

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 81-17257
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STATE OF FLORIDA, :
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Plaintiff, :
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vs. :
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ALFREDO ARIAS, & al, :
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Defendants. :
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DEPOSITION OF RICARDO MORALES NAVAREHE

PART IB

Taken before Mary Jane Grant, Notary Public
for the State of Florida at Large, pursuant to Notice
of Taking Deposition filed in the above cause.

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CERTIFIED QUESTIONS

I, Mary Jane Grant, hereby certify that counsel for the Defendant, requested the following questions be certified:

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Q Have you filed a tax return for 1979, 1980, or 1981?

A I don't have to answer that question to you, sir.

Q Are you refusing to answer it?

A I am not refusing to answer it. I am telling you that I don't have to answer it. I am not refusing.

MR. WILLIAMS: Certify it, please.

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Q How much were you paid?

A I'm not going to tell you. Ask the Marshals. I might expose some of their operation, I believe. So you better, you know --

MR. WILLIAMS: Certify it, please.

1 Thereupon;

2 RICARDO MORALES NAVAREHE

3 was called as a witness and, having been duly sworn,
4 was examined and testified as follows:

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

7 Q We were last talking about the training that
8 you had been getting from the Mossad in Venezuela, while
9 you were a part of DISIP.

10 What was the period of time during which
11 you were actually living in Venezuela, as your primary
12 residence?

13 You said you first went down there in 1972
14 or so?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you, upon your arrival in Venezuela,
17 in 1972, in effect, stay there as your primary place of
18 residence until 1976?

19 A No. I was commuting back and forth.

20 At one point, I was holding apartments in
21 both countries.

22 Q During that period of time, while you were
23 commuting, was your Miami residence in Biscayne Twenty
24 One Building, as you have previously told us?

25 A No. It was the address in 1976 -- '77.

1 Q Prior to that, where was your Miami office?

2 A The Park East Fountainbleau Boulevard. I
3 can't recall the exact number of the building.

4 Q In Fountainbleau Park?

5 A Yeah. Park East. It's right on the corner
6 of Flagler and Eighty Seventh Avenue. There is a complex
7 -- big complex there. Park East.

8 Q With whom were you living?

9 A By myself.

10 Q During the luncheon recess, did you have
11 the opportunity to talk about any of the details of
12 your testimony or the questions that you expected would
13 be asked of you, with Ms. Cohan or Mr. Diaz or Mr. Puig?

14 A I was too busy munching my sandwich.

15 Q I take that to be a no.

16 Prior to assuming the supervisory positions
17 that you described with the Venezuela government,
18 what was the nature of your employment in Venezuela?

19 A Would you repeat that question again for
20 me, please, sir?

21 What do you mean by supervisory position?

22 I was trying to pick up on that word super-
23 visory. Because actually, there was no supervisory
24 position, there. I mean, you get everything mixed up.
25 You are trying to mix it up.

1 Q If you do not understand the question, tell
2 me.

3 A That's exactly what I am trying to tell you.
4 I don't understand the question with that word super-
5 visory.

6 Q There came a time, you told us earlier,
7 when you were made the chief or commissar or commander
8 or head huncho, whatever you want to call it --

9 A You are the one calling it head huncho.
10 It's a position. It's a rank. And it's
11 commissar. That was the ultimate -- the last position
12 that I hold in the DISIP. Commissar. It's a rank.

13 Q Would you describe that as being a super-
14 visory position?

15 A It's not a supervisory position.

16 Q You did not have supervision and control
17 over anybody else?

18 A I had supervision and control of the whole
19 division. Because I was a commissar.

20 Q All right. Prior to the time that you were
21 appointed to that position of supervision --

22 A It's not the position of supervision.

23 Q Whatever you want to call it.

24 A Whatever you want to call it.

25 Q What did you do before that?

1 A What?

2 Q What did you do before that?

3 A I told you before, I was an inspector.

4 Q Inspecting what?

5 A Inspecting nothing.

6 It's a rank. Inspector. It's like sergeants,
7 corporals, lieutenants, captain. It's a chain of command.

8 Q I see.

9 For whom or in what were you an inspector?

10 A In the DISIP.

11 Q In that capacity, what was the nature of
12 your job?

13 A Counter-intelligence.

14 Q Did you assume the position of inspector,
15 upon your first arrival in Venezuela or, did you have
16 some --

17 A No. No.

18 Q Let me finish the question.

19 Or, did you have some civilian work outside
20 the government in Venezuela, before you were hired by
21 DISIP?

22 A No.

23 Q No, to which?

24 A I was not a civilian, there. I was a
25 government employee.

1 Q From the moment you arrived?

2 A In '72?

3 Q Yes.

4 A No. Not in '72.

5 In '74.

6 Q What did you do before 1972 and 1974?

7 A In Venezuela?

8 Q Yes.

9 A Oh, that's different. That's a lot different.
10 What did I do there?

11 Q Yes.

12 A Established an information net.

13 Q Working on your own, I take it, or, working
14 for yourself, as opposed for anybody else?

15 A What do you mean working by my own?

16 Q Were you in anybody's employe?

17 A At the time?

18 When?

19 Q When you said it.

20 A When I said nothing. What time? What year?
21 '72? '73 and '74?

22 I was a paid informant for the Bureau of
23 Investigation.

24 Q While you were in Venezuela?

25 A Yeah.

1 Q And, was it during that same period of time
2 that you were also establishing an information net?

3 A Of course.

4 Because I knew that I was going to wind up
5 with the job in the government.

6 Q At the time that you went to Venezuela, in
7 1972, were you already, as you put it, a paid informant
8 for the F.B.I.?

9 A Yes. As a matter of public record.

10 Q It does not much matter, I suppose.

11 A It is a matter of public record.

12 Q Let's see if we can make this proceeding
13 more tolerable for both of us.

14 A For you. I'm very pleased, you know.

15 Q Your job here is to answer questions. I
16 will ask them.

17 A No. I don't have a job here. I have a duty.

18 Q However you want to say it.

19 When I ask you a question --

20 A Don't put words in my mouth or try to situate
21 me in a capacity which, you know, is not the way it is.

22 Q If I do not ask you a question, then there
23 is no need for you to say anything. You only need to
24 tell me what is necessary.

25 A Don't tell me --

1 Q You only need answer what is necessary to
2 answer the question. You do not have to tell me any
3 more of that.

4 MS. COHAN: Objection. The witness will
5 answer questions as he sees fit.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I am afraid that is
7 not quite the case.

8 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

9 Q Prior to going to Venezuela in 1972, where
10 were you residing?

11 A Here, in Miami.

12 Q Where?

13 A I have two apartments at different areas --
14 in the area of Seventh Street, N.W., and Forty Fifth
15 Avenue and Fifty Second Avenue, whichever came first.

