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4 JESÚS CABRERA JARAMILLO, in)
5 his individual capacity, and)
6 in his capacity as the) Case No.:
7 personal representative of) 1:10-cv-21951-EG
8 the estate of ALMA ROSA)
9 JARAMILLO, Jane Doe, in her)
10 individual capacity, and John) VIDEOTAPED
11 Doe, in his individual) DEPOSITION OF
12 capacity, and in his capacity) FATHER FRANCISCO
13 as the personal representative) DE ROUX
14 of the estate of EDUARDO)
15 ESTRADA,) MEDELLIN, COLUMBIA
16 Plaintiffs,) WEDNESDAY
17 v.) SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
18 CARLOS MARIO JIMÉNEZ NARANJO,) 9:57 A.M.
19 also known as "Macaco,")
20 "El Agricultor," "Lorenzo)
21 González Quinchía," and)
22 "Javier Montañez,")
23 -----)

24 Job No.: 205563

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2 the conference center of the:

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15 Pursuant to notice, before Leslie Anne Todd,
16 Court Reporter and Notary Public, who officiated in
17 administering the oath to the witness.
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1	P R O C E E D I N G S	
2	-----	09:16:46
3	FRANCISCO JOSE DE ROUX,	09:17:32
4	and having been first duly sworn,	09:17:32
5	was examined and testified as follows:	09:17:32
6	EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS	09:17:32
7	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	09:17:32
8	Q Good morning.	09:57:30
9	A Good morning.	09:57:31
10	Q My name is Daniel McLaughlin. I'm an	09:57:32
11	attorney with the Center for Justice and	09:57:34
12	Accountability, and along with my co-counsel at	09:57:36
13	Wilson Sonsoni, I represent the family of Eduardo	09:57:40
14	Estrada in a civil suit that is filed in the Southern	09:57:43
15	District of Florida against defendant Carlos Mario	09:57:46
16	Jiménez Naranjo, and the suit alleges that	09:57:52
17	Mr. Jiménez is responsible for the death of Eduardo	09:57:55
18	Estrada in 2001.	09:57:58
19	Mr. Jiménez is represented by counsel,	09:58:00
20	who is present today by videoconferencing.	09:58:02
21	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Juan, do you want to	09:58:06
22	introduce yourself for the record?	09:58:08
23	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Juan Carlos	09:58:08
24	Ramos-Rosado on behalf of defendant Carlos Mario	09:58:10
25	Jiménez Naranjo.	09:58:12

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1	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	09:58:12
2	Q Have you ever been deposed before, given	09:58:15
3	testimony in a U.S. court proceeding?	09:58:18
4	A No.	09:58:20
5	Q Okay. So I would like to go over a few	09:58:22
6	ground rules. Today I'll be asking you some	09:58:25
7	questions about Carlos Mario Jiménez Naranjo, also	09:58:28
8	known as the defendant.	09:58:32
9	Do you know the defendant under any other	09:58:33
10	names or aliases?	09:58:35
11	A Yes, of course. Macaco.	09:58:42
12	Q Is it okay if I refer to him as "the	09:58:49
13	defendant"? Will you know who I'm talking about?	09:58:51
14	When I -- should I ask the question	09:58:59
15	again?	09:59:00
16	A Yes, please, ask the question again.	09:59:00
17	Q When I ask you a question, if I refer to	09:59:02
18	the defendant, will you know that I'm referring to	09:59:05
19	Carlos Mario Jiménez Naranjo?	09:59:08
20	A Yes.	09:59:11
21	Q And do you understand that you will be	09:59:15
22	answering these questions under oath and that you	09:59:16
23	have to answer them fully and truthfully?	09:59:18
24	A (Witness) Yes.	09:59:22
25	Q And our conversation will be transcribed	09:59:22

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1 by a court reporter and facilitated by a translator, 09:59:24
2 an interpreter. 09:59:28

3 So in order to establish a clear record, 09:59:29
4 please answer every question verbally. Do not nod or 09:59:32
5 say "mm-hmm," but we need to hear from you so that 09:59:36
6 the record is clear. 09:59:38

7 A (Witness) Okay. 09:59:40

8 Q And it's my understanding that you speak 09:59:44
9 and understand English but that you're much more 09:59:45
10 comfortable in your native Spanish, right? 09:59:48

11 A (Witness) Right. 09:59:51

12 Q So we have an interpreter present. I 09:59:52
13 will ask my questions in English. If you feel like 09:59:54
14 you can answer -- if you understand them, you should 09:59:56
15 answer them in Spanish, and then the interpreter will 09:59:59
16 translate back into English. 10:00:02

17 A (Witness) Okay. 10:00:03

18 Q Because we have an interpreter, if you 10:00:05
19 are going to give a longer answer, I would ask you to 10:00:08
20 please just segment it so that the interpreter can 10:00:13
21 accurately interpret your answer. 10:00:16

22 A (Witness) Okay. 10:00:19

23 Q If you don't understand one of my 10:00:19
24 questions, please say so. 10:00:21

25 A (Witness) Okay. 10:00:23

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1	Q	I will assume that you have understood	10:00:23
2		the question if you do not ask for a clarification.	10:00:25
3	A	(Witness) Okay.	10:00:28
4	Q	If you feel like you need to break at any	10:00:31
5		time, please let us know and that's fine.	10:00:33
6	A	(Witness) Thank you.	10:00:36
7	Q	And counsel for the defendant may object	10:00:38
8		to questions I ask.	10:00:41
9	A	(Witness) Okay.	10:00:43
10	Q	Please provide a response to all	10:00:43
11		questions notwithstanding an objection unless counsel	10:00:45
12		for the defendant specifically instructs you not to	10:00:48
13		answer the question.	10:00:51
14	A	(Witness) Okay.	10:00:52
15	Q	Could you please state and spell your	10:00:53
16		full name for the record.	10:00:58
17	A	(Witness) Francisco Jose de Roux.	10:01:00
18		(Interpreter) Francisco Jose de Roux.	10:01:05
19	Q	Could you spell your last name?	10:01:08
20	A	(Witness) D-E, R-O-U-X.	10:01:10
21	Q	Is there any reason that you cannot	10:01:16
22		testify fully and accurately today?	10:01:18
23	A	No, there's no reason.	10:01:20
24	Q	Have you taken any medication in the last	10:01:30
25		24 hours that could impact your ability to testify	10:01:33

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1	today?	10:01:36
2	A No.	10:01:36
3	Q And how are you feeling physically today?	10:01:38
4	A (Witness) Perfect.	10:01:40
5	Q Great. Did you do anything to prepare	10:01:42
6	for this deposition today?	10:01:45
7	A (Witness) Well, I was --	10:01:46
8	(Interpreter) I tried to remember the	10:01:55
9	story, and I talked to some friends from the region.	10:01:56
10	Q Okay. And are you here of your own free	10:01:59
11	will to give this deposition?	10:02:05
12	A Completely, I'm speaking freely.	10:02:07
13	Q So now that we've covered these	10:02:15
14	preliminary issues, I would like to dive into some of	10:02:18
15	the more substantive aspects of your testimony	10:02:21
16	starting with your background.	10:02:23
17	Could you please tell us what is your	10:02:25
18	current occupation?	10:02:27
19	A I'm the president of the Truth Commission	10:02:28
20	in Colombia.	10:02:35
21	Q And do you currently exercise any other	10:02:37
22	professional responsibilities?	10:02:40
23	A I'm a Jesuit priest.	10:02:46
24	Q And what is your educational background?	10:02:48
25	A I studied philosophy, theology and	10:02:51

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1	humanities, and I have a Ph.D. in economics.	10:03:02
2	Q And when were you ordained as a priest?	10:03:04
3	A In November of 1975.	10:03:07
4	Q And is it okay if I address you as	10:03:14
5	Father de Roux?	10:03:16
6	A (Witness) Okay.	10:03:17
7	Q Are you familiar with an organization	10:03:20
8	named CINEP?	10:03:22
9	A Perfectly. I was a director of CINEP for	10:03:25
10	seven years.	10:03:32
11	Q And what was the mission of that	10:03:32
12	organization?	10:03:33
13	A Worked for human rights, popular	10:03:56
14	education for democracy, and also researched the	10:03:58
15	causes of social injustice in Colombia and find	10:04:02
16	solutions.	10:04:05
17	Q And what was your role at CINEP?	10:04:06
18	A I was the director of CINEP.	10:04:09
19	Q Okay. Following your time at CINEP, did	10:04:12
20	you lead any other organizations?	10:04:14
21	A The Peace Program of the Jesuits in	10:04:17
22	Colombia.	10:04:29
23	Q Is that also referred to as the PDP?	10:04:29
24	A Of course. The CINEP originated in the	10:04:32
25	Program for Peace and Development in the Middle	10:04:49

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1	Magdalena, the PDPMM.	10:04:51
2	Q Okay. And what was the mission of the	10:04:54
3	PDPMM?	10:04:56
4	A I was appointed the director of the	10:05:15
5	program in 1995, which had the mission of developing	10:05:17
6	peace efforts in a territory of war.	10:05:20
7	Also building social and economic	10:05:27
8	development.	10:05:29
9	Q And over what time period were you the	10:05:32
10	director of the PDPMM?	10:05:35
11	A From the end of 1995 until the end of	10:05:48
12	2008.	10:05:51
13	Q Okay. And what is the scope of your	10:05:53
14	current responsibilities as the director of the Truth	10:05:56
15	Commission?	10:06:00
16	A (Witness) Today?	10:06:02
17	Q Yes, today.	10:06:03
18	A I'm a director and the president of a	10:06:40
19	group of eleven commissioners. Their job is to	10:06:42
20	establish the reasons for the arms conflict and	10:06:45
21	dignify the victims, and look for -- look for those	10:06:49
22	who are responsible and have them accept the	10:06:54
23	responsibilities, and work for social harmony and	10:06:56
24	non-repetition.	10:06:59
25	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Could we go off the	10:07:01

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1	record just for a second?	10:07:03
2	(Technical difficulties.)	10:07:03
3	(Whereupon, the requested record was	10:07:03
4	read.)	10:13:06
5	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	10:13:06
6	Q Father de Roux, in your experiences	10:14:50
7	working at CINEP, the PDP, and now as director of the	10:14:57
8	Truth Commission, did you come into contact with	10:15:06
9	paramilitaries?	10:15:11
10	A On many occasions. Especially when I was	10:15:11
11	the director of the Program for Peace and	10:15:36
12	Development, I had continuous contact with	10:15:38
13	paramilitaries, as well as with guerilla bosses and	10:15:41
14	the army.	10:15:44
15	Being a priest, I had permission for	10:15:58
16	pastoral dialogues with those who had arms. I was	10:16:01
17	able to have conversations with Carlos Castaño, with	10:16:28
18	Macaco, with Mancuso, and with Ernesto Baez, and	10:16:31
19	guerilla and military bosses.	10:16:35
20	Q When you refer -- you just referred to	10:16:38
21	Macaco. Is that the defendant in this case?	10:16:39
22	A (Witness) Yes.	10:16:41
23	Q Okay. I want to focus on the work that	10:16:43
24	you did with the PDPMM. In what region did the PDPMM	10:16:46
25	operate?	10:16:52

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1	A	In 30 municipalities of Middle Magdalena.	10:16:53
2		And more concretely, for the case of Carlos Medio	10:17:25
3		Giraldo, in southern Bolívar, in San Pablo, in	10:17:30
4		Simiti, Santa Rosa, Morales, and Rio Viejo.	10:17:34
5	Q	And why did you focus on the Middle	10:17:39
6		Magdalena region for the work of the PDP?	10:17:42
7	A	It was one of the areas where the war was	10:17:44
8		the strongest in Colombia at that time. And because	10:17:55
9		of the importance of oil in Middle Magdalena, the oil	10:18:08
10		refinery in Barrancabermeja.	10:18:13
11	Q	You said at that time. What time period	10:18:15
12		are you referring to?	10:18:17
13	A	1995, 2008.	10:18:18
14	Q	And during your time with the PDPMM, did	10:18:26
15		you live at any point in the Middle Magdalena	10:18:30
16		yourself?	10:18:33
17	A	During the entire time I lived in Middle	10:18:33
18		Magdalena. My base was in Barrancabermeja, but I	10:18:48
19		continually traveled throughout the region.	10:18:51
20	Q	You also mentioned earlier the city of	10:18:53
21		San Pablo.	10:18:57
22	A	Yes.	10:18:57
23	Q	Is that located in the Middle Magdalena?	10:19:00
24	A	It's located in the Middle Magdalena in	10:19:02
25		the western area of the river.	10:19:14

