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BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES

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In the Matter of Arbitration Between:

RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,:

Claimant,

: Case ARB/07/23

and

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THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA,

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Respondent.

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HEARING ON MERITS

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| On behalf of the U.S. Trade Representative: 3 start today's session. | 3, 1 1 |
| MS. KIMBERLEY CLAMAN Senior Director 4 MR. ORTA: Good morning. | |
| 5 PRESIDENT RIGO: Good mo | |
| 6 You have a statement before, if y | - |
| 7 it out. | ou coura prease read |
| 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, good | morning |
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| 9 MARIO MARROQUIN, RESPONDENT'S | • |
| 10 THE WITNESS: I solemnly | |
| 11 honor and conscience that I will | • |
| 12 whole truth, and nothing but the | |
| 13 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank y | - |
| 14 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr | |
| 15 Mr. Salinas is going to be conduc | = |
| 16 PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Sal | inas. |
| 17 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Th | ank you, |
| 18 Mr. President. | |
| 19 DIRECT EXAMINAT | 'ION |
| 20 BY MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: | |
| 21 Q. Good morning, Mr. Marroo | nin. |
| 22 A. Good morning. | ~ ' |
| 22 A. Good morning. | |

PAGE 1911 PAGE 1913 1911 1913 Q. Mr. Marroquin, I take it from your Witness 09:02:52 1 09:05:36 1 THE WITNESS: Now can you hear me better? 2 Statements that at one point you were asked to preside BY MR. SALINAS-SERRANO:

3 at a High-Level Commission that would address certain

- 4 issues that existed between FEGUA and Ferrovías.
 - A. Towards the end of the first guarter of 2006.
- Q. Can you tell the Tribunal what the origin of
- 7 that Commission was.
- A. After the petition from the President for me
- 9 to take charge of that Commission, the Parties and
- 10 Ferrovías had had dealings at high level; and as a
- 11 result of the exchange, they asked me to follow up on
- 12 the issues.
- Q. When you say that Ferrovias had had contacts 14 at the highest level, can you tell the Tribunal what 15 you mean by that.
- A. Yes, I understand that Ferrovias had had 17 meetings with the Presidency and other important
- 18 positions in the Government; and, given what was
- 19 discussed in those meetings in which I did not
- 20 participate but I understand that they were carried
- 21 out, I was asked to take charge of the High-Level
- 22 Commission to make viable the whole question of the

- Let me repeat the question.
- Please.
- Q. Now, in these meetings, there's been some
- 6 testimony at this hearing that there were many issues
- 7 discussed not just a single issue. Can you explain to
- 8 the Tribunal why there were a number of issues
- discussed during the meetings and what the purpose of
- 10 those discussions was.
- A. The purpose of the Commission that was under 12 my responsibility was to make viable the rail
- 13 operations in the country. Obviously, that entails
- 14 certain complexity in and of itself, plus the rail
- 15 operations, and, in this case, the contracts in force
- 16 with Ferrovías were three. In effect, one thing was
- 17 tied to the other.
- Therefore, throughout the meetings, at least
- 19 the ones that I chaired, several topics were touched
- upon.
- Q. Now, you say, sir, that one thing was tied to
- 22 the other in the context of the three contracts. Can

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09:04:11 1 railway.

- Q. Now, sir, is it your recollection that those
- 3 meetings happened between March and May of 2006?
- A. The meetings of the Commission?
- (Overlapping interpretation.)
- Q. Wait after my question just a few seconds to
- 7 answer so that the interpretation can get in there.
- 8 We'd appreciate it.
- A. Yes, I'd be pleased to do so. 9
- I asked whether it was your recollection that
- 11 the High-Level Commission meetings happened between
- 12 March and May of 2006?
- 13 A. That's right.
- Q. In these meetings, sir, there's been some
- 15 testimony at this hearing that there were many issues
- 16 discussed, not just a single issue. Can you explain
- 17 to the Tribunal why there were a number of issues
- 18 discussed during the meetings and what the purpose of
- 19 those discussions were.
- SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: I'm going to interrupt
- 21 you once again. There are some--can you please repeat
- 22 the answer once again.

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09:06:40 1 you tell the Tribunal if during the meetings that you

- 2 were present and during the Commission that you
- 3 chaired, was there ever or did you ever receive an
- 4 instruction from anyone in the Government to negotiate
- 5 or settle only if all points could be negotiated and
- 6 settled, or did the--was the Government, as
- 7 represented by you and others in that Commission, free
- 8 to negotiate whatever issues could be resolved at any
- 9 given time?
- A. In terms of the first question, I did not
- 11 have instructions to resolve everything all together
- 12 in a comprehensive package. The purpose was to make
- 13 viable rail operations.
- I don't know if this answers your second
- 15 question.

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- O. I believe it does, sir.
- Now, when you say that the purpose was to
- 18 make the viable rail operations, what do you mean by
- 19 that? What was your understanding of the issues that
- 20 the Parties were facing at that time?
- A. I understand that there was an absence of
- 22 rail operations in the country that would have enabled

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09:07:52 1 the economy to have an alternative for ritualistic
2 transportation. I understand that that was precisely
3 what was sought--that was my understanding--that what

3 what was sought--that was my understanding--that what 4 the counterpart at the High-Level Commission thought.

5 That is to say that such operations could

6 been an alternative for transportation in Guatemala

 $7\,$ and, therefore, all of the time we were trying to come

8 up with a formula or a work plan or a revised

9 operational plan that would make it possible to reach

10 that point.

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11 Q. Now, sir, I'm drawing your attention and your 12 recollection to the meeting, the High-Level Commission

13 meeting that took place in 11 May 2006. Are you sort 14 of placed in time?

15 Van Tale van van

15 A. Yes, I do remember it.

Q. Thank you, sir.

17 There has been some testimony that the

18 Government wielded in its negotiations with Ferrovías

19 the Declaration of Lesivo of the Equipment Contract,

20 the Usufruct Equipment Contract, as a pressure

21 mechanism, as a pressure tool to get concessions or

22 further negotiations on other issues with Ferrovías.

1917 09:10:28 1 could turn off the microphone, and every time he asks

09:10:28 1 could turn off the microphone, and every time he ask 2 you, you can then put it back--turn it back on.

3 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: I have the same

 ${\tt 4}\,$ problem. I think it's the issue of understanding and

5 then trying to respond, and I appreciate that.

BY MR. SALINAS-SERRANO:

7 Q. I was saying you mentioned that you hadn't 8 found out until thereabout the meeting of May 11, 9 2006. How did you find out and how was the issue 10 dealt with during that meeting?

11 A. In effect, at that meeting I took note of 12 this process of lesividad at the time that we were put

13 on notice by the other Party, Ferrovías. And this

 $14\,\,$ made it such that I suspended the meeting at a certain

15 point in time, and I went out to look into that matter

16 with the Competitiveness Commissioner, Miguel

17 Fernández, who confirmed it for me, but for the sake

18 of maintaining goodwill or framework for negotiation,

19 Commissioner Fernández suggested and offered that he

20 would make an effort to suspend the lesividad process

21 so that we could continue at the high-level

22 negotiating table working.

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09:09:21 1 What can you say about that in the context of your 2 negotiations within the High-Level Commission meeting?

negotiations within the High-Level Commission meeting?

3 A. Yes, in the context of the High-Level4 Commission under my responsibility--oh, I'm sorry. I

5 need to wait. Sorry.

6 SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: You can answer.

7 A. Thank you.

8 In the context of the High-Level Commission

9 under my responsibility, first, I didn't have any

10 knowledge of the question of lesividad until that

11 meeting; and, second, it wasn't my instruction nor my 12 way of negotiating to have--to be pressuring or to

13 anticipating or conditioning aspects of negotiation

14 based on one issue, and that wasn't my instruction.

15 It wasn't how I had intended to go about the

16 negotiation.

17 Q. Now, sir, you say that you didn't know until

18 that point, meaning the May 11, 2006, meeting; is that

19 correct?

20 A. That is correct.

21 Q. How did you find out--

22 SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: If you would like, you

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09:11:43 1 Q. Do you know, sir, what was Ferrovías's

2 reaction to that offer and statement from Commissioner

3 Fernández at that point?

A. Could you explain the question a bit further.

Q. How did Ferrovías react to Commissioner

6 Fernández's offer to put the lesivo process on hold so

7 that negotiations could continue?

8 A. Well, it was some time ago that we had this

9 meeting, but first, obviously, there was an issue

10 having to do with having learned that there was a

11 lesividad process, but I would suppose that in the

12 face of our offer there was at least some degree of

13 appreciation that we at the High-Level Commission

14 wanted to have clear and constructive negotiations.

15 Q. Sir, after the High-Level Commission ceased

16 its work, did you have occasion to again become

17 involved somehow with the Ferrovías issue?

18 A. Yes. In effect, in due course, the local

19 partners of Ferrovías, I understand, asked for a

20 study; and, when that study had results, I was asked

21 to attend a presentation of them.

Q. When you say "locality partners," sir, do you

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09:13:16 1 know who asked for that study?

- 2 A. My understanding is that it was Cementos 3 Progreso.
- 4 Q. And with regards to that study, sir, you say 5 that you were given a presentation. Do you recall
- 6 what the import of that presentation was?
- 7 A. Mesoamerica, which is the consulting firm
- 8 that made that presentation, made a review,
- 9 particularly the economic and financial considerations
- 10 of rail operations, and finally made some suggestions
- 11 about how one could render operations viable in those
- 12 terms; that is to say, economic and financial terms.
- 13 But those economic and financial
- 14 considerations were based on premises that were quite
- 15 weak or, in any event, that required additional
- 16 efforts from the State, be it fiscal or efforts or
- 17 subsidy. As I say, financial premises that really
- 18 were not consistent with reality.
- 19 Q. Sir, do you know why Cementos Progreso asked
- 20 for that study to be done?
- 21 A. I would assume that it was to get more
- 22 objective information on how to actually make rail

09:16:07 1 whether rail operations would actually be viable or 2 profitable.

Q. Apologies that I take you back in time now that we've gone forward, but did you, while you were

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- that we've gone forward, but dru you, while you were at the High-Level Commission, have occasion to discuss
- 6 with Ferrovías their outlook--outlook of investment
- 7 and profitability and request information of that sort
- 8 and what was the result of those interactions?
- A. Yes, the issue of the Ferrovias data was
- 10 something that we sought out so as to be able to
- 11 establish properly and technically what the realistic
- 12 ways of rehabilitating rail operations would be. But
- 13 in the course of the meetings, at least the ones that
- 14 I chaired, the high-level meetings, we never had an
- 15 opportunity to see those figures or those cash flows
- 16 or other elements that might make it possible to
- 17 establish an operational plan or a business plan that
- 18 would be viable in the future.
- 19 Q. Sir, do you recall what the conclusion of
- 20 that Mesoamerica Report was?
- 21 A. In brief, Mesoamerica suggested that
- 22 financially, economically, what might be--what might

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09:15:03 1 operations viable--

- 2 MR. STERN: He's stating testimony based on 3 assumption, not based on personal knowledge. It's not 4 competent testimony.
- 5 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: If he knows. That was 6 the question.
- 7 MR. STERN: If he knows, but he should not be 8 assuming.
- 9 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: I believe counsel's
- 10 objection is to the Witness's answer, not my question.
- 11 PRESIDENT RIGO: Answer the question to the
- 12 extent that you know.
- 13 BY MR. SALINAS-SERRANO:
- 14 Q. Mr. Marroquin, did you have occasion to speak
- 15 to anyone at Cementos Progreso about why they
- 16 commissioned this study?
- 17 A. Yes, I did have an opportunity to speak with
- 18 them in due course, yes.
- 19 Q. And what did they tell you about why they
- 20 commissioned that study?
- 21 A. Because they had an interest, as I say, in
- 22 coming up with an objective reference to establish

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- 09:17:45 1 make rail operations viable would be either subsidized
 - 2 interest rates or physical efforts on the part of the
 - 3 Government in different forms. Those would be the two
 - 4 main conclusions.
 - 5 Consequently, there were certain conditioning
 - 6 factors that were not very realistic from making rail
 - 7 operations viable.
 - 8 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Mr. President, I have
 - 9 no further questions.
 - 10 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you.
 - 11 Mr. Stern.
 - 12 MR. STERN: Thank you, Mr. President.
 - 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
 - 14 BY MR. STERN:
 - 15 Q. Good morning, Mr. Marroquin.
 - 16 A. Good morning.
 - Q. I believe we talked to each other the last
 - 18 time you were here last year.
 - 19 A. Yes, I remember.
 - 20 Q. Now, you were asked by your counsel on direct
 - 21 examination questions about the Mesoamerica study, and
 - 22 this study was conducted by Mesoamerica after the

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09:18:41 1 Government had published the Lesivo Declaration;

- 2 correct?
- 3 A. I understand that that is the case.
- Q. So, it's fair to say that the conclusions of
- 5 the study that you testified about could not have been
- 6 a basis for the Declaration of the lesividad; correct?
- A. Could you repeat the question, please.
- 0. Sure.
- 9 The conclusions of the Mesoamerica study--the
- 10 study was conducted after the Declaration of
- 11 Lesividad; correct?
- 12 A. That's right.
- 13 Q. As a matter of logic, the Mesoamerica studies
- 14 conclusions could not have been a basis for the
- 15 Declaration of Lesividad that was issued in August of
- 16 2006; correct?
- 17 A. I would assume that that's the case.
- 18 Q. And as you testified, this study was not
- 19 conducted at the request of Ferrovías, but at the
- 20 request of Cementos Progreso; correct?
- 21 A. I would understand that it was asked for by
- 22 Cementos Progreso as part of its partnership with

09:21:02 1 Q. Okay. And at this meeting the

- 2 representatives of Mesoamerica, according to your
- 3 statement, gave an hour and a half PowerPoint
- 4 presentation on its study?
- 5 A. It was--the time more or less that, yes, 6 that's right.
- 7 Q. And they gave a PowerPoint presentation; 8 correct?
- 9 A. Yes, in effect they did give a PowerPoint 10 presentation.
- 11 Q. Okay. And just to be clear, this
- 12 presentation that you saw, this PowerPoint
- 13 presentation occurred over five years ago; right?
 - A. Yes, November of 2006, five years.
- Q. And there were no members--representatives of
- 16 Ferrovías at this presentation; correct?
- A. I imagine that in terms of Ferrovias,
- 18 administrative counterparts at the higher level
- 19 Commission, no.
- 20 Q. Well, my question was a little simpler--my
- 21 question was simple or straightforward.
- Were there any representatives from Ferrovías

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09:19:49 1 Ferrovías.

- Q. Did you speak with anyone from Ferrovías to
- 3 tell you that they had asked for Mesoamerica to
- 4 conduct this study?
- 5 A. With my apologies to the panel, but if
- 6 Cementos was a partner of Ferrovías, then I assumed
- 7 that if I were speaking with Cementos, I was also
- 8 speaking with Ferrovías.
- 9 Q. But did you ever ask anyone from Ferrovías
- 10 that they had asked for Cementos Progreso to request
- 11 this study?
- 12 A. Just to be clear on the question, the
- 13 question is whether I had any awareness that Ferrovias
- 14 was in agreement with Cementos Progreso in asking for
- 15 the study. That, I don't know because I was invited
- 16 in a meeting to establish the technical solidity of
- 17 the results of Mesoamerica's work, but I don't know
- 18 what else might have happened.
- 19 Q. Okay. And so you went to this meeting with
- 20 other Government officials sometime in November 2006
- 21 to see the presentation on the Mesoamerica study?
- 22 A. That is correct.

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- 09:22:16 1 present at the November 2006 meeting that you went to?
 - A. Not that I recall.
 - 3 Q. Now, you were never provided a copy with of
 - 4 the Mesoamerica study?
 - SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: Excuse me, could he
 - 6 repeat the answer, please.
 - 7 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall.
 - BY MR. STERN:
 - 9 Q. Let me repeat my next question. You were
 - 10 never provided a copy of the Mesoamerica study;
 - 11 correct?
 - A. That is correct.
 - 13 Q. And you weren't provided with a copy of the
 - 14 PowerPoint presentation that you saw on--in November
 - 15 2006; correct?
 - 6 A. Not personally. It wasn't given to me.
 - Q. And, in fact, isn't it true that you've never
 - 18 seen the actual written Mesoamerica study?
 - 19 A. That is correct.
 - Q. What you have seen with regard to the
 - 21 Mesoamerica study is the PowerPoint presentation you
 - 22 saw five years ago; correct?

PAGE 1927 PAGE 1929 1927 1929 A. Yes, it is correct. 09:26:00 1 the costs, neither the operating or the financial 09:23:27 1 Q. And do you know for a fact whether there 2 costs. 3 actually is a written Mesoamerica study? Q. Well, in terms of how many years are you A. For a fact, yes, I do know, in fact, that 4 referring to here? What was your understanding of how 5 there is a written Mesoamerica study. 5 many years were not profitable, based on the study? Q. And the basis for that is because you saw the A. I don't understand the question. 7 PowerPoint presentation; correct? Q. Well, you said the railroad was not A. No. The basis of knowing that there is such 8 profitable. 9 a study is that in effect the counterparts of Cementos SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: Excuse me, can you 10 Progreso assert this or indicate this. 10 repeat again the answer, please. Q. So--but you have never actually seen the THE WITNESS: Yes. 11 12 document that is the Mesoamerica study; correct? I did not understand or I don't understand 12 A. I believe I already said that. I did not see 13 the question. 14 the Report. BY MR. STERN: 14 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: I object to the 15 Q. I'm trying to draw down on what you meant by 15 16 continued line because it's been asked and answered at 16 "not profitable" in your statement. When you said, 17 least four times now. 17 "not profitable," are you referring to the operations BY MR. STERN: 18 of the railway to date are not profitable or that the 18 Q. Okay. Now in your Second Statement you state 19 railway was not going to be profitable at any time 19 20 that--and this is Paragraph 7 of your Second over the remaining 42 years of the Usufruct? 21 Statement--you state that, "Despite the fact I do not MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Just to clarify, the 22 have the study handy at this time, I perfectly 22 witness has testified about what the presentation of PAGE 1928 PAGE 1930 1928 1930 09:24:37 1 remember that the conclusion of the study was that the 09:26:58 1 the Mesoamerica Report was about, not what his opinion 2 Guatemalan railway was simply not profitable in the 2 on the profitability of the enterprise was. I just

3 way Ferrovías planned to operate it."

Do you recall saying that in your Second

5 Statement? It's up there on the screen there.

A. Yes, I do remember having said this, and I 7 remember that that was the conclusion that I reached 8 from that presentation.

Do I need to repeat it? 9

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Now, by "not profitable," the words you use

12 in your statement, are you talking about accounting

13 profits for Ferrovías?

A. An operation that is not profitable, not

15 viable, is an operation in general that's not viable.

16 But if you want a specification, perhaps you could

17 repeat the question in terms of just so that I can be

18 clear on just what your specific doubt is.

Q. Well, I'm trying to understand what you mean

20 by--what you meant by "not profitable" in your

21 statement. Profitable in terms of what?

A. That there wasn't sufficient revenue to cover

3 want to make sure that the record is clear. Because

4 counsel keeps saying when you say "not profitable,"

5 did you mean over 42 years of the Usufruct--I just

6 want to make that clear.

THE WITNESS: Based on what Mesoamerica

8 presented, the railway was not profitable as of the

9 date of operation, and it was likely that it was not

10 going to be profitable unless the Government made the

11 fiscal sacrifices or unless there was a subsidized

12 financial rate in order to make it profitable, whether

13 it's five, 10, or 20 years.

I'm not a financial expert. I've worked in

15 finance. I've worked in investment projects, and

16 that's why I'm clear that if you don't have a

17 subsidized rate, if there is not a physical effort on

18 the Government, then there wasn't going to be

19 profitability of the operation in the future, and

20 certainly there wasn't profitability in terms of how

21 it was being offered at that time, based on what I was

22 able to see and conclude.

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09:28:20 1 BY MR. STERN:

> Q. Now, I want to focus on, in your seventh 3 paragraph, your Second Statement, you wrote that the 4 conclusion--"I remember that the conclusion of the 5 study was that in the manner as Ferrovias planned to 6 operate the railway in Guatemala, the railroad was simply not profitable."

Is it your understanding that the Mesoamerica study only focused on the railway operations of the 10 Usufruct when they were referring to in the manner as 11 Ferrovias planned to operate the railway?

A. Could you repeat the question, please, so I 12 13 can be sure that I give you an appropriate answer.

Sure. 14

In the manner as Ferrovías planned to operate 15 16 the railway--those words that you used in your 17 statement there--what was your understanding as to 18 what that was referring to? Was it referring to the

19 operation of the railway?

A. In effect, we had a mandate to make rail 21 operations viable, and I focused my attention on that.

Q. And you don't know whether the Mesoamerica

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09:31:01 1 presented in its presentation. It based itself on a 2 number of premises, and it reached a number of 3 conclusions. It is a financial and technical study.

Q. Sitting here today, can you tell us what 5 those assumptions and inputs were in the Mesoamerica 6 study?

A. I don't know if you would like a full list, 8 but as I said, I saw the study and I looked at it only in general terms; and the premises and the conjectures 10 in which Mesoamerica included, I wouldn't be able to 11 describe. These are things that are a bit more 12 objective. I don't think I would have the possibility 13 of describing them appropriately.

Q. You can't describe them appropriately because 15 you don't know, do you, sir, as you sit here today?

A. I don't understand the kind of suggestion by 17 you. If you were talking about a premise, for 18 example, to work under a subsidized rate from the

19 financial viewpoint, if by "assumption" or "premise"

20 you are talking about making efforts by the

21 Government, yes, I remember. Those were not so much

22 the premises, but the conclusions of the study as far

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09:29:35 1 study considered how Ferrovias could profit from the

2 real estate component of the Usufruct; correct?

A. I couldn't say anything about that. It would 4 be a bit speculative. I don't have any basis to

5 properly make a statement on that issue. Though if

6 the Tribunal would allow me, that was also just what

7 we were trying to establish during the high-level 8 meetings. What were the elements that Ferrovias had

9 in general? That was an important issue, but we were

10 never able to determine it.

Q. Now, you had no involvement in the 12 preparation of the Mesoamerica study; correct?

13 A. I did not.

Q. And you have no idea of what assumptions or 14

15 inputs went into the study, do you?

A. I wouldn't know how to answer that question.

17 Could you please repeat the question so that I'm able

18 to answer the question more appropriately.

Q. Well, did you have any--do you know what 20 assumptions or inputs were put into the Mesoamerica

21 study?

Of course. The ones that Mesoamerica

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09:32:38 1 as I can remember.

Q. Okay, but I'm asking you about not the 3 conclusions which you testified to. I'm just asking 4 you, as you sit here today--excuse me, let me finish 5 the question--as you sit here today, can you tell us 6 what were the assumptions--as you recall, what were

7 the assumptions and inputs into the Mesoamerica study?

A. As far as I can remember, there were premises 9 in connection with cargo volume, passengers, and projections of that nature in the business.

Q. Anything else you recall?

A. No, I would be speculating, and this is what 13 I can say appropriately because that is the basis of 14 the exercise of Mesoamerica, to establish the 15 technical and financial viability of the railroad.

Q. Do you know where Mesoamerica obtained 17 information from in order to prepare the study?

A. I would not be able to speak appropriately 19 about that. I don't know where they got the

20 information.

So, you don't know whether they got any

22 information from Ferrovias; correct?

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09:34:08 1 A. I would not be able to answer that question 2 appropriately.

- 3 Q. And you don't know whether in the course of 4 preparing the study they spoke to anyone from
- 5 Ferrovías; correct?
- 6 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Objection. Asked and
- 7 answered.
- 8 MR. STERN: I don't think I asked the 9 question.
- MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: You asked the broader question, which is where they got the information, and he's already told you he doesn't know.
- MR. STERN: Right, but my question was whether he spoke to anyone, not whether he got
- 15 information from them.

 16 PRESIDENT RIGO: Please answer the question.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I would not be able to say that 18 appropriately.
- 19 BY MR. STERN:
- 20 Q. Okay. Let's turn to the May 11, 2006,
- 21 Commission meeting, High-Level Commission meeting
- 22 which you testified about.

09:36:04 1 O. Well, sure.

In conducting what you describe in your
statements in good-faith negotiations with Ferrovías
during these meetings, you, as person chairing the
meetings, certainly would have thought--you would have
preferred to have known in advance of conducting those
meetings that there was an ongoing lesividad process
against one of Ferrovías's contracts, wouldn't you?

9 A. As a person responsible for High-Level 10 Commission, well, the more information one has the

11 better in order for one to be able to manage the

12 responsibilities that were assigned to one.

We had worked for a few months, and we were in this process of collecting information, but to

15 answer your question, yes, it is something that

16 surprised me, and it's something that I would have

17 liked to know at the time, but I was then informed of 18 it at that time.

- 19 Q. Were you upset about the fact that you hadn't
- 20 been informed about it prior to the May 11 meeting?
- 21 A. I was at least surprised.
- 22 Q. But not upset?

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- 09:34:56 1 As you state in your First Statement, and I
 - 2 believe you stated in response to Mr. Salinas's
 - $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ questions, at the May 11 meeting, that was the first
 - 4 time you learned that there was an ongoing lesividad 5 process against one of Ferrovías's contracts; correct?
 - 6 A. Yes, that's correct.
 - 7 Q. And you were surprised--
 - 8 SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: Would you repeat the
 - 9 answer.
 - 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct.
 - 11 BY MR. STERN:
 - 12 Q. And you were quite surprised when you learned
 - 13 about this at this meeting; correct?
 - 14 A. That is correct.
 - 15 Q. And you were surprised because you as someone
 - 16 who is chairing the meetings on behalf of the
 - 17 Government, this would have been important information
 - 18 for you to know in conducting your discussions and
 - 19 negotiations with Ferrovías, wouldn't it?
 - 20 A. I don't know how to answer your question.
 - 21 Would you please clarify it so that I could give you a
 - 22 more appropriate answer to your question.

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- 09:37:22 1 A. As a person responsible for negotiation, one 2 should not become emotional. One should try and find 3 a solution to the problem.
 - Q. And after you found out about this
 - information from someone from Ferrovias; correct?
 - A. Ferrovías informed me--informed me of this at the table, and then I corroborated all this with
 - 8 Commissioner Fernández, yes, that's the way it was.
 - 9 Q. And when you talked about corroborating with
 - 10 Commissioner Fernández, that was done over the 11 telephone in a private conversation with him; correct?
 - 11 telephone in a private conversation with him; correct:
 12 It wasn't at the meeting in general?
 - 13 A. Yes. Susan Pineda came with me. We left the
 - 14 meeting to talk to Commissioner Fernández to verify 15 the information that had been given to us by the
 - 16 counterpart Ferrovías.
 - 7 Q. And then you went to talk to Commissioner
 - 18 Fernández over the telephone to corroborate or confirm
 - 19 what you had learned at the meeting about the
 - 20 lesividad ongoing against one of Ferrovías's
 - 21 contracts; is that right?
 - A. Yes, that is correct.

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09:38:46 1 Q. And Arturo Gramajo was at this meeting;

2 correct?

- A. That is correct, yes.
- Q. And when the representatives of Ferrovías
- 5 disclosed what they had learned about the lesividad
- 6 process ongoing against one of its contracts,
- 7 Dr. Gramajo didn't say anything about that at the
- 8 meeting; correct?
- 9 A. I do not recall exactly that fact.
- 10 Q. Well, certainly Dr. Gramajo didn't confirm
- 11 anything that Ferrovias said about what they had
- 12 learned at the meeting. You had to go talk to
- 13 Commissioner Fernández to confirm that; correct?
- 14 A. Yes. Susan Pineda and I went to confirm this
- 15 with Commissioner Fernández.
- 16 Q. Now, after your call with Mr. Fernández,
- 17 didn't you tell Mr. Bill Duggan of Ferrovías that if
- 18 what you had heard about the Lesividad Declaration
- 19 against one of FVG's contracts was going on, then the
- 20 Government was not--in your opinion, the Government
- 21 was not negotiating in good faith, and you no longer
- 22 wanted to be part of the Commission?

09:41:53 1 those words to Mr. Duggan.

- Q. Okay, but did you say words to that effect to
- 3 Mr. Duggan?
- 4 A. Not to Mr. Duggan.
- Q. Did you say it to someone else?
- 6 A. We made comments about the meeting with other
- 7 people, yes.
- 8 Q. But my questions were about those specific
- 9 statements that Mr. Duggan said you made to him. Did
- 10 you make those types of comments to anyone else?
 - A. I did not make any comments along those
- 12 lines, and I certainly did not make those comments to
- 13 Mr. Duggan.
- Q. Okay. But it's true, is it not, that after
- 15 the May 11 meeting, according to your statement, you
- 16 had nothing further to do at the High-Level
- 17 Commission: correct?
- 18 A. After the May meeting, yes, indeed, I left
- 19 the High-Level Commission.
- 20 Q. And why did you leave the High-Level
- 21 Commission?
- 22 A. There were a number of reasons related to the

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- 09:40:27 1 A. I did not say that in those words.
 - Q. What did you say to Mr. Duggan?
 - A. The official communication was that after the
 - 4 conversation with Mr. Fernández, Commissioner
 - 5 Fernández was going to make sure that he was going to
 - 6 keep on hold lesividad so that our High-Level
 - 7 Commission could continue negotiating. As a
 - 8 consequence, this is what I always suggested and that
 - 9 I stated through a mandate that I was going to
 - 10 negotiate in good faith. And after confirming this
 - 11 with Mr. Fernández, that is to say, that there was a
 - 12 lesividad process that was ongoing, we had to continue
 - 13 upkeeping the negotiation, and Commissioner Fernández
 - 14 at our request was going to try to put that on hold,
 - 15 or try to.
 - 16 Q. Okay. So, if Mr. Duggan testified that you
 - 17 told him after you had your conversation with
 - 18 Mr. Fernández that what you had learned from Ferrovías
 - 19 about lesividad was true, that in your opinion the
 - 20 Government was not negotiating in good faith and that
 - 21 you no longer wanted to be part of the Commission?
 - 22 A. I do not recall having made that comment in

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- 09:43:04 1 work plans of the Government Plan Presidential
 - 2 Commission. Amongst others at that time, we started
 - 3 working on the task force on country qualification,
 - ${\tt 4}\,$ and I was the person responsible for that. And then
 - 5 there were other issues that required my attention,
 - 6 and there were a number of people involved with the
 - 7 Commission as well, and my value added perhaps was
 - 8 better assigned to other duties.
 - 9 Q. Okay. Now, you are aware, aren't you, that
 - 10 after the May 11 High-Level Commission meeting the
 - 11 next face-to-face negotiation meeting between
 - 12 representatives of the Government and Ferrovías did
 - 13 not take place until August 24, 2006?
 - A. I wouldn't be able to talk with much
 - 15 propriety after May because I was no longer the
 - 16 primary responsible person for that process.
 - Q. And you were not at--and you were not at the
 - 18 August 24, 2006, meeting; correct?
 - 19 A. To the best of my recollection and knowledge,
 - 20 no.
 - Q. And you have no knowledge about what the
 - 22 Government proposed or demanded from Ferrovías at that

PAGE 1943 PAGE 1945 1943 1945 09:44:27 1 meeting with regard to the issues between the Parties? 09:46:50 1 for moving on to different duties within the--I A. I would have no knowledge, nor would I have 2 struggled with what the word is, but the 3 information about it--3 Commissioner's office that you worked at at that time, SECRETARY SEQUEIRA: Repeat it, please. 4 and I just want to ask you straight on, did you move 5 on to other duties because of your opinions as to how THE WITNESS: I would have no knowledge, nor would I have any knowledge about that. 6 the Government proceeded internally to pursue the MR. STERN: I have no further questions at 7 lesivo process? 8 this time. A. I had to adjust to decisions made by the Commissioner and to Government priorities. And, 9 PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Salinas. MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Very briefly, 10 consequently, I left the High-Level Commission, and 11 Mr. President. 11 this was agreed with the other Commissioners and I REDIRECT EXAMINATION 12 became responsible of other duties. 12 13 BY MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Q. Did that have to do with your own opinions 13 Q. Mr. Marroquin, Mr. Stern asked you but the 14 about how the lesivo process had been handled? 15 May 11, 2006, High-Level Commission meetings. Do you A. My opinion on lesividad was inconsequential. 16 recall those questions? MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: I have no further 16 A. Yes, in general I remember. 17 questions. 17 As you told Mr. Stern and as you told me, 18 QUESTIONS FROM THE TRIBUNAL 18 19 that you did not have any knowledge about the internal 19 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Just a couple of very 20 lesivo process that was being pursued at that time quick factual questions. 21 until you were informed by representatives of 21 (Tribunal conferring.) 22 Ferrovías at that meeting; is that correct? 22 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: I've just got one PAGE 1944 PAGE 1946 1944 1946 That is correct. 09:48:29 1 question. You said at the end of your Second 09:45:27 1 Q. Is it your understanding, sir, or do you know 2 Statement that Ferrovias was not adequately prepared 3 whether the Ferrovias representatives at that meeting 3 to fulfill its obligations to restore the railroad in 4 knew about the lesivo process from before that 4 Guatemala. What were the circumstances which made you 5 meeting, or was that the first they had heard, at 5 reach that conclusion?