16 Q With whom were you living?

17 A By myself.

18 Q Which one of those two apartments was your
19 primary place of residence?

20 A Oh, before that?

21 I was married. That was my second marriage.
22 I was living with the second wife and the kids.

23 Q This is 1972, before going to Venezuela?

24 A No.

25 Well, that's around when I, you know, started

1 the war sound proceedings in 1972.

2 Q What was the name of your former wife, please?

3 A Iramina (phonetically).

4 Q This is your second wife?

5 A That is my second wife. Ex-wife.

6 Q By what name is she known today?

7 A I do believe that she still uses the last

8 name of Morales.

9 Q Where does she reside?

10 A In Miami.

11 Q Where, please, sir?

12 A Huh?

13 Q Where, please?

14 A Hialeah.

15 Q Do you know her address?

16 A No.

17 Q Do you know her phone number?

18 A No.

19 She works at the Miami Herald.

20 Q In what capacity?

21 A I believe that she is one of the top superiors,
22 there. Whatever.

23 If you call there, they can tell you.

24 Q While you were living with your second wife,
25 where was your residence?

1 A Oh, we moved to at least four or five --
2 six different addresses.

3 Q All in the greater Miami area?

4 A Yes. All in Miami.

5 Q What was your first wife's name?

6 A Magda.

7 Q Is she still living?

8 A I believe so.

9 Q By what surname is she presently known?

10 A I don't know. Because she remarried. On at
11 least two more occasions. And really, I don't know.

12 Q Where is she living?

13 A In Miami, too. As far as I know.

14 Q What is the name of the man to whom you
15 most recently knew her to be married?

16 A Last name was Machin. M-A-C-H-I-N.

17 Q First name?

18 A I don't know.

19 I know it was Machin. Because she changed
20 from Morales to Machin. But she divorced that guy, and
21 then married again. And I believe that she got another
22 divorce, and then married again. She's a very lucky
23 woman.

24 Q Your testimony is, that you do not know
25 any surname that she used, subsequent to Machin?

1 A No. That's definitely --

2 Q Did you have children with her?

3 A Three.

4 Q Are they all over the age of eighteen?

5 A Only two.

6 Q Where do they live?

7 A Who?

8 Q Your children?

9 A The first one?

10 Q All of them.

11 A The other one?

12 Q All of them.

13 A The other one is in the U.S. Marine Corps.

14 Q What is his name?

15 A Raul.

16 Q What are the other two names?

17 A Ricky --

18 MS. COHAN: What is the name of the one in
19 the Marines?

20 THE WITNESS: Raul.

21 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

22 Q Where does he live?

23 A He lives with the mother, I believe.

24 Q Have you ever known him to have an occupa-
25 tional profession?

1 A Yes.

2 MS. COHAN: Objection. Asked and answered.

3 THE WITNESS: I already answered to that
4 question, at the beginning. In the hotels, down in
5 Miami. In the tour capacity.

6 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

7 Q What is your immigration and naturalization
8 status with the United States?

9 A I don't know.

10 Q Are you a citizen?

11 A No.

12 Q Have you ever applied for citizenship?

13 A No.

14 Q Are you a permanent resident?

15 A No.

16 Q Have you ever applied for permanent residency?

17 A Never.

18 Q When did you first come to the United States,
19 from wherever it is you came from?

20 A From the Republic of Cuba, my birth place.

21 From the country that I was born. That's a name.

22 Republic of Cuba. November 29th, 1960.

23 Q Were you admitted under refugee status, when
24 you came into this country?

25 A No. Political refugee.

1 Q May I assume that your point of entry, into
2 this country, was Miami?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q Did you enter by yourself or, were you admitted
5 with other persons traveling in your group?

6 A We -- I was at the Embassy in Havana, Cuba.
7 And, the whole load -- there were about six of us who
8 had American visas. So we traveled directly to the United
9 States, instead of going down to Brazil. I was a
10 political refugee at the time.

11 Q What kind of visa was issued to you by the
12 United States, in Havana?

13 A Tours.

14 Q Have you ever had any conversations with
15 any officers or employees of the Immigration and Natur-
16 alization Service, about your status as a resident in
17 the United States or, your status by virtue of your
18 presence in the United States?

19 A Of course.

20 Q On how many occasions?

21 A As I recall, when I applied for my alien
22 number in Newark --

23 Q When was that?

24 A New Jersey.

25 Oh, that was in the late sixties, or early

1 '61.

2 Q When else?

3 A Oh, when I was arrested after a raid in
4 Cuba. Returning from a raid in Cuba.

5 Q When was that?

6 A Summer of either '62 or '63.

7 Q Were you arrested, then?

8 A Yeah. The whole group was arrested.

9 Q What was the nature of your communication
10 with Immigration in the early sixties, at the time you
11 returned from Cuba, pertaining to your status in this
12 country?

13 A No. In 1961.

14 I just went down to the INS office, and I
15 applied for a political refugee status, which was given
16 to me.

17 And, after we returned from the raid, INS
18 just debriefed everyone from the group, about what we
19 did down there, and why we did it, you know -- and where
20 we landed and what happened. And, how we got away and
21 things like that.

22 Q When was the last time that you have had
23 any specific conversation with anybody from INS, expressly
24 about your status in this country?

25 A The last time I ever talked to INS people, was

1 after the raid.

2 Q 1962 or '63?

3 A Right.

4 Q And, so far as you know, you are still here
5 in the status of a political refugee?

6 A I cannot make a statement about that.

7 Q Well --

8 A Because, I don't know.

9 Q Do you have any knowledge that indicates
10 that your status with INS has changed since you were
11 first given refugee status?

12 A Well, I filed and signed INS papers with the
13 Marshal service and the determination of that application,
14 I don't know.

15 Q What kind of papers did you fill out?

16 A Well, I signed the forms that was presented
17 to me. And they were supposed to -- they were supposed
18 to file the forms for me, based upon my former status
19 down here.

20 Q For what purpose did you file the forms?

21 A As a continued resident in the United States.

22 Q And, that was just when you were with the
23 United States Marshal Service in protective custody?

24 A That's right.

25 Q What status were you seeking by the applica-

1 tion that you filed?

2 A I listed the same one that I got before.

3 Q Political refugee?

4 A That's right. Or, whatever they want to come
5 up with, you know.

6 Q Have you heard from any source or anything,
7 since 1962 or '63, that has either indicated to you
8 indirectly or directly, that your Immigration status in
9 this country has changed from that of a political
10 refugee?

11 A Of course.

12 Q Tell me what you heard.

13 A When I applied for the visa in the Embassy,
14 in Venezuela --

15 Q What did you learn, then?

16 A Nothing. They gave me a multiply entry --

17 Q That would have been on the occasion of your
18 return from Venezuela, in 1976?

19 A Mr. Williams, when I arrived there in
20 Venezuela, you know, there was a question that I have to
21 be a Venezuelan citizen, just to hold a higher position
22 inside the government.

