

CASE TITLE: United States v. McClain, et al.
CASE NUMBER: 20 CR 812
ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and
Mike Thomson
DATE: March 19, 2019
TIME: 12:19 p.m.
TARGET PHONE: (217) 257-6280
SESSION NUMBER: 23293

SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
THOMSON = Mike Thomson

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

1 McCLAIN: You're going to the Capitol you said?
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3 THOMSON: I am, yep, are you, you're in town?
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5 McCLAIN: Yeah. I came over for a couple meetings, so.
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7 THOMSON: (Laughs.) Your assignments.
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9 McCLAIN: Yeah, exactly. It's just that these assignments seem to
10 take longer and longer time. I don't know. You know what
11 I mean?
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13 THOMSON: Do, do you think the, the, um, the issuer of said
14 assignments may, may not be contemplating exactly how
15 much time?
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17 McCLAIN: I, I don't think he cares. (Laughing.)
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19 THOMSON: (Laughing.) Yeah, right.
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21 McCLAIN: And I also think that um, um, he thinks I have more time
22 on my hands.
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24 THOMSON: Mhm.
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26 McCLAIN: And uh, I think also he um, um, I think sometimes he
27 gets frustrated because, I, I take some time to
28 accomplish things, but all I ever tell him is "you've
29 never seen my name in a newspaper article."
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31 THOMSON: Right, right.
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33 McCLAIN: So.
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35 THOMSON: Amen.
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37 McCLAIN: So, I'd rather be sure, then not sure.
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39 THOMSON: Yep, yep, no doubt about that.
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41 McCLAIN: Yeah, um, I'm not in a um, on my headphones but, if you
42 give me a second, I'll uh, I'll pick up, but there's no
43 cops around here.
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45 THOMSON: Okay.
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47 McCLAIN: Are you there?
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49 THOMSON: I am.
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51 McCLAIN: Hi.
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53 THOMSON: Hi.
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55 McCLAIN: So, so he called me after your communication about
56 Cullinan.
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58 THOMSON: Mhm.
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60 McCLAIN: And he said, "Mike, do you mind calling Mike? And tell,
61 tell him it's nothing against him or his client or the
62 goal, but I just don't want to put my name on many things
63 anymore."
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65 THOMSON: This would be the, the draft letter to the secretary of
66 transportation?
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68 McCLAIN: Right.
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70 THOMSON: Yeah, okay, understood.
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72 McCLAIN: And so, I, I said, "Well Mike probably knows that anyway,
73 but he probably felt like he had to ask because his
74 client asked," so, but um-
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76 THOMSON: You, you know me very well, and, and I simply wanted to
77 uh, make the, make the request in with an expectation
78 frankly that uh, the, the request would likely uh, be
79 declined.
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81 (END OF PERTINENT CONVERSATION)