

CASE TITLE: United States v. McClain, et al.
CASE NUMBER: 20 CR 812
ACTIVITY: Telephone conversation between Michael McClain and John Hooker
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TARGET PHONE: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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SPEAKERS: McCLAIN = Michael McClain
HOOKER = John Hooker

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1 McCLAIN: So I always joke with Madigan now, so we've gone from
2 750,000 that we had to pay affordable housing to 850
3 million to stop the rate freeze.
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5 HOOKER: (Laughter.) Does he laugh when you do that to him?
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7 McCLAIN: Oh yeah.
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9 HOOKER: So he told me when I met with him the other day, he said
10 uh, I talked to him, he says, "You know, I met with uh,
11 Fidel, and Veronica, and Joe, and that Veronica she's,
12 she's not, she, she has uh, she has a lot of words she
13 uses, she uses, she talks a lot don't she?" I said,
14 "Well, she," I said, "She's new and she just want to
15 make sure she try to explain everything to its minute
16 detail." He said, "But Fidel didn't say nothing, he
17 sat there like a lump on a log."
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19 McCLAIN: (Laughs.)
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21 HOOKER: And so I said, "Yeah." He said that, "Dominguez was his
22 old usual self." He said, "I'm, I, I'm really glad that
23 they've got you around there, cause I am not sure they
24 would not trip over themselves." He said, "By the way,
25 I need you to know, you know, it's good you guys come
26 back. It helps keep the General Assembly busy. That's
27 what we need that."
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29 McCLAIN: (Laughs.)
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32 HOOKER: So, h-how did you make out with Fidel when he came to
33 talking about Doherty? Jay Doherty? I was gonna wait
34 'til I saw ya.
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36 McCLAIN: Well, I just told him to be transparent with um, with
37 um-
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39 HOOKER: Joe.
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41 McCLAIN: Joe. I mean just like, Joe you told, I mean I, I said
42 to Fidel, "You may not be able to say this, or you may
43 be able to say that." Just like, you ended up telling
44 Fidel he had to hire Liz Brown because Mike Carrigan
45 came to you. We had to hire these guys because Mike
46 Madigan came to us. That's, it's that simple.
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48 HOOKER: That's how simple it is.
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50 McCLAIN: That's how simple it is. So if you want to make it a
51 Federal court suit, okay, but that's how simple it is.
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53 HOOKER: Right. Cause this was the best way to do it. That, this
54 avenue is one of the best avenues.
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56 McCLAIN: Right.
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58 HOOKER: If, if, it's, it's, it's clean for all of us.
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60 McCLAIN: Right.
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62 HOOKER: You know?
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64 McCLAIN: Right. We don't have to worry about whether or not, I'm
65 just making this up, whether or not Mike Zalewski, Sr.,
66 is doing any work or not. That's up to Jay Doherty to
67 prove that.
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69 HOOKER: That's right.
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71 McCLAIN: We're not, we're not, uh, monitoring his workload,
72 whether, or not Mike Zalewski's earning his five grand a
73 month. That's up to Jay Doherty.
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75 HOOKER: That's right. (Laughs.)
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77 McCLAIN: That's why we set it up like this, John.
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79 HOOKER: We came up with this plan and between him, our friend,

80 and, and, and, and, uh, Tim, and the alderman, they
81 thought it was great.
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83 McCLAIN: Yep. Well, yeah. Well, you and I came up with it.
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85 HOOKER: I know.
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87 McCLAIN: They didn't come up with the idea. You and I came up
88 with it.
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90 HOOKER: No, we came up with it but they thought it was great
91 once they heard it.
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93 McCLAIN: Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah, yep, yep.
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95 (CLIP 2 END)