23 So I was made a Venezuelan citizen by
24 President Carlos Andres Perez -- by the former President.

25 So right away, I went down to the American

1 Embassy, and filled out an application for a tour visa,
2 which was, you know, a stamped in my Venezuelan passport.
3 And that's how I keep commuting back and forth to the
4 United States from wherever I was.

5 Q Then presently, you hold Venezuelan citizen-
6 ship and travel on a --

7 A That's a technicality. And yes and no.

8 Q In your mind, do you have Venezuelan citizen-
9 ship?

10 A No. No. No.

11 I am a Cuban. I was born a Cuban. I am a
12 Cuban. And I will die a Cuban.

13 That has been -- the matter has been taken
14 care of by attorneys over there. And things like that.
15 So yes and no. That's a correct answer for that.

16 Q Tell me what your understanding of the
17 technicality is?

18 A You are the one that has to understand the
19 technicality.

20 Q I just asked you a question.

21 What understanding do you have of whatever
22 the technicality is, that bears upon your citizenship?

23 A What citizenship?

24 Q Any?

25 What is the technicality that you believe to

1 exist?

2 A It's like, you know, in Cuba, according to
3 the constitution, I am not a Cuban no more. Even though
4 I was born there.

5 Q What is the technicality?

6 A The technicality there is, that how they can
7 deny that I am a Cuban, since I was born there. Just
8 because they took over and said, whoever is not with us,
9 is not a Cuban any more.

10 Q You have a Venezuelan passport; don't you?

11 A It expired.

12 Q Do you have any passport?

13 A No. I don't have any passports.

14 Q Your understanding then, is that the present
15 government in Cuba, by some decree, has restricken you --

16 A Not by a decree.

17 The government constitution, that they enacted
18 in 1973 or 1975, just that word had been engaged in
19 covert actions, to overthrow the El Castro -- so I was
20 considered not a Cuban any more. There are so many
21 chapters concerning that.

22 Q Have you renounced your Venezuelan
23 citizenship?

24 A I am in that process.

25 Q Have you at this time, signed any documents

1 renouncing your Venezuelan citizenship?

2 A The papers are on the way.

3 Q Is that a no, sir, that you have not signed
4 any?

5 A You see, the legal procedure down there in
6 Venezuela is quite different.

7 Q Mr. Morales, have you signed any papers
8 renouncing your citizenship or not?

9 A I already signed the paper. I already
10 announced the authority to start the proceedings on that.
11 It's like a power of attorney. But it's
12 being called there, different.

13 Q Have you ever filed a tax return with the
14 Internal Revenue Service?

15 A Oh, yes. And, it was audited by them.

16 Q When most recently, did you file a tax
17 return?

18 A Oh, up to 1973.

19 Q Does that include the calendar year, 1978?

20 A What?

21 Q Does that include the calendar year, 1978?

22 A I believe so.

23 Q For how long had you been filing tax returns?

24 How many years before that, did you file tax returns?

25 A Before, when?

1 Q '78?

2 A '78 -- never.

3 Q So 1978 is the only year in which you filed
4 a tax return?

5 A No. No. No.

6 They covered '74, '75, '76, '77 and '78, I
7 believe, too. The whole investigation, it was brought
8 upon me was from starting in 1974, I believe.

9 Q Is that to say that you were at one point,
10 the subject of an Internal Revenue Service investigation?

11 A No. I was -- there was a civil matter
12 brought against me. It was a civil matter, not a criminal
13 investigation.

14 Q Is it the case that you have not filed a
15 tax return for 1979, 1980, or 1981?

16 A I don't believe that I have to answer that
17 question to you.

18 Q On what grounds?

19 A On the grounds of privacy. On the grounds
20 that whatever you want to certify, we can go down there.

21 Q No.

22 The one legitimate claim that you can make
23 is, that you think to answer the question might expose
24 yourself to some criminal penalty, self-incrimination,
25 the Fifth Amendment.

1 You can use that as well as anybody else.

2 A Oh, come on, Mr. Williams.

3 Q Is that the grounds upon which you do not
4 want to answer?

5 A There is no Fifth Amendment or incrimination
6 or anything like that, involving that. So I don't have
7 to tell you my private life about all tax matters and
8 things like that.

9 Q Sure you do.

10 A Oh, yeah? How?

11 Q Have you filed a tax return for 1979, 1980
12 or 1981?

13 A I don't have to answer that question to you,
14 sir.

15 Q Are you refusing to answer it?

16 A I am not refusing to answer it. I am telling
17 you that I don't have to answer it. I am not refusing.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Certify it, please.

19 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

20 Q Are you declining to answer that question
21 on the grounds that to answer it might expose yourself
22 to self-incrimination or --

23 A No.

24 Q -- criminal penalties?

25 A No. No.

1 It's just that, it's none of your business.
2 That's what I'm saying.

3 Q Sure it is.

4 A No, it's not. It's none of your business.

5 MS. COHAN: Objection. Bickering should
6 stop.

7 THE WITNESS: That's the only reason why I
8 am not answering you that question. I am not refusing
9 to answer. I am not answering to you, because it's none
10 of your business.

11 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

12 Q Now, when is the last time that you have been
13 in the employee of any third person by which, I mean,
14 an individual, corporation, government, governmental
15 agency, or anything or other person, which whom you
16 communicate, who might employ you?

17 A 1978, January.

18 Q By whom were you employed?

19 A By the Venezuelan government.

20 Q Is it the case then, that between January
21 '78 and the present, you have not been in the employee
22 of any other person?

23 A I have not been in the payroll of anybody.

24 Q Between 1978 and the present, tell me, please,
25 sir, any and every source through which you realized any

1 kind of income?

2 A Say that again?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Please read back the question.

4 (Thereupon, the question was read back by
5 the court reporter.)

6 THE WITNESS: The witness protection program,
7 the Marshals gave me money. The State of Florida gave
8 me money. And the drug business gave me money, too.

9 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

10 Q This is between 1978 and the present?

11 A No, Mr. Williams. I have not been engaged
12 in any kind of narcotics activities since 1980.

13 Q All right. Here is my question to you, Mr.
14 Morales.

15 You have mentioned three sources of --

16 A Right.

17 So I am pinpointing. Because I am out of
18 that business.

19 Q Here is my question to you.

20 You mentioned three sources of income --

21 A Right. In a broad --

22 Q The witness protection program, the marshal
23 service, and the drug business.

24 My question to you is, whether between 1978
25 and today, there has been any other source of income that

1 you have realized, besides those three?

2 A No.

3 MS. COHAN: The book?

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Rina, I will not have this
5 man helped. He does not need any help.

