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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF RECORD
IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

No. 70-8883 (Morphonios)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

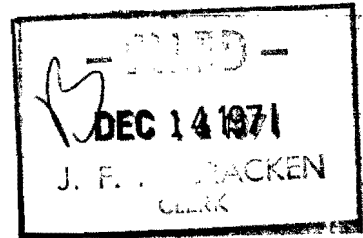
Plaintiff,

-vs-

HECTOR C. LLANO,

Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF JOSEPH S. DAWSON

The oral examination of Joseph S. Dawson,
taken pursuant to Notice of Taking Deposition on
behalf of the Defendant, before Leah Hartman, a
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at
Large, on Thursday, the 9th day of December, 1971,
at 3:00 o'clock p.m., at the Office of the Public
Defender, 1351 Northwest 12th Street, Miami, Florida.

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APPEARANCES:

HON. RICHARD E. GERSTEIN,
State Attorney.
By: DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, ESQ.,
Assistant State Attorney.
On behalf of the State of Florida.

HON. PHILLIP A. HUBBART,
Public Defender.
By: JAMES BOCZAR, Legal Intern.
For: THOMAS J. MORGAN, ESQ.,
Assistant Public Defender.
On behalf of the Defendant.

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ALSO PRESENT:

PETER D. AIKEN, ESQ.,
Assistant U.S. Attorney.

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<u>Witness</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Cross</u>
Joseph S. Dawson	3	-

Thereupon

JOSEPH S. DAWSON

was called as a witness by the Defendant and, after having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BOCZAR:

Q Would you state your name and official capacity?

A Joseph S. Dawson, Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Q In the performance of your official duties, did you have an opportunity to come in contact with a Hector Cornillot Llano?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did you have an opportunity to come in contact with him more than once?

A Yes.

Q Would you relate, if you can, dates and times and what occurred when you came in contact with the Defendant?

A Well, the one time that I was in contact with him was on October 28, 1968, and at

that time I, along with Special Agents Thomas Stickney and John Phelps arrested Hector Cornillot Llano in his home in Miami, Florida.

This arrest was based on an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Warrant. That is a Federal Warrant which was obtained in Los Angeles, California, for the arrest of Hector Cornillot Llano.

Q Would you relate the circumstances and occurrence surrounding his arrest?

A Yes, sir. It was approximately 6:37, the evening of October 28, 1968. Let's see. There were Agents Phelps and Stickney and I drove up in front of the house where Mr. Cornillot was living. And this house was at 1442 Northwest 1st Street in Miami.

And we could see him sitting there in the living room.

We walked up to the house, and I believe we knocked on the door and he said, "Come on in." And we went into the house.

And he was told that he was under arrest, and you know, what the charge was; that is,

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

And he was -- he appeared cooperative.

At that time I think Special Agent Stickney started advising him of his Rights, or did advise him part way through, and Hector Cornillot was saying goodbye to -- I believe it was his sister -- and as he went to embrace her I noticed that he gave her -- was putting something in her hand, and both -- I think Stickney and I went for the thing -- I think I actually got it but I'm not positive of that -- which was a little tag without a key from the Arrow-head Motel on Brickell Avenue here in Miami.

And with that, we left the house and got into the FBI car and drove to the FBI office.

Q What happened once you arrived at the FBI office?

A See, he was -- Mr. Cornillot was photographed and fingerprinted.

He was -- well, I read him his Rights. I read it right off an FBI Rights -- you know -- Waiver of Rights Form in Spanish and then I gave him the form to read also. And he said he understood his Rights at the time but he said he didn't

want to say anything at the time, and so he also -- I also asked him if he wanted to call an attorney. He said no, but he would like to call his mother and he dialed the telephone. And he said he was talking to his mother and he wanted to tell her where he was going to be that night.

And then he was transported to the County Jail right after that by -- I didn't transport him to the County Jail. He was transported by Special Agents Stickney and Phelps.

Q What happened with the tag or object which the Defendant was handing to his daughter?

A I honestly am not sure. It could even possibly be in an exhibit envelope in the case. I don't know. I do recall it was given to some Agent there and several Agents went to the Arrowhead Motel to conduct an investigation to see if we could learn anything about some bombing matters.

MR. WILLIAMS: Let me correct the record.

You posed the question referring to the person who handed the object to the Defendant as his daughter and the witness had testified that it

was his sister.

Q (By Mr. Boczar) I'm sorry. Fine.
Thank you.

A I believe it was his sister. May I make a possible correction? It could have been his wife. I'm not sure now but I believe it was his sister.

Q Did you have any contact with Hector Cornillot before this date?

A We were involved in some surveillance of Hector Cornillot. That is the reason I've said I had other contact with him. He might have said hello or what are you doing following me, or words to that effect. And also, I said hello to him in a courtroom in Los Angeles on several occasions when we were out there trying him on five bombing charges in California.

Q Would you know whether or not you had Hector Cornillot Llano under surveillance on October 18, 1968?

A They had him -- I'm fairly sure they had him -- no, on October 18th, no. Some Agents did interview him on that date. I don't believe we had

any surveillance on him during the daylight hours. I know we had none during the night hours, say, midnight to 8:00 a.m., October 18th, we did not have any surveillance on him.

Q Did you perform any investigation with regard to an explosion which took place at the Air Canada Office at 6988 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach?

A No, sir, I did not.

Q During the time you personally had Hector Cornillot under surveillance, or at the time you made an arrest and transported and processed him at the FBI office, did he make any statements to you with regard to the bombing at the Air Canada Office?

A No, sir, he did not.

Q Did he indicate to you at any time from the point of arrest to the time he was processed that he did not want to make any statements concerning the bombing of the Air Canada Office or any other matter?

MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I will object as being repetitious. I think that Mr. Dawson already gave testimony. But you can go ahead and answer it, if you recall.

THE WITNESS: After I advised him of his Rights, he said he had nothing to say.

Q (By Mr. Boczar) Was any other physical evidence seized at the time of the arrest of Hector Llano?

A No, sir.

MR. BOCZAR: I have no further questions.

MR. WILLIAMS: No cross.

MR. AIKEN: No questions.

(Reading, signing and notice of filing were waived.)

(Thereupon the taking of the deposition was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DADE)

I, LEAH HARTMAN, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large, hereby certify that I reported the deposition of JOSEPH S. DAWSON at the time and place hereinabove set forth; that the witness was first duly sworn by me; and that the foregoing pages numbered from 1 to 9, inclusive, constitute a true and correct transcription of my stenographic report of the deposition of said witness.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither attorney or counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of the parties connected with the action, nor financially interested in the action.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL in the City of
Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 13th day of
December, 1971.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE of FLORIDA at LARGE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT 15, 1974
BONDED THROUGH FRED W. DICKSON, JR.

Notary Public