

TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONE CALL
PLACED BY EDUARDO AROCENA
TO FBI SPECIAL AGENT LARRY WACK
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MARIANNE ZUKIC (M) It's not gonna be till August though.
EDUARDO AROCENA (E) August?
M August, yeah.
E Oh.
M You coming? (laugh)
E (laugh) Who knows?
M Huh?
E Who knows?
M I hope so.
E Tell, alright, I will tell Larry.
M Okay, hold on all right?
E Okay.
M Take care of yourself.
E Okay, thank you. You too.
M Okay. Hold on.
E Okay.
LARRY WACK (L) Eddie.
E Hey, how you doing Larry?
L What are you doing my man?
E (laugh) working.
L Heh. How are ya?

E Uh, fine, uh, I heard you have been
calling me for many places. So
I hear and uh I uh, think it over and
I call you.

L Oh.

E What it is?

L Uh, can you hold on a minute?

E Yeah.

L Hang on a minute.

E You gonna put the whole thing on this?

L No I wanna get uh, I just walked in
about two minutes ago.

E Oh yeah?

L Yeah, I just got back from my mother's
house.

E Oh yeah.

L Glad to hear you're still alive anyhow.

E Hey, whatthe story? I supposed to be
alive.

L (laugh) I uh, talking to uh, trying
to get through to Miriam to see how
she was doing, but I think she changed
her phone number.

E Who?

L Miriam.

E I believe she got the same number.
See uh,

L Well I

E I heard you try to get in, send a message to her but uh, that's a waste of time because uh, I never get in touch with her and uh, ya know.

L No no no.

E I don't have no time.

L I didn't try to send a message to her, I just tried to get in touch with her to see how she was doing.

E Well uh, ya know, not too well. Should be better, but uh, see the pressure you have to make and uh, make everybody scared and uh, ya know. That's uh, that's the problem with uh, with uh, ya know with her, and uh, But, she's living I think so.

L Huh?

E She's living I think so.

L Well that's good. Is she making payments and everything?

E Well, I don't know how the heck she's making ah,

L She don't work does she?

E Well supposed to to, she's working with her sister and her brother-in-law.

L Oh, is that right?

E I think so, but uh, I don't know. I don't know the way they have been doing now. I probably will send someone now to getting, getting close to because I smell something I don't know. So I have to be sure of what it is.

L Oh. What have you been doing? Anything exciting?

E Uh, well, working.

L Hmm.

E I told you that uh, I am what you call it underground, but uh, alive and I'm working. I know many people prefer I leave the country and get away, but uh, I commit myself and I'm right on top working on it and many things.

L No, you can't do anything outside the country.

E Oh yeah. We, I can do many things in many places.

L Who's gonna run the show here?

E Huh?

L Who's gonna run the show here?

E Well at this time, you know, nobody's responsible. So uh, you know, I don't wanna get in an argument in that particular thing.

L Oh.

E Uh, the reason I call you first of all was because uh, I was a little angry because uh, the way I heard uh, you'd spread the word that I'd been cooperating with you and that uh, made my image very bad. So many people backed me up and uh, it's very dangerous for me. So uh, I don't think it's a good thing you know, you try to spread things like that.

L What are you talking about?

E I'm talking about not no long time ago I spoke with someone who has been in touch with you guys and looks like you told him some kind of if I were uh,

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E (cont) ya know, working with you, uh, that kind of things you know.

L No that's bullshit.

E Well I I tell you that uh, uh, nothing will make me change my mind anyway, first of all. Secondly and uh, it's not true anyway, and uh

L No I know, but don't. Listen to me a minute Number one I don't, I don't know who told you that but uh, that would probably be the last thing that we would tell anybody about any, uh any conversations that took place between us uh before because uh, I I mean, I know that it would be a dangerous situation for ya.

E Well uh, listen uh

L I mean I I know

E I I'm I'm live with a danger all my life so uh, that wasn't worry me. So uh

L Well I'm I'm telling

E Listen, if I have uh, before some, uh, let's say some good feeling about you guys, your work or you, uh, ya know, it's all right. I I I don't need that, but uh, uh

Operator (O) Please deposit one dollar and thirty-five cents. One dollar and thirty-five cents for the past five minutes. (Puts money in phone). Thank you.

Someone (talking in background)

E Hello?

L What'd you do, forget your money again?

E No I got money, no I was talking to my friend around here

L Oh

E Just trying to ah cover the area in there. I don't want a surprise.

L Listen, uh, I don't know where you heard that but it's, we didn't tell that to anybody. I don't, I don't know what people are thinking Eddie, but it would be a little crazy from our side of the fence to do that.

E Eh, you know, I wanna tell you something. Uh, you see, the mistake that and the reason what many people don't, don't trust you, what I mean, the organization, is you have a tendency of when you got someone to working with you and uh, sooner or later and uh, something appear in the surface and you know, put the people or the sources in danger. So that's probably one of the major of the reason that a lot of people don't want to uh, you know, to get involved with things. Because they uh, everything now getting crazy. Everything now, the politics is a mess right now.

L What, I don't understand what, what are you saying?