6 least from your perception at that meeting?

A. I wouldn't be able to indicate that, but I 8 remember that they were the ones who put forth this

9 issue at the meeting.

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Q. Now, sir, if you didn't know about the lesivo 11 process before the May 11, 2006, High-Level Commission

12 meeting, could you possibly have used that lesivo

13 process as a pressure mechanism or threat during the

14 prior meetings of the High-Level Commission?

A. No, absolutely not.

O. And if FVG didn't know about the lesivo 17 process prior to that May 11, 2006, meeting, could

18 they have felt pressured by that lesivo process to

19 make concessions prior to the May 11, 2006, meeting?

A. I would say no. 20

Now, just so there are no doubts,

22 Mr. Marroquin, Mr. Stern asked you about your reasons

THE WITNESS: I assume that we are making 7 reference to the Mesoamerica study when Mesoamerica 8 presented its numbers, and it presented the ways to

9 facilitate or make more profitable this operation.

10 Mesoamerica submitted a number of rates that 11 didn't exist in the market at the time; therefore, a 12 subsidy was required. That's example number one.

13 Example number two, in connection with income 14 to cover costs, it required the State to make fiscal

15 efforts to cover costs. That would be example number

16 two. And we're talking about a situation in the

future, forward-looking situation.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: But neither of those 18

19 points related to any--related to the willingness or

20 ability of Ferrovias, did they? They were questions 21 of Government support, which meant it would have been

22 available, well, that's different.

PAGE 1947 PAGE 1949 1947 1949 THE WITNESS: I am talking about the figures 09:53:12 1 THE WITNESS: Would the Arbitrator be able to 09:50:04 1 2 repeat the question so I'm able to answer your 2 and the conclusions. I cannot comment about the 3 willingness or attitude of Ferrovías. I was making a 3 question appropriately? 4 comment in connection with the numbers and the ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: If you had known about 5 conclusions put forth in the Mesoamerica study. 5 what the specific defects were that were giving rise ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: When you had your 6 to lesivo for the equipment process, Equipment 7 conversation on May 11th with Commissioner Fernández, 7 Contract, would that solution have been sufficient to 8 and you learned about the lesividad process, did he 8 re-establish railroad operations, or would you have 9 tell you the specific reasons why lesividad was being 9 also needed to solve the other issues? 10 sought, and did he ask you, in your responsibilities THE WITNESS: It would not have been enough. 11 with the Commission, to focus on solving those 11 It would also have been necessary to address other 12 specific problems. 12 issues. 13 THE WITNESS: Commissioner Fernández did not 13 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Okay. Thank you. 14 give me many reasons related to the lesividad process, PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Salinas? 14 15 but he was supportive for us to have a constructive 15 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Just one question, 16 negotiation environment, and that is why he tried to 16 Mr. President, on Secretary Eizenstat's last question. 17 put the Declaration on hold. He offered to do it, and FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION 18 that is what we were looking for at the Commission, to 18 BY MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: 19 have an environment that would allow us to solve the 19 Q. Mr. Marroquin, what is your understanding of 20 problems that existed. 20 where the or at least some of the concerns you've ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Did he give you the 21 outlined in Paragraph 8 came from and why they came to 22 the attention of the Commission? 22 reasons why the Government was seeking that and ask to PAGE 1948 PAGE 1950 1948 1950 09:51:36 1 you solve those? 09:54:21 1 A. These issues were being defined jointly by 2 Ferrovias and by the Government to establish the 2 THE WITNESS: Not at that time. ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: The last question is 3 issues that should be addressed to make viable the 4 on Page 3 of my statement, but it's Paragraphs 7 and 8 4 operation of the railroad. 5 of your First Statement. You mentioned and you Q. So, for example, sir, the issue of the 6 elaborated that the goal of the Commission was to 6 squatters, which is Point 2 in your Paragraph 8 and 7 re-establish railroad operations, and in Paragraph 8 7 Issue Number 1, which was payments to the Trust Fund, 8 you give a number of subjects, some eight subjects 8 were those payments that were of interest to Ferrovías 9 that were on the table for the Commission; is that or to Guatemala? 10 correct? A. Yes, Items 1 and 2 were of the interest of 10 THE WITNESS: That is correct. 11 Ferrovías, our counterpart. 11 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And, in your opinion, 12 MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: I have no further 12 13 was it necessary in order to have the reestablishment 13 questions, Mr. President. PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you. 14 of a functioning railroad the resolution of these 14 15 issues? 15 Mr. Stern? 16 THE WITNESS: In general, yes. 16 MR. STERN: I have no further questions. ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: And if you had known, PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you so much, Señor 18 if you had only solved the issue of the alleged 18 Marroquin. Mr. Marroquin, thank you very much for 19 defects that gave rise to the lesivo process in the 19 being here this morning. 20 143 and 158 contracts, would that have achieved the THE WITNESS: Thank you very much. Thank you 20 21 objective of the Commission to establish or 21 very much the Secretary for conducting these 22 re-establish railroad operations? 22 proceedings and helping with the translation.

PAGE 1951 PAGE 1953 1951 1953 10:13:33 1 to the positions of the Parties, and we look forward 09:55:32 1 (Witness steps down.) MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: A procedural question, 2 to your consideration of the evidence that you've 3 if you don't mind. The witness had expressed some 3 heard. 4 interest in seeing oral arguments because he had not I would like to begin by just addressing a 5 seen such a thing in the past. I don't know we had 5 few of the Respondent's contentions in their Opening 6 discussed previously, but we had understood that that 6 Statement and try to draw your attention to what we 7 was okay. I just wanted to reconfirm that it was okay 7 believe are the overwhelming facts that refute their 8 with the Tribunal to do that. 8 contentions. MR. FOSTER: We have no problem, and we also 9 The first contention the Respondent made on 10 have some people who would probably like to see the 10 its opening PowerPoint Slide Number 2 is that RDC did 11 not keep its promise to invest. Respondent told you 11 oral argument as well. So, I don't think--I don't 12 believe any of us plan on recalling any witnesses, and 12 that Claimant never fulfilled its promise to invest. 13 so I certainly don't know of any reason why everyone 13 Respondent told you that after 13--that 13 years after 14 couldn't watch if they want to. 14 Claimant--after the bid was issued and won by RDC, ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Can we sell tickets 15 there is no modernized rail system in Guatemala. The 16 facts are starkly different. What Respondent didn't 16 and help pay for this? (Laughter.) 17 tell you was that as early as 1999, RDC's investment 17 MR. FOSTER: That would probably require a 18 was significant, and the modernization was well under 18 19 way. In fact, Claimant had invested over \$9.2 million 19 Government subsidy. PRESIDENT RIGO: I mean, you are big star, 20 by the end of 1999, container traffic increased by 21 40.5 percent on average over the years that 21 you are being streamed worldwide. Why shouldn't 22 Mr. Marroquin stay in the room. 22 Respondent -- each year, 40.5 percent increase on PAGE 1952 PAGE 1954 1952 1954 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: You would described 10:15:01 1 average over each year that Claimant operated the 09:56:26 1 2 railroad. The first train ran in December of 1999. 2 this or we were described yesterday as a secret 3 Tribunal. 3 By 2006, Claimant had invested almost \$20 million, had MR. SALINAS-SERRANO: Actually there were 4 restored and operated 15 locomotives, 200 railcars, protesters calling it precisely that outside the World 5 and had restored over 200 miles of previously Bank I understand. 6 abandoned railway. PRESIDENT RIGO: But it was not for this The following are some of the images that 8 Respondent doesn't want you to pay attention to. The 8 case. 9 first, of course, is what this railroad looked like 9 (Laughter.) PRESIDENT RIGO: So, I think that for the 10 when FVG and RDC came into possession of it. It was 10 11 persons, for the counsel who are going to give the 11 literally in ruins. 12 Closing Statements, and you can call it your thoughts, 12 And in contrast, what RDC did was to install maybe we should have a 10 minutes' recess and to start 13 new crossties to rehabilitate the railway. The 14 in 10 minutes. 14 evidence is overwhelming. Hundreds and hundreds and 15 (Brief recess.) 15 hundreds of crossties. 16 PRESIDENT RIGO: We will resume the session. 16 Bridges were restored. 17 Mr. Foster. 17 Heavy container traffic began. There had CLOSING ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR CLAIMANT 18 never been containers carried by this railroad before. 18 19 MR. FOSTER: Thank you, Mr. President, 19 Heavy steel transport began. RDC kept its promise. Now I'd just like to 20 Professor Crawford, Secretary Eizenstat, first I know 20 21 I speak for everyone when I thank all of you for the 21 just show you a piece, unfortunately it would take too 22 time and the attention that you have spent listening 22 long to play the whole video, but just a piece of the

PAGE 1955 PAGE 1957 1955 1957 10:16:23 1 video concerning the train ride when Ferrovías had 10:19:39 1 MR. FOSTER: Thank you. 2 just restored the railroad. In fact, RDC complied with its Usufruct 3 3 obligations. In fact, what really happened was that (Video played.) MR. FOSTER: And I would like to draw your 4 the Respondent decided that it didn't like the 5 attention to the terrain. RDC of course had 5 obligations under the Contract that--into which it had 6 experience, of course, in operating precisely in this 6 solemnly agreed and set out to renegotiate them, 7 kind of terrain. 7 demanding a \$50 million investment, which was never required by the Contract. You can judge for yourself the condition of the equipment and the condition of the railroad. And, indeed, saying, as the President Berger I think that's Mr. Senn's car that's being 10 is quoted, if you make the \$50 million investment, we 11 transported on the flat car. 11 will sit at the table. We're not even going to Does this look like the decrepit, 12 negotiate with you until you do what we tell you to 12 13 accident-prone railroad that the Respondent tried to 13 do. 14 tell you was Ferrovías's product? 14 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Where in the record is More crossties on the side, more crossties 15 that established? 15 MR. FOSTER: The slides in each case, 16 that are being installed. 16 Another restored bridge. Truly an 17 Secretary Eizenstat, are the record references are 17 18 engineering masterpiece. 18 marked on the slides, so you will be able to, when we A retaining wall that was installed by 19 finish this, you will be able to take these slides, 19 and you will be able to go through them and determine 20 Ferrovías. 21 for yourself whether I'm misrepresenting the record 21 (End of video.) MR. FOSTER: Thank you, Daniel. 22 evidence to you. PAGE 1956 PAGE 1958 1956 1958 Respondent contends that Claimant did not 10:20:53 1 And, indeed, in an attempt to deflect 10:18:29 1 2 comply with its contractual obligations, and that 2 attention from its extortionate demand of that RDC 3 Guatemala feels misled. This was their second 3 invest an additional \$50 million to rebuild the South 4 contention in their opening. 4 Coast, the Respondent has invented out of whole cloth ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Could I ask a question? 5 a purported contractual obligation to complete Phases 6 II and III. Now, you gentlemen have heard the MR. FOSTER: Sir? ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: We saw some graphics--I 7 evidence and have seen the record, and you know that 8 Contract 402 did not obligate or require FVG to 8 can't remember the name of the Witness, one of the Guatemalan witnesses from showing the track in 9 complete Phase II or any phase after Phase I within disarray and so on. Do you have any comment on those? 10 any specified timeframe. As Article 13 of Contract MR. FOSTER: The comment is that they're 11 402 says, the only obligation is to begin; and, as you 12 entirely misrepresentative of the actual condition of 12 will see, from this quote that's in front of you, and 13 the railroad. You heard from Mr. Posner that this 13 offer railway cargo transportation services in at 14 railroad operated for a year-and-a-half without an 14 least one segment. 15 accident just before Lesivo. A railroad that is in So, it's not even necessary under the 15 16 the condition that that Witness tried to portray the 16 contractual obligation for FVG to offer railway 17 railroad in doesn't operate that way. That evidence 17 transportation over the entire segment that we're 18 is simply inconsistent with the facts. 18 talking about. I mean, over the entire phase. Only a PRESIDENT RIGO: Just a clarification for 19 segment. 20 counsel, I mean, the time taken by the Tribunal 20 FEGUA formally acknowledged FVG's compliance 21 questions is not counted against your time in this 21 with the terms of Contract 402. By an official Letter 22 situation. 22 Number 272-2001, FEGUA formally acknowledged that

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10:22:14 1 Phase III was impossible, and, therefore, FVG was 2 excused, official Letter Number 0858a-2003.

> And as even Dr. Gramajo acknowledged when he 4 testified before you yesterday, these official letters

5 have never been revoked. As a result, they were in 6 full force and effect the day Lesivo was declared.

7 The day Lesivo was declared, FVG was in full

8 compliance with its obligations under these Contracts.

Dr. Gramajo, even before his testimony, 10 repeatedly and publicly acknowledged that FVG was in

11 compliance with its restoration obligations. As you

12 see here, Gramajo acknowledges the existence and

13 validity of said notes. That's referring to the 14 letters that affirmed FVG's compliance with the

15 Contract. He didn't like it, but he acknowledged

16 FVG's compliance and never took any steps, as he

17 testified to you, he never took any steps to revoke

18 the letters, nor did he ever write FVG and contend FVG

19 was not in compliance.

Now, Respondent's third contention is that

21 Claimant used this case as their golden parachute out 22 of a failed investment. If that was the case, why did

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10:24:49 1 think if you read the press statement carefully, it is 2 our position that we were trying to pressure the

3 Government to revoke the Lesivo Resolution. That was

4 the whole purpose of the press campaign and the legal

5 campaign that took place after the Lesivo Declaration.

6 We wanted--we were doing everything we could to get

7 them to take it back.

Here you got an example of Claimant's efforts to convince its suppliers to continue to do business 10 relations with the FVG despite the Lesivo Declaration.

11 The Respondent said these were perfunctory. They

12 certainly weren't perfunctory. There we have the

13 testimony of Mr. Jimenez is exactly what, so--on

14 cross. So, they didn't really try to convince you in

15 a hard way. If they did try to convince you, it was 16 kind of perfunctory, and he said no, no, not at all.

Respondent's contention number four. RDC 17

18 made a risky investment on a bare bones budget.

19 Respondent has told you that Claimant made a very

20 risky investment in 1997 to operate and modernize the

21 railway and that it did so at its own risk and

22 expense.

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10:23:43 1 Claimant try to convince customers and services to

2 continue business relationships? If that was the

3 case, why did Claimant operate regular service until

4 mid 2007 when traffic decreases and financial

5 difficulties forced, all caused by Lesivo, forced the

6 cessation of railroad operations?

If that were the case, why did FVG continue 8 to engage Mr. Cerny for bridge inspections after the 9 Lesivo Declaration?

If that were the case, why did FVG vigorously 11 fight the Lesivo Declaration in the local Courts?

Why did FVG challenge the Respondent in the 12 13 press to reassure its customers and suppliers and try 14 to influence the Government to rescind the resolution?

Why did FVG participate in the negotiation 15 16 sessions after Lesivo to try to discover and

17 understand the alleged problems with Contracts 143 and

18 158?

19 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Is it your position 20 that your press statement was a reassurance to

21 customers or a dire warning to them?

MR. FOSTER: No, it is our position, and I

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10:26:07 1 But what are the facts? RDC, as you saw in

2 our Opening Statement, is a highly experienced

3 rehabilitator and operator of railroads. Claimant's

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4 business model has created value in high risk economic

5 environments around the world. Indeed Claimant has

6 lost money only in Guatemala. And, in fact, RDC 7 invested double what it was obligated to do. The

8 contracts require--only require an investment of

9 10 million. As you know, RDC had invested nearly 10 20 million.

Now, in fact, the facts are that Respondent's 12 own breaches inhibited Claimant's growth. The South

13 Coast route was not open because the Respondent didn't

14 have the money to move the squatters, despite their

15 obligation to do so. You heard the testimony of 16 Mr. Valenzuela, and you heard the testimony of

17 Ms. Fernández, where they said the problem was--and

18 these are the quotes from your testimony--the problem

19 was they said, this is money that the Government and

20 FEGUA had to put in. They didn't have it.

A large sum was needed, which the Government 22 did not have. The Government did not want to continue PAGE 1963 PAGE 1965

10:27:25 1 the dialogue for making the large investment that was 2 required. Respondent cannot rely upon its own 3 contractual breaches to argue that FVG was not 4 profitable.

The fifth contention that they made, RDC knew the Equipment Contract was illegal. They told you in their Opening Statement. Again, you don't have to accept our word for it. They knew they were entering into an illegal Contract, and public International law tells us one cannot profit from their own misconduct.

11 That's what they told you.

But, in fact, FVG entered into Contracts 143
and 158 at FEGUA's request. There's no credible
evidence that the time Contract 143 was entered into
that FVG understood or believed that the Contract was

16 illegal and void or was ever informed by FEGUA that it 17 considered the Contract to be illegal and void.

As Mr. Senn testified, FEGUA's lawyers were intimately involved in drafting both Contracts 143 and 158. If you will remember when Dr. Gramajo testified, the was specifically asked, who drafted the Contracts?

22 And I think you asked him, Secretary Eizenstat, and

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10:29:55 1 Contract 402. Look at the exhibits that we've cited 2 here. You will see, and as you just heard this 3 morning, just heard this morning from the Witness, it 4 was a comprehensive deal. He said the Contracts were 5 intimately intertwined. We were looking for a total 6 resolution. That's their testimony.

Further, as you saw yesterday, when you saw 8 the--Dr. Gramajo's notes on the draft--new contract 9 for 143, his notes didn't have anything to do with 10 obtaining Presidential approval or a new bidding 11 process, and there is no documentary evidence that 12 those notes were ever sent to FVG anyway.

Indeed, the negotiations to amend the
Contracts to remove so-called "technical
irregularities" were a sham. The issues which
ultimately prevented agreement had nothing to do with
Presidential approval or a new bidding process.
Remember Dr. Gramajo's testimony, when I showed him
Paragraph 20 from his Statement where he sets forth

20 the items that prevented agreement, they were return 21 of historical railway items, cannibalization of

22 railroad equipment, and valuation of inventory.

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10:28:41 1 his response was "I don't know." Well, the only 2 evidence on that subject is Mr. Senn's evidence, and

3 he testified repeatedly that FEGUA's lawyers were

 $4\,$ intimately involved in the drafting of the Contract.

Furthermore, both Mr. Franco and Dr. Mayora testified that because FEGUA is an autonomous entity,

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{7}}$ Presidential approval and public bids were

 ${\tt 8}$ unnecessary. Why would RDC think there was something

9 wrong with the Contracts when imminent lawyers don't

10 believe that any of the Contracts needed Presidential 11 approval or a public bid?

12 Any asserted technical illegalities were 13 fully within the exclusive control of the Respondent

14 to resolve. There was never anything really to

15 negotiate. Claimant couldn't remedy the lack of

16 Presidential signature. Claimant couldn't force the

 $17\,\,$ Respondent to hold further public bids for the

18 Equipment Usufruct. These were all things within the

19 control of the Respondent.

20 FEGUA's negotiation points all deal with

21 issues other than Presidential approval or a new

22 bidding process and many involved issues under

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10:31:22 1 Nothing having anything to do with the purported

2 technical irregularities of the Contracts.

Dr. Gramajo even testified that FEGUA did not pursue a new bidding process because it was afraid that someone other than FVG might win the bid. Do you really believe that? They didn't pursue a new bidding

7 process because the entire issue was just the

8 concocted claim to leverage Contract concessions from 9 FVG.

10 At all times, FEGUA's Legal Department 11 considered Contracts 143 and 158 to be in full force

12 and effect, and Canon payments were made and accepted
13 pursuant to that Contract. You saw yesterday during

14 Dr. Gramajo's testimony, the FEGUA internal legal 15 staff's Opinion where they said, Contract 143 as

16 amended by Contract 158 is currently in effect.

7 And extremely importantly, they said the

18 Contract Number 143 which is currently in effect, it

19 is under the terms of this Contract that the

20 Usufructary is using the railway equipment. Their 21 legal staff considered FVG's use of the railway

22 equipment to be pursuant to Contract 143, which they

PAGE 1967 PAGE 1969 1967 1969 10:35:33 1 not going to dwell on them, but these are power lines 10:32:46 1 now try to tell you was--there was something wrong 2 with it. 2 over every square foot of this right of way by four Furthermore, if you look at that same Legal 3 separate companies. 4 Opinion, you'll see where it says, FVG has delivered ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Can you just elaborate 5 to FEGUA 596,000 quetzales; and, as a result, it 5 on that? Are you today receiving compensation from 6 renders the Opinion that Ferrovías is up to date for 6 all four companies? 7 the payment of fees for the use of railway equipment, MR. FOSTER: None of them. 8 which as we've just shown they were up to date in 8 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Have you sought to do 9 payment of fees for use under Contract 143 which their SO? 10 own Legal Department says was in full force and 10 MR. FOSTER: We thought it was a futile act, 11 effect. 11 Secretary Eizenstat. Our experience with everyone we Respondent accepted FVG's performance under 12 have dealt with after Lesivo is you're a dead man 12 13 the Usufruct Contracts, including resumption of 13 walking, we are not interested in doing business with 14 railway service and millions of quetzales in Canon 14 you. Indeed, Planos y Puntos, as you understood, when 15 payments without a hint of contention that FVG was in 15 we had an extension of their Contract in writing, 16 default. Both Mr. Carrillo and Dr. Gramajo testified 16 ready to be signed, said absolutely not. We're not 17 that they took the Canon payments without reservation, 17 going to do it. We think that to require us to have 18 without any hint that they were going to later contend 18 gone out and sought to collect money from those people 19 that somehow or another those Contracts had not been 19 would be an unreasonable requirement. 20 in effect. PRESIDENT RIGO: Were there any power lines 20 Indeed, Respondent thus is estopped from 21 before Lesivo? 22 contending that FVG was in any way deficient in its MR. FOSTER: I'm going to turn to that in PAGE 1968 PAGE 1970 1968 1970 10:34:07 1 performance. Indeed, the Tribunal has already ruled, 10:36:50 1 just one second. 2 and I quote from Paragraph 145 of your Second Decision You asked us, as you can see there's tons of 3 on Jurisdiction, where you say: "Who took the 3 pictures of these power lines. 4 initiative to sign a new contract is irrelevant to the Most of the power lines were installed after 5 Tribunal's conclusion. FEGUA and FVG were faced with 5 Lesivo. Remember Mr. MacSwain's testimony, he said he 6 a de facto situation which they tried to reflect in 6 examined the entire right of way except Tecún Umán in 7 Contract 143, and FEGUA benefited from a 25 percent 7 mid-2007, and most of the power lines were not there. 8 increase in the Canon stipulated in Contract 41." 8 The pictures you have just seen were taken from 2009 Their contention number six: FVG would have 9 to 2011. So, the undisputed--and they offer no 9 10 never signed an additional commercial lease during the 10 testimony to the contrary. Lord knows FEGUA has ample 11 ability to offer contrary testimony. If it was 11 life of the Usufruct. As you know, when Dr. Spiller 12 was testifying, he responded to Secretary Eizenstat's 12 possible to offer truthful contrary testimony, they 13 question: Are you assuming that there would have been 13 didn't, because they know they can't. As these 14 no additional easement contracts and no additional 14 pictures prove in connection with Mr. MacSwain's 15 commercial leases, and he said right. That's his 15 testimony, these power lines went up after Lesivo. 16 assumption. Can anyone say that that is a reasonable 16 Now, you asked the question who are the 17 assumption? I don't think so. And, indeed, the facts 17 industrial squatters? As you saw from the pictures, 18 are industrial squatting is rampant post-Lesivo. 18 they're DEOCSA and DEORSA, who are subsidiaries of a 19 Electricity companies have lined the entire right of 19 Spanish company; EEGSA, formerly 100 percent 20 way with power lines from coast to coast. To say this 20 Government-owned, now 14 percent Government-owned; 21 right of way is worthless is simply preposterous, and 21 EEMZA, the municipal electricity of Zacapa; and INDE, 22 which is owned by the Government of Guatemala. Thus 22 here are the pictures. You've seen these before. I'm

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10:38:18 1 the Government, through INDE and its partially owned 2 company EEGSA is the principle industrial squatter.

> Second question: Can Lesivo be negotiated 4 away? You heard yesterday possibly, from Mr. Mayora, 5 possibly, but not in this particular situation because

6 the Declaration of Lesivo has been predicated on

7 alleged illegalities in the Contract at issue; thus, 8 he concludes that the way in which this Declaration of

9 Lesivo was issued, this particular situation, the

10 possibility of entering into negotiations conducive to

11 a settlement became closed door, was made impossible. And your third question: Can the President 12

13 be held personally liable for failing to declare 14 Lesivo? Dr. Mayora told you, neither the President

15 nor his Cabinet would be found liable for failing to

16 declare Lesivo because it was a discretionary act, not

17 a mandatory act.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Could I ask a question 18

19 about that?

MR. FOSTER: Yes, sir. 20

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: We've heard a great

22 deal about the President's liability. In actual

10:40:53 1 do business with on an ongoing basis. There was a 2 dramatic decline in the use of the railroad for 3 freight transportation. A 35 percent decline in the 4 first six months of 2007 as compared to the first 5 seven months of 2007 as compared to 2006.

Reversal of market share gains versus 7 trucking, withdrawal or denial of credits from 8 suppliers.

9 Failure to be able to secure a single 10 additional lease or easement on our right of way. 11 Prospective commercial tenants consistently cited the 12 Lesivo Resolution as the reason for backing out of 13 negotiations, or Preliminary Agreements with FVG.

While the print is roughly difficult to read 15 at the bottom of the page, you will be able to go 16 through and check the testimony to see where each of 17 these elements is amply proven.

Theft, vandalism, and squatters dramatically 18 19 increased after the Government's repudiation of FVG's 20 Usufruct, making it impossible to return to the status

21 quo antsy. Just between the Lesivo Resolution and

22 early 2009, 65 kilometers of rails and track

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2 held to be financially liable for decisions?

MR. FOSTER: We're not aware of any ever, for 4 any decision, whether it was Lesivo or any other

5 decision that a Guatemalan President has made. I

6 think some of them have had some more severe

7 consequences for some of the decisions they've made,

8 but liability hasn't been one of them.

Now I would like to turn to the elements of 9 10 proof.

As you know from the discussion of the law in 12 our Opening Statement, there is a substantial overlap

13 of the elements of proof as to the specific claims, 14 and here's a chart which depicts our contentions as to

15 the nature of that overlap. Thus for purposes of this

16 Closing, we have therefore organized the evidence 17 around the elements of proof, which you, as a result,

18 can use in your consideration of each of the various

19 claims.

The first element of proof is a substantial 20

21 lasting economic harm to FVG; and, as you heard the 22 evidence, the Lesivo Resolution made FVG too risky to PAGE 1974

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10:39:37 1 experience, how often have Guatemalan President's been 10:42:11 1 materials, along with cross members of three major

2 bridges, have been stolen. They don't exist anymore. 3 This railroad is never going to reopen because of the

4 Lesivo Declaration.

Furthermore, the Contencioso Administrativo 6 Proceedings that are used by the Government to confirm 7 Lesividad offered no reasonable prospects of a ruling 8 within any reasonable timeframe. Of 17 known cases in 9 two decades, only two have ever been decided, one of 10 which was conveniently released just prior to this

11 hearing.

12 In October 2011, you heard Mr. Franco, FVG's 13 lawyer, say he went to Court, and a Court official 14 told him that the Court had been instructed by the

15 Government not to issue a ruling while this

16 arbitration was pending.

MR. ORTA: I'm sorry, that misstates the 18 evidence. I've refrained myself, but Mr. Franco never

19 said that there was instruction by the Government.

20 That is simply not in the record.

MR. FOSTER: Well, you can check and see

22 whether I've misrepresented. I'm telling you I

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10:43:21 1 haven't. In fact, I think we're going to see the 2 quota another slide, so we'll see exactly what he 3 said.

Again, you heard Mr. Jimenez who testified he was the-he was the gentleman who moved the containers from the railroad to the customers. He said he quit doing business. He couldn't take the risk anymore.

8 Mr. Senn described in detail the effect on the 9 business.

Second factor or second element of proof, no payment or offer of compensation. There has never been an offer of payment or compensation. And

13 contrary to Respondent's claim, there is no private

14 party right to assert a counterclaim or claim for 15 compensation against the Government in the proceeding

16 to confer the Lesivo Decree. Indeed, the Attorney

17 General acknowledged that the Government used the 18 Lesivo process to avoid paying compensation, and you

19 see the quote from the Attorney General on the next

20 slide.
21 Now, let's talk about the frustration of

22 RDC's legitimate expectations. Certainly, it was a

10:45:44 1 in effect. Just yesterday, Respondent's Expert said
2 that no less than four FEGUA Overseers were acting
3 illegally. To go to Professor Crawford's point about
4 fraud, surely FDG had the right to believe that they
5 were acting legally, and their actions and the
6 Government's actions in inducing RDC's performance by
7 the expectation of legal action where they now say
8 they're relying on it being illegal must constitute
9 fraud.

