

TRANSCRIPT OF TELEPHONE CALL
PLACED BY EDUARDO AROCENA
TO FBI SPECIAL AGENT LARRY WACK
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LARRY E. WACK (L)

This is SA Larry E. Wack, New York Office, FBI. I'm at my residence, New Jersey telephone (201 548-5041. This will be an attempt to tape record the voice of Eduardo Arocena who is known to me.

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(Start of conversation)
Hey stranger.

EDUARDO AROCENA (E)

How you doing?

L

How are you?

E

Fine and you?

L

Okay, how you doing?

E

Uh, pretty good.

L

So far?

E

So far, I can't complain about it, uh I heard something, like a message you guys sent, that true?

L

Which one?

E

I don't know (unintel) exactly from where.

L

No, I mean which message?

E

Well like uh something about uh the things going on now.

L Well uh, let me, let try and think

E (unintel)

L Yeah, well uh, let me mention, you mean about uh narcotics, or

E No, no, no, it's not that uh someone realize a message from you guys in order to, to get to me. I know what uh, you uh, uh, got an order from uh State Department, uh, Department of Justice, that kind of thing going on.

L Naw, we're uh, the only, the only problem we're having right now Eddie as far as you and your buddies in Miami are concerned is that uh

E What about it

L Well, the, you know the old narcotics stuff.

E (unintel) have to uh

L The drug stuff, there's ah, you know, a lot of accusations being made against some guys you know, Ignacio and them down there.

E Is it him? Is it him?

L Yeah him and uh, and uh, Castro and uh uh, that other guy uh Fernandez? Manny Fernandez or something?

E No (unintel)

L And I'll tell you the truth Eddie, I got a very sneaky suspicion that uh some guys might have been doing some stuff behind your back that you weren't aware of

E Well uh I can't uh, be uh, all the places at same time, I can't

L Yeah I know.

E I can't be in other places same time, but I, I don't think uh, I don't think they uh, they have, some, something behind my back, I don't know, because I can't be sure about that cause uh, no, gotta be uh bullshit. somebody trying to do things

L No but

E No, my guys are, are clean

L Well,

E Larry, I don't believe that.

L You don't?

E No, not one second.

L What do you think is going on?

E Well I don't know, maybe you got uh good relations (unintel) you, after that you guys saw something you know, uh you got those guys right?

L What guys?

E Manny Fernandez and uh Castro.

L No, we don't have, what do you mean we have them?

E You don't have that uh, that guys?

L Well, no just a lot of rumors Eddie.

E How come the, the rumors work, work ^{AGAINST} against us and not, not them and uh they you know they have uh

L Well you know.

E (unintel) things.

L Huh?

E You know they got all the things, all the drugs and uh, all the stuff on the, on the records, how come, how come things work against us, and supposedly we the good guys and uh that's what the sometimes you said and uh

L Well, I understand you're, you're the good guys but I'm trying to keep the drug thing out of this thing Eddie and I'm trying to get it cleared up.

E I don't think uh, uh, you have to, start get doubt about it, but uh if you guys really want to get rid of those guys you have time enough, uh, and uh and uh proof enough to, to do that, so when those guys would like to arrange for me, you know.

L Which guys?

E (unintel) Enrique Castro and the guys uh

L Oh, yeah I mean

E You rely on information in order to get uh big drug connection (unintel) so when you pressure (unintel)

L Yeah.

E In the meantime you supposed to know uh that uh Castro type of uh (unintel) the exact thing is I have all, the, all the trained forces on my side. I can have uh everything in, in an hour (unintel) information about all my people or my friends.

OPERATOR (O) Please deposit ninety cents, ninety cents, for the past five minutes. Thank you.

E Uh

L Hey Eddie, listen.

E Yeah.

L Don't get mad at this thing, just help me clarify the thing

E - No, no, no, no, well, well, I don't think things clear the way it is uh, I got, I have some information that someone there around you guys and uh block, blocking things

L What do you mean?

E Block, yeah somebody uh, somebody uh around you uh block the guys there, and block things in order to don't get us uh to get a good connection with you guys, that's what, that's what, that one thing and I get that information a while ago, a while ago so uh

L I, I don't, wait a minute. You're talking in circles, explain what you mean

E Hey Larry, I have to (unintel) you don't make good judges of myself what I'm telling you, I can't explain well what I really want to say in English but I could tell you in Spanish but you, you don't understand what I mean

L Well I un...you speak English alright.

E No, no, no, but I get lost when I want, when I try to uh, uh get uh, get uh straight, you know.

L Well you think, you say somebody is trying to block

E Right, has been trying to do that for long, long time, so

L Well

E One little bridge, remember the bridge we try to build?

L Yeah.

E Someone put uh, stone on the bridge, and uh big, and uh uh almost the bridge collapse, collapse, right?