E Well I'm sorry, but I'm thinking in Spanish and try to say in English. What I mean is everything now is a, it's a little confused, ya know. Everything now get ah, get different points. But you don't understand what I mean anyway.

L Why don't, why don't people wanna cooperate with us?

E Well, because they don't trust you.

L Well, explain why.

E Explain why, because uh when the the guy, the guy put put their life in the line, sooner or later some stupid coming in and uh, take the names, you know, everything, put em out, because I don't know what kind of sources you got in there and uh, and uh, put everything on the surface.

L Like what?

E Like uh, like many things. Names, places, things, and uh, then I don't know how, how the the press, the liberal press can got their hands and then all that kind of things and uh, it's getting to the publics and uh

L When, before?

E It happened before, it happened now.

L Yeah, but you, you told me yourself that you guys suspected somebody of doing that.

E Of what?

L Of giving information to the press the last time I talked to you. Remember, you said, "we took care of that." Remember you asked me if I had, if we had anything to do with that article?

E Right.

L And I said, "No." And then you said, "well we suspected someone of, of dealing with uh," you mentioned, "someone got greedy."

E Uh huh. Well, but uh, before that, before that, remember when the whole thing started, things appear in the

E (cont).

newspaper, but uh, ya know, pointed to uh, personal uh, you know, and uh, the rumor started working in the street and that's no good. See like uh, like when you got uh,

L

You know, hey listen, you gotta understand something.

E

Yeah.

L

You know the other side, oh when I say the other side

E

Yeah, I understand.

L

I mean uh, ya know, Remon's people

E

Uh huh.

L

Those guys are talking too, ya know.
Not only that, but you got

E

Let me tell you something.

L

You got some guys

E

When they, when I went to see what you got against me, I I went with the feeling, I mean with the hope that uh, that I will get name from you guys because I am sure one of them, or someone close to them sold me. That's what I mean. I'm sure.

L

Well

E

I know that. Because you, before that you don't have anything, you know, anything on me. So uh, everything started so I went deeper and deeper and, ya know, I've been getting things and uh, now I got a pretty good, pretty good picture of what everything comes from in the beginning.

L Yeah well, this whole thing would've come whether, whether, ya know, you, you came to talk to us or not.

E Well that don't mean nothing that I went to talk to you, you want to talk to me and we want an approach. So uh, change in uh, like we said, exchanging of information. And try to get uh, I mean uh, to try to get inside you in order to know why you got uh

O Please deposit one dollar and thirty-five cents. One dollar and thirty-five cents for the past (puts money in phone). Thank you.

L No listen, the the point is this Eddie. There's, there's a lot of people talking now about the whole thing.

E I know.

L And uh, I'll tell ya to be honest with ya, things are not getting better. They're only getting progressively worse. And uh

E In what, in what

L Well

E worse in what aspect?

L The uh, I don't know, the animosity I guess you might say on, on the streets.

E Uh huh.

L Between uh your own friends and uh people on the other side. There's a lot of crazy things going on out there.

E Well, you know, that's uh, that's could be part of a, of a conspiracy. Whatever you can call it.

L Well it's

E It has been for a long long time.

L There's no, there's no question about it that uh, there's a lot of enemies of yours out there on on both sides of the fence and there's

E No we got, no, we got a lots of enemies so uh, I'll tell you one things, uh, we're fighting alone in a way. The only support we got is from our community, our exiled community. I mean they are, they are rightists and uh, you know, they are anti-communist. So in that matter we don't have to worry about it, about the other guys. But why we worry a little bit about the other guys is because they have a big support from the leftists and from all kind of organization and everything. They they they got a heavy thing behind them.

L Well I

E Unfortunately we don't have that kind of support. But we thought we got something and uh, we're not sure about that. So uh, we're fighting alone and that's it. Has to be , has to be

L Oh you're you're being thickheaded, you're being thickheaded again.

E Why?

L Because you listen to your friends too much.

E Well, who you gonna listen? Your enemy?

L Well, we're not your enemy.

E No, well I hope so.

L Ya know we we tried to meet. We tried

E I uh

L Listen to me. We tried to meet you half way.

E Yeah but you want my destruction.
You want destruction of the organization and uh

L No no. You're you're absolutely wrong. However, you gotta understand something Eddie.

E Like what?

L We don't want the destruction of of your entire

E You know how you have been squeezing us, friends and relatives and uh

L Listen, you gotta under

E - Yeah I know, yeah, I know what you wanna say. You supposed to make your job, right?

L Huh?

E You supposed to, that's your job.

L Hey Eddie, what do you think the United States Government is going to do with the guys that we know did what they did? I mean what are we supposed to do? Just, just let em go free and say okay, the ball game's over.

E I don't know, I don't know in that particular case, but uh, I'll tell you where the United States is going. You're going down right now, the way that everything goes. Because I'll tell you one thing. You don't deserve the President, the kind of President you got. He's, he's fighting alone too. And the whole thing going down to drain.

L

No it's not.

E

Oh yes. Oh yes. Because the liberals and the communists, the conspiracy is more stronger than him and the organization they got.

L

Well, hey listen.

E

They strangle him and they doing things I don't believe it that the things happen right now.

