

CASE TITLE: United States v. Madigan and McClain  
CASE NUMBER: 22 CR 115  
ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and  
Juan Ochoa  
DATE: February 19, 2019  
TIME: 4:38 p.m.  
TARGET PHONE: (217) 257-6280  
SESSION NUMBER: 20346

SPEAKERS: MCCLAIN = Michael McClain  
OCHOA = Juan Ochoa

1 OCHOA: Hello.  
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3 MCCLAIN: Hey Juan, this is Mike McClain.  
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5 OCHOA: Hey Mike, how are you?  
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7 MCCLAIN: I'm good, do you have a minute?  
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9 OCHOA: Sure.  
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11 MCCLAIN: I want, I wanna call you in confidence, and the Speaker  
12 knows I'm calling you.  
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14 OCHOA: Okay.  
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16 MCCLAIN: Um, but we've, uh, they, they've kind of done a whole  
17 bunch of changing of the guard, at the  
18 ComEd Board of Trustees.  
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20 OCHOA: Mhmm.  
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22 MCCLAIN: So, that all got straight away last week.  
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24 OCHOA: Mhmm.  
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26 MCCLAIN: So, Anne Pramaggiore called me and I called Mike, but I  
27 asked Mike not to call you. Because, um, they want Joe  
28 Dominguez to call you and say, "We'd like you to be on  
29 the board," formally. And, Joe's got kind of a different  
30 kind of personality and so if he found out if Mike called  
31 you or if I called you, he'd get perturbed.  
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33 OCHOA: Okay.  
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35 MCCLAIN: But, I, I didn't, I thought, I, I just got off the phone  
36 with Mike and I said, "You know Mike, let me call him  
37 confidentially, and just say, everything is cool, uh,  
38 final sign-off on the new make-up of the board and  
39 everything was done last week and uh all the lawyers

40 signed off on it and so Dominguez will be calling Juan,  
41 but how about if I call Juan so just kind of tap down  
42 any anxiety." And, so uh he, he, he s-, said that was  
43 fine with him, so. If you kinda just keep it confidential  
44 until Dominguez calls and then you can say, "Thank you."  
45 But, um, if he still—  
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47 OCHOA: So, so, my uh, Joe did call me. Uh, (unintelligible).  
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49 McCLAIN: (Unintelligible.) Last week?  
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51 OCHOA: He called me on, that's correct. He called me I believe  
52 sometime last week he, he called me. And then someone,  
53 uh, got in touch with me (unintelligible) board of sec-  
54 uh, I think—  
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56 McCLAIN: Board of Secretary?  
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58 OCHOA: Board of Secretary.  
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60 McCLAIN: Uh huh.  
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62 OCHOA: Uh, or, or the General Counsel.  
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64 McCLAIN: Okay.  
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66 OCHOA: I think, I think he might serve in both, but, but he's  
67 an attorney. It's the same one that I spoke to initially.  
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69 McCLAIN: Uh huh.  
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71 OCHOA: And uh, he just wanted to confirm that w-when they did  
72 the background check on me, cause they had me fill out  
73 like a ton of, a ton of documents, uh, that weren't any  
74 changes. And I reviewed them and I told them, "No." So  
75 that happened yesterday. And um, I think they just  
76 wanted to make sure that, that I didn't change anything  
77 right?  
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79 McCLAIN: Right.  
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81 OCHOA: (Unintelligible) status in relation to any potential  
82 conflicts and stuff.  
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84 McCLAIN: Good, good.  
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86 OCHOA: Mhmm.  
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88 McCLAIN: Okay.  
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90 OCHOA: But, okay, well I appreciate the, the uh, the call. How  
91 are you doing?

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93    MCCLAIN:    I'm good, I'm good. I just, I wanted to keep any angst  
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96                (Simultaneous conversation.)  
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98    MCCLAIN:    So, um, this has taken quite a while-  
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100   OCHOA:      So, so, (unintelligible). Right, no, it's um, yes, it's  
101                uh, yes.  
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103    MCCLAIN:    (Laughs.)  
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105    OCHOA:      It's been over a year, it's been over a year. Uh, but,  
106                you know from, from the initial aspect, but. So I, I,  
107                I, I, I called his office today to see if Chuy and I  
108                can go see him. Uh, but it actually has more to do with  
109                the uh, with the Latino Leadership Council Organization  
110                that we formed, we just wanted to brief him on it so.  
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112    MCCLAIN:    Oh, okay he, he-  
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114    OCHOA:      We don't want-  
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116    MCCLAIN:    He interpreted that you were calling because you were  
117                frustrated that this appointment hasn't been made.  
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119    OCHOA:      No, no, uh, no I, I, not for the fact that Joe, uh,  
120                called me, I probably would have brought it up, but that  
121                was not the intention. The intention was to talk to him  
122                about the LLC, and really to gear up for 2020.  
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124    MCCLAIN:    Okay.  
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126    OCHOA:      -Really what the purpose of the meeting is.  
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128    MCCLAIN:    Okay. Okay. Well then I'll-  
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130    OCHOA:      I mean there's no rush on it, so he can't-  
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132    MCCLAIN:    Okay.  
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134    OCHOA:      -do it this weekend. That's why I told her, you know  
135                any weekend that he may be in town. Which is, I just,  
136                before we get too far ahead, 'cause we're gonna go on a  
137                retreat.  
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139    MCCLAIN:    Mhmm.  
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141    OCHOA:      Just want to make sure that it's, that we're all, you  
142                know, coordinating.  
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144 MCCLAIN: Right. Right. And when are you, um, when's your retreat?  
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146 OCHOA: Our retreat's not until April and, uh, but, we are  
147 putting together the agenda.  
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149 MCCLAIN: Right.  
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151 OCHOA: It's a lot right now 'cause it's a pretty large group  
152 at this point, it's it's about sixty folks that are  
153 actively, uh, politically uh business (unintelligible).  
154 So.  
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156 MCCLAIN: Okay.  
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158 OCHOA: Yeah, so.  
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160 MCCLAIN: Okay well I'll I'll clear it up-  
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162 OCHOA: So just tell him that that's what it was about, just  
163 to-  
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165 MCCLAIN: I will.  
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167 OCHOA: Just so he knows.  
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169 MCCLAIN: Okay.  
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171 OCHOA: -but I appreciate it.  
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173 MCCLAIN: Latino Leadership Council. I got it.  
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175 OCHOA: Okay.  
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177 MCCLAIN: Okay.  
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179 OCHOA: Alright, thank you.  
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181 MCCLAIN: Thanks Juan.  
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183 OCHOA: Take care.  
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185 MCCLAIN: Take care, bye.  
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187 OCHOA: Bye.