

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
94 down, you know?
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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
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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.