later, then let them take the money from the committee.

L Yeah.

E We don't want the money. We uh, try to survive ourself uh, because later, tomorrow nobody gonna say, ya know, we were a part of that.

L No, that's right.

E But we try to clarify that they don't belong to us.

O Please deposit one dollar and thirty-five cents.

E Okay.

O One dollar and (deposits money). Thank you.

E Larry I'm testing you.

L Huh?

E I, I'm testing you.

L Testing me?

E Right (laugh).

L You already tested me Eddie.

E I know, but uh

L That's why I wish you

E I trust you but I know you have order, uh, I know the way you work.

L Hey Eddie, my orders haven't changed since uh, the last time I saw you in October.

E Uh huh.

L Uh, but you've called me numerous times since, that's why I wish you would call me uh, call me back collect. I'll tell ya, maybe, there's some stuff I wanna tell you that's going on that maybe you can help us with, uh, that maybe we, I can do something on my own with these guys.

E See but uh, really I'm, uh, ya know, I don't wanna be sound scenic I don't wanna be sound melodramatic, but uh, looks like now I am very precious to my people.

L I can believe that, but listen

E They they they have protected me like I never thought it will be that way, ya know, and uh, they are really concerned about me and my safety and uh, ya know, that's the

L Hey. That's uh, ya know, that's that's fine, and uh

E You see before I, before I have some problems inside the organization, provoking from Remon and all those guys

L Yeah.

E But now with everybody know the truth and uh, ya know, all the people, ya know, tied up together together around they, they are willing to go far as I have to go, that's all.

L Eddie.

E Yes.

L Can you tell me who the girl is?

E Well I have, I have the girl
I have, I have the information. In
fact, it's some place where I am now,
but uh, ya know, I don't, first of all I
don't wanna, I don't think to talk to
you so much tonight, so uh, I don't
bring it with me. But uh

L Do do do you remember her name?

E I I wanna be exactly in that matter.

L Eddie listen.

E Yeah.

L I, we have spent literally, up here and
in New Jersey, the last four weeks trying
to find out who this girl is. We know
what to ask her. All I need is to point
me in the right direction. And as a
matter of fact, I think we've spoken to
her already, but I I think she's afraid
to admit her association with Remon,
but I have to go back, I have to know
exactly who I'm talking to.

E Okay uh, can you give me your address
again?

L Yeah.

E Okay.

L Two two seven

E Two two seven

L East

E East

L Sixty-ninth street.

E Sixty-ninth street.

L Apartment 4-B.
E B?
L B as in boy.
E I thought you was in D before.
L No no no.
E Okay.
L New York, New York.
E Uh huh. Uh huh. Okay. The zip code?
L 10021.
E 10021. Okay. I have couple of
more things to send you I, uh, my men
are working on it. So probably this
week they will send it to you.
L Are you are you bullshitting me or
E No no. I'm telling the truth.
L You told me this before ya know.
E Well but uh, things happen, so uh,
I need time to know where the truth
real is. And uh, I have, I have too
too much pressure from too many sides,
and uh, besides my position right now.
I know what I'm going through. I don't
prepare for all these things, not for
now because I prepared for a long,
long time ago. So uh,
L You staying in the country?
E Pardon me?
L I said you have to stay in the country
to keep the movement going.

E Yeah. For the time being yes, gotta, I gotta be in the country but I uh, I go out and I go to the island too too and come in and come out.

L (laugh)

E Ah, you don't believe me right?

L Yeah, I believe ya.

E But I go in and go out.

L I don't have any reason to disbelieve ya.

E But uh, ya know, I don't know what the hell to tell things that word the word I got good machine, ya know, in that particular thing.

L Hey listen, I gotta ask you a couple quick questions.

E Yeah, I gotta go

L About some things that come up.

E Uh huh.

L Remember you told us that you had been, that people from the CIA had come to see you?

E Well yes.

L And you said you didn't want to be bothered with them?

E No, that's right

L That's right?

E Yeah. Uh, in fact not with me, personally, they send message, ya know, then I get across with that and uh, but I don't want it, so because uh

E (cont.) I know they are itching to get in touch with me and uh, ya know, but uh

O Please deposit one dollar and forty cents One dollar and forty cents for (deposits money).

E You see Larry?

L What?

O Thank you.

E Larry.

L Huh?

E You mention the CIA and and they charge me five more cents, don't do that no more, Jesus.

L (laugh).

E - No no. They, they try to uh, get in touch with me, but I know why you try to get him in, but uh, I know, don't worry about it.

L No no. I I wanna make sure something hasn't been destroyed.

E No no no. I got something, because I kept by myself, so that uh won't be destroyed.

L Alright.

E And uh, I don't know.

L That was a couple of years ago you said that they tried, right?

E Yeah. And uh, around this time too.

L Yeah?

E Yeah. In fact uh, probably they got, someone's got an eye on me.

L Oh yeah?

E I know that. Yeah. Yeah. I know.