6 THE WITNESS: But I want to hear what she
7 said.

8 MS. COHAN: Then, you will go on inaccurate
9 answers.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: That is his problem, until
11 it becomes the State's problem.

12 THE WITNESS: What did you say, Rina?

13 MS. COHAN: I will get you on cross.

14 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Q During what periods of time or at what
16 period of time, were you receiving money from the United
17 States Marshal Service?

18 A Since they took care of me.

19 Q When was that?

20 A Either January or February, 1981.

21 Q Until when?

22 A Until I left them, the department.

23 Q In November of last year?

24 A No.

25 Q When did you leave them?

1 A September, I believe. On or about September,
2 1981.

3 Q At what intervals were you paid, while you
4 were in the Marshal Service?

5 A Oh, they have a monthly allocation.

6 Q How much were you paid?

7 A I'm not going to tell you. Ask the Marshals.
8 I might expose some of their operation, I believe. So
9 you better, you know --

10 MR. WILLIAMS: Certify it, please.

11 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

12 Q Between September of 1981 and today, have
13 you had any source of income at all?

14 A The State was so kind and gentle, that they
15 halped me out, to get out of the witness protection
16 program. And, when they provide funds for me to do so.

17 Q The State of Florida?

18 A Yeah, the State. City of Miami Police
19 Department. The State Attorneys. Whatever is the
20 State of Florida.

21 Q Who actually made those arrangements for
22 you?

23 A What?

24 Q Who made those arrangements for you?

25 A (Indicating). You have it right here.

1 MR. WILLIAMS: Indicating for the record,
2 the prosecutor, Ms. Cohan.

3 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

4 Q At what intervals have you been paid by the
5 State, if more than once, by the State of Florida?

6 A I received one installment to get out of the
7 witness -- you know -- to get away from the Marshals.

8 And, I received my witness fee, the other
9 day.

10 And prior to that, before I got into the
11 witness protection program, they paid for the Ramada
12 Inn. And, you know, my daily --

13 Q We will go back to that later on.

14 When you left the Marshal --

15 A Why do you have to cut me when I am answering
16 you?

17 Q Because I did not ask that.

18 A Let me finish my answer. Don't shout at me,
19 Williams. Let me finish my answer.

20 You asked me a question. Let me finish it.
21 Okay?

22 Q No.

23 A Yes.

24 Then don't ask no more questions to me. If
25 I'm not going to finish.

1 Q Then leave. If you want to leave, get up
2 and take your people and go.

3 MS. COHAN: Objection.

4 He is here in response to your subpoena for
5 deposition. We have every intention of continuing this
6 deposition in a civil fashion.

7 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

8 Q Now, listen to the question, Mr. Morales.
9 If you do not understand the question --

10 A But let me finish my answer. That's the
11 only thing that I am complaining, now.

12 Q Stop yelling. Do not get excited, now.

13 A What about when you get excited?

14 Q I do not get excited. Now listen to the
15 question.

16 A Okay. It works both ways.

17 Q The question is, between September of 1981
18 and the present, do you have that?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What frequency were you paid money by the
21 State of Florida?

22 Now, you told me --

23 A I already answered that question.

24 Q What was the amount of the one installment
25 payment that was paid to you when you left the Marshal?

1 A Six thousand.

2 Q This was in September of 1981?

3 A On or about September.

4 They can give you the papers, and the garbage
5 and whatever, the receipts.

6 Q How was that amount determined, Mr. Morales?

7 A What?

8 Q How was that amount settled upon; six thousand
9 dollars?

10 A I settled it.

11 Q It was your choice, your figure?

12 A It was my choice.

13 (Thereupon, a brief discussion was held off
14 the record.)

15 THE WITNESS: How did I arrive at the amount?

16 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

17 Q How did you select the amount of six thousand
18 dollars?

19 A Oh, very simple. I acknowledge that I --
20 did I make a breakdown for that?

21 Q No. They cannot help you.

22 A Well, I did make a breakdown for that. And
23 that's the amount that I arrived to keep me going on for
24 the next four months.

25 Q In other words, you determined what you thought

1 your predictable living expenses would be on a monthly
2 basis?

3 A Right. Instead of having, you know --

4 Q Monthly installments?

5 A Right.

6 Q With whom did you have discussions about
7 the amount that you were going to be paid?

8 A Discussions about the money that I was
9 going to be paid?

10 Q Yes.

11 With whom, on behalf of the State and or
12 police department?

13 A Oh, I talked about it with Rina. And I
14 talked about it with -- what is the name of the Major --
15 Oboz.

16 Q When did those conversations take place?

17 A And Martinez.

18 Q Which Martinez?

19 A Raul.

20 Q When did those conversations take place?

21 A In the summer of 1980.

22 Q Did you simply tell them how much money
23 you wanted or, was there conversation about it among
24 all of you?

25 A No.

1 I told them that I have, you know, arrived
2 to the conclusion that that's the money that I need to
3 get the hell out of the Marshal's custody. And the
4 money that I need to move from one place to another, and
5 to keep me going on for the next four months. That's
6 exactly --

7 Q Was there any objection raised to the amount
8 by anybody?

9 A No. No. No.

10 Q Was it agreed to as soon as you stated it?

11 A Yes..

12 It's not to my knowledge if there was any
13 between them.

14 Q Of course. I am only asking you what you
15 know or what you heard.

16 A What I heard, no.

17 Q And this was shortly before you left the
18 Marshal's program?

19 A Since.

20 Q No. That is not the question, Ricky. Here
21 is the question.

22 That discussion you had was shortly before
23 you left the Marshal's program.

24 A Otherwise, I would have never been able to
25 leave the Marshal's program.

1 Q Is that a yes, sir?

2 A Otherwise, I will never have been able to
3 leave the Marshal's program, which I wanted to leave.
4 And, thanks to them, I was able to get the hell out of
5 there.

6 Q It sounds like they did you quite a favor.
7 What was so bad about it?

8 A What?

9 Q The Marshal's program?

10 A Oh, the place that they relocate me --

11 Q So you were glad to get out?

12 A I have to. It was a security risk for me.
13 It was a nightmare.

14 Q You're almost making it sound like those
15 folks saved your skin.

16 A Actually, you can tell that. That's the
17 way I feel.

18 Q When did you get your witness fee payment?

19 A The first date of the month.

20 Q The first of March?

21 A The first date of the month.

22 Q Just yesterday; April first?

23 A Which one are you referring to; the Marshals
24 or --

25 Q The witness fee payment.

1 A Oh, the witness fee payment?

2 Q Yes.

3 A It was the day before yesterday.

4 Q How much was that?

5 A Six hundred.

6 Q Was that given to you by check?

7 A That's right.

8 Q Who gave it to you?

9 A Oh, we went down to the courthouse, and they
10 wrote the check over there.

11 Q Oh, that was the other day, Mr. Kagney rode
12 down to the courthouse, a couple of days ago, and it
13 was authorized by Judge Kogan?