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1	Q	And did you ever personally visit the	10:19:16
2		city of San Pablo during this time?	10:19:18
3	A	Many times.	10:19:21
4	Q	What types of activities did the PDPMM	10:19:25
5		undertake in the Middle Magdalena region around this	10:19:28
6		time?	10:19:31
7	A	Educational projects, also projects of	10:19:34
8		economy with small scale farmers, civil education for	10:19:56
9		citizens and cultural projects.	10:20:01
10	Q	You talked about economic activities.	10:20:03
11		Could you describe some of those.	10:20:05
12	A	Yes. We developed projects with small	10:20:20
13		scale farms for tropical fruits, oil palm, tropical	10:20:23
14		fruits, cacao, yuca, and ranching, livestock.	10:20:37
15	Q	And you said cacao. Just to clarify,	10:20:49
16		that's chocolate?	10:20:55
17	A	(Witness) Exactly.	10:20:57
18	Q	Were any of these economic activities	10:20:58
19		provided as alternatives to coca farming?	10:21:00
20	A	Totally we looked for these products to	10:21:11
21		become alternatives to coca.	10:21:14
22	Q	And why might you need to provide	10:21:16
23		alternatives to coca farming?	10:21:18
24	A	Because coca is gas for the war in	10:21:25
25		Colombia, and we were working for peace.	10:21:31

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1 Q And just now you referred to coca. Is 10:21:34
2 that the basis for cocaine? 10:21:37

3 A Of course, it's the basis for cocaine. 10:21:38

4 Q Did the PDP carry out any political 10:21:45
5 activities in the Middle Magdalena? 10:21:49

6 A Yes, in a broad sense, but we never 10:21:57
7 participated in any political party. And we weren't 10:22:01
8 interested in power for ourselves. 10:22:07

9 Q Did the PDPMM carry out any social 10:22:12
10 activities in the Middle Magdalena? 10:22:16

11 A Many social activities. We worked to 10:22:17
12 protect the lives of the inhabitants. And we would 10:22:28
13 develop humanitarian spaces under the name 10:22:39
14 humanitarian space. 10:22:42

15 We protected the inhabitants during the 10:23:09
16 war and we worked on a lot of social mobilizations. 10:23:12
17 We were active in small scale farmer mobilizations. 10:23:16
18 Specifically as an essential part of the conflict, we 10:23:19
19 accompanied dialogue spaces. 10:23:23

20 Q When you say you protected inhabitants, 10:23:25
21 who were you protecting them from? 10:23:27

22 A We protected them against paramilitaries, 10:23:39
23 gorillas and the abuses of the military. 10:23:43

24 Q If you know, how was the PDPMM perceived 10:23:45
25 by the civilian community in the Middle Magdalena? 10:23:49

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1	A	There is a large acceptance of the	10:23:56
2		Program for Development and Peace, and it continues	10:24:02
3		to work in the Middle Magdalena. Even paramilitary	10:24:04
4		groups, guerilla groups, and the army ended up	10:24:19
5		respecting the program in the Middle Magdalena.	10:24:22
6	Q	Did they always -- did the paramilitaries	10:24:24
7		always respect the program in the Middle Magdalena?	10:24:27
8	A	Not always. Not always, because the	10:24:47
9		program worked for independent leaderships that were	10:24:49
10		not subordinate to the paramilitaries or guerillas.	10:24:53
11	Q	Roughly how many members did the PDPMM	10:24:56
12		have in the Middle Magdalena?	10:24:59
13	A	About 150,000 people participated in the	10:25:17
14		projects. But the direct members of the program	10:25:20
15		weren't more than 300.	10:25:29
16	Q	And typically who were the members of the	10:25:31
17		PDPMM?	10:25:33
18	A	Leaders from the community that the	10:25:44
19		community had trust in them. And we built in all of	10:25:46
20		the municipalities a nucleus of inhabitants which	10:26:01
21		were people that were trusted by all the	10:26:06
22		neighborhoods.	10:26:09
23	Q	And if you know, why did members	10:26:10
24		typically join the PDPMM? What were their	10:26:12
25		motivations for doing so?	10:26:16

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1	A	Because they saw hope for overcoming	10:26:17
2		conditions of marginalization and violence in their	10:26:29
3		territory.	10:26:32
4	Q	Are you familiar with the term	10:26:36
5		"paramilitaries"?	10:26:39
6	A	I'm very familiar with the term	10:26:39
7		"paramilitary."	10:26:43
8	Q	And you described your decades' long	10:26:43
9		experience heading CINEP, the PDPMM, and now the	10:26:47
10		National Truth Commission. Did those experiences	10:26:52
11		bring you into contact with paramilitaries?	10:26:54
12	A	Yes. I said that.	10:26:56
13	Q	And have you personally met with	10:26:58
14		paramilitaries?	10:27:00
15	A	Yes.	10:27:01
16	Q	Does that include high ranking	10:27:02
17		paramilitaries?	10:27:06
18	A	Yes. The highest ranks: Carlos Castaño,	10:27:06
19		Mancuso, Macaco, Julian Bolívar. Also the	10:27:22
20		paramilitary bases, those that formed the -- the	10:27:35
21		paramilitary base.	10:27:37
22	Q	So the ground --	10:27:38
23	A	(Witness) The ground.	10:27:42
24	Q	If you know, why would high ranking	10:27:44
25		paramilitaries allow you to meet with them?	10:27:47

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1	A	I think that because I was a priest and	10:28:18
2		they were Catholic, they respected the Catholic	10:28:21
3		tradition. And also because I had a position of	10:28:23
4		leadership in Middle Magdalena, and it was important	10:28:26
5		for them to be in contact with leaders of the region.	10:28:28
6	Q	And, Father de Roux, do you think that	10:28:32
7		they trusted you?	10:28:35
8	A	I think so. Or at least, I think they	10:28:37
9		always spoke clearly to me.	10:29:03
10	Q	To your knowledge, was the defendant a	10:29:05
11		member of a paramilitary organization?	10:29:07
12	A	(Witness) Sorry?	10:29:11
13	Q	I will ask it again.	10:29:14
14		To your knowledge, was the defendant in	10:29:15
15		this case a member of a paramilitary organization?	10:29:18
16	A	Of course, from what I know, beginning in	10:29:21
17		2000. Possibly beforehand. What time did the	10:29:35
18		defendant enter into the paramilitaries in Middle	10:30:00
19		Magdalena? Maybe in 1998, but definitely in 2000.	10:30:03
20	Q	Are you familiar with a paramilitary	10:30:08
21		organization called, in English, the United Self-	10:30:10
22		Defenses Forces of Colombia?	10:30:14
23	A	Of course.	10:30:18
24	Q	Is there -- how would you refer to them	10:30:20
25		in Spanish?	10:30:22

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1	Are you familiar with them as an	10:30:41
2	organization?	10:30:43
3	A (Witness) Yes, of course. And Carlos	10:30:43
4	Castaño was the leader.	10:30:48
5	(Interpreter) The Autodefensas Unidas de	10:30:48
6	Colombia.	10:30:57
7	Q Is it okay if I refer to them as the AUC?	10:30:57
8	A (Witness) Exactly, AUC. AUC in Spanish.	10:31:00
9	Q Okay. And did you personally meet with	10:31:05
10	members of the AUC?	10:31:07
11	A Carlos Castaño. Mancuso.	10:31:11
12	Q And are those high ranking members of the	10:31:13
13	AUC?	10:31:16
14	A (Witness) Yes. Yes, they were the head	10:31:17
15	of it.	10:31:21
16	Q And from your understanding, what was the	10:31:21
17	role, the purpose of the AUC as an organization?	10:31:24
18	A The significance is that their origin is	10:31:47
19	founded in two elements. One, the production and	10:31:49
20	trafficking of cocaine, and also the fight against	10:32:53
21	the guerilla insurgency in Colombia.	10:32:55
22	The beginning of the organization of the	10:32:59
23	paramilitaries was not to fight against the	10:33:01
24	guerillas, but they linked up to the spike when the	10:33:04
25	FARC attacked drug trafficking in the production of	10:33:08

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1 cocaine and the fight against guerillas. They found 10:33:11
2 a way to legitimize their business in Colombia and to 10:33:14
3 propose a political alternative for Colombia known as 10:33:17
4 the AUC. 10:33:21

5 Q So at its base, would you describe the 10:33:21
6 AUC as a criminal organization? 10:33:24

7 A What are -- what is my basis for 10:33:26
8 considering the AUC, the United Self-Defense Forces 10:33:38
9 of Colombia to be a criminal organization, is that 10:33:42
10 the question? 10:33:45

11 Q No. Let me rephrase the question. My 10:33:45
12 apologies. 10:33:45

13 At its origins, given what you just told 10:33:47
14 us, will you describe the AUC as a criminal 10:33:50
15 organization? 10:33:53

16 A Of course, their origin is criminal 10:33:53
17 because of the drug trafficking and also in the way 10:34:15
18 that they fought against the guerillas and attacked 10:34:17
19 the civil population. 10:34:20

20 Q Are you familiar with a paramilitary 10:34:21
21 organization called the Bloque Central Bolívar? 10:34:25

22 A I know very well the Central Bolívar 10:34:42
23 Bloque because it was a paramilitary group in Middle 10:34:44
24 Magdalena. 10:34:47

25 Q Is it okay if I refer to the Bloque 10:34:47

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1	Central Bolívar as the BCB?	10:34:50
2	A Perfect.	10:34:52
3	Q Is the BCB related to the AUC?	10:34:55
4	A Yes, initially they were one unit, but	10:35:46
5	definitely by the end of 2000 or maybe the middle of	10:35:49
6	the year 2000, Macaco appeared as the principal boss	10:35:52
7	of the Central Bolívar Bloque, Julian Bolívar was the	10:35:56
8	military boss, Baez was the political boss, and then	10:36:00
9	by 2000, that was all part of the AUC.	10:36:04
10	According to small scale farmers and	10:36:21
11	popular leaders of the region, their version is that	10:36:23
12	in the year 2003, the BCB separated from the AUC.	10:36:26
13	Q And at its origin, would you also	10:36:30
14	describe the BCB as a criminal organization?	10:36:33
15	A Yes, of course.	10:36:36
16	Q And did the BCB operate in the Middle	10:36:39
17	Magdalena region?	10:36:42
18	A Yes. In the entire region of	10:36:48
19	Magdalena Medio, Middle Magdalena.	10:36:52
20	Q And what was your understanding of the	10:36:53
21	role, the function of the BCB in the Middle Magdalena	10:36:54
22	region?	10:36:58
23	A They wanted complete territorial control	10:37:27
24	of the region to expel the guerilla forces, the FARC	10:37:29
25	and the ELN, to develop coca crops, establish	10:37:33

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1 productive projects, especially with gold and oil 10:37:37
2 palm, and produce cocaine. 10:37:40

3 They also wanted to control all of the 10:37:45
4 mayors' offices. They used to define who would be 10:37:49
5 the mayor chosen by the people. And they 10:38:00
6 assassinated whoever ran as opposing candidates. 10:38:14

7 Q Did the BCB operate in San Pablo? 10:38:26

8 A Yes, they completely operated in San 10:38:29
9 Pablo, at least from 1998. 10:38:41

10 Q And when you say "they completely 10:38:43
11 operated," what do you mean? 10:38:45

12 A They controlled the town. They created 10:39:43
13 norms for youth conduct. They imposed a life of fear 10:39:45
14 and terror. They controlled the cocaine business. 10:39:49
15 They controlled the businesses of the inhabitants. 10:39:52
16 There was police presence, but the real authorities 10:39:56
17 were the Central Bolívar Bloque. 10:39:58

18 Their center of control wasn't exactly 10:40:17
19 San Pablo, although they did have a commander there. 10:40:20
20 The center was in San Blas, a town about 80 10:40:22
21 kilometers away. 10:40:25