L No, not really.

E Well, I know that, an uh many, many uh

L Well

E Times when I try to uh to uh make good you know keep things uh, around for you, work on someone there uh switch things around. Uh information I got it is like somebody there try to uh, uh, destroy the whole thing in order to uh get them uh promotion or whatever, that uh you know, get uh really good, good, mean uh

L Somebody is trying to destry the whole
 thing to make themself look good

E Right.

L Is that what you're trying to say?

E Right, that's what I try to say. And
 uh

L Well, who is that someone?

E Well, uh, I will have to uh wait all
 the information come in. So what I
 can tell you is this

L Well I don't, hey Ed, listen,

E Yeah.

L I don't believe that.

E Well I have to think that because uh
 well the whole thing started uh, started
 one way and uh, everything going uh
 against us

L Yeah but listen.

E No, no, no, listen uh all points,
 all my bodies, all my friends, all
 my relatives, all my important people
 remember, uh have to (unintel) uh,
 have to uh get the drug business,
 get them real hard you know. And uh,
 (unintel) survival, (unintel).

L Hey Eddie.

E Yeah.

L Listen I know what you're talking
 about. We are not trying to destroy.

E No, let me tell you something
L Listen
E Someone ask me
L You know what the problem is?
E Yeah
L I'll tell you exactly what the problem is.
E Nestor Gomez
L Uh huh
E Ignacio Gonzalez
L Uh huh
E Necuse
L Uh huh
E Justo Rodriguez
L Uh huh
E Arrojo
L Uh huh
E His son, Pepe
L Huh huh
E Uh, Milton Badia
L Who?
E Milton
L Uh huh, yeah
E Right?
L Uh huh

L

They're all trying to make the Department of Justice and the Grand Jury look like a bunch of fools. Now, I talked to Ignacio last week when he came up to the Grand Jury. Alright, and I told him that you guys have, I don't know how you're going to do it Eddie, or how they're going to do it, you guys have to help us with Remon and them. We're running out of time

E

Well, we think

L

However the other problem is this Eddie. The Grand Jury people, right?

E

Yeah.

L

And the Department of Justice

E

Uh huh

L

- Do not appreciate Nestor Gomez and
- Necuse and these guys coming up and making us look like a bunch of asses, because we happen to know that they are the rest of the organization. Or we have reason to believe that. We also have reason to believe that they have done a few things

E

(unintel) I don't think you have proof.

L

Well, I'm not telling you we have, I'm not telling you we have

O

(unintel) Thank you.

E

Hello?

L

Yeah, listen I'm not telling you we, we have proof or anything Eddie, alls I'm telling you is that information is coming to us from other sides that we have to act upon alright, now there's

a

E Uh, you want, you want uh, my opinion, these uh things?

L Yeah, well I wish

E (unintel) this time (unintel)

L Well tell me how not

E (unintel) as I tell you before I, I, don't want to talk to you anymore and (unintel) couple of friends (unintel)

L You didn't tell me you weren't going to talk to me anymore.

E No, that, that what I told you last time because uh, I don't think anything (unintel) you know (unintel) so and uh that's what, listen.

L I can't do enough with it Eddie

E I know, listen uh Larry, cause I ain't got too much time. You have so many things to do, some war coming uh, in the two months ahead

L Two months ahead?

E Yeah, there gonna be a war

L What war

E War, right (unintel)

L Yeah

E (unintel)

L Alright

E But, but it was, it was right here in your own, your own back yard (unintel) right now, no we feel like we are enemies from you guys, we don't got a fight against you, you got enough enemies (unintel) fight.

L Well I understand that.

E And we don't want, I don't want uh lost friend, friends and (unintel) with you guys, understand?

L Yeah, no

E I have to go someplace else with uh, (unintel) where someone else uh, uh, call our attention on our help and we're going to do this again, you understand what I mean?

L Fine.

E - Cause we got uh few points. One point is our fatherland, one point is uh (unintel) we are unable, we don't do anything here but (unintel) see what I mean when I get lost?

L Nah, I'm, I'm with you

E (unintel) cause that way I order already nobody going to uh help you anymore, in that particular way.

L What did you do that for?

E Uh, because uh why, why we have to do that? But if you are really acting in good faith, right, if you really want to do things right, see the whole thing, we can help you.

L Well _____

E We have many, many eyes, many many arms, and a face and we go, and we can go to things that you can never get near of

L Well, I unders..

E We got, we got information and we get everything ourself, for ourself in order to uh, continue to fight. Understand that I mean?

L I unders..

E (unintel)

L I understand that Eddie.

E But we losing strength that you got here, now if you get all those guys have to go to uh, to uh Grand Jury whatever you like

(End of Side 1. Change tape.)