By accepting performance and payment without protest, Respondent reaffirmed that the Contracts were in effect. The Usufruct had a 50 year term. Surely, RDC was entitled to rely upon the length of the term in establishing and formulating its Business Plan.

Now, you got quotations here from senior FEGUA officials admitting that there was nothing weird or wrong about FVG's Contract and that FVG had honored its contractual commitments.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: One gets the certain impression that after six or seven or eight years of operation the railway really wasn't going anywhere.

22 Now, I say that's an impression, and it's not an

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10:44:24 1 legitimate expectation of RDC that the Government

2 structured railroad Usufruct complied with Guatemalan

3 law and had the Government's backing and blessing. I

4 think the Congress promptly approved Contract 402.

5 FVG had won all the necessary public bids. Overseer 6 Porras, as you heard him testify, urged Presidential

7 approval of Contract 41 numerous times. He said, I

8 $\,$ don't have the faintest idea why he didn't prove it.

9 He's a lawyer and an MBA who negotiated the Usufruct

10 Contracts, and he knew of nothing illegal or harmful

11 to the interests of the State in Contract 41. It met

12 all the negotiation and bid requirements, and that's

why, I, myself, he said, submitted to the President to be approved.

FEGUA promptly negotiated an agreement, a letter agreement for FVG to have the use of all

17 equipment on terms exactly like Contract 41. FVG and

18 FEGUA negotiated replacement Contracts, and as we have

seen FEGUA accepted payments under Contract 143.
 The FEGUA Overseer had independent Legal

21 Authority to enter into those Contracts, and FEGUA's

22 Legal Department acknowledged that the Contracts were

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10:47:17 1 impression which I've definitively formed at all, but

2 I would be interested in your comment on that.

3 MR. FOSTER: Well, I think the railway was--4 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: If I may say so, it

5 appears to have started well, but doesn't appear to 6 have taken off.

7 MR. FOSTER: Well, indeed, by 2004, the 8 railway, if you include FEGUA's contribution to the

9 Trust, which they should have made, the railroad was

10 cash-flow positive, so I think it's very difficult to 11 say that the railroad wasn't headed in the right

12 direction.

Furthermore, the existence of the extension to the Planos y Puntos Right of Way Agreement, which

15 was frustrated at the very last minute by Lesivo, is a

16 further indication that the railway leasing activities

17 were beginning to take off, and now we have the 18 picture of the entire right of way, the demand for

19 that right of way, admittedly the demand may be at

20 least in part because of not having to pay--

21 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Exactly.

MR. FOSTER: But the fact is, Professor

PAGE 1979 PAGE 1981 1979 1981 10:48:23 1 Crawford, when somebody invests millions and millions 10:51:00 1 that there was a substantial diversion of FVG away 2 and millions of dollars in poles and wires, and when 2 from its focus. Not only on leasing but actually a 3 that is, as you heard the evidence, that is the most 3 diversion of its focus even on operating the railroad 4 convenient -- the best way to get from point to point 4 because of the activities of the Government, and they 5 because it's uninterrupted, they're not going to 5 want to come in here and blame that on FVG. 6 remove those poles. And when it's the Government ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: There was a period in 7 whose entities are the principle industrial squatters, 7 that middle phase before Lesivo where there was a 8 for them to come in here and say that somehow they can 8 series of disputes with the Government, but it didn't 9 rely on their not paying rent in order to show that seem that that had any particular commercial 10 FVG didn't have a bright and promising future? That's 10 implications in terms of the success of the railway as 11 just plain wrong. They're neither legally nor morally 11 an enterprise with its relevant elements. Isn't there 12 entitled to come in here and argue because they're not 12 a concern about that intermediate period? 13 doing what they ought to do, that that's the reason 13 MR. FOSTER: Well, I don't think there should 14 somehow that FVG was not successful. 14 be because despite these diversions, the business was

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15 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Let me just follow up 16 on Professor Crawford's questions.

From what we've understood the actual profits 18 from the railway operation would have been a 19 relatively minor part of the expected rate of return 20 and that most would have come from the leasing of the 21 rights-of-ways; is that an accurate statement?

MR. FOSTER: Yes, sir.

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20 start with. I don't think Mr. Buffet bought

17 if it hadn't been for Hurricane Stan.

15 moving steadily to profitability, which it actually

16 attained and would have been profitable again in 2005

19 Railroads are not known for being instant cash cows to

21 Burlington Northern Santa Fe counting on the money he

22 was going to get from it the first year he owned it.

So, I think what we have here is a business.

1980 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: If that's the case, 10:49:40 1 2 why did the leasing part seem to get off to such a 3 slow start? That is, one would have thought that from 4 Day 1 there would have been an aggressive effort while 5 you were trying to get the railroad operation going, 6 to get this right of way leased, and it doesn't appear 7 that that started until well into the process. MR. FOSTER: Well, actually, a lot of the 9 leases were early in the process, and I think if you 10 look at the evidence, what you see is--and Professor 11 Crawford alluded to this--there was a very good start, 12 the railroad got operating again, there was some 13 leasing, and then the disputes began to arise that 14 were fomented by Dr. Gramajo. The whole concocted bit 15 about the alleged illegalities of Contracts 143 and 16 158. Then the dispute began to arise over the removal 17 of squatters and payments into the Trust Fund, and 18 then the arbitrations were begun by Ferrovías in order 19 to try to remedy that situation. And then the dispute 20 arises about whether or not they should open the South 21 Coast route.

I think the direct answer to your question is

1982 10:52:15 1 They're not known for being immediate cash cows. These are long-term projects. But what we have here is a relatively short period of time in which the railway was proceeding to 5 good cash flow profitability, and I believe if it 6 hadn't been for the distractions and considering the 7 demand that there was for the railway right of way, 8 that the leasing activities would have been extremely 9 successful. In fact, I doubt that FVG would have even 10 had to pursue them. I think they would have been 11 being pursued by people who wanted to use that right 12 of wav. 13 Now, turning to the third element of proof, 14 no credible public interest justification for the 15 Lesivo Resolution. No public purpose was ever stated 16 in the take-it-or-leave-it Settlement Agreement. No 17 public purpose was invoked in the Lesivo Resolution 18 other than a general invocation of public welfare. No 19 public purpose was invoked in the Lesivo Court 20 proceedings other than, again, a general invocation of 21 public interest, without specification. Nowhere do these Government documents state

PAGE 1983 PAGE 1985 1983 1985 10:53:33 1 that the Lesivo Action was undertaken to uphold the 10:55:58 1 think this is not an issue you may be able to address 2 rule of law or for the common good of the citizens 2 here. There was some indication in the documents that 3 there were a number of other countries in Central and 3 through the development and rehabilitation of the 4 Latin America and perhaps in Europe that have 4 railway's transport and use of rail equipment as the 5 standard I think has now been articulated in the most 5 something similar to a Lesivo process, and it would be recent Lesivo decision of the Constitutional Court. 6 useful, I think, for the Tribunal to know whether in Moreover, as we have seen, President Berger 7 those other countries there were any so-called "due 8 process" built into the Administrative stage as 8 himself publicly stated that the real intent was to get the \$50 million to open up the South Coast route. 9 opposed to the subsequent phase with respect to 10 And you heard today Mr. Marroquin testify about the 10 Courts. I don't know whether you can testify to that 11 High-Level Railroad Commission, and he said it was to 11 now or you could perhaps put that as one of the issues 12 make viable the whole question of the railroad. He 12 that both sides might address. 13 conceded that many issues were discussed in the 13 MR. FOSTER: I would love to testify at any 14 High-Level Commission. He conceded, he said, the 14 time, but--15 Contracts were three. In effect, one was tied to the 15 MR. ORTA: So long as I can cross-examine, 16 other. He said the purpose was to make viable rail 16 Allen. 17 operations, a lack of rail operations in the entire 17 MR. FOSTER: That's a deal. 18 country. That's what was sought. They wanted a 18 The one that I remember, and it's been a long 19 time since I've looked at them, but the one that I 19 revised rail operations plan. What does any of this have to do with 20 remember and I believe I'm remembering accurately is 21 technical illegalities in the Contract? The technical 21 the Spanish Lesivo process, and my recollection is on 22 illegalities were never the focus of anything the 22 two respects I remember two things that I think PAGE 1984 PAGE 1986 1984 1986 10:54:48 1 Government did. They were always trying to achieve 10:57:10 1 distinguish it completely from the Guatemalan system. 2 another objective which they had not achieved through 3 the Contract negotiations. 3 before the invocation of Lesivo; and, number two,

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10:54:48 1 Government did. They were always trying to achieve
2 another objective which they had not achieved through
3 the Contract negotiations.
4 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Do you accept there
5 were technical illegality?
6 MR. FOSTER: Sir?
7 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Do you accept there
8 were technical illegalities?

12 143 and 158, and there was no requirement for
13 Presidential approval of any of the Contracts, ever.
14 Then we turn to a denial of due process. We

10 believe, and as Dr. Mayora testified that there never

11 was a requirement for a public bidding on Contracts

MR. FOSTER: No, sir. No, sir. We do not

15 talked about this a lot. I'm not going to go back 16 through it in detail. You know what the lack of due 17 process in the Lesivo proceeding is. There is not

18 even a semblance of anything like due process as it is 19 understood in the major legal systems of the world,

 ${\tt 20}\,\,$ and I believe that that is the standard for due

21 process under customary International law.

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Excuse me, although I

Number one, there is a procedure for hearings 4 there is a provision for compensation. I think there 5 are undoubtedly other things as well, but you're 6 right, Secretary Eizenstat, it would be more 7 appropriate for us to address that issue not on my memory but on the basis of citations to the Statute. Now here is the quotation from Mr. Franco 10 that there was some question about earlier. He says, 11 yes, yes, oh, yes, yes, the thing is that--this 12 is quoting the Court proceeding--the Court Official. 13 Yes, yes, yes, the thing is, as regards to that 14 proceeding--on that proceeding, there is International 15 arbitration. 16 And then Mr. Franco said, yes, that's 17 correct, but the International arbitration has 18 absolutely nothing to do, nor does it stand in the way 19 at all of there being a ruling and a judgment in this 20 proceeding. And then the Court official said, yes, but

22 that's the instruction we have.

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10:58:26 1 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: What weight do you 2 expect the Tribunal to give to an unidentified 3 Official who we have no basis to know was speaking on

4 behalf of anyone other than himself?

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Franco named the person who 6 is a Court Official. Apparently he's the one who was 7 in charge of this particular proceeding.

And in conjunction with the fact that the 9 Government says, oh well we've asked for a decision

10 twice. It's been five years, they had six months 11 under the Statute to, if you add up all the time

12 periods under the Statute, they had six months to 13 render an Opinion, and it's been five years. I would

14 certainly ask the Tribunal to draw the inference, and

15 I think it's a good inference particularly in

16 consideration of this evidence, the inference that the

17 decision is merely awaiting the resolution of this

18 case. And then I can--I think I can predict pretty

19 confidently you'll have it.

Now, I would like to turn to the National 21 Treatment issue, the three-prong test. The first of

22 course is the like circumstance, and we'd offered

11:01:08 1 Mr. Campollo. I would just ask you to read the 2 timeline that we give you in the Opening Statement but

3 did not have an opportunity to look at in detail.

4 Read the timeline and see if you can come to any

5 conclusion other than the fact that Mr. Pinto was, in

6 fact, acting on behalf of Mr. Campollo, that

7 Mr. Campollo not only wanted to compete in the same

8 sector as FVG, Mr. Campollo wanted FVG's concession,

direct competition.

10 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: May I just ask again 11 in terms of understanding your contention here, if in 12 order for this issue to be relevant of whether Pinto 13 was acting for Campollo, which Campollo said he was 14 not, Pinto, of course, is not alive, do we first have 15 to make a judgment that they were in effect in a like

16 circumstance, that they were actually potential

17 competitors--competition with each other? That is to

18 say, if we don't make that finding, then is any of the

19 Campollo issue relevant?

MR. FOSTER: I think it's 180 degrees the 20 21 other way. You make the determination whether or not

22 they're in the same sector in part upon your decision

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10:59:47 1 evidence that Mr. Campollo operates in the same

2 business or economic sector as FVG; that is, railroads

3 and real estate. You heard about his railroad. It

4 hauls more tonnage than Ferrovías ever did.

5 Mr. Berger admitted, Mr. Campollo, by means of Héctor

6 Pinto, had a series of meetings with Ferrovías staff

7 in order to reach an agreement to exploit the right of

8 the railway with the view to support his Ciudad del

9 Sur project. And Mr. Campollo himself acknowledged

10 that his interest in the railway was based in

11 principle part on the benefits it would bring to his

12 project.

13 The Desarrollos G offer, and I would ask you 14 to infer if Mr. Berger admits that Mr. Campollo by

15 means of Héctor Pinto had a series of meetings, I 16 would ask you to infer that when he presented--when

17 Mr. Pinto presented the Desarrollos G offer, he was

18 acting again on behalf of Mr. Pinto, and you saw that 19 the cover e-mail for that offer sends a copy of it to

20 the son of Mr. Campollo's personal lawyer.

Now, I'm not going to go over--through all 22 these things that Mr. Pinto said and did on behalf of PAGE 1990

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11:02:26 1 as to whether Pinto's statements are attributable to

2 Campollo. But even without those statements, you can

3 still come to the conclusion that they were in the

4 same business from the undisputed proof about 5 Mr. Campollo's railroad and the undisputed proof about

6 his Ciudad del Sur real estate development.

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: But I mean, on the 8 railroad, this was in another country, which was not

9 in direct competition with RVG. It was apparently a

10 very small line, and it didn't appear to be a

11 principle part of Mr. Campollo's business, where as

12 for RVG this was their main business. How do you 13 respond to that?

MR. FOSTER: They don't have to be direct 15 competitors to begin with. They have to just merely

16 be--the test is that they have to be engaged in the 17 same economic segment, and I don't think it makes any

18 difference whether--what country they're in in the

19 economic segment because what we are saying is that

20 here is a person who was in the same economic segment

21 and who was seeking to obtain RDC's Usufruct.

So, I think that you can come--as I say, I

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11:03:46 1 think you can come to that conclusion without relying
2 upon what Mr. Pinto said, but I think it is easier for
3 you if you do connect what his statements to
4 Mr. Campollo.

Now, the second prong of the test is that the intended discriminatory effect was substantially to

7 deprive RDC of its expected economic benefits under 8 the Usufruct. Certainly the take-it-or-leave-it

9 settlement offer required FVG to surrender unrestored

10 railway sections in which other investors may be

11 interested. We, of course, contend that that's a code

12 phrase for Ramon Campollo. And, indeed, Ramon

13 Campollo was the only interested investor in the South

14 Coast corridor who was identified by a Government

15 Official in the March 2006 meeting with the President

16 That evidence is, of course, they say that it never

17 happened, but the simple fact is that Mr. Posner has

18 contemporaneous notes before he ever had a clue that

19 this arbitration was going to ensue. He's got

20 contemporaneous notes that say that Mr. Campollo was

21 identified as the other investor at that meeting.

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: If the purpose was to

11:06:28 1 going to be direct evidence because the butler is not 2 going to confess that he did the murder.

The Government has never identified any other

4 interested investor. Who were they talking about?
5 Why didn't they come to you and say, oh, yeah, when we

6 said other interested investors, we were talking about 7 Smith and Jones. We weren't talking about Campollo.

8 And here are Smith and Jones who are going to tell you

9 that they were interested. But they haven't done

10 $\,$ that, and the reason they haven't done it is because

11 the other interested investor was Ramon Campollo.

The third factor is, and I believe you've already answered this one in your Second Opinion on

14 jurisdiction, when you concluded the Respondent used

15 the Lesivo process as an element of pressure to

16 achieve other results which were unrelated to the

17 Lesividad Declaration, that confirms that there's no

18 nexus between the issuance of the Resolution targeting

19 FVG and rational public policy.

Now, we've got some slides in here concerning some of the evidence about Mr. Campollo's railroad and

22 how it's similar to FVG's. I'm not going to go

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11:05:09 1 give this railroad to Mr. Campollo, and we're now in 2 2011, you've left in 2007, would one not assume that

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3 that might already have happened?

4 MR. FOSTER: I wouldn't. If I were advising

5 the Government of Guatemala, I would tell them that 6 the last thing on earth they should ever do is to

7 prove the other side's case by giving the railroad to

8 Campollo until after this is over.

9 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Didn't seem to be too

.0 particularly interested in the highway.

11 MR. FOSTER: That's what he said, and what 12 would you expect him to say? Would you really expect

13 him to come in here and say, oh, yeah, I wanted to

14 take over the railroad. I was conspiring with

15 President Berger the entire time to do it.

No, this is obviously not a case in which there's ever going to be any direct evidence. About

18 but as we know circumstantial evidence is just as

19 valuable in proving a fact as direct evidence is. The

 $20\,\,$ issue is whether or not you credit it, and you may

21 say, well, it's easier to credit the direct evidence,

22 but the simple fact of the matter is there's not ever

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11:07:47 1 through it with you, but as Mr. Duggan said, when it

2 looks like a duck and it walks like a duck and it

3 quacks like a duck, it's a duck.

4 Now, the next factor is arbitrariness falling

5 below International standards. You've heard

6 repeatedly from the Witnesses that no one can explain

7 to this day why Contract 41 was not signed by the

8 Executive. No one can. And, indeed, Overseer Porras 9 said it could have been signed by any President. It

10 wasn't necessary that it be signed by the President in

11 office at the time. And if you remember the exchange,

12 he went through all the Presidents since that time, he

13 left out President Berger, and I had to remind him 14 that--would President Berger have been able to do it,

15 and he said yes, absolutely. President Berger could

16 have solved this entire problem. All he had to do was

17 sign the Contract, and it's over.

18 And there are lots of other points here

19 concerning arbitrariness that falls far below

20 International standards.

21 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I believe that your

22 Expert Witness himself, Mr. Mayora, when we asked that

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11:09:08 1 question yesterday, may have said that he thought the 2 under the circumstances the President may not have 3 been able to sign 143 and 158.

MR. FOSTER: I believe he was saying--I
believe he was saying, if what I understand about his
testimony--I wasn't here, but it's been described to
me. I believe what he was saying was that he didn't
think it was necessary. It's clearly his opinion that
Presidential approval is not necessary for these

9 Presidential approval is not necessary for these
10 Contracts. I think that's what he was referring to
11 yesterday.

There is a large number of items here that we would like to draw your attention to about arbitrariness, falling below International standards, and the record, in documents, statements, and opinions and hearing testimony is replete with the proof of those elements.

And as you know, even Mr. Aitkenhead agreed
with regard to some of these, as Arbitrator Eizenstat
asked him, you're saying you were seeking a global
agreement on the five different items in the minutes.

22 That was the goal. And he said, the ultimate purpose

1995 1997 11:09:08 1 question yesterday, may have said that he thought that 11:12:03 1 squatters, the industrial squatters, came after

2 Lesivo. And, indeed, FEGUA's Chief engineer,
3 Mr. Samayoa, admitted that the influx of squatters
4 increased after the Lesivo Declaration.

Now, let's turn briefly--

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Excuse me, are you contending that this alleged failure to provide full protection and security existed before Lesivo or only after?

MR. FOSTER: Well, I think we are limited in
this proceeding to contending that it existed
afterwards, but if you look at the chart that I showed
you in Opening Statement of the actions of the
Government, you can see that they took virtually no
actions whatsoever during--between the time that we
got the concession and the time of Lesivo. But we're
not arguing that that inaction during that period of
time is a violation of CAFTA.

19 What we are arguing, however, is that the 20 Government cannot come in here and tell you that FVG 21 was unprofitable when one of the reasons or a large 22 portion of the reasons that FVG was not having as

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11:10:31 1 was that, although we could have had intermediate 2 objectives.

Now, turning to bad faith, again, we've got a large number of items here with a lot of evidentiary support behind them. We believe that you've seen amply demonstrated to you that throughout the goal of the Government was to renegotiate the terms not to fix the illegalities. They were not proceeding in good

Jet's turn briefly to failure to provide full protection and security. You saw that there has been a sharp rise in squatters, theft, and vandalism after Lesivo, whereas the Respondent's efforts were directed merely at identification and documentation of third party interference with FVG's rights. I showed you in our Opening Statement the pie charts of the difference in quality of the actions that they took before FVG got the concession when they were concentrating on indictments and criminal prosecutions versus after Lesivo when it was paper-pushing.

21 Again, Mr. MacSwain's evidence 22 concerning--it's set forth in detail here, that the PAGE 1998

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11:13:19 1 great a profit as it could have was its failure to pay
2 into the Trust Fund and its failure to remove
3 squatters which caused all sorts of operational
4 problems. That they can't do.

Now, we talked a lot in the Opening Statement about the need for a full reparation standard, which includes, we argue, it includes both the recovery of sunk costs and lost profits. Mr. Spiller admitted when he testified before you that the result of his methodology would be to assign the exact same amount of damages for a legal act or an illegal act. There's no distinction in the way that his damage methodology operates.

There are many examples which we cited to you--I won't go through them again--in the literature and in the cases, in which both sunk costs and lost profits are recoverable.

18 Now, I would like to turn to the proof of 19 lost investment.

Now, Dr. Spiller remembered, he conceded that the net cash contribution method, which is essentially recovery of sunk costs, is appropriate when the PAGE 1999 PAGE 2001 2001

11:14:46 1 expropriation takes place in close proximity to the 2 investment. I didn't put the citation on this slide.

3 If you would like to make a notation of it, that's in 4 the First Spiller Report at Paragraph 75. Not 74, as 5 noted on the slide. That's a typo.

Dr. Spiller admitted when he testified before you that RDC was still making investments, that it had made investments throughout the entire period both before and after Lesivo. He admitted that before he

10 saw where my questions were going. Then he proceeded 11 in some of his--I actually out of curiosity had

12 someone count them, he managed to get out over 7,000 13 words in a little over an hour. I think that's bound

14 to be a record for testimony.

15 In any event, Claimant's proof of sunk costs 16 remains un-rebutted in these proceedings. The 17 Respondent has not--they've contested our entitlement

18 to sunk costs, but they have not either through

19 cross-examination or Expert Witness contested the 20 numbers that make up our sunk costs. They didn't even

21 $\,$ want to cross-examine Mr. Hensler and Mr. de Leon who

22 presented the evidence of sunk costs, and that

11:17:34 1 Then a company that had been a substantial 2 investment with an operating history and reasonably

3 expected future profit, he said that's worth the same 4 thing as the other one. It makes no sense whatsoever

5 how three businesses in totally different

6 circumstances can be worth exactly the same thing to 7 Dr. Spiller.

Now, Respondent found it astonishing, they told us, that Claimant's Experts believed rail revenues were going to increase. Well, what's really

11 astonishing is that FVG attained container compound 12 growth rate of 40.5 percent per year on average from

13 the time they started carrying traffic.

Real estate income, we contend, we already talked a little bit about this. We contend it would

16 have increased dramatically without Lesivo because of

17 the number and extent of electric utilities alone

18 which used the right of way, and we've got some charts 19 on that. And when you consider this, please consider

20 the testimony you've just heard from Mr. Marroquin

21 that the Mesoamerica Study upon which the Respondent

22 relies so extensively didn't even consider real estate

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11:16:07 1 evidence was that the sunk costs are approximately 2 \$19 million plus another \$1,350,000 in shutdown costs.

2 \$19 million plus another \$1,350,000 in shutdown costs. 3 You know that when you operate the model on the

4 Weighted Average Cost of Capital and you bring those

5 sunk costs to the value--to their value at the end of

6 2006, they come to \$42.9 million in sunk costs.

7 And, of course, the Respondent does contest 8 the WACC number, but as we discussed before, you will 9 be able to manipulate that model yourself. If you

10 don't like it the way it is, you can come to your own 11 number for WACC and put it into Mr. Thompson's model.

Now, turning to the future profits, it was notable that when Dr. Spiller testified he would

14 accord the same value to a company in which there had 15 been no investment but which had reasonably expected

16 future profits--I give you an example of a McDonald's

17 franchise for that--no investment at all, and he says,

18 okay, it's worth X. Then he says, a company where

19 there had been a substantial investment but with no

20 operating history but reasonably respectable future

21 profits, it's just worth X also, even though they made

22 a huge investment.

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11:18:47 1 income.

Now, you've got two charts here, one of which shows the existing rentals and projected right of way

4 leases versus commercial leases. The next chart

 $\,$ 5 $\,$ merely adds in one other factor, and that adds in the $\,$

6 income from Tecún Umán so that you can see how it

7 affects the slope there. 8 Dr. Spiller asserts that because FVG had

experienced losses, there can be no certain proof of

10 future profits. Well, I would just ask you to 11 consider from your own knowledge of the business--of

12 the business environment, the number of companies that

13 there are, who make enormous investments and show

14 operating losses for a considerable period of time,
15 and then literally shoot into dramatic profitability.

16 I'm not going to go through the Weighted

 $17\,$ Average Cost of Capital computations again. You saw

18 those before. I'll just give you a summary. Remember

19 the argument over the--

20 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Just to go back, can

21 you --

22 MR. FOSTER: Yes, sir.

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11:19:54 1 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Can you summarize--I
2 mean, we saw the chart of the projected incomes from
3 the existing leases, but what proof do we have that
4 there would have been this acceleration of profits?
5 What potential contracts were there, what people were

6 you talking to that were near making a decision that 7 would give us any basis to determine that this takeoff

8 and profitability would occur?

9 MR. FOSTER: The ones that were closest to 10 fruition were the Planos y Puntos extension of its 11 right of way lease, 37 kilometers at \$3,200. The 12 principle importance of that is the validation of the 13 rate.

The second is, of course, the Gerona parking
lot, where there were people who were interested in
not only in having a parking lot but building an
office building. As you know, that parking lot is the
not that the Attorney General's Office sits next to,
and those cars that you saw in the pictures are people

20 who work in the Attorney General's Office. Again, the

21 Government is a squatter. In fact, a little piece of

22 his building sticks over on that property, but there's

11:22:35 1 the data that he uses already contains the distressed 2 companies that Dr. Spiller would have you concentrate 3 on.

The second is the cost of debt. FVG actually obtained its debt financing from RDC and, therefore, RDC's rates should apply. As Dr. Pratt explains, the cost of debt is not a built-up number. It's an actual number. You look at what the company actually did, and it borrowed its money at 7.8 percent, not the 18.67 percent that Dr. Spiller posits.

And then the blending is based on revenue streams rather than just an arbitrary selection of a 50/50 split.

I would briefly like to show you one thing.

Dr. Spiller gave a bond example, an example of a five year bond in his Report, which he said demonstrates there is severe double counting in our amortization methodology. If you go through that bond and you look at this little sheet that I prepared for you, you'll see that when you actually look at the amortization there's only a 13.41 percent quote as Dr. Spiller would call it double counting. Thus, his fanciful

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11:21:16 1 tremendous demand there.

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You had the UniSuper plans to open the
supermarket--the shopping centers actually, starting
in Zacapa and extending into seven or eight of the
other major stations. Those three projects--those
three different projects were literally on the cusp of
fruition prior to it.

The final piece of evidence that I think we would point to particularly is the actual existence of the demand for the right of way as a result of the industrial squatters, and surely the Government can't come in here and say the companies which it owns or in which it has an interest would not have been willing to pay rent for the lines that they put up in this--in that right of way.

 $\,$ So, that's, I think, the proof we would ask $\,$ 17 $\,$ you to look at.

I just want to just point out the three

19 arguments that there are in connection with the 20 Weighted Average Cost of Capital. One has to do with 21 the data that's used for the risk premium, and that's

22 the 10b versus the 10. And as Dr. Pratt points out,

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11:24:04 1 assertion that this is a terrible amount of double 2 recovery for FVG is simply not born out.

2 recovery for FVG is simply not born out.
3 Also, as you heard from his testimony, his

4 methodology of grossing up the amortization using the 5 Weighted Average Cost of Capital as a matter of

6 mathematics just brings you back to where you started.
7 You have nothing left but future profits and you

7 You have nothing left but future profits and you 8 haven't recovered anything for sunk cost, and if you

9 gentlemen decide that in the case of an illegal action

10 by a State that something more than just either on the 11 one hand sunk costs or on the other hand lost profits

12 are appropriate, I would submit to you that the proper

13 result is sunk costs plus lost profits with the sunk 14 costs amortized over the income stream of the lost

15 profits.

Now, turning to business termination and wind-down cost, again, it's about 1.35 million.

18 There's no attack by the Respondent on the numbers.

19 They attack whether or not we're entitled to it

20 because they say that a lot of it was spent on

21 operations. Well, of course, some of it was spent on

22 operations. FVG had long-term contracts which it was

PAGE 2007 PAGE 2009 2007 2009 11:25:23 1 obligated to complete. Starting a business costs 11:28:28 1 of collecting its money. 2 money, and winding it down costs money, and it costs Now, finally, just as a last comment, I would 3 1.35 million to respond this one down. 3 like to recall to you something that Mr. Thompson On pre-judgment interest, that's I think 4 said. Here Mr. Thompson is one of the world's 5 foremost Experts on railroads in developing countries, 5 going to be an interest of law for you as to whether 6 or not it should be compounded or not. We believe 6 and he said he had never seen anything like what 7 that the current authorities are overwhelming that 7 happened here, and he said that he certainly would not 8 pre-judgment interest should be compounded. One issue 8 have advised the Government to do what they did 9 is what the rate should be. One of your alternatives 9 because it ultimately was so self-destructive. 10 is to consider looking at the sunk costs. This has And really, that's what we come down to here. 11 been a forced loan, a coerced loan to Guatemala, and 11 Governments who take--who do arbitrary things for 12 that Guatemala should, therefore, pay the 9.34 percent 12 reasons that are not related to public good, you 13 that is allocable to the times when Guatemala borrows 13 cannot encourage that kind of behavior when you're 14 dealing with International investments, and we would 14 money. That, then, brings us to some options that 15 urge--we would urge that your Award should recognize 15 16 you have before you. The first is to award sunk costs 16 the fact that the purpose--the principle purpose of 17 plus lost profits minus amortization, and then minus 17 CAFTA is to encourage investment by the part of 18 mitigation. That would bring you to 63,778,000. 18 foreign nationals into the economies of these The second option is to award lost profits 19 countries, and that the only way that that purpose can 20 without sunk costs, and that lost profits of 20 ever be fulfilled is that the countries which receive 21 30 million minus mitigation would bring you to 21 those investments must comply with the terms of CAFTA. Thank you very much. 22 27,361,000. PAGE 2008 PAGE 2010 2008 2010 The third option is return the Claimant to 11:29:55 1 Oh, I've got one other thing to give you. I 11:26:50 1

2 the same position as if the investment had not been 3 made, and that is an investment of 19 million brought

4 up to current value by 12.9 percent WACC plus

5 wind-down costs minus mitigation, that brings you to 6 \$41,589,000.