14 MS. COHAN: Mr. Kagney?

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. One of your secretaries--

16 THE WITNESS: That's what counter-intelligence
17 is all about.

18 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

19 Q How was the six hundred dollar figure
20 determined; do you know?

21 A I don't.

22 Q Do you expect to receive any more money from
23 the State, as you sit here?

24 A As a witness fee?

25 Q From any source, for any reason?

1 A Yes. As a witness fee.

2 Q How much more?

3 A What?

4 Q How much more?

5 A I don't know.

6 Q Who is going to determine that?

7 A The State.

8 Q Who, specifically, on behalf of the State?

9 A Janet Reno, Rina Cohan or, I don't know how
10 the administrative parties run. I don't know anything
11 about it.

12 Q When will that be determined?

13 A I don't know.

14 Q Do you expect any more money within the
15 next thirty days?

16 A I hope so.

17 Q Is it your understanding with the State,
18 that you are going to be paid on a periodic basis,
19 until this case has been completed?

20 A Yes.

21 Q With whom did you negotiate those arrange-
22 ments?

23 A What arrangements?

24 Q For periodic payment, until the case is
25 completed?

1 A I have not --

2 Q I asked you a moment ago, if it was your
3 understanding that you were to be paid on a periodic
4 basis.

5 A Well, any kind of negotiations will be between
6 Rina Cohan and myself, since she is the State representa-
7 tive of --

8 Q Then, to the extent that you have expectations
9 that you are going to be paid periodically, those
10 expectations are based upon conversations that you had
11 with Ms. Cohan?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What is the frequency with which you expect
14 to be paid in the future?

15 A I don't know the frequency.

16 Q Has there been any conversation about that?

17 A About the frequency?

18 Q Yes.

19 A No. Because otherwise, I would give you an
20 answer.

21 Q Do you know the amount?

22 A No.

23 Q Has the amount not been determined?

24 A Not to my knowledge.

25 Q To your understanding, who is the person or

1 who are the persons, if there are more than one, who will
2 eventually determine the amount of money that you are
3 to be paid?

4 A I don't know.

5 I believe it's Rina, the one who might --
6 if she has got somebody else on top of her, that, I
7 don't know.

8 Q So as far as you are concerned, though,
9 it is not Ms. Cohan?

10 A What?

11 Q As far as you are concerned, it is not
12 Ms. Cohan?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Have you, as of today, sought any kind of
15 employment from anybody, any person, any firm, business,
16 corporation, governmental agency?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q Or, anything else?

19 A No, sir.

20 Q Since leaving the Marshals program?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q And, whom did you seek employment, since
23 leaving the Marshals program?

24 A With anybody. Nobody.

25 Q No. You answered my question in the affirm-

1 ative, which indicated that you had sought employment
2 someplace since leaving the Marshals program.

3 A Oh, yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

4 I applied several places in the State of
5 New York. And nothing came through.

6 Q Since leaving the Marshals program?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q What kind of position did you apply for?

9 A Gas station attendant. I have no skills
10 except one.

11 Q What is that one?

12 A Intelligence.

13 Q With whom did you make the application for
14 the position as gas station attendant, Mr. Morales?

15 A One of those -- you see, you sit behind
16 the bullet proof office, and they have those self serve
17 pumps, and then, you --

18 Q Who is the person?

19 A It was not a person. It was just a place
20 that they had "Help wanted". And, I went down there
21 and talked to the guy.

22 Q Up in New York?

23 A Up in New York. It was a very risky prop-
24 osition.

25 Q You cannot be too careful these days.

1 A Especially up there.

2 Q Apart from that attempted venture in the
3 petrolaum industry, have you applied anyplace else for
4 any kind of employment, since leaving the Marshals
5 program?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q Well, what are you going to do, Mr. Morales?
8 Are you going to go to work someplace or, are you
9 going to wait and see what happens?

10 A I want to get it over with, your trial.

11 Q You want to get that out of the way, before
12 you do anything?

13 A Of course. I have to.

14 Q You talk about my trial.

15 You mean the case in which Mr. Quesada and
16 the others were charged?

17 A The Tic-Toc affair.

18 Q For as long as the case is pending, then,
19 you have no intantion of doing anything else. Is that
20 correct?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q How are you going to live? What kind of
23 money?

24 A What?

25 Q What kind of money are you going to live on;

1 what you get from the State?

2 A I don't understand your question.

3 Q What are you going to do to provide yourself
4 with food and clothing and shelter?

5 A I have somebody who is providing me with
6 food and board.

7 Q Do you think that you could go on for an
8 indefinite period of time?

9 A yes.

10 Q Without having any source of income at all?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So that might be your intention?

13 A That is my intention. That's what I am
14 doing exactly, right now. That is what I have been
15 doing for the past time, since I arrived here in Miami.

16 Q Except for what you received from the
17 State?

18 A That's right.

19 Q And so far as you know, whatever you are
20 going to get from the State is going to continue until
21 this case is over with?

22 A I believe so.

23 By the way, I threw away the check that
24 you gave me.

25 Q All right. Let's go back to the time before

1
2 you entered the Marshals program.

3 Prior to that time, what was your most recent
4 employment?

5 A Venezuela government.

6 Q At the time you left the employes of the
7 Venezuela government, in 1978, how much were you getting
8 paid by the Venezuela government?

9 A Oh, I was making forty thousand a year.

10 Q American or Venezuelan?

11 A American.

12 It's conversions. I mean, I was being paid
13 in Venezuelancurrency.

14 Q No. But I asked you the equivalents. That
15 is what I wanted to know.

16 A Yeah. The equivalence, forty thousand a
17 year.

18 Plus expenses, and the privilege that went
19 along with my position, there, with regard to my intell-
20 igence.

21 Q For who?

22 A And for myself, for the Venezuela government.

23 (Thereupon, a brief discussion was held
24 off the record.)

25 THE WITNESS: If I want to know what is in
the record for the last five minutes, can I --

1 MR. WILLIAMS: If it pertains to an answer
2 to a question that you gave.

3 THE WITNESS: And, it pertains to your
4 interrogatory remarks about the Venezuela government
5 and yourself.

6 MS. COHAN: May we avoid all further
7 gratuitous arguments by the parties?

8 THE WITNESS: I don't have to take insults
9 from him.

10 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

11 Q Would you feel insulted if somebody called
12 you a dope dealer?

13 A Not when I was a dope dealer. Because I was
14 not a dope dealer at that time.

15 Q Would you feel insulted if somebody called
16 you a killer or a gunman?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Because you never have done that?

