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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
4 Plaintiffs, )  
5 vs. ) Criminal Number  
6 VICTOR MANUEL GERENA, et al, ) H-85-50 (TEC)  
7 Defendants. )

Federal Building  
Hartford, Connecticut

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February 25, 1987  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE: HONORABLE T. EMMET CLARIE, U.S.D.J.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

1 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and  
2 gentlemen.

3 Call the roll, Madam Clerk, please.

4 THE CLERK: Diane Polan.

5 MS. POLAN: Present.

6 THE CLERK: John Williams.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm here.

8 THE CLERK: Jim Bergen.

9 MR. BERGEN: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Juan Acevedo.

11 MR. KUBY: He was ill when I saw him this  
12 morning. I don't know if he's going to be here or not.  
13 I will cover for him, and I'll speak to him in the next  
14 half hour to make sure that's acceptable.

15 THE COURT: Very good.

16 THE CLERK: Ron Kuby.

17 MR. KUBY: Here.

18 THE CLERK: Mac Buckley.

19 [Absent.]

20 THE CLERK: Jack Wieselmann.

21 [Absent.]

22 THE CLERK: Michael Avery.

23 MR. AVERY: I'm present, Your Honor.

24 THE CLERK: Margaret Levy.

25 MS. LEVY: Here.

1 MS. VAN KIRK: Your Honor, we're going to  
2 submit a photocopy of that, because the exhibit that  
3 was submitted by counsel was incomplete. So we'll have  
4 a complete copy. Perhaps we can substitute it.

5 THE COURT: Very well. The witness will  
6 resume the stand, please.

7 [John Williamson resumed the witness stand.]

8 THE COURT: Agent Williamson, you were sworn  
9 yesterday, and your testimony today will continue to be  
10 under oath.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

12 MR. AVERY: If I could just have another  
13 minute, Your Honor. I don't quite have all my papers  
14 in order. The reason I don't quite have all my papers  
15 in order is a subject on which I would like to address  
16 the Court.

17 I don't know, perhaps other counsel addressed  
18 this during the time I was absent, and if it is redun-  
19 dant, then I would apologize.

20 I have to say I see no reason whatsoever for  
21 counsel in this case to be subjected to having their  
22 briefcases gone through in the excruciating detail in  
23 which our briefcases are examined as we come into this  
24 courtroom. I stood out there for several minutes while  
25 this was done. Of course, my briefcases had already

1 United States Government, there is no discussion in here of  
2 illegal activity, is there, sir?

3 A. Well, they are alleging that the United States are  
4 the terrorists in Central America.

5 Q. Yes. So why did you seize this document?

6 A. Well, again, I was aware that from my reading of  
7 the affidavit, that the Macheteros had connections with  
8 groups in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Cuba, among other  
9 countries, and that this particular matter was specifically  
10 concerned with activities in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

11 In addition, there is -- there are handwritten  
12 notations at the bottom of the second page, one of which is  
13 Antonio Maceo, M-a-c-e-o, Brigade, which I understood was a  
14 group that frequently traveled to Cuba.

15 Q. You understood also that the Antonio Maceo Brigade  
16 is a legal organization, and in no sense a clandestine  
17 organization; did you not?

18 A. I don't know very much about the brigade, other  
19 than it was a group of individuals that traveled to Cuba  
20 frequently.

21 Q. And there is a reference here to the PSP, which  
22 you understood was the Puerto Rican Socialist Party; did you  
23 not?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And you know that that's a legal political party