7 Another potential, a variant on option number 8 three is to use, instead of using the WACC of

9 12.9 percent to use the coerced loan theory at

10 9.34 percent, which would bring you to \$33 million. I

11 would point out to you, however, that if you were to

12 choose the coerced loan theory, that I would submit

 $\ensuremath{\text{13}}$ that you must award legal costs and expenses. Because

14 the only way that you remedy a coerced loan in order

15 to recover their coerced loan, RDC had to hire lawyers

16 and spend money. So, an essential part of the coerced

 $17\,\,$ loan theory is the recovery of costs and expenses.

18 Regardless of that, however, we ask

19 you--regardless of which way you go, we ask you to 20 award RDC its costs and attorneys' fees in this case

20 award RDC its costs and accorneys lees in this case 21 because, as a matter of justice, this is a case in

22 which the Claimant should not have to bear its costs

2 apologize. I promised you that I was going to tell
3 you how to operate Mr. Thompson's model so that you
4 would be able to do that, and I'm not going to
5 describe it to you, but there is--the last slide in

6 the presentation are the operating instructions for

7 Mr. Thompson's model.

8 Thank you, sir.

9 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: The Claimant has

12 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: The Claimant has

13 subsisting interests in Guatemala?

MR. FOSTER: Well, they have a presence there that the present time, yes.

16 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: The interests of

17 collecting rent, for example?

18 MR. FOSTER: Yes.

19 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: What do you propose is

20 to be done in relations to those interests?

21 MR. FOSTER: Your Award would have to include

22 that fact that--if your Award were complete

PAGE 2011 PAGE 2013 2011 2013 11:30:48 1 compensation to the Claimant, then obviously the 11:42:14 1 witnesses that there is a local proceeding pending in 2 Claimant would have to turn those over to the 2 relation to the Declaration of Lesividad, and you've 3 Government. 3 also heard that there are local arbitrations pending ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Thank you. 4 regarding many of the issues that have been complained 5 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Foster. 5 about here, and the Tribunal ruled early on in this We will have literally five minutes' break 6 case that those issues pending in the local before we have the next closing statements. 7 arbitrations were outside the bounds of its (Brief recess.) jurisdiction in this case, given the terms of CAFTA. At the end of the day, it's our contention PRESIDENT RIGO: We are going to continue our 10 morning session. 10 that the appropriate conclusion for this Tribunal to Mr. Orta for the Respondent. 11 reach is that there has been no violation by Guatemala 11 CLOSING ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT 12 of its undertakings with respect to CAFTA, and the 12 13 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would 13 issues between the Parties can and should be resolved 14 locally. 14 like to start off also by thanking the Members of the 15 Tribunal, the Secretary of the Tribunal, the ICSID Now, when we started this hearing, we 15 16 staff, and all of the folks who have worked to put 16 mentioned that there were basically two issues that we 17 this hearing together. I'd like to thank opposing 17 believed that this Tribunal needed to decide. The 18 counsel, and we have gone down a long road in this 18 first is whether Guatemala violated its CAFTA 19 case that started back in 2007, when Claimant filed 19 undertakings when it applied the lesivo law, which the 20 their Notice of Intent to Arbitrate and eventually 20 evidence shows has been part of Guatemalan law for 21 their Reguest for Arbitration. 21 over a hundred years, to declare the Usufruct To put us in context, you might recall that 22 Equipment Contract lesivo. In the face of the PAGE 2012 PAGE 2014 2012 2014 11:40:33 1 in the opening I started off with a series of points 11:43:48 1 decision that President Berger made and given all of 2 about what this case is really about, and here we're the circumstances associated with that decision when 3 boiling it down even to its more basic form. 3 it was taken, that's what we believe this Tribunal is In 1997, Claimant, through their local 4 being asked to answer. Because, after all, when 5 enterprise, participated in a bid to modernize and 5 Claimant framed their case, they claimed it based on 6 the issuance of the Lesivo Declaration and the 6 restore the Guatemalan railway. I think the evidence 7 demonstrates that they didn't have sufficient capital, 7 consequences thereof. That's how they framed their 8 and their projections in terms of demand, in terms of 8 case to this Tribunal. 9 funding sources were optimistic and turned out to be Looked at in context, we also contend that 10 what is in essence really happening here is that the 10 completely off the mark, so things didn't work out 11 between the Parties. 11 Tribunal is being asked to shift to Guatemala the Now, as you're going to hear in a second, 12 responsibility for Claimant's failed and risky 12 13 none of the actions that have been signaled by 13 business venture. And we say that because we believe 14 Claimant in relation to conduct by Guatemala 14 the evidence shows that Claimants, in fact, did enter 15 constitute actions that would substantiate any of the 15 into a very risky business venture, and that business 16 Treaty claims that they are asserting in this case. 16 venture failed long before the Lesivo Declaration was 17 There simply have been no Treaty violations proven. 17 issued. 18 We think the hard evidence proves that, and we hope And we further believe that the evidence 18 19 that throughout the course of this case and the eight 19 demonstrates that when CAFTA went into effect and the 20 or nine days of hearings that we have had that the 20 Lesivo Declaration was issued, Claimant immediately 21 evidence has borne that out for the Tribunal. 21 seized upon that as its exit strategy from a failed 22 venture in Guatemala. Now, you've heard some testimony from various

PAGE 2015 PAGE 2017 2015 2017 11:45:16 1 Now, I would like to start where I think the 11:48:01 1 MR. ORTA: I think that's correct. I think 2 Tribunal will be focusing a good portion of its time 2 that's correct. The only point we're making, and I 3 when it deliberates in this case, and that is the 3 think this goes to the first aspect of your 4 Lesivo Declaration and whether the actions taken by 4 observation, Professor Crawford, is that you need not 5 Guatemala in relation to the issuance of the Lesivo 5 get there in the sense that the conduct that is at 6 Declaration violate Guatemala's undertakings under 6 issue can, we believe, demonstrate that Guatemala did 7 CAFTA, and I want to remind the Tribunal it is our 7 not violate fair and equitable treatment standard or 8 contention that this Tribunal need not decide whether any other of the claims that are at issue here. 9 the Lesivo Declaration was properly issued under (Comment off microphone.) 9 10 Guatemalan law. That issue is before the 10 MR. ORTA: Yes, sir. 11 Administrative Court in Guatemala. Now, in relation to the timeline, in or 11 Now, looking at the actions that were taken 12 around June 2005, actually dating back even a little 12 13 by the Government, we know that between April 2004 and 13 bit earlier into April of 2005, we know that at that 14 June 2005, the Parties undertook negotiations in 14 point negotiations between the parties had not 15 relation to the possible amendment or undertaking of a 15 prospered, and both sides in essence began considering 16 new Equipment Contract because very shortly after 16 what legal options they had in relation to some of the 17 Dr. Gramajo took over as the Overseer of FEGUA, he 17 problems that they were--that they had between each 18 notified Claimant through FVG that the Contract 18 other. We know, for example, that Ferrovías began 19 suffered--the Equipment Contract, the one at issue 19 planning their local arbitrations. We have seen 20 here, suffered from legal defects. And we know that 20 e-mail exchanges. They were part of the record in 21 because there has been testimony to that effect from 21 this case. Witnesses were questioned about them where 22 Dr. Gramajo. There have been Draft Agreements shared 22 Ferrovías's witnesses said that they were launching PAGE 2016 PAGE 2018 2016 2018

11:46:47 1 with the Tribunal. They're a part of evidence, R-50,

2 R-51. And there are e-mail exchanges between the 3 Parties in relation to those Draft Agreements, and I

 $4\,$ think both sides admit that there were negotiations

5 going on, but that those negotiations ultimately did

6 not prosper. Now--

7 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Before you move on, you 8 said the Tribunal need not decide whether the Contract 9 is lesivo, but you accept that we could decide that;

10 is that right?

MR. ORTA: Well, it's our contention that that issue--in other words, whether it's actually lesivo under Guatemalan law is not really relevant to

14 the undertakings of determining whether Guatemala

15 violated its CAFTA obligations.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: I mean, certainly, as 17 you say, it would be possible to decide the case

18 without deciding it, but if we were to decide that the

19 President was entitled as a matter of Guatemalan law

20 to declare the Contract lesivo, that would surely have

21 a considerable relevance to a fair and equitable

22 treatment claim.

11:49:17 1 their attack against FEGUA. This is a direct

2 statement made by Mr. Senn in one of his e-mails in

3 April of 2005. And that attack was the local

4 arbitrations that they were filing in relation to the

5 issue of squatters and Trust Fund payments that this

6 Tribunal is well aware of.

Now, Dr. Gramajo has testified both through his oral testimony before you and through his Witness

9 Declarations that in April 2005, recognizing that the

10 Parties had reached an impasse in relation to trying

11 to resolve the legal defects associated with Contract

 $12 \quad 143 \ \text{and} \ 158, \ \text{he began making inquiries to first the}$

13 Legal Department within the Ministry of

 $14\$ Communications--that's the Ministry to whom the

15 railway agency responds--and eventually consulting

16 with outside counsel, the Attorney General of

17 Guatemala. And all of that led him to receive a

18 number of very consistent opinions from these legal

19 advisers, including from the highest Legal Authority

20 for the State in Guatemala that the Contract at issue

21 had a number of important legal infirmities.

22 And time and time again Claimant likes to

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11:50:47 1 call them legal technicalities, but I think if we're

2 being fair, these are much more than legal

3 technicalities. Whether or not the Contract should

4 have been put to a public bid is not a technicality.

5 Public Contracting Laws are very important for

6 Governments, especially developing Nations, and

7 upholding those contracting laws is not a matter of

8 just a mere technicality.

9 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Wasn't that the 10 Government's responsibility to do? I mean, if this 11 was something that was important, why didn't they do

12 that?

MR. ORTA: Well, Secretary Eizenstat, in relation to the execution of Contract 143 and 158, we

15 don't know why the Overseer of FEGUA at the time did

16 not celebrate a public bid. We don't know why he

17 chose--and this is of record--you have the declaration

18 of Mr. Mario Cifuentes, who was his legal adviser at

19 the time within FEGUA. We don't know why he chose to

20 ignore has legal advisors' advice and sign an

21 agreement that did not comport with Guatemalan law.

Now, I want to be fair. His legal adviser at

11:53:27 1 those Bidding Terms into the Contract when those

2 Bidding Terms say that a bid is required and when

3 those Bidding Terms say that Executive approval is

4 required, and then to unilaterally write into the

5 Contract out--to write out in the Contract the

6 requirement for Executive approval. That's the main

 $\ensuremath{\text{7}}$ defect that was immediately spotted by both of those

8 legal advisers.

9 Once Dr. Gramajo elevates this to outside 10 counsel and the Attorney General's office, that's when

11 he is first informed about the public bidding

12 requirement from outside legal advisers, the fact that

13 that had not happened.
14 So, earlier on, the record will establish he

18 to the contracts under which it was operating and the

19 fact that pursuant to that the Government was

20 accepting or FEGUA was accepting Canon fees? I mean,

21 isn't there a reliance issue here that needs to be

22 addressed?

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11:52:04 1 the time did not say him a public bid was necessary.

2 He did say Executive approval was necessary, and I

He did say Executive approval was necessary, and I think when you examine the documentation, you will see

4 in the record that the initial reaction to this

5 Contract, both from the legal adviser to Mr. Sarceno

 $\,$ 6 $\,$ before he entered into the Contract and when the legal

7 team that was advising Dr. Gramajo after he entered in 8 as the Overseer, when they analyzed the Contract,

9 neither of them initially recognized that a public bid

10 was necessary. Rather, they both took issue with the

11 fact that in the original Bidding Terms for Contract

12 41, there was a necessity for there to be a public

13 bid. It was a requirement of the Bidding Terms, and 14 we believe the contracting law requires it because

15 when you're giving State assets to a third party for

16 their use, the contracting law requires that a bid

17 take place.

18 Now, in relation to the issue of

19 incorporating those Bidding Terms into Contract 143

and 158, both the adviser for Mr. Sarceno and the legal team for Dr. Gramajo immediately recognized that

22 it was a violation of Guatemalan law to incorporate

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11:54:40 1 MR. ORTA: And I'm going to address that

2 later in the slides, but just to directly address your

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3 questions, Secretary Eizenstat, the answer is that we

4 believe reliance under international law, public

5 international law, has to be reasonable, and one 6 cannot rely upon their own misconduct in asserting a

7 claim under CAFTA, and here we believe the evidence

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$ demonstrates amply that at the time that Ferrovías was

9 executing or entering into the Contract 143 and 158, 10 they knew full well that Executive approval was

11 required. Why did they know that? Because the

12 Bidding Terms for Contract 141 required it. Their

13 letters to Overseers throughout the years acknowledged 14 that Contract 41 never went into effect because they

15 didn't have that Executive approval. And yet,

16 notwithstanding that they incorporate the very same

17 Bidding Terms which require Executive approval in the

18 Contract 143, they say in the Contract that that

19 Executive approval is not going to be required.

Now, admittedly, Overseer Sarceno overstepped 1 his bounds. He should not have done that, and we've

22 heard that here, but the point in response to your

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11:56:00 1 $\,$ question is that Ferrovías understood that was not in

2 compliance with Guatemalan law, and they cannot

3 reasonably rely upon the acquiescence by the FEGUA

4 Overseer at that time when they, themselves, knew that

5 that was not in compliance with Guatemalan law.

6 That's our contention.

7 And in relation to the issue of the 8 Acceptance of payments, you heard from Dr. Gramajo 9 that from his perspective, the payments were being

10 accepted by FEGUA pursuant to the letter

11 authorizations.

Again, even if you were to accept that FEGUA
was, after the execution of Contract 143 and 158,
accepting payments pursuant to that contract, which

15 they--which FEGUA itself had told Ferrovias was not in

16 compliance with the law, Ferrovias--FVG cannot be

17 excused based on that because again they, themselves,

18 knew that they were making payments, even if it's

19 pursuant to the Contract, pursuant to a contract that

20 they, themselves, knew was not in compliance with 21 Guatemalan law at the time they entered into it.

And we've cited the principle in our system,

11:58:45 1 that. Between January and April of 2006, they asked

2 the Ministry of Dublic Binance which we heard is the

2 the Ministry of Public Finance, which we heard is the

3 Ministry dealing with public contracting, they had

4 three separate advisers that looked into--three

5 separate legal advisers within that Ministry that

6 looked into the question of whether the contracts were

7 lesivo, and with what we believe is, you know, a good

8 amount of consistency between the other opinions,

9 notwithstanding that they were conducted

10 independently--and the record evidence is that these

11 determinations by these various different officials

12 were conducted independently, and that's unrebutted in

13 this case, reached the Opinion that Contract 143 and

14 158 was lesivo, to the interests of the State. Those

15 opinions get transmitted back to the legal advisers 16 for President Berger. They conduct their own

17 independent analysis.

And at the end of the day what we have are nine separate independent legal opinions that are put

20 before President Berger, telling him that these

21 contracts suffer from important fundamental legal

22 defects under Guatemalan law, and telling him that he

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11:57:17 1 the doctrine of unclean hands. There is a similar

2 principle in public international law, and they can't

3 benefit from that misconduct, if you want to say it 4 that way, or from their knowing that they were doing

5 something that was not in compliance with Guatemalan

 $\ensuremath{\text{6}}$ law, and they cannot invoke that here to excuse their

7 conduct in entering into an agreement that they knew

8 was not in compliance with the law.9 Now, going back to the issue of the

 $10\,\,$ reasonableness of the decision made by President

11 Berger to issue the Declaration, we know that in

12 January of 2006 President Berger receives a letter
13 from Dr. Gramajo in which Dr. Gramajo cites a number

14 of grounds as to why he understood the Contract was

15 lesivo to the interests of the State, and he asks the

16 President to consider making that Declaration.

Now, the evidence shows that the President didn't seize upon this letter and immediately sign a

19 declaration, immediately instruct anyone to sign a 20 declaration, or instruct anyone to do anything other

21 than have his legal team look into the question that

22 was posed by Dr. Gramajo. And his legal team did

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12:00:07 1 should issue the Lesivo Declaration.

Now, again, there is no dispute that these opinions were all based on technical-legal analyses by these different public officials.

We also know, and this is undisputed, that President Berger was counseled that in light of this

7 Contract containing these illegalities, that not only 8 should he declare the Contract lesivo, but if he

9 failed to do so, he would incur personal liability

10 himself. Now, there has been much questioning from

11 the experts as to whether, in fact, President Berger, 12 under Guatemalan law, would be subject to personal

13 liability. We believe the answer is yes. We

14 understand you've heard two different Opinions from

15 Guatemalan Law Experts on that, and we've cited you to

16 the law. We would remit you to the Articles 153

17 through 155 of the Guatemalan Constitution and the

18 other sources of law cited by Professor Aguilar,

19 Mr. Aguilar.

 $20\,$ $\,$ $\,$ But I think the real inquiry here again is

21 was it reasonable for the President to make the

22 assumption that he was going to be subject to personal

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12:01:35 1 liability when he's being told that by the equivalent 2 of the White House Counsel, the equivalent of the 3 Chief lawyer in the Office of the Presidency, and we

4 believe the answer to that is yes.

And so, when you put all of those things 6 together, and when you take into account that none of

7 these other factors, okay, that have been cited here

8 by Claimant as the real reason that the Lesivo

9 Declaration we believe were really at issue, that none

10 of those were at issue, we believe that the issuance

11 of the Lesivo Declaration was reasonable and.

12 therefore, we believe that there are no violations of

13 CAFTA.

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: There seems to be 14

15 replete in the record, including Mr. Marroquin's 16 statement today that it just comes in time and time

17 again was that there was comprehensive negotiation to

18 deal with a whole variety of issues related to the

19 railroad operation, and that this particular set of

20 defects--I think we shouldn't characterize or

21 mischaracterize them as technical because that already

22 evidences some indication, but the defects themselves

12:04:10 1 were part of the calculus by the Parties was, first of 2 all, because Claimant, through Mr. Posner, through 3 their local partners, through Cementos Progreso, they 4 requested a meeting with the President of Guatemala in 5 March of 2006. This is unrefuted.

> And the purpose of that meeting was to put 7 before the table all of the issues that were plaquing 8 the Parties' relationship so that those issues could be dealt with and resolved by the Parties.

Now, I think that speaks volumes as to why it 11 was that those issues were being discussed. We can't 12 blame Guatemala under CAFTA for demonstrating their 13 good faith in opening the Office of the President to

14 Mr. Posner, hearing him out, letting him make a 15 presentation, and then the President making an

16 instruction, let's form a High-Level Commission to 17 decide--to try to resolve these issues that are at

18 issue between the Parties.

And certainly it makes sense that the

20 President would be focusing on having a functioning

21 railway, and it makes sense that his top legal

22 advisers would see that as the ultimate end game, but

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12:02:59 1 were not really central parts of the negotiation, and

2 had they focused on trying to correct those two

3 defects, the bidding and the Presidential thing, you

4 might have had a potentially different outcome, but

5 instead they were focused on the whole broad range of

6 decisions, the South Coast and a whole variety of

7 other issues, and that, I thought, was also what 8 Mr. Marroquin said this very day, and that correcting

9 the legal defects would not have achieved, for

10 example, he said the goal of the High-Level

11 Commission, which was to get the railroad back in

12 operation.

13 Could you respond to that concern.

MR. ORTA: Sure. Secretary Eizenstat, I 14

15 think again we should look at what the evidence shows.

16 Ask yourself why is it that the Parties are in the 17 context of the discussions that were taking place from

18 the High-Level Commission and in the context of the

19 settlement discussions that were taking place just

20 before the Lesivo Declaration. Why are these other

21 issues participants of the equation? And I think that

22 the evidence will demonstrate that the reason they

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12:05:28 1 you also heard very clearly from Mr. Aitkenhead; from

2 Mr. Marroquin, who testified today; from Dr. Gramajo;

3 from Astrid Sosin, who is one of the witnesses you

4 didn't hear from at the hearing because they chose not 5 to cross-examine her, but in her Declaration she also

supports this; from Mr. Fuentes.

You heard that, first of all, that the

8 Government was negotiating in good faith. You also 9 heard directly from Mr. Aitkenhead and Mr. Marroquin

10 that there was no instruction, no order given, you

11 must resolve all of these issues or else we proceed

12 with lesivo. Rather, the evidence is that they were 13 all being discussed in tandem again because Claimant

14 made the request that all of these issues be discussed

15 or that the issues plaquing the parties be discussed,

16 and they made that request directly from the

17 President, and he responded to it, but there was 18 nothing impeding the Parties from reaching a

19 resolution just as to the issues of Contracts 143 and

20 158. And the other thing, and I think this is very

22 important in relation to the question that you posed,

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12:06:42 1 is that when actual offers to sit down and negotiate
2 and negotiate the issue of Contract 143 and 158 were
3 put before FVG, what we know is they weren't able to
4 reach agreement in the April 2004-2005 time frame when
5 that was the only issue that was being discussed, that
6 contract

contract. And we further know that when the Claimants 8 are confronted with a request to negotiate that issue, 9 if you look at C-44, and I ask you to look at that 10 document carefully, that is the settlement proposal 11 that was put before Mr. Senn on 24 August 2006, the 12 day before the Lesivo Declaration was published. The 13 evidence, I think, is unrebutted that while that 14 agreement dealt with a number of issues, there is 15 nothing in that agreement that said you have to settle 16 all of them or we won't settle any one of them. And the other thing is that when you look on 17 18 the face of the Agreement as to each and every point, 19 including the issue of Contract 143 and 158, what the 20 Government was offering was to sit and negotiate a way 21 out of the problems. There are no demands made in

12:09:25 1 with the issue of the Equipment Contract, Mr. Senn
2 said to the Government officials that issue is of
3 secondary priority because the main point here, which
4 is trying to see if there is a way to rehabilitate the
5 Phase II, is a standard gauge railway in which they

6 wouldn't be able to use the rail equipment.

In response to your other question, Secretary

8 Eizenstat, the testimony from Dr. Aguilar is that

9 there was a way to settle, that the Government could

10 settle. What he said was you couldn't cure Contract

11 143 itself because that suffered from illegalities.

12 But you could enter into a settlement whereby you

13 entered into a separate new Equipment Contract, which

14 is what was being proposed in C-44 and in the

15 negotiations that are exhibited in R-36 and R-37. So,

16 you could reach a settlement, and that would involve

17 potentially a new public bid and a new Equipment

18 Contract that didn't suffer from legal defects.

19 Now, let's look at the issues of the supposed
20 motivations for the issuance of the Lesivo Declaration
21 as contended by RDC in this case. First of all, you
22 know, they've said from the beginning of this case and

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22 that document. Every one of the subpoints in the

12:08:05 1 documents say "points to be discussed or negotiated," 2 and that evidences that the Government was willing to

3 sit down and negotiate those points, and there is

4 nothing that the document that says you have to

5 negotiate them all or you will not be able to 6 negotiate away the issues with respect to the Lesivo

7 Declaration.

8 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Just enlighten me on 9 one last point. Did we not hear that, in a sense, 10 from both experts that there was virtually no way to 11 remedy the defects, particularly with respect to the 12 Presidential approval? Once you identified it, it

13 couldn't be remedied. Is that what the record shows?
14 MR. ORTA: I don't believe so, but if I could
15 just make one minor point closing out on the prior

16 question, which is, in relation to that proposal, C-44 17 that was put forth to Mr. Senn, the evidence is

18 unrebutted that he didn't really study it. He made no

19 counterproposals, and he said he had no authority to

20 negotiate any of the points in there on the day before

21 lesivo was published. And that even lesivo, R-37

22 proves this point. Even after lesivo, when confronted

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12:10:52 1 they continue to maintain it today, that the

2 Government was looking to benefit Mr. Ramon Campollo

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ and that that was the real motivation in issuing the

4 Lesivo Declaration. With all respect, we believe the

5 evidence on this is clear, and that is, there is

6 absolutely no evidence to support this allegation.

7 None. You heard directly from Mr. Campollo. He said 8 he had no interest in the railway, never expressed an

9 interest in the railway, never made any threats. To

10 the extent Mr. Pinto said anything that could have

11 been perceived by the other side as threats, he never

12 authorized him to do that, and we know that as of

13 April 15, 2005, a letter was sent directly to Claimant

14 by Mr.--to FVG, I should say, by Mr. Campollo saying

15 he had no interest in the railway project. There is

16 no evidence of any communications between the

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{17}}$ Government and Mr. Campollo or anyone on his behalf or

18 Mr. Campollo or anyone on his behalf with the

19 Government in relation to the allegation that he

20 wanted to take the railway Usufruct, and last of all,

21 we know as we sit here today, Mr. Campollo has no

22 rights in the Usufruct at all.

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12:12:14 1 On the use of the 50 million, and we are
2 going to get into this in a little bit more detail
3 again, this is based on a number of things that are
4 really just press reports and nothing more.

5 And lastly, on the issue of the use of the 6 Lesivo Declaration to force Claimants to renegotiate, 7 I believe I just dealt with that in response to 8 questions from Secretary Eizenstat. And again, we

9 will deal with it in a little bit more detail.
10 Claimants, again, in order to make their
11 CAFTA claim, attempt to assert in this case that their
12 investment was profitable. The evidence shows just
13 the opposite, and that Guatemala took away their
14 entire investment, and again I think the evidence

shows just the opposite.

In assessing the case, I think it's important that you assess the quality of the evidence that's

been presented to you in this case by Claimant. Most of it is hearsay evidence, what somebody believes they heard from somebody else or from somebody else, and

21 all of the hearsay evidence is, in essence, being

22 purported by Claimant's representatives or their

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12:14:41 1 take our words for it. It's Mr. Duggan telling you 2 this. R-322.

On the issue of Campollo, again, what I would like to stress here--and this is, I believe,

5 important--I think I've already said what the lack of 6 evidence is, but I would like to remit you to the

7 direct evidence because you heard Mr. Foster say in

 ${\tt 8}$ $\,$ response to a question from Professor Crawford that

9 the question is whether you want to credit the

10 evidence that they have put forward and whether you

11 want to credit the inferential or circumstantial leaps

12 that they would like for you to make based on that

13 evidence. And I submit to you that if you look at the 14 documents that we have put before you--and these are

15 mostly all documents that they have submitted in this

16 case, communications between Mr. Pinto and Mr. Posner

17 or Mr. Senn, look at them in chronological order.

18 We've put them for you here in chronological order.

And what you're going to see when you study

20 them, one by one in chronological order, is that

21 Mr. Pinto wasn't making any threats to take their

22 railway. Mr. Pinto, even if you assume he was acting

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12:13:25 1 lawyers.

Huge inferential leaps, we hear words like sugar and private investor, and we're being asked--you're being asked to interpret that to mean Mr. Ramon Campollo. You are being asked to conclude that it's clear that that means Ramon Campollo. We submit that's not the case, and most of their evidence comes from newspaper clippings.

Now, Claimant has talked about their success
and how that should evidence what they would have done
here if they would have been allowed to carry out
their investment, and Mr. Foster, in his opening and

13 again today talked about a number of other operations 14 that RDC had and said, you know, you should assume

15 that the success, to the extent there was success in 16 these other rail ventures, was going to be replicated

17 here.

But what was left out--and this is in document R-322--is that Mr. Duggan has admitted that, as a matter of fact, they had never, ever implemented a project like this before. They had never, ever tried to revive an abandoned railway. Again, don't PAGE 2038

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12:15:53 1 on behalf of Mr. Campollo, which we say to you the
2 evidence does not allow you to make that leap, even if
3 you make that assumption, you will see that what, in

4 essence, was going on is that Mr. Pinto was inquiring 5 as to whether there would be rail service provided by

6 FVG to the southern coast, and he was asking for

7 quotes for sugar transport to see whether that might

8 be viable for--whether that might be viable.

9 And again, when you look at the evidence, 10 read the e-mails that they have provided in context, 11 you're going to see that Mr. Posner, himself, responds

12 to an e-mail from Mr. Pinto on 3 August 2006, just

13 before the Lesivo Declaration, and he tells Mr. Pinto 14 that he's anticipating positive results for everyone

15 in relation to the possible rail transport to the

16 south. Positive results for everyone.

The other communications, again, demonstrate
a request about the possibility of FVG providing

19 transport services to the south, not Mr. Campollo

20 wanting to take the railway, not any insistence on the 21 Desarrollos G proposal.

22 And I think it's important that you look at

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12:17:10 1 this and judge the quality of the evidence that's
2 being put before you. The Desarrollos G proposal
3 itself, which is--which has been talked about in this
4 case, take a look at that proposal and take a look at

5 C-44, which is the settlement proposal. Those are the

6 two main documents that they ask you to look at when

7 they say there have been threat allegations. The

8 Desarrollos G proposal is merely that: A proposal,

9 and nothing more. Again, Mr. Campollo said he had 10 nothing to do with it. But even if you believed he

11 had something to do with it, it is a proposal and

12 nothing more. And the evidence shows that Mr. Pinto 13 asked for a counterproposal to which FVG decided not

14 to provide. You heard they didn't provide one.

15 Mr. Senn told you that.

So, there is simply nothing to their allegations about Mr. Campollo. It's a complete nonevent in this case, but I will tell you it is their

19 featured claim of conspiracy and of discriminatory 20 intent in relation to the Lesivo Declaration, and it

21 completely falls on its face when you look at the

22 evidence.

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12:18:20 1 Now, there are other indicia of the 2 unreliability of the evidence that is before you. You

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ heard Mr. Mario Fuentes testify, and that is a witness

4 that the Claimant proffered in this case, that he 5 never told Claimants about any supposed plot by Juan

6 Esteban Berger to be taking or to be manufacturing or

7 drumming up illegalities to take away the railroad.

8 Now, why is that important? Because Mr. Senn,

9 Mr. Duggan, and I believe Mr. Posner tell you that the

10 reason they believe this is because they heard it from

11 Mr. Fuentes, from Mr. Melville, and Mr. Montano.

12 Well, the problem that they have is that Mr. Fuentes $\,$

13 denied having ever made such a statement to them,

14 ever, and that's on the record, and you have the cites

15 here.

Mr. Melville and Montano submitted Witness
Declarations, and they also deny having any ability to

18 confirm what they call "speculation" by Claimant. And

19 Juan Esteban Berger told you no such thing ever

20 happened. So, that is important when you are

21 analyzing the rest of the evidence that they've put 22 before you.

12:19:41 1 So, in conclusion, on the issue of

2 Mr. Campollo, there is--really, we submit it's a nonissue in this case. There is no evidence to 4 support it.

5 On the issue of the 50 million-dollar
6 threat--okay, this is another issue that's been put
7 before you, and they claim President Berger demanded
8 \$50 million or else he would proceed with the Lesivo
9 Declaration--demanded \$50 million or else he would
10 proceed with the Lesivo Declaration in relation to the

11 railway equipment, and the \$50 million was demanded,

12 as they say, for purposes of investment in the 13 railroad.

