

CASE TITLE: United States v. McClain, et al.
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ACTIVITY: Telephone Conversation between Michael McClain and Michael Madigan
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SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
MADIGAN = Michael Madigan

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1 MADIGAN: Mike.
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3 McCLAIN: Hi Speaker, how are you?
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5 MADIGAN: I'm good Mike, how are you?
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7 McCLAIN: Sorry about that stupid Cullerton move.
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9 MADIGAN: Well, that's what I wanna to talk to you about. Um,
10 what's your take on what I should do?
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12 McCLAIN: Um, well right now I, I'd let your agents do it for,
13 for now. I, I mean I've, I've sent Cullerton a, a text
14 message and I know other people are calling him and,
15 and uh, texting him so um, so right now I'd let the
16 agents uh, give him body blows. But, I mean sooner or
17 later you gotta, you gotta approached, approach him and
18 say that it was fucking really in-, inappropriate.
19 Right?
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21 MADIGAN: That's my view yeah, yeah.
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23 McCLAIN: Sooner or later, sooner or later you got to.
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25 (Simultaneous conversation.)
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27 MADIGAN: It, it, Mike it's not enough they have Trump and Rauner
28 to campaign against?
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30 McCLAIN: Right. No I mean, y-, the, the problem is the guy doesn't
31 understand it and neither does his consultants, that
32 Rauner's people right now are probably putting together
33 a thirty second ad, uh, quoting these candidates, that
34 uh, the senate democrats join with me in saying enough
35 of Madigan.
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37 MADIGAN: Yeah.
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39 McCLAIN: So, I mean, th-, that's what were gonna see now is we're
40 gonna see a, a thirty second or a minute ad where they
41 quote uh, senate democrats saying Madigan should quit,
42 he should resign, he should be stopped.
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44 MADIGAN: Mhm, mhm.
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46 McCLAIN: And they'll, then there gonna use it against uh, our,
47 your candidates, our candidates.
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49 MADIGAN: Right, right.
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51 McCLAIN: It, so it's got, it's got enormous um, implications in
52 my view.
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54 MADIGAN: (Unintelligible) yeah.
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56 McCLAIN: So, I, I just um, uh, it, it, it's so stupid. I, I, I,
57 I can't even um, I can't even put my arms around it.
58 It, it's so, it's such a, a lack of recognition for what
59 this will end up happening with, with the next stage.
60 Um, you know, it, w-, you know you, you got enough
61 problems with the Kelly Cassidy and the "Me Too" and
62 all that kind of stuff without adding more ammunition
63 for your, your um, casual opponents inside the caucus
64 to have ammunition against you for speakership.
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66 MADIGAN: Yeah well I, I don't even get that far. And this is a
67 general election.
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69 McCLAIN: Right.
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71 MADIGAN: This is the time to be against the Republicans.
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73 McCLAIN: Right.
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75 MADIGAN: Not against the Speaker.
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77 McCLAIN: Right, right. So I, I'd let us handle this for twenty-
78 four, forty-eight hours and then if Cullerton by that
79 time hasn't called you, then I guess you, you're gonna
80 have to call him or have your secretary call his
81 secretary and say that uh, you two ought a meet and uh,
82 he should, he should come to your law office.
83 MADIGAN: Okay. Alright Mike, anything else?
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85 McCLAIN: No, I'm just sorry for ya, you got enough on your mind
86 without all, uh, being hit from behind from, you know,

87 uh, what you would of considered years ago, a, a, friend.
88 Right? I mean-
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90 MADIGAN: Yeah, yeah, yeah.
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92 McCLAIN: You know it's just, my dad always says, you always got
93 hurt from your friends not your enemies cause your
94 enemies you have your guard up.
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96 MADIGAN: Yep.
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98 McCLAIN: It's your friends that hurt.
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100 MADIGAN: Sure, sure.
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102 McCLAIN: But I, I'd let us work on him for twenty-four to forty-
103 eight hours and if he hasn't called you by then, then
104 that's what I would do.
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106 MADIGAN: Yeah so, so, Mike, um, let me just share with you. My
107 instinct is to call the guy and tell 'em number one, I
108 think what he's doing is inappropriate because we got
109 plenty to work with with Trump and Rauner and this is a
110 general election, not a primary election. And, and, and,
111 and my advice is that he pulls the ads down. And number
112 two, that is my request.
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114 McCLAIN: Mhm.
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116 MADIGAN: And number three, John, do you understand the position
117 you've put me in? In terms of do I do something or do I
118 do nothing. So, do I just do nothing about this or do I
119 do something about it? Now, I'm not certain what
120 something would be but-
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122 McCLAIN: Right. Well you could put it, I mean, you know you're a
123 street fighter. I mean I know you got a law degree but
124 you're more of street fighter than anybody knows, except
125 for maybe guys like me. Um, and if you want to put the
126 squeeze on the guy you could hurt him pretty badly.
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128 MADIGAN: Yeah. Yeah, alright, I'll think about it.
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130 McCLAIN: Okay. I, I'm on it though.
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132 MADIGAN: Okay.
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134 McCLAIN: Alright.
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136 MADIGAN: Talk to ya.

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138 McCLAIN: Yep.
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140 MADIGAN: Bye bye.
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142 McCLAIN: Bye.
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144 (END OF CONVERSATION)