L

Yeah I know. But do you see what's happening Eddie? The leftists are doing exactly what they wanna do. I mean here's, here's you and I arguing on the phone

E

Yeah.

L

About something the leftists are doing, and both of us are as anti-Leftist and anti-Communist as the next guy, but we're not gonna get anything solved until we get this thing out of the way. That's that's what I have to do. That's what the US Government has to do. That's what the public wants us to do. But all the, all the time that you and your guys have me and the prosecutors and the US Government tied up in this thing, is all the time we're wasting screwing around, when we could, when we and your guys and your people could be doing something constructive.

E

Yeah but, what what do you want me to do? Give up and everything? So you put me away and uh, the other guys come out and uh, and uh, what what wanna do?

L

No no.

E

Uh it

L I don't. Listen.

E Jesus.

L I I don't wanna put you away. I don't wanna let the other guys out. But I mean you can, you, let's be honest with

E You can't do nothing about it. I thought you soft in this particular matter.

O Please deposit one dollar and forty cents. One dollar and forty cents for the past five minutes.

E What are you talking about they charge me ten more cents.

L Yeah I thought I (laugh)

E - (Deposits money in phone).

O Thank you.

E I better watch my mouth because I get a rise, Jesus, ten cents more.

L (laugh)

E You, you laughing right?

L No.

E Well, Larry, I don't have no too much time so, let let it ask in a straight question, you know, then I can give you a straight answer and maybe I got a straight answer too. So what do you want?

L Listen, there's no reason that you have to go away for the rest of your life and these guys have to go free.

E (laugh) What solution you got?

L Well, you have, you have to come in .
and answer this thing Eddie. Then
we can work it from there.

E Oh boy.

L I mean if you're gonna stay out there.
Listen, number one, I can't guarantee
you what's gonna happen with this thing.
You know it's, it's a little bit out
of, out of my hands at this point.
But Jesus Christ I, we can't turn,
we can't let guys like Remon and Sanchez
and them go loose on the street. Now
if you're not gonna surrender, then
either you or some other guys help
us make this case without you.

E Well you have a, you have a big problem
with that on my side. See, I made a
commitment and I know I have to be
doing what I'm doing. So the reason
I call you was for this uh, to be
straight with you.

L Well, we've always been straight with
each other, so don't change now.

E No no, I didn't change. But what I
mean is I I have to continue fight,
uh, no matter what. That's first of
all. Secondly, I don't care about
the other guys when they come out,
so I'll be, I'll be there. That's uh

L No that ain't, that's not the answer.

E That's a good reason I have to be
outside. Because I think you cannot
get them because they too powerful.
They got power by a powerful friends.
So uh, the thing, the way we think
ourself, we think ourself, I hope,
so uh, we are hope to our people
to don't let those guys do, do what
they trying to do. They're gonna damage
your country. They gonna working against

E (cont)

your country. They gonna try to get you guys get hurt. You know, and a lot of things. So, what I have to do is keep on working on what I'm doing now. And keep eliminating Communists and keep working in any kind of which I can.

L

Well these guys, Eddie, these guys aren't gonna be able to do all these things that you say they're gonna do if we can keep them in jail.

E

I got better uh, better forms of uh

L

No no no no

E

of things.

L

No no no.

E

Larry, Larry

L

Come on Eddie, you're being

E

Larry.

L

You're not being practical now.

E

Well, well, I don't, you see the everything how is coming to? No no no no the problems of what, uh

L

See, you're making, you're making things difficult for both you and for us.

E

Larry this is uh, this is a war. This is not now our organization or what we did. So now this is the things go heavy. The things go international, that that things, the thing now is involved on a international tides and heavy things, ya know. Pretty soon you will have a fight in your own back yard.

L Well Eddie, I

E You guys are uh, I mean, are, uh blind about that.

L Listen, we're not blind to it. But it's not doing us any good if we have to fight you and your guys

E Well

L While these guys come in the back door.

E Well, I'll tell you one thing though. I have no shame whatsoever for what I'm doing or for what I have to do it. Because that's what I make, I commit myself. I don't uh, don't uh, sacrifice my family and my things for nothing. I believe in what I'm doing. And I think I'm right. So I don't want a argument with you, see, I know you're right too. You have to to do to do your job. But what I see now is no war between you and me. What I am looking now is the international problem now, right now, ya know, it's the war Central American war will come pretty soon. I don't know if you

L I understand what you're saying.

E Yeah. What I try to tell you.

L Well why don't you help us

E I have I have. You know what I got, the only chance you got? I save you a spot on my (laughing).

L Save what?

E On my underground.

L Save what?

E I'm saving a spot for you.

L (laugh) For me?

E Well you, yeah. Because you have to go to underground too.

L Yeah.

E Oh yeah. I'll bet you that. I'll bet you that Larry, believe me. I will, I will, I mean I don't like to see that

O One dollar and twenty cents please.

E That's five minutes already?

O You have ten cents

(Puts money in phone).

O Thank you. You have five cents credit towards overtime.

L There see, you got credit.