What you see is that they are citing to nothing more than newspaper clips, and newspaper clips that were issued post-lesivo and newspaper clips reporting on what President Berger said. And even

18 worse newspaper clips that themselves are inconsistent 19 about what President Berger said or didn't say. The

20 newspaper clips, when you analyze them in context, and

21 there is another slide coming up that does that, some

22 of them report that Mr. Berger were simply saying they

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12:20:52 1 never had the \$50 million they needed for investment

2 in the railroad, and some of them say that what the

3 Claimants say, that he said that they needed

4 \$50 million or else they were going to proceed with 5 the Lesivo Declaration. But again, inherently

6 unreliable.

And what can't be denied is that there is no communication from the Government to FVG that there was ever a request by the Government to either invest

10 50 million in the railroad or else the Lesivo

 ${\tt 11}\,$ Declaration would be issued. There is no evidence to

12 that, and Claimant's Expert--witnesses, I'm sorry,

13 have told you that.

We've submitted here a quote from Waste
Management that talks about the inherent unreliability
of statements made by political figures in the heat of
public debate, and again we will get to a little bit

18 more about that issue later.
19 Now, on the issue of renegotiation, again, I
20 think in relation to the question posed by Secretary

21 Eizenstat, I ran through a good amount of this, I

22 again ask you to really focus on the fact that the

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2043 12:21:59 1 reason these issues were being discussed in tandem is 12:24:48 1 Government was somehow using the Lesivo Declaration to 2 that Claimant asked President Berger for him to 3 conform a Commission to resolve all the issues between 4 the Parties, and it's natural that if that were to 5 happen, all the issues were going to be on the table. Again, other, I think, important signposts of 7 evidence on this issue, the Lesivo Declaration--you 8 heard it from Mr. Marroquin again--when Claimants 9 complain about this in early May of 2006, what does 10 the Government do? Well, their Chief negotiator 11 didn't know about the Lesivo Declaration, obviously 12 couldn't have been using that as a threat--he told you 13 that today. But moreover, at the highest levels of 14 the Government, the President, himself, stopped the 15 lesivo process back in May in order to give the 16 Parties time to negotiate. Again, as I said in 17 opening, that is the direct opposite of using the 18 Lesivo Declaration as a threat mechanism or a pressure 19 mechanism to renegotiate their agreements.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Mr. Orta? MR. ORTA: Yes, sir. ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: One of the concerns 7 that one might have about the whole lesividad issue 8 was that it was never very clearly explained--okay, people pointed to these legal difficulties, but the 10 Claimants had been through a bid process. It had 11 rights--we were only concerned with one Contract. It

agreements.

12 had rights independently of that, which were valuable. 13 It had made an investment. None of that seems to have 14 factored in the decision making at all.

2 force them to renegotiate their rights in the other

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Now, you may say, well, there is simply no 16 discretion. There was debate between the legal 17 experts on that, but frankly, I find it very hard to 18 understand how when it comes to a matter such as the 19 interests of the State in relation to a declared 20 interest and a manifest interest in the State and 21 having a functioning railroad how those factors were

22 irrelevant. I just find that hard to understand.

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21 24th of August in that Settlement Agreement. I ask

22 you to just look at the Settlement Agreement and the

12:23:23 1 testimony relating to that.

And, lastly, again I remit you to R-36 and 3 R-37, and in particular in R-37 you will see that, and 4 that's not before you on the screen now, but in R-37 5 you will see that--and there's testimony to this 6 effect from Dr. Gramajo, from Mr. Fuentes, their 7 witness, that during the negotiation meetings Mr. Senn 8 said the issue of fixing the legal defects to FVG was 9 a secondary priority. They didn't really care about 10 it because they were more focused on the other issues 11 that the Parties were discussing.

I talked already about what happened on the

The statement made by the Attorney General 12 13 during the private meeting, I talked about it in 14 opening, it didn't really feature much during the 15 hearing, but it was referred to again, and again it's 16 a statement made in a private meeting. It was not 17 communicated to them. They put up a clip of the 18 Attorney General in relation to another issue, 19 expropriation. Again, unreliable. It's a newspaper 20 clipping of something that he purportedly said. No

21 evidence, we believe, as to this, which has in essence

22 become the central point of their case now that the

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2046 MR. ORTA: Professor Crawford, I don't think 12:26:02 1 2 that the evidence suggests that those factors were 3 irrelevant, and we don't have testimony from President 4 Berger as to exactly how he factored in the issue of 5 how this Lesivo Declaration would affect the rest of 6 the investment.

What we do know, however, is that the 8 President was counseled that this Contract was illegal and that action had to be taken. We also know that 10 the President asked on a number of occasions his other 11 public officials to sit at the negotiating table and 12 try to resolve a resolution of this issue and other 13 issues with FVG.

And we further know that, just in terms of 15 the evidence that's before the Tribunal, that when 16 presented with a possible settlement of these issues, 17 the response was, I have no authority from Mr. Senn. 18 There was no--again no counterproposal, there is no 19 statement from Mr. Senn during the meeting on 20 24 August. Let's put the other issues to one side and 21 just resolve today the lesivo issues. I mean, that's

22 absolutely missing. In fact, what you heard from him

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12:27:20 1 is he didn't make any counterproposals. He viewed 2 C-44 as a threat, and he basically walked out of the 3 meeting. He didn't even bother to call Mr. Posner or 4 Mr. Duggan or anyone else who he was reporting to to 5 see whether there was a way to resolve just the issue of the Lesivo Declaration.

And you further heard from the Government 8 witnesses at that meeting that they never said you 9 have to resolve all of them or we won't resolve the 10 lesivo issue. Rather, they put before Mr. Senn and 11 his lawyers a proposal that would have resolved had 12 the Parties been able to reach negotiation that day, 13 the issues in relation to Contract 143 and 158, but 14 what they were met with was a response that there 15 would be--there was no authority, and they didn't want I hope that's addressed your question.

16 to proceed with any further negotiation. 17 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Thank you very much. 18

MR. ORTA: In relation to what the evidence 19 20 shows again, I think there's ample evidence that the 21 Government was acting in good faith at all times. In

22 these negotiations, you see it time and time again

12:29:57 1 supposed deals were about to happen or would have just 2 happened? They're simply not there. You have 3 evidence before you that from one of the witnesses 4 that it took them over two years to try to come up 5 with a lease, and they couldn't come up with one until just before the Lesivo Declaration was issued. And, further, that in relation to the

contracts that actually did exist pre-lesivo, that they still have them, they're still benefiting from 10 them, and their revenues have, in fact, gone up since 11 the Lesivo Declaration. On the issue of what really happened, again I 12

13 think it goes to the second question that we've put 14 before you. We know that there was a defunct railroad 15 with, notwithstanding the efforts made by FVG. 16 However you want to characterize them, they simply 17 were not sufficient. And what we do know is that when 18 they're seeking 63, \$65 million from this Tribunal,

19 they're in essence not only trying to use CAFTA as 20 their insurance for their failed investment, but

21 they're asking you to award them a 22 percent annual 22 return on this failed investment. That's calculated

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12:28:35 1 from the President's instruction to form the

2 High-Level Commission, his decision to suspend the

3 lesivo process, his instruction to his public--his

4 advisers to continue to negotiate with FVG to avoid 5 the possibility of the publication of the Lesivo

6 Declaration and to continue to negotiate with them

7 afterwards in an effort to resolve the issues before

8 the Administrative Court action was starting. Or

9 would start, I should say.

On the issue of damages, what we know is 11 that, I think it's pretty undisputed here

12 notwithstanding the comments otherwise, the Claimant

13 was never profitable. Their investment produced only

14 losses. On the issue of the supposed future possible 15 leases and easements and other thing, what is the hard

16 evidence before you? You have a number of letters

17 that were all sort of organized immediately after the

18 Lesivo Declaration was issued. We find it somewhat

19 remarkable that all of these letters were sent in such

20 a short time span, but be that notwithstanding, you

21 have no contracts. Where are the contracts? Where

22 are the documents that would support that all of these

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12:31:13 1 directly based on the number they're asking for.

Again, this case is being used as their 3 golden exit strategy. The statements from the, I 4 believe, the financials are very telling. Mr. Posner 5 telling his Shareholders--

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Excuse me, could you point us either now or at some point to where you're contending they were asking for a 22 percent.

MR. ORTA: Yes, that's a calculation made 10 based on the \$65 million that the investment they made 11 and the \$65 million that they are claiming in this 12 case.

13 Now, statements from Mr. Posner

14 to--contemporaneous statements before the lesivo issue

15 came up, he tells his Shareholders that they're 16 treading water, that their cash-flow negative, that

17 they're having difficulty obtaining financing. And

18 what we do know is that immediately upon the issuance

19 of the Lesivo Declaration they began planning this

20 case. We have an e-mail on the 11th of August where

21 Mr. Carrasco, one of their lead lawyers in this case,

22 is saying we are working on the international legal

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12:32:30 1 proceeding that might be available to us. I will 2 remind you this is the only international legal 3 proceeding they have filed in relation to the Lesivo

4 Declaration.

Just a day before, and this is quite telling, 6 a couple of days before the Lesivo Declaration is 7 published, they are signing a long-term contract with 8 Gesur, and that is evidence of the fact that they knew 9 they were going to continue to profit from this, even

10 they were going--meaning the Usufruct, even though 11 they were going to try to put this claim together.

Mr. Senn showing up without negotiating 12 13 authority on the day before the Lesivo Declaration is 14 published. The publishing of the paid advertisement

15 on 28 of August, the first business day after the

16 Lesivo Declaration is issued, and that's substantiated 17 by R-36. And in that statement, Mr. Posner telling

18 the world that the Government of Guatemala had just

19 begun an expropriation of RDC's investment in 20 Guatemala. That's directly taken from the paid press

21 release.

Statements at the negotiating table on the 22

12:34:54 1 questions posed by Secretary Eizenstat, so I won't

2 rehash all of the issues here, but I think it's 3 important for you to focus on the fact that Claimant 4 knew, FVG knew at the time it executed Contract 143 5 that it was entering into a contract that did not

comply with Guatemalan law. You heard Mr. Aquilar and Mr. Mayora--both 8 were consistent on this point--it is improper to 9 incorporate Bidding Terms into a contract and then to 10 deviate from bidding requirements in that contract, 11 and that is precisely what happened in Contract 143 in 12 relation to the issue of Government approval. I want 13 to say that again because that is the direct proof 14 that FVG knew that they were violating Guatemalan law 15 when they entered into that contract. They cannot 16 claim ignorance of the Public Contracting Law here.

17 They can't say, well, Mr. Sarceno was willing to do 18 it, the FEGUA Overseer, and therefore it's okay. They 19 knew that it was against the law, and they did it

20 anyway.

And so they shouldn't have any reasonable 22 expectation that Guatemala is not going to use the

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12:33:39 1 28th of August, asking Mr. Senn to please instruct FVG | 12:36:03 1 lesivo law to address that and other important 2 to stop the media campaign in relation to the Lesivo

3 Declaration, given that there were negotiations going

Press conferences called by Mr.--by FVG at 6 which Mr. Posner traveled to Guatemala to attend. And 7 the statements for those press conferences, you have

8 them on the record, and we've cited them here,

9 mischaracterized the effect of the Lesivo Declaration.

They cite to comments by President Berger. 11 They were clearly made after the press conference and 12 in response to their press conference, and if you

13 listen to it carefully, you'll see that he says so.

And very shortly after that, they're hiring 15 their damages experts. Mr. MacSwain said to you he

16 was hired in 2006. That doesn't sound like a company 17 who's trying to salvage their investment.

March of 2007, they filed their Notice of 18 19 Arbitration, and then June of 2007, the Request for 20 Arbitration.

We've talked about the issue of estoppel, and 22 I think I've addressed this in relation to the

illegalities.

Now, we've talked about the issue of public 4 bidding. Again, they also knew a public bid or should 5 have known a public bid--

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Excuse me, just on 7 that point, even if Ferrovías knew or should have 8 known of the requirement incorporated into the 9 Contract for 41 on the bid, if both Parties, in

10 effect, proceeded on the basis that it was not needed, 11 notwithstanding that, why is it, then, that Ferrovías

12 should have known that one of the two Parties, namely 13 FEGUA, was going to change from what seemed to have

14 been perhaps from your own statement a consensus both

15 new, both proceeded on that basis, why would Ferrovías 16 have reason to think that at some later date that

17 FEGUA was going to change its opinion?

18 MR. ORTA: Well, it's our contention, why are

19 they entering into a contract--if you look at the 20 evidence, up until August 2003, how were they using

21 the rail equipment? They were using it based on these

22 letter agreements that had been exchanged with the

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12:37:27 1 Overseer. And again, this evidence is unrefuted.

2 What were they paying for the use of the railway

3 equipment up until August 2003? Nothing. They had

4 letter agreements saying they would pay--they proposed

5 the letter agreements, and you heard from Mr. Aguilar

6 yesterday they proposed the letter agreement, I think

7 it was, 17 days after the Contract 41 went into effect

8 when they knew that, at a minimum, it was going to

9 take time to get--some time to get the Government

10 approval and that the Contract would not go into

11 effect until 30 days after that approval was obtained.

12 That's right in Section 6 of Contract 41 and in the

13 Bidding Terms.

So, they knew that they shouldn't be

15 requesting the use of the equipment through the Letter

16 Authorizations, but they nonetheless did so, and then

17 they proceeded to use the equipment for almost four

18 years without paying for it.

19 So, a few--and this is important. A few

20 months, just three months before the end of the

21 administration, the prior Presidential administration,

22 they enter into backdated leases with the Overseer in

12:40:08 1 because there was a new Presidential administration 2 coming in, and they wanted to regularize their use of

3 the equipment. Again, that's my conjecture based on 4 the facts.

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Now, what happens is they make a request for use of the equipment to the new Overseer, and what

7 does he say? And this is unrebutted, he sends back a

8 letter saying, I have to deny your request, see

9 attached Legal Opinion, and the attached Legal Opinion

10 talks about a few legal defects, including the lack of 11 Executive approval.

12 So, what reasonable--I don't think it was

13 reasonable for them, I contend, to rely upon this,

14 this acceptance of this Contract by the Overseer in

15 the face of what they had done in the four years

16 proceeding and in the face of the fact that they

17 immediately were told by the new administration that

18 contract is out of bounds and against the law.

19 PRESIDENT RIGO: Excuse me, I would ask that 20 you be succinct as possible in the replies because we

21 are--we have no time.

MR. ORTA: I understand that, and I will do

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12:38:48 1 order to pay to make up payments--the payments for 2 their use of the equipment for that interim four years

where they weren't making any payments. They make

 $4\,$ those agreements and then immediately terminate them

5 and enter into this other agreement.

6 Now, in light of that, in the face of that,

7 and in the face of their knowledge that this 8 requirement was necessary and, hence, why they were

9 operating under these letter agreements for the prior

10 $\,$ four years, they can't benefit from that conduct here

11 in asserting their CAFTA claim.

12 And the other response to your question,

13 Secretary Eizenstat, is that a few months, a few short 14 month, and you even heard Mr. Senn say it was almost

15 immediately, and you know it was because it was

16 unrebutted here, in March of 2004 or April 2004, which

17 is literally three months or four months after--five

18 months, something like that, after the amended

19 Contract 158, they make a request from Overseer--from

20 the new Overseer, there is a new administration coming

21 in, and I--my conjecture, it's conjecture that the

22 reason this Contract gets signed when it did is

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12:41:14 1 my best.

2 ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Last point on this.

3 Is there any relevance to the fact that a prior

4 Overseer in the Year 2000 under 41 went directly to

5 the President to try to get him to sign 41 and

6 testified to us that it's mystifying to him as to why

7 that wasn't done, and then under 143 it doesn't get

8 done. There seems to be this pattern of not getting

9 Presidential approval.

10 So, is there any relevance to his testimony?

MR. ORTA: For the issues that are being

12 decided in this case, I don't think so because I think

13 the question--I mean, this is not a case about whether

14 the Government declared lesivo Contract 41. The

15 Parties, together, terminated Contract 41 when they

16 entered into Contract 143, and the legal opinions all

17 say, you know, that's a terminated Contract that the

18 Parties have by their consent terminated, so you can't

19 revive that one, to my understanding.

20 And as it relates to Contract 143, as you

21 heard, you can't submit an illegal Contract to the

22 President and ask him to approve it. You had to enter

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12:42:27 1 into a new contract, and you had to have a new public 2 bid and cure the legal deficiencies.

3 So, moving along, we believe that the record 4 establishes, you know, that there really--there should

5 not be any estoppel as has been requested by Claimant

6 for the reasons we've argued and the reasons that I've

7 just asserted in terms of the conduct from the

8 Claimant. On the--and I'm going to move through some

9 of these things. There are points that I've made to

10 the Tribunal already, you know. Claimant recognizes

11 after they are told that the Contract is deficient

12 immediately by the Overseer. They knew the Contract

13 wasn't being accepted. They wrote to the

14 Vice-Minister of Communications telling him that,

15 asking him to formally acknowledge the Contract and

16 talking about the fact that they were in negotiations

17 to enter into a new contract. They knew at the time

18 that the Government wasn't accepting the Contract.

19 They've crafted a different argument here for

20 litigation, but that's not what the evidence shows.

21 This is document R-9.

I have been through the issue of the

12:44:52 1 really think.

The other thing that we will point out very quickly is that the amount that they have claimed in

4 this case has been remarkably consistent, and we

5 believe it's a remarkable coincidence that in the

6 Notice of Arbitration they sought 65 million, claiming

7 50 and 15--50 in lost profits and 15 in lost

8 investment, and this is before their Expert was

9 involved, and you heard him say, Mr. Thompson, he had

10 no involvement at all in these figures, but yet the

11 experts today come up with the same number, 65 million 12 in essence.

I do want to raise one legal point which I

14 think is important, and that is this Tribunal has

15 already ruled that the issues in relation to squatters

16 and the eviction of the squatters and the trust

17 payments is out of this case, and that those measures

18 cannot form the basis for any finding of liability in

19 this case, and we just reassert that point here

20 because there has been a lot of discussion about

21 pre-lesivo conduct by the Government here.

22 And while we recognize that the awards allow

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12:43:43 1 President's decision being reasonable, so I'm not

2 going to go into that. I will point out to you, and I

3 think this is important--the theory of the case has

4 changed. When you look at the press release that

5 Claimant put out that's most close in time to the

6 issuance of the Lesivo Declaration, the alleged

7 Government motivation for the Lesivo Declaration was

8 withdrawal of the local arbitration process,

9 appropriate the Claimant's investment without payment

10 and the giving of the Usufruct to, they say, private

11 interests, and we assume they meant Mr. Campollo,

12 although that they didn't name him.

13 Same in the Request for Arbitration, but then

14 when they get to the Memorial for the merits, then

15 they begin to talk about the Lesivo Declaration as a

16 threat instrument to get them to renegotiate

17 Contracts, so by that point, you know, now with the

18 benefit of their lawyers, they come up with this

19 different theory.

20 And then not until the Reply in this case do

21 we first hear about this 50 million-dollar business,

22 so I think that is quite telling in terms of what they

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12:46:11 1 you to look at that for context, certainly the

2 doctrines, well respected doctrines of ratione

3 temporis, which I don't need to tell this Tribunal

4 about, don't allow you to point to or rely on

5 Government conduct pre-entry into CAFTA in order to

6 find the Government liable under CAFTA.

7 Now, let's talk about the legal claims, okay?

8 We, as I contended at the beginning, we believe they

9 haven't proven any of them, and I'm going to spend the

10 most time talking about fair and equitable treatment

11 because I think that with respect to the other claims,

12 while I will discuss them very briefly, I think that

13 there is absolutely no evidence at all for any of

14 their claims, but in particular for these others, I

15 think they're very easily disposed of by the Tribunal.

On the issue of indirect expropriation, the

17 Claimants have conceded it's a matter of record here

18 that Guatemala as a legal matter didn't interfere with

19 any of their contracts. They have every right that

20 they ever had under Contract 143 and 158 today. They

21 have possession of the rail equipment. They have

22 every right they ever had under Contract 402, the

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2 continue to profit from it.

The why, and this is a very interesting 4 question for the Tribunal, the why they haven't gone 5 out and tried to continued to exploit their rights 6 under that agreement, the why they're not going out 7 and trying to collect rent from all these industrial 8 squatters, well, Guatemala shouldn't be liable for 9 that. They decided unilaterally to leave the country 10 in a very public way with a public announcement with 11 Mr. Posner being in the front pages of the newspaper 12 in September of 2007. They announced it in March of 13 2007, and we, meaning the Government of Guatemala, 14 should not be responsible for their decision to leave 15 the country and not exploit their Usufruct rights that

16 they again still have today.

On the issue of interference, again I think 17 18 based on what I just said, as a legal matter, their 19 property rights have not been interfered with. They

20 claim they have an inability to generate economic

21 returns from that investment, but again we believe 22 that that's not the case. The reason they're not

12:47:24 1 Right of Way Contract. They have that today, and they 12:49:46 1 case, which was quite a long time ago, the legislative 2 Decree on its own had the immediate effect of bringing

3 their Contract to an end. That's not this case.

4 Their contract rights are still in their possession, 5 and they can exploit them. They have just chosen not

6 to.

On the issue of whether this is an unlawful expropriation, I'm only going to, you know--we have 9 been through the other elements. Certainly we believe 10 that upholding the Guatemalan Constitution, upholding 11 Public Contracting Laws are reasons that are in the 12 public purpose and for the public interest, and that

13 is the evidence as to why the President made the 14 decision he made to declare the Agreement lesivo.

The issue on due process, I think, is again a 16 nonissue here. You heard Mr. Franco's testimony, and

17 I think that speaks for itself. And on the issue of prompt and adequate 18 19 compensation, under CAFTA that's not due yet, and again we don't think there has been any expropriation

21 here, but that claim is not right because under CAFTA 22 that compensation is not due. And you also saw that

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12:48:38 1 generating any more economic investment from their 2 Usufruct rights is because they've decided not to

3 pursue them. They left the country. They're not out

4 there trying to collect rents from the squatters. You

5 heard from them 92 percent of their investment is

6 their right to exploit the right of way for real

7 estate values. But they're not going out there and 8 doing it. That's not Guatemala's fault. Guatemala is

9 not preventing them from doing it.

So, you know, we claim that they have not 11 offered evidence on the issue of interference. They 12 have also not offered evidence on the issue of the

13 substantiality of the effect of the expropriatory, 14 what they claim is the expropriatory act here, the

15 Lesivo Declaration. Their revenues have gone up

16 post-lesivo.

On the issue of discriminatory intent, I 18 think we've already dealt with it. They simply have 19 not proven it.

On the issue of the Shufeldt case which they 20 21 cited in their opening, I will just leave you to the

22 slide, but it was not a case like this one. In that

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12:51:03 1 they do have the ability to obtain back any monies

2 that they paid through the Usufruct if the

3 Administrative Court confirms the Lesivo Declaration.

4 And you also heard from their own witness, Mr. Franco,

5 that they have the ability to file a separate action

6 to seek damages, even if you don't believe they can

seek damages in the administrative action.

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: Is there some point in time after a number of year delay Administrative Court 10 not ruling that one could come to the conclusion that

11 there is not going to be a ruling and, therefore,

12 prompt and adequate compensation should be due?

13 MR. ORTA: I suppose that would be possible. 14 I don't think we're even close to there yet, because

15 what the record evidence establishes is that the

16 proceedings closed back in 2010, so they have been

17 waiting for a ruling, I believe--I don't want to

18 misspeak, but somewhere around a year. It's not

19 entirely uncommon for ICSID tribunals to take a year 20 to issue rulings. I don't think it can be said that

21 in Guatemala the fact that there isn't a ruling yet,

22 especially in the face of requests by the Government

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12:52:17 1 for a ruling to be issued that that should be given 2 any weight here.

On the issue of fair and equitable treatment,

I want to spend a little bit of time, not much, on the

standard because I want to highlight again as I did in

opening that this is the first Tribunal who's going to

make a determination about what the fair and equitable

treatment standard means under CAFTA. Again, both

Parties agree, customary international law, but they

disagree on what that means, and I think that is a

very important issue that this Tribunal will have to

struggle with.

12 struggle with.

13 We have said that the standard can't be what

14 the Claimant has articulated. It can't be whatever

15 you find in any arbitral award because those arbitral

16 awards, in order for them to be relevant for this

17 Tribunal, you need to first reach the conclusion that

18 those arbitral awards were making a decision on what

19 customary or applying international minimum standard

20 of treatment under customary international law, and

21 Claimant has cited a number of awards that are not

22 doing that, and so we believe the standards they have

12:54:45 1 the conduct at issue here is grossly unfair, unjust,

2 or idiosyncratic, arbitrary beyond a merely

3 inconsistent or questionable application of

4 administrative or legal policy--I want to pause there

5 because I think that's very relevant for what you're

6 being asked to determine here, the standard that's

7 articulated here in Cargill--and it has to be conduct

8 that is so unexpected so as to be a shocking

9 repudiation of a policy. The application of an

10 existing law made at the time that they invested

11 simply does not meet that standard.

12 We also cite you to S.D. Myers, which we

think is very relevant for your decision making.Tribunals could not be second-quessing government

15 decision making, and the standard really is a high one

16 when you're being asked to do that, and here you're

17 being asked to second-guess a decision that's made by

18 the highest official in Guatemala, the President.

19 So, this is the standard, and we believe

20 that, as applied to that standard, we've proven we

21 haven't violated it. The reason Government opinions

22 informed the President's decision, he took the actions

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12:53:25 1 articulated in that regard should not be utilized

2 here.
3 The standard under 10.5, and I will read

4 from--it's not up on the screen, but Annex 10b says 5 that the CAFTA parties, in asking tribunals to apply

6 customary international law, they say it has to be

7 something that results from a general and consistent

8 practice of States that they follow from a sense of
9 legal obligation. That's not arbitral awards citing

10 autonomous standards. That has to be established by

11 the Claimant, and we believe that the Glamis Gold

12 Award, UPS Award, and others that we've provided to

13 the Tribunal are ones that articulate the right

14 standards. Again, you should not be looking at

15 autonomous standards to determine what the minimum

16 standard of treatment is for fair and equitable

17 treatment in this Treaty.

18 On the issue of the minimum standard of 19 treatment, we submit to you the Cargill Award--these

20 are in our briefs. This is the standard as to which 21 Guatemala's conduct should be applied. We cite to you

22 here RL-175, Paragraph 296. The question is whether

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12:56:02 1 for important reasons, for protection of the public

2 interest. He would incur personal liability, or at

3 least he was told he would if he didn't take it, and

4 that does not establish a fair and equitable treatment 5 violation under CAFTA. Far, far from it.

6 On the standards that Claimant has

7 articulated, as we said in opening, we believe that we

8 meet the standards that should be applied, and those

9 are the ones that I just talked about, but even if you 10 judge Guatemala's conduct based on the standards that

11 Claimant has asked you to judge him against, we

12 believe that the evidence shows that we have not

13 violated any of them.

In the interest of time, I'm not going to go

15 through all of the evidence here. I submitted it to 16 you. Everything that we have cited here is backed up

17 by quotes or cites to the Declaration--I'm sorry, to

18 the evidence in the case.

19 Now, again, no violation of due process, no

 ${\tt 20}\,$ arbitrary conduct by the Government in relation to the

21 issuance of the Lesivo Declaration. No frustration of 22 their legitimate expectations. Again, we claim they PAGE 2071 PAGE 2073 2071

12:57:21 1 don't have a legitimate expectation not to have the 2 Contract that they knew was illegal challenged by the 3 Government.

> On the issue of transparency, again, the 5 lesivo law was on the books, and they signed up for it 6 when they invested in Guatemala. Nobody made any 7 assurances to them that this lesivo law would be

8 applied as to their investment. No one.

Full protection and security, I think again 10 I'm not going to spend much time here because the real 11 issue is did the Government act with due diligence,

12 did they take reasonable measures, and we believe that 13 the evidence shows that they took reasonable measures.

The best that Claimant has been able to 15 muster is point to a few instances where they suggest

16 Guatemala didn't act as quickly as they wanted.

17 That's not a violation of full protection and security

18 under CAFTA. Again, it doesn't even come close, in 19 our estimation.

On the issue of squatters, and I want to 21 pause here again very briefly just to say underscore

22 the point we made both during the hearing and in

01:00:01 1 talk very briefly about damages.

On the issue of damages, again I think that 3 the evidence before this Tribunal is quite stark, and 4 again I want to remind you the context in which you're 5 being asked to award Claimant \$65 million. They had 6 made an investment. They had only restored one phase. 7 They had only been able to procure very limited Right 8 of Way Contracts for the real estate, and it's 9 unrebutted that they had only losses, only losses, 10 from Day 1 until the day they left the country. Only 11 losses.

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13 for 65 million--and again, we point out the remarkable 14 coincidence between the numbers that they've sought 15 from Day 1 and that their experts have validated for 16 them, their experts have remarkably reached the same 17 number that they were asking for before they hired 18 their experts, the setting at the time of the Lesivo 19 Declaration was a business that produced only losses,

Now, notwithstanding that they're asking you

20 a huge, huge problem in relation to the building out

21 of Phase II because they couldn't get funding for it,

22 and the evidence is undisputed that, at a minimum--at

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12:58:39 1 opening, there is no evidence--no, no, evidence, we 2 think, reliable, credible evidence about the

3 industrial squatters, when they got there and whether

4 they were there pre- or post-lesivo. And perhaps an

5 even more important point, no evidence that those

6 industrial squatters didn't decide to go and invade

7 the right of way when Claimant made the very public

8 announcement that they were abandoning their

9 investment and leaving the country. All of the

10 pictures that were remitted to you were from 2009 to

11 2011, and that is more than two years after Claimant

12 publicly told all of Guatemala that they were packing 13 up their bags and heading back to Pittsburgh.

So, no violation of full protection and 14 15 security.

On the issue of national treatment, again I 17 think this is a nonevent, an easy claim to dispose of.

18 It's a different railway. It's not the same kind of

19 business. There has been no showing that Mr. Campollo

20 is in like circumstances or that he received any more

21 favorable treatment as compared to them.

With the few minutes I have left, I want to

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2074 01:01:31 1 a minimum they would need at least a hundred million

2 dollars to build Phase II, and their estimates are

3 much higher. I remit you to document 322 where

4 Mr. Duggan makes estimates at right around

13 I think the answer is nothing.

5 \$100 million.

And the question is would a willing buyer 7 really be willing to pay a willing seller anything for 8 that? Anything? When the only way they stayed out of 9 bankruptcy was asking their Shareholders for capital 10 contributions each and every year. Warren Buffett's 11 name was invoked here. What would Warren Buffett pay 12 for this investment on the day of Lesivo Declaration?

There has been some suggestion in terms of 15 the damages Award that somehow the Tribunal should 16 Award a different--a different set of damages in order 17 to somehow punish Guatemala for their conduct. I

18 realize the Chairman made a statement on the record

19 that, of course, under CAFTA that's not allowed, but

20 our point is that it looks like the Claimants' experts 21 are seeking exactly that, based on their testimony in

22 this case.