19 A Because I'm not a killer or a gunman.

20 Q You certainly have killed people.

21 A Have you ever seen me kill anybody?

22 Q Okay.

23 A Don't insult me.

24 Q Would you feel insulted if somebody called
25 you a killer?

1 A Yes. Because I'm not a killer.

2 Q So to be called a drug dealer, would not
3 insult you, because --

4 A Because I admit that I was a drug dealer.

5 Q While you were in the employe of the
6 Venezuela government, was your salary always forty
7 thousand dollars?

8 A No.

9 Q Or, did it increase gradually?

10 A It was increasing, you know, the way I
11 started there. I started between -- let's see. Seven-
12 teen, eighteen thousand, you know. And finally, made
13 it up to forty thousand.

14 Q While you were in the employe of the Vene-
15 zuela government, Mr. Morales, did you maintain any
16 kind of a bank account, either in Venezuela or in the
17 United States, a savings account?

18 A No.

19 Q Did you save any money?

20 A I spent it.

21 Q What was the nature of the incident or
22 situation, that gave rise to your departure from
23 Venezuela in 1978?

24 A Oh, I have an incident with one of my
25 immediate superiors. It was a commissar general.

1 Q Tell me about it.

2 A Orlando Garcia Vasquez.

3 Q Tell us about it.

4 A He was a commissar general. And, we have
5 a very nasty argument one night. And, he was completely
6 drunk. And he was aggressive and he was -- he tried to
7 pull his pistol out of his belt. And, he was so drunk,
8 you know, he crashed against the floor.

9 And I said, "Well, this guy, you know, is
10 real dangerous. You know. He's my superior officer.
11 And, we have been friends. And he has come to the point
12 where, you know, he is doing to me what he used to do
13 to everybody there."

14 And, so I decided that that was the end of
15 it.

16 Q What did you have the argument over?
17 What was the argument about?

18 A Oh, the argument was about so many things
19 concerning the DISIP, concerning himself, concerning
20 his mistresses, concerning his wife, concerning his
21 livelihood. And, the fact that I was still a commissar,
22 but I have no -- I have been taken off of my command
23 of the division.

24 Q Why did that happen?

25 A What?

1 Q Why did that happen?

2 A Because I was exposed to the press over there,
3 in such a way that they decided to give me some vacation.
4 And when I returned, I just happened that they had named
5 somebody else there.

6 And, I was being kept in an advisory situa-
7 tion, with a G.I., which I did. And out of the blue sky,
8 they just start denying my presence there.

9 And, everytime that the newspapers were
10 coming up with my name, and they will push me out of the
11 country. And he was leaving the joke that I was the
12 man that never was.

13 Q What were the newspapers saying about you?

14 A That I was a CIA agent.

15 Q And, that is the kind of exposure you were
16 talking about?

17 A Oh, yes.

18 There were spreads in the paper about me
19 being a CIA agent, FBI, or whatever. You know. And
20 for American intelligence and all kinds of things.
21 Venezuelais a very confusing country with regard to the
22 press.

23 Q In other words, the press, in effect,
24 accused you of being a spy for the American government?
25

A Yes. Among other things.

1 Q What else did they say about you?

2 I mean, they could not say anything worse;
3 could they?

4 A That was the extent of it.

5 Q Did they accuse you of anything else?

6 A Well, afterward, they accused me of being
7 a drug dealer, when I was arrested in April, 1976 --
8 in '78, I mean. Excuse me.

9 Q Well, that was after you came back here,
10 though?

11 A Right.

12 But that was three months after I left
13 Venezuela.

14 Q Were you?

15 A When?

16 Q While you were in Venezuela.

17 A What?

18 Q A spy or an agent for the CIA or any other
19 branch of the American government?

20 A That's propaganda. That is propaganda.
21 This is innuendos, characterization, and yellow press.
22 And, you know, things that were not something shaded.

23 Q Were you performing any kind of service at
24 all, of an information gathering sort for any agency of
25 the United States, while you were in Venezuela?

1 A Oh, we have what we called cooperation
2 among friendly services. So there was information
3 exchanged.

4 Q Here's my question to you, Mr. Morales.

5 A That's my answer to you, Mr. Williams. Let
6 me finish for Christ sake.

7 Q Now, please, Ricky.

8 A Please, do. What excitement. At least
9 let me finish. Okay?

10 Q Go ahead.

11 A Go ahead.

12 Q Were you finished?

13 A Yes. I am finished.

14 Q Good.

15 The question is, whether while you were
16 in the employe of the government of Venezuela you were
17 at the same time, specifically performing any informa-
18 tion gathering function for any agency of the govern-
19 ment of the United States; yes or no?

20 A I cannot answer that question in a yes or
21 no manner.

22 Because it is what I mentioned to you before
23 -- the cooperation among friendly services. That we
24 provide information, and we receive information from the
25 friendly services, that were in friendly terms with our

1 work on service.

2 Q Were you giving any information to the govern-
3 ment of the United States or any other government that --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- that you were not specifically authorized
6 or instructed to give?

7 A No. No.

8 Q By the Venezuela government?

9 A No. No. Nothing specific.

10 I have to clear up first -- I have the chain
11 of command, there.

12 Q Well, we certainly would not want to violate
13 that; would we?

14 I mean, somethings are secret after all.

15 A Of course. You never violate the chain of
16 command.

17 Q So you had a falling out with your superior
18 officer?

19 A One of my superior officers. One of my
20 commanding officers.

21 Q Of the things that were written about you
22 in the press. Is that essentially what it comes down
23 to?

24 A That's part of the -- in general.

25 Q But were there any other complaints that he

1 made or accusations that he made against you?

2 A No. It was personal things between him and
3 myself.

4 Q Give us a general idea, so we will know
5 whether we need inquiry or not.

6 What kind of personal things?

7 A The association with the FBI representative
8 and the Cuban Embassy.

9 Q I gather that what you are saying is, that
10 he had such associations and you disapproved of them?

11 A I came up to the point that I realized that
12 he was doubling with them.

13 Q Well, that probably would be a violation of
14 the laws of the Republic of Venezuela, wouldn't it?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did he have them arrested?

17 A I don't know.

18 Q Did you have them arrested?

19 A What?

20 Q Did you have them arrested?

21 A How come? He pulled a gun on me. And I
22 confronted with certain things about it.

23 Q This was during that night when he was drunk?

24 A Yes.

25 I never wait until, you know, for the hangover.

1 Q Did you have arrest authority, while you
2 were --

3 A Of course I have arrest powers.

4 Q While you were working for the government of
5 Venezuela?

6 A Yes.

7 Q But as I understand it, you did not arrest
8 him and charge him with any kind of espionage or activities
9 against the interest of the country of Venezuela; did
10 you?