E Yeah. Always I have credit. I pay, I mean I used to pay everybody. I mean uh. Well, Larry, uh,

L Eddie, you're not doing your people or the United States Government any good by going to war with us over this thing.

E (laugh) Well.

L Because I I think you know that you're not gonna win in the long run.

E Well, who knows?

L And there's no sense in doing battle with each other anyhow. It's ridiculous.

E Larry, listen to me. Listen to me. Don't think for a moment I I will let you get me in. Because I know I'm necessary for my country. So pretty soon, I go inside, I going to

E (cont)

inside of my country and fight there. So uh, what the odds against my winning there? Ninety-nine percent probably I get, I will get killed. But I have to forget something. So uh, that's what I will, I have been working on it. More than that. Uh, many of you guys from the government, not you, the FBI, I mean the other guys, Charlie. You know who Charlie is?

L

Yeah.

E

Okay. Well they, they go around some friend of mine, you know, they try to get us to get in the Central America things and uh, we help a little bit, but it is not like before. Before we can go there and work it you know the way w has to do it and we win. We win that way before. But when you guys step in and you let the leftist of uh, and liberals and all that shit the President have in the ghetto right now, everything went back, went down because uh, I don't know what happened but uh, looks like uh the communists here and the leftist here they are more strong than than the other part, ya know.

L

Yeah, and according to your attitude of those guys in jail right now, if we, if they, if they get out, it's only gonna make them stronger.

E

Well

L

So you can, you can

E

They gonna, they gonna get out because they got the lawyers, they got every-thing and you don't have nothing against them.

L

Well I'm gonna, I'm gonna find it one way or another.

E Well when they come out predict you see one of those, they got problem in different circumstance before. So I think the best way just let it out let it out.

L Naw, I can't Eddie.

E Let it go out, someone'll take care that's all. Don't worry about it.

L Don't worry about it?

E No. Larry, believe me, don't worry about that.

L Hey Listen Eddie, I'm not worried about it, but I am worried if they turn around and they start killing more people.

E No, they would, probably they won't have the chance to do that.

L Oh yeah, sure

E Well

L While, while you're in South, Central America or Cuba, these clowns will be running around Union City and New York and Miami doing what they did for the last eight years.

E Who knows. I got my people outside too.

L Oh, boy. You know, you're mother was right.

E My mother?

L Yeah.

E You talked to her?

L Long time ago.

E Oh yeah?

L Yeah. She says when you make a decision, you make a decision.

E You better believe it.

L (laugh)

E You better believe it.

L You're not always right buddy. But you are a thickheaded

E Well uh

L You must have half German in your side of the family.

E (laugh) No no.

L Cause I do and it's on, it's on my side too.

E Oh yeah?

L Yeah.

E See what, what I don't like to see what is happened to your country right now because I, I talk to you and I talk to many guys before that this thing is going to happen and you don't listen and everything going little by little, little by little, and pretty soon, you think I'm joking? I'm gonna save you a spot on my, on my underground because you gonna need it. Because pretty soon the the Communist gonna rule the United States. Because the poor President can't do anything more than his, uh, he's a giant, he's a he's a great guy, ya know. I don't know how the hell that the press, the pink press on the TV, on the old (Unintel) guy in Congress and geez, when I see the TV and the late show, they, those

E (cont)

guys take over at eleven-thirty, ya know, that's when you supposed to watch them because, you see two or three leftists and one uh, one conservative That's no, ya know, that's no fair. Three against one ya know.

L

Yeah but you're out

E

I don't, I don't know what you're gonna do about it because uh, the way I see it, you go down, down, down, little by little and pretty soon you will have no more room to go.

L

Well, you're not helping matters.

E

No no, well, you see, I got my own problem in this particular, I don't look, I don't count in that Larry.

L

Why not?

E

You know when I count? If I start going against those liberalsthat you have here. Pray, pray I don't do that.

O

One dollar and thirty five cents please

E

Oh Jesus (deposits money in phone).

O

Thank you. You have fifteen cents credit towards overtime.

E

Yeah.

L

Now you got fifteen cents.

E

Okay Larry, time is short.

L

I wish to hell you would've called me collect. I would really like to

E

No because uh

L Cause you're too thickheaded.

E Huh?

L You're too thickheaded.

E (laugh) But remember one thing. No matter what, no matter what, I always like you guys and uh, I hope ah your country could be uh, step up, ya know, and win in the long run, because uh, unfortunately, we don't have no place to go. So uh,

L Well why don't you come on our side and help us out.

E No because if I go to your side, Larry, I don't, I don't doubt probably you try to help me. But you got your big chief, ya know, Mr. Webster? He was put there by uh, by Carter. Right? So uh, I'm not sure about him. He's from the other, the other party. I don't like that.

L Naw Eddie, ya know, shit, man, we can't, you're wrong. I'm telling you you're wrong.

E You think the guy is straight.

L I'm telling you you're wrong.

E Wrong what

L You know who's getting out of prison soon?

E Uh huh

L Huh?

E Who?

L Townley.

E Townley?

L Now, there's, there's a guy that put a bomb in a car

E Uh huh

L Killed two people

E Uh huh

L And he did four years in prison. You didn't, you didn't, you weren't present when anybody was killed.