(Side 2 of tape.)

E (unintel) try to uh, uh, you know uh (unintel) our organization, (unintel) ourselves so uh, that don't uh (unintel) I don't want (unintel)

L Hey Eddie

E Yeah

L I have no reason

E And I don't, I don't think (unintel) you try to put uh wrong things in my head.

L I'm not trying to Eddie, I have no reason to lie to you.

E Cause, I know, I know, I know (unintel) other people try (unintel) in order to don't make uh, uh, drug (unintel) and uh someone (unintel)

L You know

E (Unintel)

L Yeah but Eddie

E Yeah

L Upstairs

E Uh huh

L Wants to know in the meantime what are we supposed to do with Remon and them?

E Hang on

O - Eighty cents please (unintel)

E Yep

L You know where I was this afternoon?

e Uh huh

L I was in court trying to with the Government attorney, explain to the judge why Remon should be kept in jail. Now I know you would probably like to have em let out but I, I mean I can't operate like that. You know what, you know what there

E I tell you, let me tell you something, (unintel) But you guys can't do anything about that, you know what I mean?

L Eddie, if, if I could get one of those guys listen,

E

Yeah

L

If I could get one of those guys in that group who's in jail right now, who knew the whole story, to testify against the rest of them, this ball game would be over.

E

Yeah but uh, the important point nobody gonna testify against Remon not because when you put that in public, that guy is dead. When the rest of the other groups, the other organization, plus a change of the whole community, of the whole uh, our people, you can't do, can't never work that way, but, that's why we can't work as uh, as uh

L

Hey wait a minute, it, it hey listen, we weren't the ones uh, kidnaping drug dealers and uh getting involved in the shit that Remon and Sanchez got involved in. I don't owe them anything Eddie and neither do you.

E

There's more, many more things to put them away.

L

They destroyed it.

E

No they won't destroy it.

L

No, I said they destroyed

E

Destroy what?

L

The organization..

E

Us?

L

Yeah

E

Naw, no way.

L

Yeah they did.

E Did you read the newspaper, you go, go across the street? Our entire community believes in us.

L You know why they destroyed the organization?

E Yeah.

L Because, it's because of them that we found out about you.

E Yeah, but they don't belong to us.

L Not anymore

E They don't, well, but uh the entire community don't don't don't recog, recognize that, they they belong to the other group the other group is to the left and uh, and communist. And the

L Eddie there's some guys

E And us, we have been fighting for eight years and nobody's gonna do a nothing to prevent us cause we have (unintel) or what we would put to do to keep the fight alive. And we're gonna prove more than that. Let me tell you this Larry, we (unintel) we're going to liberate our country. Believe it or not gonna be a way. Cause (unintel) in days ahead, months ahead that's us gonna be the only ones who gonna do the things.

L Well, I, Eddie I don't have any question about that

E (unintel) someone else's affair

L Yeah, but it's my affair.

E I know

L And it's also your affair you know whether you like it or not Eddie

E Okay Larry gotta go, I see bad things I don't like it.

L See what?

E See bad things down here, I don't like it.

L Uh you, you see too many things down there.

E Well, I have, that's why I'm still alive

L Huh?

E I have too many enemies. Maybe I have you, K, KGB or, I got you guys (unintel) Larry and uh

L Listen, we're not your enemy Eddie.

E Well, you understand? You try to uh, to uh (laughs) to get rid of us, and uh

L We're not trying to get

E Right now we try to uh keep alive and uh keep the fight (unintel) our people (unintel)

L Listen

E And let me tell you something Larry, uh I haven't told your, your guys, and uh we supposed to do something, uh, uh, there in uh New York (unintel) you have opportunity to do a disastrous thing but I tell the guys (unintel) this way and let me tell you the way we have cooperated. We have been around and we saw how the other guys, all the Communists laugh at you guys (unintel) and laugh at the other side.

O Seventy-five cents. You have twenty cents credit. Please deposit seventy-five cents. Thank you.

E Okay Larry, that's it.

L So what are you tell me, uh, you're gonna come up here and destroy New York?

E I won't do that, uh (unintel) I could put New York flat.

L Yeah you don't

E (unintel)

L Eddie

E I got the power to do that. I don't want to do that

L You don't, you don't want to do that

E (unintel) not because I wanna uh

L Listen, before you take off here I got, we need help with Puerto Rican terrorist groups the white radical groups and black radical groups. You heard of this girl Chesimard? The black girl that killed the State Trooper? In New Jersey? We need help with all these groups. If you want to tell your guys or your people to help us with that stuff, we can work. But on the same token Eddie, tell your guys not to come up here and make the, Grand Jury look like and feel like a bunch of asses because they don't appreciate it.

