

TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONE CALL
PLACED BY EDUARDO AROCENA
TO FBI SPECIAL AGENT LARRY WACK
ON OCTOBER 23, 1982

LARRY E. WACK (L) Hello.

EDUARDO AROCENA (E) Hello Larry?

L Hello Eddie.

E How are you?

L How you doing?

E Fine, and you?

L Fine.

E Uh, I can't call you the other day so I left you a message there.

L Yeah, I got it.

E Uh, well I'm back
uh, listen uh, I found out today
uh from someone who told me uh, one
of the FBI Agents,
Jesus, uh
I gotta go quickly. See uh, someone
went to my home the other day and uh,
tried harassing my little daughter.
That's no good.

L Tried to harass your daughter?

E Right. That's no good. See they,
my friends try to
start something, I hold it for
a moment, but I don't like that
kind of thing. so uh, I believe
maybe someone make a mistake so
uh, I would like you to take note
of that.

L I uh, if I, if that did happen, I
would probably know about it, and uh

E That's what they told me today.

L No, I don't, I don't, well you know
I, I

E Listen, let me, let me tell you quickly.
Uh, the, they went to my house
asking for me so uh, they hear
a noise in the bedroom so they
went there and uh, it was my little
girl there. Ya know. So they
searched the room and I wasn't
there and uh, they started, I
don't know which one was so they
started asking my little daughter,
a lot of things about me and you
know, she panicked and she
terrified. You know I don't
like those things.

L Well I'll take care of that.

E - I appreciate that because see my friends
here they gonna bring ah, uh, you know.
So uh, people from the public
uh, you know, watch that kind of
things, ya know, and I don't want that
kind of publicity. So I trust
that the problem I would appreciate
if you will do something about
it.

L I will take care of that.

E Uh

L Listen we got uh, if you only got a
few minutes, I only gotta say a couple
of things. We got a lot of problems
with the case. Alright? And it's
not looking good at all. And uh, I
can't guarantee you that these men
aren't gonna be released very shortly.
But the other thing is this. Umm,

E Yes, what is it?

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L The uh, the soldiers if you might say, uh myself and Bobby and uh, my immediate Supervisor and everything uh, we all got in a lot of trouble over this whole thing. The fact that uh, ya know, that makes it look like we let you get away which, which didn't happen. But, my people think that you violated your word to some degree and as a matter of fact my Supervisor who you met, the guy sitting behind the desk?

E Uh hmm.

L Barry?

E Uh huh.

L He ended up getting transferred.

E Oh shit. Well uh, what can I do?

L Well, you know what you gotta do.

E No I don't in the, this particular, that it was specifically and what I supposed to do, what I don't, see. Someone, someone inside there told me uh, there gonna be a switch in things and uh like it was in fact uh, what they tried to just get me and uh, you know, that's what I that's what I have to go, and ya know. I have to

L Say that again?

E See my people don't want me to sacrifice in that particular place because I'm, I'm willing to step forward and, ya know, and do that, but uh, my people don't want me to do that and uh, they think I'm more involved with uh, what I'm doing now and uh, well that's just the whole thing.

L So your people uh, your people are the ones who don't want you to come in.

E Right. What they uh, they say uh, what can I do behind, behind bars when I, I, I'm more valuable now working the way I'm doing things and uh, and uh, in fact uh, we're watching if if it's true the, the the, let's say uh administration don't wanna, they're gonna do like we suspect they gonna do. Like uh, go again, go friendly with Castro and uh, ya know, traitorous again. So uh, we have to wait until see what happens. Larry, are you sure you don't get me traced on this?

L No, I don't, I'm not tracing ya Eddie.

E Okay.

L - I could've traced you on the last one - if I wanted to.

E I know.

L Well how, what are we supposed, you know, I thought that we were gonna try to remove this

E We cannot talk by phone.

L Yeah I know.

E I don't know what you got there and ya know, and that could be used against me and, I trust you, ya know? But, how can I talk you personal without getting caught and things like that, see. That's the only problem that I got so far.

L Yeah, I know. Well you know there's a warrant out for your arrest.

E I know.

L And, you gotta answer that thing some day. I mean what are you, you don't wanna end up living like Virgilio Paz who you who you said's living a shitty life, right?

OPERATOR (O) Seventy-five cents please.

(Deposits money)

E Okay, I don't have too much money already.