E Yeah.

L So uh, listen if, if Townley can can uh help out the situation, you can. And so can your guys. But you're being too damn stubborn.

E Yeah but, but Townley wasn't head of the organization like uh, like ours, and uh, see, when I am free if I uh, commit myself and any, any part of ya know, the agreement with you, I know what would be the end.

L What?

E That it's, there will be the scapegoat and uh, everything going against, ya know.

L Who will be the scapegoat?

E Us. The organization.

L No you're not gonna be the scapegoat.

E Oh yeah.

L Bullshit.

E Shit, you know you got (laugh)

L You, hey listen, you can't be a scapegoat for nothing you didn't do.

E (laugh) Larry, I'm the head of the, of the group, you know what I mean.

L Yeah you're, yeah and you can guide this thing.

E Uh huh.

L Instead of, instead of turning your back and running on it. Listen, let me explain something to you.

E Uh huh.

L The White House knows the situation with these guys in jail.

E Yeah.

L And whose side we think they're on. Now the White House will back us one hundred percent in what we wanna do. But we're not supermen like I told ya. And you, you guys gotta help us and that's all there is to it. Your guys that are coming up here to the Grand Jury now are not doing you guys any favors. Because they're playingah, hard ball?

E Uh hmm.

L And all's they're doing is getting themselves into a lot of trouble. And now we not only end up fighting you, we end up fighting all your guys, and in the meantime, Ochoa and all those guys are collecting money for themselves and doing all this shit that we can't control because we need your side of the fence for help. Now if anything happens, you guys are gonna have to, and you yourself are gonna have to take part of the blame. Because you didn't help.

E Yup. Well.

L And here's another thing. I cannot guarantee you what the United States Government is going to do with these guys because we have to, we know what they did and we have to try to uh, to prove it or whatever. And uh, the United States Government will go at length to keep them in jail for what they did.

E Uh hmm.

L I wish you'd stop, ya know, see the problem is this Eddie.

E Yeah, go ahead.

L You're, you're just a little too stubborn to realize that if you came in and helped us out on this thing, you would probably have fifty guys in line behind you, supporting you a hundred percent. And I know that and I know who some of those guys are. And they've even told me that. Not that they'd wait for you to come in. But they are giving us indications that they are waiting, that they would help if you would help. But, they're not going to. And you're all being really stubborn over the whole thing. But when it

O One dollar and twenty cents please.

(Deposits money in phone)

O Thank you. You have five cent credit towards overtime.

E (talking in background) Yeah Larry.

L Uh

E Well uh

L And and and and uh, the the prosecutors
and the United States Government do
not want these guys out of jail Eddie.

E Well

L What what, let me ask you something.

E Yeah, go ahead.

L What are you afraid of?

E No I'm not, I'm not afraid, afraid of
nothing.

L Are you afraid of us?

E No, I don't, Larry, Larry, I am not
afraid of anything under, I mean on
the, the war, ya know. The only, the
only thing I am afraid of is God, that's
all. I don't try to brag about it but
uh, see, I I I crossing so many points
that I don't feel anything. Fear at
all. You know what I mean?

L Yeah, I understand that.

E But uh, what I'm trying to think
and I think it over many many times
is, is this. And this is the truth.
Uh, in the exchange from my organization
and uh, from what you're trying to do.
Ya know, against the real problem
we got to the fight. See, I would
like to tell it in Spanish, but uh

L I understand what you're saying.

E But unfortunately I have to think in
English and watch everything around
here and try to translate you in
English all same time, that's why you
get confused and

L I'm not

E Sometimes we, you don't get the right idea what I'm trying to say.

L I'm not confused. I understand what you're saying. You're you're

E What I'm trying to say is I'm commit myself, I have to go to my to to fight for the freedom of my country and I cannot allow myself, I cannot allow myself to get in. The only way I get in is if I'm dead. Because it is not because I have to help you and I'll pay part of the thing I have been doing here. So, so far I I fought uh, I think, and I am convinced that I have been doing the right things and in the long run, someone some day will say well, those guys uh, you know, working all those years, they stand, they stand up against the Communist, against any form - They use, ya know, ways that they don't supposed to but that's the only way we have and the only, the only way the people like the United States uh, give us the only, the only way to to fight.

L Yeah, but that was before Eddie. I'm talking about now. It doesn't have to be like that way now.

E I have to keep fighting Larry.

L You, you don't. There's nothing that says if, if you come in and get this cleared up you don't, you can't keep fighting.

E Listen if, I'll tell you this. If you suppose you are, supposedly my organization and I go and talk to you and go to the jury and finish everything so what's gonna happen to us? What's gonna happen to the fight?

L The fight can continue. And we can
do it together instead of fighting
with each other. Did you ever read

E I I'm not fighting with you? I just
try to avoid you.

L (laugh)

E And all you guys. That's all. I I
See I saw you guys stake stake staking
staking up in many places and uh, I
saw you too, in places too, ya know.
I have been close to you. You you
didn't even know I was there. But
I watching.

L Where was I?