11 A No.

12 Q To your knowledge, has the fellow since then,
13 been charged with anything?

14 A I know that he is being investigated. But
15 not charged.

16 Q Well, you and I both know that being invest-
17 igated by something does not mean anything.

18 I mean, anybody can investigate anybody.
19 Isn't that right?

20 A Right.

21 Q I mean, if anybody in the world knows that,
22 you do; right?

23 A Right.

24 Q While you were in the employe of the Republic
25 of Venezuela, did you at any time have any income of any

1 sort, from any other source, whether it was legal or
2 illegal?

3 A I don't understand the question.

4 Q Tell me what it is you do not understand,
5 and I will try to work it out.

6 A What source? What do you mean by a source?
7 Independent source?

8 Q Any?

9 A Independent source?

10 Q I said, any source.

11 A What do you mean by any source?

12 Q From any place?

13 A From any place, besides the Venezuela--

14 Q Besides the government of Venezuela.

15 A There was a time that I was being paid by
16 the Venezuela government and by the FBI at the same time.

17 Q That was shortly after your arrival in
18 Venezuela?

19 A Yes. It's a matter of public record.

20 Q I have been trying to remember, by the way,
21 Ricky, and I have not been able to, what was the name
22 of the fellow who at the time was an older guy with the
23 Bureau, who was kind of your liaison down here?

24 A It was my case officer.

25 Q What was his name?

1 A George Davis.

2 Q He is not with the Bureau any more; is he?

3 A He's retired.

4 Q During what period of time was it that you
5 were getting paid both, by the Venezuela government and
6 the FBI?

7 A 1974 up to -- I was paid by the FBI up to
8 July 31st, 1975. Is when I resigned my position as a
9 paid informant with them.

10 Q We will go back to that in a minute.

11 After that time or including that time,
12 for as long as you were in the employe of the government
13 of Venezuela in any capacity, were you receiving or,
14 did you receive any other income from any other source
15 of any kind, whether illegal or legal?

16 A No.

17 Q While you were living in Venezuela was your
18 residence in Caracas?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Was it part of your job to travel?

21 A Yes.

22 Q How frequently did you travel on an average?

23 A All depends on the assignments.

24 Q Did it continue to be a part of your
25 responsibility to travel, after you became the commissior

1 or the chief?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Were you still doing case work as the chief
4 or the superior or whatever it is, were you still handling
5 specific cases or investigations?

6 A Oh, yes.

7 Q Did you keep some kind of a log or record
8 of the places to which you traveled?

9 A No. But I know where I went.

10 Q If I asked you to recount the various places
11 to which you traveled while in the employe of the
12 Venezuela, . do you think you could touch all?

13 A I can come up with a fair description of
14 the places that I visited.

15 Q Give me your best recollection, if you can.
16 Do a list.

17 A Because the logs that you mentioned, you know,
18 when I have to return, I have to write up my records and
19 things like that. Which are the property of the Venezuela.
20 government.

21 Q You did not keep any of that stuff; did you?

22 A For myself, I never -- never in my life. I
23 never get copies for myself.

24 Q Always travel light?

25 A Of course. Everything is in my memory.

1 Q Absolutely.

2 Give me as full a list as you can of the
3 traveling that you did while you were working for the
4 Venezuela government.

5 A Ecuador, Guatamela, Columbia, Spain, England,
6 Austria, Germany, Sweden, Mexico, United States, Costa
7 Rica, Panama.

8 Q Is that about it?

9 A Roughly.

10 Q I assume that when you traveled, once you
11 were in a supervisory position, that you at least took
12 some people along with you?

13 A I always have an immediate superior with
14 me.

15 Q Was that true while you were a case worker
16 as an inspector?

17 A Yes.

18 Q What other ranks did you hold?

19 A The three that I mentioned to you before,
20 the coordination, the inspector and the commissar.

21 Q What other ranks in DISIP, did you hold,
22 besides inspector and commissar?

23 A That's it.

24 Q You went from inspector to --

25 A To commissar.

1 Q When you traveled to the European continent,
2 you were traveling on a Venezuela passport?

3 A Of course.

4 Q Did you have diplomatic status?

5 A No.

6 Q How did you come to get the job with the
7 Venezuelans, to begin with?

8 A I had contact with the Belgian Congo.

9 Q Did he recruit you or somebody that you knew
10 personally before that?

11 A Oh, I knew him.

12 Q Tell me how it came to pass that you got the
13 job.

14 A Well, because I recruit for the U.S.
15 intelligence agency.

16 Q So you kind of went to him at one point and
17 said "Now, it's your turn"?

18 A No. He was --

19 Q How did you come to get the position in
20 Venezuela?

21 A He gave it to me. He's the one who took
22 me down there. He's the one who introduced me. He's
23 the one that gave me the opportunity. He's the one
24 that gave me the opportunity for training in advancement,
25 and to develop my line of job, my profession.

1 Q Was he, at the time, either directly or
2 indirectly providing information or any kind of assistance
3 or service to the CIA or any other United States govern-
4 mental agency?

5 A Yes.

6 Q So that it was kind of like in effect, using
7 him to put you in place as cover. Is that it?

8 A Cover for what?

9 Q Anything.

10 A That's not the word. That's not the sense.
11 You are mistaking it completely.

12 Q It would not be the first time.

13 How had he been, in anyway at all, affiliated
14 with the CIA, when you went to work for him in Venezuela?

15 A He was recruited in 1973.

16 Q Only about a year, when you went back down
17 to Venezuela?

18 A I was traveling back and forth, since 1972.

19 Q No.

20 When you went down to work.

21 A On an official capacity?

22 Q Yes.

23 A Yes. And that was in November, 1974.

24 Q Did you have to make any disclosures to anyone
25 in the Venezuela government at all, about any of your

1 prior tests or any of your background, in order to get
2 the position with DISIP?

3 A That was Orlando Garcia Vasquez's job.

4 Q Very neat.

5 A Very neat. He was my superior officer.

6 Q Did you in fact, make any disclosures to him?

7 A My whole life.

8 Q Was it necessary?

9 A I'm a public person.

10 Q I know. We all are really.

11 A But I am more than you.

12 Q No question about that.

13 Did you make disclosures to him about prior
14 associations or affiliations that you had had with any
15 intelligence service for any other country?

16 A As specifically, the United States?

17 Q Any?

18 A Of course.

19 Q Tell me what you told him.

20 A That I was working for the FBI. And, that
21 I have worked for the CIA. And, that I have worked for
22 the DEA.

23 And, at one point in his life, he was also
24 recruited in the early sixties, for the CIA in the Miami
25 area.

1 Q What else did you tell him about any other
2 work that you did for any other government or the informa-
3 tion gathering of any other government?