L Uh, let me ask you another quick question.

E Yeah.

L Nestor Gomez.

E Uh huh.

L El Gordo?

E El Gordo, right.

L Whose side is he on?

E - My side.

L He's on your side?

E Right.

L He's not one of Remon's people.

E No. No way.

L Do you know he's a very close friend of uh, Alberto Perez and Gracia?

E Yeah. They are I believe a relative.

L Oh yeah?

E Yeah, their relative. He's relative of them but uh, no, he's loyal to me.

L He's loyal to you?

E Oh yeah.

L He's not on their side?

E No. You, uh, I think you took him to the Grand Jury last week, right?

L Yeah.

E Yeah.

L We're trying to find out who's on whose side because of all the shit going on, ya know?

E Yeah. No, but uh, I don't tell you, now, I mean, I don't uh, I don't uh tell you that he's belong to organization. But uh, his feeling is belong to this side, you know?

L He he doesn't belong to the organization?

E No, I don't want you, I mean, point that wa because it's no, you can go to him and uh, and squeeze his ball, you know

L (laugh)

E (laughs) No what I mean is he's a good friend of mine.

L Yeah.

E A friend, that's all.

L He wouldn't have any reason to protect Remon then.

E No way.

L No huh?

E No way. No way. They they, he's a guy who knows his limit, ya know, and uh,

E (cont.)

he's not Communist and he don't like that dirty party, ya . . . ya know. But uh, in relation with the other guys, I believe they got some relationship in a family matter. They tried to once to uh, take him to the other side.

L

Take him?

E

Right.

L

Yeah?

E

But uh, so far no. Okay.

L

Eddie are you sure you can't, can you call me back?

E

Yeah, I will do that.

L

No I mean tonight.

E

Tonight?

L

Yeah.

E

Again?

L

Yeah.

E

What for?

L

Call me collect this time.

E

No, what for (laugh).

L

Because I want, I want, I gotta talk to you some more about a couple things.

E

It's got to be some other day because uh

L

Hey Eddie, there's no trap. If there was a trap I could've trapped you before.

E Yeah but now is uh, now is uh, is very dangerous for me. I I could trust you, but uh, I don't know Larry, I don't know. Uh, probably uh, maybe the orders you got they will be more heavy than anything before.

L No listen, I I

E I know it.

L I don't have any, my orders haven't changed since I last saw you Eddie.

E Yeah.

L But I, I would like to discuss some other things with you that that only you can help us with. And and, ya know, this drug thing with Enrique Castro?

E Uh huh.

L Uh.

E Well, he's running around you, nobody do nothing about it.

L No. We're working on it. We're working on it.

E He went to, he went to see uh, someone here in Florida, and tried to uh, squeeze, put a squeeze on him and I try, and more than that he tried to, and this guy was a friend of him and he, he went there and uh, ya know, instead of help him, he uh, he uh, what you say that

L He told you about it?

E No no. He was looking for me too. But uh, he used uh, instead of help him, what he tried to is uh, Jesus I can't remember the name in English. Uh, blackmail.

E (Cont.) That's the word. Blackmail him.

L Yeah.

E And he told him well, you need money now, ya know, all we have to do is dirty shit and go to, or bring it to New York. So. My friend get mad at him and a lot of things you know, and they broke up. Because I uh, I tell him before watch out for this guy because

O Please deposit one dollar and thirty cents. One dollar and (deposits money). Thank you. You have five cents credit towards overtime.

E Hmm.

L That was a dime cheaper.

E - Yeah. See, you don't mention the guys and uh

L (laugh)

E They, they lower the rate.

L Shit.

E See, I know you got some difference between the company and you guys, so

L Yeah.

E And uh, I wanna tell, I wanna be honest with you.

L yeah.

E So uh, in the past they try to uh, ya know, cross our ways and uh, but I got a, I gotta another mind on my, on our problems so uh, basic on a past experience, we have, I have the way that don't trust too much in those guys.

L Yeah.

E And I like the way they play, in a way, because they they flexible, not like you guys, because you are one way.

L Well, that's because they never have to go into a court room.

E Well, see, because, you see the way they the way they play uh

L Hey by the way, before I forget. Ernesto Gomez said you owe him fifteen hundred bucks.

E What?

L (laugh) Nestor Gomez said you owe him fifteen hundred bucks if he ever sees you again.

E - Oh, he say that?

L Yeah (laugh)

E That's true. Yeah. It's a b uh, yeah I know, I owe him some money. Well, times come and I will repay him.

L Yeah, that's what I told him.

E He's talking to you?

L No. It's just when he came over the other day, when he got subpoenaed.

E Yeah.

L - You find out fast.

E Well, you see, I have the way I mean I, so far you probably you haven't seen about 80 people or so, maybe a hundred. I could spare 50 or a hundred more.

L Yeah.

E And you wouldn't touch me anyway. Because uh, we have, we have things very deep. So, believe me.

L Right now Eddie, I'm trying to do fifteen hundred things with only two arms.