22 I would like to correct that. About 40 10:40:28
23 kilometers away. 10:40:31

24 Q I want to talk about San Blas as well, 10:40:33
25 but first to continue to focus on San Pablo. 10:40:37

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1	A	(Witness) Okay.	10:40:39
2	Q	You described how the BCB controlled the	10:40:40
3		political life in the Middle Magdalena.	10:40:43
4	A	Yes.	10:40:43
5	Q	Was that also true in San Pablo?	10:40:47
6	A	Also.	10:40:48
7	Q	Do you have any examples?	10:40:52
8	A	A clear example is that Eduardo Estrada	10:40:55
9		ran for mayoral candidate, and he was immediate --	10:41:39
10		immediately labeled as a military objective. It was	10:41:42
11		not possible to run for mayor if you weren't put into	10:41:44
12		that position by the Bloque Central Bolívar. The BCB	10:41:46
13		organized an association of mayors, and they wanted	10:42:01
14		all of the mayors in southern Bolívar to participate	10:42:03
15		in this association.	10:42:06
16		One of our biggest confrontations with	10:42:24
17		the Bloque happened when we tried to recuperate the	10:42:27
18		mayoral association for the citizens. One of our	10:42:31
19		achievements was when we were able to get the mayor	10:42:50
20		from Santa Rosa, who was a trusted man of ours, as a	10:42:53
21		leader of the association, and free the other mayors	10:42:57
22		from the paramilitary association.	10:43:00
23	Q	And you said that Eduardo's potential	10:43:02
24		candidacy as a mayor established him as a military	10:43:07
25		target.	10:43:11

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1	A	(Witness) Yes.	10:43:11
2	Q	What would happen to people who were	10:43:11
3		established as military targets?	10:43:13
4	A	They were assassinated. So they had to	10:43:16
5		renounce their candidature.	10:43:28
6		One of the examples from the program is	10:43:56
7		Cecilia Lasso. Cecilia Lasso from San Alberto in	10:44:24
8		Middle Magdalena. She was a school teacher, and she	10:44:27
9		had the same position that Eduardo Estrada had in San	10:44:30
10		Pablo. She was the head of the nucleus of residents	10:44:34
11		in San Alberto. Cecilia was also assassinated when	10:44:36
12		she explicitly announced her running for mayoral	10:44:41
13		office.	10:44:45
14	Q	And do you know who she was assassinated	10:44:45
15		by?	10:44:47
16	A	(Witness) Who?	10:44:48
17	Q	Do you know which group is responsible	10:44:49
18		for her assassination?	10:44:54
19	A	Yes. The group of Juancho Prada, which	10:44:56
20		was in contact with the AUC.	10:45:06
21	Q	So a paramilitary group?	10:45:07
22	A	Yes, a paramilitary group.	10:45:08
23	Q	And you mentioned San Blas earlier.	10:45:12
24	A	Sí.	10:45:18
25	Q	Could you describe the paramilitary	10:45:18

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1	presence in San Blas?	10:45:21
2	A San Blas was the general cuartel of	10:45:23
3	paramilitaries. It had a helicopter landing pad and	10:46:23
4	horrible things happened there. I visited torture	10:46:26
5	houses that they had.	10:46:29
6	(Interpreter and witness conferring.)	10:46:29
7	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	10:46:29
8	Q Would you like me to ask the question	10:46:48
9	again?	10:46:50
10	Would you -- Father de Roux, would you	10:46:52
11	like me to ask the question again?	10:46:55
12	THE INTERPRETER: No, I think I got it.	10:46:59
13	THE WITNESS: They also received men from	10:47:01
14	paramilitary there, and as the greatest surprise, the	10:47:04
15	Colombian president didn't know that this was a	10:47:08
16	paramilitary stronghold.	10:47:10
17	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	10:47:11
18	Q Was their presence in San Blas obvious to	10:47:11
19	others in the region?	10:47:15
20	A Completely obvious. The paramilitary	10:47:16
21	base was high in the mountains of Santa Rosa, and it	10:47:39
22	was impossible for the army base not to see a	10:47:42
23	helicopter lifting off.	10:47:44
24	Q Were there any military checkpoints on	10:47:46
25	the way to San Blas?	10:47:48

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1	A	Yes. To get to San Blas, you had to pass	10:47:50
2		Puerto Burgos and Simiti, and there was a turnoff to	10:48:16
3		be able to get to San Blas. And on that corner there	10:48:23
4		was a military checkpoint of the Colombian army.	10:48:29
5	Q	Was it your understanding that the	10:48:35
6		paramilitaries were free to go by the checkpoint?	10:48:37
7	A	Completely. I have to say that until the	10:48:41
8		year 2003, the army and the paramilitaries were	10:48:58
9		working together.	10:49:01
10	Q	What type of --	10:49:03
11		MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Sorry. Could you	10:49:04
12		repeat that again? I couldn't hear the last part.	10:49:05
13		MR. McLAUGHLIN: Sure. Do you want us	10:49:07
14		just to read back from the record?	10:49:08
15		MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Yes, please.	10:49:10
16		(Whereupon, the requested record was	10:49:11
17		read.)	10:49:27
18		MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: I still couldn't hear.	10:49:27
19		(A discussion was held off the record.)	10:50:03
20		(Whereupon, the requested record was	10:50:03
21		read.)	10:50:05
22		MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Okay.	10:50:05
23		BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	10:50:05
24	Q	So you say that -- you just said that it	10:50:10
25		was your understanding that the army and the	10:50:12

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1 paramilitaries were working together. 10:50:15

2 Are you referring to the BCB in the 10:50:18

3 Middle Magdalena and the army in that region? 10:50:20

4 A Yes, I refer to this because the San 10:50:22

5 Lucas mountain range was a very strong area with 10:50:54

6 presence of the ELN and the FARC, and the army 10:50:57

7 lieutenants in this mountain were allied with the 10:51:02

8 BCB. They were the only allies they had. 10:51:05

9 Q So as allies, the army and the BCB, what 10:51:09

10 type of alliance did they form? 10:51:13

11 A Alliances for information, alliances for 10:51:46

12 confronting the guerilla forces that were located in 10:51:48

13 diverse areas, alliances in which the army would 10:51:52

14 stand behind the paramilitaries as they carried out 10:51:55

15 their work. 10:51:58

16 Q So you said alliances for information. 10:51:59

17 Is that intelligence sharing? 10:52:01

18 A (Witness) Yes. 10:52:01

19 Q Would an example of that be the army 10:52:05

20 passing along information of suspected guerilla 10:52:09

21 sympathizers in the civilian population to the 10:52:13

22 paramilitaries? 10:52:18

23 A One very important case was the case of 10:52:19

24 Edgar Quiroga, Cuco, who was assassinated by 10:52:49

25 paramilitaries at the end of 1999. 10:52:53

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1 What I know is that the movements of Cuco 10:53:13
2 were known by the army when the paramilitaries caught 10:53:17
3 him in Cerro Azul. The Bloque Central Bolívar took 10:53:20
4 him and shot him. 10:53:28

5 Another case I gave the president at that 10:53:51
6 time, President Pastrana, during that time of Plan 10:53:54
7 Colombia, a map of San Blas. I went to him and I 10:53:58
8 asked the president, Do you know San Blas? The 10:54:01
9 president didn't know. So I made the map of San Blas 10:54:06
10 on a piece of paper. 10:54:16

11 And so I made a map of the connections of 10:54:29
12 San Blas with other towns in Middle Magdalena: San 10:54:32
13 Pablo, Simiti, Santa Rosa, Cantagu. And so I said to 10:54:35
14 the president, You have to take San Pablo -- no, San 10:54:53
15 Blas to be able to stop the paramilitaries in the 10:54:56
16 Middle Magdalena. 10:54:59

17 The president gave this map to the 10:55:07
18 paramilitaries -- no, to the militaries. The 10:55:09
19 military went to San Blas. There was no battle. The 10:55:26
20 military let the paramilitaries know that they were 10:55:29
21 coming. 10:55:31

22 That day I went with the residents of San 10:55:44
23 Pablo to San Rafael de Lebrija on the eastern coast 10:55:47
24 on the River Magdalena to ask the paramilitaries in 10:55:57
25 San Rafael to respect the inhabitants of San Pablo. 10:56:10

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1 And when I was in the meeting, Julian 10:56:21
2 Bolívar called by phone. And he knew I was in that 10:56:24
3 meeting, so he asked me to stop by. And he told me, 10:56:31
4 You're the one that's guilty for the takeover of San 10:56:41
5 Blas, and we're going to take action against you. 10:56:44
6 How did Julian Bolívar know that I gave 10:56:55
7 this map to the president of the republic? 10:56:59
8 Q How do you think? 10:57:02
9 A I imagine that the president gave this 10:57:13
10 map to the military -- the military force there to 10:57:14
11 show that he knew about it. And the military asked 10:57:18
12 him who made this map. And the military told Julian 10:57:23
13 that I was the one that had made the map. 10:57:30
14 Q When you refer to Julian, who are you 10:57:32
15 referring to? 10:57:35
16 A Rodrigo Pérez. 10:57:35
17 Q And was he a member of the BCB? 10:57:37
18 A Yes. Very important. He was the 10:57:39
19 military boss of the Bloque Central Bolívar. 10:57:48
20 Especially in 1999, 2000, and shortly the beginning 10:58:11
21 of 2001, and he left in 2001. 10:58:15
22 Q You described some of the ways in which 10:58:18
23 the army supported and worked with the BCB. 10:58:22
24 To your knowledge, did the police forces 10:58:28
25 in the Middle Magdalena region also support and work 10:58:30

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1	with the paramilitaries?	10:58:34
2	A Yes. There was a relationship of	10:58:35
3	communication. The example is the San Pablo massacre	10:59:08
4	in January of 1999. The police were close in the	10:59:11
5	cuartel, while the paramilitaries, those with Julian	10:59:15
6	Bolívar killed 11 -- no, 14 people in San Pablo.	10:59:19
7	They went around town and they entered the houses of	10:59:28
8	the people and killed them, and no one confronted	10:59:31
9	them.	10:59:34
10	Q When you say "they," are you referring to	10:59:34
11	the BCB?	10:59:36
12	A Yes.	10:59:37
13	Q And what did the police do, if anything?	10:59:38
14	A Nothing.	10:59:42
15	Q And were the police present in San Pablo,	10:59:44
16	to your knowledge?	10:59:46
17	A Yes, of course.	10:59:47
18	Q And so why do you think the police did	10:59:49
19	not do anything during this massacre?	10:59:51
20	A Because they considered them to be their	10:59:53
21	allies against the guerillas.	10:59:59
22	Q And the people who were killed in San	11:00:01
23	Pablo in 1999, did those include civilians?	11:00:02
24	A They were civilians.	11:00:07
25	Q So why were they targeted by the BCB?	11:00:11

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1 A Because when I visited Mancuso in 2000 -- 11:00:13
2 in January 2000, I visited the township of Mancuso in 11:00:40
3 the high area of Cordova. Mancuso had an ethical 11:00:44
4 assistant who was a Catholic theologian. He was a 11:00:59
5 layperson in theology. We had an argument. I asked 11:01:07
6 him why he was supporting the criminal activities of 11:01:24
7 the paramilitaries. 11:01:27

8 And he responded to me, You don't know 11:01:32
9 the war ethics. The United Self-Defense Forces in 11:01:34
10 Colombia are in war against the guerilla. In 11:01:47
11 Colombia, there are 20,000 guerilla fighters. We 11:01:52
12 know that the guerilla fighters mix in with people in 11:02:02
13 small towns. When we enter a town, we have to kill 11:02:07
14 20 people to be able to assure that one guerilla 11:02:18
15 fighter is killed. Because there are 20,000 guerilla 11:02:22
16 fighters, we have to kill 400,000 people. And we're 11:02:31
17 going to do it. If we don't do this, there will be a 11:02:35
18 civil war in Colombia. And 5 million people will 11:02:46
19 die. That's in the war ethics. 11:02:50