PAGE 2075 PAGE 2077 2075 2077 On the issue of the future profits claimed, 01:05:29 1 and that is why if you were wondering I maintained my 01:02:51 1 2 again we believe that they're highly, highly 2 objection as to the authenticity. 3 speculative, and that there's no real evidence of it. So, in closing, we maintained that the Fair 4 Again, what you have before you here in C-27 is their 4 Market Value of the investment as, I think, 5 actual record of operations. They lost money every 5 correctly--correctly--projected by Dr. Spiller is that single year. 6 at the time of the Lesivo Declaration their business In relation to, again what you're being asked 7 had a negative \$2.7 million value; and, as a result, 8 to believe what had happened, they're asking you to 8 when judging what would a willing buyer pay a willing 9 believe that their real estate revenues would have seller for that investment, for that asset, at that 10 gone up because they would have dramatically changed 10 period of time, we believe the answer is zero, and 11 and altered what happened in the first eight years 11 Claimants have failed to prove otherwise. 12 that they were in business. You have been given no 12 With that, I will in about 10 seconds here 13 proof or evidence to really reach that conclusion. 13 just tell you about our prayer for relief. Again, we 14 Again, where are the contracts? Where are 14 believe that we have proven that they have not made 15 the--where's the hard evidence that any of this was 15 out a case for any of the CAFTA violations that 16 anything other than something that they hoped for or 16 they've asserted in this case, and we therefore 17 something that was more of a pie in the sky 17 believe that Guatemala should be found to have not 18 projection? There is none. 18 violated CAFTA, and its attorneys' fees and costs in On the issue of the real estate revenues--I'm 19 interest should be awarded. I think especially when 19 20 sorry, the railroad revenues, again same thing, and 20 you judge the quality of the evidence before you. If 21 especially when you consider that they had--as of the 21 you Award any damages, we say that those damages 22 date of the Lesivo Resolution, they had no viable 22 should first be conditioned on their renouncing all of PAGE 2076 PAGE 2078 2076 2078

01:04:10 1 sources for funding for the rail project.

Same thing, just look at their own 3 statements, we remit them to you here. Look at their 4 contemporaneous statements where they tell you that

5 there was no demand for their right of way, no demand 6 for their rail operations.

On the issue of what is the Fair Market Value 8 of their investment? Again, we don't believe that

9 they have proven that it's anything other than

10 negative value. They cite to a lot of these

11 industrial squatters. I've made the point about them.

12 They sent you pictures about them. You might have

13 wondered why I maintained my objection as to the

14 authenticity of some of to them. Well, the fact

15 is--and I don't remember which slide it's in here, but

16 25 percent of those pictures, nine out of the 36 of

17 them, were taken apparently by somebody else because

18 Mr. Senn's testimony is he took them within a

19 two-month time frame, but again, 25 percent of them

20 were not by their--if you just believe the date of the

21 picture, were not taken on those dates. So we don't

22 know who took them, we don't know where they're from,

01:06:56 1 their rights under the Usufruct contracts. This went 2 directly to the question posed by Professor Crawford

3 to Mr. Foster at the end of his presentation and--that

4 might be the end of my presentation, but unexpectedly, 5 but we again believe that the number here, if you were

6 ever to get the damages, should be zero, and we would

7 remit to you the Biwater Gauff Case where there was a

8 similar scenario in relation to--in that case the

9 Tribunal found liability but found that the Fair

10 Market Value of the investment at the time of the

11 alleged violation was negative and, therefore, awarded 12 zero.

13 Again, we believe there has been no 14 establishment that there has been any violation of

15 CAFTA, but if you get to damage, that is what we

16 believe the right result is. I want to thank you for

your time this morning.

18 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Orta.

19 We will have a break now, and we will

20 reconvene at 2:15, so have a good time at lunch. 21 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(Whereupon, at 1:07 p.m., the hearing was

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02:25:49 1 money operating the golf course. They make the money 2 selling the lots that surround the golf course, and 3 those lots don't all sell out in one year, and they 4 build the golf course first, and they concentrate on 5 making sure that the golf course is operating well so 6 that people want to come and buy the lots that adjoin 7 the golf course. So, I think it was a perfectly 8 natural thing.

I would also point out that it was the honorable thing. They could have done a slipshod job, invested \$10 million instead of 20 million, skimped on what they were doing with the railroad, and spent all their time concentrating on that which was going to

14 put the most money in their own pockets. But instead 15 they concentrated on that aspect of the project that 16 was most important to the country of Guatemala.

So, what I think Mr. Orta is asking you to do
18 is to fault RDC for taking the honorable course, not
19 the quick course, the cheap course, or the
20 self-profiting course.

21 Professor Crawford also asked the question 22 about if you, the Tribunal, were to decide that the 02:28:36 1 They created a lack of public bidding problem for 2 themselves as an excuse to declare lesivo; and, once

3 they create that problem, it, unlike the Executive 4 approval, can't be solved so easily.

So, if, instead of creating these problems
for themselves when they identified the lack of
Executive approval of the Contract as being a problem,
if they had simply done that which was well within
their own power, and that is secure the Executive

10 approval either from that President or any other

11 President that came into office thereafter, then we 12 wouldn't be faced with what we're faced with today.

But the absurdity of this whole idea is
demonstrated by Dr. Gramajo's testimony, when he was
asked why didn't you get another public bid, his
answer was, "We were afraid FVG wouldn't win it." It
is incomprehensible that the real reason that they

18 didn't get the public bid was because they were afraid 19 FVG wouldn't win it, under the conditions--you heard

20 Dr. Gramajo and how determined he was in his campaign

21 over many years and with nine separate secret legal

22 opinions to get this Contract declared lesivo, and

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02:27:06 1 Contract was lesivo, wouldn't that have considerable 2 effect on a fair and equitable treatment claim? Well,

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ I would ask you also to consider the possibility that

4 you conclude that the Contract was not lesivo; or that 5 you conclude that the reasons advanced for lesividad,

6 these legal defects are not a proper ground; or that

7 you conclude that the lesivo process, itself, did not

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$ afford due process; or you conclude that the process

9 of lesivo, keeping it secret for many years was done 10 in bad faith. I would suggest to you that those

11 conclusions would have an equal, if not greater effect

12 upon your consideration of fair and equitable

13 treatment.

Mr. Orta told you that a public bid was not just a technicality. Well, it's interesting that a little bit later in his presentation he admitted that in the original evaluation of the contract, the issue of the public bidding was not even mentioned. It was

19 focused on Presidential approval, not public bidding.

20 So, what we have here is a course of conduct 21 by the Respondent through nine secret opinions of

22 various lawyers creating a Catch-22 for themselves.

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02:30:07 1 he's trying to tell you that the real reason they 2 didn't want a public bid was they were afraid FVG

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3 wouldn't win it?
4 Now, as to the issue of whether FVG or RDC

5 had any idea that any of these contracts had contained 6 illegalities, there is not a shred of evidence that 7 FVG in any way knew that Contract 41 that was signed

8 with Overseer Sarceno was in any way illegal. If they 9 had ever thought that it was in any way illegal, would

10 they have agreed to replace it with 143 and 158 if

11 they had thought there was going to be a possible

12 illegality in 143 and 158 as well? No one would do 13 that. Why? It's undisputed that 41 was executed, and

14 we had several opinions from the Overseer at the time

15 who negotiated it saying there wasn't a thing wrong

16 with that contract. Why would anyone agree to

17 renegotiate a contract that everybody said had nothing

18 wrong with it if they thought they were going to

19 renegotiate it with an illegal Contract? That makes 20 absolutely no sense.

And furthermore, isn't FVG entitled to rely on the fact that FEGUA's own Legal Department opined PAGE 2087 PAGE 2089 2087

02:31:37 1 that Contract 143 was in effect and that FEGUA was 2 accepting Canon payments under that contract? Surely 3 they can't come in here today and tell you that FVG 4 knew the Contract was illegal when their own Legal 5 Department was saying that it was in effect and they 6 were receiving Canon payments under it.

> Mr. Orta posits what I would describe as the 8 ridiculous assertion that we can rely on letter 9 authorizations to use the equipment prior to Contract 10 143, but they're we are not entitled to have 11 reasonable reliance on the contracts themselves. That

> 12 also makes absolutely no sense. Mr. Orta, on numerous occasions and in slides 14 cites these nine separate Legal Opinions that they 15 secured--in secret, of course. Can't we rely upon the 16 fact they never showed any of them to us? If they 17 thought that we already knew that Contracts 143 and 18 158 were illegal, what advantage would there have been 19 to keeping those opinions secret? Why wouldn't they 20 have just given them to us? And furthermore, on the 21 issue of good faith, if they had honestly wanted to

02:34:37 1 if you remember Dr. Gramajo wrote him the letter 2 asking him to declare the Contract lesivo in early 3 January of 2006. You have the letter before you. The 4 presidential--meeting with the President was on March 5 the 9th, if my memory serves me correctly. He 6 appointed the High-Level Railroad Commission. Mr. Orta tells you, oh, the President was trying to solve these problems by appointing the

High-Level Railroad Commission. Well, what the 10 President didn't do was to say, "By the way, since 11 January the 6th, I have been considering a request 12 from this guy who's standing right over here at this 13 meeting that we're having today. I have been 14 considering a request from him to declare your

15 Contract lesivo for a couple of months now. So, why 16 don't you sit down and talk about that when you're 17 talking in your High-Level Railroad Commission?"

Indeed, the absence of telling anybody about 18

19 the lesivo process while the High-Level Railroad 20 Commission was meeting cuts against them, not for

21 them. If they had been negotiating in good faith, all

22 of these things would have been out on the table, and

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22 resolve any problems that there were in connection

02:33:11 1 with that Contract, why wouldn't they have come to us 2 and said here's the Legal Opinion that we just got

3 from so-and-so or the Attorney General or the

4 attorneys for the Ministry of Communication, and they

5 point out these problems in the Contract. Why don't 6 we get together and solve these problems? But none of

7 that was ever done.

And, indeed, on this issue of good faith,

9 even after lesivo was declared, it was six months

10 before they ever told us what the technical

11 difficulties were with the contracts. Now, if there

12 was any desire whatsoever to negotiate in good faith 13 to resolve the difficulties with these contracts,

14 wouldn't the appropriate course of action have been to

15 come to us and say, "Here are the problems. What can

16 we do, working together, to solve them?" Mr. Orta also tells you that the reason all

18 these issues were in negotiation between the Parties 19 was because the Claimant wanted all the issues to be

20 negotiated at the same time. That's nonsense. The

21 President created the High-Level Commission. At the

22 same time he was creating the High-Level Commission,

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02:35:53 1 FVG would have had the opportunity to say, "wait just

2 a minute. Those contracts are not lesivo. You say

3 they're lesivo for X reason, but that's not right.

4 You say they're lesivo for Y reason, but that's not 5 right. You say they're lesivo for Z reason, let's fix

6 it. None of that was done.

The idea that the President would create a 8 Commission and appoint someone to run it and not even

9 tell that person that for two months he's been

10 considering the possibility of declaring this Contract

11 lesivo, the idea that that is proceeding in good faith 12 toward the Concessionaire is ridiculous.

And look at the issues that Mr. Orta would

13 14 have you believe we brought to the table. Do you

15 really honestly believe that we brought to the table

16 the issue of changing the Contract to eliminate the

17 payments to the Trust Fund? We brought to the table

18 getting paid under the Trust Fund. They're the ones

19 who want to eliminate the requirement for payments to 20 the Trust Fund. Do you honestly believe that we

21 brought to the table an idea that we would eliminate

22 the requirement of FEGUA to remove squatters? Of

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02:37:15 1 course not. We brought to the table the absolute
2 obligation of FEGUA to remove squatters and their
3 total and complete abdication of that responsibility.
4 They're the ones who wanted to remove it from the
5 Contract.

And in this regard I'd like to direct you to
C-44 which I had right here--here it is. Thank you,
Nick. I want to read you something from C-44. This

9 is the proposal which we call it the

10 take-it-or-leave-it proposal. They don't like those

11 words, but I want to read you something from this

12 document. On Page RDC002428, they say: "In line with 13 the privatization process, FEGUA called private

14 companies to take part in a public bidding process to

15 receive in onerous usufruct the repair, maintenance,

16 use, and exploitation of the railway equipment owned

17 by FEGUA." Now, they're reciting in this document

18 drafted by them that there was a public bidding 19 process for the Equipment Contract.

20 "As a result of said process, Ferrovías was

21 awarded the Onerous Usufruct Contract Involving

22 Railway Equipment as documented by public Deed

02:40:24 1 about renegotiating Contract 42, to restructure the 2 national railway network restoration plan, surrender

3 railway sections yet to be restored in which other

4 investors may be interested, surrendering real

5 property not destined to railway use, receiving

6 railway sections that are currently free of squatters.

7 That's all Contract 402.

8 The next thing they deal with--not Contract 9 143. This is Contract 402. The first thing they talk 10 about is renegotiating Contract 402. Then they talk 11 about renegotiating Contract 820, when they talk about

12 modificating fees for railway and different from 13 railway activities and FEGUA not being bound to

14 further evictions. And that's all--none of this has

15 anything to do with the railroad equipment.

And then, finally, they get down to 143, and they want to modify the trust--that's 820 also, I'm

18 sorry--modifying the payment trust regarding the

19 actual amount that FEGUA has to contribute to the 20 trust.

21 They finally get down at the very bottom of 22 the page to Contract 402: Modifications to the

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02:39:06 1 Number 143." They're reciting in this document that

2 Contract 143 was awarded by public bid. I submit to 3 you gentlemen that the reason this document says that

 $4\,$ is because that's the way they had decided to fix the

5 problem. If they got Ferrovias to agree to all the

 $\ensuremath{\text{6}}$ other demands in this document, they were going to fix

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{7}}$ the public bidding process by just declaring that it

8 had happened.

14 it.

Now, there are only two possibilities: That they didn't read what they wrote or that that's what they meant and that's what they were going to do. I don't believe you will be able to conclude that they didn't mean what they wrote or that they didn't read

Now, then go on from that, if you will, leave, to the next page in this document, and look

17 what it is that they want us to sign. That day,

18 remember they gave it to us on the 24th, and lesivo is

19 going to be declared tomorrow, so their protestations 20 that there was going to be time for any significant

21 negotiations simply ring hollow. We had one day.

22 That was it. And at the top of this, they're talking

02:41:52 1 Contract involving railway equipment in order to 2 rectify the terms which are deemed to cause lesion,

3 and they don't tell us what they are.

And then, of course, you get to the part they really were interested in, which is modifications to the amount of the fees.

Now, they then tell us that we have to post a bond in order to guarantee. That's the next provision in here. We have to post a bond to guarantee that we will renegotiate these terms.

And then if you turn over to the last
paragraph, General Acceptance, "the appearing Parties
in their corresponding acting capacities declare to

expressly accept the contents of this instrument and are bound to fully comply the terms of this

16 agreement." I submit to you that that is a

17 take-it-or-leave-it offer.

18 Let's also consider the circumstances that

19 are involved in the meeting where the

20 take-it-or-leave-it offer was presented. Mr. Senn was

21 called early one morning, the day before the meeting

22 was going to occur. He was told to show up at the

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2095 02:43:17 1 meeting. He was not told what the meeting was going 2 to be about, and he was not told that he was going to 3 receive a settlement demand, and they fault Mr. Senn 4 for going to the meeting and saying that he wasn't 5 authorized to sign the document on the spot? Let's talk just a second about the personal 7 liability of the President. The personal liability of 8 the President, that reason is not included in any one 9 of the nine opinions that they got with regard to 10 lesivo. This is an after-the-fact invention of the 11 Respondent to try to justify what they did. It 12 certainly was not a basis on which anyone ever said 13 lesivo needed to be declared. Now, let's talk about the 50 million-dollar 14 15 investment that the President demanded that we make. 16 Gentlemen, you watched a video clip of the President 17 making the demand. You heard, although of not good 18 quality, an audio clip of the President making the 19 same demand on the radio. We showed you no less than 20 eight newspaper articles, all of which have one

I would also point out that in Mr. Orta's 02:46:22 1 2 timeline of the events involving Mr. Campollo, he has 3 inexplicably left out the meeting of March the 15th, 4 '05, when Mr. Pinto explicitly threatened FVG. In 5 fact, he said that FVG might be allowed to participate 6 in their own deals--a very generous offer from 7 Mr. Pinto. A small point, but Mr. Orta tried to say that Mr. MacSwain was hired in 2006. In fact, he was hired

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10 in 2007, and his testimony explicitly says he was 11 hired either in late 2006 or in early 2007. 12 What we have here, gentlemen, is a situation, 13 a problem created entirely by the Government. They 14 wanted to replace Contract 41 with contracts that had 15 more favorable terms to them. They got FVG to enter 16 into contracts 143 and 158 at an increased Canon 17 payment and a Canon payment that then went entirely 18 into FEGUA rather than to the Trust Fund for the 19 renovation of the railway.

The Contract specifically says that 20 21 Presidential approval was not required, and the 22 testimony is that even if it was required, any

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21 variety or another of the same demand.

2096 02:44:57 1 newspapers reports include the Government's official

But most important, these unreliable

2 newspaper. C-131 is the publication in the Diario de 3 Centro America. That is the official publication, and

4 it says President Berger: Berger explained that the

5 Declaration of Lesividad arises from the fact that the 6 50 million investment under said Contract did not

7 occur. Their official publication. They want you to

8 believe that these were just some crazy reporters

9 wandering around reporting things that had never been 10 said. I would submit to you that the consistency of

11 the reports of the newspapers themselves is excellent

12 evidence of the fact that President Berger actually 13 said it. But the idea that they want to disavow their

14 own official publication is simply astounding.

Now, Mr. Orta told you he thought it was 15 16 strange that all of the letters from suppliers,

17 customers, and others came right after lesivo. If

18 they hadn't come right after lesivo, Mr. Orta would

19 have said I certainly think it's strange if they were

20 so worried about lesivo that they wouldn't have

21 written them right after lesivo. He can't have it

22 both ways.

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02:47:59 1 President could have approved it. A new bidding 2 system process was entirely within their control, and 3 they say that they were worried that FVG wouldn't win. On the issue of collections, the arbitrators 5 raised the issue of why aren't you out there 6 collecting. Why isn't the Government, who is the 7 principal squatter, out there paying? That's the real 8 issue. They can't come in here and defend and say our

damages claim suffers from a lack of proof when they are the principal squatter who's not paying.

Mr. Orta talked about the Shufeldt case. If 12 you read it, you will find out that while the

13 legislature said the Contract was immediately brought

14 to an end, the arbitrators specifically note that

15 Mr. Shufeldt, like FVG, was still in possession of the 16 Usufruct; and, despite the fact that he was in

17 continued possession, they found, the arbitraries

18 found that it had been a taking.

On the issue of compensation, they would like 20 you to believe they have offered compensation. They

21 say that we can get our money back in the lesivo

22 proceeding, but the only money we can get back is the

PAGE 2099 PAGE 2101 2099 2101 02:49:26 1 Canon fees we paid, not the compensation for the 02:52:18 1 Mr. Orta, it's your turn. 2 taking or for the lack of fair and equitable 2 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT 3 treatment. And that being the only compensation we 3 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 4 can get, it is certainly not adequate, and there is no I also, like Mr. Foster, am going to proceed 5 case which has ever held that a five-year delay in 5 a little bit extemporaneously here based on a series 6 making payment was prompt compensation under the terms 6 of sticky notes that I put together when he was making 7 of the Treaty. They have clearly not provided prompt his presentation. 8 and adequate compensation, and that failure alone So, I actually did put together a bit of a makes them liable for an indirect expropriation. slide presentation, though, but that's not going to On full protection and security, Mr. Orta take me through the whole 30 minutes. 11 says that we cited a few instances where we didn't Let's go to the first slide. And going back 11 12 think the Government acted quickly enough. It's 12 to basics, okay. When you heard Mr. Foster's 13 important to note that all of those figures that we 13 presentation, it sure seemed to me as though he was 14 gave you with regard to the governmental actions, both 14 asking the Tribunal to shift the burden to Guatemala 15 before we got the Usufruct and after lesivo, all of 15 on a number of issues, so going back to basics, 16 those instances are compiled not from our data, but 16 Claimant filed this case. They have the burden of 17 from the Government's own data that they provided in 17 proof and the burden of persuasion. Guatemala does 18 this arbitration. 18 not. So, we ask the Tribunal to please keep this in On the issue of damages, Mr. Orta says it is 19 mind as you consider the evidence and deliberate and 19 20 unrebutted that we had only losses. He repeated that 20 render your Award. We think this is very, very 21 five times. He was wrong the first time, the second 21 important. I don't think it's a mistake that the 22 time, the third time, the fourth time, and the fifth 22 burden of proof is being--there's an attempt to have PAGE 2100 PAGE 2102 2100 2102 02:50:50 1 time. In fact, in 2004, as you know, if you take into 02:53:24 1 it shifted over to Guatemala because as I mentioned, 2 account the money FEGUA was supposed to pay into the 2 there is a serious problem with the proof that has 3 Trust Fund, we were profitable. 3 been presented here by the other side. So, it is absolutely incorrect ever to say Quality of the evidence, I mentioned it in 5 that this is a business that has never been 5 the original presentation. I think it's worth 6 profitable. In fact, if you look at the record of the 6 underscoring yet again, and the presentation that's 7 EBITDA of the company, the EBITDA of the company was 7 been made both here and throughout the hearing and in 8 on a nice upward slope. It had actually attained 8 the papers I think will back up what we are saying in 9 positive EBITDA in 2004, and except for Hurricane 9 terms of the evidence that has been presented by 10 Stan, would have been the same in 2005. 10 Claimant for its case, the newspaper articles, the Now, as to the Award, when you conclude, as I 11 inferential leaps, the speculation, that does not make 12 think you will and I certainly urge you to, when you 12 out a CAFTA claim. We ask that the Tribunal focus on 13 conclude that RDC is entitled to an award on the 13 the contemporaneous evidence, the documents, the 14 merits, at that point you will have concluded three 14 e-mails, the contracts, the lesivo opinions, the 15 themes that RDC is right: Twice on jurisdictional 15 declarations by witnesses. We ask that you focus on 16 points and once on the merits. Under those 16 those things as especially as corroborated by the 17 circumstances I would submit to you that it is not 17 contemporaneous writings, and we believe that when you 18 only appropriate that the facts cry out for the Award 18 do that, you will reach the same conclusion we have, 19 of Costs and attorneys' fees to RDC and FVG in 19 which is the Claimants have not established any of the 20 connection with this proceeding. elements of their CAFTA claim. 21 Thank you very much. Now, there has been discussion about PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Foster. 22 Presidential liability, and because we do think it

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02:54:48 1 does bear on the issue of the reasonableness of the 2 action taken by President Berger at the time that he 3 issued the Lesivo Declaration, we wanted to highlight 4 again for you the appropriate Articles, Articles 153

5 to 155 of the Guatemalan Constitution. We believe

6 that they established that any public official,

7 including the President--and you heard Mr. Mayora tell

8 you yesterday, Claimant's Expert, that those clauses

9 do apply to Presidential action, as Mr. Aquilar also 10 confirmed for you.

And the question is whether when confronted 11 12 with a situation where your advisers are telling you 13 you have a Contract that is illegal, is the President

14 compelled to take action there; and, if he doesn't,

15 does he face the risk of personal liability? We

16 believe these articles confirm that the President does

17 incur that risk and would be liable or would face the

18 risk of liability for failing to take action. There

19 was a question asked, it's been asked several times, 20 are there any cases where a President has been

21 confronted with a request for a Lesivo Declaration

22 where that resulted in personal liability to the

02:57:22 1 discretion to decide, to make decisions. Nowhere do they say that.

> We thought it instructive to point to you 4 testimony from Mr. Mayora on the issue of what a 5 public official should do when confronted with an

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6 illegal Contract. Again, while Mr. Mayora claims that 7 a President has no liability for failing to declare an

8 illegal Contract lesivo, as I understand his opinion,

9 because he has discretion to make that decision, his

10 prior testimony does suggest that public officials 11 must, and I underscore that word, "must" take action

12 when confronted with an illegal Contract in order to

13 elevate that illegal document to the Competent

14 Authority for it to be dealt with. And I cite to you

15 here transcript from the jurisdictional hearing where

16 Mr. Mayora, in his own words, tells you that very 17 thing.

18 And that is what President Berger did here.

19 He acted in the face of advice that the FEGUA Overseer

20 had executed a contract that was illegal. He elevated

21 the issue to the appropriate Competent Authority, and

22 that was the Attorney General of Guatemala, who then

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02:56:09 1 President? And both experts told you that they

But it's probably not surprising because 5 there probably aren't too many Presidents who

6 disregard the advice of their legal advisers when

7 confronted with an illegality. Probably, they follow

8 that advice, as President Berger did here. Whether he

9 had discretion to take the action or not, we

10 understand this Tribunal has ruled already in the

11 context of jurisdictional hearings that you believe

12 the President has discretion to take action. Well.

13 whether the President has discretion to take action or

14 not is really--really doesn't address the question of 15 whether the President would be liable for failing to

16 respond to an illegality. He may or may not have had

17 the discretion. Even if you assume that he did, the

18 exercise of that discretion to not respond to an

19 illegal situation can place the President at risk of

20 personal liability under Article 153 through 155. You

21 read those articles. Nowhere do they say there is an 22 exception for public officials when they have

2 weren't aware of any such case, and we're not aware of

3 one either.

02:58:42 1 took it to the Judicial Branch for the Judicial Branch 2 to make the decision about whether the Contract is or

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3 is not lesivo.

I'm going to leave the screen up, which talks about damages. I'm going to get to a few other issues 6 before I get to damages.

First of all, on the issue of planning for 8 this case, I think we highlighted a number of things

9 on Claimant's immediate planning for bringing this 10 action once the Lesivo Declaration was issued.

11 Mr. Foster said that the record is going to

12 substantiate that Mr. MacSwain said he was hired in

13 2006 or 2007. I submit to you that it's clear in the 14 record that he admitted he was hired in 2006. He was

15 then asked when in 2006. He said he wasn't sure, but

16 he said it was in 2006.

And again, the fact that they're hiring their

18 damages Expert, their real estate damages Expert, 19 just--it has to have been short months, even if you

20 give them the benefit of the doubt, after the Lesivo

21 Declaration. That was issued basically the end of 22 August.

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02:59:52 1 2 them every benefit of the doubt, that tells you that 3 they were planning to bring this case then as opposed 4 to responding to the situation, as opposed to trying 5 to salvage their investment if they really thought it 6 was at risk, as opposed to going out and trying to 7 obtain from customers and reassure them that the

8 business was going to go forward. On the issue of the investment that was made 10 and the phases, we've heard time and time again that 11 Claimant only made a promise to invest \$10 million, 12 and they tell us that they only ever were obligated to 13 complete Phase I. We don't believe that's what was 14 promised, and that's in part why we said in our 15 opening slides that Guatemala feels misled. You heard 16 the testimony from the FEGUA Overseer who negotiated 17 the Agreement, and he told you that is certainly not 18 what he negotiated, and certainly not what he believed

19 he was getting. And on that point, I think it bears again, 20 21 raising the rhetorical question, which I think is a 22 really an interesting one: Is Claimant really

So, just very short months after that, giving 03:02:36 1 squatters didn't go there when Claimant announced that 2 they were leaving the country publicly or as a result 3 of that or because of that? That happened in 2007, 4 mid-2007, and then very publicly in September 2007. 5 And all of the pictures that you have been provided postdate that event by at least two years. On the issue of Government, whether any of those industrial squatters are Government squatters, even if you get past the other hurdles that we've 10 mentioned, Claimants have ignored that in Contract 402 11 under Clause 11, they, under Clause 11 I, they agreed 12 to provide access to the right of way in the event of 13 public need, okay? Clause 11 which is titled

14 "obligations of the Usufructary," Clause I says, 15 provide access--one of the obligations. Among other 16 obligations, the Usufructary shall be bound to do the 17 following: Provide access to right of way in the 18 event of public need, including the access to 19 vehicles, passage, or pipe installation for carrying 20 drinking water or other liquids, for agricultural, 21 irrigation, drainage, installation and conduction of

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03:01:16 1 asserting in this case that they only had to build out 2 200 miles of an 800-mile or a 500-mile--excuse me--a

3 500-mile restoration project. They were given over 4 500 miles' worth of land to restore in the railway.

5 Is it really their contention that they only have to 6 build out 200 of those miles and they get to keep the

7 rest of the Government land for 50 years to exploit 8 however they like? Is that really what they believe

9 what they got from the Government?

On the issue of industrial squatters, in 11 addition to the points that we made earlier and I 12 think that it's perhaps worth mentioning the one or

13 one of the ones that I think is perhaps most

14 resonating, which is that they cannot prove that the

15 industrial squatters were there because of the Lesivo 16 Declaration. All of the industrial squatters that

17 they claim are there post-lesivo. And again, we

18 believe there is deficiency of proof in whether they

19 are there pre- or post-lesivo. We don't think they

20 have actually submitted evidence to prove actually

21 that they were there post-lesivo, but even if you

22 believe that, what is to you say that those industrial

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03:04:05 1 complaining about public telephone or power cables 2 being put on their property, but they had an 3 obligation to provide that pursuant to Contract 402 4 Section I. I'm sorry, Clause 11, Section I. On the issue of the Presidential quote, they

22 power, or telephone cables; right? They're

6 cited to you C-131. They said that was a Government 7 newspaper. Well, you know, reporters make mistakes 8 whether they work for a Government newspaper or not, 9 and I just want to correct something for the record. 10 When it was read into the record by Mr. Foster, he

11 said and I quote, and then he went ahead to read the

12 President's--what he said was the President's words. 13 but if you look at C-131, when they report what the

14 President purportedly said, there are no quotes--I

15 repeat, no quotes--around those words, so it's

16 incorrect to say that there was a direct quote of the

17 President in that exhibit.

And just to remind the Tribunal, that goes to 18

19 the issue of whether there was any supposed

20 50 million-dollar demand made by the President for

21 restoration of the railway.

On the issue of whether they made a

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03:05:28 1 sufficient investment, again, they promised
2 10 million. It's, I think, established in the record
3 that the amount that they invested, whatever it

4 actually is, was not enough to make this into a 5 profitable investment. It just simply was not

5 profitable investment. It just simply was not. And 6 it wasn't enough to do the job that they promised, and

7 at least according to the Government's version, an

8 understanding of what they promised. And we know that 9 because they, themselves, admit that it was going to

10 cost at least a hundred million dollars--at least--to 11 build out the second of five phases that they agreed

12 to restore. At least a hundred million dollars.

And by the way, when they tell you that they had completed Phase II and they rely on that letter, be well, you heard the testimony from Dr. Gramajo, but

16 ask yourself why are they going to President Berger in 17 March of 2006 to seek funding for the restoration of

18 Phase II if they really believed that they had

19 completed their obligations under that phase? Does $\,$

20 that make any sense?

We were told there was not one shred of evidence that the Claimants were told that FVG was 03:08:09 1 he was at that meeting and understood that it was 2 supposed to be a settlement meeting. So, the

3 statement by Mr. Foster is contradicted by the

4 evidence of record.

