

Attachment 1



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RE: US v. Fabio Ochoa

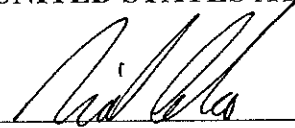
Dear Ms. Walsh:

Enclosed you will find a report summarizing a debriefing of Alejandro Bernal conducted by DEA Agent Minh Nguyen in August 2002. Soon after the debriefing, SA Nguyen followed up on Bernal's allegation of your client's involvement in the 9/11 plot, which Bernal makes in his fourth round of letters (that I recently sent to you). To follow up on Bernal's allegations, in August 2002, SA Nguyen interviewed co-defendants Alfredo Tascon and Luis Rebellon, who were unable to corroborate Bernal's allegations. SA Nguyen concluded that Bernal's allegations constituted nothing more than a "conspiracy theory" based on rumors and hearsay that Bernal believed, but could provide no corroboration for. SA Nguyen and his supervisors concluded that the allegations lacked factual corroboration sufficient to merit reporting to DEA Headquarters. Should you have any questions, you can reach me at 305-961-9182.

Sincerely,

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By:



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cc: Trial Attorney Glenn Alexander, NDDS

1. ON AUGUST 05, 2002, A SOURCE OF INFORMATION (SOI) RELATED TO OPERATION MILLENNIUM WAS DEBRIEFED IN MIAMI, FL, WHO STATED THERE MAY BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN COLOMBIA NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, A COLOMBIAN GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, AND THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. PRESENT DURING THIS DEBRIEFING WAS MIAMI FD S/A MINH NGUYEN, CORPUS CHRISTI RESIDENT OFFICE (CCRO) G/S NICHOLAS KOLEN, AND AUSA GLENN ALEXANDER. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE SOI. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN CORROBORATED AND THAT THIS IS THE ONLY SOI RELATED TO OPERATION MILLENNIUM MAKING THESE CONNECTIONS.

2. THE SOI STATED THAT HE/SHE BELIEVES THAT COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, PRIMARILY FABIO OCHOA-VASQUEZ, POOLED THEIR

FINANCIAL RESOURCES, COORDINATED WITH A COLOMBIAN TERRORIST/GUERILLA ORGANIZATION, WHICH IN TURN USED THEIR CONTACTS WITH MIDDLE EASTERN MERCENARIES TO FUND THE TERRORIST ACTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. THE SOI STATED THAT OCHOA COORDINATED WITH THE FUERSAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARY DE COLOMBIA (FARC), IN ATTEMPTS TO HALT ALL EXTRADITION'S TO THE U.S. THE SOI STATED THAT FABIO OCHOA ADVISED THAT HE WAS COLLECTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM NUMEROUS NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS FOR A GRAND OPERATION TO STOP EXTRADITION. OCHOA TOLD THE SOI THAT THE "ONLY WAY TO STOP EXTRADITION IS THROUGH TERRORISM, LIKE PABLO ESCOBAR DID" IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

3. PER THE SOI, ENRIQUE MANCERA, A COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY, RECENTLY MURDERED IN COLOMBIA, TOLD THE SOI THAT GIO ANGEL, LUIS HERNANDO GOMEZ-BUSTAMANTE (RASGUNO), MARCOS GIL, AND BETO GITANO WERE PLANNING ON COMMITTING A MAJOR TERRORIST ACTIVITY THE END OF AUGUST, 2001. THE SOI STATED THAT MAJOR FARC MEMBERS IN LA PICOTA PRISON IN COLOMBIA WERE THE PRIMARY COORDINATORS WITH MIDDLE EASTERN MERCENARIES FOR THE ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO THE SOI, OCHOA AND OTHER NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS COORDINATED WITH THE FARC COMMANDERS IN PRISON. THE SOI STATED THAT FARC COMMANDERS JESSID ARTETA WAS THE MAJOR COORDINATOR, ALTHOUGH FARC COMMANDER IGNACIO GONZALES ASSISTED HIM (AKA: COMMANDANTE ALFREDO). THE SOI STATED THAT FARC MEMBER HENRY BERRIO, WHO VISITED ARTETA IN PRISON, WAS THE MESSENGER/COORDINATOR WITH THE OUTSIDE FARC COMMANDERS TO FUNNEL THE NARCOTICS PROCEEDS TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN MERCENARIES.
4. THE SOI BELIEVES THAT AN ARABIC NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS NAMED GACHEM SAID (AKA: "CHARMUTA", "EL TURCO", "EL ARABIC", MICHAEL, LUIS MIGUEL, AND ALEX) TOLD THE SOI IN JANUARY 1998 THAT HE (SAID) IS FRIENDS WITH THE FBI'S NUMBER ONE MOST WANTED, WHICH THE SOI BELIEVED TO BE OSAMA BIN LADEN. PER THE SOI, SAID STATED HE WANTED TO CRASH A PLANE INTO AN U.S. BUNKER. SAID IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH NUMEROUS MAJOR COLOMBIAN AND MEXICAN TRAFFICKERS (I.E. CARLOS RAMON).
5. THE SOI BELIEVED THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS CONSPIRACY. THE SOI STATED THAT HE/SHE BELIEVES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS MAY POTENTIALLY BE ABLE TO CORROBORATE THE SOI'S CLAIMS. OSCAR SALDRIAGA (OCHOA'S COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY), JOSE FERNANDO POSADO-FIERRO (WAS RIGHT HAND MAN OF PABLO ESCOBAR, CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN PRISON IN COLOMBIA), ALFREDO TASCAN (MILLENNIUM DEFENDANT), LUIS FERNANDO REBELLON (MILLENNIUM DEFENDANT), MICHAEL

BLACKER (ATTORNEY FOR MILLENNIUM DEFENDANT JAIRO MESA-SANIN), BEATRICE OCHOA (FABIO OCHOA'S WIFE), ALONG WITH OTHER UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN OPERATION MILLENNIUM. THE MAJORITY OF THE LISTED INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE TERRORIST CLAIMS, THE SOI STATED THAT NUMEROUS DEFENDANTS IN OPERATION MILLENNIUM PAID LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FOR BRIBES TO HIGH LEVEL COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS. SOME OF THE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN CORROBORATED AND ARE BEING FOLLOWED UP ON BY MIAMI FD AND THE BOGOTA C/O.

7. THE MIAMI FD IS IN THE PROCESS OF CORROBORATING THE CLAIMS MADE BY THE SOI. THE OPERATION MILLENNIUM CASE AGENTS ARE INQUIRING WITH ALL COOPERATING DEFENDANTS AND SOI'S INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO OTHER INFORMATION CORROBORATING THE SOI'S CLAIMS.

8. THIS TWX IS IN LIEU OF A DEA-6 PER SECTION 6235.1 OF THE AGENTS MANUAL.

9. INQUIRES / QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO G/S JAIME HUNT OR S/A MINH NGUYEN AT (305) 590-4636.

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