20 Q And you said this is Mancuso. Was he a 11:02:53
21 high ranking AUC member? 11:02:56

22 A Obviously. In some way Mancuso was the 11:02:58
23 father of all of them. 11:03:08

24 Q And as a high ranking member of the AUC, 11:03:11
25 do you think that Mancuso was exploiting to you the 11:03:16

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1	policy of the paramilitaries vis-à-vis the civilian	11:03:19
2	population?	11:03:22
3	A Yes. Yes.	11:03:23
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Maybe we could take a	11:03:27
5	little break.	11:03:29
6	THE WITNESS: Okay.	11:03:29
7	MR. McLAUGHLIN: The interpreter and	11:03:29
8	court reporter have been going for a while.	11:03:31
9	Can we go off the record.	11:03:34
10	(Recess.)	11:17:02
11	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	11:17:02
12	Q Father de Roux, we were discussing the	11:17:11
13	Colombian army and Colombian police support for the	11:17:14
14	BCB.	11:17:19
15	To your knowledge, did local government	11:17:21
16	officials in the Middle Magdalena also provide	11:17:23
17	support to the BCB?	11:17:26
18	A Yes, the war in Colombia has been very	11:17:46
19	complicated. The Bloque Central Bolívar always tried	11:17:48
20	to maintain close relationships with the mayors.	11:17:52
21	They organized -- at a time they organized the	11:18:08
22	Association of Municipalities, Friends of Peace.	11:18:10
23	About 160 mayors were in this organization, which was	11:18:33
24	controlled by the paramilitaries of the Bloque	11:18:36
25	Central Bolívar in the AUC. That's why they had so	11:18:40

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1	much influence over the mayors.	11:18:48
2	Q Okay. You had also mentioned that you	11:18:50
3	had visited a paramilitary base in San Blas.	11:18:53
4	A Yes.	11:18:53
5	Q Approximately how many paramilitaries	11:19:03
6	were at that base when you visited it?	11:19:04
7	A Yes. It was the base of the BCB, the	11:19:29
8	Bloque Central Bolívar, and there could be, I don't	11:19:33
9	know, 200 or 300 men there.	11:19:35
10	Q Were you able to see --	11:19:38
11	A Possibly more. The BCB would travel as	11:19:41
12	an army with army uniforms, cars, jeeps and very	11:20:05
13	sophisticated weapons. When the BCB carried out the	11:20:10
14	battle against Miko al Mar against the ELN -- the	11:20:33
15	battle in Miko al Mar against the ELN in December of	11:20:40
16	the year 2000, they used helicopters.	11:20:48
17	Q Did you visit San Blas more than once?	11:20:52
18	A Yes, several times.	11:20:56
19	Q Did you ever meet with Julian Bolívar?	11:21:02
20	A In San Blas, yes.	11:21:04
21	Q Did you know Julian Bolívar by another	11:21:06
22	name as well?	11:21:09
23	A Rodrigo Pérez.	11:21:10
24	Q Was he a high ranking member of the BCB?	11:21:13
25	A Yes, and he came to be the military	11:21:17

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1 leader of the BCB, Bloque Central Bolívar. 11:21:23

2 Q And the following times that you visited 11:21:25

3 San Blas, did you always meet with Julian Bolívar? 11:21:30

4 A Not always. I found Julian Bolívar in 11:21:33

5 the beginning of 2001 in San Blas. Later on, the 11:21:48

6 boss of Julian Bolívar was Gustavo Alarcón. 11:22:07

7 Certainly Alarcón was the boss in San Blas from 11:22:29

8 February -- no, from April of 2001. 11:22:32

9 I'm not exactly sure which month he 11:22:46

10 arrived, but definitely by June of 2001, Gustavo 11:22:49

11 Alarcón was the boss in San Blas. 11:22:55

12 Q Could you just -- for the court reporter, 11:22:56

13 could you spell Alarcón's last name? 11:22:58

14 A A-L-A-R-C-O-N. 11:23:02

15 Q Thank you. And did you meet with Gustavo 11:23:11

16 Alarcón when you visited San Blas in 2001? 11:23:13

17 A Yes. Yes. I looked for Alarcón at the 11:23:19

18 end of 2001 because I wanted to know about whose 11:23:40

19 responsibility for the death of Alma Rosa Jaramillo. 11:23:44

20 Q Could you tell us who Alma Rosa Jaramillo 11:23:47

21 was? 11:23:52

22 A Alma Rosa Jaramillo was a lawyer from the 11:23:53

23 city of Cartagena who came to work with us in the 11:24:05

24 PDP. She had a relationship that was similar to the 11:24:09

25 relationship that Eduardo Estrada had with the PDP. 11:24:34

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1 She was the coordinator of a resident group in the 11:24:38
2 town of Morales, which is north of San Pablo. 11:24:40

3 Alma Rosa was assassinated on June 29, 11:24:58
4 2001, almost 15 days before the assassination of 11:25:03
5 Eduardo. And Gustavo Alarcón told me that he had 11:25:06
6 given the order to assassinate Alma Rosa. When I 11:25:14
7 said to him that this assassination was a crime 11:26:02
8 against humanity because Alma Rosa was raped, her 11:26:05
9 head, arms and legs cut off, Gustavo Alarcón said to 11:26:09
10 me, It's not a crime but rather a legitimate action 11:26:13
11 in war, and he asked me to see the AUC manual. 11:26:15

12 And he showed me in the manual the point 11:26:40
13 that said anyone that initiates legal processes 11:26:42
14 against the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia 11:26:47
15 will become a military objective. And he said to me, 11:26:52
16 Alma Rosa came to Simiti to start a case against us, 11:26:59
17 and that's why I killed her. And then he told me, 11:27:03
18 But I punished the person who killed her. Because he 11:27:13
19 just had to kill her. He didn't have to cut her head 11:27:19
20 off. 11:27:22

21 And so for that reason, 15 days later 11:27:43
22 when Eduardo was killed, he was still the military 11:27:46
23 leader. 11:27:50

24 Q "He," you mean Gustavo Alarcón? 11:27:52

25 A (Witness) Sorry? 11:27:54

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1	Q	When you say "he was still the military	11:27:55
2		leader" --	11:27:57
3	A	(Witness) Yes.	11:27:58
4	Q	-- is the "he" you're referring to	11:27:58
5		Gustavo Alarcón?	11:28:01
6	A	I referred to Gustavo Alarcón. At that	11:28:02
7		time Julian Bolívar was no longer in that area. At	11:28:10
8		that time there was Gustavo Alarcón, Macaco and Baez	11:28:20
9		in the territory.	11:28:23
10	Q	And amongst Gustavo Alarcón and the	11:28:24
11		defendant, who was superior, if you know?	11:28:28
12	A	My hypothesis is that the real boss was	11:28:51
13		Macaco.	11:28:53
14	Q	Do you know -- okay.	11:28:55
15		The legal action that you referred to	11:28:58
16		that Alma Rosa had begun against the paramilitaries,	11:29:01
17		do you know what the nature of that legal action was?	11:29:06
18		Do you know what she was bringing a lawsuit for?	11:29:09
19	A	Do you -- please --	11:29:19
20	Q	Would you like me to ask the question	11:29:25
21		again?	11:29:27
22		THE INTERPRETER: You want to ask the	11:29:29
23		question again, and then I can interpret it?	11:29:30
24		BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	11:29:31
25	Q	Yes. You referred to a legal action that	11:29:31

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1	Alma Rosa Jaramillo had started against the BCB; is	11:29:35
2	that correct?	11:29:35
3	A Yes.	11:29:41
4	Q Do you know what that legal action was	11:29:41
5	about? If you know. If you don't know, you don't	11:29:46
6	know.	11:29:49
7	A As far as I know, it had to do with a	11:29:51
8	relationship with the paramilitaries and the mayor of	11:30:15
9	Morales, especially because Alma Rosa was the boss of	11:30:18
10	the PDP group.	11:30:22
11	It was a very complicated connection with	11:30:48
12	the mayors' office, with the hospitals, and also Alma	11:30:55
13	Rosa had lived through the confrontation of the	11:30:59
14	Bloque Central Bolívar with the ELN in Mico al Mar.	11:31:03
15	We were there together. She was displaced from	11:31:06
16	Mico al Mar. The paramilitary control in Morales,	11:31:09
17	the town of Alma Rosa, was very strong.	11:31:19
18	Q So to your knowledge, Alma Rosa was	11:31:22
19	killed because she was exploring the link between the	11:31:26
20	paramilitaries and the mayor's office?	11:31:29
21	A (Witness) Yes.	11:31:29
22	Q To your knowledge, was the defendant a	11:31:36
23	member of the BCB?	11:31:37
24	A Obviously, yes.	11:31:41
25	Q And did you meet with defendant while he	11:31:42

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1 was a member of the BCB? 11:31:45

2 A The region's popular leaders who knew 11:31:46

3 what was happening at that time affirmed that Macaco, 11:32:41

4 Carlos Mario, bought the Bloque Central Bolívar 11:32:44

5 franchise to be able to present himself to the 11:32:47

6 Colombian people as someone who was fighting the 11:32:50

7 guerilla forces, and he came all the way from 11:32:53

8 southern Colombia. 11:32:56

9 Q And did you personally meet with the 11:32:56

10 defendants? 11:32:58

11 A Yes, of course. When I found him when he 11:32:59

12 arrived in Middle Magdalena, he was a business owner. 11:33:54

13 He even was starting some cacao projects for small 11:33:58

14 scale farmers, and he invited me to work together. 11:34:02

15 He even gifted me a crucifix as a sign of friendship. 11:34:05

16 When I received this crucifix, I said, I will take 11:34:09

17 this as an offer that you're going to stop the 11:34:13

18 paramilitary action, and when you stop it, I will 11:34:15

19 return back the cross. 11:34:18

20 And of course, I never accepted doing 11:34:21

21 projects with him. Looking to protect the people of 11:34:24

22 Middle Magdalena, I visited him in Caucasia. And I 11:34:38

23 was really impacted by the social development in 11:34:52

24 Caucasia. He had done it for his men. Hoping that 11:34:56

25 if peace happened, he would be able to have a full 11:35:09

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1	neighborhood for them. And they could have small	11:35:12
2	farms to produce cacao.	11:35:16
3	He had even made a church, and he was	11:35:21
4	hoping to have a parish priest at that church. He	11:35:26
5	even had a factory of wood products with wood that	11:35:35
6	was brought in from Uraba. Which means that Carlos	11:35:41
7	Mario is a big businessman with a lot of money. And	11:35:49
8	that's why he had so much power in the Bloque Central	11:36:10
9	Bolívar.	11:36:14
10	Q Because of his finances?	11:36:14
11	A Of course.	11:36:16
12	Q And how many times approximately would	11:36:17
13	you say you met personally with the defendant?	11:36:19
14	A Three times. I also saw him in Ralito,	11:36:24
15	In Ralito, when they started the negotiations. I was	11:36:33
16	always looking for a way to care for the lives of the	11:36:47
17	people in Middle Magdalena.	11:36:50
18	Q And -- sorry. I didn't mean to -- are	11:36:55
19	you finished? Please go ahead.	11:36:58
20	A I remember he had an image of the Virgin	11:37:07
21	of Guadalupe in his office. Because Carlos Mario	11:37:09
22	bought a farm in Ralito to be able to talk from there	11:37:21
23	with the government of Uribe. And so he would be	11:37:24
24	able to participate in the conversations -- in the	11:37:31
25	peace negotiations from his own property.	11:37:36

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1	And in his office there was an image of	11:37:44
2	the Virgin of Guadalupe. And I asked him, What is	11:37:47
3	this image of the Virgin doing here? And he told me	11:37:55
4	that, Every year I go with my family to Mexico to	11:38:05
5	visit the Virgin of Guadalupe so that they can help	11:38:10
6	me in the fight.	11:38:13
7	This is the type of organization that	11:38:17
8	they had.	11:38:18
9	Q In your interactions with him, did the	11:38:21
10	defendant hold himself out as the head of the BCB?	11:38:23
11	A When I visited him in the jail in	11:38:38
12	Bellavista, Medellín, I was able to understand the	11:38:42
13	situation.	11:38:44
14	Q What did you understand?	11:38:44
15	A Evidently Macaco is the man with the	11:38:53
16	money. The man of the financing. Baez was the	11:38:55
17	politician. And Julian Bolívar had participated as a	11:39:04
18	military boss just the same as Gustavo Alarcón.	11:39:18
19	But my conviction is that Macaco's	11:39:30
20	economic power was substantial for them. He was the	11:39:33
21	businessman.	11:39:36
22	Q Was his financial power integral to the	11:39:38
23	BCB?	11:39:41
24	A Yes, of course. That's my opinion, my	11:39:50
25	hypothesis.	11:39:58

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1 Q Is it your opinion based on your personal 11:39:59
2 interactions with Macaco? 11:40:01

3 A Yes, and what used to happen in the 11:40:03
4 region. 11:40:09

5 Q And to your knowledge, what ability did 11:40:09
6 defendant have to give orders to others in the BCB? 11:40:14

7 A I can't affirm what the vertical 11:40:28
8 relationships were like. And I have the impression 11:40:31
9 that there were arguments among them. 11:40:36