The fact that in the precursor of the document it says that Deed 143 and 158 were submitted to a public bidding process simply reflects that this is a Draft Agreement. People make mistakes when they draft. For him to suggest here without any shred of evidence that that means that the Government was

11 simply going to bypass the very important requirement 12 of a very important bidding process is simply

13 nonsense. We know it's a draft. All you need to do
14 is look at the document. There are a number of blanks

15 on it. You could see it on the screen.

If we go to the portion of the document that talks about--please, Kelby, I think it's Section 3 or 8 four--bear with me--highlight four for a second.

19 Again, we've made this point--and just that 20 paragraph--the document, on its face, shows it's a

21 draft. It talks about the issues to be negotiated

22 between the Parties. Of course, it's going to contain

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 $\mbox{O3:06:43 1}\ \mbox{told that Contract 143 and 158 had legal defects.}$

2 Well, I think the record establishes that they were

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ told that immediately upon Dr. Gramajo being informed

4 of that. We would cite to you again R-8 and R-49,

5 that's Dr. Gramajo's letter to Mr. Senn in April 2004;

6 and R-9, which is a letter by Mr. Senn to

7 Vice-Minister Diaz which confirms that they knew that

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$ the Government had problems with the Contract, and

9 they were sitting down and negotiating with the

10 Government about those problems.

On the issue of C-44, I would like to put that document up, if we could. And, again for the record, C-44 is the settlement proposal that was given--that was given to Mr. Senn during the meeting that took place on 24 August 2006.

First, for Mr. Foster to say that Mr. Senn did not know that he was showing up there to discuss settlement is contrary to both the testimony of

19 Mr. Senn and the testimony of all the other witnesses 20 who attended that meeting, including Mr. Fuentes, who

21 told you that he had been commissioned by the

22 President to try and find a solution to this, and that

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03:09:33 1 mistakes.

2 Go down a little bit more and go down to 3 Clause Sixth, please. Okay. And let's highlight that 4 again.

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You heard from Mr. Foster that during that meeting no one told them--no one told Mr. Senn or the other representatives there on behalf of FVG that what the illegalities were, what the issues were that were

9 motivating the Lesivo Declaration. Let's highlight 10 all of Clause 6, please. You can see on the face of

11 the document it says issues to be settled in

12 connection with the Onerous Usufruct Contract, and

then it talks about the Parties negotiating and deciding upon a number of things, and A says:

15 "Modification to the Onerous Usufruct Contract

16 Involving Railway Equipment in order to rectify the

17 terms which are deemed to cause lesions to the

18 interests of the State of Guatemala according to the

19 opinions rendered by," and then it sets forth three

20 opinions there. Now, if Mr. Senn had, rather than

21 simply rejecting outright the possibility of entering 22 into a negotiation on this, rather than doing that, PAGE 2115 PAGE 2117 2115

03:10:54 1 which is what the record evidence shows that he did, 2 if he would have engaged in a dialogue about this, I'm 3 sure they would have discussed the issues that were 4 set forth in the opinions; otherwise, there's no way 5 they could have reached an agreement as to those points. They had to, by their very nature, discuss

7 them. But the evidence is that he simply rejected the 8 notion of entering into negotiations. On the issue of whether a public bid was 10 required for entering into force of Contract 143, they 11 made mention--Mr. Foster made mention of the fact that 12 I accurately represented the record on the issue of 13 when Dr. Gramajo was first informed or notified that a 14 public bid was required for Contract 143, and he 15 says--I'm not entirely sure what the point is that 16 he's establishing, other than some lawyers made 17 mistakes. Lawyers do make mistakes. We all know

18 that, that some lawyers who first looked at Contract 19 143 and 158 assessed that it had some illegalities and

20 didn't pick up on others doesn't prove anything. Once

21 the Government became aware that this was an issue--in

22 other words, once under the Berger administration and

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03:13:53 1 consideration when you assess that statement from 2 Mr. Franco.

> On the issue of--and this was raised in one 4 of the questions, I believe, by Secretary 5 Eizenstat -- the other countries that have lesivo laws, 6 well, we cited to you in the First Report of Professor 7 Aquilar, I believe it's Section 1, Paragraph 1, that 8 there are a number of countries who have lesivo laws.

> It's not just Guatemala. Spain, France, Mexico, Costa 10 Rica, Ecuador, Argentina. And in relation to Spain's

> 11 lesivo law, you heard from Mr. Foster that that law 12 mentions or provides for an opportunity for the person

13 who's affected by the Lesivo Declaration to be heard

14 before the Lesivo Declaration is issued. Well, it's

15 made clear in Paragraph 48 of Mr. Aguilar's Opinion,

16 First Opinion, the reason that is provided for in

17 Spain's law is that unlike Guatemalan lesivo law, the

18 Executive has the ability to declare null and void a

19 contract on its own without submitting it to the 20 Judicial Branch; and, under that circumstance, it

21 makes a lot of sense as to why there is an opportunity

22 to be heard given to the person who might be affected.

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03:12:13 1 FEGUA Overseer became aware that this was an issue, it 03:15:25 1 2 was an issue that was brought--that was brought to the 3 attention of the Parties, and it was an issue that

4 they focused on. They didn't disregard it.

Again, on the issue of causation and damages, 6 I ask you to focus on the issue of their abandoning 7 publicly their position in Guatemala and what that did 8 in relation to any potential damages, and I ask again 9 why aren't they out there today trying to collect

On the issue of the testimony from Mr. Franco 12 about what some official in the Court told him about 13 whether or not the lesivo--the Opinion from the

14 Administrative Court on the lesividad would be issued, 15 again I think it's inherently unreliable. We don't

16 know what the public official--what instruction the

17 public official was given, if any, by whom. We know

18 that Mr. Franco is a lawyer who has been working for

19 the Claimant for quite a long time, and we know that 20 his boss is sitting across from us at the table and is

21 one of the lawyers in this case.

10 rent?

So, we ask you to take all of that into

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Here, on the other hand, the issue is 2 submitted to an independent Judiciary, as you've now 3 heard several times, and the Judicial Branch through 4 the Administrative Court makes the determination about 5 whether the Contract is or isn't lesivo, and the 6 Claimant, as you know, or the affected Party is provided an opportunity to be heard there.

Now, on the issue of profitability or lack of profitability of Claimant's investment through FVG, 10 again we've heard that in 2004 there is a calculation 11 that shows according to Mr. Foster that there was 12 profit in that year. First of all, I want to point 13 out to the Tribunal that he's referring to an exhibit 14 that was provided by Mr. Posner, and that exhibit says 15 nothing about profit. If we could put up the exhibit, 16 it says nothing about profit. What it shows is the 17 EBITDA of the company throughout a number of years 18 when you factor in the Trust payments that they claim 19 should have been provided, and you see that in the

very last line: As estimated FEGUA trust payments." And what's important to point out is that 22 says nothing about profit. That says what the

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03:17:04 1 earnings would be before you talk about income,
2 depreciation, taxes, and when you factor all those out
3 is only when you can determine whether or not there's
4 profit. So, that number tells you nothing about
5 whether the company was profitable in 2004.
6 And you see that even--even adding in the
7 FEGUA Trust payments, one year later you have a
8 negative number somewhere in the range of over
9 \$400,000.

10 We can now put up the slides, please, or go 11 back to the slides that we prepared.

12 There was mention made of the bond--the
13 particular example that was put up or that was put up
14 by Professor Spiller, and suggesting that somehow
15 Professor Spiller incorrectly is estimating the effect
16 of amortization, and the problem with the example that
17 was put up is that it was conducted over a five-year
18 period and not a 42-year period, which is the correct
19 period to be estimated here, given the length of the
20 Usufruct. And when you apply the correct discount

03:19:50 1 were supposed to recover that 5 million in debt 2 through earnings from the easement revenues, but they 3 were never able to do so. And that speaks volumes 4 about the lack of demand based on the projections that 5 they had for the real estate easement revenues. There were questions raised about the possibility of awarding damages based on sunk costs or 8 historical costs. We have included here some slides 9 in relation to this issue. It is our contention that 10 that standard would not be appropriate here. That 11 standard to the extent it's been used and it has been 12 used by some tribunals as pointed out by Professor 13 Crawford, is more appropriate or apt for an investment 14 that is cut off at the knees at its infancy. That is 15 not this case. This investment was ongoing for more 16 than eight years, and we won't belabor the point. 17 We've included a number of slides here, but the point 18 is we do not believe that that is the appropriate 19 standard. And based on the appropriate standard, as

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21 rate, you can see, based on this slide, that there is

22 still double counting to the tune of 82 percent.

03:18:33 1 On the issue of pre-award interest, we
2 believe it should not be compounded. On the issue of
3 forced loan, the forced loan theory, we don't think
4 that is the proper standard that should be utilized by
5 this Tribunal. The proper standard should be the

6 reinvestment rate, if any damages are granted and
7 pre-award interest is awarded, and we believe that the
8 correct rate is the one that we have suggested to you,
9 which is the commercially reasonable rate such as
10 LIBOR plus 2 percent. And we cite to you here some

I would also like to point out that while
they talk about a 10 million-dollar investment and
they talk about the fact that their real estate
revenues were soon to be going very upwardly in a
positive trajectory, that they promised in their bid
that they would be using the real estate revenues in
order to service \$5 million of the what they say is
promised 10 million-dollar investment. They said

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21 the investment at the time of the alleged

20 we've told you, we believe the Fair Market Value of

22 expropriatory act or wrongful conduct by Guatemala,

03:21:09 1 again the alleged wrongful conduct is zero. And with that, I thank you again for your time. 3 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you. 4 QUESTIONS FROM THE TRIBUNAL PRESIDENT RIGO: I have a question on C-44 6 that you had on the screen just a moment ago, if I may have your attention. You have C-44. At the bottom of the document, at least on my screen that you had to underline, it says modifications--10 MR. ORTA: I believe it's Clause 6, if we can 12 go to that, please. 13 PRESIDENT RIGO: They say they shall decide 14 on the following issues: Modifications to the Onerous 15 Usufruct Contract, et cetera. Yesterday, we were told 16 that the Contract was null and void by your Expert,

17 that it could not be corrected or made legal, to say
18 it in simple terms. Why would you bother to modify
19 it?
20 MR. ORTA: As I pointed out, Mr. Chairman, I
21 believe that this is a draft document, so from
22 everything that we understand what the modification

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2123 03:22:26 1 would mean would not be a modification of the existing 03:26:00 1 the Fair Market Value of the investment at the time of 2 agreement because that agreement, on its face, based 3 on the illegalities, can't be remedied. But the idea, 4 as I understand it was for the Parties to enter into a 5 settlement in order to execute a new Usufruct 6 Equipment Contract and celebrate a new public bid that 7 would take away or basically deal with the problems 8 that caused the Agreement to be lesivo. As evidence 9 of that, I point you to R-36 and R-37, where 10 immediately post-lesivo, when the Parties actually do 11 sit down to discuss the issue of the Equipment 12 Contract and its illegalities, that is precisely what 13 the Parties were discussing. They were discussing the 14 execution of a new Equipment Contract. And as I pointed out before, document 15

16 R-37--and you will see, if you go through it, the 17 minutes R-36 and R-37 of the meetings that took place

18 just after the Lesivo Declaration, in R-37 you see 19 that FVG, through Mr. Senn, said that they really

20 weren't too interested in doing that because, as

21 Mr. Senn said, that was of secondary priority to them,

22 given that they wouldn't need the rail equipment for

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2 the Act. Why do I say that? Because the Discounted 3 Cash Flow analysis, as we've pointed out both in our 4 Memorials and in the Report of Professor Spiller, does 5 provide full reparation to the Parties and in this 6 case in this instance to the Claimant. So we believe 7 that that would be in the first instance the correct standard for the Tribunal to apply. ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Somehow it probably 10 implies that you've lost the investment, whereas you

11 could have a breach of FET which leaves with the 12 investment. The investment may be worth less, it 13 might be a lot less than it would have had there been 14 no breach, but it's not necessarily worth nothing.

The problem--and I would be interested in 16 further enlightenment because in another case I 17 basically left the Tribunal--the Tribunal basically 18 left the Claimant in situ having paid--having awarded 19 damages for breach of fair and equitable treatment and

20 therefore didn't resolve the dispute between the

21 Parties. Now, I understand this is slightly academic

22 because you agreed between you that whatever the basis

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03:23:49 1 Phase II because that would be standard gauge.

PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Mr. Orta, the Parties 4 are agreed that if the Tribunal were to award damages, 5 it would be appropriate for the Claimants to return 6 its assets, cancel its contracts, et cetera, in 7 Guatemala. Now, one can understand the juridical 8 basis for that in the event that we found an 9 expropriation, and you might say if the Parties are

10 agreed, then it's not a problem finding a juridical

But let's assume the Parties are not agreed. 12 13 Let's assume that the breach that was found was a 14 breach of the fair and equitable treatment standard.

15 On what basis could we condition an award of damages 16 in relation to the return of the property?

17 MR. ORTA: Just bear with me one second.

18 (Pause.) 19

MR. ORTA: Professor Crawford, again we think 20 that the appropriate standard under CAFTA is the Fair 21 Market Value analysis. And so, I think again, based 22 on that question, the Tribunal would be answer what is PAGE 2126

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03:27:25 1 for recovery might be, if there is any, that condition 2 should be attached to it, but I'm interested in the 3 theory of the claim, bearing in mind that you could

4 have a breach of fair and equitable treatment, which

5 led to a recovery of small amount of money or the 6 recovery of virtually the entire investment.

MR. ORTA: Thank you, Professor Crawford. I 8 have two different things to suggest there. The first 9 is--and this relates to, I guess in part, the slides

10 that we put up just toward the end, but if the 11 Tribunal under that circumstance, for example, were

12 wanting to consider a remuneration or I guess an

13 evaluation of a possible remuneration to Claimant 14 based on the--on their capital contributions, their

15 net capital contributions, I think in this particular

16 case you would have to take into account the fact that

17 the Claimant made investment early on in 1999 and

18 2000, and I think as we heard from Professor Spiller

19 there were some perhaps minor additional investments 20 of about 500,000 in 2000 and 2001, and then the

21 investment stopped. And what you have after that is

22 simply capital contributions to cover losses.

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03:29:05 1 So, I mean, I think in that circumstance it 2 would be--it would be difficult to determine what, if 3 anything, the Claimant in this case should be awarded 4 because by the time you get to 2006, you know, through 5 just the actions that took place in relation to their 6 investment in Guatemala, the lack of demand and lack 7 of financing and funding and other things, they had 8 really basically already burned up the investment that 9 they had made, and they were staying afloat, as I say, 10 by asking their Shareholders, in particular their 11 principal Shareholder, to contribute to keep them 12 afloat. 13

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Now the concern relates 14 to the question what would have been the subject of an 15 expropriation in the event the Tribunal were to find

16 an expro.

The Equipment Contract is a separate legal 17 18 document, and in the event that there was an indirect 19 expropriation, it is at least arguable that it was

20 limited to the Equipment Contract or to the legal

21 interests associated with it. After all, at least in

22 theory, the Claimant retained its rights in relation

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03:32:00 1 Claimant was no longer making any investment per se 2 into the railroad operations. They were simply 3 funding through capital contributions the shortfalls 4 that they were having in order to stay afloat.

So, I think, in relation to the Declaration 6 of Lesivo of that agreement, what we're really faced 7 with is an issue where they could only use that equipment to operate Phase I, and Phase I, by their own admission, produced only losses.

In relation to the operation of the train in 11 any other phase, you've heard that, as to Phase II it 12 would require different equipment. So, this has no 13 effect on that. To the extent there is an 14 expropriation or some wrongful conduct under CAFTA in 15 relation to the Railway Equipment Contract, it doesn't 16 affect their ability to operate in any of the other 17 phases per their own admissions.

So, you're faced with an issue where you have 18 19 equipment that perhaps they can't utilize in Phase I, 20 although again we claim they have every right to do 21 that today. They could be operating the trains today 22 in Phase I if they hadn't left the country.

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2128 03:30:39 1 to the right of way for other purposes, and it's

2 agreed that the value of the commercial interests

3 associated with the right of way were potentially

4 greater than in relation to the conduct of the

5 railway. It would be a somewhat Solomonic verdict to

6 say that the expropriation was limited to the

7 Equipment Contract, but I would be interested in your

8 comments on that.

MR. ORTA: Professor Crawford, I think we 9 10 agree in this case that the Contract that's at

11 issue--we understand the Claimant has a different

12 viewpoint, but the Contract that's at issue that was

13 declared lesivo is the Equipment Contract, and we

14 believe that there have been a series of concessions

15 made in relation to Contract 402 that established by

16 Claimant's own words that it's wholly unconnected 17 to--well, the substantial part of their revenue of the

18 real estate is wholly unconnected to the entire

19 railway operation.

Now, getting directly to your question, the 20 21 Equipment Contract at issue here was entered into in 22 2003. And as I mentioned, by that point in time the PAGE 2130

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But in any event, it's in relation to a phase 03:33:18 1 2 of operations that, as a matter of record evidence, 3 they have admitted on a number of occasions produced 4 only losses. So, again, if you apply Fair Market 5 Value to that, you're still going to get a negative 6 value.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: My last question 8 relates to the role of this Tribunal relative to the question of the Declaration of Lesividad. Now, 10 obviously, as an investment Tribunal, this Tribunal is 11 entitled to apply Guatemalan law, provided it can be 12 satisfied as to what it is. And in effect it might be 13 argued that what we are having to do is to do what the 14 Guatemalan courts should have done if they'd decided 15 the Claimant's case on the lesivo issue at an

16 appropriate time rather than delaying, as they seem to 17 have done.

But it's not beyond the bounds of possibility 18 19 that one might say that the lesivo decision, though it 20 seems from the outside to be harsh and unreasonable. 21 was a decision which Guatemalan law mandated. If we

22 were to take that view, what room is there for any

PAGE 2131 PAGE 2133 2131 2133 03:35:13 1 recovery at all? This goes back to a question I asked 03:38:34 1 And with respect to the other claims, full 2 you this morning, where you said we didn't need to 2 protection and security and national treatment, again 3 decide the lesivo issue, and I said we might not need 3 I think those fall away just by their inability to 4 to decide it, but if we did decided, it surely would 4 meet the elements. But on the expropriation, given 5 the substantiality requirement, I think that claim 5 be relevant to the case. I mean, I don't want to put 6 your case higher than you put it, but I would 6 would fall away because they couldn't meet the 7 appreciate any comment you have on that scenario. 7 threshold element that it would have to be substantial I should say that these questions are asked 8 enough, the effect, so as to allow for compensation to to the Claimant as well. 9 begin with. MR. ORTA: If you just give me one second to 10 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: Thank you very much. 11 ponder that, Professor Crawford. MR. FOSTER: I'm afraid we're going to get a 11 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: These questions are 12 bill from Cambridge at the end of this for this 12 13 asked to you as well, so you may in due course like to seminar. 13 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: If it came from 14 comment on them. 14 MR. FOSTER: You mean I can't sleep? Cambridge, it would be a very modest bill. 15 16 ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: You might have to. It MR. FOSTER: Let me go back to one of your 17 has to be done today. 17 first questions about the effect of a decision on the 18 existing leases. The way I answered the question this 18 (Pause.) MR. ORTA: All right, here is my best shot. 19 morning was, and I hope it was because I intentionally 19 So, if this Tribunal were to determine that 20 chose my words carefully as opposed to sheer accident, 21 the Lesivo Declaration was proper--21 but what I said was that if you awarded full ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: In terms of Guatemalan 22 reparation, however you define that, if you awarded PAGE 2132 PAGE 2134 2132 2134 03:37:25 1 law. 03:40:03 1 full reparations, whether it's--for whatever State MR. ORTA: In terms of Guatemalan law, then 2 2 action that violates international law, once you Award 3 it's our contention that there would be no conduct--no 3 full reparations, then the payor of those reparations, 4 conduct that would have offended the claims under 4 the State, is subrogated to all of our rights under 5 CAFTA because, first, as it relates to expropriation, 5 the Contract, its Contract, it seems to me. And therefore, it seems to me that the 6 there would--they still would be in possession of what 7 they have admitted as the biggest part of their 7 fashioning of your Award to the extent that you'd 8 investment. 8 concluded that what you were awarding were full So, even if you admit or even if you allow 9 reparations, fashioning it in that fashion you would 9 10 for the position that this has affected their ability 10 automatically cause Guatemala to be subrogated to our 11 to conduct railway operations in the first phase, 11 rights under the leases. So, that would be my comment 12 which is the only phase as a matter of record that 12 on that one. 13 they would be using that equipment to begin with, 13 On your more recent question, I believe it 14 that, per their own admission, would represent no more 14 was one of the drafters of the Articles on State 15 than 8 percent of their revenues, and so there would 15 responsibility--I certainly hope it was you, but I 16 can't remember which one it was, but I think one of 16 be no expropriation because it wouldn't be substantial 17 enough. 17 the things that was said was that a Government can't And in any event, you're ruling that it's 18 rely upon necessity under its own internal laws to 18 19 proper so there is no improper conduct that would be 19 justify breach of international law, and so even if 20 the Declaration of Lesivo might have been legal under 20 violative of CAFTA to begin with, and I think that 21 would take care of the inquiry with respect to fair 21 Guatemalan law, then you still have to examine it

22 under the applicable principles of international law.

22 and equitable treatment.

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03:41:36 1 I mean, except for--for example, except for the time, 2 putting the time period aside, they have apparently 3 complied with what they think Guatemalan law is in 4 connection with the Declaration of Lesivo, but that 5 doesn't mean it satisfies the requirements of customary international law.

ARBITRATOR CRAWFORD: It was Professor Ago, 8 but I agreed with him, so the rule survived.

ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I think that what I 10 would like to do is we're going to ask my questions, 11 rather than going one by one giving each of you a 12 series of questions, and I have every reason to

13 believe you'll both take good notes and that unlike 14 some of the witnesses you will be direct in answering 15 rather than feeling you're paid by the word.

16 So, let me for the Claimant ask the 17 following, and these likewise are in no particular 18 order and I have gone over some of this in your

19 original presentations, and I will try to avoid being 20 repetitive.

First is whether there is a tension in your 22 two themes of why Guatemala issued the lesivo

03:45:27 1 developer.

Now, you mentioned earlier that you wanted to 3 do the right thing and give Guatemala an operating 4 railroad, and that's why you really invested more than 5 the minimum amount you could, but at this point it's 6 difficult for me to understand the thinking behind 7 your declaring that you were a dead man walking 8 because that would seem to make it more difficult for you to obtain rentals in the future or to keep squatters off or collect from squatters even now.

Third, and this may relate to something James 12 got into, but if we were to conclude that the 13 Government acted unreasonably but did not sufficiently 14 impair your investment, how would you propose that we 15 go about looking at a damage analysis? How would it 16 differ from the damage analysis, if at all, if there 17 were an expropriation? And how would that damage 18 analysis be implicated by your obligation to mitigate 19 your damages?

20 Then for the Respondent, there seems to be a 21 clear difference in what Party believed the original 22 Contract obligated Ferrovías to do, the one phase

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03:43:21 1 Declaration. On the one hand, you seem to argue that 2 the process was designed to extract additional

3 concessions that went beyond 143 and 158, \$50 million,

4 for example, development of the South Coast and so

5 forth. On the other hand, you argue that the purpose

6 of the exercise was to transfer control to

7 Mr. Campollo, and I would like to ask whether there is

8 any seemingly conflicting objective here and an

9 inconsistent argument about what their motive might

10 have been.

Second to the Claimant is that once lesivo 12 was declared and you issued your--had your press

13 conference and your press release, one might have 14 thought, since the principal benefit of your Contract

15 was in 402 and the right of way, which was at least

16 not directly related, that you might have tried to

17 reassure your financiers, your suppliers, your

18 customers, that you were there to stay in Guatemala to

19 develop this most valuable piece of your Contract,

20 that you already have contracts which continue to this

21 day and which, as we have seen, have increased in

22 revenue, and that you become in effect a real estate

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03:47:42 1 versus the five phases, but the Contract seems to talk

2 about initiating rather than completing work, and

3 there was evidence introduced by the Claimant in which

4 it appears that FEGUA specifically confirmed that

5 Ferrovías had sustained its obligations on phases, at

6 least on Phase II and perhaps at Phase III--it was not

7 possible to succeed, so I would like to have your

8 thoughts on that, not what you hoped to get, but what 9 did the Contract actually require and why was it that

10 FEGUA seemed to put its imprimatur on the Claimant's

11 fulfillment of that?

I would like to hear you--and this actually I 12 13 think both is on the power and authority of the 14 Overseer of FEGUA when he signed 143 and 158, signed a

15 letter authorizations, accepted Canon payments. If 16 you're saying that he acted in some ultra vires way,

17 nevertheless what should the Tribunal conclude in the

18 fact that he was an official of the Contracting Party

19 here.

20 Next, to the Respondent, it appears to me

21 that there were sort of three opportunities to get 22 this Contract right, which was Contract at least

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03:50:15 1 seemed to me to be initiated by FEGUA, and it's 2 certainly signed by it. In 41 they didn't apparently 3 get the Presidential approval.

5 wrote 143 and 158 not to require it, at least that's 6 what Mr. Gramajo I thought said several times very, 7 very strongly, did not require Presidential approval, 8 and maybe the reason it didn't is because they had 9 tried to get it under 41, and the previous Overseer 10 was at the door as the hourglass was running out on 11 the administration, which I've participated in, too,

And perhaps because they didn't, they then

12 and couldn't get it, and maybe that was why.

13 And then in C-44, when you come up with this
14 proposal which went well beyond, well beyond
15 correcting the defects of 143 and 158, you yourself

16 said that there was a mistake made, there was a draft, 17 certainly you can see it was a draft as you point out,

18 and saying that mistake with respect to whether there 19 was a requirement for a bid. I mean, how many

20 mistakes can one keep making here. The lawyers who

21 presumably wrote 143 and 158 not to require

22 presidential, then come up with the notion that it is

03:53:50 1 a substantial permanent deprivation of Claimant's
2 investments or the enjoyment of those investments'
3 economic benefits."

So, is there an agreement between you that that is essentially the standard we should be looking at for indirect expropriation.

And then I guess the last issue I would
really go back, although I think you've answered it,
but it's still a question in my mind of why if the
defect was in 143 and 158 so much time was spent on
issues that involved 402 and 820. In that respect my
last question would be just factually, has either
Party--my understanding is that under 802 there was an
obligation on both Parties to pay under the Trust
Fund. Did either Party pay under the Trust Fund and
when?

17 I'm going to conclude with that, but I would 18 be remiss if I didn't add one other personal thing, 19 and that is I think that the quality of the legal

20 presentations has been extraordinary on both sides. I 21 think you've each done a tremendous job of

22 representing your clients, both in the written

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03:51:53 1 required, and there is no way to get it, apparently, 2 under Guatemalan law without rewriting the Contract.

2 under Guatemalan law without rewriting the Contract.

3 So if you could address that, that would be 4 appreciated.

5 Then I want to see if you can make our job a 6 little bit easier on some of these standards if we

7 have to get to it. Under the fair and equitable

8 treatment standard there is a very vigorous debate

9 about what customary international law means here, but 10 for our purposes, is there essentially an agreement,

11 and whether you look at a free-standing standard or

12 others, that it'd be still applying a standard that

13 would incorporate protections against arbitrariness,

14 nontransparency, and frustration of legitimate

15 expectations? And I would ask both Parties that.

And the last issue where again you might be able to make our life a little easier, if we can

 $18\,$ narrow the differences, and that is the standard, if

19 we were to find an indirect expropriation, the

20 Respondent cites to a paragraph in RDC's Reply that 21 quotes the following language from Vivendi III: "This

 ${\tt 22}$ $\,$ Tribunal will have to determine whether they affected

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03:55:17 1 presentations and the questions and the demeanor

2 you've presented and the insightfulness of your

3 arguments, and I want to congratulate you for really a

4 very, very high quality of representation of your 5 clients.

6 That's not a question.

7 (Laughter.)

8 MR. FOSTER: But it deserves an answer.

9 Thank you.

David is looking at me as though he wants to 11 take the second shot rather than the first shot, so I $\,$

12 will take the first shot.

And your first question was about a potential tension as between our themes, and I think it will

15 $\,$ come as no surprise to you when I say that I don't

16 think that there is a tension. There was a perfect 17 storm of confluence of interest here. On the one

18 hand, Dr. Gramajo wanted control. He didn't like at

19 all the fact that Ferrovias had control of assets that

20 he wanted to have control of.

On the other hand, Ramon Campollo, he didn't really care whether we invested the \$50 million or a

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2143 03:56:41 1 hundred million dollars or how much ever it was in 2 order to rebuild the South Coast for his benefit, or 3 he took it away from us and could then do with it as 4 he wanted for his benefit. He was clearly interested 5 in the South Coast aspect of the line, and so he 6 didn't care, and that coincided perfectly with 7 Dr. Gramajo's interest because he wasn't interested in 8 the South Coast because it was going to be a wide gauge railroad, and his interest was in the old 10 locomotives and the old cars for the FEGUA Railroad 11 Museum. So, I think that, in fact, the -- and I think, 12 13 as I read the evidence in any event, those paths, 14 while they started out differently and perhaps without 15 coordination, as time went on they converged, and I

16 think what you see from the timeline of the

17 Campollo/Pinto involvement, if you go back and look at

18 it, that they started out, I think Mr. Campollo was

19 pretty much a lone wolf back in 2001, and that was

20 before Dr. Gramajo even got involved, but Campollo was

21 interested in the deal, then Gramajo gets involved

22 when he becomes the Overseer, and he has an interest

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03:59:56 1 we're focusing on here.

And the fundamental issue, I think, is that 3 they were, as the witnesses have, I think, on both 4 sides have described, they were inextricably 5 intertwined. If we don't have the equipment, we can't 6 run the trains. If we can't run the trains, we 7 default under default 402 because we can't provide 8 service, so we lose the real estate one way or another. It doesn't make any difference.

Now, turning to the press release itself, 11 Kevin says, and I think he's right, that you really 12 need to read this press release in its entirety so you 13 get the flavor of what was being said.

And one of the things that was said in this 15 press release--and just before I say this, let me 16 point out, that remember the press release when it was 17 issued on August the 28th was in English, and it 18 appeared only on RDC's Web site. It was not published 19 in Spanish until the publication on September 4, in

20 Prensa Libre. So, I point that out, not that I think 21 it's critical for the question you're answering, but

22 just to get the context right.

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03:58:08 1 in getting rid of Ferrovías. Campollo has an interest 04:01:24 1 2 in getting rid of Ferrovías, and their paths

3 inexorably converge. Thank you, Kevin. Your second question had

5 to do with the press release, and you said since the 6 prime benefit was in Contract 402, why didn't we do 7 more reassurance and so forth. Well, remember that a

8 lot of, as you said, the financiers, suppliers and

9 customers, well, the customers, the railroad customers

10 as to which we presented evidence, they weren't 11 concerned with 402, except in a way that I will

12 explain, they were concerned in operation of the

13 railroad and the Equipment Contract specifically would

14 have been their interest. The financiers wouldn't

15 have cared which contract was under threat, and all of

16 this is if anyone really understood what was going on.

