

1. Housekeeping: take statement, get copy, sign it, get affidavit sworn to before judge, [get ES Embassy to authenticate it?]; transmit to State in a bundle.

2. Check w/ State and Army on (1) number of questions [where is 2...]; (2) prepared statement; (3) privilege issues; (4) any other hitches.

Good morning. It is now 9:00 am, August 5, 1991, and we are in the conference room of the Office of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. I am John Harris, Deputy Director of the Office of International Affairs, in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice. Present with me today is the witness, Colonel Lanning Porter, United States Army. Also present is Ms. Julie Oettinger, Attorney Adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser for the United States Department of State, and Ms. Beth Wilkerson, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Army, and the court reporter, Mr. _____.

We are here to record testimony requested in a comision rogatoria issued by the Judge of the Fourth Criminal Court of San Salvador, in the Republic of El Salvador, for use in the criminal prosecution pending in that court of a Guillermo Alfredo Benavides Moreno and others for murder. I will now ask the court reporter to swear in the witness.

Q: Colonel Porter, please state your occupation.

Q: Colonel Porter, you are here today to voluntarily provide truthful answers, under oath, to the questions posed by the Fourth Criminal Court of San Salvador, is that correct?

Q: I hand you now a copy of the comision rogatorio from El Salvador, and I ask you to read it carefully.

Q: Have you now read the questions contained in the request from Judge Ricardo Alberto Zamora Perez in San Salvador?

Q: Are you prepared to voluntarily answer these questions?

Q: Very well. [Proceed through questions].

Q: Colonel Porter, is there anything you would like to add, to clarify any of the matters you have discussed this morning?

Q: Colonel, I would like to thank you very much for your time and your help in this important matter.

1. Housekeeping: take statement, get copy, sign it, get affidavit sworn to before judge, [get ES Embassy to authenticate it?]; transmit to State in a bundle.

2. Check w/ State and Army on (1) number of questions [5.5 A-K]; (2) prepared statement; (3) privilege issues; (4) any other hitches.

Good morning. It is now 9:00 am, August 6, 1991, and we are in the conference room of the Office of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. I am John Harris, Deputy Director of the Office of International Affairs, in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice. Present with me today is the witness, Captain Carlos Puentes, United States Army. Also present is Ms. Julie Oettinger, Attorney Adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser for the United States Department of State, and Ms. Beth Wilkerson, Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Army, and the court reporter, Shannon Griffin. We are here to record testimony requested in a comision rogatoria issued by the Judge of the Fourth Criminal Court of San Salvador, in the Republic of El Salvador, for use in the criminal prosecution pending in that court of a Guillermo Alfredo Benavides Moreno and others for murder. I will now ask the court reporter to swear in the witness.

Q: Captain Puentes, please state your occupation.

Q: Captain Puentes, you are here today to voluntarily provide truthful answers, under oath, to the questions posed by the Fourth Criminal Court of San Salvador, is that correct?

Q: I hand you now a copy of the comision rogatorio from El Salvador, and I ask you to read it carefully.

Q: Have you now read the questions contained in the request from Judge Ricardo Alberto Zamora Perez in San Salvador?

Q: Are you prepared to voluntarily answer these questions?

Q: Very well. [Proceed through questions].

Q: Captain Puentes, is there anything you would like to add, to clarify any of the matters you have discussed this morning?

Q: Colonel, I would like to thank you very much for your time and your help in this important matter.