10 Q I think you've alluded to this before, 11:40:44
11 but while you were in the Middle Magdalena region, 11:40:47
12 did the BCB engage in military actions against 11:40:51
13 civilians? 11:40:56

14 A Of course. 11:40:56

15 Q What type of military actions, to your 11:40:59
16 knowledge, did they engage in against civilians? 11:41:02

17 A The San Pablo massacre. Assassination of 11:41:06
18 leaders. Especially when that fed into their 11:41:23
19 political purposes, they wanted to politically 11:41:35
20 dominate the territory. 11:41:38

21 The assassination of people that they 11:41:48
22 considered to be involved with the guerilla. The use 11:41:50
23 of nonconventional weapons, such as land mines. And 11:41:57
24 as they were in the dispute over the territory, and 11:42:30
25 specifically disputing coca in the territory, the 11:42:34

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1 death of civilians was significant. 11:42:37

2 Later on when they took Barrancabermeja, 11:42:51

3 in December of 2000, many civilians died in 11:43:02

4 Barrancabermeja. 11:43:13

5 Q To your knowledge, was there a policy of 11:43:15

6 the BCB to target civilians who were suspected of 11:43:18

7 being guerilla sympathizers? 11:43:23

8 A (Witness) Yes. 11:43:23

9 Q As the founder of the PDP -- PDPMM, do 11:43:31

10 you recall the relationship between your organization 11:43:35

11 and the BCB? How would you characterize that 11:43:37

12 relationship? 11:43:41

13 A One part was to protect civilians. 11:44:14

14 Another part, our decision to work for peace, which 11:44:16

15 was a strong point of confrontation with the Bloque 11:44:19

16 Central Bolívar. And third, a different -- totally 11:44:22

17 different concept of development in the region. 11:44:26

18 I want to refer to two points, defense of 11:44:32

19 peace. We started working in 1999 so there would be 11:44:38

20 a meeting space between the ELN and the national 11:45:01

21 government. And we proposed four different 11:45:04

22 municipalities in southern Bolívar for the meeting 11:45:12

23 area. That was San Pablo, Simiti, Santa Rosa, and 11:45:15

24 Yondó. 11:45:15

25 The Bloque Central Bolívar completely 11:45:32

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1 opposed this. And the BCB developed a very strong 11:45:34
2 mobilization against this, pressuring citizens to go 11:45:50
3 out into the streets to protest. They forcibly 11:45:53
4 obligated the small scale farmers to go out into the 11:46:02
5 streets. 11:46:05

6 The Program for Development and Peace and 11:46:21
7 leaders like Eduardo Estrada and Alma Rosa, small 11:46:23
8 scale farmers that participated in our projects, we 11:46:27
9 supported the meeting space. We said the solution 11:46:29
10 has to be dialogue. We have to find a solution to 11:46:39
11 the conflicts. 11:46:41

12 The confrontation was very strong, and it 11:46:45
13 was the reason why at least 12 people were 11:47:02
14 assassinated, people from the Program for Peace and 11:47:05
15 Development, by the Bloque Central Bolívar. 11:47:07

16 The confrontation had pretty high level 11:47:30
17 dimensions because they had mayors who were friends 11:47:33
18 with them, local ombudsmen, and a lot of money. 11:47:36

19 Q I just want to make sure I understand. 11:47:39
20 So the PDP was in support of a peace zone. Was that 11:47:42
21 sort of like a demilitarized zone; is that accurate? 11:47:47

22 A Not exactly demilitarized because it 11:48:34
23 wasn't to exclude the army, but, rather, an area 11:48:39
24 where the ELN and the national authorities could meet 11:48:42
25 respectfully where there would be a ceasefire and 11:48:46

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1 with participation of civil society, with a special 11:48:51
2 concept created to be able to move forward 11:48:51
3 negotiations with the ELN. So not necessarily a 11:48:54
4 demilitarized zone, but, rather, a space for peace. 11:48:58
5 Q So a ceasefire zone. 11:49:01
6 A (Witness) A ceasefire zone. 11:49:04
7 This was one of the strongest reasons for 11:49:09
8 the confrontation between the Bloque Central Bolívar 11:49:12
9 and the PDP. 11:49:14
10 The other reason was the model of 11:49:18
11 development. The Bloque Central Bolívar proposed a 11:49:20
12 development model for Middle Magdalena, and we 11:49:32
13 proposed something radically different. But I don't 11:49:38
14 think that's relevant to this discussion. 11:49:42
15 Q It may be. We can explore that as well. 11:49:44
16 The PDP's support of the ceasefire zone, 11:49:51
17 is it your understanding that if you supported the 11:49:55
18 ceasefire zone, the BCB could perceive that as you 11:49:57
19 being a guerilla sympathizer? 11:50:05
20 A (Witness) Possibilmente, sí. 11:50:07
21 Q Why do you think that? 11:50:11
22 A (Interpreter) Possibly, yes. 11:50:11
23 Q Why do you think that? 11:50:12
24 A Because I thought the solution wouldn't 11:50:28
25 be a solution of dialogue. They considered that the 11:50:29

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1 guerillas were not political fighters but, rather, 11:50:59
2 criminals and narco-terrorists. Understanding that 11:51:02
3 this was the ideology promoted under the government 11:51:05
4 administration at that time of Uribe. 11:51:08

5 The position of Uribe at that time, and 11:51:43
6 it's still a position that he maintains, is that in 11:51:50
7 Colombia there's not an insurgency, but, rather, it's 11:51:53
8 a confrontation of the national government against 11:51:57
9 narco-terrorist groups confronting the state, and 11:52:01
10 this is something that you have to understand very 11:52:04
11 well under the time of Plan Colombia. 11:52:06

12 Uribe always affirmed that guerilla 11:52:18
13 fighters in Colombia were not political fighters, 11:52:21
14 but, rather, narco-terrorists. And you can't 11:52:27
15 negotiate with terrorists. You have to submit them 11:52:30
16 or defeat them militarily, and then later maybe you 11:52:45
17 can give concessions for lesser sentence times, but 11:52:48
18 you must defeat them militarily. 11:52:51

19 And that's why a dialogue space didn't 11:52:58
20 have a point. We are not -- the PDP wasn't in 11:53:00
21 agreement with the guerilla force. We're not in 11:53:11
22 agreement with armed fighting. But we are in support 11:53:14
23 of dialogue. And we did think that the guerilla 11:53:19
24 force in Colombia was a political guerilla force. 11:53:26

25 Is that understood? 11:53:32

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1	Q	Mm-hmm. And the PDP's participation in	11:53:33
2		the ceasefire zone, did that place any individual PDP	11:53:36
3		members at risk?	11:53:41
4	A	Of course. Of course. Very high risk.	11:53:42
5	Q	And at risk from whom?	11:53:50
6	A	From the paramilitaries who led the	11:53:58
7		direct confrontation in the area against the meeting	11:54:14
8		area.	11:54:16
9	Q	And you said that you had met personally	11:54:17
10		with the defendant in this case, correct?	11:54:19
11	A	Yes.	11:54:22
12	Q	In any of those meetings, did the	11:54:24
13		defendant -- I'm sorry, go ahead. Did you want to	11:54:29
14		add something?	11:54:31
15	A	I'd like to correct myself. I never	11:54:32
16		argued with the defendant about this point.	11:54:39
17	Q	Oh, yes. I was making -- my question was	11:54:41
18		different. My question was, do you recall telling us	11:54:44
19		that you had met personally with the defendant on	11:54:47
20		numerous --	11:54:51
21	A	Yes.	11:54:52
22	Q	-- on at least three occasions?	11:54:52
23	A	Yes, of course, at least three occasions.	11:54:54
24		In Caucasia, in Ralito and in Medellín. In the jail	11:55:01
25		in Medellín, Villanueva.	11:55:07

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1	Q	During any of those discussions with the	11:55:09
2		defendant, did he ever tell you that you yourself	11:55:11
3		personally were ever a target of the BCB?	11:55:14
4	A	Yes, it was a setting in which he was	11:55:42
5		present, and also Rodrigo Pérez. Rodrigo told me	11:55:44
6		that Macaco had ordered to kill me, but Rodrigo was	11:55:48
7		opposed to this.	11:55:52
8	Q	So, to your knowledge, the defendant	11:55:53
9		ordered your targeted killing as a member of the PDP;	11:55:56
10		is that correct?	11:55:56
11	A	(Witness) Correct.	11:56:01
12		(Interpreter) Correct.	11:56:01
13	Q	And why was it not carried out?	11:56:07
14	A	(Witness) Sorry?	11:56:08
15	Q	And why did -- you are here speaking to	11:56:09
16		us.	11:56:11
17	A	(Witness) Yes.	11:56:11
18	Q	So to your knowledge, why was that	11:56:11
19		targeted killing not carried out?	11:56:13
20	A	I happened to be a very complicated	11:56:15
21		person for them. Yes, I wanted the peace in the	11:56:22
22		territory. I never subordinated myself to the	11:56:43
23		paramilitary or to guerillas. And the PDP had a very	11:56:47
24		strong mobilization against armed actors. We didn't	11:56:57
25		want guerilla or paramilitaries in the territory.	11:57:01

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1	Q	Okay. Did you know Eduardo Estrada	11:57:05
2		Gutierrez?	11:57:10
3	A	Yes, of course. I knew him well.	11:57:11
4	Q	And what was your relationship with him?	11:57:16
5	A	Yes, I met him in 1997 when the PDP was	11:57:43
6		introducing municipal planning councils, and he was	11:57:47
7		the head of the municipal planning council in San	11:57:50
8		Pablo. Because Eduardo was a leader, he quickly	11:57:53
9		became the coordinator of the resident nucleus group	11:58:06
10		in the PDP.	11:58:09
11		He had a restaurant in San Pablo with his	11:58:17
12		wife Sara. This was a meeting space for small scale	11:58:19
13		farmers in the town of San Pablo, and I was in the	11:58:29
14		restaurant many times. Later when we began the	11:58:34
15		program for community radio stations, radio stations	11:59:04
16		located in the region, he was responsible for the	11:59:07
17		radio station in San Pablo with Eduardo.	11:59:10
18		With Eduardo, we began a program of	11:59:26
19		citizen training with the small scale farmers with	11:59:28
20		the Javeriana University. When we began to think of	11:59:34
21		the idea for a dialogue meeting space at the	11:59:48
22		beginning of 1990 -- excuse me -- at the beginning of	11:59:57
23		2001, I think it was in the month of May, Eduardo	12:00:00
24		accompanied us with a group of European technicians	12:00:16
25		in a helicopter. And so the helicopter would fly	12:00:19

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1	over the region, and he explained why it was so	12:00:42
2	relevant to think of San Pablo, Simiti, Cantagallo,	12:00:44
3	and the area for the meeting space.	12:00:48
4	Q When you say "the meeting space," are you	12:00:52
5	referring to the ceasefire zone?	12:00:54
6	A (Witness) Yes.	12:00:56
7	Possibly due to Eduardo's protagonism, he	12:01:18
8	was put under the eye of groups like the BCB. And at	12:01:23
9	the same time people wanted Eduardo to be the mayor.	12:01:29
10	Q Sorry. You said because of Eduardo's	12:01:31
11	protagonism, and that might just be an	12:01:34
12	interpretation. Do you mean his participation in	12:01:37
13	that, is that correct --	12:01:40
14	A His participation to promote the meeting	12:01:48
15	space.	12:01:50
16	Q Okay. And so his -- you were saying	12:01:51
17	that -- please.	12:01:54
18	A I want to say, and this is a really	12:02:24
19	important point, that the constitution of this	12:02:26
20	meeting space in the area of these four large	12:02:29
21	municipalities put into direct danger the coca crops	12:02:32
22	of the BCB.	12:02:36
23	In this conversation, I didn't talk to	12:03:34
24	the defendant, but, rather, I talked to Carlos	12:03:36
25	Castaño near San Pablo. Carlos came to one of the	12:03:39