O Thank you.

L Uh, you don't wanna end up living like that do you? If you were to, ya know, these, these

E Well, uh, let me tell you this. If I have to do it, I have to do it. That uh, I can, I cannot, I cannot change things is a if have to be like that if have to be like that. I already sacrifice my family. I have sacrificed everything, so uh, I cannot, I cannot stand (stutters) you know pinpoint all the people and send them to where I don't supposed to go, you know. Uhh,

L Listen, listen to me for a minute.

E I ain't got no more money (laughs).

L These, these guys right now, some of them are getting offered immunity if they testify. The same thing could be offered to you if you came in and resolve this thing now because if you stay on the run and you get caught ten years from now, you're gonna have to come in then, but

E Well, I won't be running

L It could it could all be over by then

E I won't be running that far so uh, listen what I gonna do. I I gonna watch for a while, maybe a week or two and see what happen, what the developments will be, not in in the case of those guys and ourselves but uh, and our problems like we talking before. So uh, uh

L Yeah, but in the meantime, what am I, what am I gonna do about these these guys we got now Eddie? What am I gonna do, turn em loose on on on society again and and put em back and let them be everything that you, you want, you know that they are?

E We cannot talk by phone so could you make arrangements in order, in order, if you guarantee me, could I, could I talk to you in person and uh, if no we cut it off right here and we don't talk anymore and uh, everybody gotta go, but uh.

L What do you wanna do, talk in person?

E Yeah, I cannot talk to you, I don't know, I don't know maybe you can solve the problems you got, so uh, by phone we cannot do that. So, think about it and maybe if I get guarantee I can talk to you without any damage and so we'll meet one more time and let's see what happens, but I have to know, I have to get the guarantee that nothing going to uh, I'll give you time one week or whatever time you need.

L Listen. The only thing that you can do to help yourself and to help every, to help this whole thing is come in and it over with, do what you have to do so you can go back to your people. It's You can't do what you have to do in your position now.

E I don't think so. Now is when I can do things, like always. Now will be even more difficult, but uh

L Well ya know if, if you, if you were to come in and talk to us now and help us resolve this thing, the Government attorney and the judges would speak to you about a break. But if, if you're gonna play this way, then they're not gonna talk to you about a break when you get caught some day. Then you're talking about really sacrificing yourself. And all these other guys, Pedro Remon and everybody else is gonna be out there doing what they gotta do and destroying everything that you wanna do.

E Well it's the price

L And I'm not gonna be around too much longer because I don't think it's gonna work from my end because my people up there think that we had something to do to, and let you get away. And I told you already my Supervisor's been transferred. His last day in the office is December 3rd. You know, it's all the soldiers that are getting hurt over this thing. I mean it was, it was, it was nice for you to tell us everything that everybody did in all those past crimes, but we can't prove it.

E No, what I did is, was I commit myself in that, in that matter. So, no but what I cannot do is uh ya know, point to someone else and like I told you before, I won't never do that, so

E (cont.)

uh, and uh, I told you before and I told you now. It's simply a bad situation.

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Well what are you, what are you gonna do when you get caught some day? What are you gonna do? Sacrifice your whole family now and everything that you wanna do?

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Well, that's the price to have to pay.

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Well you know I'm telling you you don't have to pay the price.

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Well, I told you before, the only choice you offer me I can't do it.

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What choice?

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= The choice that I have to come in and uh, Larry I don't like to talk by phone because is, right now there's many people around here, a public phone, and you know

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Alright listen, when you get a chance

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Uh huh

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You still got Bobby's home number?

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Right.

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Will you see if you can call him, he'd like to talk to you a minute.

Operator (O)

Please deposit eighty five cents.

E

Okay, we see

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Eighty five cents for the past five minutes.

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Ok, ah

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Can you call me tomorrow?

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Tomorrow?

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Yeah.

E Uh, to your office, I mean to your home?

L Yeah.

E Alright, I will try to do that

L If you can't call me tomorrow, call me at the office Monday morning.

E And what time that will be more or less?

O Please deposit eighty five cents.

L About nine o'clock.

E Okay. I'll do that.

L Call me tomorrow in the morning though if you can.

E Okay.

L Alright?

E Okay bye.

L Alright Eddie.

O Hello, eighty-five cents...

(End of conversation)

L The previous phone call began approximately 8:44 PM and ended at 8:55 PM.