17 You will notice in those various and sundry press

18 Reports, the President doesn't say, "I'm declaring

19 Contract 143/158 lesivo, but I want 50 million-dollar

20 investment under Contract 402." Nobody was focusing

21 upon that technicality at that time. That

22 technicality or that difference is something that

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But the press release goes on to say, "This 2 is now more than an investment for us; it is a 3 struggle for justice. We remain convinced that the

4 railway plays an important role in a country that 5 abandoned its railway in 1996 and currently does not

6 depend on either unrealistic schemes or Government 7 subsidies. For this reason, we will not only continue

8 to advocate for the implementation of our Business

9 Plan as we originally conceived it, but also to fight

10 for the right to do so against a Government that has 11 gone out of its way to obstruct our progress by

12 violating the terms of the railroad infrastructure

13 trust and begin something that will ultimately result

14 in the expropriation of our Usufruct. This is a 15 commitment we have to our 62 Shareholders, our

16 customers, and our employees."

"We also have this commitment to our country, 18 not only as a company formed to provide much needed

19 strategic transportation infrastructure, but as

20 individuals opposed to a culture of corruption and

21 denial of justice."

So, this press release was saying two things:

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04:02:39 1 Number one, it was assuring our customers, our 2 suppliers, and others that we were committed to this 3 fight. We weren't packing up and leaving, as Mr. Orta 4 would have you believe. We were saying publicly that 5 we were not going to pack up and leave. We're going 6 to stay and fight.

> And, number two, I think that from the 8 language of this press release, it is very obvious 9 that the purpose that I described earlier today that 10 we were trying to put pressure on the Government in 11 order to cause the Government to reverse its decision. 12 And that's the thrust, I think, that reading the press 13 release as a whole and fairly interpreting it. Those are the two thrusts of the press

15 release.

Now, the third question was if the Government 16 17 acted unreasonably but did not sufficiently impair the 18 Usufruct, how do you look at the damages analysis, is 19 it different, and how is it implicated by the

20 obligation to mitigate? Let us suppose, for example, 21 you concluded that the denial of fair and equitable

22 treatment was such, and in particular that it was

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04:05:22 1 Number two, you have to give us what we would have 2 earned on that investment if we had had it, and we are 3 in the business of doing what we do, and you have a 4 Weighted Average Cost of Capital computation for that 5 business, and I would suggest that you have to use 6 that to bring the investment to its value in 2006.

And the third thing, if you're putting us back in as though we hadn't made the investment, then we wouldn't have spent the legal fees and had the cost and expenses of the arbitration, either.

So, I think there is--there are implications 11 12 for the necessary components of the Award. In other 13 words, I think that fees and expenses are a critical 14 component if you look at it that way, whereas--and 15 they don't even go to the question of looking at it to 16 see, you know, the general balancing test that you 17 would use for awarding fees and expenses.

And mitigation, I think mitigation applies to 18 19 everything. We're not contending that Professor 20 Crawford intimated that an argument could be made that 21 in a fair and equitable treatment analysis, if you 22 found that it hadn't completely destroyed the value of

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04:03:58 1 based upon a frustration of legitimate expectations, 2 and that in effect we had been led down the river and

3 ambushed. And you concluded that in that case, for

4 example, you might conclude either one of two ways of

5 looking at damages. One, you could conclude that that

6 denial of fair and equitable treatment was so complete

7 because the Declaration of lesivo so completely 8 destroyed the business that you were going to award

9 the budget of measure damages that we've urged you to

10 award, which is both the return of the investment and 11 lost profits with the amortization of the investment.

On the other hand, you also could conclude 12 13 that you were going to put us back in the position as

14 if we had never made the investment. This was the

15 suggestion that Professor Crawford made the other day 16 as a potential way to look at a measure of damages,

17 and I think it's particularly relevant to a fair and

18 equitable treatment analysis.

Now, if you decided to do that, to put us 20 back as if we hadn't made the investment, then it

21 seems to me that you've got to do three things:

22 Number one, you've got to give us our investment back.

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04:06:55 1 the investment, that then in those circumstances we 2 might be left in the position of continuing to collect 3 under our leases. I think that is an accurate 4 analysis if you came to that conclusion. But if you 5 come to the conclusion that we are urging you to come 6 to, that the denial of fair and equitable treatment 7 essentially destroyed the investment, then I think

mitigation always applies. So, the issue of mitigation will depend upon 10 how you approach this whole question of what portion, 11 if not all, of the investment was destroyed.

12 Power and authority of the Overseer, I'm not 13 sure whether that's a question you directed to us, but 14 I will briefly say something about it. As you know, 15 our expert has testified that this is an autonomous

16 entity; and, as an autonomous entity, the Overseer of

17 FEGUA has all of those powers and authorities, and

18 that's the reason why our Expert testified that no

19 Presidential approval was required, because it's not

20 necessary. The Overseer has those powers.

You asked the question about how many 22 mistakes can be made, well, candidly, I don't think PAGE 2151 PAGE 2153 2151 2153

04:08:17 1 they were mistakes, but that's more a question devoted 04:20:31 1 view is in relation to what the restoration 2 to Mr. Orta than to me.

Trying to agree on a standard under customary 4 international law with regard to fair and equitable

5 treatment, we certainly think--we certainly believe 6 that both arbitrariness and bad faith--you didn't

7 mention bad faith in your recitation of the standards,

8 but we certainly think that bad faith is a part of it.

9 Nontransparency and frustration of legitimate

10 expectations, we believe all of those are important.

Insofar as the standard of indirect 11

12 expropriation, I believe the Parties agree that it's a

13 substantial--I don't know that we agree it has to be

14 permanent. I think it has to be of substantial

15 duration. In fact, I don't think the cases support

16 the idea that it has to be permanent, but it does have

17 to be of substantial duration. Deprivation of the

18 investment or the enjoyment of the reasonably 19 expected. I believe the cases used the term

20 "reasonably expected" benefits of the investment, and

21 we think that's what the standard is.

Your last question was, did we pay into the

2 obligations were under Contract 402 in relation to

3 precisely what the Contract says and, also I believe

4 you asked about the letter in relation to Phase II 5 that had been--that's been a matter of record.

I will start with acknowledging that in the

7 Contract, it's Contract 402, and it's Paragraph 13 or

8 Article 13 of the Contract, every single one of the 9 Restoration Clauses in relation to Phase I through

10 Phase 5 they all have the same verbiage, and they all

11 state that the Usufructary has the obligation to

12 begin--bear with me. Let's make sure I get the

13 language correct--so, it's up on the screen now. It

14 says--and notice it's the same in relation to Phase I

15 which in the very first one as it is in relation to

16 Phase II, III, IV, and V, and they have the exact same 17 verbiage: "Shall begin restoration within X period of

18 time," and it defines a different period of time for

each phase.

20 And then at the end of each it says that -- so

21 it says that--bear with me--railway cargo

22 transportation shall be offered in relation to the

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04:09:44 1 Trust Fund, and the answer is yes.

2 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Foster.

3 The Court Reports have asked for a few

4 minutes break, however limited, so I will--but five

5 minutes, I'm not suspending the session. Whomever

6 needs to leave the room may leave, but come back right 7 away.

MR. FOSTER: Now I know why David wanted me 9 to go first.

10 MR. ORTA: You have the burden, Allen.

(Brief recess.) 11

PRESIDENT RIGO: We are continuing with 12 13 Mr. Orta.

MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 14

I'd like to start with thanking Secretary 15

16 Eizenstat for the observation he made at the end of

17 his comments about the presentations we made, and I

18 think I speak on behalf of the entire team on the 19 Respondent's side. We very much appreciate the

comment. 20

In response to the first question, as I

22 understood it, Secretary Eizenstat, you asked what our

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04:22:38 1 Phase, shall be offered in at least one segment within

2 a six month term as of the date that that Phase is 3 supposed to begin.

Now, we start with the Clause doesn't say

5 when the restoration is supposed to be completed--or, 6 quite frankly, on its terms whether it's supposed to

7 be completed. But from our understanding of what was

8 bid out and what was negotiated, the Guatemalan

9 Government put out a bid for restoration of its

10 railway and gave the land to FVG in order to carry out 11 the restoration.

12 Now, it appears that in the drafting of this

13 Contract there is a lacuna. It doesn't say when 14 exactly the Phases are to be completed, but it doesn't

15 say they're not to be completed, it doesn't say they

16 are not to be completed. And it's our understanding, to start with

18 what our understanding of Guatemalan law is, in a

19 situation like this where you have a void in the terms

20 of the Contract that make is such that--again, it's a 21 stark difference between Civil Law systems and Common

22 Law systems in relation to this issue in some regards,

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2155 04:24:04 1 and in Civil Law systems like Guatemala system, when 2 you have a void like this, and when interpretation of 3 the Agreement is--you're unable to do so or the 4 interpretation would be unreasonable, given the void, 5 and we contend that the interpretation that's been 6 given here by Claimant, which is that they only had an 7 obligation to begin rail restoration service in the 8 first Phase and to complete it, but not in any other

9 Phases, first of all, is internally inconsistent 10 because, as I mentioned, the language is the same as 11 to Phase I.

Phase I doesn't say you have to complete it 12 13 by a certain date, but they take the position that 14 they were obligated to complete Phase I. So if you 15 look at just the language in the Contract, I suppose 16 you could ask well, why are they concluding that they 17 have to complete Phase I but not the other Phases when 18 the language is precisely the same for each Phase.

19 And going back to the interpretation point, 20 given that there's a void here, and given that the 21 purpose of the agreement was to restore the Guatemalan 22 railway system, and that the land that was given--I

04:26:29 1 pleased in Post-Hearing Briefs to talk about the issue 2 of how this would be interpreted under Guatemalan law 3 because I don't think that that has actually been 4 briefed by the Parties.

> On the issue of the letter as to Phase II, the letter, and I don't have it before me, but it says 7 that they have completed with the initiation of Phase 8 II and the rendering of service within six month of that initiation. That doesn't, however, in our view, 10 answer the question that I just answered before, which

> 11 is whether they have to complete it and what they have 12 to do, and I believe that Phase II demonstrates the

13 unreasonableness of the interpretation that's been 14 given to this Clause by RDC because, as you've heard

15 the uncontradicted testimony is, that there was some 16 track that was laid down in relation to Phase II at

17 the border of Mexico, and the Mexican train and the

18 Mexican operator brings the train in for a certain

19 amount of distance, unloads cargo and goes back out.

20 To say that that fulfills RDC's--and FVG's

21 responsibility to restore Phase II seems to me to be

22 unreasonable. Now, I realize the letter there and the

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04:25:17 1 should say the right to exploit the right of way was 2 an auxiliary or secondary right that was given in 3 relation to the railway restoration, I think we have 4 to look to what the Parties intended.

And when you look to what the Parties 6 intended in order to fill that void, the only evidence 7 that we have of record or I should say the evidence 8 that we have of record that we think is most 9 persuasive on this is the Overseer Porras' testimony, 10 and he tells you both in his written statement and 11 based on his testimony here before the Tribunal that 12 it was always contemplated that they were going to not 13 just start the Phases but carry them out, and that 14 Guatemala would never have given all of this land to a 15 third party to have them exploit for its benefit 16 without also requiring that they carry out the

17 restoration of the railway. So, that's as it relates to the issue of 18 19 contract interpretation, and I'm obviously not a 20 Guatemalan lawyer, but I understand that's how the

21 issue would play itself out. And if the Tribunal is 22 interested in hearing about that more, we would be

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04:27:58 1 letter--I don't know the circumstances under which it 2 was executed so I can't offer you any insights about

> 3 that, but I can say that to interpret that to mean 4 that they then, therefore, get to conclude that

5 they've carried out the restoration of Phase II and 6 that they get to keep that land seems unreasonable,

and therefore, we'd go back to the initial analysis.

And I would also point out that they were 9 looking into financing for funding Phase II, and it 10 seems a bit contradictory to say they had nothing more 11 to do in Phase II, but at the same time they were

12 looking for financing and funding in order to carry

13 out restoration in Phase II.

Now, in relation to the--I think the second question was the power and the authority of the FEGUA 16 Overseer when he signed the letter authorizations and 17 signed the different Contracts I believe you were asking about, so we would remit you there to the Legal

Opinion of Mr. Aquilar.

20 In Public Law systems like this one, a public 21 Official can only carry out whatever powers have been 22 expressly given to him or her. The FEGUA Overseer is

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04:29:24 1 part of the Executive Branch and the--FEGUA Overseer
2 is part of the Executive Branch. And I understand it
3 there are certain powers that the Executive, it's
4 Chief being the President, delegates to the FEGUA

5 Overseer. And those are set forth in FEGUA's Organic 6 Law.

Article 3 of FEGUA's Organic Law states that
the object and purpose of FEGUA is to provide rail
transport service. And as I understand Mr. Aguilar's
Opinion, nowhere in the Organic Law of FEGUA has there
been a delegation of power to the FEGUA Overseer to
contract out to third parties goods of the State. The

13 FEGUA property, meaning the--the railway property, I 14 should say, excuse me, the railway property, meaning

15 both the land and the rail equipment is property of 16 the State as defined by Article 121 of the Guatemalan

17 Constitution.

So, the Opinion of Mr. Aguilar is basically
that FEGUA's Overseer was never delegated the right to
contract out to third parties Government land or this

21 Government property; and, hence, in order to do so,

22 and for that to be valid, there has to be approval by

04:32:19 1 believe that to be correct.

And I should say I did not cite all of the provisions that Mr. Aguilar cited for his Opinion on this issue of Executive approval, but they are set forth in his Expert Report, and we would remit you to that, and we would know happy to provide you with those Clauses, if you would like to see them.

The third question that was asked was in relation to the different contracts for the railway equipment, and I believe Secretary Eizenstat you referenced Contract 41 and Contract 143, and then you mentioned the Draft Settlement C-44, and you mentioned that there were errors in relation to all three and had asked what--basically for me to try to explain what happened there.

As I understand it, Contract 41 was signed, bids--it was signed by both Parties, required Executive approval, and the lack of Executive approval is the only thing that prevented that Contract from being perfected and entering into force. As we mentioned in the Closing Statements and as was mentioned by Mr. Aguilar yesterday, before there would

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04:30:59 1 the President of any such contracts. It's my

2 understanding that that is why, when the first bid was

3 put out, Contract 41, that it required Executive

4 approval in Section 6.4 of the Bidding Terms.

So, what that means, and this is what Mr. Aguilar's Opinion is, is that when the letter

7 authorizations were signed by the FEGUA Overseer 8 giving property rights, in essence to RDC, the right

9 to use and benefit from the railway equipment, the

10 FEGUA Overseer overstepped his bounds. He didn't have

11 the--that authority had never been delegated to him to

12 do that unilaterally. He can do that so long as he 13 complies with the law, and the law requires that the

14 Executive approve of any such--a grants of property

15 interests in State property such as the land or the

16 railway equipment.

Proof of that in part is that when Contract

18 402 was executed, it required Government Executive

19 approval, and I believe this was a question that was

20 posed by the Chairman yesterday, and it's my

21 understanding that Contract 402 not only was approved

22 by Congress but also had Executive approval. I

04:33:58 1 be even an opportunity to obtain the requisite

2 Executive approval, FVG approached the FEGUA Overseer

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ and asked for authority to utilize equipment pursuant

4 to letter authorize. You can see that in the record

5 because you can compare the dates when the Contract

6 was signed and you can see that not even 20 days later 7 FEGUA receives a letter requesting the use of the

8 equipment.

9 The why Contract 41 didn't get approved, I 10 don't have an answer to that. All we know is what's

11 in the record, which is Mr. Porras has said he asked

12 for Government approval. I don't know what

 $\ensuremath{\text{13}}$ considerations were given to that by the President and

14 why the President made that decision. You heard from

15 Mr. Aguilar yesterday his understanding as to why he 16 thought it might not have been approved, and he

17 mentioned that it lacked a registration and that he

18 thought that the President would not be able to

19 approve that agreement for that reason.

20 And you heard from Dr. Mayora that approval

21 is not necessary at all, and that hence when it was

22 sent to the President that there would be no juridical

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2163 04:35:16 1 basis upon which the President could approve it and so 04:37:43 1 legal advisors of the President that that Contract 2 he thought that the President couldn't approve it 3 because there would be no basis in law for that. We 4 disagree with that, and again we would point to 5 Contract 402 as the example of approval that was 6 obtained of a similar scenario where State property 7 was given to a third party. But I don't have the 8 answer for you on why it wasn't approved. As to Contract 143, my understanding, and, of 10 course, the record, you could review it, and obviously 11 the Tribunal will come to its own conclusions is, is 12 that what Dr. Gramajo was testifying to yesterday is 13 that the Agreement incorporated the terms--the Bidding 14 Terms from Contract 41 which required Executive 15 approval, but then expressly said that Executive

16 approval would not be required for purposes of that 17 Contract from entering into force.

19 was saying that he could not submit that agreement to 20 the President for approval because it expressly said 21 that Presidential approval was not required. That's 22 not to say that he was of the understanding that that

As I understood Dr. Gramajo's testimony, he

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04:36:35 1 agreement didn't need to be approved. I hope that 2 distinction is clear because he was told immediately 3 upon, being made aware of that Contract that 4 Presidential approval was required and as a result he

> 5 wrote to Ferrovias and explained that that was a 6 requirement that would require the Parties to

7 renegotiate the Contract and enter into a different

8 one that would be approved by the President. So, I 9 think that's an important distinction. I'm not so

10 sure how clear that came out in Dr. Gramajo's

11 testimony, but that's what I understand the issue to 12 be.

13 Why that agreement itself was never approved, 14 Contract 143, which I believe was part of your

15 question. It was never submitted to the President, as

16 you heard from Dr. Gramajo because that agreement on 17 its face can't be approved because it suffered from

18 illegalities. It's my understanding if that agreement

19 would have been elevated for Presidential approval,

20 they never would have received it because it suffered

21 from a number of legal defects, and we know that in

22 part because once it came to the knowledge of the

2 existed, their analysis of it, which we have in the 3 record was that the Contract suffered from defects

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4 that rendered it Lesivo, so I don't believe that

5 agreement on its own would ever have been approved or

6 could have been approved by the President, but a

7 separate agreement, if they could have negotiated one 8 that fixed the problems, including an agreement to

9 celebrate a new public bid I think could have cured

10 the issue.

As to C-44, on its face, it's a mistake. We 11 12 all know that there was no bid that took place in 13 relation to Contract 143 and 158, and I submit to you 14 that there are probably a number of other mistakes in 15 the document. It's a Draft Agreement. And what we

16 know from the testimony of Astrid Sosen, again she is 17 a lawyer from the Ministry of Communications who was

18 involved in relation to the drafting of that

19 agreement, and Mr. Burduo, both of whom have submitted

20 Witness Declarations here, they say that agreement was

21 put together basically the night before, and then they

22 were looking to negotiate it with Ferrovías, with FVG;

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04:38:55 1 on the day of the 24th, so it's not surprising to me

2 that it has a mistake. The next question is on the issue of the 4 standard under Fair and Equitable Treatment and

5 Article 10.5 of CAFTA. And the particular question, I 6 believe that you posed Secretary Eizenstat, is whether

7 we agree--whether Guatemala agrees that arbitrariness,

8 non-transparency and legitimate expectations --

9 (Pause.)

MR. ORTA: So, in relation to your question, 10 11 so very succinctly, we do not agree that

12 arbitrariness, arbitrary conduct or arbitrariness on

13 its own is part of the minimum standard of treatment 14 under customary International law. However, we do

15 agree that manifestly arbitrary conduct is, and we

16 cited the Tribunal there to a number of Opinions,

17 Glamis Gold, which is at RL-102, Paragraph 616;

18 Cargill, which is at RL-175, Paragraph 296;

19 International Thunderbird, Paragraph 194; and Waste

20 Management, Paragraph 98.

I believe I gave you the wrong RL numbers.

22 Just so the record is clear, Glamis Gold is RL-102,

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04:41:17 1 Carqill is RL-175, International Thunderbird is 2 RL-104, and Waste Management is RL-136.

> So, manifestly arbitrary conduct, we believe, 4 is within the minimum standard of treatment, for Fair 5 and Equitable Treatment.

Now, non-transparency, we do not believe, is 7 part of the customary International law minimum

8 standard of treatment under Article 10.5, and neither

9 is the legitimate expectations of the--of the

10 investor, and we would point you there to the text of

11 Article 10.5 wherein it says that the customary

12 International law minimum standard of treatment is the

13 one that applies and that in particular the CAFTA

14 Parties agreed that no additional substantive

15 obligations are to be created beyond that minimum

16 standard.

Now, having said that, Secretary Eizenstat, I 17 18 believe, that and as we've argued already that the

19 conduct at issue here would satisfy even those other

20 standards, even though we don't believe they come 21 within Article 10.5.

The second-to-last question, indirect

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04:44:22 1 of the President to resolve the problems it had in

2 relation to the relationship, and there were a number

3 of them, and there's a presentation--I don't know if

4 any of my colleagues can get me--I don't want to put

5 the presentation up, but just the cite to the

6 presentation that was made by Mr. Posner during the

7 meeting, but I think it's very telling because that

8 will show you what the PowerPoint slides were and what

9 issues he was raising at that meeting, and I think

10 when you look at that PowerPoint slide and you look at

11 the notes that were made by Mr. Posner following the

12 meeting, what you'll see is that he was talking to the

13 President about a number of issues. I believe C-33 is

14 the cite to the PowerPoint presentation. And the

15 issues under discussion were a number of them, and

16 they included the lack of funding for Phase II, the

17 problems with squatters, the problems with the Trust

18 Fund and a number of things.

So, it's no surprise that as a result of that

20 meeting and starting then and afterward, when the

21 President took up Mr. Posner on his request to

22 intervene and help that the Government officials that

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04:42:43 1 expropriation, you asked whether under the Vivendi III 04:45:49 1 were involved were discussing all of those issues and

2 substantial and permanent deprivation of Claimant's

3 interests in the enjoyment of their property would be

4 sufficient, and again we believe it has to be a

5 substantial deprivation of their property interests in

6 their investment, and it has to be sufficiently

7 substantial such as to constitute the equivalent of a 8 full expropriation, and I think we've cited a number

9 of cases in our brief in relation to that issue.

The last guestion I have already answered in 11 some detail, so I'll try not to repeat much of what I 12 said, but I'll leave you with this: The question, as

13 I understand it, was why was the Government spending

14 time focusing on issues in relation to Contract 402

15 and 820 in the settlement discussions leading up to

16 the Lesivo Declaration? And the answer to that is 17 what I stated earlier. There was a fundamental series

18 of problems between these Parties, and Claimant,

19 through their enterprise FVG and through Mr. Posner

20 and others, asked President Berger for a meeting, and 21 the purpose of the meeting, as I understand it, was

22 Claimant wanted to get the intervention and assistance

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not just Contract 143 and 158 in isolation.

As I also pointed out before, that's not the

4 first time that FVG had sought intervention at a 5 higher level in the Government. We pointed to R-9,

6 which is the letter to Vice-Minister Diaz which was

7 copied to President Berger, wherein they were seeking

8 help with a number of issues, including funding for

9 the Phase II southern coast, removal of squatters for

10 Phase II, payment of--Trust Fund payments and

11 remedying Contract 143 and 158. I think that letter

12 is fairly instructive because Claimant in that letter 13 puts all three issues on the table and asks for

14 assistance from Vice-Minister Diaz from the Ministry

15 of Communications. 16

I hope that responded to your questions. ARBITRATOR EIZENSTAT: I had asked if FEGUA

17 18 ever factually made a payment into the 802 Trust Fund.

MR. ORTA: My understanding is that FEGUA has

20 not made payments into the 802 Trust Fund. That is

21 the subject of the arbitrations--in Guatemala, excuse

PAGE 2171 PAGE 2173 2171 2173 I hope that responded to your questions. Let 04:50:20 1 been met, so it's not just saying that you began 04:47:20 1 2 me make sure my colleagues don't have any other points 2 service on a small segment. It is saying that what 3 of view. Just bear with me half a second. 3 you have done so far meets your obligations under (Pause.) 4 Clause 13 with regard to Phase II. MR. ORTA: We don't have anything else, Third, on Fair and Equitable Treatment and unless the Tribunal has other questions. Thank you. 6 the standards, I would just refer you to the following PRESIDENT RIGO: Mr. Foster asks to say a 7 slides in our Opening Presentation for our position 8 with regard to what the standards are, and I won't 8 word. 9 take your time by going through them, but insofar as 9 MR. FOSTER: Extremely briefly in response. First, on the issue of the approval of 10 arbitrariness, if you will look at Slide 62 and 63; 11 Contract 402, there was no Presidential approval. 11 bad faith, Slide 58; due process, Slides 59 through 12 There is nothing in the record that indicates 12 61; and legitimate expectations, Slides 64 and 65. 13 Presidential approval. If you look at Exhibit C-20, 13 That sets forth what we believe the standard under 14 you will see that there was Congressional approval, 14 customary International law is with regard to Fair and 15 but no Executive approval of 402. 15 Equitable Treatment. Secondly, with regard to the terms of 16 Now, finally, on the issue of what went on at 17 Article 13 of Contract 402 concerning the obligation 17 this meeting with the President and what that has to 18 of Ferrovias to do repairs, number one, in Phase I in 18 do with the whole inner play that was going on at that 19 contrast to what you just heard, if you just read it, 19 time, what is extraordinary about the meeting with the 20 it requires the renovation of the railroad all the way 20 President is that not what was discussed but what 21 from Guatemala City to the Port. It is not the same 21 wasn't discussed. There was never a mention of the 22 obligation as relates to the other two Phases. 22 fact that there were illegalities in Contracts 143 and

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04:51:49 1 158 or that there was any Lesivo process even being

2 considered. That's the key point as to what was

3 happening at that Presidential meeting, and I'll stop

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4 there. You've been very patient with us, and thank

5 you very much.

PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Foster

7 Mr. Orta, have you anything?

MR. ORTA: In the interest of allowing you 9 more time to ask additional questions or deliberate, I

have nothing further.

PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you.

And the CAFTA, the non-disputing parties, may 12

13 make oral or written submissions. We have with us

14 representative of two non-disputing parties, and I

15 would like them to come forward. I will invite them

16 to come forward in case they would add anything

17 themselves.

18 Mr. Parada. Mr. Parada representing El

19 Salvador here.

20 MR. PARADA: Good afternoon, Mr. President,

21 and Members of the Tribunal. My name is Luis Parada,

22 and I'm appearing on behalf of the Republic of El

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But the obligation in Article 13 has to be 04:48:51 1

2 understood in terms of the other provisions of the

3 Contract. We were only obligated to invest

4 \$10 million. For someone to say that there was a

5 reasonable expectation regardless of the words of the

6 Contract that somehow or another there was an

7 expectation that we were going to renovate the entire

8 railroad, that one doesn't pass the red-face test.

Also, remember again it's a 50-year contract.

10 The Contract explicitly says that other actions in 11 addition to the specific obligations of the Contract

12 will be done as business conditions permit, so the 13 Contract explicitly contemplates that, as we go

14 through the 50 years of this Usufruct, business

15 conditions may well justify investments in addition to

16 the minimum requirements under the Contract.

Also, the letter from the Overseer doesn't

18 just say that you've satisfied the beginning or

19 anything--the startup obligation. It says that the 20 obligations of Subsection 3 of Clause 13--that's the

21 Clause that refers to the obligation in connection

22 with Phase II, says that all of those obligations have

PAGE 2175 PAGE 2177 2175 2177 04:55:34 1 State, on behalf of the United States, I would also 04:53:14 1 Salvador. First, I would like to thank you and 2 like to thank the Tribunal, the Secretary to the 2 3 appreciate the effort of the Tribunal to preserve the 3 Tribunal, and the Parties for accommodating our 4 right of non-disputing parties to make oral and 4 observation of the hearings over the past 8 days. 5 written submissions to the Tribunal regarding issues We also will not be making an oral submission 6 of treaty interpretation. At this time El Salvador 6 at this time on issues of treaty interpretation, but 7 will not be making an oral submission, however, El 7 we also reserve the right to make a written submission 8 Salvador would like to reserve the right to make a 8 on issues of Treaty interpretation under Article 1022. 9 written submission on the issues of treaty Thank you. 10 interpretation that you will have to decide for this 10 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Bigge. 11 (Tribunal conferring.) 11 case. With regard to the time limit, we would just PRESIDENT RIGO: The Tribunal will send a 12 12 13 like to briefly express three factors that, in our 13 communication, as we did at the time of the Decision 14 view, are relevant for this time limit. One is the 14 on Jurisdiction to the non-disputing parties, inviting 15 importance of the issues that will be considered by 15 them to make any comments that they wish to make. We 16 this Tribunal. As you know, this case is the first 16 consider January 31st as a reasonable, given the 17 CAFTA arbitration that reaches the merits phase, and, 17 circumstances of the season we are in, as a reasonable 18 therefore, you will be deciding for the first time 18 time limit. And, of course, the disputing parties 19 very important issues of treaty interpretation that I 19 will have an opportunity to comment. I would suggest 20 think are very important not only for the Parties in 20 within 15 days of receipt of any communication in case 21 the dispute but also for the non-disputing parties. 21 we receive any from the non-disputing parties. The second is that there are four other Having said that, if there's nothing else, I PAGE 2176 PAGE 2178 2176 2178 04:54:17 1 non-disputing parties, although they are not present 04:57:45 1 really would like to subscribe to Secretary Eizenstat 2 here at the hearing, once they receive the transcript 2 compliments to counsel and to the teams of both 3 of the hearing, which will be shortly, what they may 3 Parties, I think you have done a very high quality 4 always be considering their participating with their 4 representation, to use his own words. I would like also to thank all the services 5 own written submissions. And these written 6 submissions by the non-disputing parties require a lot 6 we have here, particularly the Court Reporters and the 7 of coordination between different Ministries within 7 Interpreters. I think they do a magnificent job. I 8 the Government, and we are at a particularly busy time 8 don't know how they could do it for so many hours at a 9 of the year not only because it's the end of the time. 9 10 calendar year, but also because in many countries it's 10 And particularly Natali Sequeira for making 11 the end of the Fiscal Year. 11 this moving very smoothly. But also complimenting Therefore, Members of the Tribunal, I would 12 counsel, I appreciate how you have helped, apart from 12 13 like to suggest a time limit of 31 January for the 13 the quality of representation that you have been very 14 submissions, any written submissions by the 14 cooperative with the Tribunal, and you have been very 15 non-disputing parties. Thank you very much. reasonable in terms of solving any minor incidents 16 PRESIDENT RIGO: Thank you, Mr. Parada. that may have occurred during the proceeding. 17 Also with us is Mr. David Bigge of the State 17 So, thank you so much to all, and the session 18 Department of the United States, if you would come 18 is closed. 19 forward. 19 MR. ORTA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. MR. BIGGE: Thank you, Mr. President, Members 20 20 (Whereupon, at 4:57 p.m., the hearing was 21 of the Tribunal. My name is David Bigge. I'm an 21 adjourned.)

22 attorney adviser of the United States Department of

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