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1 meetings, and we were talking about the meeting area, 12:03:42
2 I don't remember if Macaco was there in the meeting, 12:03:44
3 but what I remember with the discussion, I was there 12:03:47
4 with the Bishop, and Carlos Castaño said that he 12:03:50
5 didn't oppose a meeting space to meet with the ELN. 12:03:52
6 But he did say to me, I am in opposition 12:04:05
7 that the coca crops are included in that meeting 12:04:08
8 area. 12:04:11
9 I remember he showed me the whole area of 12:04:33
10 the coca crops, and he said, I can't sustain my army 12:04:35
11 without having coca crops and the money that that 12:04:39
12 produces to fight against the guerillas. 12:04:42
13 Q And this is the leader of -- one of the 12:04:44
14 leaders of the AUC; is that correct? 12:04:45
15 Sorry, just to answer my question. 12:04:49
16 Castaño, who you were referring to, is he one of the 12:04:56
17 leaders of the AUC paramilitary group? 12:04:59
18 A At that time around 2000, the Bloque 12:05:01
19 Central Bolívar depended on the United Self-Defense 12:05:21
20 Forces of Colombia. The separation hadn't happened 12:05:24
21 yet, which happened in September of 2003. 12:05:26
22 This is to explain that the meeting space 12:05:35
23 also was an issue because it had to do with their 12:05:38
24 business. 12:05:41
25 Q Okay. Going back to Eduardo's 12:05:41

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1 participation in this helicopter flight to overlook 12:05:45
2 the ceasefire zone, do you remember what type of 12:05:50
3 helicopter carried you and Eduardo to overlook this 12:05:57
4 ceasefire -- proposed ceasefire zone? 12:06:03

5 A My memory -- I'm not exactly sure, but I 12:06:32
6 think it was a helicopter that was given by the army 12:06:36
7 or the police, but I can't really dare to say that. 12:06:38

8 I have to say that the government at that 12:07:25
9 time was looking for the possibility of creating a 12:07:27
10 dialogue zone -- this was 2001 under the 12:07:31
11 administration of President Pastrana -- and they had 12:07:34
12 created a zone in the area of the country for the 12:07:36
13 FARC, and so the government was looking for a meeting 12:07:40
14 space in Bolívar to have a dialogue with the ELN. 12:07:42

15 The government was also exploring this 12:07:50
16 area. And they were committed to this. But of 12:07:53
17 course, the paramilitaries and Colombian military 12:08:04
18 officers opposed this. 12:08:08

19 Q Would you describe Eduardo as a community 12:08:11
20 leader in San Pablo? 12:08:14

21 A He was an extraordinary community leader. 12:08:16
22 He was very appreciated, a very appreciated man, very 12:08:58
23 respectful, and he had nothing to do with the 12:09:01
24 guerilla army. The story isn't -- the story isn't 12:09:03
25 about the guerillas. He came from a family of good 12:09:06

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1 people from Canatel -- Canaletal, which is near San 12:09:10
2 Pablo. And his wife was also an extraordinary woman. 12:09:16
3 He had been in a relationship before, but with Sara, 12:09:19
4 they formed a very solid couple. 12:09:22
5 Q Do you recall providing statements to 12:09:26
6 Colombian authorities regarding Eduardo's death? 12:09:29
7 Do you want to take a break? 12:09:41
8 A (Witness) No, no, no. I want to get -- 12:09:42
9 Q Okay. 12:09:45
10 A (Witness) Repeat, please. 12:09:47
11 Q Yes, of course. 12:09:47
12 A Would you please repeat the question? 12:09:47
13 Q The question, yes. 12:09:49
14 Do you recall providing a statement, a 12:09:51
15 written statement, to Colombian authorities regarding 12:09:55
16 Eduardo's death? 12:09:59
17 A With the Program for Development and 12:10:00
18 Peace, we asked the murder of Eduardo to be 12:10:18
19 investigated. 12:10:20
20 Q Okay. But did you ever submit a written 12:10:23
21 declaration to the Colombian authorities in 12:10:27
22 connection with the investigation into Eduardo's 12:10:32
23 death? 12:10:35
24 Would you like the interpreter to 12:10:40
25 trans -- interpret that? 12:10:42

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1	A	(Witness) I understand the point, but	12:10:42
2	I -- do you refer -- do you refer to a declaration I		12:10:44
3	have already done to you?		12:10:52
4	Q	Yes. Do you recall providing a	12:10:55
5	declaration --		12:10:57
6	A	Yes.	12:10:58
7	Q	-- in the past?	12:10:58
8	A	Yes.	12:10:58
9	Q	Okay.	12:11:00
10	A	Yes, I do.	12:11:01
11	MR. McLAUGHLIN:	Juan, I'm going to make	12:11:03
12	reference to an exhibit, a document, which we had		12:11:05
13	sent to you previously.		12:11:08
14	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	Okay.	12:11:09
15	MR. McLAUGHLIN:	It's EEG 007931.	12:11:12
16	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	Got it.	12:11:18
17	MR. McLAUGHLIN:	Do you have that or do	12:11:19
18	you want us to give you a little time?		12:11:21
19	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	I have it here.	12:11:25
20	MR. McLAUGHLIN:	You have it. Okay.	12:11:26
21	So I would like to mark as Exhibit 1, and		12:11:26
22	I'm going to provide a copy to the court reporter,		12:11:28
23	Bates stamps EEG 007931 through EEG 007933. So I'm		12:11:33
24	providing one copy to the court reporter, and I'm		12:11:50
25	providing one copy to the interpreter, and one copy		12:11:53

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1	to Father de Roux.	12:11:54
2	(Exhibit No. 1 was marked for	12:11:55
3	identification.)	12:11:55
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN: So, Juan, do you have	12:11:57
5	that document in front of you?	12:11:58
6	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Yeah, I do have it.	12:12:00
7	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay, great.	12:12:00
8	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	12:12:00
9	Q Father, could you review this document	12:12:03
10	and read it to yourself.	12:12:05
11	A (Witness) Okay.	12:12:09
12	Q And -- yeah. Not out loud, just to make	12:12:09
13	sure that you're familiar with it.	12:12:15
14	A (Witness) Let me go through for a	12:12:19
15	moment.	12:12:20
16	Q Okay. If you -- yeah.	12:12:20
17	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Juan, do you want to	12:12:25
18	take a two-minute break while he reads it? The	12:12:27
19	Father is just reading it to himself.	12:12:31
20	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: I can stay here,	12:12:32
21	that's fine.	12:12:34
22	THE WITNESS: (Peruses document.)	12:12:34
23	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay. All right.	12:12:34
24	And, Juan, you can understand the Spanish	12:14:51
25	version of this document, correct?	12:14:54

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1	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Yeah, I do. I came	12:14:56
2	from Puerto Rico, so my first language is Spanish.	12:15:01
3	I'm fine.	12:15:03
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay. Just to confirm.	12:15:03
5	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	12:15:03
6	Q Okay. All right. So, Father De Roux,	12:16:36
7	please, if you could keep that.	12:16:41
8	A (Witness) Okay.	12:16:42
9	Q You read through the statement. Do you	12:16:42
10	recall giving this statement?	12:16:45
11	A (Witness) Yes.	12:16:45
12	Q And is that your signature?	12:16:48
13	A (Witness) Yes.	12:16:51
14	Q Both on all three pages and then at the	12:16:51
15	bottom with your name --	12:16:56
16	A (Witness) Yes.	12:16:57
17	Q -- on the last page?	12:16:57
18	A (Witness) Yes.	12:16:57
19	Q Okay. And do you agree with the contents	12:16:59
20	of this?	12:17:01
21	A (Witness) Completely.	12:17:01
22	Q And in giving this statement, do you	12:17:02
23	recall if this statement took as long as our	12:17:05
24	questioning today or if it was shorter or longer?	12:17:10
25	A (Witness) It was shorter.	12:17:13

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1	Q	It was shorter. So is it fair to say	12:17:14
2		we've asked you more questions today --	12:17:15
3	A	(Witness) Yes.	12:17:16
4	Q	-- than you answered in this?	12:17:17
5	A	(Witness) Yes.	12:17:17
6	Q	Can I direct you at the bottom of EEG	12:17:21
7		007931, the last sentence of that page starting	12:17:29
8		with -- you'll have to excuse my Spanish -- "Eduardo	12:17:34
9		hacia," do you see that?	12:17:42
10		(Interpreter and witness conferring.)	12:17:42
11	Q	Do you see that?	12:17:46
12	A	Okay.	12:17:50
13	Q	Could I ask you to read from there until	12:17:51
14		the following page, EEG 007932, with the sentence	12:17:56
15		ending at "participacion en ese escenario."	12:18:03
16		Do you see that?	12:18:03
17	A	(Witness) Yes.	12:18:13
18	Q	All right. Could you read -- well, I was	12:18:13
19		going to have --	12:18:17
20		MR. McLAUGHLIN: Juan, I was going to	12:18:18
21		have Father de Roux read it and have then the	12:18:20
22		interpreter interpret that section into Spanish, but	12:18:22
23		do you mind if the interpreter just translates or	12:18:25
24		interprets those sections just to save us from	12:18:28
25		Father de Roux having to read it?	12:18:30

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1	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: That's fine. No	12:18:31
2	objection.	12:18:33
3	MR. McLAUGHLIN: That's fine? Okay.	12:18:33
4	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	12:18:33
5	Q So I will ask the interpreter to do it	12:18:35
6	just to save you from doing it. But if you could	12:18:37
7	follow along as well.	12:18:39
8	A (Witness) Yes.	12:18:39
9	MR. McLAUGHLIN: So if you could	12:18:42
10	interpret those -- did you get that?	12:18:43
11	THE INTERPRETER: Yeah, mm-hmm.	12:18:46
12	"Eduardo, near the month of May 2001, he	12:18:48
13	was the only representative of the communities that	12:18:51
14	participated in a meeting with the municipality of	12:18:54
15	Cantagallo with a very important community	12:18:59
16	delegation -- with a very important delegation from	12:19:02
17	the European community that was studying the	12:19:06
18	beginning of the first peace laboratory in Colombia.	12:19:09
19	"I was with Eduardo in that meeting.	12:19:12
20	Eduardo made a serious and neutral analysis about the	12:19:14
21	presence of the guerillas and the paramilitaries in	12:19:17
22	the territory about the importance of Europe	12:19:20
23	participating in peace with Middle Magdalena, and	12:19:23
24	about the reasons in favor and against -- that there	12:19:26
25	were in the communities about a clearance zone for	12:19:30

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1 the conversations between the government and the ELN. 12:19:34
2 I remember that in that same meeting Eduardo asked 12:19:37
3 that it could be kept silent for his personal 12:19:43
4 security and his family's, the fact that he had 12:19:46
5 participated in this setting." 12:19:48
6 BY MR. McLAUGHLIN: 12:19:48
7 Q So here in your statements, is this the 12:19:52
8 meeting you were referring to earlier where Eduardo 12:19:55
9 joined you to describe the proposed ceasefire zone to 12:19:58
10 the European community? 12:20:03
11 A (Witness) Yes. 12:20:05
12 Q This is one and the same meeting? 12:20:05
13 A (Witness) Yes. 12:20:05
14 Q Okay. Here in your statement you say 12:20:07
15 that Eduardo had asked that -- I'm sorry, I'm sort of 12:20:09
16 butchering the Spanish here into English -- 12:20:15
17 Eduardo -- in this statement here, you say that 12:20:18
18 Eduardo had asked that his participation in this 12:20:20
19 meeting be kept silent; is that correct? 12:20:22
20 A (Witness) Yes. 12:20:24
21 Q Why do you think he asked that? 12:20:25
22 A Because it was very dangerous for him 12:20:27
23 because the Bloque Central Bolívar completely opposed 12:20:42
24 the clearance zone. 12:20:44
25 Q And do you think that could make him a 12:20:45

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1	target of the BCB?	12:20:47
2	A Yes.	12:20:47
3	Q If I could point you to another passage,	12:20:49
4	and if we could do the same thing. If you could	12:20:52
5	follow along, Father de Roux.	12:20:54
6	MR. McLAUGHLIN: And if you could	12:20:55
7	interpret.	12:20:57
8	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	12:20:57
9	Q The next passage starts -- it's the next	12:20:58
10	sentence, "Otro" -- this is still on EEG 007932.	12:21:02
11	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Juan, it's the passage	12:21:10
12	that just follows right there, "Otro hecho	12:21:11
13	importante," and then it goes down one, two, three --	12:21:19
14	ten to the sentence that ends, "En los estamentos	12:21:19
15	legales del estado."	12:21:28
16	Do you see that?	12:21:28
17	THE INTERPRETER: Mm-hmm.	12:21:28
18	MR. McLAUGHLIN: So similarly, if you	12:21:30
19	wouldn't mind translating that portion, and if you	12:21:31
20	want to take your time to read through it first,	12:21:33
21	please do so.	12:21:36
22	THE INTERPRETER: Okay.	12:21:38
23	"Another important event was the	12:21:39
24	participation in the meeting in San Rafael de Lebrija	12:21:41
25	when Artemio Mejia, Eduardo Estrada and Emiliano	12:21:46