E Oh no, I'm not gonna tell ya (laugh).
Because, I don't have the same uh,
I change myself. You see I am
a guy who's uh, I call myself uh
very uh, let's see if I can find
the right word

L The chameleon

E The what?

L A chameleon?

E A chameleon? Well, ya know, I can
change in many stage and uh, I
pretty good in that matter. What I
mean is I am very good and uh, what
do you call a guy when he's commit
himself, ya know dedicated, ya know.

L Yeah, I understand that.

E Well and uh, so

L But you're also being stubborn.

E Well uh

L And your mother was exactly right.

E Well the poor poor poor, ya know,
I'm sorry for her and uh

L Listen

E and my family, but

L Ya know if, if, to answer your
question from before, if we can get
this thing out of the way, the fight
can continue on. But uh, this thing
is not gonna go away. The United
States Government does not want it
to go away Eddie. The United States
Government does not have a uh, one
hundred percent

O One

L Oh shit

O - dollar and thirty cents please.

E You cost a lot of money today.
(Puts money in phone).

O Thank you. You have twenty cents
credit towards overtime.

E Hey

L Huh?

E Okay, I'll see what I'm gonna do uh.

L The United States Government does not
have it out for you Eddie, or your
people. The United States Government.

E You, maybe you don't know but uh,
we are the best uh, the best ally
you ever have.

L I understand that. I wish to hell you
would

E Listen, it is not because we we don't want anything from you guys, because the way, the the the thing is we fighting and we, because we have to do it. So uh, we we don't expect any favor and we don't, ya know

L I'm not.

E Or anything like that.

L We're not, we're not saying we're gonna give you any favors.

E No well we never asked you for anything.

L I know you didn't.

E Uh huh. Well.

L And we're not, we're not gonna promise ya anything. The only thing that we can promise you is uh, is that the fight can continue on, but we can be on the same side instead of you calling me from Podunk, Egypt, or wherever the hell you're at.

E Well let me tell you something, uh

L You know if if we combined, if we combined your forces with our forces against all the leftists and the liberals and whatever else that the battle's against, we could do a hell of a lot better job. But you know it's like Abraham Lincoln said in the Civil War.

E Uh huh.

L Divide and conquer.

E Yeah.

L And that's exactly what the leftists and Remon and those people are doing to us. They divided us, they got you on one side, they got us on the other, and they're the guys that are winning. And you're not making my damn job, or the US Government's job, any easier by being so damn stubborn about it.

E Well I

L And I wish you'd get that through your skull.

E (laugh). I gonna talk to my friends and uh, I probably will try to, to get some kind of uh, some kind of a agreement and commitment and I'm gonna let them talk to you and see what happen. I have to

L - Eddie listen.

E Yeah.

L I'm tell, I wanna be honest with ya.

E Uh huh.

L We do not have a lot of time. I am very afraid of what may happen in this situation with the US Government wanting to keep these men in jail.

E Well

L I don't want you to end up getting exposed, or your

E What do you mean exposed?

L The US Government

E Uh huh.

L And the Department of Justice

E Uh huh.

L Wanna keep these men in jail.

E Uh huh.

L You've gotta help us keep them in jail.

E Yeah.

L Alright? Now, if the US Government goes ahead with some charges against these men, uh, regarding this Grand Jury situation

E Uh huh.

L When the judge sentences them, right?

E Yeah.

L Then the US Government may tell the judge what your situation with them was and what you had said about them. Now I can't control that. The prosecutor can't control that.

E I see

L It's way the hell out of our hands and I don't want it to happen that way.

E Well. So. Let em out, an

L Eddie.

E Larry.

L You're being ridiculous. You know you are.

E No what I can, I, how can no get uh, I can not risk, right, what we almost have it right now.

L Huh?

E I cannot risk what we almost have it right now, ya know and, we got something now and uh

L Yeah, but that doesn't have to end Eddie.

E Jesus, the way I see it.

L No, it doesn't have to end. I'm telling ya. There's no reason that it has to die, there's no reason it has to end. It may get, there may be a short delay in it, but it's not, it doesn't have to end. It'll never end. It'll be there uh, for us all to go back to.

E Okay.

L But you and your guys are not helping the situation. You're, you're you're gonna make it worse for the, for the Remons.

E Oh, but the way, the way you have been pressuring us and uh, and let me tell you I was watching close everythings and I holding a lot of things in order to don't create problems, and you know, to see what do you really want and where really are your intentions, ya know.. I told lot of guys we can wait, and uh

L Eddie, listen. Listen to me a minute.

E Yeah.

L You, eh, if you call me back collect, give me fifteen minutes.

E Uh huh.

L Alright. I've gotta explain to you what the hell we're trying to do.

O Ninety cents please.
(deposits money in phone)

E Uh

O Thank you. You have ten cents credit towards overtime.

L I don't know what, I don't know what happens to all this credit you get.

E I don't know. Uh, listen uh, I gotta go. So I'm gonna think it over.

L Listen. Do me, Eddie

E Uh huh.

L I need fifteen minutes to explain to you what exactly's going on to give you, so you can think about this thing.

E Uhh.

L You you you don't understand what we're doing up here. And you're gonna walk away with a false impression. And I don't want that to happen.