E Alright, I don't know how you're going to end the whole thing but uh, I suggest that uh you go over talk to the, your bosses and uh, uh, I, I consider uh, uh, at this moment very dangerous thing right now, not not with us, but uh, the, the, the pressure Castro bringing to the United States and we cannot stay here because (unintel)

L Uh hmm.

E So I don't know what you're gonna do about it. So, but we don't, we don't wanna uh, stay uh, uh, sit down and, and watch what happens.

L Well, if you

E We gonna get involved cause we have to do that

L Well I understand that.

E (unintel) fight a war alone you got the Goddamn Congress and you got the, the, the Senate and uh all the liberals so uh against them, (unintel) I don't understand you guys

L (laughs)

E No really.

L - What do you mean you guys?

E - Well, I don't mean you Larry, I mean (unintel)

L Christ Eddie we got

E (unintel)

L We got ships, we got ships off of Central America. They just sent battleships down there two days ago.

E See that's a bandage

L Huh?

E That's a bandage

L That's a what?

E A bandage, you put, you got a scratch?

L Oh a bandage.

E A bandage, right.

L yeah.

E That's not, that's not the, Larry
you have to go there and you have to
fight against them and see, you don't
do that, you gone a way the death of
them, cause, you gonna, you gonna
down, I don't know how you gonna be
like that

L Listen, when

E (unintel)

L We'll, we'll, we'll worry about the
battle here in this country. The
United States does not want, the United
States people does not want another
Vietnam Eddie.

E (laughs) No I don't believe that

L - No

E Not at all

L And if you think you can go and take
on the entire world and South America,
you and your handful of guys, that you
got left, I wish you a lot of luck

E Well I tell you what uh, we try to do
that.

L Well I wish you a lot of luck

E Well, we don't have anything, we
don't have nothing over here.

L Well if you'd quit playing around with
us you would

E Huh?

L If you'd quit playing around with us
you would

E Quit, play, play, play, what? You take
us and uh put in jail and let Communist
take rid of us and take uh, take your
country, what kind of reason you got
Larry?

L No, nobody, nobody is saying we want
to get you and put you in jail, I mean
what do you want us to do, forget about
everything that's happened? Jes

E (unintel) forget about

L You don't ask too much

E Well, I don't know what you gonna do
about it. But uh, have to be a solution
Cause that (unintel)

L Well why don't you get all your, get
Necuse, and Gonzalez, and Gomez, and
Justo and Manolo together and all of
you come in and we'll sit down and
talk about it.

E No, because they don't, they don't have
no power to do that.

L Why not?

E (unintel) I don't want to tell you who
and, who who are the, the, the uh the
member whos us, you know

L You don't have to, somebody already else did.

E Well I know what that's for you, you guys
to uh, uh, prove, I don't know.
And I saw what (unintel) to uh uh
(unintel) all right?

L Fine

E And when that thing happen I will be appointing one or two guys to represent the group, and when that happen (unintel) to have uh, uh truce (unintel).

O Please deposit eighty-five cents, eighty-five cents. Thank you. You have fifteen cents credit.

L Hey listen, immunity can be given to a lot of these guys.

E No, no, no, no, (unintel) immunity that uh, has to be uh, uh, in order to know, they don't get punish, punishment because they are (unintel) representing someone there

L That's the same immunity

E (unintel) Huh?

L I said, that's the same immunity

E No, no, no, (unintel) don't have time to go to uh, you know uh, do things like that uh, if you want to talk to, uh, a way (unintel) do something about, we can do things, but uh not at this point.

L Well, what do you suggest?

E Well, something (unintel) something that uh will be uh suitable for us and then, then, probably (unintel) group, okay?

L What do you think, my, my people are gonna let you guys make the rules?

E No, I don't, I don't trying to do, do that. But I don't (unintel) our struggle away because our freedom.

L Nobody's asking you to do that Eddie.

E Well

L Alls I'm asking you to do is get Your guys together and cooperate with me instead of giving us a hard time.

E No, no, (unintel) another way (unintel)

L Well, what do you want?

E Well, what I want? I want (unintel) try to make a trap to get me or get my outfit, uh the member of the council, or thinks like that, we have many things, many things to do right now and we don't (unintel) spoil that. That's the whole point. And that's (unintel) no more

L Why not?

E I don't know, have to hide again and move on. So my friend uh, I have bid you a goodbye, uh I wish you good in your work, I hope you find uh (unintel)

L You know you're, you're being re, stubborn Eddie

E No, I am, I am, a fighter

L Yeah I know you're a fighter

E (unintel)

(Change of tapes)

E Partners, or allies, it's up to us or (unintel) we be there, okay? When you in danger, we be there. Like I told you once (unintel) we be there too, okay Larry? Okay, Bye

L Eddie!

(END OF CONVERSATION.)