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1 Velasquez and Abel Palomino asked me to accompany 12:21:53
2 them to speak with the general paramilitary cuartel 12:21:54
3 in the township of San Rafael de Lebrija in the 12:21:58
4 municipality of Sabana de Torres. I went there to 12:22:00
5 say to the commander, alias Candado, that he respect 12:22:03
6 the life of the leaders in San Pablo that didn't have 12:22:08
7 anything to do with the guerilla army, that they were 12:22:11
8 men who respected the state institutions in Colombia, 12:22:13
9 and that we from the Program for Peace and 12:22:17
10 Development in Middle Magdalena had difficulties with 12:22:20
11 the paramilitaries because we did not accept 12:22:23
12 authority from any illegal armed group, and we only 12:22:26
13 recognized the authority in legal statutes of the 12:22:30
14 state." 12:22:33
15 BY MR. McLAUGHLIN: 12:22:33
16 Q You mentioned a number of individuals 12:22:34
17 here in your statements. You mention Artemio Mejia, 12:22:36
18 Eduardo Estrada -- 12:22:41
19 A (Witness) Yes. 12:22:42
20 Q -- Emiliano Velasquez and Abel Palomino; 12:22:42
21 is that correct? 12:22:42
22 A (Witness) Correct. 12:22:50
23 Q Are all those PDP members? 12:22:50
24 A (Witness) Artemio, certainly -- Artemio 12:22:53
25 Mejia, yes. 12:23:11

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1	(Interpreter) Artemio, yes. Eduardo	12:23:12
2	Estrada, also yes. Emiliano Velasquez and Abel	12:23:13
3	Palomino had contact with us. They were citizens of	12:23:18
4	San Pablo.	12:23:22
5	It was a moment of many threats against	12:23:26
6	the inhabitants of San Pablo.	12:23:28
7	Q Threats by whom?	12:23:30
8	A By the Bloque Central Bolívar. And	12:23:32
9	that's why I wanted to go with them to San Rafael de	12:23:41
10	Lebrija, where Candado was. He at that time had	12:23:49
11	authority over San Pablo.	12:23:54
12	Q Was he a member of the BCB?	12:23:55
13	A Yes, he was a member of the BCB but	12:23:57
14	subordinate to the person that was in San Blas. And	12:24:07
15	this is the same day that the Colombian army arrived	12:24:18
16	to San Blas.	12:24:23
17	And for that reason, when we were	12:24:27
18	conversing with Candado, Julian Bolívar called to say	12:24:29
19	that I was a traitor and I was guilty for the fact	12:24:41
20	that the army had arrived to San Blas. Because I had	12:24:43
21	made the map for the president. This is that story.	12:24:48
22	Q And that's the story where you describe	12:24:50
23	providing a map to the president of Colombia.	12:24:53
24	A (Witness) Exactamente.	12:24:55
25	Q Who then provided it to the military.	12:24:56

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1	A	(Witness) Exactamente.	12:24:57
2	Q	And then the military turned around and	12:24:58
3		provided it to the paramilitaries.	12:25:00
4	A	(Interpreter) Exactly. Exactly. Of	12:25:01
5		course.	12:25:04
6		After the takeover of San Blas, the army	12:25:11
7		went back. And the paramilitaries went straight back	12:25:13
8		to San Blas.	12:25:18
9	Q	Please.	12:25:22
10	A	And this time period was very close to	12:25:23
11		the assassination. It must have been the month of	12:25:38
12		May, very close to the assassination of Eduardo.	12:25:41
13	Q	And so Candado, with whom you met, would	12:25:43
14		have also seen Eduardo Estrada; is that correct?	12:25:47
15	A	Yes.	12:25:51
16	Q	So -- and would he have thought that	12:25:51
17		Eduardo Estrada was an important person given that he	12:25:55
18		was with you at this meeting?	12:25:58
19	A	That could be.	12:25:59
20	Q	Okay. And so both the meeting with the	12:26:01
21		European Union where Eduardo provided the information	12:26:05
22		about the ceasefire zone and this meeting with the	12:26:09
23		BCB leaders in which Eduardo was present were very	12:26:13
24		close in time to Eduardo's death; is that correct?	12:26:17
25	A	Yes.	12:26:21

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1	Q	The final passage I want to direct you to	12:26:25
2		is at the bottom of this same page, EEG 007932, and	12:26:28
3		it starts with "Preguntado sirvase."	12:26:35
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN:	Juan, this is three	12:26:42
5		lines up from the bottom of the page.	12:26:44
6	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	Okay.	12:26:48
7	MR. McLAUGHLIN:	And then if you could	12:26:50
8		similarly read until the following page, which is EEG	12:26:51
9		007933, three lines down with the line that ends with	12:26:54
10		"en San Pablo." Or interpret, yeah. Thank you.	12:27:00
11	THE INTERPRETER:	Question: "If you	12:27:09
12		could inform us, please, what do you think were the	12:27:13
13		motives for which Eduardo Estrada was assassinated?"	12:27:17
14		Answer: "Because he was a leader who	12:27:22
15		worked for the sovereignty of the citizens and the	12:27:23
16		people for respect to human rights and for rule of	12:27:29
17		law, and he didn't accept illegal armed groups, which	12:27:32
18		was very uncomfortable for the Bloque Central Bolívar	12:27:35
19		that at that time was the real illegal authority in	12:27:38
20		San Pablo."	12:27:42
21	BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:		12:27:42
22	Q	Do you still agree with that assessment?	12:27:43
23	A	(Witness) Yes.	12:27:43
24	Q	Did you attend Eduardo's funeral?	12:27:49
25	A	(Witness) Yes, I did.	12:27:52

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1 Q And how would you describe the impact of 12:27:53
2 Eduardo's death on his family? 12:27:57

3 A It was a very profound impact, both Sara 12:27:59
4 and his daughter, who was a girl at that time of six 12:28:42
5 years old. Sara was very impacted, and the project 12:28:45
6 that they had was destroyed. There was a strong 12:28:49
7 impact on the town. And the presence of the people 12:28:52
8 at the funeral, there were a lot of people. 12:28:57

9 Q How many people would you say showed up 12:28:59
10 at his funeral, approximately? 12:29:01

11 A One thousand people. 12:29:07

12 Q And how would you describe the impact of 12:29:12
13 Eduardo's death on the community of San Pablo, beyond 12:29:15
14 his family? 12:29:19

15 A The impact was very strong. The 12:29:20
16 community was left submitted to fear and silence for 12:30:18
17 a time. I think that the reaction, Sara decided to 12:30:21
18 stay in the area, and she reopened the restaurant, 12:30:26
19 began to participate in the productive projects of 12:30:29
20 the region. Beforehand she had not been involved in 12:30:31
21 this, but now Sara made the decision to be involved 12:30:35
22 and to open up a small scale palm farm, not a large 12:30:38
23 plantation. We didn't want large plantations but 12:30:43
24 rather small farms, and she began to become a big 12:30:46
25 leader. And she continues to be a leader. 12:30:49

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1	Q	So is she following in Eduardo's	12:30:55
2		footsteps?	12:30:57
3	A	(Witness) Yeah.	12:30:58
4	Q	Is she following in Eduardo's footsteps?	12:31:00
5	A	(Witness) Yes.	12:31:00
6		MR. McLAUGHLIN: Juan, I think we're very	12:31:08
7		close to done. Can we maybe take a ten-minute break?	12:31:09
8		We might have one or two more questions, but then we	12:31:12
9		will turn it over for you. Does that work for you?	12:31:16
10		MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: That's fine. That's	12:31:19
11		fine. I don't have a lot of questions. I just want	12:31:20
12		to organize myself, so ten minutes we should be fine.	12:31:22
13		MR. McLAUGHLIN: All right. We'll call	12:31:27
14		you back in ten minutes. Thank you.	12:31:28
15		(Recess.)	12:31:31
16		BY MR. McLAUGHLIN:	12:45:30
17	Q	All right, back on the record.	12:45:40
18		Father de Roux, thank you. We are	12:45:41
19		nearing the end of our questioning.	12:45:44
20	A	(Witness) All right.	12:45:45
21	Q	Just a few more.	12:45:46
22	A	(Witness) All right.	12:45:47
23	Q	Thank you again for your patience.	12:45:47
24	A	(Witness) Please.	12:45:49
25	Q	Do you recall telling us that the BCB	12:45:52

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1	targeted community leaders in the Middle Magdalena?	12:45:56
2	A Yes.	12:45:59
3	Q And by targeted, did that include	12:46:00
4	executions?	12:46:05
5	A (Witness) Yes.	12:46:06
6	Q Why do you think, to your understanding,	12:46:06
7	the BCB targeted community leaders in the Middle	12:46:10
8	Magdalena?	12:46:13
9	A Because the Bloque Central Bolívar wanted	12:46:41
10	to control the territory, and these leaders opposed	12:46:43
11	paramilitary control and guerilla control. They	12:46:46
12	wanted power to be in the hands of civil society that	12:46:50
13	opposed war.	12:46:53
14	Q Do you recall also telling us about a	12:46:57
15	visit that you had with Macaco and Rodrigo Pérez?	12:46:59
16	A Yes, so it was when they were already in	12:47:04
17	jail after the process in Ralito. Macaco was in the	12:47:11
18	Villanueva jail, and Julian Bolívar was in the	12:47:29
19	security area of the Envigado. And Julian came so we	12:47:33
20	would be able to have the meeting in Villanueva.	12:47:43
21	And we were discussing a project that	12:48:01
22	ought to return to the hands of small scale farmers	12:48:04
23	as reparations for the damages that they had done in	12:48:07
24	Monterrey. In this context, that's when the story	12:48:12
25	came out that the Bloque Central Bolívar had targeted	12:48:28

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1 me as -- had labeled me as a military object. 12:48:30

2 Q And just to confirm, Macaco was present 12:48:33

3 during that? 12:48:37

4 A Yes. As far as I can remember, the 12:48:38

5 issue, Rodrigo Pérez brought it up in front of -- 12:49:04

6 Rodrigo Pérez with Julian Bolívar brought it up in 12:49:10

7 front of Macaco. Macaco had said that I was to be a 12:49:13

8 military object -- objective, but Julian opposed 12:49:15

9 this. 12:49:19

10 Q And were you -- I'm sorry. Please. 12:49:19

11 A This didn't surprise me. After they had 12:49:23

12 finished the justice and peace process, I had had a 12:49:35

13 conversation about this before with Macaco two times, 12:50:08

14 one in Caucasia and another in Ralito, and it seemed 12:50:10

15 normal to me at this time that they would try and 12:50:14

16 kill me normal because that was the context of the 12:50:17

17 time if you were someone uncomfortable for them. It 12:50:19

18 surprised me more that they would kill the people 12:50:26

19 involved in the program instead of me. 12:50:28

20 Politically it would be very complicated 12:50:41

21 to kill me, but it was normal that problems were 12:50:43

22 solved by killing people. 12:50:46

23 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay. Thank you again 12:50:49

24 for your time. No further questions at this time. 12:50:50

25 Juan? 12:50:54

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1	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Okay. If you can just	12:50:57
2	give me one minute to organize myself here, and I	12:50:59
3	will be right back.	12:51:02
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Of course.	12:51:04
5	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: You don't have to hang	12:51:05
6	up.	12:51:07
7	THE WITNESS: Okay.	12:51:08
8	(Pause in the proceedings.)	12:51:34
9	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Off the record.	12:51:34
10	(Recess.)	12:51:34
11	EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT	12:55:57
12	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	12:55:57
13	Q Father de Roux, thank you for your time,	12:56:49
14	first of all. I just have a few questions. It	12:56:51
15	should only take a minute.	12:56:56
16	I just wanted to go over some of the	12:56:58
17	statements that you made. At some point in the	12:57:01
18	deposition, you stated that you had a theory that	12:57:04
19	between Gustavo Alarcón and Macaco, Macaco was the	12:57:08
20	real boss.	12:57:12
21	Can you explain your theory of why is	12:57:14
22	that?	12:57:18
23	A At that time Julian Bolívar had left the	12:58:11
24	territory, and Macaco gained a lot of importance. He	12:58:12
25	was the boss of the finances, and in the perspective	12:58:15