E Well uh, let me tell you one thing. I will call you tomorrow. Okay?

L Now you know you're not gonna call me tomorrow.

E I'll do that. I gonna do that tomorrow at uh, nine o'clock. Okay?

L At nine o'clock.

E Is that alright for you?

L That's fine.

E Okay.

L But don't wait too long Eddie, cause I gotta, I gotta explain this, this uh, this thing you think is pressure.

E Well uh, I don't know Larry. I have to be sure what your real intention are and uh,

L Listen to me.

E I don't wanna be a, I mean be be like a pidgeon, ya know, and uh fall in the trap. And uh, so far I've been trust you guys and uh, see the way the thing's going. I don't know, in in in the long run uh, everything will be going against us, so I don't wanna get burned

L You're wrong. You are absolutely wrong.

E Well, uh, I'm gonna talk to someone and uh try to check em out tonight. Uh, probably uh, I will have a pretty good idea tomorrow and uh, if the thing goes

L You're only gonna hear one side of the story Eddie.

E Huh?

L You're only gonna hear one side of the story from your friend.

E No, you don't understand. What I will try to get uh, if you're right, and uh, I will try to make a line of communication.

L Alright.

E Okay? So I have to talk to uh, uh, the other guys and I'll see what happens. Because it's a lot of things we got right now and uh, it's a lot of things to pay, and uh, I want to be sure of what I'm doing.

L Eddie, listen. The bottom, the the basic situation is this, but I gotta explain it to you. I told you before a million times that we need other people and other evidence against these guys. We have some of it. I don't wanna let these guys out on the street. They don't deserve to be on the street for, for eight, eighteen

E You're never gonna get nobody to go and testify against those guys

L Well maybe, maybe they don't have to testify

E You know why because, okay, you got someone to go there and testify. That guy is dead.

L Bullshit.

E Oh yeah, he's dead.

L - No he's

E He's dead.

L No he's not.

E He's dead

L No he's not. You're wrong

E He's dead for our community because, the way the, the way everybody gonna see it, you see, he's gonna be traitor.

L He's not gonna be a traitor if you guys would get your heads together and do it all as a group.

E You don't understand our, the way we think.

L Yeah I do understand the way you think because I've been chasing you guys for eight years and I know exactly the way you think.

E (laugh) Well. Okay uh, I'll call you tomorrow. Nine o'clock.

L Please do because I wanna explain this thing to you.

E I trust you I would

L I'm not gonna have any

E I would free like me calling you tonight like tonight, ya know, I got my people around here but uh, I don't need this kind of thing. So uh, when I talk to you I don't wanna get no problem later because anyway uh, I, I I mean I get, I take, I take precaution in order to talk to you and uh, ya know, you know what I mean right?

L I understand what you mean.

E Or anything coming to me and it will be a disaster for me and for everybody and I don't want that kind of thing happening if I trust you

(Changeover to side two of tape)

E Believe me. I know all the trap you have been made, you may put me in the bait; you put me in always a step up of the traps and everything.

L Eddie, I haven't had

E I know, I know all the bugs you put everything.

O Eighty cents please.

L The what?

E (Laughs) Okay.

O You have

L Hey listen

(Deposits money in phone)

O Thank you. You have twenty cents credit towards overtime.

L If I, if I wanted to trap you, I could've had you a long time ago buddy.

E If you were, and uh, but I don't wanna challenge you, you know that. I don't wanna, you know

L You know the, you know the telephone company can do amazing things.

E I know that too. I know the way uh they

L And I, I've had you on the phone for two, two, two and a half hours before and it would've given me plenty of time to make a

E - But no, you don't have the the the the necessity that that that you have now.

L The what?

E The necessities. Uh, the pressure Ah, You need me now to get me in.

L I need ya, hey Eddie, we we wanted you as much before as we do now. Listen, if I can prove, if I catch you, I'll catch ya.

E Uh huh.

L I got two jobs.

E Uh huh.

L One of em, you gotta answer that warrant.

E Uh huh.

L Okay, you understand that.

E yeah.

L The other job is, I've gotta keep these seven guys and charge em with what they need to be charged with. And I know there's other people out there that can help me. Now, I need about eight more arms, plus I'm working the Puerto Rican terrorist stuff, right?

E Uh huh.

L I need about nine more arms to do what the hell I'm supposed to be doing, but I only have two arms.

E Oh, you see

L So I'm working

E You should have a a lots of arms around because a

L Yeah I know but eh, uh, I could have a lot of arms Eddie if you weren't being so thickheaded. But instead I'm I'm chasing you all over the United States.

E Well

L When I could be devoting that time to chasing uh, the uh, the FALN terrorists.

E And many more other groups you will have pretty soon if because you know you have it right now, right? You got all the guy from Qadhafi. now?

L Yeah I know.

E Oh no, you don't know nothing yet. Wait and see.

L Well I, I don't wanna get to the point of uh, of waiting and seeing and going underground (laugh).

E Yeah, I know.

L I wanna neutralize

E I'll tell you thing, uh, one thing uh, I hope you got a survival (laugh) training right? Right?

L I got it.