4 A Well, I didn't have to tell him, you know,
5 the exact nature of my job. Because it was prejudiced.

6 So the only thing we need to know is my
7 association with whatever, intelligence or law enforce-
8 ment agency I have been associated with -- I have done
9 work for them or been paid by.

10 Q What other governments have you worked for
11 or been paid by, besides the United States and Venezuela?

12 A The Cuban government;

13 Q Go on.

14 A What?

15 Q Go on.

16 A The Cuban government in 1959 and 1960.

17 Q What else?

18 A That's it.

19 Q Is it your testimony, sir, that at no time
20 in the past have you ever worked for or been paid money
21 by any other government, regardless of the level, through
22 which the payment came, which is to say, at the federal
23 level or at some lower level of the government, you have
24 either worked for nor been paid money by any other govern-
25 ment to do anything or not to do anything, except the

1 United States, Venezuela, and Cuba. Is that your testimony?

2 A That's correct, sir.

3 Q Well, there was a period of time when you
4 were on the African continent; wasn't there?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q When was that?

7 A 1964.

8 Q Specifically, where?

9 A

10 Q What were you doing there?

11 A I was on a mission.

12 Q What were you doing there?

13 A Fighting a war.

14 Q What war?

15 A The Congolese war. You never heard of it?

16 Q Were you a soldier in the army?

17 A What?

18 Q Were you a soldier in an army?

19 A No. I belonged to Einzadze Gruppen;

20 Q Spell that, please.

21 A That is a special force team.

22 Q Spell it so the reporter can get it.

23 A Special force team. That is a German word
24 for "Our team".

25 Q How do you spell it?

1 A E-I-N-Z-A-D-Z-E G-R-U-P-P-E-N.

2 Q How does that translate?

3 A Special force, hard core, a team. There are
4 so many names that you can go by it.

5 Q Of what government or army was the Einzadze
6 Gruppen a part of?

7 A We were attached to the five mercenary
8 brigade. The Wild Geese.

9 Q Of what?

10 I mean, the Belgian Congo or --

11 A The five mercenary brigade. The Wild Geese.

12 Q A private mercenary organization, that did
13 not have any governmental affiliation. Is that correct?

14 A We were fighting against the communists on
15 behalf of the Congolese government, who was being besieged,
16 and trying to be overthrown by government forces.

17 Q Was this group or organization, a formal,
18 official part of the government of some country or, was
19 it a private group that was --

20 A What group?

21 Q The one you just told us you belonged to?

22 A My group?

23 Q Yes.

24 A No.

25 My group -- we worked CIA.

1 Q At the same time that you were working for
2 the CIA, were you also on the service employed by some
3 other government or, was this group strictly a mercenary
4 group?

5 A What group?

6 Q The group that you were in?

7 A My group?

8 Q Yes.

9 A We were contact agents for the CIA.
10 And, we were attached to the five mercenary brigade.
11 The Wild Gease.

12 Q Under whose direction or control was the
13 five mercenary brigade?

14 A The five mercenary brigade?

15 Q Yes.

16 A Colonel Mike Horg. It's the truth.

17 Q Was Colonel Horg under contact with the
18 Congolese or --

19 A That, I don't know.

20 Q Then, the group to which you belonged, so far
21 as you could determine, was strictly a mercenary group,
22 without any official governmental affiliation. Is that
23 correct?

24 A Which group?

25 Q The one that we have been talking about; the

1 five mercenary brigade.

2 A No.

3 That day, they were under the command of the
4 Congolese government.

5 Q They were?

6 A Of course they were. It was an unorganized
7 force that was fit to --

8 Q Then, you were on the one hand, attached to
9 an organization that was a formal or official arm of the
10 Congolese government. And at the same time, a contract
11 agent for the CIA. Is that correct?

12 A Roughly.

13 Q Tell me how it is incorrect.

14 A It is incorrect, because we didn't belong
15 to the five mercenary brigade. And we were not part of
16 the Congolese government.

17 We were an elite unit from the Central
18 Intelligence Agency that were attached to the five
19 mercenary brigade. And, we used the cover of being
20 mercenaries, because you don't go around telling me that
21 you belong to the CIA.

22 Q Everybody else does?

23 A The ones that do not belong to the CIA.

24 Q Has there been any other occasion when you
25 have been performing any information gathering or military

1 or paramilitary service of any sort, in any other country,
2 besides the United States, Venezuela, Cuba, and what was
3 then, the Belgian Congo?
4

5 A Everytime that I travel to the countries that
6 I mentioned to you before, I was on duty.

7 Q All right. I will rephrase the question.

8 Has there been any other occasion when you
9 or appeared to have been, attached to some arm or agency
10 of some government for the purpose of either information
11 gathering or any military or paramilitary work, aside
12 from Cuba, the United States, Venezuela, and the Belgian
13 Congo?

14 A I never worked for the Belgians. And, I never
15 worked for the Congolese government.

16 Q Listen to my question.

17 Has there ever been any other occasion when
18 either you were attached or, you appeared to be attached,
19 to any other agency or arm of any other government, aside
20 from those four?

21 A No, sir.

22 Q So those are the only four instances. Is
23 that correct?

24 A The ones that I already answered to you.

25 Q By the way, while you were in the Belgian
Congo, you did not kill anybody then; did you?

1 A I survived that war. And I never let, you
2 know, the enemy to kill me.

3 Q Is that a yes or a no?

4 A So there was a lot of casualties, there.

5 Q Is this a yes or a no?

6 Nobody is going to prosecute you for that.

7 A But I disagree with the word kill. You
8 don't kill --

9 Q No, I do not. Except for an occasional
10 ant or --

11 A I'm not telling you --

12 Q Or some other kind of verment or bug.

13 A That does not apply.

14 It is when you take -- you remove physically,
15 your enemies. Your enemy soldiers.

16 Q Well, what word would you like better than
17 kill, Ricky, to describe the process by which --

18 A They just -- it's a military response.
19 They suffer casualties.

20 Q Listen to my question.

21 Tell me what word you would prefer to use
22 to kill, when you describe the process of caution --
23 the discontinuation of the life of a --

24 A Inflicting casualties to the enemy.

25 Q Okay. Understanding the term, inflicting

1 casualties to the enemy, to be your choice for a
2 synomon to the word kill, did you inflict any casualties
3 to the enemy in the Ealgian Congo?

4 A Of course. There was a big war going on
5 there. And a lot of shootings back and forth.

6 They inflict casualties on us, and we inflict
7 casualties to them.

8 The only thing is, our casualties were bigger
9 than theirs, so we won. Like any other war.

10 Q War is hell; isn't it, Picky?

11 A I love it.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: It is about four o'clock on
13 Friday. I am inclined to recess for the day.

14 (Thereupon, the daporation was recessed.)

15 (Thereupon, formalities were not waived.)
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