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1 of the small scale farmers and leaders of the region, 12:58:18
2 Macaco had bought the Bloque Central Bolívar. Macaco 12:58:21
3 came from southern Colombia and effectively bought 12:58:25
4 the BCB franchise. 12:58:28

5 Other important leaders at that time was 12:59:28
6 Baez Duque -- excuse me -- Duque Baez. I could see 12:59:35
7 him acting in the political arm, and so that makes me 12:59:36
8 think my hypothesis that Macaco was the most 12:59:41
9 important member of the BCB at that time is because I 12:59:44
10 didn't see any other important leaders. And that was 12:59:48
11 also the time of the complete separation from -- of 12:59:50
12 Castaño. That was when the separation from Castaño 12:59:54
13 began. 13:00:02

14 Q Okay. So you also stated that when you 13:00:02
15 visited Macaco in jail, that was when you kind of 13:00:08
16 understood the scheme that you are telling me about 13:00:11
17 now in which Macaco was the head of financing, Baez 13:00:14
18 was the politician, and Bolívar and Gustavo Alarcón 13:00:19
19 were the military bosses. 13:00:24

20 Was there anything specific that he said 13:00:27
21 that made you believe that, that that was the scheme? 13:00:29

22 A (Witness) I didn't understand the last 13:00:41
23 sentence. 13:00:42

24 Yes, in the conversation at that time 13:01:23
25 between Julian Bolívar and Rodrigo Pérez and Macaco, 13:02:14

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1 I was able to see clearly how the power was 13:02:17
2 distributed, and there have been different elements 13:02:20
3 over time that have allowed me to confirm my 13:02:23
4 hypothesis. I saw Baez in political instruction 13:02:26
5 roles. I saw how the BCB was empowered, how they 13:02:30
6 obtained weapons and were more organized. And I also 13:02:33
7 saw Julian Bolívar in his military role. 13:02:37
8 Q Okay. And what did you agree -- 13:02:49
9 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Hold on, hold on. Juan, 13:02:49
10 we need the interpretation, because we can't 13:02:49
11 understand it. 13:02:49
12 MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Oh, sorry. 13:02:49
13 THE WITNESS: I also have to say that 13:03:39
14 Carlos Mario Gutierrez, it wasn't just his economic 13:03:51
15 power, but he had men under his command. With the 13:03:56
16 peace process, he made sure that his men had a place 13:03:58
17 to live, especially in Caucasia. And so I want to 13:04:01
18 say that he was the man who managed the big finances 13:04:04
19 of the Bloque. He also took part in the military 13:04:07
20 operations. I think there was also tension between 13:04:10
21 Julian Bolívar and Macaco because of the enormous 13:04:14
22 power that Carlos Mario gained. 13:04:18
23 BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: 13:04:25
24 Q Okay. But will you agree that Gustavo 13:04:25
25 Alarcón and Julian Bolívar were the primary 13:04:33

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1	day-to-day directing officers of this BCB and the	13:04:38
2	primary decision makers of the day-to-day operations	13:04:45
3	on the military side?	13:04:51
4	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Objection. Form.	13:04:53
5	THE WITNESS: Yes, I can affirm that	13:06:11
6	Gustavo Alarcón was the head of the San Blas Bloque	13:06:14
7	when Eduardo Estrada died. He was the head of the	13:06:18
8	Bloque Central Bolívar in San Blas when Alma Rosa	13:06:23
9	Jaramillo was also assassinated 15 days earlier. I	13:06:29
10	know that because Gustavo told me that, and he also	13:06:32
11	accepted responsibility for the assassination of Alma	13:06:35
12	Rosa.	13:06:39
13	At that time Julian Bolívar was no longer	13:06:40
14	in that area, and Gustavo Alarcón was subordinated.	13:06:41
15	He was in the territory but not the entire territory	13:06:44
16	that the BCB controlled. That's what I can say at	13:06:47
17	this time.	13:06:49
18	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	13:06:49
19	Q Okay. One last thing. I believe that	13:06:54
20	you also stated this before, but you said that you	13:06:58
21	were confident that the BCB and the Colombian army	13:07:02
22	and police force were working together, and that your	13:07:08
23	perception was based on your meetings with members of	13:07:13
24	the BCB and the events that occurred in the region,	13:07:16
25	right?	13:07:24

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1	Could you explain a little bit more what	13:07:24
2	were those events that basically that the BCB and the	13:07:27
3	Colombian army and police force were working	13:07:35
4	together?	13:07:37
5	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Objection, form.	13:07:37
6	Objection, mischaracterizes deponent's earlier	13:07:38
7	testimony.	13:07:44
8	THE WITNESS: I understand perfectly the	13:08:01
9	question that Juan asked, but I would like to	13:08:02
10	understand the sense of the objection.	13:08:04
11	MR. McLAUGHLIN: The objection was just	13:08:07
12	to his question, but you should answer his question,	13:08:08
13	absolutely.	13:08:13
14	THE WITNESS: I will answer it. Perfect.	13:08:14
15	I have a lot of elements to be able to	13:08:39
16	affirm the connection between the Colombian navy and	13:08:42
17	the paramilitaries.	13:08:46
18	When the paramilitaries first entered	13:09:08
19	strongly in 1998, the men of General Millán were	13:09:11
20	accompanying the paramilitaries in southern Bolívar.	13:09:15
21	Millán -- I asked him directly, Why did you let this	13:09:53
22	happen? Why did the Colombian military allow	13:09:55
23	helicopters to accompany the entry of paramilitaries	13:09:59
24	in the territory?	13:10:03
25	And Millán said, and the Inspector	13:10:04

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1	General of the nation heard this, that, These aren't	13:10:06
2	the army's, these are my helicopters.	13:10:10
3	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	13:10:10
4	Q Will you explain to me again who is --	13:10:16
5	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Sorry, Juan, he	13:10:19
6	wasn't -- he was still -- Father was still answering	13:10:19
7	the question.	13:10:22
8	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Okay. Sorry.	13:10:23
9	THE WITNESS: Millán was the general of	13:10:25
10	the Colombian army in 1998, but he was removed from	13:10:44
11	the army by the Minister of Defense when I told the	13:10:49
12	Minister of Defense what I'm telling you.	13:10:51
13	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	13:10:51
14	Q Did Macaco ever told you that the BCB was	13:11:00
15	working directly with the Colombian army and the	13:11:03
16	Colombian police force?	13:11:07
17	A (Witness) No --	13:11:09
18	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Objection. Compound.	13:11:09
19	THE WITNESS: Macaco never told me this,	13:11:12
20	but I saw it in the territory.	13:11:19
21	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	13:11:19
22	Q Did any other member of the BCB told you	13:11:26
23	that the BCB worked directly with the Colombian army?	13:11:30
24	A Okay. I remember that Julian Bolívar --	13:11:35
25	I hope my memory isn't failing with this, but I	13:12:30

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1 remember that Julian Bolívar told me with the 13:12:34
2 takeover of San Pablo -- because he was the one that 13:12:36
3 carried out the San Pablo massacre which was in 13:12:39
4 January of 1999 -- Julian told me that he had advised 13:12:41
5 the commander of the Nueva Granada battalion in 13:12:46
6 Barrancabermeja that they would retire their forces 13:12:51
7 because there was about to be an attack. 13:12:55

8 When the massacre happened on May 16, 13:13:18
9 1998, I was in Barrancabermeja at that time. It's 13:13:26
10 evident that this could not have been possible 13:13:29
11 without the complicity of the police and army. 13:13:31
12 Thirty-four youths were assassinated at that time. 13:13:35

13 It's evident that at that time it's 13:14:05
14 practically impossible for a lieutenant or a captain 13:14:07
15 of the Colombian army to be in the San Lucas mountain 13:14:10
16 range without having the support of the Bloque 13:14:16
17 Central Bolívar between 1998 and 2003 or '4. 13:14:18

18 And so the entryway to get into San Blas 13:14:47
19 on the road to Santa Rosa, the entry to San Blas, 13:14:50
20 there was a military blockade, and San Blas was the 13:14:52
21 location of the general paramilitary cuartel. There 13:14:55
22 was a Colombian army blockade on the way to San Blas. 13:14:59

23 Q But -- 13:15:06

24 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Sorry, Juan, he is still 13:15:07
25 finishing his answer. 13:15:09

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1	MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: Okay. I'm sorry.	13:15:10
2	It's hard without seeing.	13:15:15
3	MR. McLAUGHLIN: No, I know. I know.	13:15:16
4	THE WITNESS: And so when General Carreño	13:16:12
5	gave the order to his men in the San Lucas mountain	13:16:14
6	range to attack the paramilitaries of the BCB at the	13:16:19
7	end of 2002, I talked to General Carreño. I said,	13:16:22
8	Don't do this, and because until this point, you've	13:16:26
9	only been creating friendships with the BCB, and now	13:16:30
10	you're trying to ask your men to kill them, and that	13:16:32
11	will create a problem of consciousness -- of	13:16:36
12	conscience.	13:16:40
13	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	13:16:40
14	Q Okay. So those are the events that led	13:16:42
15	you to believe, right, that the BCB worked directly	13:16:46
16	with the Colombian army and the police force.	13:16:52
17	But my question was, did any member of	13:16:54
18	the BCB ever told you that the BCB worked directly	13:16:57
19	with the Colombian army or the Colombian police	13:17:02
20	force?	13:17:06
21	MR. McLAUGHLIN: Objection.	13:17:06
22	Mischaracterizes earlier testimony, asked and	13:17:07
23	answered.	13:17:09
24	BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO:	13:17:09
25	Q You may answer.	13:17:12

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1 A Those are the elements I have. I don't 13:17:19
2 have other elements. 13:17:21

3 Q So the answer is, no, nobody ever -- 13:17:23
4 nobody from the BCB ever told you that the BCB worked 13:17:27
5 directly with the Colombian army or the Colombian 13:17:29
6 police force? 13:17:33

7 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Objection. Asked and 13:17:34
8 answered. 13:17:35

9 A So if Julian Bolívar told me that he 13:18:06
10 called the commander of the Barrancabermeja battalion 13:18:08
11 and asked him to retire the military presence from 13:18:10
12 San Pablo because Julian Bolívar was going to enter 13:18:14
13 in San Pablo, and the military did retire their 13:18:16
14 presence, I don't know if you would call that direct 13:18:18
15 communication. 13:18:22

16 So I don't know if you would consider 13:19:01
17 this a direct connection, but the BCB knew about the 13:19:02
18 paramilitary's entry. They knew that because I gave 13:19:06
19 them the map of San Pablo. The military retired 13:19:09
20 their presence, and the Bloque says directly to me 13:19:13
21 that this is my fault, and that's why they were able 13:19:17
22 to enter San Pablo. I don't know if you would call 13:19:20
23 that a direct connection or what you would call it. 13:19:22

24 BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: 13:19:22

25 Q I understand the relationship that you 13:19:26

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1 are making, but my question is really simple. It 13:19:30
2 should be answered pretty basically with a "yes" or 13:19:32
3 "no." 13:19:34
4 Did anybody from the BCB ever told you, 13:19:36
5 Father de Roux, we're working with the Colombian 13:19:42
6 police force or the Colombian army? Did that happen 13:19:44
7 or did that never happen? 13:19:47
8 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Objection. Asked and 13:19:48
9 answered. 13:19:49
10 THE WITNESS: No, because they never 13:20:02
11 asked me in the exact terms that you're asking me to 13:20:04
12 use that they directly worked with the army. 13:20:07
13 BY MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: 13:20:07
14 Q Did any member of the police force told 13:20:13
15 you that the BCB was working directly with the police 13:20:16
16 force? 13:20:19
17 A No. 13:20:20
18 MR. RAMOS-ROSADO: I have no further 13:20:20
19 questions. 13:20:29
20 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Okay. We have no 13:20:30
21 further questions as well. 13:20:32
22 Father de Roux, thank you much for your 13:20:36
23 time and for being here today. 13:20:38
24 And I think we can go off the record. 13:20:39
25 (Whereupon, at 1:20 p.m., the

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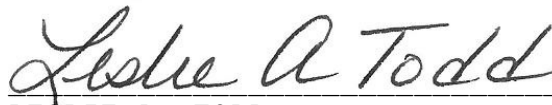
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