

1. Housekeeping: take statement, get copy, sign it, get affidavit sworn to before judge at 4:00 pm, [get ES Embassy to authenticate it?]; transmit to State to join bundle for disposition. Costs [itemize and send to me to send to State (ARA) to handle].

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

Good morning. It is now 1:30 pm, August 14, 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, Ms. Carol Buckland. Also present is Ms. Beth Wilkinson, Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Army, who is here at the invitation of the witness. 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: Ms. Buckland, please state your occupation.

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

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

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

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Good morning. It is now 9:00 am, August 7, 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, Major Eric Buckland. 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 Wilkinson, Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Army, and the court reporter, Ms 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: Major Buckland, please state your occupation.

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

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