E I know.

L I gotta, I, you, I gotta find out who that girl is.

E Okay. What do you wanna do with that girl?

L I wanna talk to her and I wanna get her to tell me the same stuff that Nellie told us. Listen, let me tell you something. We're very close to making a case against these guys. But I need, I need some more.

E The only thing you can

L Remember the stuff you told us about the uh, the fruit market?

E Uh huh.

L I mean that was, that was good stuff. That helped.

E Yeah. Let me tell you one thing. Uh, Jesus I forgot those (unintel). Oh no. Do you find out where they get uh, where Gracia and the other, his partner, get the money from the, from the liquor store?

L No.

E No?

L Uh uh.

E It's very interesting. Alright?

L Who do you think got it?

E Well, someone gave it to them.

L Ochoa?

E Well. It's around that way.

L Yeah.

E I will have some more, some more ideas. See, in the past, uh

L Cueto?

E Huh?

L Cueto?

E Well, someone uh, I got some more idea. I couldn't tell you right now because I gotta, I gotta do, you know, the right thing. I don't wanna throw shit on nobody else. But uh, you try to find out over there about that particular thing. Maybe you find out a chain that will led you to Florida to Sanchez and some operation they have here in Florida about kidnaping peoples and uh, uh, you know, trying in one or two times use the name of our organization when they grabbed the guys. And we talking about the the dealer, the drug dealer guys.

L Kidnaping drug dealers?

E Right. And uh, it was uh, they get the money and they let him go.

L No shit.

E Oh yeah.

L Are you, do you know that for a fact?

E Yup. Yup. Yup. They tried to get
the thing very, very uh, how
to say, very low profile.

L Yeah.

E But uh

L But I mean was Gracia and Perez involved
in that?

E Uh no, the other guys and uh, they
probably went to Florida in order to
work in that matter too.

L You mean Gracia and Perez

E Right

L With Sanchez

E Yeah. — The all the thing is about
Remon and about Sanchez and his group.
That's what I, I'm mad because we had,
we had the names, we had the, ya know,
the photos and the things like that
and uh, now could be a good help

L Let me ask you something.

E Because if you can get there in one
way, then you can go in another way.

L Yeah, that's what I'm trying to tell
you, but I, we have to be pointed in
the right direction.

O One dollar and thirty-five cents please.

E And that's it. (deposits money)

O Thank you.

L Hey Eddie?

E Well, just about Larry, I gotta go.

L Huh?

E I run out of money (laugh).

L Oh.

E I gotta go.

L Umm

E Uh, I I wanna thank you because I was talking to you and uh, ya know, nothing happened. So uh, well, I appreciate that.

L Well, there's a, ya know I I I hope you keep in touch with me.

E - Yeah. I uh.

L We definitely, yeah, Marianne said her too (laugh).

E (laugh) Alright.

L We we definitely need your help from either out there or from in here, and if you're gonna be out there, then you can still help us Eddie.

E Yup.

L Uh, but if I can find out like this girl? I can speak to her by myself.

E I I think you guys are a little bit late sometimes on matters.

L Why?

E Oh well, you know, you only work slowly,
our back

L Justice is slow.

E Yeah. Slow but steady.

L Slow but steady.

E (laugh) I know.

L But uh, you know, you know something
else that would be good is to know who
these drug dealers are that they they
kidnaped or tried to.

E Oh, that would be a, a very big blowup.
So uh, I have to be very careful in
that because uh, I have to be careful in
that. Because if I let it go, information,
exact information, then probably, uh, they
will find out

L No, I guarantee you they won't find that
out.

E Jesus. I was scared when I saw that
thing in the in the newspaper before.
About the, the informant, ya know,
and that's the, that's the, that's the
role I don't like.

L No no no. That was uh, that was

E I would like to have the badge myself
and tell my guys okay, let's go,
and go work, ya know

L Yeah.

E Would be let your job, more better
for, ya know.

L That was, that was, that was the
newspaper's words.

E Well.

L I mean you and I know different.

E Okay, I will call you in a couple days.

L Yeah, will you call me collect next time?

E Well, I'll think about it.

L Alright, well think hard, will ya?

E Okay, give my regards to Marianne, okay?

L Okay.

E Okay.

L You gonna mail me something?

E Yeah. I will do that. Okay take care Larry.

L - Eddie, take care of yourself.

E Okay.

L If you change your mind, call me about coming in.

E No way.

L No way huh?

E No way. Couldn't do that. Because you have nothing to offer me.

L Oh, you'd be surprised.

E It will be treason to my people. I couldn't do that.

L Well, you'd be surprised. We can talk about it.

E Alright. Okay Larry.

L Alright Eddie.
E See you later.
L Take care of yourself.
E Okay.

(End of conversation.)

L The time is 8:29 PM, February 22, 1983.
 This is SA LARRY E. WACK, New York
 Office, FBI, ending a conversation with
- EDUARDO AROCENA. A-R-O-C-E-N-A.