E You got it right? Well, I guess you have everything

L I'll teach you how to

E You have been well trained and uh

L I'll, I'll teach you

E You guys, you guys are the best

L I'll teach you how to find water in a dry stream.

E I know everything about that.

L (laugh)

E (laugh) Okay Larry, so I will try to call you tomorrow at nine o'clock.

L Please do because there's something I gotta explain to you Eddie.

E Yeah, let me tell you something uh, remember those paper I supposed to give you

L I gave up on ya.

E No no. I have two, no, I got three big fat envelope. But I was mad the way you made pressure on friends and everybody and I destroyed the whole thing and I cry myself when I see what I, what I did. I get mad. I, I

L You destroyed it?

E I destroyed it, Larry. Believe me. I had three, three large envelopes had your name and uh, I destroyed it because at that week you have a couple of guys get into the Grand Jury and they make a, a lot of things I hear a lot of things about me and so I get mad, I said what the hell, why I supposed to help them and uh, see the way they treat us and forget it. And then then I destroyed the whole thing. And

L Oh so so you listened, so you listened to your three buddies and you didn't even bother to pick up the phone and ask me.

E This is what I'm seeing, and I saw the the that days before saw the way you were doing things and uh, and I don't like it so uh, I get mad. I have to

L Hey Eddie, I don't control this whole thing.

E Well. You imagine what I have to do it, ya know.

L So so you lost, you lost the name of the girl?

E Oh (laugh). Oh Larry.

L You lost it all. How the shit, how the hell am I supposed to to to do anything with these guys Eddie. Oh man.

E Well, I don't know. I don't know. But uh, you have a chance to uh, I mean you have interviewed a lot of people and you, you know, you have uh

L Yeah and they're all playing games with us they're not helping us. Why don't you tell these guys to help us.

E Well uh

L Instead of bucking heads with us.

E Well, I don't know. Uh, I'll tell you that. I, you have in that envelope and, I can't do, I mean I can't rerun the whole thing again, so, it gonna get me a time to uh, to do that again. And that involve a a guy from, work from Cuba here, and the one guy who's a big drug dealers and uh, everything, photos and tapes. Man I'm crying when I saw

L You don't know what, you don't know what we're doing with uh, the drug guys.

E Well

L With Enrique Castro?

E No no, that's that's that's taking another another another ways

O Seventy cents please. You have twenty cents credit. Please deposit seventy cents more for the past five minutes.

E Jesus.

O (deposits money in phone)

O Thank you.

E Larry, that's that's your problem. You know what I mean?

L What?

E That is your problem. In the beginning I thought he was working for you.

L Who?

E Uh, Castro.

L Why?

E I don't know. I thought he was one of the guy who was finger, who finger me and uh, and uh because I discover who he tried to uh, to uh, you know, he working with the other guys and uh, I discover a lot of things about him, but uh, I don't wanna get involved with that now. I wanna get my head clear and just wait.

L Well, I just wanna tell you that we're trying to do a lot of things behind the scenes here, not just bring your people up to the Grand Jury.

E Well, I don't see any any

L Besides I don't, I don't

E then go everybody there, so uh

L - I don't call, I don't, I don't bring
- your people to the Grand Jury anyhow.
The Grand Jury brings em themselves.

E Yeah, because you guys direct them.

L Uh uh

E Oh yeah. How come they go, they know how to go?

L Because people go in there and uh, and uh talk uh to the Grand Jury.

E Oh yeah?

L And the Grand Jury says uh, oh, that's kind of interesting. Let's bring this guy in or let's bring that guy in.

E Oh yeah?

L Yeah.

E Well.

L Some guys are trying to help us Eddie, but I, they're not going, we need, we need uh, a lot more help. And if you're the uh, the boss out there, I wish to hell you could open this line of communication because uh, Jesus I can't believe you destroyed those envelopes. Shit.

E Yup. And I put your name on it, everything. And the sender I put the offices of uh, of uh, some of the office, uh, FBI office. So anyway you gonna receive it one way or another way.

L What what what FBI office?

E Oh no, oh no (laugh).

L New York right?

E (laugh) Larry, I have, I have the
- pleasure sometime to to go so close
- to you (laugh)

L You could walk up and hand it to me

E Oh yeah. I I I could touch you. Just uh, you know, cross, when you cross the street. I just, I mean I I sometime be standing I have to refrain the temptation or go, uh, you know, when you cross the street, and you know like ah knock you off a little bit.

L Yeah?

E (laugh)

L Well why don't you come over and say hello. (laugh)

E (laugh) Okay, well say hello to to to Marianne, right?

L Marianne, yeah.

E Marianne, right. So uh, I will call you tomorrow, okay?

L Alright listen uh, if Miriam, if I can do anything for Miriam and your kids, call, tell em to call me.

E Well, they need money and you can't do nothing about that.

L Well

E Okay Larry, I'll call you tomorrow okay?

L Alright Eddie.

E Okay.

L I'll see ya buddy.

E Okay bye.

(End of conversation)

The time is 11:19. This is SA LARRY E. WACK, New York Office, FBI. (unintel) this call with Eduardo Arocena who I have spoken to in the past.

